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Zoey was angry too, and she insisted, "And I say that it will not happen! My name is Zoey Lopez, and no one can change that!"

"Fine, you forced me to do this. Guys, take her away! She will change her surname one way or another!" commanded Dustin.

The four men who had come with Dustin took Zoey away forcefully.

Oriental Star Group was in a mess.

Still, their opponent was a powerful figure from South City, so what could they do?

"This is our family's internal matter, and if anyone dares to butt in, the Lopez family from South City will show no mercy!" threatened Dustin before he left.

That frightened everyone even more.

In the end, Zoey was dragged back to the family's home.

They forced Zoey to kneel in front of the Lopez family's' ancestral hall.

"Sir, we have talked to the related departments, and Zoey's surname can be changed at any time."

Upon hearing that report, Dustin turned to Zoey and scoffed, "Pick any other surname. You are not worthy to be called a Lopez."

Zoey shook her head. "That will never happen! My name is Zoey Lopez, and I will not stand idly by even if you have the departments legally change my name. I will just change it back."

Everyone was shocked by Zoey's persistence.

"Damn you, Zoey Lopez. How dare you disregard the family rules?"

Dustin could feel his authority being challenged, and that infuriated him.

"Sir, that is how she has always been. She has never respected the Lopez family in North Hampton or in South City."

Shaun and the others kept stoking the fire from the side.

"I will order you one last time. Change your freaking surname!"

Dustin growled as he forced his anger down.

Zoey remained stubborn and ignored her safety then.

"No freaking way! You can demand a hundred times, but my answer will remain the same."

Dustin didn't look angry. Instead, he laughed and commented, "Fine then, you're being stubborn! Guys, prepare the whips in accordance with the family rules. I will hit her until she bows down!"

Dustin had just finished speaking when two of his subordinates approached with a long whip.

The more powerful a family was, the crazier and stricter their rules were.

Those in the family who disobeyed the rules would inevitably be whipped.

The whip would be so strong and harsh that its victim would need at least ten days of bed rest to recover.

Even Harry trembled at the sound of it.

He had seen the consequences of being whipped before.

One whip was sufficient to break its victim's skin and tear its victim's flesh.

Harry had seen a man suffer ten whips; he had taken a month to recover.

Harry never thought Dustin would do that to Zoey.

Zoey's stubbornness had obviously triggered Dustin, and the latter said, "I will carry that punishment out!"

Dustin took the whip and grinned like a cruel demon when he turned to Zoey.

"Zoey Lopez, you are an unfilial member of the Lopez family and have ignored our rules. You even abandoned our ancestral teaching, and as such, you will be punished."

"You will be removed from the family tree and will change your surname!" commanded Dustin cruelly.

"We will start with ten whips!"

Dustin could already see how horribly Zoey would bleed after being whipped.

Harry grew nervous then.

It didn't matter how angry or disappointed he was at Zoey.

She was still his granddaughter, and he had seen just how terrible the whips were.

Zoey would have trouble surviving if she were to be whipped ten times!

"Hang on. Let me talk to her first."

Harry then walked to Zoey and advised, "Zoey, listen to me. Just agree to his terms. It's just a surname, isn't it? It's not a big deal. You won't be able to handle the whips."

Zoey's expression remained dark, and she scoffed, "Thanks, grandpa, but I will never agree to it. Come at me! I'm not afraid."

"Then so be it!"

Dustin was extremely furious as he lifted his whip to attack Zoey.

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Harry was so scared that he closed his eyes.

Zoey closed her eyes too and felt hopeless as she readied to suffer through everything.

Boom!

Bang!

A surprising incident happened at that moment.

The heavy living room door had been kicked down, causing dust to fly everywhere.

Dustin was so surprised that he paused and stared stupidly.

When the dust settled, a figure walked out slowly.

"Huh? Levi?"

Shaun blurted in surprise.

When Zoey saw Levi there, she quickly broke free and rushed to him.

Sob! Sob!

Despite Zoey standing her ground earlier, she had been terrified.

Levi didn't say anything. He simply narrowed his eyes and glared at the Lopez family.

