

# Harvey York's Rise to Power Chapter 3585

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After lightly blowing on the tea, Harvey York calmly said. "According to my information

"Both the incidents with people smashing up my place and the car accident

Even Clyde Osborne's appearance seemed to be tied to Joseph Bauer

Your family's young master has been playing underhanded tricks like these since he was at a disadvantage What a boring man

"But since he wants to play dirty. I'm also willing to play along.

Harvey chuckled

"Speaking of, how did Young Master Bauer know that Joseph's chain Budokans have problems with their teaching manuals?

"He even knows that the students will turn out that way without sufficient protein intake.

"All I did was change out their homemade breakfast. I didn't think we'd be able to do this much damage..."

"Before Joseph rose to power, he was Young Master Bauer's subordinate," replied Elanor Stanton coldly.

"Young Master Bauer knows him like the back of his palm.

"He only didn't touch him before because he wants to see how he'd fare against Harold Bauer."

Harvey smiled.

"It's a shame that Young Master Bauer's lackey came back to bite him. Joseph had no intention of going against Harold after his rise. He intentionally remained neutral so he could keep everything to an impasse.

"He even used Flutwell's business alliance to pull many people to his side. Young Master Bauer would have difficulty touching him even if he wanted to.

Then, Harvey sat up straight.

"Simply put, I accomplished Young Master Bauer's long-awaited wish. I wonder how he'll thank me later..."

Elanor showed mixed emotions on her face before she heaved a sigh.

"Young Master Bauer said he'll remain friends with you forever.

"He'll invite you to a banquet with the Bauer family when his arms are fully recovered.

"You should know that there aren't many people with that privilege."

"A banquet with the Bauer family?"

Harvey cracked a smile.

"I'm thrilled."

Elanor nodded before changing the subject.

"What about the unconscious students?"

"If we let all of them die, Joseph wouldn't be able to survive through the day.

"Why don't we just end their suffering right now?"

Harvey squinted before he curiously stared at Elanor.

Mandy Zimmer told me that you'll kill off every single prominent figure in the entertainment industry who Tried to sleep with you and dig up their ancestors just to burn them to a crisp.

didn't believe it at first, but now I do

That said, I do things without remorse. I'm not as ruthless nor as stupid as you!"

Elanor slightly changed her expression.

"What do you mean by that?"

Harvey stood up and patted Elanor's shoulder with a smile.

"If I really did just that, I would be able to deal with Joseph once and for all..."

"But you'll have control of me instead.

"When that happens, your young master will have a chance to rise again..."

"Only idiots would do something like that, right?"

Elanor changed her expression again before forcing out a smile.

"You're joking, Sir York. Young Master Bauer and I would never do something like that!"

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Harvey smiled

This has nothing to do with me

"However, I don't kill innocents."

Not just that, I'm also planning to fix these people up so they can train again and not turn into cripples after a decade or two"

"It's easy to kill, but it's difficult to save"

"That said, I choose to do exactly that!"

"This is why we're different "

While the chain Budokans' incident was escalating...

The students who graduated from them fell into a coma as well, as they couldn't buy the supplements that Flutwell's business alliance supplied.

These people were all sent to the hospital. None of them were able to wake up even after a long time had passed

Everyone in the city was already showing their doubts. This situation gave the Flutwell's business alliance incredible stress.

The solution wasn't as simple as halting their businesses. The police and the Martial Arts Alliance were now investigating every instructor and worker from the related Budokans.

Too many people were already involved in the situation. Even if the government wanted to suppress the matter from the public, nothing much could be done.

Besides, the government had no intention to do such a thing in the first place.

Simply put, Joseph was suffering a lot harder than before.

If this continued, Flutwell's business alliance would most likely crumble sooner or later, especially when they had lost a lot from the incident with Flutwell's new district.

Meanwhile, Harvey's Martial Hall was fully renovated in the quickest time possible.

Layne got out of the hospital ahead of time and returned with the other instructors.

Through multiple sources, Harvey announced that the students from the chain Budokans were in a coma because of the teaching manuals supplied there. Their bodies were completely hurt because of their

improper training.

Even if there was no clear injury, the students would still be in big trouble within the next few decades if their bodies aren't in tip-top shape.

They would either stay in a coma forever, or be crippled for the rest of their lives.

After that, Harvey told everyone that the Martial Hall would be able to deal with this problem.

