

Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 881 – The Owner Returns

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Lucas's voice sounded like the voice of a devil from hell, and it immediately made Richard's body stiffen.

Jordan walked to the door and blocked the office door. He turned around and stared at Richard with an evil smile.

Richard felt even more terrified, and even his calves began to tremble.

“Wh-what do you want? This is the Stardust Corporation. I'm the deputy general manager of the company. But you want to stop me from leaving?”

“I'm warning you. I'm valued highly by the Huttons. If you dare to do anything to me, the Huttons won't let you off!”

“Did you hear me? Get the hell out of the way right now !” Richard hollered furiously and tried to use the Huttons to intimidate Lucas and the others.

Lucas sneered. “The Huttons? Do you really think we're afraid of them?”

“The Huttons have already occupied my Stardust Corporation for so long, and I have yet to settle the score with them! I want to see how they won't let me off!”

What Lucas said immediately made Richard look extremely shocked and horrified.

What... what did I just hear?

My Stardust Corporation?

Is this... young man actually... that one?

Others might not even know the inside story about the Stardust Corporation, but Richard was someone trusted by the Huttons. He had even previously served as the general manager of the Stardust Corporation for almost ten years, so he was clear about the changes that had happened to the Stardust Corporation in the recent months.

Although he didn't know the specific reason, the shares of the Stardust Corporation, which were in the hands of the Huttons and some of the company's top executives just six months ago, were suddenly acquired by Michael Hutton, the Hutton's helmsman, at a high price.

Afterward, Michael also took back the position of chairman, which originally belonged to Jace, and suddenly handed over the property rights of the complete Stardust Corporation to a strange young man named Lucas Gray.

After finding out about this, Jace was exasperated. But he couldn't stop his father and could only watch him hand over the Stardust Corporation to the young man of a different last name.

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Later, Richard learned from one of Jace's tantrums that the young man named Lucas Gray was the illegitimate child expelled from the Huttons twenty years ago!

It was simply unprecedented for an illegitimate child who had long been expelled from the family to suddenly obtain all the shares and property rights of the Stardust Corporation, which had a market value of over two billion dollars!

Moreover, these shares were initially scattered among the direct descendants of the Huttons and the senior executives. But Michael ordered all the Huttons not to interfere with the affairs of the Stardust Corporation.

But how could the Huttons, who had already treated the Stardust Group as their own property, accept this fact?

It was clearly property belonging to the family, yet it was given to an illegitimate child of a different last name. It was totally unacceptable!

In particular, Jace, the former chairman of the Stardust Corporation, was extremely indignant and furious.

Thus, Jace found Richard and asked him to take over the Stardust Corporation for the Huttons.

In other words, Richard was the general manager of the Stardust Corporation in name, but he had to obey Jace's orders for many important decisions.

Although it was a role similar to a puppet, Richard was still elated because it meant that Jace valued him.

So what if he was a puppet? Apart from the Huttons, he was the leader with the highest authority in the Stardust Corporation. He had power, status, and wealth.

But he didn't expect the true owner of the Stardust Corporation to return!

"Lucas... are you that Lucas Gray?!" Richard stammered with horror on his face.

Lucas smiled. "Seems like you still don't know of my existence as the chairman."

Richard's mind instantly went blank!

At this moment, all he felt was that everything was over.

Thud!

Richard's legs went limp, and he fell to his knees, unable to support himself any longer.

He was incredibly flustered and panicked as he broke out in a sweat and hurriedly defended himself. "Mr... Mr. Gray! I didn't know it was you who came! If I had known, I would never have dared to offend you!"

"Mr. Gray, please forgive me on account that I was ignorant and that I've worked hard for the company for so many years!"

Lucas sneered. "I still remember you saying to Flynn that he just got close to an abandoned child of the Huttons to obtain his position. How can I, the abandoned child, make the noble deputy general manager Mr. Morris kneel down before me?"

Richard was on the brink of tears. "Mr. Gray, I was just talking nonsense. I have a foul mouth, and I tend to run my tongue, but I didn't mean it at all! Mr. Gray, please forgive me for this inadvertent mistake!"

Then Richard raised his palm, slapped himself on the mouth, and scolded himself, "I just keep saying the wrong things. I don't mean it!"

Lucas didn't even change his expression in the slightest as he said coldly, "You just said that Flynn doesn't have any right to fire your subordinates or even a janitor, huh?"

“You even said that the Stardust Corporation belongs to the Huttons, and they won’t let me off if I offend you.

“Hmph, I don’t know when my property became someone else’s and why the general manager I appointed is under you, the deputy general manager!

“Mr. Morris, why don’t you tell me why that is the case?”

Hearing this, Richard looked extremely awful, as if he was about to die.

Although he had just mocked Flynn by saying that Lucas was just an abandoned child of the Huttons who meant nothing at all, he knew in his heart that even if Lucas was just an illegitimate son of the Huttons, he still couldn’t compare to him.

After all, Michael Hutton had resisted the family’s objections and insisted on collecting all the shares of the Stardust Corporation and handing them to Lucas.

If he was really just an abandoned child driven out of his family long ago, why would Michael do this?

The Stardust Corporation wasn’t a small company, and its market value had long exceeded two billion dollars. It also provided the Huttons with a significant income every year.

In fact, at the time, many Huttons had speculated whether there was a deeper meaning to Michael’s action, such as bringing Lucas back to the family, whether he would hand over the position of helmsman to him, and so on.

Therefore, Lucas was definitely not someone a nobody like him could belittle.

In addition, Lucas still had a powerful expert by his side, who had managed to severely injure and knock out the bodyguard and security captain Richard had

brought over. They were still lying on the floor unconscious. Richard didn't dare to behave rudely to Lucas anymore.

Now, since Lucas had returned to DC and come to the Stardust Corporation, he definitely wouldn't let him off easily...

The more Richard thought about it, the more horrified he became. His clothes were already drenched in sweat. He didn't know how Lucas would deal with him next...

Chapter 882: Fire All of Them

“You’ve helped the Huttons control the Stardust Corporation for so many years. I bet you must have embezzlement a lot?”

Lucas stared at Richard, who was kneeling in front of him, said coldly, “Return everything you’ve embezzled within the day. Then follow my instructions and complete a task, and I can consider sparing your life. Otherwise, it’ll be a piece of cake for me to kill you!”

Lucas’s voice, as if it came from a dungeon in hell, immediately made Richard turn as deathly pale.

He had been willing to be the Huttons’ puppet and take over managing the Stardust Corporation naturally because he could profit from it.

Over the years, he had secretly reaped countless benefits from the Stardust Corporation through bribes, embezzlement of public funds, etc. He had accumulated quite a large fortune for himself.

But Lucas was now demanding that he return everything he embezzled, which was akin to cutting off his flesh!

How could he be willing to return everything?

“Since you are highly valued by Jace Hutton and have held power in the Stardust Corporation for so long, you shouldn’t be a fool.

