

Chapter 571 The Hoffman Family Was Attacked

The following day, a multitude of Black Spider's members entered Invone and made their way to the Hewitt family's house secretly.

With Timothy's leadership, a series of unknown assailants swiftly launched attacks on certain territories controlled by the Hoffman family.

Timothy's strategy was undeniably smart. He skillfully manipulated others to further his own aims. Even if this plot were to be uncovered, the Duncan family would be held responsible, leaving him with no blame.

Meanwhile, Fuller stayed in the Hewitt family's house. Following this string of assaults, Timothy instructed Fuller, "Liam will be occupied for a while. Prepare yourself to return to Salem."

Fuller understood the order and promptly readied himself. He was accompanied by a representative of the Black Spider.

His sole objective for returning to Salem was clear.

He would employ every possible method to destroy Liam and the Kingland Group!

Before taking his leave, Timothy said to him, "I'll stall them in Invone to buy some time. You absolutely have to succeed this time!"

Truthfully, Timothy's directive was almost unnecessary. Fuller was eagerly anticipating his return to Salem.

His resentment toward Liam had reached a boiling point, demanding a relentless release!

In the residence of the Cortez family, Kohen's funeral was in progress, and Liam and Julie had brought gifts and flowers.

The prospect of attending hadn't appealed to them, particularly Liam, who wished to avoid any negative connotations.

However, Yesenia insisted and out of respect for their relationship with her, they had little choice but to attend.

Yesenia's intentions were genuinely pure. Her aim was merely to express her remorse to Liam.

After all she had gone through, Yesenia no longer harbored any doubts about Liam, nor did she underestimate him as she used to. She had been fawning on Liam and Julie since they arrived.

However, Liam and Julie couldn't bring themselves to accept

this, given their past experiences.

As for the other members of the Cortez family, resentment brewed when they laid eyes on Liam. His actions had caused them to lose the clan's once-glorious assets.

However, they kept their anger hidden within them and didn't dare to display it before Liam.

Amidst the funeral proceedings, Liam's phone rang. The atmosphere had already been uneasy for him, and now he found an excuse to leave.

Stepping outside, Liam answered the call. It was Theo.

"Mr. Hoffman, I regret to inform you that the Hoffman family has come under attack, and the assaults were rather severe. I must return to Invone to assist in the investigation. Exercise caution in Salem. The Kingland Group has attracted considerable attention, and many people are making plans to destroy it. Do not underestimate them," Theo cautioned.

Hearing this, Liam furrowed his brows.

As one of the four prominent families in Invone, the Hoffman family's influence was unquestionably formidable. Who would dare to launch attacks on them?

While over the years there had been secret attempts against

the Hoffman family, this marked the first instance of such a glaring provocation.

Liam frowned and said, "Theo, no need to worry. I'll take care of the issues in Salem. By the way, is Grandpa alright?"

Theo said slowly, "Mr. Hoffman, be rest assured. The attacks won't touch him. I'll have all the details once I get back."

Relief swept over Liam. As he had foreseen, nobody had the audacity to directly challenge the Hoffman family's authority.

However, a confrontation as direct as this was a rarity and its abruptness struck Liam as somewhat odd.

For reasons he couldn't quite discern, a faint unease lingered within him regarding the issue. Only through Theo's subsequent investigation could he hope to uncover the actual truth!

Chapter 572 Back To Salem

Liam ended the call.

His heart sank a little and this caught Julie's attention who had stepped outside for some fresh air. With concern evident in her voice, she asked, "Is something troubling you?"

Liam responded with a gentle smile, "No worries. It's just that the atmosphere here is a bit awkward for me."

It wasn't a good time to make his identity known, so he could only make up an excuse.

He added slowly, "I'm alright. You should head back in and keep your father company."

Julie was a bit suspicious, but she didn't press further. She just turned and walked back into the venue, contemplating whether to take leave with her father and Liam.

Liam was alone at the entrance of the venue.

At that moment, a group of people approached, led by Fuller.

Beside Fuller was an unfamiliar young man.

Liam's expression turned serious.

Fuller had returned to Salem.

This was completely unexpected.

Before Liam could say anything, the young man beside Fuller strode forward and shouted, "You must be Liam, are you?"

Fuller chimed in with a sneer, "Theo's absence from Salem gives me the perfect opportunity to enjoy this slowly.

You managed to bring down a few minor families in Salem and thought you could challenge us in Invone? How laughable!"

Liam's face grew colder.

Even a simpleton could connect the dots between the attacks on the Hoffman family and the Norris family's involvement.

But why did the Norris family dare to do that? They must have backing from the Hewitt family!

Liam mentally ran through the list of major adversaries he had made. Perhaps even the Black Spider had a hand in this.

