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After being on a ten-hour flight, James finally arrived back in the Capital in Sol.

It was morning when he reached the Capital.

He had a meeting in the military region after he returned to Sol, according to his schedule.

He was required to speak at the meeting and provide a summary of what he had learned at the military exchange conference between the two countries.

However, he did not have the luxury of time for that. He immediately left it to Henry to deal with it instead.

Then continued on his way to Thea's residence without pausing.

Thea had also calculated the exact time and knew when James would return.

When James arrived at Thea's residence, the gate to the courtyard was unlocked.

He walked straight inside.

In the courtyard, a tall, beautiful woman in a slim-fitting dress could be seen.

She was trimming the flowers and plants in the courtyard with a pair of scissors in her hand.

It was indeed Thea.

When Thea noticed James had entered, she could not help but put down the scissors and walk over.

She wrapped her arms around James' neck and gave him a kiss on the cheek.

Her pretty face was lit up with a sweet smile. "Honey, you should've told me you were coming back.

Then I would've personally prepared a meal for you as a welcome. Was it a success at Durandal?" she asked.

Was the effort this time successful?

James was being hugged.

He could smell the scent on Thea's body, and he furrowed his brows.

'This scent... Why is it different?'

"Is there any perfume on you, Thea? Why haven't I ever smelled this perfume before?"

It seems to be different from the perfume you were wearing previously, huh?"

"Yeah." Thea said with a smile, "I haven't been using the one that I used before.

Maxine recommended this to me. I thought it was pretty nice, so I'm using it.

Besides, I've been using it for months. You didn't notice its scent before?"

Thea, who had been smiling, suddenly looked displeased.

"James, we spent a few days together before you left.

We were even intimate on a few occasions.

I can't believe you don't even remember my scent."

As Thea said that, James' memory became a little hazy. 1

He honestly could not recall the scent that was on Thea's body when he had not yet left the Capital.

He had not bothered to pay close attention to it either.

If it were not for his suspicions about the identity of the Celestial Sect's Sect Leader, he would not have given it a second thought.

"I have some questions for you. Let's go inside and talk."

James pulled Thea along and led her into the house.

Thea's chest tightened. She knew exactly what James wanted to ask.

Nonetheless, she pretended to be surprised.

Once they entered the house, James sat on a sofa.

Thea, on the other hand, poured a glass of warm water for James.

After giving it to him, she sat to the side and asked, 'What's the matter, Honey?

What do you want to ask me?"

'Where's your Malevolent Sword, by the way?' James looked at Thea.

"Ah, that's..." Thea smiled and said, 'You said that the Malevolent Sword is an evil thing, didn't you, Honey? I already threw it away.'

'You threw it away?'

James was stunned.

This was too much of a coincidence.

He remembered seeing the Malevolent Sword after arriving in the Capital.

Why did Thea dispose of it during his trip to Durandal and back?

Was there any chance that the Celestial Sect's Sect Leader saw her when she was throwing it away?

"Actually, I didn't throw it away." Thea gently touched her silky black hair which was cascading down the front of her chest.

"When Maxine visited me, she warned me that the sword was extremely evil.

She requested that I give it to her so that she can deal with it.

I gave it to her because I didn't think I would use it much if I kept it.

Maxine then informed me that she had discarded the sword. As to where she left it, I'm not sure either."

As she said this, she gave James a strange look.

"Honey, what's the matter? Why are you suddenly asking about the Malevolent Sword?

Do you want me to call Maxine and have her come over to tell you where the Malevolent Sword was left?"

James took Thea's hand.

A powerful True Energy formed in his palms and entered Thea's body.

"Honey, what are you doing?"

Thea immediately started to panic.

James was assessing Thea's power.

Through his assessment, he discovered that Thea's True Energy was indeed very powerful right now.

He learned that Thea had gained access to all of the meridians throughout her body and had risen to the fifth rank.

There were even indications of her almost reaching the sixth rank.

