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Chapter 901

Nikki couldn't bear to see anger in Dustin and the others' eyes and wanted to leave.

"There's no rush. The show's just begun," Edith sniggered.

"This bastard insulted us and hurt Brittany. There's no way I will let him off so easily."

Dustin knew too many secrets, including the Jade Maiden Scripture. Edith was determined

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to keep the information inside the scripture to herself. No one else could have it.

So, she must kill Dustin.

"Madam Edith, you promised me you wouldn't hurt him." Nikki suddenly felt uneasy.

Although she had betrayed Dustin, she didn't want to see him hurt either.

"Really? I don't remember promising that, though." Edith feigned ignorance.

"Nikki, if blood makes you queasy, you can leave first. I won't blame you for that."

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"Madam Edith, you wanted the scripture and have it now. Please let him go!" Nikki begged,

aware that Edith intended to kill Dustin.

"Nikki, you should know that you're a Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciple, so you should only be thinking of us.

"I'm happy with your achievements, so I'll teach you some Jade Maiden sword techniques after I've learned them.

"For now, you'll have to prove your loyalty in front of everyone." Edith grinned slyly.

"How?" Nikki was taken aback.

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"Kill that bastard for me!" Edith pointed at Dustin, looking furious.

"N-no, I can't!" Nikki took a few steps back in shock.

Dustin saved her life. She couldn't repay him like that.

"If

you

kill him, I'll make you my chief senior disciple. How about that?" Edith persuaded.

There was nothing she loved more than seeing lovers hurting each other.

"I don't want to be the chief senior disciple! I don't want to kill anyone!" Nikki frantically shook her head.

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"Tch! You useless piece of trash!" Edith's face hardened.

"What's so hard about killing a man?"

"I don't want my reward anymore, Madam Edith. I don't want anything! Just please don't

force me to kill someone." Nikki wailed pleadingly.

"Shut up! I want you to kill him no matter what, or I'll kick you out again!" Edith threatened.

"Hurry up, Nikki. Don't disappoint Madam Edith again."

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[&]quot;Are you defying me?" Edith was pissed.

[&]quot;Please don't make me do that, Madam Edith! I just can't!" Nikki fell to her knees.

"She's right. Men are nothing but hindrances. You shouldn't keep one!"

"Killing men isn't a big deal anyway."

"Don't tell me you'll defy Madam Edith for a man?"

A few of the Sisterhood disciples began taunting Nikki.

To them, men were nothing but servants meant to serve them. Their lives meant nothing to

these women.

"What are you waiting for? Pull out your sword!" Edith roared.

Startled, Nikki drew her sword shakily.

"Go and kill that bastard right now!" Edith yelled.

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"I'm sorry... I'm sorry..." Gripping the sword with shaky hands, Nikki approached Dustin.

hesitantly as tears streamed down her face.

She was like a puppet whose sole purpose was to fulfill Edith's orders.

Dustin couldn't help feeling disappointed in her. He never expected her to listen to Edith

and try to kill him.

It was clear that this was how Nikki planned to repay his kindness. Chapter 902

Nikki staggered toward Dustin with her sword, feeling torn.

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However, her sword fell to the ground with a clang before she could reach him.

"I-I can't do it! I just can't do it!" Nikki turned around and sobbed, guilt written all over her face.

"You piece of shit!" Pissed, Edith slapped Nikki across the cheek, causing her to fall.

"What use do I have of you when you can't even kill a man?"

"Madam Edith, she may be unable to do it, but I can!"

Just then, Brittany emerged from the crowd, limping to the front.

She shot Dustin a glare. It was bad enough that he hit her, but she couldn't stand him being

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unfazed by her beauty.

"Good. This man is yours to kill." Edith nodded, pleased. As expected, no one made her as happy as Britanny.

"I bet you never thought you'd end up like this, did you, Dustin?" Brittany sniggered.

She drew her sword and limped toward him. "How dare a shitty, measly man like you defy

me! I'll make sure to castrate you in front of everyone tonight!"

If she couldn't have him, then nobody would! Since he wasn't willing to serve her, he might as well lose that part of his.

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What makes you think you can make it out alive?"

"You can try if you don't belien remained seated, looking expressionless

"Hmph! That's nothing but an act. Even if you haven't lost all strength due to the drug, I'd still be able to kill you easily!" Using her uninjured leg, Brittany jumped toward Dustin with

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[&]quot;Try anything funny, and your other leg is going to disappear as well," Dustin warned icily.

[&]quot;Stubborn to the end, eh?" Brittany chuckled.

[&]quot;Your men have all been drugged. Even that old man is struggling to stay on his feet now.

her sword. aimed at his lower body. Her intentions were clear.

"Hmph!" Dustin slammed his hand onto the table, and a fork bounced upward from the

force.

With a flick of his wrist, the fork shot forward and pierced Brittany's knee.

"Aargh!" Brittany screamed, losing her grip on her sword as her body fell forward.

Before she hit the ground, a hand slapped across her face hard. Instantly, she was thrown

backward and landed a distance away.

"What?"

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The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples were dumbfounded.

Although Brittany was crippled in one leg, she was still a divine martial artist. With her skills,

They couldn't understand how she had been beaten instead. "Brittany!"

When they registered what had happened, the Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples

immediately hurried over to check on Brittany.

They forced her to regain consciousness by slapping her face and pressing her pressure points.

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However, it was much better when Brittany was unconscious as she began screaming when she woke up to see her bloody knee.

"Aargh! My leg! My leg!" Brittany wailed, her face twisting in pain. As she was babied all her life, getting a minor cut was enough for her to demand a doctor,

much less losing a leg.

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"You f*cking asshole! How dare you hurt me!

"You better f*cking die! Madam Edith, kill him for me!" Brittany screeched.

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"What? Didn't you drug him, Nikki?" Edith narrowed her eyes, displeased.

Only someone stronger than a grandmaster could be unaffected by the drug

she made.

"I did. I put the drug in his wine," Nikki replied.

She was confused as well. She watched Dustin drink the wine earlier, so why

was he completely unaffected?

"I was careless." Edith nodded and drew her sword,

"You must be a genius if you've already achieved divinity. However, I love

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killing geniuses. You'll have the honor of being killed by me tonight." "I might not be the one who dies," Dustin responded calmly.

"I shall give you a chance now. You can grovel for forgiveness, and I'll spare

you life."

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples were surprised and burst out laughing.

"Hey, are you crazy? Who the hell do you think you are? How could you say

something so foolish?" "Stupid man! Madam Edith is a semi-grandmaster.

Killing you would be as easy as killing an ant!".

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"How stupid! You'll meet your end tonight!" Edith's disciples sneered at Dustin. Edith was the head of Jade Maiden Sisterhood and a

semi-grandmaster. This

made her one of the top martial artists in Oakvale

How hard could it be for someone as strong as her to kill a single man?

"Do you have any idea what you're saying? What gives you the right to make

me grovel?" Edith sniggered.

How dare this young man say such foolish things to her! He must have a

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death wish!

"Try it if you don't believe me." Dustin stood up calmly, his hands empty.

He seemed completely unaffected by Edith.

"I'll rip you to pieces tonight! Here I come!" Seeing Dustin so calm annoyed

Edith.

She lunged forward with her sword outstretched at lightning speed. Her attack

was so powerful it took everyone by surprise.

The force shook the tables and the things on in. Even the ground ended up

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having holes, thanks to her sword.

"Such incredible mastery of the sword!"

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udii d grandmaster wouldn't withstand her attack."

"Hmph, he should feel honored to be killed by Madam Edith!"

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples were excited and in awe of Edith's

skills. They were sure that Dustin would be a dead man tonight since no one

had ever been able to withstand Edith's attack.

"Ha, that's the end for you, asshole!" Brittany jeered gleefully.

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Just as everyone thought the end was certain, Dustin finally made his move.

He reached out to grab Edith's sword and tightened his grip. The sword split

into two with a crack, instantly losing its vicious glow.

"You-!"

Edith was shocked. Before she could comprehend what happened, Dustin

made his second move and slapped her.

Like a ball, Edith flew backward and slammed into the wall.

The force was so strong it created a dent, and she ended up stuck on the wall

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like a painting. Instantly, the entire room went pin-drop silent. Chapter 904

"Um..."

Those from Jade Maiden Sisterhood were astonished as they stared at Edith.

They couldn't believe that Edith, who was the head of the Jade Maiden Sisterhood, a semigrandmaster, and one of the best sword arts martial artists, had been defeated by Dustin with a single move.

There was no way this was real.

"Madam Edith lost? H-how is that possible?"

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"M-my eyes must be playing tricks on me. There's no way she would lose!"

"Why? How did things turn out this way?"

There was an uproar as the disciples struggled to accept that their invincible leader had lost.

"Who ... who are you?" Letitia was aghast.

Although Edith had been injured, she was still much stronger than most.

"You caused a ruckus in my territory, yet you ask who I am?" Dustin's expression was murderous.

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"That's impossible! You're no match for Madam Edith! You must have used one of your tricks!"

"How dare that shameless bastard use tricks on Madam Edith! He's disgusting!"

Edith's disciples began yelling.

The battle had happened too quickly, so they assumed that Dustin must have used an

underhanded technique to win.

They also factored in Edith's injury as one of the causes of her loss.

This made them look

down on Dustin even more.

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Loose rocks clattered to the floor as Edith began to regain consciousness.

She shook her head as she felt dizzy and her cheeks burning. She opened her mouth and

spat out several broken teeth, looking messy.

"How dare you hurt me!" Edith seethed through gritted teeth.
She had never been so humiliated, and her reputation had been ruined.

"You're dead, asshole! And so is your family! I'll tear you to pieces!" Edith shrieked as she pounced, toward him like a mad woman.

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At that moment, she no longer cared about her image; she only wanted to kill Dustin.

"Fool!" Dustin sneered.

He shot forward and gripped Edith's neck before slamming her into the floor.

With a bang, Edith's body created a dent in the floor's surface, and she spat out blood.

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The force pushed her face to one side as two more teeth flew out.

While her head was spinning, Dustin sat on top of her and repeatedly slapped her face.

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A crisp slap accompanied each of Dustin's remarks.

Edith's face was swollen beyond recognition when he was done. "Um..."

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples had been rendered silent. Fear was written all over their

faces.

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[&]quot;This is for looking down on others.

[&]quot;This is for breaking your promise.

[&]quot;This is for being a shitty mentor.

[&]quot;This is for being an ungrateful wench."

They initially assumed Dustin must have used a dirty trick to defeat Edith. However, the sight

before them made them realize how wrong they'd been.

Although Dustin continued smacking Edith, none of her disciples tried to stop him since

they

knew they were no match for him.

