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"Dad, do you want me to marry into the Whitlock family?" Chuck had been holding himself back for a long time. He really did not expect his father to say something like this to him upon their first meeting.

Chuck had his own opinions. It was impossible for him to willingly marry into a family.

Even when he was poor back then, Chuck had no thoughts of doing something like this. Now that he was rich, he was even more reluctant to do so.

"Well, you can put it that way," Chadrick nodded.

Confused, Chuck asked, "Dad, why did you ask me to do this?"

"You haven't really been exposed to the strength of the hidden families, so you're not afraid!" Chadrick said with a heavy tone.

The three hidden families had already divided the world into three parts. The Whitlock family was the most powerful family amongst the hidden families. In fact, it was also the actual first family to appear in history!

"I..." Chuck couldn't refute what his father said. Indeed, he hadn't truly come into contact with that yet.

After saving Adriana in the first place, she had mentioned to him the existence of the hidden families. That was the first time ever hearing of them.

Later on, he slowly began to gain contact with the hidden families, but so far, he had only managed to meet their members.

As for the last time when he caused a big uproar in the Yeager family, it was done by accident.

If Adriana hadn't brought him along, he would not have the chance to attend the wedding banquet, let alone the news of Willa and Loomis' wedding.

If that didn't happen, he wouldn't have made a commotion there.

In addition, the only reason he was able to make such a large fuss back at the wedding was that he had the bomb given to him by Alexandrina!

Otherwise, Chuck would have been captured by the 10 bodyguards present back then!

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Chuck was aware that he only managed to escape because of sheer luck. Without a bomb, Chuck would have already died in the Yeager family.

In other words, he had yet to understand the true strength of the Yeager family.

"The Yeager family is ranked way below the Whitlock family. If they attack you, Karen won't be able to protect you. So, you have to find a way yourself!" Chadrick looked at Chuck with a serious expression.

Chuck fell speechless.

His father's words were true. He had not even seen the true strength of the Yeager family, so how sure was he that his mother would be able to resist them?

Mainly, he was still too weak. If things went on like this, he would only drag his mother down.

Chuck felt guilty.

"Think about it. If you get married to Adriana and seize the opportunity to control the Whitlock family, you will be the richest man in the world!" Chadrick continued persuading his son.

"But..." Chuck was in a dilemma. What was the difference between his father's suggestion and living off a woman for the rest of his life?

Chuck really couldn't do it. In addition, even if he married Adriana, would it be possible for an outsider like him to take control of the Whitlock family?

It was impossible for him to do that!

"Think about it carefully," Chadrick no longer forced him.

He had already thought about this for a long time. Among the three hidden families, he was the weakest descendant of them all. He was aware now of the true powers behind each hidden family. The Yeager family was the most dangerous of all three.

In his opinion, it was best for Chuck to rely on Adriana at this stage.

Chuck lapsed into silence.

After thinking for a long time, he shook his head and admitted, "I really can't do it, dad..."

First of all, Chuck despised women like Adriana, who were overly possessive and manipulative. He was attracted to gentle and kind women, like Willa and Yvette.

Adriana was too aggressive. Wouldn't he be tortured endlessly after

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he got married to her?

Chuck was not a masochist.

Moreover, Chuck would never abandon Yvette!

Yvette must've constantly been under great pressure to be together with him. Karen had murdered Yvette's father, yet she had never taken revenge on him. On the contrary, she listened to his every word and was extremely caring towards him.

How could he have the heart to abandon her?

Chuck couldn't do it!

"It's up to you," Chadrick was silent for a while and did not say anything else.

He didn't want to force Chuck either, but he was glad to see Chuck.

After all, Chuck had improved a lot in just half a year. Chadrick was very satisfied with his rapid progress!

Chuck sighed and said, "Dad, I..."

"It's fine. You can go back and think about it," Chadrick shook his head and patted Chuck's shoulder. His gaze was shining with a hint of expectation.

"Okay. Then I'll leave first," Chuck wanted to go back. He didn't really want to think about this matter further.

"Go ahead. Black Rose is still waiting for you. By the way, don't tell your mother about this!" Chadrick reminded his son.