“You should know very clearly whether your life or money is more important!

“Don’t think that you’ll get lucky either. If I really want to deal with you, I’ll definitely find you regardless of where you escape!

“Furthermore, don’t expect to rely on the Huttons to deal with me. I can tell you very honestly that I don’t take the Huttons seriously at all!

“If you don’t believe me, you can try betting this little life of yours!”

Lucas’s voice was so cold that it caused Richard to be overwhelmed with fear.

If someone else had said to his face that they didn’t take the Huttons seriously, Richard wouldn’t have believed it at all. But the aura Lucas showed in front of him made Richard believe that Lucas was really not afraid of the Huttons!

Although he didn’t know where Lucas got his confidence from, Richard really didn’t have the courage to test Lucas’s bottom line with his own life.

He was trembling vigorously in fear.

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“Consider carefully what you want to do. Get out!”

With Lucas’s order, Richard seemed to have been pardoned from death and frantically fled out of Flynn’s office in a disheveled state.

“Wow!”

The crowd outside the office hurriedly retreated when they saw the door of the general manager’s office suddenly open.

But when they saw that the person running out of the office in a disheveled manner was Richard, they were extremely surprised.

“This doesn’t seem right.”

“Shouldn’t Flynn Davis be the one fleeing in panic?”

“Why... Why is it Mr. Morris?”

Bang!

Boom!

Immediately afterward, two figures were thrown out of the general manager’s office like they were garbage and fell hard on the floor.

When the people saw that the two figures were the unconscious security captain and the bodyguard beside Richard, they were even more shocked!

“What... what happened in the general manager’s office just now?”

“Uh... Are my eyes playing tricks on me ? O-or did something inexplicable suddenly happen? How could these two people who work for Mr. Morris get knocked out?”

“Was it... the doing of the two young men? Or cold cold-faced bodyguard of Mr. Davis?”

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The matter was so bizarre that the people outside the office were utterly confused, and the sounds of discussion continued for a long time.

Many people acutely sensed something. Perhaps, the Stardust Corporation was about to undergo a great change...

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Lucas, Jordan, Flynn, and Stanley were the only ones left in the general manager's office.

Seeing how frightened Richard, who had always been arrogant, was after hearing what Lucas said, Flynn was very pleased. He felt like he had vented all his pent up frustration.

He said excitedly, “Lucas, Richard Morris was so frightened by you that he won't get up to any nonsense again. The Stardust Corporation has been under his control for years. Once he falls, we'll be able to take the Stardust Corporation back soon!

“Just give me some more time, and I will definitely be able to get rid of those people in the Stardust Corporation and then help you take over the Stardust Corporation completely!”

Flynn was extremely elated and excited, full of energy.

Lucas shook his head. “It’s not that simple. Richard is certainly the biggest obstacle, but there are many other mid-level and high-level staff in the Stardust Corporation who take orders from the Huttons.

“Even if you deal with Richard, the remaining staff might not necessarily obey you. After all, they’re being supported by the Huttons.

“Besides, have you figured out who the pawns of the Huttons are and who the ones we can make use of are?” Lucas asked.

Flynn lowered his head in shame. “I’m sorry, Lucas. Due to Richard Morris’s influence, all the staff in the company are very defiant toward me. So...”

When Flynn just came to the headquarters of the Stardust Corporation, the first thing he did was to try and figure out this task.

But because of the executives’ strong hostility toward him, everyone in the Stardust Corporation’s headquarters didn’t dare to approach him or even give him any information, let alone join his side. Thus, Flynn barely made any progress in this task.

Lucas frowned. But after seeing Flynn’s situation in the Stardust Corporation headquarters today, he knew what was going on and didn’t blame him.

“Since we don’t know who we can use and who we can’t, we have to use the simplest and crudest method.

“Convene a management meeting for the Stardust Corporation and make it mandatory that all mid-level management and above attend! Those who disobey and refuse to attend will be fired!” Lucas said coldly.

Flynn was shocked. Based on Lucas's idea and the situation of Stardust Corporation, at least half of the management staff wouldn't attend the wedding. When the time came, would he really dismiss more than half of the middle and upper management staff?

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If this happened, the Stardust Corporation probably wouldn't be able to continue operating!

"Mr. Gray... isn't this too radical? If you fire all of them, the company will run into problems..." Flynn said carefully.

Chapter 883: Meeting Outcome

Lucas glanced at Flynn and said coldly, “If they’re just a bunch of staff who don’t follow orders, what’s the point in keeping them around?”

“Keeping those like Richard who follow the Huttons’ orders and stay in the company to seek benefits for the Huttons around won’t do me any good. All they will do is suck the company dry to feed their master!

“I must get rid of these leeches even if it’ll cause a huge loss!

“There are all sorts of people in society. Isn’t the Stardust Corporation recruiting today? After getting rid of these tumors loyal to the Huttons, if we don’t have enough high-level staff, we can promote the mid-level and junior-level staff. If there aren’t enough junior employees, we can hire more to make up for it.

“Although it seems like a major change, this is something that will benefit us greatly in the long run. Only by thoroughly cleaning the Stardust Corporation from top to bottom will you be able to help me take complete control of the Stardust Corporation!

“I believe that once these tumors are purged, you can quickly put the corporation back on the right track and develop it to the point that it’s better than before.”

Lucas stated these facts clearly and even expressed some confidence in Flynn's ability.

When he was in Orange County, the reason Lucas had chosen to send Flynn to DC to help take control of the Stardust Corporation was that Flynn was really cut out for managing people and running a business. Be it the Orange County branch of the Stardust Corporation or the Solar Corporation that was handed to him later, Flynn had managed to run and develop them well for him.

Therefore, Lucas believed that as long as he could give Flynn more space, he could also develop the Stardust Corporation headquarters very well.

"Yes, Lucas, I understand!"

It wasn't that Flynn didn't understand what Lucas said about getting rid of the tumors, but he was worried that this action would cause too much of an impact on the operations of the Stardust Corporation, to the point of paralyzing it. Things might even degrade into a worse situation.

But Flynn now had the courage to face any consequences thanks to Lucas's support.

He was beyond grateful that Lucas still trusted him.

It was no wonder that people in ancient times often said that a gentleman would die for one who knew his heart. Flynn decided that he could only repay Lucas by working extra hard for him in the future!

Since he had already made up his mind, Flynn stopped hesitating and immediately summoned his secretary to make arrangements for the meeting.

The meeting was scheduled half an hour later.

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Half an hour passed very quickly.

When Flynn brought Lucas to the large conference room of the Stardust Corporation that could accommodate thousands of people, there was only a small number of people present. Most of the seats were empty.

The total number of employees in the headquarters of the Stardust Corporation was around six thousand, and there were at least a hundred staff above the middle level.

But there were only a dozen people present, all of whom were mid-level managers.

None of the upper management staff and executives showed up.