"Stop!"

Edith was on the brink of death when Nikki ran forward and threw herself over Edith.

With a determined look, she said, "You can hit me, but not Madam Edith!"

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"What?" Dustin frowned and raised his hand.

Suddenly, Nelson's face appeared in his mind. Dustin could only lower his hand.

"I know I betrayed you, Dustin. But she's my mentor.

"I won't let you hurt her. You can take it out on me if you're still angry!" Nikki gritted her

teeth, insistent on protecting Edith...

"What a good disciple you are!" Dustin sniggered.

"Should I praise you for your loyalty?" He made sure to emphasize the last word.

"I ..." Nikki was stung by his words and didn't know how to reply.

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Although she felt guilty, she still felt like she did nothing wrong. After all, there was no way

she could defy Edith because of a new friend.

"I know you hate me, Dustin. If you're still not satisfied, you can slap me instead.

"I won't fight back. But once you're done, consider my debt paid.

We won't owe each other

anything anymore."

Nikki lifted her head and offered her cheek to Dustin

"Forget it." Dustin looked at her coldly.

He only treated Nikki well because she was Nelson's sister. But since she didn't appreciate

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his help, he might as well stop.

He had done all he could, which was enough.

"You treated me very well, Dustin, and I'm grateful for that. So, I hope you and Madam Edith can move past this.

"Let's pretend today's events never happened, okay?" Nikki asked tentatively.

"Move past this?" Dustin burst out laughing.

"She tried to kill me, and your fellow disciples were dying to tear me to pieces.

"Don't you think you're being ridiculous by asking me to pretend like nothing happened?"

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"But when will this end? Madam Edith may have acted out first, but you've returned the

favor. Isn't that enough?" Nikki frowned.

Dustin had already beaten Edith up. What more could he want? "Am I not allowed to hit her when she tried to kill me?" Dustin sneered.

"Besides, I'm a petty man. I'm not as kind-hearted as you.

"There's no way I would treat someone trying to kill me as a friend."

"W-why are you being so unreasonable?" Nikki was irritated.

She was trying to resolve their conflicts.

Why wouldn't Dustin listen to her? And why was a grown man being so petty?

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Chapter 906

"Unreasonable? Oh, Nikki. You're more biased than I expected!" Dustin laughed out loud.

"Why didn't you try to reason with Edith when she broke her word? Or when she stabbed

me in the back or ordered you to drug us?

"And why didn't you tell her to be reasonable when she tried to kill me earlier?"

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Dustin sneered, "You're only telling me to be reasonable because you're going to lose. Don't you think the way you're acting is repulsive?"

Nikki kept quiet when he was in danger. However, now that Edith was in trouble, Nikki

jumped out and tried to guilt him into letting Edith go. How disgusting.

"I..." Dustin's rapid-fire questioning rendered Nikki speechless. She ran out of excuses and could only put on a tough front. "I'm doing this for you, Dustin! Madam Edith is well-known in the martial world. Being on

her bad. _side would mean that you have more enemies.

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"That'll just be dangerous for you."

"I've already become enemies with most of them anyway. What's one more?" Dustin shot

back.

He was the enemy of both Balerno and Glenstead's martial arts alliance. Adding the Jade

Maiden Sisterhood to the list wouldn't make things worse.

"Y-you stubborn man!" Nikki was exasperated.

There was no way Edith would have lost to Dustin if she weren't injured.

Nikki was trying to help Dustin. But he refused to accept her help and even intended to

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make the Sisterhood his enemy.

He must be crazy!

"I don't want to waste my time on you anymore." Dustin was getting annoyed.

"I'll let you guys go because of Nelson, but this will be the last time. If you guys piss me off

again, be prepared for the consequences!

"Now, get out!" He practically roared the last sentence.

A terrifying pressure fell on the Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples, causing the women to

shrink back in fear. Even Nikki was startled and couldn't speak.

"Hurry, bring Edith away!"

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Letitia was the first to react. She ordered some disciples to carry the unconscious Edith, and

they

ran for the door.

She knew that it was their loss today.

Fortunately, cum was su alive. at meant that they would get a chance in the future.

"Dustin Rhys, come out here!" someone suddenly roared.

The voice reverberated throughout the manor and caused the nearby birds to fly away.

"What?" The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples froze up.

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Before they came to their senses, someone kicked the gates down, causing the door to shatter.

A group of strong, hostile martial artists appeared.

"Who are you? How dare you storm into my manor!"

Dustin walked out of the ballroom and glared at the invaders.

"You better take a good look at who I am, Rhys!" A handsome man emerged from the

group.

It was Terry Doyle!

"You?" Dustin was surprised.

"What are you doing here?"

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"I'm here to challenge you to a duel to the death!" Terry seethed. Chapter 907

Ever since Dustin defeated him, Terry had been steadily recovering, biding his time. And

now, it was finally time for revenge.

"You're weaker than you were last time. How are you going to fight me?" Dustin sized up

Terry.

Although Terry's core had been restored, his cultivation was nowhere near what it was

before. Now, he was merely a low-level martial artist.

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"I never said I would fight you. The one who's going to fight you is my mentor!" Terry humphed.

"And who's that?" Dustin asked.

"Listen well. My mentor is the famous Augustus Kline!" Terry declared proudly.

Everyone was shocked.

"What? Augustus Kline? Isn't he a grandmaster?"

"That's right! Augustus Kline is well-known in the martial world. He's one of the five ultimate grandmasters of Balerno!"

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"Holy shit! Who the hell is this guy? How did he become Augustus Kline's disciple?"

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples were shocked. They saw grandmasters as beings that resembled God.

The martial world also believed that anyone weaker than a grandmaster was trash.

To grandmasters, strength and status didn't matter. That was, unless one was a grandmaster.

So, every martial artist in the world wanted to become one. After all, a grandmaster stood

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higher than anyone else.

"I see. But so what?" Dustin seemed unfazed.

"So what?" Terry was stunned. "Don't tell me you don't even know who my mentor is!"

Most people would be scared after hearing Augustus' name, yet Dustin was oddly calm.

"Does it matter? I'm going to accept his duel anyway," Dustin replied casually.

"He accepted it?" Everyone was shocked.

"Holy shit! Is he crazy? How could he challenge Augustus Kline?"

"This is a real grandmaster we're talking about, someone as strong as a god! He must be

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suicidal to

challenge someone as powerful as that!"

"How foolish!"

Aside from shock, the crowd was also visibly looking down on Dustin. They believed that no

matter how strong Dustin was, he would still be beaten into a pulp.

"You sure are reckless!" Terry chuckled coldly.

"Alright, then. Since you seem so eager to die, so be it. Here's the letter. Catch!"

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"Alright. You can choose the time and location," Dustin answered.

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Previously, he had challenged Terry to a duel. Now that Terry was returning the favor, he

couldn't

back down.

"Good. We'll meet at Shinefield Lake tomorrow afternoon," Terry said.

Then, he sneered. "You better not run away with your tail tucked between your legs!"

With that, Terry left with his men.

"What gave this man the balls to accept Augustus Kline's duel? He must be crazy!"

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"An idiot like him has no idea how scary a grandmaster is. He'll definitely regret it later!"

"Tomorrow's going to be interesting."

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples commented in malicious glee. They didn't think

someone ordinary like Dustin could win against a grandmaster.

Chapter 908

The next day, the news had spread far and wide Distin, the genius martial artist, had challen

ged Augustus, the grandmaster D

The battle was set to happen at the battle ring in Shinefield Lake

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Many people were excited to hear about the duel
Ever since Dustin won the Knighthood Society Tournament, all eyes
were on him. The attenti
on only became more intense as he became the prime suspect in
Paul's death
People from both alliances caught wind of the duel And now,
everyone was eager to watch t
he battle unfold
By dawn, many martial artists had arrived at Shinefield Lake Most
of them came because of
Augustus

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Augustus was a well–known grandmaster. His name was familiar to the people in Balerno.

He had been laying low for the past few years. But it didn't diminish his fame

After all, grandmasters were extremely rare. Most martial artists could only dream of meetin

g one

Inside the gazebo by the lake, many important figures had gathered together.

That included Ronald Reeds, the senior members of the alliance, as well as several geniuses.

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few Hill family members were also present.

"Sir Reeds, is the duel really going to happen? Will that guy actually challenge Sir Augustus?

" Spring asked.

"Most likely. The Doyle family already issued the challenge. It'll happen later in the afternoo

n Shinefield Lake." Ronald nodded.

His spies had been keeping an eye on Dustin. That was why Ronald knew everything that

happened in Zephyr Lodge.

"Is he crazy? Why would he challenge Sir Augustus?" Spring was confused.

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"Hmph! That foolish brat! He better not think he has the right to challenge a grandmaster ju

st because he did okay in the tournament," Autumn sneered. Although Dustin was one of the strongest among his peers, he wasn't a match for someone

as strong as Augustus. A grandmaster was on a completely different level.

"Dad, do you think he's hoping to be killed?" Torben asked.

"Hoping to be killed?" Autumn frowned. "What do you mean?"

"Just think about it. Dustin killed Grandpa and became the alliance's enemy. He also ingeste

d Septemortis.

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"He knows he isn't going to live long, so today's his last chance at fame. After all, being kille

Sir Augustus will be much better than dying to poison," Torben explained.

No wonder Dustin had the balls to challenge Augustus He must be hoping to die today

Being killed by a grandmaster was a much more noble way to die It was better than having

poison tear him apart from the inside.

"We meet again, Sir Reeds, someone said playfully

Everyone turned and saw Conrad smiling as he walked in with his men

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"What brings you here, Su Melling? Ronald was surprised

"I heard about what's happening There's no way I'd miss out on the show," Conrad answere

d.

He stroked his beard "After all, it's been years since I watched a duel involving a grandmaste

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Chapter 909

Conrad never left after Paul passed away After all he was curious to see how Balerno would

handle this issue

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"Since you seem so interested, why don't you take seat? Ronald smiled and invited everyone

to

Conrad headed straight to the seat next to Ronald and sat down "What do you think will ha ppen during today's battle. Si Reeds?"

"A fight, of course," Ronald replied

"You're a funny man, Sit Reeds Conrad smirked

Then, he said, "From what I heard, Sir Augustus is doing this to avenge his disciple I bet

that genius you like will have a hard time today.

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"That's how life is. He'll have to decide his own fate Ronald was calm.

"Balemo rarely finds a genius like him. Are you sure you can bear to let him go?" Conrad smi

ler slyly

"He may be a genius, but if he's a terrible person, he's nothing more than a nuisance," Ronal

d answered swiftly.