Liam retorted coldly, "The Norris family is a mere speck in Invone. Do you honestly believe you represent all the clans there? Do you think I rely on Theo to deal with the likes of you? Wasn't your son subject to torture that led to his demise at my hands? Within the octagonal cage I prepared for him, he met his end, stabbed by his own former stooge! Be rest

assured, your reunion with your son in hell is imminent."

Liam's words bore a heavy weight.

When he heard this, Fuller found himself picturing the anguish his son must have felt before his demise. A sensation akin to a blade stabbing into his heart gripped him and his fists clenched tightly.

Had they not been in the center of the city, he might have acted right then.

Trying to swallow his rage, Fuller growled, "Your arrogance knows no bounds! How dare you kill my son! I promise you, you'll pay for what you've done!"

With that, he turned around and walked away.

The young man by his side seemed disinterested. His lips curled into a sneer as he said to Fuller, "Running away now is a stupid move. I can't understand what frightens you. I have mental disorder, in case you've forgotten. Taking his life wouldn't make me a criminal. Why so spineless?"

Fuller hesitated, but ultimately brushed off the young man's words and continued to walk away.

A sudden sense of boredom gripped the young man. He turned and glared at Liam with pity in his eyes.

"Hey, Liam, right? I admire your fervor. Let's call it a day. I'll have my fun with you another time."

With a strange laugh, the young man left alongside Fuller.

Liam's countenance grew colder by the moment. As he watched their retreating backs, a murderous intent swelled within him.

Mindful of their location in the city center and wary of the unfamiliar young man's background, he refrained from hasty actions.

Liam muttered to himself coldly, "Since it took them considerable effort to lure Theo away from Salem, let's see what kind of scheme they're concocting this time!"

Chapter 573 Stirring Up Conflicts

The battle commenced, yet Liam remained astonishingly calm, and was even a bit excited.

Since Fuller had come to him on his own accord, there was no need for Liam to go to Invone to deal with him. If Fuller had remained in Invone, Liam knew that he couldn't figure out how to handle him so fast.

With his return, Liam resolved not to let go of this opportunity.

He was determined to make him pay.

Liam held a clear understanding of Fuller's capabilities.

They had fought multiple times, and given Fuller's limited strength, he couldn't stir up significant trouble.

On the other hand, the man who had claimed he had mental disorder had managed to capture Liam's attention.

It was evident that he didn't serve under Fuller's command. Their conversation hinted at the man's superiority even over Fuller.

Having learned from his past, Liam promptly initiated an investigation into his background.

After all, Liam had suffered substantial losses due to a lack of information about Disguiser.

The funeral was brought to an end shortly after. Liam returned to the Kingland Group, while Julie resumed her responsibilities at her company.

The fashion brand was still in its early stages, so she was grappling with a multitude of tasks. However, things were different for the Kingland Group. It had regained its footing and was sailing smoothly. With Liam's leadership, major complications were unlikely to arise.

In the CEO's office.

Riel, having gathered some information, entered in haste. His brow furrowed and he appeared very serious. "We have a little issue. The crazy young man is none other than Cannon Duncan, a member of the Duncan family!

And as he's claimed, he indeed struggles with a mild mental disorder. His actions are rash and irrational, earning him the label of a freak by many!"

Liam's expression turned grim. He and the Black Spider had been deadly adversaries. This time, the descendant of the Duncan family had taken matters into his own hands.

In contrast to the mighty Duncan family, the Hewitt family

was insignificant.

It was a force that extended beyond national borders. This family's structure was intricate, encompassing both good and very horrible people. They wield remarkable power, surpassing even many of the wealthiest clans.

It became apparent that those targeting the Hoffman family were also affiliated with the Duncan family. Otherwise, they wouldn't have dared to do that.

Meanwhile, Fuller was busy reaching out to the remaining top ten clans of Salem after he left.

His scheme involved inciting conflict between local Salem forces and Liam, as this would create a favorable situation for Fuller to confront Liam.

He firmly believed Liam's downfall was inevitable.

He initiated contact with the Acosta family first, one of the top ten clans, but his proposition was immediately rejected.

The Acosta family primarily dealt in transportation and express mail services. They had no clash with the Kingland Group. In fact, their interests were quite complementary.

For the Acosta family, Kingland Group's success translated to greater profits for them.

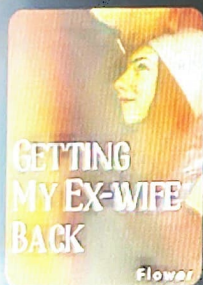
Especially as of late, with Kingland Group's market value soaring, the Acosta family's fortunes followed suit. Given their substantial gains, teaming up with Fuller to undermine Kingland Group held no appeal for them.

Fuller's demeanor soured as he came to realize that the attitudes of these Salem factions had changed significantly.

Exerting control over them proved more challenging now.

Frustrated by his inability to sway the Acosta family, Fuller conjured a more audacious and devious plan.

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