Anyone who knew Levi would be frightened because Levi was looking absolutely terrifying and cruel at that moment.

If they were on a battlefield, Levi's enemy would meet their end.

There was a saying about Levi that went, "When the God of War is angry, a million hidden soldiers will rise!"

"Are you the one who was going to hit my wife?" demanded Levi.

"Yes, that's me. You're Levi Garrison? How convenient! My uncle is coming after you too, so I will destroy you in advance. That would make an excellent gift for my uncle," sneered Dustin.

The Lopez family from South City knew all about the notorious Levi Garrison.
That man was partially responsible for killing Quentin Lane.
He had also been there when Wesley became a cripple.
"Take him down," ordered Dustin.
Dustin's four subordinates walked towards Levi slowly.
"Step aside for now, honey. I'll deal with this."
Levi led Zoey aside.
Boom!
Levi saw one man coming at him, so he rushed forward too and punched the man's face. That punch broke over ten of the man's teeth and distorted half of his face.
Boom!
Another left hook swept across another man's face.
Pfft!
The man fell down and fainted from that one punch.
Boom!
Boom!

The two remaining men were punched too and would need at least one month of bed rest.

"What? He's that strong?"

Levi's strength surprised everyone.

He's that good of a fighter?

The one who was most afraid was none other than Dustin Lopez.

He knew just how powerful the four men he had brought with him were.

Dustin felt a little scared when he saw Levi approaching him.

"Do you even realize what you're doing?"

Dustin had the whip in his hand when he warned, "Levi Garrison, you are dead because you kept challenging the Lopez family of South City! My uncle is coming all the way over just to defeat you. If you go down on your knee and beg for my forgiveness now, I might think about letting you go."

Levi sneered.

He snatched the whip away from Dustin the very next second.

Levi checked the whip out and chuckled, "So this is the whip for carrying out the punishment? It's quite sturdy."

Dustin couldn't help but sweat in fear as he scolded, "I'm warning you, Levi Garrison! Calm down! Don't act impulsively or you and your wife will suffer dire consequences."

Levi grinned, "I heard that you were going to whip my wife ten times. Is that right?"

"Huh? No, I..."

Whip!

Levi suddenly slashed the whip at Dustin.

One whip was all it took to tear through Dustin's clothes and leave a deep and bloody wound.

"Ahhh!"

Dustin screamed in agony.

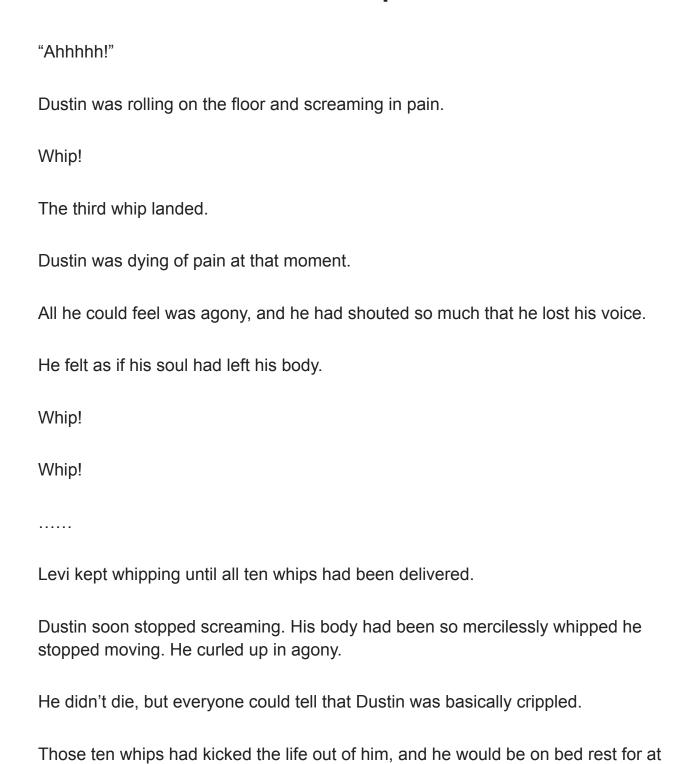
That painful shout got Harry and the others to back away.