"He's right! That man killed my father. He deserves to die!" Autumn spat.

"Well, we'll see what happens." Conrad's smile deepened. He said nothing more.

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He was there solely to enjoy the show. And he couldn't wait for more internal conflicts withi

n t Balerno martial arts alliance to break out.

"Wow, look at those beautiful women!" someone from the audience shouted suddenly.

Everyone turned to see a group of gorgeous women approaching them, each holding a swo rd.

They were from Jade Maiden Sisterhood!

"Holy shit! Where did those chicks come from? They're gorgeous!" "Looking at their outfit, they should be from Jade Maiden Sisterhood."

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"Jade Maiden Sisterhood? I've heard that its disciples only consist of beautiful and talented women. I guess it must be true!"

"I couldn't be happier to see so many pretty women I'd die a happy man if I could get one of t as my wife!"

The men were excited by the new arrivals.

Female martial artists were rare, but to see a group of beautiful female martial artists? It v

given that they became the center of attention.

"Brittany, are all Balerno martial artists like this? They're like disgusting pigs."

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"This tiny place is nothing compared to Oakvale. You should keep your expectations low."

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After her brutal beating last night her face was a mess. She didn't dare to show it to anyone

"He's here one of the Sisterhood & disciples exclaimed Everyone followed the direction she was pointing and saw a confident figure approaching.

It was Dustin'

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Chapter 910

When Dustin appeared, everyone's glares shot toward him like arrows. The

crowd's eyes were filled with anger, resentment, shock, and scorn Because of Paul's death, Dustin became public enemy number one So, everyone was eagerly

waiting to see Augustus tear him apart.

"I didn't expect so many people to turn up Cornelius surveyed the crowded lakeside and sa

w the hostile gazes.

"They're probably here to watch me make a fool of myself" Dustin was unfazed. He already k

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new that this wasn't going to be any ordinary duel.

"Sit, why don't we give up? A duel against a grandmaster is no joke.

"Your life is more important than your pride," Cornelius warned in a low voice.

He knew that Dustin was powerful. However, Augustus was one of Balerno's renowned gran dmasters.

The gap between the two of them was just too big. So far, no one has ever escaped the fate

of being crushed by grandmasters.

"Why would we run away when we're already here?" Dustin replied calmly.

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"Sir, grandmasters are far stronger than any human can be. They're practically gods compared to regular martial artist

s. Please think this through!" Cornelius' expression was grim.

"Don't worry. I know my limits." Dustin smiled.

Augustus might be strong, but Dustin wasn't weak, either.

"Dustin..." Just then, Nikki appeared. She looked conflicted.

"Yes, Ms. Horst?" Dustin's smile disappeared. His expression turned cold.

The two of them had become strangers after yesterday night.

"I hope you forfeit the battle," Nikki said seriously.

"And why should I?" Dustin responded.

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"For your life, of course," Nikki preached.

She added, "Sir Augustus is a strong grandmaster. You're no match for him. If you fight him, you'll die!"

"That's none of your business. You should be caring for your mentor." Dustin remained. emo tionless.

"Stop acting like this. I'm telling you this for your own good. Why would you risk your life fo r nothing?" Nikki frowned.

"And how do you know I'll lose when the battle hasn't even begun?" Dustin retorted.

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"Duh! Sir Augustus is a grandmaster, but what about you?" Nikki lectured patronizingly.

She believed that he victory was pure lock

"So hat are you trying to say? Dustin remained unaffected Listen to me. Just give up losing the battle better than losing your life. Besides, surrendering

to Sit Augustus jen't humiliating." Nikki adejand

"Are you done? Then step sede Duet walked atght part her

"Hang on" Nikki ruched over to block Dustin again

Hesitantly, she began. I won't stop you if you insist on doing things your way. However, befo

re that I hope you can return the Jade Maiden Scripture to me

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After Edith passed out, the Jade Maiden Scripture disappeared from her arms. So, Nikkei im mediately assumed that Dustin must have taken it back

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"The scripture?" Dustin was surprised
Then, he burst out laughing "That's what you were after this entire time, wasn't it?"

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He thought Nikki had finally come around and was trying to advise him for fear of his safety.

It turned out that she was just putting on a show. Her goal was the Jade Maiden Scripture.

"Dustin, the scripture is very important to me. Please return it." Nikki's expression was awkward, but there was a determined look in her eyes.

"I've already given it to you. Why are you asking me again?" Dustin's expression turned stor my.

"Stop

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acting I know you stole it. We can still be friends if you hand it over," Nikki said expressionle ssly.

"First of all, I never stole that scripture of yours. It's your problem if you lose it. Secondly, I d

on't think I want to be friends with you," Dustin jeered.

"Are you going to keep acting like this, Dustin? The scripture is useless to you! Just return it

to me, and we can be friends again!" Nikki frowned.

She thought Dustin was a good man, but it was only a trick. He must have stolen the scripture to force her into making up with him.

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What a despicable man!

"Are you deaf? I said I don't have it! And even if I did, so what? I'd rather burn it to ashes tha

n le you have it!" Dustin snapped.

"You!" Nikki was infuriated. She couldn't believe how sneaky Dustin was.

"The Jade Maiden Scripture belongs to us in the first place. What right do you have to keep i

t Nikki yelled angrily.

She continued, "If you keep acting like this, I'll have no choice but to let everyone know all t

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he dirty things you did. You won't even have time to regret your actions then!"

"Pfft! Are you threatening me?" Dustin chuckled frostily. "Nikki Horst, you better stop testing n patience."

"As if you aren't guilty of stealing!" Nikki shouted. "Besides, I still haven't gotten even with y

ou f killing my brother. You better explain yourself today!"

"Shut up!" Dustin snarled. "Nikki Horst, don't you dare bring up Nelson. If it weren't for him,

I would have gotten rid of you a long time ago!"

"What? Are you going to hit me or something?" Nikki glared at him.

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She said, "You stole our Sisterhood's treasure and killed my brother. You're a f*cking piece o

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Instantly, Dustin slapped

Nikki across the cheek. The force threw her backward, and blood star gushing out of her nos

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"This is for Nelson I'm helping him teach you a lesson If you keep throwing a tantrum, I'll br eak your legs next Dustin snapped

"You" Nikki gritted her teeth.

Her face contorted in tage. However, she dared not strike back with Cornelius next to Dustin

"Having you as his sister must be Nelson's worst disgrace Dustin spat before stepping over

her

"You f*cking asshole! I can't wait for Sir Augustus to rip you to shreds!" Nikki cursed, screeching like a maniac

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Dustin ignored the profanities Nikki was throwing at him and walked straight ahead.

He had done all that he should. Unfortunately, Nikki was just as stubborn and

sickening as the other Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples.

All his help and advice had fallen on deaf ears. It even came back to bite him

There was no saving a woman like that He didn't have to, either.

So, he might

as well pretend not to know her at all

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"How did it go? Did you get the scripture back?" Just then, Edith and her disci

ples approached Nikki

Edith has been thinking about the scripture since she lost it last night. So, whe

n Dustin appeared, she immediately ordered Nikki to get it back. "He wouldn't hand it over, Madam. He even slapped me," Nikki whimpered. S

he covered her aching face with a hand.

"What?" Edith frowned. "Didn't I tell you to sweet-talk him? What did you do?"

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"That's what I did, but it was useless. He had his guard up against me. I could

n't get it back," Nikki moaned.

"You piece of shit, you couldn't even complete such a simple task!" Edith was i

rritated. She would have slapped Nikki as well if there weren't so many eyes o

n her.

"Madam Edith, since Dustin stole the scripture back, it must be in Zephyr Lodg

e," Nikki suddenly said.

"And?" Edith glanced at her.

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"This is our chance!" Nikki said.

She lowered her voice, "I'm sure Dustin will lose today's battle. So, even if he

doesn't die from it, he won't pose a threat to us anymore. When that time com

es, wouldn't retrieving the scripture from the manor be easy?"

"Hmm... You're right." Edith thought about it and nodded.

Then, she said, "Still, there are too many people in Zephyr Lodge.

It'll be diffic

ult for us to sneak around for it."

"Why would we go through all that trouble? The people in that manor are so

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weak, we might as well kill all of them to save ourselves the mess." A sinister look appeared on Nikki's face.

"Kill all of them?" Edith raised an eyebrow. "Is that necessary?"

"We're already enemies, Madam. There's no need to hold back anymore. We

should get

rid of every single one of them so that nothing comes back to bite us in the as

s." Nikki's eyes glinted

ruthlessly.

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inneu However, there was a hint of wariness in her eyes.

Nikki had always seemed like a harmless baby Edith never imagined that she

would have such a malicious side, going as far as to destroy an entire guild.

Even Edith couldn't help feeling cautious now

The scariest people in the world were those like Nikki, who hid their spiteful int

entions behind kind smiles. If Nikki was one of those people, there was a chan

ce she might stab Edith in the back.

"Dustin Rhys!" someone shouted as Dustin neared the lake.

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Dustin turned to see the Doyle family walking toward him.

Phil, the head of the family, was leading Terry, Maggie and the other main fam

ily members.

"I didn't think you'd have the guts to accept the challenge," Phil jeered.

Their family's reputation was in ruins since Dustin challenged Terry. So, Phil w

as determined to use this chance and turn things around for the Doyle family.

"The challenge letter was personally handed to me, so how could I embarrass

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myself by not showing up?" Dustin replied.

"Well, I'd say that embarrassing yourself is much better than dying." Terry smir

ked.

He wasn't worried that Dustin turned up-it was the opposite.

After all, Dustin was doomed to die as long as he showed up.

"Today's the da

y you die, Rhys!" Maggie hissed.

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Maggie still remembered how Dustin had beaten her up Now that the man she hated was st

anding right before her, she could finally have her revenge

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"Enough talking. Where's Sir Augustus?" Dustin's expression was cold

"Hmph' You'll have to get through me if you want to challenge him!" Just then, a terrifying aura burst forth from the crowd. Then, a man and a woman jumped ov

er to where the Doyle family was.

The man stood tall and proud with a fiery aura, while the elegant woman gave off an icy air.

It was clear that they were polar opposites.

"What are you guys doing here?" Terry was happy to see the new arrivals.

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"We heard that you were being bullied, so we came to support you." The man grinned, while

the woman merely nodded in acknowledgment.

"Terry, these two are?" Phil was puzzled.

"Let me introduce them to you, Dad. These are my seniors— Blaise and Frostine. They're a married couple, and they're also the famous Ice—

Fire Duo on The Heavenly Immortals!" Terry introduced.

"Ice-Fire Duo?" Everyone was stunned.

Ice-

Fire Duo ranked fifth and sixth on The Heavenly Immortals. The both of them could individu

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ally annihilate their enemies.