However, they needed to pay fourteen thousand dollars to be treated!

The wealthy families came to the Martial Hall filled with doubt when the hospitals weren't able to bring their kids back.

They were showing fierce expressions, filled with disbelief over Harvey's words

They claimed that they would burn the Martial Hall down and not pay up if their kids were still

unconscious after the treatment.

However they met the shock of their lives.

Harvey only tapped the students' bodies a few times and applied some pressure in a few spots. Right after that, they woke up.

After coughing out a mouthful of black blood, they were completely back to normal, as if nothing ever happened

Harvey told the students to not make use of anything the chain Budokans taught anymore.

If not, even God wouldn't be able to save them.

The students didn't believe Harvey at first, but after making sure that they were fully recovered in the hospitals...

They and their families were filled with joy.

Soon after, word spread.

Before a whole day could pass, dozens of victims' families rushed over to Harvey.

Harvey casually saved all of the affected students, completely shocking the families, the bystanders, and the media as well.

All of a sudden, his sky high fees weren't a problem anymore.

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Soon, students and their families flooded the Martial Hall like a huge tide

Harvey had already prepared for the situation. He was determined to charge the students for fourteen thousand dollars, he didn't want to pretend to be nice. If the families didn't have money, he would tell them to ask Flutwell's business alliance for it

At the same time he taught Layne and the other instructors the tricks he used to save the students of the

chain Budokans

Under his lead, the students were completely back to normal after coughing out blood

Some of the media didn't believe that there was someone who had the power to cure the students And so, they dragged the students to inspect their bodies, and ended up shocked.

The students who seemed like they were dead for sure had ordinary body readings. The reporters were absolutely baffled

Soon, Martial Hall and Harvey's name echoed throughout Flutwell.

After a series of events, many people realized that the Martial Hall was probably the best Budokan in Flutwell.

If it weren't for Harvey's enrollment limit and fees, the door of the Martial Hall would've been constantly

swarmed.

That said, the fees of Harvey's students next semester shot up tenfold instantly.

There were even scalpers trying to take up spots for the enrollment.

Harvey ignored such trivial matters, for he knew it was normal; all enrollment related problems were handed to Layne instead.

On the one hand, she would have something to be in charge of. On the other hand, this was also a test for

her.

While Harvey and the Martial Hall's name spread throughout Flutwell...

Joseph was boiling with anger after seeing the news in the Bauer family's courtyard.

"That b\*stard!"

"That f\*cking b\*stard!"

"I was wondering who it was! It was him after all!"

Joseph's calm attitude was thrown out the window; he instantly threw a vase on the table to the ground, panting furiously.

'I did coerce Clyde to go against Harvey, and thought of more ways to screw with him in secret..."

'But he shouldn't be doing something like this!"

'He's a good man!"

'He has an award for that!"

'How could he do something like this?!"

Harvey was on the verge of destroying everything Joseph fought for for the past six years with just a small trick! This was simply outrageous!

Joseph badly wanted to go to the Martial Hall so he could beat Harvey senseless!

That b\*stard's just insane!

Even though Joseph was panicking, he knew he had become the center of attention. Even the Bauer family needed to stay low, let alone him.

If anything were to happen to him, the students' families would swarm him.

The families that asked for their money back would be a small matter, but he wouldn't be able to ask for compensation even if he was beaten to death!

Joseph had no choice but to swallow his rage and stop going against Harvey for the time being.

After taking a deep breath, he calmly waited for the results of the joint investigation.

"Young Master Bauer! The results are out!"

Ruby rushed over with a horrible look.

"According to the results, the students were malnourished, and passed out because of blood loss..."

"Some people already speculated that the teaching manuals might've been the problem."

"If they find that out..."

Ruby's eyes were twitching frantically.

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"Didn't I tell those bestards already?"

"The students meals have nutritional supplements inside! They need to take the supplements we sell after graduation as well

We'll be able to earn money endlessly that way! They'll be safe and sound as well!"

"Why did this happen?"



Joseph's eyes were cold, his teaching manual and supplements go hand in hand

Other than making the students stronger, he could also reap their money

Why did something like this have to happen to his near-flawless plan?

"Did something happen to our supplements? No! Impossible!"

This is our lifeline! Our assembly line's extremely strict! We wouldn't make anything shady in the first place!"

That b\*stard Harvey even picked the perfect time to save the students! There's no way they'll train with us ever again..."