Whip!

Levi whipped Dustin once more.

That second whip got Dustin's clothes to fall from his body, and the second bloody mark on his fat body gave everybody goosebumps.

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least a year!

"How weak," Levi scoffed before he tossed the whip aside and left.

"Quick, call the ambulance and take him to the hospital!"

Harry got nervous.

Things had gotten out of control.

Dustin was the next in line to inherit the Lopez family's estate in South City!

Yet, he had been gravely injured in North Hampton, and Harry and the others will likely be punished harshly for what had happened.

"That Levi is too freaking stupid and brave. How dare he attack a member of the Lopez family from South City?" Shaun gaped as he grinned.

"You know, you're right. Under these circumstances, there is no way the Lopez family from South City will let him live!"

"Right. Isn't the famous Sebastian coming to destroy him?"

Melanie and the others were anticipating the future fight excitedly.

In the end, Dustin survived the incident, but the hospital reported that he would have a lot of complications in the future.

For example, Dustin might go into a coma and never wake up.

It was also likely Dustin would become a lunatic.

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Neither situation was what the Lopez family of South City wanted.

That was their next commander.

It would be a total joke if he turned into a lunatic!

The Lopez family could not accept a humiliation like that.

When the Lopez family in South City learned of what had happened, they got angry.

They announced they would avenge Dustin, even if it meant toppling the entire North Hampton.

Three men were in line to succeed and lead the next generation of the Lopez family.

Quentin had been killed.

Wesley was crippled.

And Dustin might be comatose!

Who would be okay with something like that?

The famous Sebastian was going to head to North Hampton in the following week, but he showed up the following day after hearing about what had happened.

In a backyard of a mansion in South City.

An elderly man in an old-fashioned outfit was sitting by the table, enjoying his tea.

That man was the renowned Sebastian.

There was a saying in South City that went, 'One would rather face the devil than go against Sebastian'.

That proved just how powerful and terrifying Sebastian truly was.

His title as the man who could overthrow the devil was not unfounded.

He had been cruel and bloodthirsty when he was younger, and his hands had taken countless lives.

They say that the number of people he killed was equivalent to the number of stars in the sky.

Sebastian later stepped back to settle into retirement. He would drink tea, do some gardening every day, and would go to the temple on some occasions.

He did that to be Zen and to change his violent life.

Unfortunately, he overdid it.

The incident with his godson, Quentin Lane, had turned him back to his former self.

He was even angrier after his two nephews got hurt.

"Everything is ready, sir. We can head to North Hampton tomorrow," reported Sebastian's servant, Simon.

Simon was actually a skilled fighter, too.

Sebastian sipped some tea before instructing calmly, "Go get the Black and White Guards out from prison."

"Huh? Are you sure you want to do that?" Simon trembled.

The Black and White Guards were simply too terrifying.

"Yes!"

"Okay. I will arrange for that right away," replied Simon.

After that, Simon took a deep breath and left.

Sebastian's fame and the fear he inspired was partially owed to the Black and White Guards.

Those two men were crueler than him; they were cannibals.

The two of them had gotten into a battle with two hundred men and won. That battle made them famous.

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Sebastian's notoriety was immeasurable.

The cruel part of that notoriety was linked to the Black and White Guards.

Those were the masters of cruelty. Rumor had it that they grew up with wolves and ate raw meat every day.

They had single-handedly defeated an army of two hundred and rose to fame.

They later joined an underground boxing tournament, but they were so cruel that they were disqualified.

There was a story about how, during a match, one of them tore his opponent's rib out and used that rib to stab the guy to death.

They later joined Sebastian's team and raised hell everywhere.

They had killed so many people that there were many powerful figures and families who didn't even dare look them in the eye.

The mere mention of the Black and White Guards got people to tremble in fear.

The Black and White Guards had gotten too violent and caused a lot of trouble, so Sebastian has locked them up.