But they became more terrifying when they combined their powers.

No one weaker than a g

randmaster could withstand their attacks.

"I didn't expect Ice-Fire Duo to be here as well. This sure is a gathering of the strong."

"And they're Terry Doyle's seniors, too. From the look of things, they must be going to help him."

"Ha, that Rhys bastard is in trouble now!"
The crowd gossiped gleefully.

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"I see. That makes you part of our family." Phil beamed after knowing the couple's identity.

As a martial arts family, the Doyles naturally submitted to those stronger than them. The cou

ple before them were by far some of the strongest people around. They had to make sure to get close to them.

"You guys came just in time. Now that you're here, you can help me get rid of this bastard.

We don't have to dirty Master Augustus' hands." Terry pointed. "Leave it to me." Blaise smiled.

He turned to Dustin with a sneer. "Hey, brat! What gives you the right

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to challenge Master Augustus?"

"Let's make this clear. He was the one who challenged me, not the other way around," Dusti

n

"What?" Blaise's expression hardened "I dare you to say that again!"

Both statements had the same meaning. However, there was a significant difference when it

came down to who issued the challenge.

Typically, the weak would challenge the strong. Therefore, those who were challenged took pride. in being challenged.

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"I said that your mentor is the one who challenged me," Dustin repeated calmly.

"You're dead meat, bastard!"

Blaise was furious. He leaped toward Dustin and threw a punch. Immediately, a ball of fire shot toward Dustin.

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As soon as Blaise made his move, Cornelius jumped out and threw a punch as well

A layer of true energy cushioned Cornelius' fist as it smashed into Blaise's fiery fist Then, the energy exploded with a bang.

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Cornelius' body shook for a second before he steadied himself Blaise, however, was pushed back from the impact. Each step he took to stabilize himself created a deep dent in the ground.

It was clear to see who had the upper hand.

"Holy shit! Who's that old man? He was able to stop the person ranked fifth on The Heaven!

y Immortals!"

"Incredible! He gained the upper hand against Blaise in a fistfight."

"Balerno sure has tons of hidden gems. Even a random old man is so strong."

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Many people were shocked by Cornelius' ability.

They didn't expect a scrawny old man to win against Blaise when it came to physical strengt

h. It sure was a rare sight.

"Who the hell are you? How dare you stop me!" Blaise's face burned in humiliation.

He came here from Oakvale to show off his strength, yet he was shut down almost immedia tely.

"Nobody important," Cornelius replied calmly.

"So, you won't tell me? Alright, then. I'll pry the answer from your lips today!"

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Blaise quickly launched another series of attacks. This time, his target was Cornelius.

"Quake Break!" Blaise began throwing his fists toward Cornelius at an incredible speed. His fi

sts. were so flammable that a slight contact was enough to ignite a fire.

"Such useless tricks." Cornelius seemed unaffected. He began to counter Blaise's strikes.

Instead of using brute force, Cornelius' moves were gentle. He skillfully pushed Blaise's fists aside. It made Blaise's ferocious attack useless against Corn elius since it was like hitting a ball of cotton.

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"Celestial Crush!" Blaise was angry. He gathered Ohis true energy before striking out again.

This time, his punches were much faster and stronger. Still, Cornelius was able to swiftly eva de

Blaise's attacks.

By now, everyone could see that Cornelius was far stronger than Blaise.

Seeing how ineffective his attacks were, Blaise finally yelled, "Frostine, give me a hand!"

Immediately, Frostine drew her sword. Then, she launched herself toward Cornelius.

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Her blade was swift and ruthless as she struck out unexpectedly. At the same time, her swor

d exuded an aura so cold it froze the air it cut past.

Contienus iiowiieu diju Deyani taniny m nigin more seriously Blaise's punches were powerful and direct, but Frostine's strikes took him by surprise. Her at

tacks would come at various angles.

The two of them combined made them a formidable force, as expected of Ice–Fire Duo

Most Divine-

level martial artists would have been defeated by now. However, Cornelius surprised everyo

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ne by countering their attacks with ease.

"When did you have someone like that in Balerno, Sir Reeds?"

Conrad was surprised

From how Cornelius held up against the Ice-

Fire Duo, Conrad figured he must at least be a semi- grandmaster.

A master of this caliber s

hould be highly sought after.

"I don't know. I've never seen him before." Ronald shook his head.

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Ronald found it strange too A skilled semi– grandmaster was more than qualified to become an

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elder of the martial arts alliance.

Why would he be working for Dustin? Was he hired with a hefty sum to fight in

the battle?,

"It was only yesterday that we saw him. And yet, it seems like that old geezer

has improved "

Edith's expression was hostile. It carried a hint of resentment.

She had been stuck as a semi-

grandmaster for many years, unable to make any progress.

However, that old

geezer still had room to improve

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It made her jealous.

"Damn it! Where did that old geezer come from? I can't believe he still isn't def

eated by Ice-Fire

Duo." Maggie was getting anxious.

"Don't panic. At least it looks like Ice-Fire Duo still has the upper hand."

Phil stroked his beard. They weren't ranked fifth and sixth on the Heavenly Im

mortals for nothing.

They were invincible, especially when they joined forces. It was only a matter

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of time before they would defeat their opponent.

"Relax, that old man will never win against my seniors."

Terry was confident. "I believe he will be defeated in less than three minutes!"

As soon as he spoke, they heard a miserable groan

Cornelius' palm had

smacked a tired Blaise right in the chest. It sent him flying several meters

away.

Blaise crashed heavily into a sturdy tree. Blood dripped from his mouth contin uously.

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"Blaise!" Frostine's expression shifted, and her movements slowed down sligh

tly.

In that short moment she was distracted, Cornelius took the chance and struc

k again. His palm hit her back forcefully.

With a muffled groan, Frostine was

sent flying several meters away, just like Blaise. She landed. right beside Blais

e and spat out a mouthful of blood.

In just a blink of an eye, the situation was reversed.

"What? Ice-Fire Duo lost? Am I seeing things?"

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"Oh my goodness, that old geezer is too good. He won even when the fight w

as two against one."

"He truly is a hidden master!"

Cornelius' win ignited an uproar among the crowd. The nameless, formidable

martial artist suddenly piqued everyone's interest.

"How is that possible?" Terry's smile froze in place. He was dumbstruck.

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mountain was pressing down on them.

A piercing whistle accompanied the thunderous voice. A stream of brilliant whi

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he air.

It carried an explosive force, and it was aimed directly at Cornelius. Wherever

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the light traversed, it split the lake in half like a blade cutting through jelly.

"Huh?" Cornelius' expression turned grim.

Targeted by the oncoming power, he could only cross his arms and exert

all of his true energy to defend against it.

The brilliant white light surged forth like a meteor. It hit Cornelius and his prote

ctive true energy

barrier.

An explosive boom reverberated in the air.

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In the next instant, it was like Cornelius was hit by a train. He hurtled a long di

stance backward, blood spraying from his mouth.

Following the attack, the brilliant white light descended gently. It swayed in the

wind.

Unbelievably, it turned out to be a leaf!

A flying leaf capable of inflicting harm from a thousand meters away–

that was the power of a grandmaster!

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"What?" After witnessing Cornelius flying, the crowd was dumbfounded.

They were aware of his skills from his earlier performance. He had single–

handedly defeated Ice- Fire Duo It was nothing short of imposing Yet a formidable martial artist like him was severely injured by a single leaf. It was truly astonishing

The most

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remarkable part was that the leaf had shot out from more than a thousand yards away

Who could have injured a semi–grandmaster without even showing themselves?

"He's here!"

Amidst the gazes of many, an elderly man with a youthful appearance appeared at the end of Shinefield Lake.

He wore a white robe and had his hands folded behind his back. He strode across the surfac

e of the lake as if it were solid land.

With every step

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he took, ripples that looked like lotuses appeared. It made the aquatic life beneath him leap from the water in response.

At first glance, it looked like a divine being had descended from the heavens. As he moved a

midst clouds and mist, every gesture he made exuded an otherworldly grace.

"He walks on water! That's an unmistakable grandmaster!" someone cried out from the crowd. At that moment, everyone burst into excitement. Many of them had never seen a grandmast er before, let alone one at such close proximity.

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Grandmasters were like divine beings, distant and elusive. Seeing a grandmaster up close wa

s undoubtedly an awe-inspiring experience.

"Mr. Kline!"

Terry's expression lit up in joy at the elderly man's appearance. The weight that had been pr

essing down on his heart finally lifted.

His seniors' defeat had troubled him. Now that his mentor had made his entrance, he would

naturally be able to contain the situation.

"Is that Augustus Kline? His reputation is well-deserved!" Phil was delightfully surprised.

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A mere leaf from a thousand yards away could defeat a semigrandmaster. The sheer strength displayed was truly awe—inspiring. "Hahaha... our savior has finally arrived!"

After a brief moment of shock, Maggie was thrilled. With a grandmaster present, nobody wo uld dare cause trouble with the Doyles. "Hah! Augustus Kline has arrived. That Dustin brat is as good as dead today!" Sitting in a wheelchair, Brittany smirked in satisfaction. rie jjevej experieu dii viu MAN TO UNICA its seion vids it because tiey undejesumidieu ien enemy?

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The water sphere exploded with a pop Even the fish inside exploded into a blo

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ody mist

"Huh?" Augustus frowned at the unexpected scene
Though he had made a simple attack, it wasn't an attack an
ordinary person
could defend against.

"Augustus Kline, your opponent is me Dustin stepped out while shielding Corn elius.

"So you're Dustin Rhys?"
Augustus gave him a once—
over. His gaze was sharp, cold, and imposing. He exuded an air of
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e, resembling a God looking down upon insignificant mortals.

"That would be me." Dustin was stoic.

"Break your limbs, destroy your core, and apologize to Terry on your knees. T

hat way, I will let you live," Augustus spat out coldly. Although his tone was relatively composed, an underlying dominance was un mistakably present.

"Hey, Rhys! Did you hear that? Hurry up and destroy your core, then kneel an d apologize! Terry yelled arrogantly.

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He wouldn't pass up the chance to humiliate Dustin. After all, Dustin would be

entirely under his control once he lost his cultivation

"Hmph! You're lucky to be able to keep your pathetic life." Maggie sneered. Sh

e crossed her arms

with disdain.

Augustus was too kind. She would have ended him with a single strike instead

"We haven't even started our fight. But you're already making bold claims. Are

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n't you getting ahead of yourself?" Dustin said impassively.
"What? You're still brave enough to challenge me?" Augustus cast
Dustin a si
delong glance.

It was just a glance, but a fierce wind roared around them. Even water rippled endlessly.