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Thea panicked for a few seconds before letting out a sigh of relief. With a smile, she said, "So you're checking my strength, Honey. During this time, I didn't slack off in the Capital and was completely focused on cultivation. I'm already in the fifth rank now."

James had assessed the strength of Thea's True Energy.

It was in the fifth rank and almost in the sixth rank.

It was indeed very powerful.

However, compared to the Celestial Sect's Sect Leader, it was not even close.

With this kind of power, she would not even be able to defend herself from a single attack from Lucjan, much less defeat Lucjan and the first Blood Emperor.

"Hmm. Not bad. I didn't expect you to be a cultivation genius," James said, beaming with praise. "You've only been practicing martial arts for a short time, but you've already risen to the fifth rank."

James was certain that the Sect Leader of the Celestial Sect was not Thea based on his assessment.

Despite the fact that all signs pointed to Thea as the Sect Leader of the Celestial Sect, the difference in strength between the two was too great.

Since it was not her, who exactly was the Sect Leader of the Celestial Sect then?

James took a deep breath.

Quickly dismissing the jumble of thoughts swirling through his mind, he said, "I'm going to the Cadens' Mansion for a while to ask Maxine about some stuff."

"Alright." Thea nodded and said, "Come back sooner. I'll go get some groceries, cook a nice meal, and wait for you to return to eat."

James nodded gently.

Then, he went out.

After James had left, Thea immediately called Maxine.

"James will visit you later, Maxine. I told him I had given you the Malevolent Sword to handle. Please don't spill anything..."

She briefly explained what had happened.

"Noted."

With assurance, Maxine said, "I most certainly will not expose your identity."

She hung up after she said that.

Once she ended the call, she waited for a while at the Cadens' Mansion.

About thirty minutes went by and James showed up.

In the reception hall of the Cadens' mansion...

Maxine smiled and said, "James, was it a success at Durandal?"

"Yes." James nodded and said, "It was alright. Where's the Malevolent Sword, by the way?"

"Why are you suddenly asking about the Malevolent Sword?"

Maxine glanced at James and said, "I believe it's an evil sword, so I went to Thea and asked her to give it to me.

I wanted to destroy the sword, but no matter what I tried, I couldn't destroy it. So, I threw it away."

"Where did you throw it away?"

James looked at Maxine.

"Somewhere wild and secluded, of course," Maxine said, seeing James' serious expression.

"Really?" James was a little skeptical.

"Of course." Maxine asked with a serious expression on her face, "Why are you suddenly asking about the Malevolent Sword?"

At this moment, Maxine's phone began to ring with the sound of a message notification.

She could not help but pick up the phone. When she read the message's content, her face turned solemn.

James noticed the change in her expression. "Why? What happened?" He had to ask.

"I just got word that something happened in the ancient martial arts world again. A sect was wiped out," Maxine said with a solemn expression.

"Which sect?"

"The Crimson Sect," Maxine said. "In the world of ancient martial arts, it was also a powerful sect, but it was an evil faction.

News just came in that the Celestial Sect's Sect Leader showed up at the Crimson Sect and destroyed it."

As she said this, she took out her phone, found the message she had just received, and showed it to James.

In the message, there were also several photos.

The Celestial Sect's Sect Leader was in the photos. They wore a ghost mask and had the Malevolent Sword in their hands.

Upon seeing this person, James was certain that they were the Celestial Sect's Sect Leader.

He felt a great sense of relief. It appeared that his assumption was false.

Thea was not the Sect Leader of the Celestial Sect.

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After learning that Thea was not the Sect Leader of the Celestial Sect, James felt relieved, i

However, he also felt a tiny bit of disappointment.

In his subconscious mind, he had hoped that the Sect Leader of the Celestial Sect was his wife.

With such a powerful wife, he would no longer have to work as hard. He would be able to live off of her.

He shook his head, tossing away the jumbled thoughts in his head.

"Right, do you know of the Valhalla Sect?" James asked while looking at Maxine.

"The Valhalla Sect?" Maxine wore a confused expression and cast a glance at James.

She asked, "Why are you asking about the Valhalla Sect out of the blue?"