Sebastian taking the Black and White Guards to North Hampton meant that he was getting serious.

When the citizens of South City learned that the Black and White Guards were being released from prison, everyone grew nervous.

Those two being released meant that someone was definitely going to die.

The citizens sighed a breath of relief when they learned that Sebastian was taking those killers to North Hampton.

However, they started praying for North Hampton.

They wondered which unlucky bastard had angered Sebastian so much that he released the Black and White Guards.

Everyone knew that anyone who offended Sebastian would face dire consequences.

Death would've been a better option because the Black and White Guards' inhumane methods had always terrified everyone.

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The network in North Hampton was still pretty good.

When Glenn heard the news, he immediately went to look for Levi.

"Mr. Garrison, something bad is about to happen. Sebastian will come to North Hampton tomorrow with the Black and White Guards!"

Glenn wiped his sweat off.

"So what if they come? Why are you so scared?" chuckled Levi.

"Mr. Garrison, maybe you don't know it, but those three are nuts! They are like a time bomb that would go off at any moment!"

"You know Liam, don't you? He is strong and undisciplined... The ones who defeated him were Sebastian and the Black and White Guards! Liam had to go on his knees and beg them for mercy. His life was spared because of that, but they still crippled all his limbs!"

Glen took a deep breath before he continued, "The Black and White Guards are especially brutal. They killed everyone in the orphanage when they were ten, and their violent tendencies only worsen as they age. They have killed countless men, and rumor has it that they are cannibals! They're basically demons."

Levi laughed.

He had seen all kinds of lunatics during his time in the army.

Many places had similar 'demons' who had murdered thousands before, but he had defeated them all.

"Be careful, Mr. Garrison. They are here to destroy you," Glen warned.

"Well, since they're coming to North Hampton, then we'll trap them here," said Levi cruelly.

"Huh?" Glen blurted, stunned.

Isn't this dude a little too full of it?

Trapping Sebastian and the Black and White Guards?

Glen didn't think it was plausible, but he wasn't in a position to say anything.

The news of how Sebastian was heading to North Hampton with the Black and White Guards had spread.

Everyone started avoiding the place, simply staying home.

Some powerful families, however, got ready to welcome the three men.

It seemed that Sebastian wasn't just there to seek vengeance. He was also there because he was expanding into North Hampton.

The powerful families thought that if they left a good impression on Sebastian, they might benefit from it in the future.

Harry and the others stood guard at the hospital.

They were excited but also scared to hear that Sebastian was heading over.

With Sebastian there, North Hampton would practically be dominated by the Lopez family.

As such, they would benefit from it as well.

They were also afraid, though, because Sebastian might blame them for what had happened.

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"It'd be great if Dustin could wake up before Sebastian gets here," sighed Shaun.

When the doctor heard that, he blurted, "I have an idea that might help with that..."

"What is it? Tell us. If it works, we will reward you handsomely," Harry said, whose eyes lit up immediately.

The doctor replied, "A medical expert I know might be able to cure this patient, and there's a good chance that he knows how to wake the patient up."

"Really?" asked Harry, whose eyes shone with hope just like his family's eyes were.

"Yes, he is definitely the top in the medical field in Erudia. However, I heard that he will be catching a plane and leaving North Hampton tomorrow," said the doctor.

"Are you talking about Benny Quinton?" asked Fabian.

"Yeah. Who else would be that skilled?" The doctor nodded.

Harry looked troubled as he said, "But I heard that Benny Quinton no longer takes patients in. He will definitely reject our request if we ask."

"We have to try! Sebastian will be here tomorrow."

Harry and his family soon got to the place where Azure Dragon and Benny Quinton lived. They asked Benny to help cure Dustin, but as expected, Benny rejected their offers.

Harry and the others kept trying to come up with another solution after that.

The next day rolled by soon after.

A bunch of cars showed up in North Hampton.

The last few cars had about a dozen men in black outfits. They got out and stood at the side.

Simon drove the Rolls-Royce in the lead. He got out and circled around to open the door for Sebastian.

Sebastian was wearing a black, old-fashioned outfit, and was holding a walking cane with a dragon's head carved on it.