Chuck nodded. Without staying any longer, he walked out absentmindedly.

10 minutes later, Karen arrived. Chadrick had already left.

Seeing the empty house, she could only sigh.

"What the hell are you trying to do?"

Karen couldn't do anything about this.

She couldn't figure out what Chadrick was trying to do. She remained silent for a few seconds and left.

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When Black Rose saw Chuck, a look of relief appeared on her face.

She didn't say a word to him. In truth, she wanted to ask what Chuck had said to his father.

However, how could she ask him that?

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She didn't want to overstep her boundaries and act like she was worried about him.

Black Rose, worried about Chuck?

Hah!

What a joke! Why would she care about him? She was paid to do her job.

Chuck had just invited her out for a meal and offered her some cakes. That's all. Why would she care about such a person?

Why should she be concerned about him?

Thinking of this, Black Rose shook her head.

Then, she left with Chuck.

On the other hand, Chuck was left distraught by his father's words. Adriana Whitlock?

Chuck didn't even want to see her. How could he marry her?

He sighed. Not long after, Chuck arrived at his destination, Alexandrina's place.

Black Rose waited outside as usual. However, she clearly remembered that when Chuck and Alexandrina went out last time, Chuck had kissed Alexandrina in front of her family!

The memories were still fresh in her mind.

She hated such acts instinctively.

Black Rose simply closed her eyes and refused to think of that. She didn't want to see such a scene anymore. However, she suddenly opened her eyes again and scanned her surroundings vigilantly.

What if something happened to Chuck?

In the meantime, Chuck entered Alexandrina's private room.

He had planned to come here to thank her. However, Chuck was in a bad mood now, so he sat down and drank a glass of red wine.

"What are you doing? This is mine," Alexandrina hissed, trying to take back the glass in Chuck's hand.

Chuck could only sigh.

"Chuck, what's wrong with you? Is there something going on? Or did someone bully you? Tell me, I will help you get back at them," Alexandrina looked very serious.

She had been feeling down for the past few days as Chuck did not come to visit her.

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Fortunately, he had decided to pay her a visit today. In fact, she felt surprised and happy. Chuck had taken a sip from her wine glass, so didn't that count as an indirect kiss?

- Alexandrina had been thinking about this ever since she had kissed Chuck at her house last time.
- "Nothing," Chuck replied as he shook his head. He felt powerless.
- If his mother really couldn't deal with the Yeager family, then he would have no choice but to marry Adriana.
- After all, he couldn't bring trouble to his mother, Yvette, Willa and also his father.
- "What? Why are you so unhappy then? You're my lover," Alexandrina insisted.
- Her heart ached when she looked at Chuck's sorry state.
- "Tell me, what's the matter? You can tell me. Or, do you still not trust me?" Alexandrina questioned him.
- She believed that he would trust her.
- "Tell me! This is an order! You have to listen to me," Alexandrina glared at Chuck.
- "Fine," Chuck wanted to ask for her opinion anyway, "If you're asked to marry someone for the sake of saving your family, will you be willing to do so?"
- Upon hearing this, Alexandrina was taken aback. A moment of silence later, she asked, "Do I like this person?"
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- "Then I won't get married."
- "But if you don't, your family will be in danger."
- "I will protect them, Chuck. I decided that I'll only marry you. Will you dare to do so too?" Alexandrina smiled charmingly.
- However, as soon as she said that, she fell silent.
- She knew that he certainly wouldn't dare to.
- "I'm afraid to," Chuck shook his head.
- Besides, this woman was just teasing him. How could she really fall in love with him? It was impossible.
- "I knew it... Actually, even if you dared, I wouldn't agree to it either," Alexandrina said slowly in a low voice.
- "Why? Are you afraid too?" Chuck paused. Was there anything that

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Adriana was afraid of?

"Of course! How could I marry you? First of all, your mother will definitely not agree to it. Secondly, you are still young and I am way older than you. You are in your prime age, but I am slowly growing older. Of course, I wouldn't dare to!" Alexandrina replied softly.

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Chuck fell silent.

Of course, he didn't dare to!

"If you're not afraid, then I won't be. So, are you still afraid?" Alexandrina suddenly approached him.