"On my trip to Durandal, I learned a few things.

They have some connections to the Valhalla Sect," said James.

Maxine pondered for a while and said, "I've heard Grandpa mention it before.

It seems to be an organization from a hundred years ago.

Their president was a traitor who served hostile nations.

After Sol was founded, the Valhalla Sect was never heard of again."

“Can you investigate it for me with the intelligence network of the Caden family?”

James was currently desperate to find out where Rodent from the Valhalla Sect was.

Even though the Polaris Sect’s investigation was still ongoing, having another person look into it would yield faster results.

“Sure, I’ll keep an eye out for you.”

“How was the situation in the Capital these past few days, by the way?”

James had departed amid much fanfare previously. He knew that after he left, the Capital would not be peaceful.

Now he was back, but he came to the Cadens’ mansion after arriving without making any inquiries or investigations into the situation in the Capital.

Hearing his words, Maxine’s expression darkened.

She pondered for a few moments before turning to face James and said, “The situation is not encouraging.

I’ll start with Orient Commerce. After you left Sol, the vice president of Orient Commerce appeared out of nowhere and began consolidating the seemingly uncooperative Orient Commerce.

After a few days of consolidation, Orient Commerce gradually came together from a disjointed mess.”

“The vice president? Who’s that?” James’ face became solemn.

“It’s Sky, the King of Sol a century ago. He’s also the leader of the four most powerful elites serving under the president of Orient Commerce, as well as the mentor of Mr. Lee, the man behind the current King,” said Maxine.

James knitted his brows.

This was definitely not good news to him.

“What else?”

Maxine continued, “Aside from that, there are some military issues.

During the last few days, military personnel has been constantly changing. A number of higher-ranking generals have been dropped in. There’s even a new army.”

“A new army?” James inquired, puzzled, “What army?”

Maxine explained, “This army is referred to as the Phantom Army.

According to information gathered by the Caden family, the members of the Phantom Army are all ancient martial artists.

There aren't many members. There are only about ten thousand of them right now, accounting for roughly four percent of all ancient martial artists in Sol."

"Who is the commander of the Phantom Army? What kind of authority does this newly assembled army have?"

James asked calmly. He was rubbing his temples with his hands.

James was the Dragon King, the commander of the Black Dragon Army, as well as the commander of the Red Flame Army.

He held one of the highest positions in the army. He might even be regarded as its head.

According to standard procedure, his sign of approval was necessary for the transfer of any general.

Nevertheless, someone had gotten around him and brought in some generals. Now, even the Phantom Army had been formed without his knowledge.

Who put together the Phantom Army?

Was it the current King?

Or perhaps the King from a century ago?

Or Lucjan from the Gu Sect?

"I knew you'd be interested in hearing about this when you got back, so I kept an eye out for you," Maxine looked at James and said. "You'd never guess who the Phantom Army's commander is."

"Come on, don't leave me hanging. Who is it?"

Maxine enunciated each word slowly, "My grandpa, Tobias."

"What?"

James stood up abruptly in shock. With a look of astonishment and disbelief, he asked, "Tobias. You're saying that the commander of the Phantom Army is Tobias?"

"Yeah." Maxine sighed and said, "Grandpa was missing for more than two months.

Now all of a sudden he reappears, as the Phantom Army's commander, no less. I wonder who is the mastermind behind the Phantom Army."

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James' expression became more solemn.

He sat down, took out a cigarette, and lit it.

Smoke swirled around his fingertips.

Maxine continued, "I've asked around and heard that the Phantom Army has a lot of power.

According to the latest information, even the commander of the military region will be required to obey the Phantom Army's commands when necessary.

"What else?" James asked while maintaining his composure.

"Something else has happened in the military region.

Halvor, who was being held in the underground prison, was released after being acquitted of all charges.

The Phantom Army was responsible for bringing him out of the underground prison."

James continued to ask, "Has the King's side taken any action recently?"

"No, nothing was going on. Everything is as usual."