"No, you've got it wrong." Dustin's gaze grew increasingly sharp. "I'm not here to challenge you. I'm here to cripple you!"

His words ignited a frenzy among the crowd.

"What the f*ck? Is this guy out of his mind? He actually spoke to Augustus like

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that?"

"This guy is too naive. He has no idea how terrifying a grandmaster can be!"

"How is he so arrogant at his age? He's practically asking for death!"

Dustin's words had caused a tremendous stir among the crowd. Some admonished him, some sneered at him with disdain, and others sought

to add fuel to the

fire.

Who did he think Augustus Kline was?

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"Arrogant brat You must die today! Not even the emperor can save your

Though Augustus was slightly taken aback, he soon erupted in fury. He shot a

cross the air as he

launched a palm strike

In an instant, the lake divided in half, and a surging wave emerged. A massive pillar of water suddenly shot up into the sky, resembling a giant pyt

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hon. It twisted around twice before crashing down violently on Dustin.

As it passed, a wild wind raged and caused aquatic life to jump out.

Even mas

sive trees toppled

The power shown was utterly terrifying.

"Now that you've angered Augustus, let's see if you can survive this!"

Upon seeing this, the disciples of the Jade Maiden Sisterhood gloated openly.

"Hmph! Challenging a grandmaster is like bringing a knife to a gunfight. That g

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uy is digging his own grave!"

The members of the Doyle family sneered. It was as if they were looking at a c orpse.

"A grandmaster should never be insulted. This young man is probably going to

meet his end here." Conrad sighed as he shook his head, feeling regretful.

"This guy has committed endless crimes. He deserves to die!"
The Hill family applauded and cheered. They felt vindicated.
Almost everyone believed that Dustin was sure to be a dead man.

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Just as the python-

like column of water was about to come crashing down on Dustin, he suddenl

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moved

With a quick tap of his toes, he launched himself forward. He turned into a whi

te streak of light as he broke through the "python" and continued toward Augu

stus.

"Huh?" Augustus' expression shifted dramatically.

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He unleashed a series of palm strikes, creating numerous water pillars as he t

ried to stop Dustin. However, the light was unstoppable as it pierced through a

Il the pillars.

Eventually, the light arced through the air. Then, it collided with a tremendous

force against Augustus' protective true energy barrier.

With a resounding bang, Augustus' protective barrier exploded, dissolving into

waves of light.

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His body was thrown upwards like a kite disconnected from its string. Then, h

e fell into the lake.

Augustus disappeared from view.

A deathly silence engulfed the scene. Only the sound of water bubbling on the

surface of the lake

could be heard.

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Only silence filled the scene.

Everyone was dumbfounded. Their eyes widened in disbelief.

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Nobody expected a great martial artist like Augustus to crash into the water wi

th one strike.

He was a grandmaster, for God's sake! His presence was like a divine being t

o ordinary martial

artists.

A flick of a finger could take a life, and a simple attack could defeat a divine—

level martial artist!

Under normal circumstances, a top-

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tier skilled martial artist like him should be invincible. He could crush everythin

g effortlessly.

What the hell was going on, then? The revered Augustus was defeated on the

ir first encounter. How the hell was that possible?

After a brief silence, the area around Shinefield Lake erupted into a frenzy.

"Oh my God! Am I seeing things? Augustus Kline was sent into the water?"

"No! That's not possible! A grandmaster is like God. How could an ordinary pe

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rson compare?"

"A grandmaster can only be defeated by another grandmaster.

Could that ma

n actually be a grandmaster already?"

"A young grandmaster! He's actually a young grandmaster!"

"We have a monster in the Balerno martial arts alliance!"

The excitement at the scene reached its peak as the crowd looked at Dustin st

anding on the

surface of the lake. All of them were dumbstruck.

"H-How is that possible? H-He. He's a grandmaster?"

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It was as if Terry was hit by lightning as the color drained from his face.

He had thought Dustin was only slightly stronger than him. He didn't expect hi

m to turn out to be

a grandmaster already. If Dustin wanted to kill him, it would be like killing

an ant.

The blow left him in despair. It wasn't only him. The rest of the Doyle family m

embers looked astonished and scared.

"Why? Why is he so strong?"

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Brittany shook her head continuously in disbelief. She couldn't accept that that

fanboy was a formidable fighter.

"We're doomed... We offended a young grandmaster. We're in big trouble!"

Letitia was terrified. She broke out in a cold sweat!

"How could this be? Why the hell is he a grandmaster?"

Edith was shocked and jealous. She had trained for many years but was unab

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like him was essentially asking for death

"Arrogant brat! You must die today! Not even the emperor can save you!"

Though Augustus was slightly taken aback, he soon erupted in fury. He shot a

cross the air as he launched a palm strike.

In an instant, the lake divided in half, and a surging wave emerged A massive pillar of water suddenly shot up into the sky, resembling a giant pyt

hon. It twisted around twice before crashing down violently on Dustin.

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As it passed, a wild wind raged and caused aquatic life to jump out. Even mas

sive trees toppled.

The power shown was utterly terrifying.

"Now that you've angered Augustus, let's see if you can survive this!"

Upon seeing this, the disciples of the Jade Maiden Sisterhood gloated openly.

"Hmph! Challenging a grandmaster is like bringing a knife to a gunfight. That g uy is digging his own grave!"

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The members of the Doyle family sneered. It was as if they were looking at a c orpse.

"A grandmaster should never be insulted. This young man is probably going to

meet his end here." Conrad sighed as he shook his head, feeling regretful.

"This guy has committed endless crimes. He deserves to die!"
The Hill family applauded and cheered. They felt vindicated.
Almost everyone believed that Dustin was sure to be a dead man.
Just as the python—

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like column of water was about to come crashing down on Dustin, he suddenl

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moved

With a quick tap of his toes, he launched himself forward. He turned into a whi

te streak of light as he broke through the "python" and continued toward Augu

stus.

"Huh?" Augustus' expression shifted dramatically.

He unleashed a series of palm strikes, creating numerous water pillars as he t

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ried to stop Dustin. However, the light was unstoppable as it pierced through a

Il the pillars.

Eventually, the light arced through the air. Then, it collided with a tremendous

force against Augustus' protective true energy barrier.

With a resounding bang, Augustus' protective barrier exploded, dissolving into

waves of light.

His body was thrown upwards like a kite disconnected from its string. Then, he fell into the lake.

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Augustus disappeared from view.

A deathly silence engulfed the scene. Only the sound of water bubbling on the

surface of the lake could be heard.

Chapter 919

It was Augustus, who was just sent crashing into the water! ths hair was disheveled, and his entire body was drenched He looked awful

He wasn't badly injured However, he couldn't get back his initial glory as a grandmaster.

"Master Augustus is actually alright? That's great!

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Seeing this. Terry was reenergized. He also regained his confidence.

The surprised crowd also had their hopes restored, Dustin was indeed a young grandmaster, but Augustus was a grandmaster too. Earlier, he ha

d been too reckless

Augustus had underestimated his enemy, which led to his loss. As a veteran grandmaster, Augustus would surely be more skilled if they fought head—on.

"Young man, how dare you attack me by surprise? Augustus came out of the water. He gritted his teeth with a fierce expression.

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He looked as though he wanted to eat somebody.

Augustus had never felt so embarrassed. He had his dignity wiped by a punk in front of ever yone.

It was a huge humiliation!

"A surprise attack? But you attacked first."

Dustin put his hands behind his back. He stood on the surface of the lake, his body moving

up and down with the waves.

"Hmph, I underestimated you earlier. That's why you managed to find an opportunity to strike," Augustus said.

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Then, he continued, "This time, I won't hold back. I'll show you the difference between us as grandmasters!"

With that, Augustus tapped his foot on the surface of the lake. A huge wave burst out.

At the same time, his whole body shot up like an arrow from a bow. He flew toward Dustin.

Wherever he flew over, his grandmaster's energy formed a large trench on the surface of the lake.

Dustin wasn't afraid at all. He also shot himself upward to meet Augustus.

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Like cars speeding toward each other, they collided.

Then came a loud, earth–shattering noise.

When they collided, water splashed up as high as fifty feet.

An energy light wave burst forth. It made a huge wave that crashed violently in every directi

on.

Wave after wave slammed against the land!

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m head to toe.

After that move, the two people in the middle of the lake didn't stop there. They continued t

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o attack each other.

They exchanged blows, each giving and taking.

They created countless splashes and roaring waves.

Even from three hundred feet away, everyone could feel their overwhelming power.

Every attack seemed capable of destroying the earth and moving mountains.

They were all scared out of their minds.

"This is what grandmaster martial artists are like? They're as scary as I thought!"

"This battle is intense. I really don't know who will win."

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"Is that even a question? Of course, it's going to be Sir Augustus.

Can't you see that the pun

k is already struggling to catch his breath?"

"That's right! As a

veteran grandmaster, Sir Augustus has a solid foundation. He has several tricks. up his sleev

e, so he ought to emerge victorious."

As the crowd watched the fight, they even made all sorts of comments to the point of being overly critical.

To them, Dustin could only get the upper hand earlier because Augustus had underestimate

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d him.

Otherwise, how could he have had an advantage?

At that moment, there was a thunderous noise from the middle of the lake.

In an instant, the earth swayed, and the waves surged.

Amid strong waves, the two figures clashed. Then, they retreated several hundred feet in sep

arate directions.

At last, they regained their footing on the surface of the lake. In the next second, Dustin suddenly spat out a mouthful of dark blood.

His figure swayed, and he almost fell into the water.

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"Hahaha... he lost! The punk lost!"

Terry and the others cheered in delight.

"As expected of Sir Augustus. He deserves his reputation. How impressive!"

The Hill family also perked up.

"Hmph, so what if he's a young grandmaster? He'll still die in Sir Augustus' hands."

The disciples from the Jade Maiden Sisterhood celebrated Dustin's defeat. They kicked him

while

he was down.

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expected.

"Punk, do you know what strength looks like? This is the gap between grandmasters! You sh ould be honored to die by my hand today!"

Augustus cackled

As he laughed, his body suddenly exploded like a balloon! Hie

entire being turned into a cloud of fog, and nothing was left of his body!

Chapter 920

"What

The crowd was stunned as they watched blood fog fill the air

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They were all rooted to the spot. It was as if they'd been struck by lightning

No one could have expected to see such a shocking sight.

Didn't Augustus win?

Why? Why did he suddenly explode?

That was none other than Sir Augustus, the peerless grandmaster martial artist!

He was a living legend!

Someone like him died... just like that?!

He was dead?!

"Master...?" Terry's jaw dropped open

He stood there in a daze. His face paled.