One of the managers of the business department stood up from his seat and said awkwardly, “Mr. Davis, uh... Director Vance, Deputy Director Gibson, and the senior managers of the business department have asked for a leave of absence because they’re not feeling well and can’t attend this meeting.”

He knew why his superiors couldn’t attend the meeting, but he could only say so.

A manager of the HR department also stood up and bit the bullet to say, “Mr. Davis, Director Jones and Deputy Director Baker, as well as the senior managers of the HR department, have all taken a leave of absence. They can’t attend this meeting.”

“Mr. Davis, Director Robins and... of the Finance Department have also taken a leave of absence and can’t attend the meeting...”

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The mid-level managers of the various departments of the company all stood up to explain the absence of their superiors.

But it was obvious that they had deliberately chosen to be absent.

There was no reason for a large listed company like Stardust Corporation to suddenly have more than a hundred executives and upper management feel unwell at the same time, unless they had all been poisoned.

Only a fool would believe these excuses.

Thus, these mid-level managers who had asked for leave for their bosses all seemed extremely embarrassed when explaining to Flynn.

Of course, these dozen or so mid-level managers still had some conscience. They didn't completely submit to the Huttons. Otherwise, they wouldn't have come to attend this meeting.

Although he had already been prepared for this result, Flynn was still furious when he really saw the scene in front of him.

Flynn stood at the podium and announced loudly, "Notify the absent people. I'll give them another fifteen minutes. If they don't show up in the conference room within fifteen minutes, they'll all be dismissed from the Stardust Corporation!"

Hearing this, the dozen or so people in the conference room were immediately astounded.

Dismiss all of them?

There were nearly a hundred executives and upper management absent at the moment!

Are they really going to fire them all?

But despite being shocked, the mid-level managers couldn't help but show excited expressions.

If... if the absentees were really all fired, then all the executives and upper management would be gone, and they would have a chance for promotion!

For a while, many people were even hoping that these 15 minutes would pass quickly. It would be even better if none of their leaders showed up and they were fired!

Lucas was sitting silently near Flynn, leaving everything to Flynn to solve.

The other people in the conference room saw that Lucas was a new face, but they didn't know his identity. Seeing that he was sitting there silently, they could only guess whether he was Flynn's new secretary or bodyguard or some other role.

But the dozen or so people in the conference room didn't pay much attention to Lucas.

What they are most concerned about now was whether their leaders would come over or not and whether they had any hope of getting a promotion and a raise.

Soon, five minutes passed, and no other person showed up in the conference room

Ten minutes passed, and still, no new people came.

Soon, the fifteen minutes was up. But none of the senior managers, directors, and executives came!

A layer of frost covered Flynn's face. He looked extremely terrifying.

The crowd sitting in the conference room couldn't help but quietly look at Flynn to see if the general manager, who suddenly became assertive, would really fire the absentees as he said he would.

"Time's up.

"I hereby announce that all the executives, directors, and senior managers absent from this meeting are dismissed from the company!"

"Mr. Cohen of the HR department, you're now the director of the HR department! After today's meeting, draft a detailed dismissal list and submit it to me. Everyone on the list will be dismissed!"

Flynn announced resolutely and promoted the manager Mr. Cohen, the only person from the HR department who came to the meeting, to the director of the department and even ordered him to handle all the dismissals.

At this moment, all the mid-level managers in the conference room were stunned!

Chapter 884: Half-Siblings

Although all the mid-level managers present were very much looking forward to this result, everyone was still extremely astonished when Flynn announced it.

After all, it was not the dismissal of one or two people but nearly a hundred executives and upper management staff!

It would cause great turbulence in any company!

Besides, most of the absent senior managers, directors, and executives were people close to the Huttons. Wasn't Flynn afraid that he would completely anger the Huttons?

Apart from Cohen, who was elated to be directly promoted to the director of the HR department, everyone else in the conference room was worried.

“Mr. Davis, is it really appropriate to do this? After all, there are nearly a hundred executives and upper management staff. If all of them are dismissed at once, I'm afraid the company will be thrown into jeopardy, and in no time, it will result in great losses to the company!”

“Yes, Mr. Davis, many of the corporation's businesses are still controlled by them. If they're all dismissed, it will result in an extremely serious impact on the company! We will lose lots of clients as well.”

“The impact of this is too severe. I’m afraid the companies cooperating with the Stardust Corporation will think the company is suffering great turmoil after hearing about this. They might even suspend or cease cooperation with our company. I’m afraid the company’s stock price will also fluctuate greatly. The consequences are too serious...”

“Yes, I’m afraid that the company’s future development plan will stagnate or even regress. There might be great upheaval in the company...”

The mid-level managers of every department spoke worriedly.

They indeed said these things out of concern for the development of the Stardust Corporation and not to make excuses or plead for those who were absent.

Flynn looked at the people speaking. He found that he could nurture and promote them since they could still think for the company at this time.

But Flynn naturally wouldn’t consider their opinions.

He raised his hand to silence the discussion and suggestions of these people. He merely said resolutely, “The chairman has already approved of the dismissals, so just do as I’ve instructed. I will consider the other matters.”

Hearing Flynn suddenly mention the chairman, the people below the stage were immediately surprised.

Could this decision be made by the new chairman who has never appeared?

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Flynn had already said that he had obtained the chairman’s approval, and his attitude was firm, so the others could only keep their mouths shut.

Flynn took a sweeping glance around the room again before saying solemnly, “Regarding the new personnel appointments, after Mr. Cohen gives me the list of staff to be dismissed, I will decide and issue the official document before tomorrow. I will post it on the company’s official website. Pay attention to it when the time comes!

“That’s it for today’s meeting. Meeting adjourned!”

Upon hearing that the new personnel appointments would be issued tomorrow, everyone present was excited and agitated.

Since the senior staff had all been dismissed, it was their chance to be promoted!

“Hah, Flynn Davis, you’re really acting like you call the shots just because you’ve been given some authority! Can the Huttons be dismissed by you just because you say so?” A cold and indifferent voice came from the entrance of the conference room.

A young man dressed luxuriously with a cold expression on his face slowly stepped into the conference room.

There was a large group of people behind the young man. It was probably close to a hundred people, and they were all the upper management staff and executives absent from the meeting for various reasons!

Lucas, sitting in the corner of the front row, had a menacing killing intent in his eyes when he saw the young man. But he soon restrained it, and his dark eyes became calm again.

The young man was Jace Hutton, Lucas’s half-brother and the current successor of the Huttons!

Jace was no stranger to Lucas. After all, Lucas and his mother had lived in the Hutton residence until he was eight years old, so he had naturally met Jace multiple times.

At the time, Jace was extremely hostile to Lucas, his half-brother, and often teased and bullied him, even though he was still very young then.

Later, when Lucas and his mother were driven out of the Huttons and warned never to return to DC again, Jace's mother actually had something to do with it.