"Hmm, understood. I'll be heading back then."

In a grave mood, James got to his feet.

"Wait,"

Maxine called out to him immediately.

James turned around to face Maxine.

Maxine stood up as well and reminded him, "Grandpa, or Tobias, is not a simple man. I know him very well. He's way too cunning.

Previously, he snatched Bennett's Spirit Turtle core. He must have already refined the core now and advanced his cultivation base to the eighth rank.

Now he's even the commander of the Phantom Army. As the commander of the Red Flame Army, you'll certainly come into contact with him. Be careful."

"Okay."

James looked at Maxine and asked, "Have you seen Tobias?"

"No."

“Alright, I understand. I’ll be careful.”

After James said that, he turned around and left.

With a somber mood, he hurried to the courtyard where Thea was.

At the moment, Thea was at home.

She had already returned with the groceries. She was dressed in casual clothing, had an apron on, and casually pulled back her long, black hair. She looked exactly like a housewife.

At this moment, her phone started to ring.

She promptly turned the stove off and pulled out her phone to take a look.

The call came from an unknown number.

When she saw the number, her pretty face became solemn. She accepted the call despite a brief hesitation.

“What is it?” she asked in a low voice.

“S-Sect Leader, I’ve done what you told me to do. However, the Malevolent is just too unsettling. Even if I cultivated the Ataraxia you taught me, I can’t use it for very long. I’ll lose my bearings if I use it for an extended period of time.”

“It’s all good as long as it’s done. If you’re finished, don’t touch the sword. Bring it to the Celestial Sect’s headquarters and place it in the armory.”

“Alright. What should I do next?”

“Just wait for my instructions. Don’t call me if it’s not important.”

Thea said that and ended the call.

Then, she immediately deleted the call’s history.

She stood in the kitchen, a hint of worry on her pretty face.

Thea started to get lost in her thoughts.

She was not sure if James would reprimand her if he discovered she had been lying to him.

Nevertheless, she did not want James to know that, in order to assist him, she had done so many things in secret, even practicing an evil cultivation method.

After being momentarily distracted, she shook her head and tossed the jumble of thoughts out of her head, then focused on preparing the meal.

By the time James got back, Thea had prepared a table of food.

Without saying anything, James sat on the couch.

Thea came out with the tableware, set it down, and sat next to James.

With a face filled with tenderness, she asked, "You look like you have a lot on your mind, Honey. What happened?"

James regained his composure, shook his head softly, and said, "It's nothing. Let's eat"

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Thea rose to her feet and filled James' plate.

With a gentle face, she handed over the plate to James and said, "Honey, here..."

James accepted it. As he saw Thea's gentle face, he smiled. 'Thanks, Darling.'

When he called her 'Darling', Thea's heart melted.

Her nose started to tingle, and she almost burst into tears.

It had been a long time since James had called her 'Darling'.

At this moment, she thought that all her efforts up until this point had been worthwhile.

It took a few moments before she managed to calm her emotions.

Showing her pearly whites, she grinned and said, "After we get through this hectic six-month time, regardless of the outcome, we're going to leave and live in isolation, is that alright?"

"Yes." James nodded.

He had grown weary of days like these.

Ten years in the army and ten years of fighting. He was already worn out.

If it had not been for the unexpected situation at that time, he would not have gone back to the Southern Plains.

James picked up his cutlery and started to eat in silence.

'That's right...' Halfway through eating, James suddenly put down his knife and fork, looked at Thea, and asked, "Do you know about the Phantom Army, Thea?"

"Yes." Thea nodded and said, "After you left Sol, Maxine visited me quite often and chatted with me.

We've discussed some of the Capital's circumstances. I'm aware of the Phantom Army's appearance, and I know that Tobias is the Phantom Army's commander.

I'm also aware that the Phantom Army is made up entirely of ancient martial artists."

James pondered for a while and asked, "What do you think the Phantom Army was established for specifically?"

Since leaving the Cadens' Mansion, James had been thinking about this question.

He had thought of many possibilities, but he was not entirely sure of them.