Chuck was startled.

Alexandrina was the standard of beauty. She was extremely beautiful and elegant.

Time had not left a single trace on her.

"I am," Chuck shook his head and muttered.

"I know that you're afraid. You coward," Alexandrina snorted, "If we're married, you can do whatever you please. Are you still afraid of that?"

"Alexandrina, is it interesting to tease me like this?" Chuck fell speechless.

Alexandrina was rich and beautiful, like a diamond that didn't lose its luster over the years. How could someone like her fall in love with him?

"Interesting," Alexandrina poked Chuck's forehead with her finger and laughed, "You idiot. I like you but you don't even realize it. If not, why would I allow you to be my lover?"

"Uh..." Chuck looked at her. He was perplexed.

She was just joking, right?

"What do you like about me?" Chuck asked, puzzled.

"Your courage," Alexandrina still remembered the time when Chuck had tried to flirt with her.

"I'm timid," Chuck retorted weakly.

"Huh? Timid? Hah, I don't believe you! When you first met me, you even dared to tease me. You were the one who provoked me in the first place, got it?" Alexandrina huffed.

Chuck was rendered speechless again. He tried explaining, "Alexandrina, I was forced to do it. You were acting like this, so I had no choice but to do so."

"What do you mean by 'like this'? Let me ask you now, do you like me?" Alexandrina questioned him.

Chuck was dumbfounded.

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"I'm asking you. Do you like me or not?" Alexandrina looked very serious.

"No, not in that way," Chuck shook his head.

He had never even thought about their relationship like that.

"A- are you serious?" Alexandrina's eyes widened. Her heart was aching.

"I'm serious. I respect you and listen to you because you are like a sister to me," Chuck replied honestly. Otherwise, he would've never told her about the problem of his possibly imminent marriage.

"Hold me in your arms," Alexandrina ordered.

Chuck paused before holding her in his arms, feeling very confused.

"Do you feel my heartbeat?" Alexandrina grumbled.

"I can. It seems normal," Chuck nodded.

Slap!

Upon hearing his answer, Alexandrina smacked him in the forehead and asked, "Are you an idiot? Did you really just listen to my heartbeat after I've ordered you to hold me? Are you trying to anger me?"

She was both angry and amused. In fact, she even felt disappointed. Did Chuck really not like her? Was there not a single trace of her in his eyes?

Chuck fell speechless and muttered, "You're the one who asked me to listen to your heartbeat in the first place!"

"Why are you so obedient now? If that's the case, if I ask you to do something else, will you listen to me?" Alexandrina shot back.

Chuck trembled and let go. He quickly changed the topic and asked, "Alexandrina, let's get down to business. You haven't finished answering the question I asked you earlier! If you can't solve the problem, will you marry this person?"

"No! No way!" Alexandrina was pissed.

Chuck could only remain silent.

In the midst of her anger, Alexandrina suddenly realized something. "Wait. Are you encountering such a situation? Answer me now! It's fine if you don't like me, just trust me."

Chuck then told her about what Chadrick had said to him.

Alexandrina was shocked. After thinking about it for a full minute, she finally admitted dejectedly, "Yes, I will marry that person."

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Chuck could only sigh along with her.

"Your mother Karen is hiding her strength, which is obvious from the recent disappearance of the Oatker family in just one night. However, so what? How can she compare to a hidden family that has been passed down for thousands of years and has survived for dozens of generations?" Alexandrina analyzed.

Chuck understood this. The Yeager family was indeed unmatched.

Did his father decide to talk to him because he was aware of this?

"Lean on me," Alexandrina said softly.

Chuck leaned against her.

"Don't decide on it yet. It doesn't matter if you don't marry me since I was just teasing you, but I really don't want you to get married to Adriana. What if she bullies you?" Alexandrina grew angry as she thought about it.

If she was stuck in Chuck's shoes, she would decide to marry someone she didn't like for the sake of her loved ones.

Chuck had not decided yet. He wanted to ask his mother about it first. However, Chadrick had told him not to tell her.

He was in a dilemma.

"Don't worry, I will help you. After all, you are my lover," Alexandrina comforted him, her eyes flashing with a mysterious gleam.