"This was clearly an attack!"

Ruby frowned.

"This all happened because the students passed out..."

"But there's no way the breakfast would be the problem."

"We added addictive drugs to the food as well. The students would feel horrible if they didn't eat the food

"The supplements too."

"What would be the problem, then?"

Joseph's expression changed. Then, he took a deep breath.

"I get it now. It's not because of our products!"

"Harvey must've changed the ingredients of the food after buying out our people!"

"The students didn't eat their breakfast, nor did they take the supplements we prepared for them. After high-intensity training, they'd surely pass out!"

"Just like that, he made it look like this was our problem!"

"Where did this b\*stard find out that there was a problem with the teaching manual? What about the food and supplements?!"

Harvey's simple move was enough to shoot Joseph in the foot.

And Joseph couldn't explain anything to the public.

People were already screaming at him; if he tried to explain the situation, saying that the students only passed out because they weren't eating the breakfast or the supplements from the Budokans...

He would definitely be beaten to death like a rat on the streets by angry mobs!

What should we do now?

The fa, Tories and shopping centers under our name are all shut down! We won't be able to sell the supplements right now!" Ruby exclaimed

the graduated students aren't able to buy more, there'll be more casualties!"

"We'll be in bigger trouble if that happens!"

"Besides, that b\*stard Harvey's a teacher now."

"The reputation of his Budokan will rise every time he saves someone! Our Budokans will lose credibility"

Ruby's face was awful. She felt extremely helpless.

She was well-versed in combat, but schemes like this were exhausting for her.

Thus, she couldn't tell what Harvey was planning to do next.

Joseph's expressions kept changing constantly. Finally, he exclaimed coldly, "No! We can't let this keep going! We'll remain passive if this keeps up!"

"Tell the sports department to do something about this!"

"There's no way Harvey's Budokan is completely flawless!"

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"There's something big going on, Young Master Bauer!"

Right as Ruby was about to make a phone call, Ozzy rushed in with an excited look.

"Look! Look at the news! Someone's trying to kill Harvey!"

Joseph froze. Then, he glanced at the TV.

Ruby picked up the remote and changed the channel.

Joseph's face darkened immediately after.

Hundreds of men with masks showed up.

They were all carrying knives, metal pipes, and wooden sticks, and were fiercely chasing the students and their families away.

They even said that they would burn the Martial Hall down!

More importantly, they were all wearing clothes that belonged to Flutwell's business alliance.

They had arrogant looks on their faces as they announced that Joseph was their master, and that he was the true master of the Bauer family.

Someone even kicked and smashed the things around whenever they could.

The newly-renovated door was completely destroyed again.

That said, not only were they not able to take down the Martial Hall, they had completely incited rage in the people's hearts.

'This is insane!"

'They're completely lawless!"

'The students' lives mean nothing to them!"

When the beautiful yet miserable-looking Layne coughed up blood after getting kicked to the ground, the students' families weren't able to hold back their anger any longer.

They all started hitting the men in masks with the benches in front of them, and chased the men away.

A lot of people even swore not to buy anything from Flutwell's business alliance ever again.

The crowd was in an uproar.

The people were completely against Flutwell's business alliance.

"B\*stard!"

Joseph was completely infuriated; he instantly slapped Ozzy to the ground before screaming furiously. " You call this a good thing?!"

"Talk! Who sent them?!"

"Why would you send people to do something like this? Are you insane?!"

"Even I wouldn't dare do this!"

"Don't you know that you should report back first?!"

Everyone looked at each other without saying a single word.

Joseph revealed a bitter expression.

"Do none of you understand that we're the center of attention now?"

"Other than proving that we're problematic, you'll force everyone in Flutwell to go against me!"

"Talk! Who did this?!"

"I won't kill you if you don't speak up right now!"

"If I find out myself, I'll beat you to death!"

Joseph sent his coffee table flying with a single kick, seething with rage.

The place was dead silent; nobody dared to say a word.

"It really wasn't us, Young Master Bauer!" Ruby exclaimed with a horrible look.

"Yeah, Young Master Bauer! We're not idiots! We wouldn't do something like this right now!"

"Right! It wasn't us!"

"If it wasn't any of you and it wasn't me, did Harvey do all this...?"

"Is he insane?"

"He..."

Joseph froze before realizing something.

'Did he put up a show?!"