James felt Thea had changed.

She was no longer the sweet and naive young girl she used to be.

The current Thea was acutely aware of the circumstances in the Capital and Sol.

Thea actually did have a conversation with Maxine about this.

She began to speak, "According to Maxine's careful analysis, after Tobias sneakily attacked Bennett and stole his Spirit Turtle's core, Tobias must be afraid of Bennett.

So, he's in need of a powerful ally.

"Before he snatched away the core, Tobias' cultivation base was at the seventh rank.

Now that he's refined the core, his cultivation base must have reached the eighth rank.

He shouldn't need an ally anymore after reaching the eighth rank.

"Given that the eighth rank is far too powerful, there aren't many people who can threaten him anymore.

"But he still became the commander of the Phantom Army. He was the head of the Caden family.

Eventhough the Caden family is powerful, they were never interested in politics. It's impossible for Tobias to become the commander of the Phantom Army without someone else's assistance.

"Furthermore, regarding Orient Commerce's recent performance, it's possible that the King of a century ago, a.k.a Lance, has stepped forward to take control of the overall situation.

"Across Sol, he's the only one capable of assembling an army of ancient martial artists in such a short period of time."

James was listening intently.

Thea continued, 'The Phantom Army may have been formed for a number of reasons.

First, to deal with the Gu Sect. Second, to maintain control over the King.

Third, to keep your power in check. More importantly, new forces are constantly emerging. It appeared that the earlier promise was no longer valid.

Lance was concerned that Sol would be in chaos and that he would lose control of Sol, so he began to reorganize Orient Commerce and established the Phantom Army. He might have made an agreement of some kind with Tobias."

"Hmm." James nodded softly after listening up until this point. "A precise and in-depth analysis."

He looked at Thea and inquired, "Did Maxine tell you these or did you figure them out yourself?"

Thea laughed and said, "How would I be able to do this? I don't even know anything about these, so I can't really assess the situation clearly. All of these are things Maxine told me while we were chatting. She said that

Sol's current situation is not very encouraging. It'll all depend on who wins when several parties are vying for supremacy."

"First, let's eat. After the meal, I'll pay a visit to the King to learn more about the situation."

James picked up his fork again.

When Thea noticed that James' suspicions about her identity had faded, she breathed a sigh of relief.

With a slightly pleading look on her pretty face, she gave James a worried glance and said, "Promise me, Honey. Once the election is over, stop worrying about it regardless of who wins or loses, okay?"

"Okay."

James nodded gently.

He did not know who could be the new King, but he was aware that for the new King's ascension, many would be sacrificed.

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Now, all James desired was to put everything to rest and give Sol a peaceful Capital.

Whether it would succeed or fail would depend on how the second half of the year played out.

If he was unable to resolve all of this before the election, it would be due to his lack of ability.

He would then stop being concerned about it.

James' promise put Thea at ease.

"I'll help you, Honey. I'll get you to retire with me, feeling relieved, and leave the Capital without any regrets.

When that time comes, you'll be free of worries, and be fully committed to being by my side."

James was unaware of the underlying meaning of her words.

He had no idea what Thea meant when she said she would help him.

From his point of view, Thea simply did not want to lead such a life and was wishing for less complicated and simpler days.

After the brief meal, James quickly departed and made his way to the Peace Mansion to see the King.

Thea, on the other hand, stayed at home to clean up the mess, wash the dishes, and tidy up the kitchen.

At the entrance of Peace Mansion...

A military vehicle was approaching.

James, who was wearing a casual outfit, stepped out of the car.

"Dragon King."

As soon as he got out of the car, the guards at the entrance of the Peace Mansion saluted in unison.

James walked over and inquired, "Is the King here?"

"Yes," a guard answered.

James headed straight into the Peace Mansion.

In Peace Mansion's library...

The King was writing with a fountain pen.

'Peace and prosperity.'

On the paper, he wrote these words in bold letters.

At this moment, Gloom walked in and said, "King, James has arrived."

"Alright."

