

This was why Masato, despite his advanced age and lack of involvement in Watanabe family affairs, remained the soul of the family. It was Kawano's presence that allowed Masato to enjoy his old age in peace..

As soon as Ryosuke had sat down, the door was knocked on, and then it opened again. Soon, Asuka walked in. Upon seeing the situation, Asuka was also taken aback, especially when he saw Ryosuke there, and conflicting emotions began to swell within him.

"You both arrived just in time. Please have at seat," Masato said, waving his hand. Everyone sat down and waited for Masato to speak. No one dared to show any signs of disrespect, knowing that even the slightest movement would be met with Kawano's sharp. katana.

"I've received news from the Thousand Crane Shrine that we, the Watanabe family, need to deliver our resources and funds earlier this year," Masato spoke slowly.

"Grandpa, I've already prepared the resources and funds, and they can be delivered at any time," Ryosuke replied immediately. With the election approaching, Ryosuke needed to show off his capabilities.

"Good!" Masato nodded and continued, "I heard. that our samurais had clashed with the Chanaean government some time ago and killed many of their officials. Is that true?"

"Yes, I investigated this matter too. It was Asuka who ordered people to hunt down some enemies in Chanaea, which led to a conflict with the Chanaea authorities and resulted in at negative impact on our family. I have sent. someone to Chanaea to explain this matter."

Ryosuke immediately recounted everything he knew to Masato when the latter mentioned the incident. He wanted to use this matter to prevent Asuka from competing with him for the position of head of the family. At this moment, there was no brotherly relationship between them. Asuka glared at his older brother and began to explain, "Grandpa, I-

However, Masato interrupted with a wave of his hand. "Asuka, you did well. The Watanabe family will not be bullied by anyone. We will seek revenge, especially when facing the people of Chanaea," Masato said, leaving Asuka stunned. The latter quickly nodded and said, "I will follow your advice, Grandpa."

Ryosuke was also taken aback because he had wanted to suppress Asuka with this matter, but his plan backfired. Masato then looked at Ryosuke coldly and said, "As the head of the Watanabe family, you even took the initiative to apologize, which has damaged our family's reputation. I also heard that you sent your daughter to study in Chanaea. You seem to have forgotten what blood flows in your veins."

Subsequently, the old man added, "Now that your daughter has been contaminated, she must be sent to the shrine to be purified..." What Masato said shocked Ryosuke to the core. It felt as if he had been struck by lightning.

He could endure anything, including losing his position as head of the family, but he would never agree to send his only daughter to the shrine for purification. After all, he knew what would happen to her there. "Grandpa, I-

Ryosuke wanted to argue and stop them from sending his daughter to the shrine, but Masato ignored his pleas and waved his hand, saying. "That's it. Everyone, please leave."

Everyone got up and left, and Ryosuke had no choice but to do the same. As soon as he stepped out, he saw Asuka looking at him with a mocking smile on his face.

"My dear brother Ryosuke, I warned you not to send Yuri to Chanaea, but you didn't listen. Now, Yuri will be sent to the shrine, and you may never see her again in this lifetime. My poor niece is still so young, lively, and beautiful..." Asuka said, grinning from ear to ear.