Soon, many people dressed in traditional clothing showed up in Mateo's peripheral vision.

A woman in royal clothing, accompanied by a casual-looking young man, was standing in the middle of the crowd.

The woman's face was exquisite. She looked like a mixed-race; her nose bridge was quite tall, and her eyes were as beautiful as a painting. Her face mask gave her a mysterious yet enchanting appearance.

She was none other than the fourth successor of The Empire's royalty, the fourth princess.

The person behind her was a handsome man who was around five foot nine, with a face as sharp as a blade.

He looked incredibly charming, but a heinous feeling could be felt all over him. The sensation pushed the people around him on the verge of kneeling.

He was the baron of The Empire, the deputy commander of the Knights Templar, and the God of War: Jason Leo!

Jason glanced at his surroundings calmly before pulling out a thin and long cigar and lighting it up casually.

Mateo strutted forward like a loyal gopher. He bowed respectfully, his hands set neatly by his sides.

"Princess, Young Master Leo."

"You really disappoint me, Mateo."

The fourth princess didn't say a word when Jason blew a puff of smoke right at Mateo's face.

Jason then reached out to tap Mateo's face.

"You took so many of my men here for two whole days, yet you can't even do one thing right," Jason continued.

"You couldn't get the Hamilton family's casino license..."

"And that b*tch Queenie didn't submit to me."

"I heard the actress did all those things for you, but you still didn't get what you wanted."

"Tell me. How am I supposed to punish you?"

Mateo's expression changed slightly before he slammed his knees to the ground.

"I was incompetent, Commander. Please, punish me as you will."

Jason showed no emotion even as Mateo knelt in front of him. He didn't give an answer, either.

"Leo, I heard that Mateo's doing all he can in Hong Kong and Las Vegas."

The fourth princess suddenly spoke after a long period of silence. She was extremely fluent in their language. It was

obvious that she had been trained professionally.

"After all, he's been with you for so many years. He's been fighting for you the entire time."

"There are rumors saying Mateo has other motives and is trying to rise to power..."

"But I think the rumors are only spread to create a divide between both of you."

"Even if he has accomplished nothing, he still worked really hard for you. It'd be better if you don't punish him."

"Okay, Jason?"

Cold sweat drenched Mateo's back after hearing the fourth princess's words.

He was on the verge of collapsing when he heard that someone had seen through the secret deep hidden within the recesses of his heart.

But since he was quite the character, he was able to endure Jason's cold stare.

"Young Master Leo, this was all my fault!"

"I was incompetent! Punish me as you will. I have no complaints whatsoever!"

"Thank you for pleading for me, Fourth Princess. But since ancient times, a servant must die if their master wills it!" "My strength, status, influence, and everything else have been blessed to me by Young Master Leo! He controls my life and death!"

"That's why I'll accept any punishment!"

Seeing Mateo's show of respect, Jason's eyes flashed with pleasure.

"Stand. How could I punish you after you said all that?"

Mateo let out a faint smirk before slowly straightening his back.

"Don't you worry, Young Master Leo. I was slow, but I'll make sure to complete my mission as soon as possible!"

"Give me two more days! I'll show you a whole new Hong Kong!"

"I hope so," Jason drawled.

"But even if you can't do that, it wouldn't matter."

"There are some things I should've handled myself in the first place."

Jason then flicked the ash off of his cigar before making a gesture, signaling to Mateo to follow him outside.

"Back then, I was considered a young and vigorous man when I came to the Leo family from Hong Kong," Jason narrated calmly as he walked.

"The family despised me, but I still fought bravely for the Leo name. I was prideful!"

"I wanted the Leo family to be the top rated family in both Hong Kong and Las Vegas!"

"I reshaped the entire business structure for the Leo family, letting the family flourish and prosper. The family's riches, authority, and power made us the head of the top four families of Hong Kong!"

"We were this close to taking away the position of the Yorks of Hong Kong..."