'That b\*stard!'

Joseph gritted his teeth. He then tore a painting with the word "calm" written on it.

"You manipulative f\*ck!"

"I'll f\*cking kill you!"

## Chapter 3590

"Sir York really knows how to torture someone's heart..."

The next day, after Joseph had exploded in anger because of the incident, Jeff was squinting at the TV on the wall while his arms were covered in bandages.

The person attentively massaging his legs was none other than the fifth mistress, Elanor.

She was wearing a traditional gown, but the curve of her body was showing slightly because of the thin silk around her chest and waist.

A few doctors couldn't help taking a few admiring glances, but they were quickly scared off by Jeff.

"This was definitely Harvey's doing."

Elanor flashed him a beautiful smile.

"Because of our alliance with Harvey, Joseph and Flutwell's business alliance are at the center of

attention."

"With Joseph's smarts, he knows he should be very discreet about things."

"He'd have a death wish if he's still planning to go against Harvey."

"That said, those who were arrested confessed that they were from Flutwell's business alliance after being interrogated!"

"What a way to hurt someone's reputation!"

"If these people admitted that they were Joseph's men in the beginning, the police would probably doubt them..."

"But confessions after the interrogations make their words more believable!"

"I didn't think that Harvey would be this good at playing tricks like these!"

Elanor sighed.

"I really hope Harvey will be our ally for as long as possible."

"Joseph's insane to fan the flames behind Clyde like that! That was why Harvey decided to pick up the pace!"

Elanor's lips curved into an attractive smirk.

She had kept Harvey's check somewhere safe, so she felt that she should be saying good things about

him.

Other than the money, Elanor couldn't tell exactly how terrified of Harvey she was.

"What a shameless man!"

The seventh mistress who had always been fighting against Elanor for Jeff's love, Audrey Lope, pouted her exquisite little mouth.

"He should be following the rules of Flutwell!" she exclaimed while feeding Jeff a piece of sliced apple.

"Power is everything! Just kill whoever you don't like!"

"That's what a man should be like!"

"Harvey's completely embarrassing all men for doing something like this!"

"Flutwell's rules are changing because of him!"

"People like that are no good!"

"Even if Joseph crossed him-even if Joseph did go to the extremes just to deal with him..."

"He shouldn't just do something like this! There's always a bottom line!"

"No matter what, he's Young Master Bauer's ally. He can't just have the same standard as the despicable b\*stard Joseph!"

"What an arrogant fool! It seemed he won, but he has completely shamed you in the process, Young Master Bauer!"

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Naturally, Harvey and Rachel promised not to say anything that happened in Charity Garden.

The guests naturally kept quiet about the matter as well...

Audrey had no idea that her beloved young master got trampled on by Harvey.

That was why she was filled with disdain when she saw Harvey on TV.

"Other than making other people think that he's just some small fry who can only pull underhanded tricks, your reputation is also being affected!"

"Everyone will wonder how someone like you could stoop so low just to work with him!"

"That's why, I suggest you stop working with him instead!"

"You're the eldest son of your family. You're destined to rise to power!"

"Joseph has no right to compete against your status!"

"You should be more aware of that!"

"If not, it'll be bad if the elders start scolding you about it!"

"You should stand up and stop Harvey's actions!"

"Joseph and Flutwell's business alliance won't be taken down, but it'll surely bolster your reputation."



"Maybe Joseph might just return the favor and deal with Harold with you!"

"I think you'll have the most benefit if you do that!"

Audrey kept pushing out her opinions, as if they were actually impressive ideas.

Anyone with half a brain could tell that she was just trying to contradict Elanor and fight for Joseph's love.

"Enough!" Jeff screamed at Audrey, his face gloomy.

"What does a woman like you know about anything?!"

"I'll slap you to death if you keep yapping!"

Audrey jumped after hearing those words. She wouldn't dare say another word; all she did was glare. coldly.

Jeff knew that Audrey was in a bad mood, but he ignored her and looked at Elanor instead.

"I haven't paid attention to what was happening outside while I'm here."

"Which is why, I don't know what's going to happen."

"I need you to do everything you can to support Harvey!"

"Tell him that I'll treat him to a meal when he's done dealing with Joseph. I might even make an oath with him to swear eternal partnership!"

"This is me showing my sincerity!"

Elanor nodded.

"I understand. I'll tell him that."

Elanor stood up, turned around and left.