The various troubles that Lucas had encountered in Orange County were caused by the people sent by Jace.

It could be said that Lucas and Jace were more like enemies rather than half-brothers.

After Jace stepped into the conference room, he glanced at Lucas with great hatred.

But he similarly controlled his emotions and quickly shifted his gaze to look at Flynn, who was at the front of the conference room.

After all, Jace was the former chairman of the Stardust Corporation, so almost everyone present knew him. Once they saw Jace appear with a look of displeasure, they felt a foreboding hunch, and their hearts were full of panic.

It was because they knew that Jace appearing with all the absentees meant that he was representing the Huttons and standing behind them.

In that case, with the Huttons' interference, the orders Flynn just issued were probably never going to be implemented.

These upper management staff and executives would also return to their original positions with the support of the Huttons.

On the contrary, the ones attending the meeting would probably be treated as traitors and face suppression. They might even be forced out of the Stardust Corporation.

When the mid-level managers thought of these consequences, their hearts immediately sank. They were all full of anxiousness and panic.

“Mr. Hutton.” Flynn’s expression changed drastically upon seeing the young man.

He stood up from his seat and said nervously, “Mr. Hutton, these people standing behind you were absent from an important meeting without a valid reason. They disobeyed the corporation’s management system, so according to the company’s rules, I have the right to dismiss them.”

Faced with Jace, the successor of the Huttons, Flynn felt extremely stressed, and large beads of cold sweat trickled down his face.

Jace glanced at Flynn and questioned with a gloomy and threatening voice, “What did you say? I didn’t seem to hear you clearly. Repeat yourself.”

Chapter 885: Final Decision

The expression on Flynn's face immediately froze.

Of course, he knew that he had made things very clear just now. But Jace saying that he didn't hear it clearly and asking him to repeat himself was a blatant threat to him.

Jace's aura as the successor of a powerful family made Flynn feel overwhelmed with pressure as a layer of cold sweat broke out on his back.

If Lucas wasn't present, Flynn would have probably been unable to withstand the pressure and ended up surrendering to Jace.

Lucas remained sitting without saying anything or reacting. It was as if he was just an outsider and Flynn called the shots.

Flynn felt extremely tormented at this moment. On the one hand, it was Jace, the successor of the Huttons in DC; on the other hand, it was Lucas, whose strength was unfathomable. He couldn't afford to offend either of them.

But now, he had to choose between the two.

Flynn suddenly recalled a lot of past events.

He remembered returning from studying abroad and joining the newly established Orange County branch of the Stardust Corporation.

At the time, he had just entered society and had nothing to offer but his sincerity. Even though he was only a junior employee of the Stardust Corporation's Orange County branch, he did his best in everything. Thus, his efforts were quickly recognized, and he was soon promoted to become a department manager and eventually the general manager.

He already had power, status, and wealth at the time. In fact, he could have gained even more.

But one day, a man claiming to be the Huttons' chief butler suddenly came to him and asked him to focus on working for the company's new chairman. Flynn naturally agreed readily.

Moreover, he also learned some inside information. It turned out that the new chairman was actually the illegitimate son of the Huttons who had been driven out several years ago.

But his first meeting with Lucas didn't go too well. As soon as Lucas, who looked extremely young, spoke, he produced evidence of the crimes Flynn had committed, including the embezzlement of public funds and regulation violations for years. It made Flynn frightened, and he immediately submitted to Lucas in fear.

But during their various interactions later, Flynn slowly discovered that Lucas wasn't a simple person.

The more he came into contact with Lucas, the more he became frightened because the strength Lucas showed was far beyond his imagination!

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Therefore, Flynn admired Lucas more and more and became increasingly devoted to him. When Lucas lacked manpower, he took the initiative to help Lucas take over the Solar Corporation in LA. Later, when Lucas made him choose between 15 million dollars in cash or going to the Stardust Corporation's headquarters in DC to train, he chose the latter.

Flynn wanted to know the heights he could reach and the scenery he could see by following Lucas!

Since he had already made a decision back then, there was no point in hesitating now!

Flynn was no longer confused and hesitant but instead had a look of determination.

The horror, fear, and cowardice he felt toward Jace just now seemed to vanish immediately.

Flynn raised his head and boldly looked straight into Jace's eyes. "Mr. Hutton, I just said that these people were absent from an important meeting without a valid reason and disobeyed the company's management system. According to the corporation's regulations, as the general manager, I have the right to dismiss them!"

No one expected that Flynn would still be able to confidently say this again to Jace's face.

After a brief moment of surprise, the senior staff behind Jace all showed gloating expressions.

How dare Flynn say this to Jace? He probably had a death wish!

"Hah, Flynn Davis is a fool! Who does he think he's speaking to?"

“Hmph, he thinks he’s so impressive for putting up a brave front in front of everyone as the general manager, but who buys it? Even if he says he wants to fire us, would he dare with Mr. Hutton here?”

“After offending Mr. Hutton, Flynn Davis can forget about working here! He’s the one who should be kicked out!”

“Haha, what an idiot!”

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All the senior staff behind Jace sneered, laughing at Flynn’s foolishness of shooting himself in the foot.

Jace’s expression became even more gloomy and cold. He didn’t expect this foolish general manager sent over by Lucas to be so confident.

Did Lucas’s presence give him enough confidence?

But he wanted to make the person Lucas had chosen kneel down and disgrace himself in front of Lucas!

“I didn’t hear what you said. Repeat yourself!” Jace’s eyes were full of anger as he stared straight at Flynn, looking like he would lose his temper and kill him as long as Flynn said something he didn’t want to hear.

The dozen or so people originally in the conference room and the hundred-plus people Jace brought remained silent and didn’t even dare to breathe.

Everyone looked at Flynn, waiting to hear his answer.

It was an extremely bizarre scene.

But Flynn had already thought through what he wanted, so despite facing Jace's repeated questions that were obviously threatening, he didn't hesitate or feel afraid at all.

He looked straight at Jace's gloomy face, straightened his back, and said loudly, "It's the same even if I repeat myself. These people were absent from an important meeting without a valid reason and disobeyed the company's management system. According to the corporation's regulations, as the general manager, I have the right to dismiss them!"

At this moment, everyone's heart tensed up. Jace must be furious!

"Hahaha. Hahahaha!" Jace suddenly let out a series of loud laughter.

But his laughter made everyone present feel their scalp tingle.

Jace... Jace was really furious!

He was hopping mad!

After all, Jace was the heir of the Huttons, one of the eight top families of DC. But he had been refuted by Flynn, a small fry, multiple times. He was naturally upset.

Flynn was doomed!

Flynn felt extremely uncomfortable.

Although he just chose to continue to follow Lucas, it didn't mean that he could ignore Jace's threats.

Jace was the successor of a powerful family after all. Half a year ago, Flynn would have felt that he was out of reach, and he wouldn't have even dared to think of speaking with the future successor of the Huttons.