"But it's a damn shame. The family still despised me after all that."

"They think I belong to The Empire, even though I'm from the same family..."

"They were afraid of me being the head of the family if I kept getting stronger and stronger..."

"In their eyes, no matter how strong I was, no matter how capable I was, it meant nothing."

"They would only be at ease if they had total control over everything I worked for!"

"Finally, something happened during the night I got engaged to Queenie from the Yorks of Hong Kong..."

"After I got drunk, I was thrown on the bed of a distant cousin and was caught soon after."

Jason scoffed.

"What a simple plan... That night, my limbs were all broken by the Leo family before I was thrown out like a rabid dog on the street."

"In a single night, I turned from Hong Kong's new upstart into a f*cking street rat."

"I was thrown into the Hong Kong Imperial Prison the very next day."

"But I got lucky. There, I met my savior ... "

"And now, I'm here. The baron of The Empire, the deputy commander of the Knights Templar, and a God of War..."

"I'm back."

"The Leo family should be scared..."

"The Yorks of Hong Kong should be scared..."

"The entirety of Hong Kong should be trembling in fear!"

Mateo already knew of Jason's background.

"Young Master Leo. All four top families of Hong Kong have arranged their people to escort you and the fourth princess."

"They probably don't know that you were the same person who got crippled before."

"Many families invited you to be their guest."

"The Leo family is included. I didn't reject them."

"What about the Yorks of Hong Kong?" Jason asked calmly.

"We've heard nothing from them yet."

Jason chuckled.

"As expected from one of the five hidden families. Their strength and power are different."

Mateo hesitated to speak.

"But... I arranged a meeting with Queenie tomorrow morning."

"The day after that, I'll be having the final match against the Hamilton family to acquire their casino license."

Jason chuckled.

"Is that so? Not bad at all."

"If that's the case, let's have a look at the Leo family for the time being."

"Since I'm back, I have to trample on them for a bit. I'll let them know their king has returned!"

At Taiping Mountain.

The Victoria Harbor was clearly visible from the Leo family's mountaintop villa.

The place was filled with colorful lights, and different wines were served. It was truly a lavish sight.

Melissa, who had already risen to power within the Leo family, was sitting on top of the hall. She was quite drunk.

"God bless the Leo family!" she exclaimed excitedly.

"Just now, there was news from the airport."

"The fourth princess of The Empire and the deputy commander of the Knights Templar, Jason Leo, agreed to visit us after arriving from Walsh!"

"We're truly blessed!"

"With The Empire's protection, our family is destined to be the head of the top four families of Hong Kong!"

Quinton, who was standing beneath Melissa, had a faint smile.

He knew about the powerful figure Vince invited, but he had no information about the man's past whatsoever.

This didn't affect his plans, though. Out of the top four

families, the Leo family contributed the most to escort Jason here.

Quinton had prepared quite a lot, just for that powerful man to visit the Leo family.

Mateo and the people around him were already fed to the brim, all so they would work exclusively for Quinton.

Thus, Quinton's smile was as bright as the sun when he heard the news.

He became the Leo family's prince in Chris's place, but since he didn't have the same surname, his position was considered to be illegitimate.

Without Mellisa's help, he wouldn't even get a chance to stay in this position.

But with the support of The Empire's major figures, his position would be solidified.

After hearing the news, the younger generation of the family were filled with pride and satisfaction.

'The Empire's fourth princess and the deputy commander of the Knights Templar are coming here?!'

'What an honor!'

'After today, the Leo family will become the head of the top four families of Hong Kong!'

'Maybe we'll even be on par with the Yorks of Hong Kong soon!'

The family's status in both Hong Kong and Las Vegas's upper social circle would change drastically.

The two powerful people invited to the family were from Hong Kong's top social circle as well.

Knowing that such influential figures were visiting the Leo family as soon as they arrived from The Empire, other wealthy families were all unbearably jealous.