Jeff sat up and lit up a cigar, and took a quick huff.

"What are you thinking, Young Master Bauer?" Audrey asked quietly.

"We're in a good situation right now, aren't we?"

"What are you still worried about?"

Jeff glanced at Audrey and pinched at her beautiful face.

"You heard everything already. You already know."

"Harvey is a sharp blade. He's extremely effective at taking out people like Joseph..."

"But if he gets too sharp, he might just cut me instead..."

A cold gleam could be seen in Jeff's eye. His injuries started to ache again.

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Audrey was surprised.

"Young Master, even a double-sided firearm wouldn't be able to hurt you, let alone a blade..."

"You don't get it."

"Not only is Harvey completely insane, but he also doesn't fear anyone."

"He's like a ticking time bomb-the ones that'll explode at any moment."

Naturally, Jeff didn't think of Audrey as just a plaything.

"People like him can definitely benefit us, but they'll also hurt us in return if we're not careful..."

"That's why I'm thinking of ways to deal with him when Joseph's gone."

There was an odd gaze on Jeff.

He was showing admiration, fear, and unbridled rage toward Harvey.

Whenever he thought of Harvey, his composure shook.

Audrey pondered about the situation for a while.

"Young Master. Since he's such a good blade, why don't we just use him to deal with both Joseph and Harold?"

"It'll be easy for you to kill Harvey after you rise to power, won't it?"

"After I rise to power?"

Jeff chuckled coldly.

"When he's done dealing with those two, he might just come at me right after!"

"He's trying to do the same, after all."

"Ah!"

Audrey couldn't help but cover her little mouth. Naturally, she didn't understand why Harvey had the right to rise in the Bauer family.

"Not the family, but Longmen itself."

Jeff took a sip of water with a gloomy look.

"I received word that Harvey York is most likely the newly-appointed head of Longmen's Law Enforcement."

"He participated in the Longmen Summit and was the final candidate who passed."

"Once he wins the entire tournament, together with his identity, it'll be easy for him to rise as the master of Longmen!"

"The Bauer family does come second in the top ten families, but the benefit of being a master of the family is to have control of Longmen."

"But if Harvey manages to rise to power, do you think he'll suppress me first or the other way around?"

Naturally, Jeff had thought long and far about these things.

Audrey froze.

"You're saying Harvey's been after that position since the very beginning?" she asked, stuttering.

"He went against Joseph and the Indians just for this?"

"Did he join forces with you because of this as well?"

"Most likely."

Jeff's gaze was filled with horror; he could feel his injuries aching when he reminded himself of the situation.

"Did you realize?" he asked quietly.

"When Harvey went against Joseph, other than the Martial Hall and a few members of the Hatchet Gar he used more of my connections to back him up?"

"Logically speaking, he should've been using his men in Longmen's Law Enforcement."

"After all, those people are his. It'd be easier for him to control them, anyway."

"Yet, he still asked us to deal with all those other forces."

"What does this mean?" 1

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Audrey froze.

"That means... Joseph will most likely shift all the blame to you!"

"And Harold will think you're the culprit behind the entire thing?"

"He's probably planning to deal with you as we speak!"

"Harvey seemed like your weapon on the surface..."

"But in reality, he's the one wielding you."

"He wanted you and Harold to go against each other after he's done with Joseph!"

"That way, he'll be the one watching the show behind the scenes!"

Jeff showed an expression as cold as ice. He smirked.

"I have to admit, Harvey is quite capable."

Jeff was the one who orchestrated the incident, but after Harvey acted, he felt like he was the one getting schemed on.

There was admiration and murderous intent in his gaze.

In Jeff's eyes, Harvey was an extremely manipulative and unpredictable man.

"Harvey's insane, Young Master!"

"Once Joseph falls, you might be in danger!"

Audrey was panicking, since her wealth and glory came hand in hand with Jeff.

"You're an upstanding man, Young Master, but Harvey's such a despicable b\*stard!"

"He's no match for you head-to-head, but he'll surely play tricks on you behind the scenes!"  
Audrey was worried sick for her man.

"We need to think of something right now, Young Master! If not, we'll be the ones suffering!"

"It's fine. I told you already: we'll have a nice long chat with Sir York in a few days when I invite him to a meal."

Jeff revealed a profound smile as he was reminded of the time he got furiously slapped around in Charity Garden.