Now, he was not only talking to Jace, but he even refuted him in public, completely angering him!

Flynn felt suffocated, and his heart was about to jump out of his chest. He even felt fear and powerlessness crushing down on him.

If not for Lucas still sitting near him, he would have probably gotten down on his knees before Jace!

But now that things had gotten to this point, Flynn no longer had a choice!

“Hah, you're the first person who has ever dared to speak like that to me. Guess what will happen to you.” Jace's voice was as cold and gloomy as a venomous snake crawling over and revealing its sharp fangs.

Chapter 886: Refuse to Compromise

Jace's cold voice made Flynn shudder.

But, since Flynn had already chosen to stand on Lucas's side, it meant that he was completely tied to Lucas, and there was no room for change.

Even though Flynn knew that Lucas was extremely powerful, he wasn't confident that Lucas would definitely defeat the successor of the Huttons.

If Lucas failed in the end, it also meant that Flynn lost.

People who failed would probably only face one result.

But it was like a gamble at this point. Flynn had already placed his bet and even his life on Lucas. There was no turning back for him now.

“Mr. Hutton, I'm doing this for the development of the Stardust Corporation. I'm also acting according to the rules and regulations of the company!” Flynn said resolutely.

Jace sneered. “The rules are dead, but people are alive! No matter what, these staff have made many contributions to the development of the Stardust Corporation over the years. If all of them get sacked just for missing one meeting, isn't it too ruthless?”

After all, the people Flynn wanted to fire all obeyed him. If they were all fired, how could he continue to control the Stardust Corporation through them in the future and obtain most of the Stardust Corporation's profits?

Flynn's attitude was extremely firm. "The company's system is formulated and implemented by people! Besides, this isn't the first time that they have disobeyed my orders. In fact, I even gave them a chance before the meeting today. If they had gone to the conference room within fifteen minutes, I would have spared them from any punishment for their absence. But what did they do?

"Since what I, the general manager, said to them is just bullshit in their eyes, why should I keep defiant employees around in the company?

"Also, Mr. Hutton, although I respect you as a member of the Hutton family, this is the Stardust Corporation. Apart from the chairman, I'm the one who calls the shots!

"As an outsider, you shouldn't be meddling in the affairs of the Stardust Corporation!"

Flynn was very adamant and didn't give in.

The word 'outsider' made Jace turn red in anger, and he almost lost his temper.

"Flynn Davis, how dare you say that to Mr. Hutton?!"

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"What do you think you are? How dare you call Mr. Hutton an outsider and say that he can't interfere in the affairs of the Stardust Corporation? Do you even know that Mr. Hutton is the former chairman of the Stardust Corporation?!"

“Hah, you think you can do whatever you want just because you work for the current chairman? We’re veterans of the company, and we have worked here for over a decade. We have contributed far more than you have! Even if you’re the general manager now, you’re in no place to dismiss us!”

“That’s right! You’re just a dog of the current chairman. Who do you think you are?! Except for the current chairman, no one has the right to make us leave the company!”

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The upper management staff and executives standing behind Jace were all glowering at Flynn with righteous indignation.

Jace stood in front of them with a sullen expression. It was as if he was shrouded in gloomy clouds that were about to erupt.

Facing this scene, Flynn felt immense pressure, as if there were huge waves crashing against him, making it almost impossible for him to hang on.

In fact, he even had the idea of giving up and retreating.

But he soon dismissed this idea as soon as it appeared.

Since things had already gotten to this point, there was no room for him to make concessions and settle this peacefully!

“Shut up!” Flynn hollered at the managers and executives who kept accusing him and cursing at him. His voice was like thunder and immediately drowned out their voices.

“Indeed, you are veteran employees of the company and have made some contributions in the past. But you didn’t do it for nothing! The corporation gave you high salaries, generous benefits, dividends, and bonuses corresponding to your positions. You people know very clearly how many undeserved benefits you actually obtained from the company!

“It’s true that I haven’t been in the corporation for as long as you have, and you indeed have more seniority than me. But I can say with a clear conscience that I haven’t taken a single cent of filthy money from the corporation since the day I became the general manager! Do you dare to say this?

“You people have been abusing your positions to embezzle the company funds and fill your pockets! Do I still need your permission to fire you parasites?!

“Since I’ve already decided to fire you, you can all forget about returning to the company!” Flynn roared, giving them no room for negotiation!

His furious bellow immediately shocked the upper management staff and executives!

Before today, Flynn, the general manager, was just a symbol and a joke in the Stardust Corporation. No one took him seriously. Moreover, everyone defied his orders, ostracized him, and even mocked him in his face. It could be said that Flynn had simply been a pushover whom anyone could bully during his last month in the Stardust Corporation headquarters.

And even when he was angry, Flynn could only endure it.

But there seemed to be something wrong with Flynn, as he suddenly became extremely domineering. He even refused to give in despite facing Jace’s threat. He insisted on firing the nearly one hundred upper management staff and executives of the Huttons!

Who gave him the courage?!

“Flynn! How dare you say that we lined our pockets and that we’re the parasites of the corporation?! This is pure slander! If you can’t give us an explanation, we will sue you for slander!”

“Exactly! Who are you to say that we have used our positions in the corporation to gain personal profits? Do you have evidence? Talk is cheap! If you don’t apologize to all of us, don’t blame us for being unkind to you!”

“Hah, we’ve been slogging our guts out for the company for so many years and dedicated so many years of youth and effort. Flynn Davis, not only are you trying to fire all of us, but you’re even slandering us! Why are you so vicious?! None of us are convinced!”

“Yes, we’re not convinced! We refuse to accept your accusations. You must retract the decision to dismiss us and apologize to all of us!”

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Facing Flynn’s accusation, almost all senior staff were furious. Of course, they wouldn’t admit that they had really done those things and were instead accusing Flynn of slander.

Flynn sneered fearlessly. “You’re accusing me of slandering you, and you even want to sue me for slander? Fine, go ahead and sue me! You think I don’t have any evidence? Let’s see how you can defend yourselves once I hand over the evidence to the authorities!”

Chapter 887: Take Them All Away

Flynn's remakes made these upper management staff and executives full of righteous indignation completely dumbfounded.

Could Flynn really have evidence?

But they knew they were guilty, so they didn't dare to check the evidence.

If they sued Flynn for slander and defamation, and Flynn really produced unfavorable evidence, they would be in great trouble.

All of a sudden, many of them shut their mouths diffidently.

"Hmph, you're spouting nonsense! If you really had evidence, you would have exposed it long ago. How could you have endured it until now?" Jace suddenly said coldly with contempt.

Flynn's heart instantly sank.

Indeed, he had just said it casually. Although he knew that these people were problematic, he had only been in the Stardust Corporation headquarters for a short

time. Moreover, he had been ostracized and guarded against, so he hadn't had time to search for clear evidence.