"They're so damn lucky! Not only does Vince look up to Quinton, he's also important to the big characters of The Empire!"

"Let's not even talk about the mysterious deputy commander of the Knights Templar. The fourth princess of the royal family is already scary enough!"

"I heard the deputy commander has the same surname as us! I wonder if he's a part of the family..."

Vroooooom!

Right at this moment, sounds of an engine revving could be heard outside.

A stretched Rolls Royce Phantom was seen parking at the entrance of the villa.

"He's here!"

"The fourth princess is here!"

"They're both here!"

"Give them a warm welcome!"

Loud applause could be heard everywhere. Everyone lined up on both sides, waiting for the two to make an entrance.

Clap, clap, clap!

After the applause faded away, someone walked into the villa while clapping.

The sounds of his claps grew closer and closer by the second.

A man was then seen on the red carpet.

He was tall and strong, with a sharp and handsome face.

Just his steps alone were enough to bring unspeakable pressure to everyone present.

When the Leos saw who the man was, they were so shocked they started gasping for air.

"Isn't... Isn't that Jason?!"

Someone who recognized Jason, the man who once had a bright future in both Hong Kong and Las Vegas six years ago, yelled out loud.

In an instant, everyone's gaze shifted toward Jason.

"That's him?!"

"How is this possible?!"

Many thoughts came to everyone's minds. They weren't able to come to senses from the sheer shock.

Jason ignored everyone's confused gaze completely, and walked steadily toward Melissa. He sized up the woman in front of him, who seemed to have been frozen stiff.

"I heard the old b*stard, Alan, got placed under house arrest because of you," he said with a faint smile.

"That little f*cker Chris got offed by you as well."

"You're pretty good, Melissa."

A profound smile played on Jason's lips.

Melissa's eyes twitched.

"Jason? You're not a part of the family for a long time now!"

"Why are you still here?!"

"You useless b*stard!"

"Get out of here already!"

Slap!

Jason calmly swung the back of his palm across Melissa's face.

The powerful old lady was then seen flying across the hall for thirty feet.

Dead silence followed right after.

The entire place was drowned in pin-drop silence.

It was unbelievable!

The entire Leo family went still, completely petrified.

'What did Jason just do?'

'Did he just slap the woman who's in control of the entire family?!'

"Who are you? You...!"

Only Quinton managed to return to his senses. His eyes twitched frantically when he thought of the impossible ...

Slap!

Jason swung the back of his palm across Quinton, slapping the latter to the ground.

He boldly sat on Melissa's seat and crossed his legs. Lighting up his cigar, he ordered Mateo, "Tell them."

Mateo calmly walked in from the entrance.

He glared coldly at the people around him, and then exclaimed, "The man right in front of you is none other than the baron of The Empire and the deputy commander of the Knights Templar, Jason Leo!"

"From now on, this villa will be occupied by Young Master Leo!"

"At the same time, this will be the fourth princess' temporary place of stay!"

"All of you, leave this place immediately!"

"Another thing. I'll have you all know something on behalf of Young Master Leo..."

"All of you still remember what happened six years ago, don't you?"

"Young Master Leo is giving you three whole days to prepare your funerals."

"You will all then kneel at the front door before ending your own lives."

"If not, I guarantee you, I'll dig up even your ancestors'

bones just to burn them again!"

"Remember! Every single one of you involved in the scandal six years ago must do this!"

The crowd instantly stumbled out of the place upon Mateo's commands.

When everyone left, the fourth princess slowly walked on the carpet and entered the hall.

She frowned when she saw Jason, who was sitting on his throne.

"Why bother with these people, Leo?"

"Why not just kill them immediately?"

"Revenge is best served cold, after all."

"I want them dead, but how are they supposed to pay me back for what happened six years ago if they don't taste their own medicine?"

"Don't you worry. Soon, Hong Kong will be covered in blood."

"I want both Hong Kong and Las Vegas to change forever!"