A hint of rage colored his eyes.

"There's a reason why I'm inviting him..."

"I'll make sure he doesn't come out of that banquet alive!"

While Jeff was busy scheming against Harvey...

Harvey was entering a bullright with his arms across his chest.

Other than a few security guards, nobody else was there.

Elanor held a glass of champagne while leaning on the railing of the VIP seat, narrowing her eyes at the

exquisite scenery.

Harvey couldn't help but admire the sight.

After talking to Elanor a few times, he could tell she wasn't as cold and distant as he once thought. She had quite the feminine charm to her as well.

That said, the moment she got into the entertainment industry and became one of Jeff's mistresses...

She had been fighting for her very life.

Elanor would've been torn to pieces if she didn't reveal her fangs in such an environment.

Elanor suddenly turned around as if she heard Harvey's footsteps, immediately breaking the beautiful sight.

She walked over in her high heels and poured a glass of champagne for Harvey before relaying Jeff's

invitation.

"Oh? Young Master Bauer's inviting me to a meal?"

"He's probably going to kill me there, isn't he?" Harvey said with a faint smile.

Elanor smiled back.

"You think too much. I've been with Young Master Bauer for quite a while."

"I can tell he really admires you. He's showing you his sincerity by inviting you to a meal."

"Please don't misunderstand him."

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"Sure. I'll have to show my respect if you say so."

"It doesn't matter if he's planning to kill me or not. I'll go either way."

"Tell him I'll be there on time."

"I hope he'll give me a nice surprise."

Harvey's words had a different meaning, but Elanor didn't understand him.

"I'll make sure to tell him that," she replied with an innocent look.

She calmly sat on the couch and crossed her slender legs, and gestured to Harvey to sit.

"Please. I'd say we're friends now."

"We had a bad start before. Consider this an apology."

"Of course, I'll do my best to satisfy you if you need anything else."

"These are Young Master Bauer's orders, of course."

Elanor revealed a meaningful look when she said those words; she was ripe for the picking at that very

moment.

Any man would never have the capacity to decline such an offer.

It was a shame. Elanor's calm gaze shifted away before it turned to shock.

She saw that Harvey was still smiling, but his expression held neither ridicule nor menace.

Elanor couldn't help but be impressed by Harvey.

After all, it was her first time seeing such a composed man.

Elanor quickly retracted the seductive look on her face before flashing him an apologetic smile.

"I'm sorry, Sir York. I was being rash."

"Not at all. It's my fault for being inconsiderate."

Harvey smiled back.

"That said, I really do hope that we can be good friends."

"After all, this is a more stable relationship in this day and age."

"You're inseparable from my alliance with Young Master Bauer, too."

"I'll remember that."

"You really are extraordinary, Sir York..."



Elanor sighed.

"But you jest. I know I'm just a pawn..."

"Or rather, a cannon fodder."

"My efforts wouldn't affect you and Young Master Bauer's collaboration in any way."

"After all, it's much better to make friends with you than to be enemies."

"From another perspective, you're the one who allowed me to show my worth and ability to Young Master Bauer so he can take a liking toward me."

"I should be thanking you instead."

"Because of this, I think we shouldn't be too formal about things."

Elanor spoke in a quiet tone. Then, she pulled out a check from her Hermes bag and hesitantly set it in front of Harvey.

This was the money Harvey gave her before.

Naturally, Elanor was a smart woman; she knew all too well about Jeff.

She knew Jeff's invitation was nothing good.

She made everything sound nice to the ear, and gave the check back to draw a line between her and Harvey.

In truth, she didn't want to get involved in the situation.

Safe to say, she was a bright woman-so bright it could be considered surprising.

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Harvey raised his head and glanced at Elanor. He chuckled.

"I have to say, you're not really treating me as a friend right now."

"This was my meeting gift-you're disrespecting me if you're giving it back right now."

"People of Flutwell now call me the grandmaster of martial arts. It's inappropriate for you to do something like this, don't you think?"

Even though Harvey said that, he didn't seem too surprised.

After all, Elanor was a smart woman, she knew full well that she needed to break off from Harvey to prevent herself from getting involved.

Harvey admired her because of this.

"Of course I need to show my respect to you..."

"But in the end, I still belong to Young Master Bauer."

Elanor calmly looked for an excuse.

"As one of Young Master Bauer's mistresses, there'll be a day where I will be sent to limbo."