The King put down the fountain pen he was holding, put on a coat, and walked out of the library toward the living room.

When he entered the living room, he noticed James was sitting on the sofa with a cigarette in his hand.

He walked over and sat down. "You're back?" he said with a smile.

"Yes." James was direct and to the point, "During the few days I was away, a lot has happened in Sol.

Even an army referred to as the Phantom Army appeared. What's the deal with that?"

"I knew you were going to ask about this."

The King's expression became solemn. He took a deep breath and said,

"Mr. Lance has stepped in and established the Phantom Army to restore balance to the situation.

He doesn't want the structure, which he spent years building, to fall apart."

The words of the King convinced James that the person behind Tobias was Lance.

"What are you going to do now?"

James looked at the King, curious about his next move.

With a hint of helplessness on the King's face, he said, "What can I do? I'm just a puppet. Despite my concern for the people, as well as the peace and stability of Sol, I am constrained in every way. I can't really do much."

"I'll take care of it, then."

With determination, James said, "Within the next six months, I'll definitely clean up all of these.

Even if I can't destroy Orient Commerce and the empire Lance has built, I'll at least get rid of everyone else who is involved."

The main reason James visited the King was to find out who was the person behind the Phantom Army. Once he learned that, he didn't stay much longer.

After making his promise, he got up and left.

The King then leaned back on the sofa when he was gone, showing a carefree side of himself.

"King." Gloom approached and stood to the side. "Is James truly reliable?" he asked.

The King questioned, "Why is he unreliable now?"

Gloom said, "Even though James was not in Sol for the past few days, everyone around him has been extremely busy. Especially Quincy. She's been quite active recently."

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James had summoned Quincy to the Capital.

Since he was aware of Orient Commerce's existence, he wished to establish a chamber of commerce in order to compete with Orient Commerce and reclaim control of Sol's economy from them.

In this day and age, money was everything. With enough money, one could rule over everything.

Quincy was quite active during this period.

After listening to Gloom, the King began to ponder. Up until this point, it had become increasingly difficult for him to see through James.

Although James appeared uninterested in the throne, everything he did was to pave the way for his ascension.

He rubbed his temples gently. Now, he was not sure if he should trust James.

"Gloom, tell me. What is James trying to do? He doesn't care about the King's position, and he's not interested in being at the helm of Sol, but he's doing so much.

And everything he does seems to be laying the groundwork for himself. Aside from Quincy, there's also Maxine."

The King's expression was solemn as he mentioned Maxine.

"Maxine is far too impressive. She was adopted by the Caden family, but she's now the head of the family, and she is firmly seated in that position, having gained their trust.

During this time, Maxine wasn't sitting around either. She's been up to a lot in the shadows.

"Maxine and Quincy. They are both people close to James."

Gloom responded, "I don't think James has any good intentions either. Why else would he be so dedicated to doing all of this?"

My guess is that even if James doesn't become King, he still wants Sol to be under his control. He's going to personally train someone to be the King."

"Then wouldn't that be like Mr. Lance?" said the King.

"Perhaps it'll be different." After giving it some thought, Gloom said, "At the very least, James wishes to end the convoluted connections in the Capital, dissolve Orient Commerce, and bring Lance down right now."

"We can only take it one step at a time." The King rose to his feet, deeply concerned, and said, "I simply don't want the new King to be ruled by others after assuming the throne. I don't want him to be another puppet."

As he was saying that, he left the Peace Mansion since he had a meeting to attend.

He did not go earlier because he knew James had returned.

The King knew James would come to him after returning to the Capital to inquire about the Phantom Army, so he specifically waited for James.

After leaving the Peace Mansion, James went back to Thea's courtyard.

According to his previous plan, he had intended to start dealing with the intricate connections in the Capital after his return from Durandal.

However, the Phantom Army sprung up.

Moreover, the commander of the Phantom Army was Tobias, the same person who had made a sneak attack on Bennett for the Spirit Turtle's core.

The Phantom Army's presence was partially intended to thwart him.