He oozed a domineering aura as he scanned the place.

After that, he walked to the black luxurious car at the end.

The car seeped a chilling aura, and it shook so violently that it seemed that it might topple itself over.

"Stay in the car and do not leave until I give the say so," instructed Sebastian. Only then did the car stop shaking.

Simon was trembling in fear because that was the car the Black and White Guards took.

If those two showed up on the street, the entire place would definitely turn upside down.

Simon later led Sebastian into the hospital, and they headed into Dustin's room.

Thump!

Harry and the others got down on their knees in front of Sebastian.

"This is all our fault, Sebastian. We did not keep Dustin safe. We were wrong, so please punish us as you see fit," cried Harry.

Sebastian scanned everyone and replied cruelly, "Get up. This has nothing to do with you. Those people are not easy to deal with, or Quentin and Wesley would not have been defeated."

Harry replied softly, "I don't dare to. Levi is my grandson-in-law, yet I did not teach him the rules. I didn't know he was that strong."

"I said, stand up!" Sebastian suddenly raised his voice.

That made Harry and the others jump up in fright.

They stopped bullshitting then.

Sebastian went to check on Dustin.

"What did the doctor say?" He asked.

"It's not good. He will not be able to wake up for the time being and might stay in a persistent vegetative state," answered Harry.

Sebastian looked devastated then.

"However, there is still hope. Benny Quinton is in North Hampton, and he is the best expert in the medical field. We asked him to come over yesterday, but he rejected our offer. His plane will be taking off today, and he should be boarding in two hours."

Sebastian's eyes shone with a cruel glint upon hearing that. "Simon, go get Benny Quinton over! Do not let him board that airplane."

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Harry then added, "Still, you shouldn't hold out so much hope because Benny has a rule about how he doesn't do private calls. The God of War, Liam Macy, dragged Benny over once. Things did not end well."

Sebastian's eyes burned with untamed fury as he roared, "That puny Liam Macy is nothing compared to me!"

"I can hire anyone he can hire, and I am capable of convincing people he can't convince."

"Go get Benny Quinton over right away. He must cure my nephew!"

Simon nodded, "Understood. There isn't a person on Earth who wouldn't come at your command."

"That's right. Those who disobey me will meet an untimely end," scoffed Sebastian.

Harry and the others trembled as they stood at Sebastian's side.

Sebastian's aura was too strong.

Everyone felt the weight of mountains crushing on them when they heard him speak.

As such, they were all sweating then.

Simon departed immediately to get Benny Quinton.

Henry and the others started saying, "Sebastian, this is all Levi's and Zoey's fault. They are close with Nueve and Trey, and they thought they can do whatever they want because of that. They don't respect the Lopez family from South City."

"Freaking Levi Garrison. I am here just to deal with him. I don't care who he has supporting him; I will not forgive him!"

"Also, I will be staying here permanently. My plan is simple. I will make it so that everyone in North Hampton trembles in fear when they hear our name," declared Sebastian.

Harry and the others were ridiculously excited.

Was it finally their chance to shine?

It didn't matter how useless they were. Being a member of the Lopez family would be sufficient.

North Hampton would soon belong to Sebastian.

Liam Macy, Winston Gonzales, and the North Hampton Chamber of Commerce would all fall.

No one could beat Sebastian!

At that moment, Harry and the others had started fantasizing about their future.

Simon hurried over to the airport with about ten men.

Levi had personally driven the car to take Benny Quinton and his assistant to the airport.

At first, Levi wanted to use a military plane to take Benny straight to Vermond, but Benny rejected that offer.

That was how Benny Quinton was.

He was an ordinary doctor with a pure soul.

Levi kept them company until they went into the waiting lounge.

Unfortunately, a van stopped at the airport after Levi had left.

Simon and over ten men rushed into the airport.

Benny and his assistant had just gotten their boarding passes and were heading towards the gate.

However, over ten men showed up in front of them.

"Mr. Benny Quinton, please come with us!"

Simon was swift.

He never gave Benny a chance to talk before he grabbed them.