He had bluffed just now to try and make these people scared.

He didn't expect Jace to expose him.

"Haha, Mr. Hutton is right! If you really had evidence, you would have exposed it and sued us long ago. Why would you wait until now?"

"Exactly! If you really have evidence, show us!"

"Hmph, it's obvious you don't have any! Damn, how dare you threaten us? Show us the evidence if you have any!"

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Reminded by what Jace said, the upper management and executives returned to their senses and realized that Flynn didn't have any evidence of their crimes. So they started questioning him overbearingly.

Bang!

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But at this moment, the door of the conference room was suddenly pushed open from the outside, and a group of officials in uniform suddenly appeared.

"We received a reliable report that some employees of the Stardust Corporation have abused their authority and received a large amount of illegal income, seriously infringing on the proprietary rights of the Stardust Corporation!"

“The following people whose names I read out, please come with us immediately for official inquiry and investigation!” a captain standing at the front announced sternly, holding a long list of names.

Seeing the appearance of these officials, everyone in the conference room was dumbfounded!

In particular, when they heard what the captain said, they all instantly turned pale and panicked.

Flynn had just said that he had evidence of their crimes and violations. The next moment, the officials appeared in front of them like magic and said that they would take them back for investigation.

Could Flynn, who had always been like a pushover, have really gotten evidence of their embezzlement of company funds and acceptance of bribes?

How is this possible?! Jace’s face darkened.

He didn’t expect the authorities to appear suddenly.

No one had revealed this matter to him beforehand, which was absolutely abnormal!

Even Flynn looked somewhat bewildered.

He didn’t have any evidence, but these officials who suddenly appeared...

The only possibility was that Lucas did it!

Flynn immediately turned his head to look at Lucas, who had been sitting near him quietly.

Jace also thought of this and turned to look at Lucas. He began exuding a cold and menacing murderous intent.

But Lucas's expression remained unchanged, as if it didn't concern him at all. He didn't even look at Jace.

"These people whose names I announce next, stand to my left! If anyone disobeys or tries to escape, don't blame us for being impolite!" the captain ordered sternly.

At the same time, two policemen holding pistols walked over and glared at the people in the conference room.

Under the deterrence of the dark pistols, no one dared to act rashly.

"Henry Lawn, director of the HR department of Stardust Corporation, come out!

"Joe Cushman, Alan Louis, Charlie Hill of the HR department, come out!

"Matt Jones, Robin Lane, and Dan Milton of the finance department, come out!"

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The list in the captain's hand was extremely long, and everyone whose name was called was shivering. They slowly walked out under the stern gaze of the officials, looking pale.

Those not named for the time being were also terrified, and they prayed that their names weren't on the list.

But things didn't go as they wished. Since they had committed crimes, there was no way they could escape the punishment.

The captain read out the names on the list for a long time before finally finishing. There were nearly a few hundred names in total!

What was even more shocking was that the people named for investigation were the upper management and executives who didn't attend the meeting!

There wasn't a single person left out!

The large group of people originally standing behind Jace had all been named by the officials to go to the bureau for investigation!

"Behave yourselves and don't try anything funny! All of your bank accounts and assets have already been frozen! Now, be good and leave with us for investigation. Come clean about what you've done!" the captain scolded coldly. He was extremely shocked by the sheer number of parasites in the Stardust Corporation.

But the report they received already contained sufficient evidence, and everyone on the list wasn't innocent, so no one here would be wronged.

"Take them all away!"

These upper management staff and executives of the Stardust Corporation already understood that it was over for them. Their faces were full of sweat, and their feet were weak. They couldn't even stand properly, let alone walk.

The officials had been prepared for this and sent a large team over. They dragged away the 100 or so managers, directors, and executives.

The large conference room was instantly empty.

“Excuse us, we’re leaving!”

After taking all the people away, the captain glanced subtly at Lucas before nodding respectfully and leaving without looking back.

Flynn happened to see this scene. It shocked him and also confirmed his conjectures.

The officials who suddenly appeared and the evidence of those who violated the law were all under Lucas’s orders!

After all these people left, the conference room fell dead silent.

Everyone behind Jace had been taken away by the officials, making Jace so gloomy that he looked like he was about to devour people. He clenched his fists tightly.

Chapter 888: Guaranteed Kill

Jace had planned to bring these 100 or so upper management staff and executives of the Stardust Corporation to teach Lucas a lesson. He wanted Lucas to know that even though he was now the chairman of the Stardust Corporation, Jace still called the shots!

But Jace didn't expect that things would suddenly develop to this point. Not only had he failed to deter Lucas, but even the people who had turned to him were arrested.

Jace was naturally clear about what these people had done, especially during the half a year that Lucas was chairman of the Stardust Corporation. Jace was incredibly annoyed and had instructed these people to do things for him while also allowing them to reap some benefits from the corporation.

Thus, for these people taken away for investigation, their charges were real, and there was no way they could shirk the responsibility.

It would be basically impossible to get them out of jail.

In other words, from today onward, the subordinates that the Huttons used to control the Stardust Corporation would all be gone, and he would completely lose control of the Stardust Corporation.

How could he tolerate this?

In particular, why he thought that these matters were likely the doing of his half-brother, Lucas, who would also take control of the Stardust Corporation in the future, Jace wished he could charge forward and tear him into shreds!

But at the critical point of his eruption, Jace relied on his willpower to keep thinking that he was the true successor of the Huttons and tried his best to suppress his fury.

“Hah, let’s wait and see!” Jace glared at Lucas and Flynn before striding away from the conference room.

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Only after Jace vanished behind the door and Flynn felt the intense aura leaving slowly did he completely relax.

Facing Jace, the successor of the Huttons, Flynn had been so nervous that he could hardly breathe.

But what Jace said before leaving meant that he had suffered an enormous loss today and wouldn’t take it lying down.

However, this wasn’t something Flynn should consider now.

“Meeting adjourned!” He stood up and said to the remaining dozen or so frightened mid-level managers and left in the conference room.

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When Flynn brought Lucas back to the general manager's office, he immediately slumped onto his chair, picked up the glass on the table, and downed the entire glass of iced water.

Then he took two breaths and finally felt alive again.

Sensing Lucas looking at him, Flynn felt awkward and hurriedly said, "I'm sorry, Lucas. I... I've embarrassed you a little. I need to improve my mental fortitude."

Lucas smiled. "No, you've done a good job, even better than I expected. You managed to withstand the pressure of Jace Hutton and so many executives without needing me to come forward personally."

Flynn said guiltily, "It was all thanks to you for sitting next to me, Lucas. It gave me a lot of courage. And what happened afterward was because you were long prepared. Otherwise, I really wouldn't have been able to deal with them."

Lucas smiled without saying anything else.

Indeed, the sudden arrival of the officials and the evidence of those people's crimes had all been prepared by Lucas.