She was the boss of an assassins' organization. She was no easy person to deal with.

"No, I'll get you into trouble," Chuck quickly refused.

The Yeager family was too powerful. Alexandrina would definitely not be able to handle them. He didn't want to drag her down as well.

"You're trying to be disobedient, aren't you?" Alexandrina snorted disdainfully.

Chuck was speechless. This was not a matter of disobedience.

"Don't underestimate me. I'm still hiding my strength. As for Loomis of the Yeager family, I have an assassin who has been in contact with him before and knows something about him... So I know what I have to do. If I catch him, the Yeager family will stop taking action against you," Alexandrina thought for a while and explained.

This was considered a coincidence. Loomis loved women, and one of the assassins working under her seemed to be his past lover. However, Loomis hadn't contacted her in a long time.

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Although the killer wasn't favoured, she knew of several places that Loomis would frequent.

If they could take the initiative and capture Loomis, they could be on the offense and could possibly turn the situation around.

"You do?" Chuck asked in surprise.

"See, you really look down on me. Forget it, I'll tell you because you are my lover. I have managed to hide a spy inside one of the three hidden families by coincidence. However, they were not put in important positions in the families and had only snuck in recently. Therefore, the spy could only gather little information..." Alexandrina explained.

Chuck was dumbfounded. Alexandrina was the boss of the assassin's organization. Apart from murdering people, their biggest strength had to be gathering intel.

In fact, it was not a surprise that she could collect a bit of information about the hidden family.

However, in which hidden family did she place the spy into?

Alexandrina was pretty bold. Wasn't she afraid that someone from the hidden families would find out and cause her trouble?

"Don't tell anyone else. Otherwise, I won't forgive you. Now, hurry up and hug me," Alexandrina ordered again.

Chuck did as he was told.

"How quick is my heartbeat?"

"It's normal. Ouch..." Chuck cupped his forehead that was once again smacked by Alexandrina.

"Why do you keep listening to my heartbeat? You really make me angry..." Alexandrina was furious.

Chuck pouted his lips at her.

It was impossible to reason with a woman like her. Alexandrina was the most unreasonable person Chuck had ever seen.

"Did I hurt you? Who asked you to be so dumb?" Alexandrina grumbled, feeling both angry and annoyed.

However, she couldn't really bear to throw a tantrum at it. She sighed at that thought.

Chuck shook his head and admitted, "No, it doesn't hurt."

"Alright, I will pay close attention if the Yeager family makes a move. No worries," Alexandrina reassured him with a smile.

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Chuck was in a dilemma. Was he dragging her into the matter?

"Do you want a drink?"

"No, I'm fine," Chuck quickly shook his head and rejected her goodwill. Alexandrina seemed like she had bad intentions.

"No way. You have to listen to me," Alexandrina poured Chuck a glass of wine and offered again, "Let's have a drink, shall we?"

Chuck shuddered and insisted, "It's better if I don't."

"Hmph, what a coward!" Just as Alexandrina was getting angry, she suddenly received a call. After listening to what the other person had to say, her expression fell.

She put down her phone and her eyes gleamed. She announced, "Speak of the devil! I've received some news. Now, it's up to you!"

"What?"

Chuck was pleasantly surprised. Was there news about Loomis?

"Loomis is out and about. Do you want to catch him? It's a rare opportunity. Instead of waiting for him to find you, let's go straight to him."

Chuck was considering his moves. Even if Loomis was out, he'd probably have a lot of bodyguards with him. It was definitely risky for them to abduct him in broad daylight.

Unless they pulled a sneak attack on him!

Chuck might be able to do so.

However, the probability of success was pretty low.

"Don't worry, just follow me! I won't let anything happen to you. Do you come along?" Alexandrina asked with a smile.

In fact, she would be less worried if Chuck refused to go. However, she still wanted to ask for his opinion.

"Of course!" Chuck thought it over and found that Alexandrina was right. Instead of waiting for his doom, he would rather take the initiative to attack. This was a great opportunity for him.

Chuck wanted to call his mother. If Karen came along with them, it wouldn't be difficult to capture Loomis!

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