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He couldn't believe his eyes. His invincible, extraordinary master had suddenly exploded and died.

Even his body was gone.

"He's dead? Sir Augustus is actually dead?!"

After a brief silence, the crowd broke out in chaos.

"Oh my god, what the hell just happened? I can't be dreaming, can I?"

"No-no way! How did a grandmaster martial artist die?"

"The sky is falling... The sky is falling!"

Right now, all the martial artists were extremely shocked.

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They were all scared out of their wits. They felt their hair stand on end.

When Dustin coughed up blood, they were certain that Augustus won.

Yet, in the next second, he'd exploded and died.

That unexpected twist came out of nowhere.

Looking at Dustin, everyone screamed internally, "What kind of monster is he?!"

Shock, confusion, anger, jealousy, fear... Various emotion crossed their faces.

Although it was hard to believe, they had to admit that this young grandmaster was going t

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o shock the world! Thousands would submit to him! Under everyone's gazes, Dustin walked across the surface of the water toward the land.

His complexion was pale, and there were still traces of dark blood at the corner of his mouth

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But only Dustin knew that he didn't cough up blood because of
Augustus It was because of
Septemortis

The poison was like a maggot in his bones Every time he used his true energy, it would take

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the opportunity to get in.

The more true energy he consumed, the more aggressive the poison.

Watching Dustin make his way over, Cornelius was both excited and concerned. "Sir Rhys, ar

e you alright?"

He was excited because his gang leader was actually a low–profile young grandmaster.

Even in the entire world, he was one in a million.

He had a bright future ahead of him!

However, he was concerned. If Dustin got some kind of hidden injury from the battle, things

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would become troublesome.

In a life—or—death battle between grandmasters, one could easily injure one's core.

"It's just a small injury. It's nothing." Dustin waved his hand nonchalantly.

"Good." Cornelius sighed.

"You look like you got hurt pretty badly. Take this Dustin flicked a red tablet into Cornelius'

hand

"Thank you, Sir Rhys!" Cornelius swallowed it in one gulp.

After taking a few breaths, the blood surging through his chest began to calm down.

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The effects of the medicine were shocking.

"Rhys, how-

how dare you kill my master?!" When Terry returned to his senses, he flew into a rage.

"A life or death battle doesn't just prove who is stronger. It also decides who gets to live or die."

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Dustin said indifferently. "Sir Augustus wanted to kill me earlier. Why can't I kill him?"

"I'm going to take revenge on you for killing my master!" Terry roared. His eyes were bloods hot

"Terry, don't say that Phil quickly yelled. He was afraid.

This young grandmaster in front of them was able to defeat Sir Augustus, much less them.

"If it's a fair challenge, I'll welcome it. But if you dare use dirty tricks, I'll annihilate the entire

Doyle family!" Dustin said as he looked at Terry coldly.

The Doyle family stepped backward in fear. They looked terrified.

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It would be easy for a grandmaster to wipe them out.

"Cornelius, let's go home." Dustin no longer wanted to entertain this conversation and head

ed

down the mountain.

"Dustin..." At that moment, Nikki ran up to him.

With a guilty look, she said, "I'm sorry, I was wrong. I'm willing to turn over a new leaf and lis

ten to

you. Will you give me another chance?"

"Actually," she continued, "if you'd been honest with me sooner, none of this would have ha

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ppened. We would have been great friends, don't you think?" If she had known earlier that he was a grandmaster, she would never have chosen to betray him. "Get lost," Dustin spat coldly. His expression didn't waver a single bit.

Broken trust could never be regained.

"Dustin, I know you feel bad for me. For my brother's sake..."
"Get lost!"

Before Nikki could finish speaking, Dustin stomped his foot fiercely. An intense force of inter nal energy suddenly exploded, forcing her away.

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"Don't ever bring your brother up in front of me. You have no right," he said coldly.

With that, he left.

Watching his retreating back, Nikki gnashed her teeth. She was about to blow her top.

"Why? Why didn't you tell me?

"If you'd revealed your identity sooner, I wouldn't have done that.

"This is all your fault!

"Give the Jade Maiden Scripture back!"

Nikki shouted. Anger was written all over her face.

More than that, she was overcome with regret.

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"A leopard can't change its spots Dustin's cold, mocking murmur disappeared with the wind

"Madam Edith, what do we do now? Are we still going to massacre the entire Zephyr Lodge

tonight?" one of the Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples asked out of the blue

"Massacre?" Edith slapped the disciple.

She yelled, "Are you stupid? He's a grandmaster martial artist. How are you going to pull off

a massacre? Do you want to die?"

The disciple cupped her cheek pitifully.

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She muttered to herself, "Wasn't it you who said you wanted a bloodbath?"

"Now that such a powerful evildoer has been born, the entire martial world will be shaken u

p!" Conrad narrowed his eyes and let out a breath.

"He is a young grandmaster. If not him, then who?"

Several founding members of the Gleansted martial arts alliance also sighed.

"Dad, what do we do now? Can we still get our revenge?" Torben swallowed. He was feeling weak.

"Well..." Autumn was at a loss for words.

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Without his father in command, even if the entire Hill family joined united, they were no mat ch

for a grandmaster.

"Hmph, so what if he's a young grandmaster? He took the Septemortis. Without an antidote,

he's going to die anyway!" Spring said with a dark expression.

"That's right! The punk has been poisoned, and no medicine can help him. He only has three

and a half days to live!" Torben said, his eyes lighting up.

"Sir Reeds, that bastard killed my father. He is also the martial world's public enemy. You can

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not go easy on him!" Autumn said as he shifted his gaze.

The antidote to the Septemortis was with Ronald.

In other words, Dustin's life was completely in his hands.

"I owe everything to Sir Paul. I will handle this matter fairly and not let personal matters affe

ct my decision."

Then, Ronald shook his head and sighed softly. "Although it's a pity, someone has to pay th

e price

for this."

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Chapter 922

In the evening, Dustin was quietly sipping tea at his table by the window of the

Roseate

Restaurant.

The battle of grandmasters shook up the two major martial arts alliances entir

ely.

Various parties were thinking of ways to recruit him. This even included sever

al overseas

alliances.

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Of course, he paid no attention to those people.

Because today, he'd invited Natasha for dinner.

At that moment, the restaurant's doors opened.

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Natasha walked in elegantly. She was in a long black dress that complemente

d her complexion.

She was wearing light makeup today. Her natural features looked even more

alluring.

Together with her unique aura, she was a stunner.

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Even though he'd seen her many times, Dustin was still as surprised as alway

S.

"Why are you staring at me? Am I not beautiful today?"

Natasha purposely twirled in front of Dustin, putting her s*xy figure on full displ

ay.

"Of course, you're beautiful. Words cannot describe your beauty." Dustin nodd

ed with a smile.

"Hehe. Darling, when did you learn how to talk like that?" Natasha grinned.

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She had always thought that Dustin didn't get romance. She never thought tha

t he w

saying such things.

Did he finally learn?

"I'm just telling the truth," Dustin said seriously.

"Good, because I love hearing you tell me the truth." Natasha took a seat, still

smiling..

Then, she took out a gift box from her bag and placed it on the table. "Here, th is is for you."

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"Why did you get a gift for no reason?" Dustin was rather curious. He opened the gift box to find a beautiful brass lock. He was dumbfounded.

"Natasha, what does this mean?"

"A brass lock signifies a long lasting love. I want to keep you locked down!" Natasha said seriously.

"What year are we in? You actually believe in this?" Dustin didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

"What? You don't want to be locked down by me?" Natasha deadpanned.

Her eyes carried a hint of threat.

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"Hmph, that's more like it! Natasha smiled with a hint of pride.

Do you think I don't have control over you?" she thought.

"Natasha, why did you invite me to dinner today?" Dustin asked "Actually, there is." Natasha nodded.

Her expression turned serious. The preparations for the Oakvale company are

done. I have to fly over to take care of the overall situation, so I wanted to say

goodbye "

"So soon? I thought it'd take more time." Dustin was caught off guard.

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Natasha had mentioned this two nights ago. He just never expected her to do

things so swiftly.

"My family's situation is not great right now. There's already internal conflict, s

o I have to pick up the pace with the new company.

"When the time comes, I'll transfer all the funds here to there to avoid getting s

tuck in a muddy situation," Natasha explained.

"It's good to be prepared. You can't put all your eggs in one basket." Dustin no dded thoughtfully.

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Then, he asked, "Oh, do you need my help with anything?" "You don't have to worry about the business. Having the Immortunol is enoug

h. Right now, I'm most worried about my father.

"Ever since my uncle

took over, he has been getting rid of my father's most trusted subordinates. S

ome were kicked out of the family, while others were stripped of important pos

itions.

"If this c

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Natasha was solemn Given her father's personality, she knew he would never

hand over the treasure map once he knew Tyler was behind everything.

However, that would certainly anger Tyler and put her father in danger

"I understand I will send someone to protect Mr. Harmon discreetly," Dustin as

sured her

"That puts me at ease" Natasha grinned.

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"Of course, I won't be gone for long Once I've taken care of things with my ne

w company in Oakvale, I'll return to Millsburg immediately. If everything goes

well, I'll be back in three to five days"

"Alright, I'll wait for you." Dustin nodded.

After their food arrived, they chatted and ate in a pleasant atmosphere.

Just then, the doors to the restaurant opened once again. A group of elegantly

dressed young men and women entered, chatting happily.

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Dustin glanced over instinctively. He didn't think much of it at first, but suddenl

y, he froze. Looking back in the same direction, he appeared somewhat surpri sed.

"What's wrong?" Natasha noticed.

"Nothing, I just recognized someone." Dustin smiled.

"Is it a friend? Should we go over and greet them?"

Natasha turned and saw

a group of young people. They carried themselves exceptionally. Clearly, they

came from affluent backgrounds.

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"No need, let's focus on our meal," Dustin replied. He didn't pay much attentio

n to them.

He continued his meal with Natasha and enjoyed the moment of tranquility.

For some reason, he felt a sense of peace whenever he was with her. It was a

s if all of his worries

had suddenly disappeared.

"Dear, it's almost time. I still need to catch a flight. See you in a few days." Aft er having her fill

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Natasha stood up.

"Alright, I'll drive you there." Dustin stood up, too.

"That won't be necessary. I have a private ride. You seem tired.

Rest well whe

n you get back. You

must take good care of yourself.

"Oh, right. You better be faithful while I'm gone. Don't go flirting with everyone

you see. Otherwise Snip-"

Natasha made a face and turned her fingers into scissors. She followed that u

p with a chuckle and pecked Dustin on the cheek.