I may seem like I have a bright future ahead of me with all this authority, but just as you found out, I don't have much money."

"The properties I own don't even amount to a million dollars."

"Seventy million dollars is a number I wouldn't even dare think about in the first place."

"That's why I'll get in trouble because of this!"

"If I take your money, Young Master Bauer will find out no matter how hard I hide it."

"When that happens, I'll die a horrible death..."

"That's why. For me and our friendship, you should take the money back."

Elanor showed a stern look when she glanced at the check she put down.

"I have to admit, you have a pretty good reason-so good I almost had to take the check back."

Harvey showed a faint smile when he picked up the check.

"That said, you're not telling me the entire truth."

"You didn't give the check back because you were scared of being found out."

"You know full well Young Master Bauer has no space for friendship."

"When I'm done dealing with Joseph, he'll come at me instantly after, right?"

"Maybe during the banquet. Or maybe not."

"But when that happens..."

"You'll join me six feet under if he finds out you have my money."

Elanor's eyes twitched slightly after hearing Harvey's calm words, as if he was reading her like an open

book.

She forced out a chuckle.

"You must be joking. Why would he do something like that when he admires you so much?"

"Right. There's no need to stay on topic. That said, are you really content right now, CEO Stanton?" Harvey flashed her a faint smile.

"After a few years, maybe a decade, you'll be cast away."

"When that happens, everything you have will be owned by a younger woman...."

"You might just lose your life if you even say something wrong."

"You're a smart woman. Do you really want to accept such a bleak future?"

Elanor frowned, but she didn't say a word.

"Are you really not going to think for yourself? Or rather, aren't you willing to take a gamble?"

"If you want to, I'm willing to turn the money into an investment for you."

"An investment for Hearthstone Corporation, of course."

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"With the money, you'll get five percent of the company's shares."

"You should be able to tell that Hearthstone Corporation has a bright future ahead."

"With the shares, whether you want to go abroad or stay in a top-tier city in the country, you'll be able to enjoy glory and riches for the rest of your life."

"Is this not better than being a nameless woman?"

Harvey didn't hide anything from Elanor at all; he wanted her with Hearthstone Corporation.

After all, he knew that both he and Mandy wouldn't be able to stay in Flutwell for long.

But with someone like Elanor, the company would surely function without any problems.

Elanor froze. Then, she chuckled shyly.

"Sir York, you don't seem like you're trying to win me over. You sound like you're planning to take care of a mistress or something!"

She knew Harvey wasn't only winning her over to protect the company...

It was more likely she was asked to work for him.

After being with Jeff for so many years, Elanor knew Flutwell like the back of her palm.

With her, it wouldn't be hard for anyone to expand in the city.

"I don't think I can even take care of you properly, nor would I dare to; my wife will rip me to shreds."

Harvey smiled while deflecting Elanor's flirting.

"That said, I'd really want you to work for Hearthstone Corporation."

"The executive CEO position has been empty for a while. I think you'll be a perfect fit for it."

Harvey raised his glass.

Elanor smiled.

"Aren't you scared of Young Master Bauer misunderstanding you if he hears about this?"

"I'm still his woman, after all."

Harvey thought about the situation for a while...

"In reality, I think you're just his tool," he replied with a serious expression.

"His tool?"

Elanor froze before revealing a bitter smile.

"You got me. That's right, I am indeed just a tool..."

"All seventy-two mistresses are just dispensable tools for Young Master Bauer, anyway."

"Since we're here already, I'll take the shares."

"Everyone needs to take a gamble for themselves at least once."

Elanor raised her head before gulping down her glass of champagne.

Harvey smiled without saying another word.

Since Jeff was planning to kill off Harvey during the banquet, he didn't mind ruining that plan.

Vroom!

At this very moment, a loud sound could be heard from the side of the building.

The unstable building collapsed in an instant.

Two rough-looking off-road cars stopped right in front of Harvey and Elanor.

Pitch-black firearms poked out of the windows before the triggers were pulled

"Look out!"

Harvey's expression changed instantly.

Right before bullets ricocheted all over the place, Harvey jumped right toward Elanor, and the two rolled to the side.

Brrr!

The place Harvey and Elanor had sat moments ago turned to rubble in an instant.

The entire place was a mess; bullet shells lay all over the ground.

Then, the car doors were kicked open. Several Indians in camouflage uniforms jumped out.