When Benny and his assistant finally came around, they were already in the van.

"Let's go!" instructed Simon before the car departed.

At the hospital.

Benny Quinton and his assistant were forcefully dragged into the patient's room.

Everyone turned serious and polite when they saw Benny Quinton there.

Sebastian, however, glared in disdain and scoffed, "I hate educated people like you. So pretentious."

Benny grinned, "Then why do you insist on bringing me here?"

"Because you are a doctor who can cure patients. That is all you are worthy of!"

Sebastian pointed at Dustin, then ordered cruelly, "Treat my nephew right now! If you succeed, I will give you a total of one billion. If not... You can choose if you'd like to keep your arms or your legs."

Sebastian's barbaric style stunned Benny.

Liam Macy had been a powerful bully too, but even that man had shown a little respect to Benny.

The man in front of Benny was utterly despicable and unrestrained.

He looked like a madman.

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"No. You have your rules, but so do I," refuted Benny.

"As I said, educated people like you are horrible. Isn't your job to cure the sick? Why aren't you treating him? Where is your so-called moral?" scoffed Sebastian.

"You were immoral and kidnapped me, so I have no obligations to help you," persisted Benny.

Sebastian laughed aloud. "There are just too many ways to force your hand. Simon?"

Simon received the message immediately.

Slam!

Simon kicked Benny's assistant to the floor.

"Arg..." The assistant cried.

"What the hell are you doing?" demanded Benny in a worried tone.

"I will cripple him if you refuse to treat the man," said Simon as he increased the pressure on the assistant's ankle. That prompted the assistant to shout even more.

Harry and the others were horrified when they saw that.

Sebastian was too cruel.

All he knew was to tap into his violence to solve his problems.

Benny had no choice but to nod and said, "Okay, fine. I'll treat him."

"Wouldn't it have been much better if you had just agreed to do so early on?" gloated Sebastian.

There were simply too many ways to force Benny's hand.

The cruelest among them was to lock Benny and his assistant in with the Black and White Guards.

Benny probably would've raised the white flag in under thirty seconds.

Benny and his assistant quickly dove in to treat Dustin.

"You better treat him well, or you will end up just like him!" threatened Sebastian.

After taking Benny and his assistant to the airport, Levi returned to Morris Group.

Morris Group had just expanded once more and would soon be the top enterprise in North Hampton.

Hence, many people had their eyes on them.

A tv show had even done a special interview.

Iris found Levi and scoffed, "You love to show off, don't you? Well, then here's your chance."

"Huh? Me? Showing off?" blurted Levi suspiciously.

"The North Hampton Television Network wants to do a special on Morris Group in three days. I've already helped you accept the invitation, so you may not bail on it."

"These are the interview questions and other materials. Don't embarrass me!"

Iris left after tossing a stack of documents to him.

Urk!

Levi almost vomited blood.

She is making me do an interview and show my face to everyone?

Is she f*****g kidding?

Still, he had no choice but to participate because Iris had already accepted it.

"Well, it's for my own company, anyway," murmured Levi before he started studying the materials.

His phone rang up at that moment.

The call was from Azure Dragon.

"I think something bad happened. The airport called and said that Mr. Quinton never boarded the plane, and we can't find him at the airport either," said Azure Dragon, whose voice was obviously quivering.

"What? He's missing?" said Levi, whose expression took a sharp turn.

He had not gotten a private plane for Benny, but Levi had talked to the managers at the airport and asked them to keep an eye on him.

Benny was missing, and that meant that something must've happened.

"Investigate it immediately! Mr. Quinton must not get hurt," instructed Levi.

"According to the CCTV at the airport, someone dragged Mr. Quinton into a van," reported Azure Dragon soon after.

"Call Xavier and the people responsible for the traffic. Find out where that van went!" said Levi anxiously.

He would not let anyone go off that easily if Benny had a hair off his head!

"Got it! The van went to the hospital, and there were witnesses that claimed they saw Benny there!"

Levi stood up and announced evilly, "Okay, got it. I will personally head over to the hospital."