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With words filled with affection, she waved and bid him goodbye. AS DUSH Wathieu nei leave, nie je empty use it rent ds in site woju suuremy usappedi

"Dustin?" Suddenly, he heard a clear female voice.

He turned around to find several beautiful women staring at him curiously. The person in the middle of the group was Sheila Murray.

They had met in Swinton before. That was when he used a fiery beetle to cure

her of Polarfrost. His reward for that then was the Gozoraberry.

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"Dustin, it really is you! I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me." Sheila w

as so happy that she almost jumped up in joy.

"Sheila, long time no see." Dustin smiled weakly.

He hadn't planned on greeting her, but she still noticed him in the end.

"When did you arrive in Millsburg? Why didn't you tell me?" Sheila was very fri

endly.

She had been thinking about Dustin day and night ever since she met him. Bu

t since her parents

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were strict, she never had the chance to leave the house alone. She didn't expect to meet him there. It was a pleasant surprise! Chapter 924

"I've been here for a while now But I've been quite busy and haven't had the chance to visit

General Murray."

Dustin smiled and changed the subject, "By the way, how are you recovering? Do you still fe

el unwell?"

Polarfrost was an extremely rare disease. It was hard to get rid of it entirely.

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His method of using a fiery beetle to suppress it could only ensure Sheila's safety for the nex

t ten

years

After ten years, unless she found a rare treasure to save her, she would die.

"I'm doing great! I've been eating well too." Sheila smiled.

"Of course, it's all thanks to you. I would have been long gone if it wasn't for you."

"No need to mention it. Solving people's problems and getting paid is what I'm supposed to

do," Dustin replied with a smile.

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"Sheila, who's this? Why don't you introduce him to us?" a woman in red beside Sheila aske

d.

"Ah, I almost forgot." Sheila was quick to catch on.

"Vivian, this

is Dustin. The one I've talked about. He's the one who cured me of my strange illness!

As she spoke, her head was tilted up slightly. She looked slightly proud.

"Oh... So you're that guy Sheila often talks about?" Vivian gave him a once-

over. She looked at him

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with a slight disdain.

Dustin wasn't bad-

looking, but he dressed like a country bumpkin. Both of them were clearly fron

different worlds.

She didn't understand how an ordinary guy like Dustin won Sheila's heart.

Was it because he was good–looking? She had a bland taste if that were the case.

"Dustin, have you eaten? Do you want to join us?" Sheila asked first.

"Oh, I just ate," Dustin replied.

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"Huh?" Sheila's smile stiffened.

She found another excuse. "If you don't want to eat, why don't you sit down and have some

thing drink? It just so happens that I need your advice about medical stuff."

She looked at him expectantly, eagerly awaiting his response. "Alright then." Dustin hesitated for a moment before nodding. Sheila was too innocent. He was afraid of making her cry if he

rejected her again.

"That's great! Dustin, please come this way!" Sheila lit up instantly and pulled him by the arm.

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The one seated in the middle was a well– dressed man with a dignified appearance Though he looked no older than thirty, he had de ep, profound eyes.

Radiating a commanding aura, he carried a natural tegal presence. He stood out just by sitti

ng there, like a main character from a story

"Sheila, who's this next to you? How come I've never seen him before?"

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The well-dressed man stood up and scrutinized Dustin His gaze carried a hint of hostility

The intimacy between Sheila and Dustin bothered him.

"Evan, this is Dustin Rhys. He has remarkable medical skills. It's thanks to him

that I've recovered

from my illness."

Sheila wasted no time with the introductions.

"Is that so?" Evan narrowed his eyes and put on a fake smile.

"Well, since he's your friend, please have a seat."

"Dustin, please, sit." Sheila pulled out a chair for Dustin and positioned it behind him.

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Many around them frowned at her behavior. When had the distinguished young lady of the Murray family ever shown such humility? Wasn't that guy just a doctor? In normal circumstances, he wouldn't even be worthy of their attention. They all came from. privileged backgrounds, after all. They were either wealthy children of prestigious families or high–ranking officials. None of them were ordinary citizens. How could a mere doctor find himself in their exclusive circle? "Doctor Rhys, was it? May I ask about your alma mater? Harvard or

Yale?"

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Just then, a treacherous-looking young man spoke out

"Neither Dustin shook his head.

"Oh? Are you from some backwater university?" The young man snickered.

The rest of the group looked on amusingly. They were ready to witness a spectacle.

"I've never gone to university," Dustin replied.

"What? You've never even gone to university?"

The young man replied with an exaggerated expression, "Bro, are you joking? How can you

be a doctor without a degree?"

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"I practice traditional medicine. I grew up in that environment, so I acquired the skills

naturally.* Dustin remained unfazed.

"Traditional medicine?" The young man froze before bursting out in laughter.

"Bro, you're joking, right? Traditional medicine? That's just another name for a swindler in th

е

martial arts world."

"Hah! Who believes in traditional medicine these days? Those who do are fools!"

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"You can't say that. Those old folks who frequent the parks are totally into it. There sure are those who fall for it."

At that moment, laughter erupted from the group. Their tones were laced with sarcasm.

Having received their education in Streuqua from a young age, they despised traditional me dicine

"Sheila, are you sure he's the one who saved you? Were you lied to?" Vivian fanned the flam es.

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"That's impossible! Dustin is not a liar. He really has amazing skills!" Sheila argued.

"He has amazing skills? Hah... I don't believe it."

The young man grinned and said with a disdainful gaze. "Aren't you a traditional medicine.

practitioner? Let's see if you can figure out what's wrong with me.

"There's a reward if you guess right!" As he spoke, he extended an arm, looking expectant.

Dustin gave him a quick once-

over. He said impassively," Have you been feeling cold lately?

You've also been sweating mo

re than usual and experiencing back pain."

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"Huh?"

The young man frowned. "How did you know that?" His body had indeed been feeling strange lately.

"I noticed that your gaze is dull. You're also experiencing shortness of breath, and your com plexion is pale.

"Along with the other symptoms, you probably have weak kidneys. That leads to s*xual

"Bullshit" The young man was furious when he heard Dustin I'm fine! I can do it seven times a day, no problem Men hated it when they were told they couldn't perform well "Not only that, you have STD I'd advise you to

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get checked at the hospital. If you don't go soon, you might lose your buddy," Dustin warne d.

"Y-You You're spouting nonsense!" His fury reached its peak.

"If you speak any more crap, I'll beat the shit out of you!"

Saying he was bad in bed was one thing, but now he was accusing him of having STDs?

If word got out, how would he face anyone ever again?

"Hmph! What a load of crap!"

Vivian pursed her lips in disdain. "Do you think you're God? How can you know what illness someone has by just one look?"

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"Dustin, your claims have something to do with a man's reputation and dignity. You better watch your words.

"Otherwise, you might get a beating," Evan warned as he glared at Dustin.

"That's right! You say I'm sick, then show me the evidence! If you can't prove it, today won't

end well for you!" the treacherous—looking young man threatened aggressively.

"You want evidence? That's simple." Dustin raised an eyebrow and pointed at his abdomen.

"Press about three inches below

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your navel, two inches to the left from the midline. Then press one inch above your navel, al ong the midline."

"Hmph! Let's see what tricks you're getting at!" The young man followed Dustin's steps defia

ntly He pressed the two points on his abdomen.

After he was done, he lifted his head arrogantly and said, "I did it. Now what? I don't feel an

ything What does it prove? You're nothing but a swindler!"

As soon as he finished speaking, they suddenly heard the sound of water dripping.

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Everyone looked down to find that the young man's crotch, at some point, had become wet.

Yellow liquid was dripping non–stop from the end of his trousers. He had lost control of his bladder!

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Everyone in the private room was stunned as they looked at the floor covered in yellow piss

Their mouths hung open in astonishment and disbelief.

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The young man, in particular, stood frozen, his face drained of color. He couldn't believe he

had lost control of his bladder by just pressing two points!

The most embarrassing part was that people were staring at him.

"Ah-!" After a brief moment of shock, the young man screamed.

He fled the room, clutching his crotch. Every step he took left a piss-stained footprint.

The others looked on with strange expressions, the corners of their eyes twitching.

It wasn't just embarrassing for him; it was utterly mortifying.

"Dustin! What exactly did you do to Jake to make him that way?" Vivian snapped. She rose fr

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her seat.

How dare a mere country doctor humiliate a scion of a prestigious family? It was nothing sh

ort of

-a horrible offense.

"I told you, he has weak kidneys. But you wouldn't believe it. You insisted on proof, so there

you

1. go. He really has weak kidneys."

"You..." Vivian was rendered speechless.

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They just wanted to make things difficult for Dustin and embarrass him. Who knew that it w

ould

backfire on one of them instead?

"Hmph! You used unusual methods to trick us!" Evan's gaze was hostile. Jake was his friend. It was natural for him to be upset that Jake had been humiliated.

"What? You don't believe me either? Why don't I give you a check—up next?" Dustin turned his attention to Evan.

Evan instinctively recoiled. What happened to Jake was still fresh in his mind.

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Although he didn't know how Dustin did it, he wouldn't take the risk himself.

"I don't believe it! Diagnose me next if you have the guts!"

Vivian was defiant. She placed her arm on the table in a challenge to Dustin.

She never believed in traditional medicine, especially Dustin's ability to diagnose them with

a

quick glance. Plainly speaking, it was just a shady trick.

"Your condition is worse."

Dustin observed her carefully and said, "Your breathing is uneven and abnormal. You're easil

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y irritable and seem mentally fatigued. If I'm not mistaken, you should be having issues with

yo lungs."

"Get to the point. What's wrong with my lungs? Why don't I feel anything?"

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"You have lung cancer," Dustin answered bluntly

"Lung cancer Hah! What a load of crap!" Vivian snorted in disdain.

"I don't smoke. How can I have lung cancer? Before you make up a lie, at least make sure yo

u come up with a more believable excuse!"

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"That's right! Vivian has always taken care of her health. She gets a full body check—

up every six months. There's no way she's sick. Stop scaring people with your lies!"

"Traditional medicine? Please, it's clearly a scam. You got exposed so quickly!"

Everyone looked at him in disdain. All of them knew that Vivian went for medical examinatio

ns

regularly.

If she had any illnesses, it would have been discovered long ago.

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"Not smoking doesn't mean you won't get lung cancer. You could have inhaled toxic gasses,

or it could even be a genetic predisposition."

Dustin remained unfazed. "A word of advice. It'd be best if you get checked out at the hospi

tal sooner. Otherwise, you might regret it when it's too late."

"Hah! Did you really think I'm going to believe your nonsense? Do you think you're some mi

racle

doctor?" Vivian sneered.