Right now, he could not make any rash decisions.

"Emperor, we've arrived."

The driver's voice interrupted James' train of thought.

"Hm."

James regained his composure, got out of the car, and entered the courtyard.

As soon as he entered the courtyard, he saw Thea standing in the garden. She was wielding a wooden sword, moving deliberately.

When she saw James had returned, she immediately tossed the wooden sword aside and approached him.

With a brilliant smile on her fair face, she asked while straightening his clothes, "Did it go smoothly?"

James nodded and said, "I met with the King.

Lance is now certain to be the man behind the Phantom Army.

I'm now under a lot of restrictions. I'm not sure how to proceed right now."

"Don't rush. Take it slowly. There's still time," comforted Thea.

She led James into the house.

Inside the house...

James was smoking incessantly while feeling gloomy.

Thea was sitting to one side and looking at James, whose face was filled with worry. She, too, was upset.

She was still not strong enough and could not help James get rid of all his problems.

"Honey."

She moved closer to James until she was right next to him.

She took his hand and snuggled up against his shoulder, saying softly, "Don't be hasty. We should take it one step at a time."

"I'm just worried." James sighed and said, "It's too chaotic where things are right now.

Various forces have emerged. There's also the Phantom Army now.

I'm at a loss for what to do next. I'm not sure where to begin.

Aside from that, I'm concerned that if I take action and end the current situation, I won't be able to deal with the fallout."

"It'll all work out somehow." Thea gripped James' hand firmly.

At this moment, the doorbell rang.

"I'll get the door."

Thea rose to her feet and exited the room. She arrived in the garden and opened the gate in the garden.

Outside the courtyard stood a strange man.

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"Who are you looking for?" When Thea looked at the strange man in front of her, she was taken aback.

The strange man was roughly in his forties, dressed plainly, and looked like a farmer.

He took out an elegant invitation and presented it to Thea.

"What's this?" Thea accepted it, puzzled.

"It's for James Caden," said the strange man.

He turned around and left after saying that.

Thea did not open it to take a look. She shut the gate and walked back into the house.

As soon as she entered, James asked, "Thea, who was it?"

"I don't know. They came to deliver an invitation to you."

Thea handed over the invitation she had in her hands.

"For me?"

James stared at the invitation in his hand, a puzzled expression on his face, and began to examine it.

The invitation was beautifully made. Nothing was written on the cover.

With confusion, he opened it.

'Letter of challenge.'

As soon as he opened it, he noticed these three words, large and conspicuous.

"After a week. In the Southern Plains, at Mt. Thunder Pass. A fight to the death."

When James read the words on the invitation, he was immediately baffled.

Thea also moved closer to take a look.

After reading the invitation, she asked, bewildered as well, "A letter of challenge.

In this day and age, who sends a letter of challenge? They didn't even leave their name."

"How would I know?"

James did not bother to give it much thought and casually tossed the letter he was holding onto the table.

He had too much on his plate right now. He did not have the time to travel to Mt.

Thunder Pass in the Southern Plains for a fight.

“Are you going?” asked Thea.

“I’m not going. This might be a ruse to lure me away. I can’t leave the Capital right now. If I leave and something happens, I certainly won’t be able to make it back in time.”

“Oh.”

Thea uttered a quiet ‘oh’ and did not ask any more questions.

However, at this precise moment, James’ phone started to ring.

He pulled out his phone and took a glance. The caller was an unknown number.

After a brief hesitation, he took the call.

“Who is it?” James asked.

A deep voice could be heard through the phone.

“Have you received the letter of challenge, James?”

James perked up and straightened his back.

“You’re the one who sent me the letter. Who are you?” he asked.

“Who I am is irrelevant. If you want Delilah to live, let’s have a duel at Mt. Thunder Pass in the Southern Plains after a week.

If you defeat me, I’ll let her go. If you lose, both of you must die.”

Beep, beep, beep...

The other person ended the call.

James’ expression slowly darkened.

Thea was sitting right next to James. She also heard what the other person had said.

“Honey, are you going then?”