It had something to do with Richard Morris, the deputy general manager of the Stardust Corporation whom Lucas and Jordan had frightened previously.

Because Richard was Jace's most trusted subordinate, the person who delivered the benefits to Jace, and a veteran employee who had worked in the Stardust Corporation for over a decade, he had the most information.

Thus, Lucas had sent Jordan to look for Richard to coerce and tempt him. Richard immediately produced all the evidence of those people's crimes.

The officials who led the team were naturally reliable people that Lucas had arranged to ensure that they wouldn't reveal any information to Jace in advance. Thus, they were able to catch Jace and the others off guard and got rid of them in one fell swoop.

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"Damn it! Bastard! If I had known this would happen, I should have tried my best to kill and bury him forever in Orange County!"

"Damn it! How dare he arrest all the people working for me? He even snatched away my belongings. I won't let him off!"

In a Rolls-Royce that had just left the entrance of the Stardust Corporation, Jace's face was distorted from anger, no longer looking as composed as he was when he was trying to control his emotions in the conference room.

Now, he was cursing incessantly with a murderous gaze in his eyes, wishing he could strangle Lucas to death.

A toned bodyguard sitting in the front passenger seat had his gaze flicker before suddenly saying, "Mr. Hutton, do you want me to do it?"

Jace took several deep breaths and gradually suppressed the immense desire for revenge. He looked at the bodyguard in front of him and said softly, "Bones of Steel, you should know his identity. If you mess up and my father finds out, I'm sure you don't need me to tell you what your fate will be. In fact, even I will be implicated.

“In that case, are you confident of success?”

Jace looked into the bodyguard’s eyes, noticing every single emotion showing in them.

Bones of Steel nodded. “I won’t mess up for your sake. I will definitely kill him!”

Jace stared at Bones of Steel, and his expression became more and more cruel.

“Okay. I’ll wait for good news from you then! Don’t disappoint me!”

“Yes, Mr. Jace!” Bones of Steel assured in a deep voice.

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Meanwhile, Lucas stayed in the Stardust Corporation headquarters for a while to hear Flynn’s report on his recent progress and plans for stabilizing the company.

The parasites and obstacles that the Huttons left the company had already been eliminated. Although it would cause turbulence, the Stardust Corporation had been standing strong in DC for years and wouldn’t be greatly affected by these matters.

Under Flynn’s management and coordination, Lucas believed that it wouldn’t take long for the situation of the Stardust Corporation to stabilize. Then it would return to its peak and become even grander.

Since Lucas had chosen to let Flynn take over the Stardust Corporation headquarters in DC for him, it meant that he had great confidence in his abilities.

In the afternoon, Lucas received a call from Alexis. She said excitedly, “Lucas, I passed the interview. From now on, I’m an employee of the Stardust Corporation!”

Chapter 889: Bones of Steel Attacks

“Congratulations!” Lucas congratulated her with a smile.

In fact, Lucas knew about this matter way before Alexis. She had indeed succeeded in applying for a job, but Lucas wouldn't tell her that her position wasn't an ordinary role. She would be the assistant of the general manager of the Stardust Corporation.

Alexis was the granddaughter of Edmund Cole, and Lucas had always been close to the Coles, whom he trusted very much.

Moreover, although Alexis was still young, having just turned twenty, and only a senior student in college, she was very intelligent and had grown up beside Edmund, who influenced her greatly with his business acumen. Thus, Lucas thought it would be a waste of talent if she was a junior employee.

Besides, if Alexis became the general manager's assistant, she would not only be able to help Flynn greatly, but she would also be able to gain a lot of experience. If she was trained well, she would be of great help to Lucas in the future.

It was just like Charlotte, who, despite being young, became competent in speaking and handling matters at the Stardust Corporation's Orange County branch after a few months of experience.

Alexis asked Lucas out for a meal together, and Lucas naturally agreed. The restaurant she chose was near the university she went to.

The two of them hadn't seen each other for a long time, so they chatted merrily. Of course, most of the time, it was Alexis telling Lucas joyfully about the matters happening in DC while Lucas listened patiently with a smile.

After they finished eating, the sky was completely dark.

Lucas walked Alexis to the entrance of her university and waved goodbye to her.

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Suddenly, a change occurred!

A strong and violent breeze suddenly blew toward them.

Lucas's expression changed as he immediately held Alexis's waist without hesitation. He tapped his foot against the ground, and they immediately vanished from where they were standing.

Thud!

Thud!

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Thud!

Thud!

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A series of soft collision sounds sounded from where they had been standing.

The flat and clean stone ground was suddenly covered with more than ten steel nails that were over five centimeters long. Who knew from which contraption they were shot out. They hit the ground with so much force that they almost penetrated the stone ground!

Under the light, the steel nails had a faint blue glow to them. They had obviously been soaked in poison.

If Lucas hadn't reacted quickly enough, he and Alexis would have been shot by these nails!

"Hah, you escaped fast enough!" A cold and sinister voice sounded as a lean and muscular figure gradually walked out of the shadows near the school gate.

He glared at Lucas with a sinister gaze containing endless murderous intent.

"Who are you?" Lucas frowned.

He let go of Alexis and gestured for her to stand in a safe position farther away to avoid being affected.

Alexis was so frightened by the sudden action and the terrifying steel nails that her hands and feet were a little weak.

But she also knew that she would only be in the way if she stayed beside Lucas, so she hurriedly hid under a large tree nearby.

“Hah, you don’t need to know who I am. You only need to know that I’m here to take your life!” The person who came sneered. He clenched fists and suddenly charged toward Lucas!

This man wasn’t slow at all, and the massive murderous intent he was exuding was extremely shocking.

He was much stronger than Julian York, one of the top ten experts of the Peerless Martial Association, and Invincible Phantom Hands, the expert of the Smiths!

A grim look appeared in Lucas’s eyes as he analyzed which enemy had sent this powerful man.

The only forces in DC that had a grudge against him were the Huttons and the Peerless Martial Association, as well as the Smiths and the Howards.

But Tyson had just pledged allegiance to him, so there was no way he would have turned against him so quickly. The Howards and Lucas had reached a cooperation of sorts, so they wouldn’t suddenly attack him at this point.

As for the Peerless Martial Association, they were extremely high profile. Their members all had the association’s logo embroidered on the back of their black suits, which made them distinguishable at a glance.

The powerful man was wearing a black compression suit.

Based on the process of elimination, this man was very likely to be an assassin the Huttons sent.

When Lucas thought of the enormous loss Jace had suffered in the afternoon, it wasn’t strange that he would send someone to assassinate him!

Lucas's analysis was only momentary.

At this moment, the lean man arrived in front of Lucas and swung his large fist at him.

"You're overestimating yourself!" Lucas sneered, raised his fist, and punched him.

Boom!

His fists suddenly collided with a violent explosion.

Lucas's hair was lifted up by the air stirred up from the collision between their fists, but he remained standing firmly on the spot.