“Yes, I’ll go.”

James wore a solemn expression.

He did not know who sent him the letter of challenge.

Nevertheless, he had to go since this involved Delilah. It involved the daughter of his former comrade-in-arms.

Even if Mt. Thunder Pass was hostile territory, he had to go.

"I'm going to call Maxine. I'll have her look into this with the connections of the Caden family and find out who sent you this letter," said Thea.

"Alright."

James nodded.

He leaned against the sofa and started to get lost in his thoughts.

James had already reached the eighth rank.

Aside from that, it was no secret that he had defeated the Archbishop at Mount Olympus in Durandal, demonstrating his immense strength.

Every ancient martial artist in Sol should have been aware of his power.

Despite all of that, someone sent him a letter of challenge.

Who was this person?

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James' strength was no longer a secret. However, someone still sent him a letter of challenge.

There were only two possible explanations for this.

One was that his opponent was extremely powerful and had the confidence to defeat him.

The second possibility was that this was all part of a ruse.

According to James' assumption, it was the second.

He had a very strong feeling that something bad was going to happen in the Capital.

The other person was trying to draw him to Mt. Thunder Pass in the Southern Plains, a great distance away.

Despite knowing this, he had no choice but to go since he did not dare to take a gamble.

"Thea, I'm going to talk to Maxine about it."

James was at a bit of a loss. Since he was in the thick of it, he could not assess the situation clearly.

He needed to talk it over with someone else who was not involved.

“Okay.”

Thea did not get jealous either.

James stood up and left quickly without staying any longer.

After he left, the smile on Thea’s face faded and was replaced by a solemn expression.

She picked up the letter of challenge on the table and stared at it for a while before pulling out her phone and calling a number.

“Use all the Celestial Sect’s resources to find out who sent the letter to James.”

“Understood.”

A voice could be heard over the phone.

Thea then ended the call.

James had left Thea’s house and was making his way to the Cadens’ Mansion. He called Maxine as he was not sure if she was at the Cadens’ Mansion.

If she was not there, he would be making a pointless trip.

“Maxine, are you home?”

“Yes, I am.”

“I’m on my way to you right now.”

“Sure.”

After the brief conversation, James hung up and sat back in the backseat, then closed his eyes and rested.

He arrived at the Cadens’ Mansion shortly.

At the courtyard of the Cadens’ mansion...

In a side room...

Maxine was working late last night. She had intended to take a nap in the afternoon.

She did not sleep, though, because James had called.

At the moment, she was standing to the side with her hands crossed, dressed in a pair of somewhat thin pajamas.

She looked at James, who was sitting and smoking dejectedly, and could not help but remind him, "Smoke less."

Maxine was very attractive. She had become increasingly charming, especially after she assumed the role of the family head.

James, however, was not in the mood to appreciate the beauty before him.

"Who do you think it was that sent me the letter, Maxine?"

Maxine pondered for a while and said, "According to what you've said before, the leader of the Valhalla Sect took Quincy, so if they have Quincy, they would be the person who sent you the letter, but..."

She paused after saying that.

"Whether this Rodent person is working alone or with someone else is currently unknown. Nevertheless, I do think he might have teamed up with someone."

"Then who do you think this person is?" inquired James.

Maxine shook her head slightly and said, deliberating, "It's hard to tell. It might be Mr. Lance, but it could also be Lucjan.

Perhaps there are other forces in the shadows as well. Don't dwell on it too much, James. Different situations call for different actions, and you're not alone."

Maxine sat beside James and could not help but take his hands in hers.

James tensed up slightly and cast a glance at Maxine.

He saw the flawless face in front of him, as well as her slightly fluttering lashes.

It took him a few moments to react and, with a slight struggle, pull away from Maxine's hands.

Maxine smiled.

James' actions were exactly what she had expected.

He took a deep breath and said, "Given the current state of the Capital, I believe something is about to happen here.

I'm planning on going to the fight at Mt. Thunder Pass in the Southern Plains, but I'm worried about the Capital."