On the other hand, the lean man was immediately sent flying by Lucas's punch. After he landed, he retreated more than ten steps before barely stabilizing himself and reducing the massive force from Lucas's punch.

This scene made Alexis, who was hiding far behind the tree, widen her eyes in shock.

The difference in strength was too terrifying!

The lean man managed to stand steady, but he felt excruciating pain in his chest.

In particular, the bones of his right hand had been broken, and his hand was still trembling violently. It was clearly impossible for him to throw another punch.

His eyes were full of shock and disbelief.

The burly man was none other than Bones of Steel, who followed Jace and had offered to kill Lucas!

As a top expert who protected the future successor of the Huttons, Bones of Steel was naturally competent.

Even in DC, he was considered one of the top ten or even top five experts!

Furthermore, apart from his martial arts skills, Bones of Steel also had a unique secret contraption installed on his forearm. He could use it to shoot steel needles, which often resulted in a favorable effect.

Due to the powerful mechanism that the steel nails were shot out of, they were extremely fast, comparable to bullets. The steel nails were even coated in poison, making them even harder to guard against. Countless experts had died under this move of Bones of Steel.

This was why Bones of Steel was so confident as to take the initiative to help Jace kill Lucas. He firmly believed that he could do it.

But Lucas dodging the hidden weapon attack at the beginning with his lightning-fast speed and his punch made Bones of Steel astonished.

Only now did he feel that both he and Jace had underestimated Lucas's true strength!

Lucas looked at Bones of Steel coldly. "Go back and tell Jace Hutton that if he dares to provoke me again, I will kill him regardless of his identity!"

Chapter 890: Taking Hostage

Bones of Steel's heart trembled, and appeared on his face.

It was not only because of Lucas's cold and indifferent voice but also because Lucas had guessed that Jace had sent him!

But the shock that flashed across his face immediately made Lucas know that this powerful killer had indeed been sent by Jace.

Realizing that his identity had been exposed, Bones of Steel was greatly annoyed.

But that he had used his hidden weapon without any useful effect and his right hand was severely injured, his chances of victory were extremely slim.

If he continued to stay here, it was unlikely that he would be able to accomplish his goal.

Bones of Steel took a deep look at Lucas before turning around to walk away.

But after he took a few steps, a look of ruthlessness suddenly appeared on his face. He tapped the ground with his toes and grabbed Alexis, who was hiding behind the tree not far away.

Everything happened so suddenly that even Lucas didn't expect that he would dare to act against Alexis after Lucas spared his life.

Because Bones of Steel was extremely close to Alexis and Lucas was caught off guard, Bones of Steel managed to grab Alexis's slender neck with his still intact left hand.

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"Ah... Let go... Mmph!" Alexis screamed, but Bones of Steel strengthened his grip on her neck without any sympathy on his face.

Lucas looked at Bones of Steel's hand on Alexis's fair neck, and a sharp murderous intent appeared in his eyes.

This man had a death wish!

Lucas narrowed his eyes and shouted coldly, "The person you want to deal with is me. It has nothing to do with her. Let her go!"

Bones of Steel sneered. "Since you know that you're the one I want to deal with, you should also know that this woman still has some value!"

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"As long as I exert some force, her neck will be instantly snapped! You don't want her to die, do you?"

"Immediately cripple a leg and a hand of yours and leave with me. Then I will let this woman go! Otherwise, you can only helplessly watch her die in front of you!" Bones of Steel's voice was extremely cold, and his eyes were full of determination.

“You should know that you’ll die if you kill her!” Lucas clenched his fists.

“Hmph, so what? When I decided to come kill you, I’d already considered this. I never planned to go back alive! For the sake of showing my allegiance to Mr. Hutton, I don’t mind dying!” Bones of Steel’s eyes were full of mania and determination.

Lucas knew that this burly man was serious about it. If he didn’t agree and did as he said, he would really break Alexis’s neck!

Moreover, since he was already determined to die, it would probably be difficult to convince him verbally.

Lucas didn’t expect Jace to have such a fearless subordinate.

Alexis was getting strangled, but she still had to watch Lucas get threatened because of her. Who knew what would happen to him if he crippled a hand and a leg and was taken away by this crook.

Alexis would rather die than have this happen!

“Lucas... don’t worry... about me! Even if you obey him, he... still won’t let me go. Just kill him... You don’t have to... care about me...” Alexis struggled to speak, not wanting Lucas to be threatened by Bones of Steel.

“Shut up!” Bones of Steel was furious, and he tightened his grip on Alexis’s neck, causing her to feel unbearable pain and be unable to breathe.

Although she felt the suffocation and the impending fear of being strangled to death the next second, she nevertheless tried her best to open her eyes and look at Lucas. She seemed to be telling Lucas not to be threatened.

When Lucas Alexis like this, an extremely intense, murderous aura emerged in his eyes!

The next moment, Bones of Steel was shocked to discover that Lucas had suddenly vanished!

A hair-raising sense of fear instantly spread throughout Bones of Steel's body!

He didn't know what happened, but his rich battle experience and intuition as a top expert made him subconsciously have a terrifying ominous hunch!

Without hesitating at all, Bones of Steel immediately grasped Alexis's neck tighter.

Even if Lucas suddenly appeared behind him to kill him, he would make Alexis die with him!

The moment he tightened his grip, Alexis felt an intense suffocating pain in her neck, and her vision darkened.

She knew that she was about to die!

Although she had told Lucas not to worry about her and just kill Bones of Steel, she realized that she still had many regrets when she was on the brink of death!

She didn't want to die. She was still young, and she hadn't really experienced the feeling of being in love. Once she was dead, she would no longer be able to experience what it was like to marry someone she loved and have children with him. It would be even more impossible for her to enjoy conjugal bliss with the person she loved and grow old with him.

She would never see her dearest grandfather again, and he would be devastated once he found out that she was dead!

She also hadn't been able to confess to the person she liked...

The romance she longed for, the family she couldn't let go of, and the person she was in love with would all turn into a dream...

Alexis could no longer see anything clearly.

The second before she slipped into suffocating darkness, a glistening teardrop rolled down from the corner of her eye...

Snap!

An extremely crisp and clear sound of bones cracking spread to Alexis's ear.

It turns out that when someone is on the verge of death, they can still hear the sounds of bones cracking...

But why don't I feel any pain anymore?

Can people still continue to think about things after death? Or is it because my brain waves haven't completely disappeared...

At this moment, countless strange questions emerged in Alexis's mind.

"Alexis! Wake up! You're fine now. Open your eyes and look at me!"

A familiar voice sounded in Alexis's ears. It was just like thick clouds spreading out in the distant sky.

Almost subconsciously, Alexis slowly opened her eyes as instructed by the voice. Then she saw a pair of familiar eyes looking at her with concern.

Her chaotic mind gradually returned to normal, and Alexis blinked in confusion.
“Am... am I not dead?”