How dare a country bumpkin who hadn't even attended university show off in front of her?

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"Suit yourself." Dustin stopped talking and sipped his tea An Understated Dominance by Marina Chapter 927 -Chapter 927

Dustin couldn't be bothered with a smug know-it-all like Vivian "What's the matter? Cat got your tongue now that you're feeling guilty? I knew

it!"

Vivian sneered with disdain. Tve seen plenty of scammers like you in the marti

al arts world You may be able to fool Sheila, but you won't fool me!" "Vivian, Dustin isn't a scammer. I believe him!" Sheila spoke up for Dustin.

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"Sheila, you're a good person, but you're just too naive and easily fooled. You

should be especially careful with those with unclear backgrounds.

As Vivian spoke, she glanced at Dustin, clearly implying something.

To her, Dustin was no different than the pretty-

faced boys who used to pursue Sheila. They tried their best to please her, aim

ing to climb up the social ladder and gain a foothold in upper society.

Fortunately, Vivian was sharp enough to see through all the tricks.

"Vivian, you got it all wrong. Dustin is a

good man." Sheila's brow furrowed lightly.

It suddenly occurred to her that her friends were hostile toward Dustin.

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"Alright, Sheila, it's getting late. I need to get going. Goodbye." After finishing

his tea, Dustin stood. up and excused himself politely.

It was just a chance meeting anyway. There was no need to associate himself

with these people

"Dustin..." Sheila got anxious and stood up. But she didn't know what to say.

"Sheila, don't mind me. Enjoy the rest of your meal. I'll visit General Murray an

other day." Dustin smiled and walked out of the room.

"Dust-" Sheila wanted to run after him, but Vivian grabbed her.

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Vivian reasoned with her, "Sheila, what are you doing? He's nothing but a sca

mmer. Let him go He'll only ruin our meal if he stays."

"I won't let you talk about him that way!" Sheila puffed up her cheeks, looking

slightly pissed.

"Alright, alright. I won't talk about him like that if you don't like it."

Vivian was h

elpless.

She followed up with a question. "Let me ask you, do you like that brat?" "Huh?" Sheila's face flushed red.

She stammered, "N-

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No way! Dustin is my savior. I just want to repay the favor."

Although vehemently denied it, her shy expression had made her feelings clea

r.

Evan took in her reaction with a frown. His gaze turned dark.

"Sheila, it's alright if you want to repay the favor. But you had better not fall in l

ove with him," Vivian warned.

"Why not?" Sheila was taken aback.

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yeurer.

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Vivian was solemn "As the heiress of the Murray family, you stand high above

the clouds.

"That brat is just a country doctor with a presence as insignificant as an ant. H

e's not worthy of you

"It's not an exaggeration to describe you two like the princess and the pauper.

Even if you don't look down on him, he'll never be able to find a place in our ci

rcle with his status

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"This is reality, and there is nothing you can do about it. For your sake and his

, it's best that you don't talk to him anymore."

Sheila fell silent upon hearing her words. She hung her head, seemingly deep

in thought.

"Alright, that's enough. Stop it with the depressing talk. Let's eat." Evan tried to mend the situation when he noticed Sheila's bad mood. It was a

chance to gain some brownie points.

"Fine, I won't talk about it anymore. Let's drink." Vivian smiled and raised her

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glass, clinking it with the others.

Just as she was about to drink it, Dustin suddenly returned. Without a word, h

e slapped her hand, knocking the glass to the ground.

It shattered loudly.

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Looking at the broken glass on the floor, everyone was stunned Nobody expected Dustin to return

and knock the glass out of Vivian's hands without a word.

"Hey! What are you doing? Are you crazy?" After a brief moment of shock, Viv

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ian slammed the table as she stood up.

The slap had left the back of her hand swollen and burning in pain.

"Outrageous! How dare you offend Vivian like that? You have nerves of steel!"

The others berated Dustin in righteous anger.

"If you don't explain yourself, I'm afraid you won't be able to walk out that door

." Evan stood up slowly, his domineering aura gradually showing itself.

"The wine was poisoned. I was saving your lives," Dustin responded coldly.

"Poisoned?"

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They all exchanged dismayed looks, feeling doubtful. They had assumed Dust

in acted out in revenge, but his revelation caught them off guard.

"Hah! Am I supposed to just take your word for it? How do we know you're not

lying?" Vivian yelled

She was naturally suspicious and wouldn't believe him easily.

Dustin immediately took out a silver needle and dipped it in Sheila's glass.

Aft

er stirring it briefly and taking it out of the glass, the silver needle turned compl

etely black.

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"Does this prove it?"

Dustin placed the blackened needle under the light, displaying it to everyone.

"Huh?" Vivian was startled and felt frightened.

A blackened silver needle meant that the wine was laced with deadly poison. I

f she had drunk i her fate would have been grim.

"What the f*ck? It really was poisoned? Who the hell is responsible for this?"

"Holy shit! Good thing I didn't drink it. Otherwise, I would have been a dead m an!"

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"Who dared poison us? They must be asking for death!"

After the initial shock, the crowd was now filled with anger. Since it was a matt

er that concerne

their lives, they naturally wouldn't let it slide.

"Dustin, thank God you were around. Otherwise, all of us would have been poi

soned." Sheila gulped, still shaken.

"It was nothing." Dustin shook his head.

He couldn't just stand by and do nothing for Sheila's sake.

"Hold up! How did you know the wine was poisoned?"

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test it either. How were you so certain?"

Because of her words, the others turned their attention to Dustin They also wo

ndered how Dustin could have known the wine was poisoned.

"A waiter was acting suspiciously by the

door earlier. I asked him a few questions, but he ended up running away.

And

he even dropped this."

As Dustin spoke, he placed a vial of poison on the table. It was precisely beca

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use he sensed something amiss that he had returned.

Vivian's tone was hostile. "What poison? It's all fake! From what I can tell, it's

clearly a play you've orchestrated yourself!"

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[&]quot;A suspicious waiter? Where is he now?" Vivian narrowed her eyes.

[&]quot;He fled," Dustin replied honestly.

[&]quot;He fled? Hah! You let him go on purpose, didn't you?" Vivian sneered.

[&]quot;What do you mean by that?" Dustin raised an eyebrow.

[&]quot;Stop the act! I've seen through you."

"Vivian, what are you talking about? Dustin saved us!" Sheila was dumbfound

ed.

"Sheila, don't be fooled by him. This guy has ulterior motives!" Vivian smugly explained, "He was the one who poisoned our drinks! He made

a show of leaving before returning at a critical moment to play the hero.

"He did all that to earn our trust! But these tricks won't fool me!"

Vivian's explanation cast a shadow of doubt in everyone's minds. What she sa

id did seem possible After all, they would rather trust Vivian than a stranger.

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"Hey, are you that full of yourself? I'm not that desperate for entertainment to

play these petty games with you," Dustin replied coldly.

He had been kind enough to help them, but he didn't expect this woman to be

so ungrateful!

"Hmph! You still won't admit it? Fine!" Vivian said.

She continued, "Then let me ask you. How did you just so happen to bump int

o that waiter and, just so happen to pick up this vial of poison?

"Don't tell me these are all just coincidences." Vivian's expression grew dark.

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"You guessed it right. It was a coincidence." Dustin nodded.

"Hah, did everyone hear that? This guy can't even find another excuse.

He's a

lready shown his

true colors," Vivian sneered.

"Other than that, the biggest giveaway is your silver needle. Who in their right

mind would carry: silver needle with them outside? It's clear that you had plan

ned this!"

As she spoke, realization hit the crowd.

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"That's right! How could such a convenient coincidence happen? This brat is d

efinitely suspiciou

"After all that, it turns out that he was the one who poisoned us. I can't believe

I thought of him a our savior. It's true that we can't judge a book by its cover!"

"Thank God Vivian was smart. Otherwise, we would have all been fooled!"

"That bastard dared to play such tricks with us? He must be seeking death!"

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At that moment, everyone looked at Dustin with hostility. The initial gratitude t

hey felt had no turned into anger and resentment.

"Dustin, you didn't expect me to see through you so quickly, did you? Do you

have anything left

say?"

Vivian crossed her arms, looking proud of herself. It was as though she had cr

acked an importa

case.

"How ignorant." Dustin shook his head.

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Dustin turned around to leave. He didn't want to waste his time with them any

longer.

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Several of them started clamoring. Their gazes were hostile, like they were re

ady to attack at any

moment.

"What's this? You're going to repay kindness with violence?"

Dustin glanced around, his gaze turning cold. If they wanted to start a fight, he

wouldn't mind giving them a lesson.

"Dustin, you can't afford to offend us!" Vivian threatened him.

"I'm giving you a chance. Apologize immediately and admit to your crimes. Th

at way, you might just be able to live."

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A bullet had shot out, piercing right through Vivian's chest. Blood splattered ag

ainst the wall, creating a mesmerizing display of crimson blossoms. Chapter 930

"What?"

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[&]quot;Idiot," Dustin spat out coldly.

[&]quot;What?" Vivian's expression turned dark.

[&]quot;How dare you insult me? You're asking for it! Catch him!"

[&]quot;Right away!" A few of them answered and were ready to start a fight. However, right at that moment, the situation changed drastically. A loud gunshot rang out, shocking the entire room.

The unexpected turn of events startled everyone. It was especially shocking for Vivian, who

was

left dumbfounded.

She looked down to see the bleeding wound on her chest. Her face showed a mixture of sh

ock,

astonishment, confusion, fear, and disbelief.

She never expected to get shot. It happened so fast and without any warning.

She was in a daze. Then, she suddenly screamed and fell to the ground. The situation had fin

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ally

hit her.

"Assassins! Get down!" Evan was the first to react and shouted out loud.

The others snapped out of their daze. They were quick to take cover on the ground.

Meanwhile, several masked assassins burst into the room. They had kicked the door open. E

ach of them wielded a silenced pistol.

Upon entering, they opened fire without mercy, shooting anyone they saw.

Amidst the rapid

gunfire, two people were struck down.

"Damn it!"

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Evan got angry. Instead of retreating, he kicked a table over. It crashed into several of the

assassins

Taking advantage of their confusion, he lunged at them. He gripped two assassins by their n

ecks and squeezed.

With two sharp cracking sounds, the two assassins went limp and fell to the ground.

After dealing with the first pair, Evan launched another attack. His fists were like thunder, stri

king with unbelievable speed and force.

It was incredibly impressive to watch each blow strike like a cannonball.

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With a series of dull thuds, the remaining assassins were hit in the chest. Before they could e

ver

react, they had dropped dead on the spot.

Everything happened in a flash. In just a few minutes, Evan dealt with all the assassins. His in

credible skills left everyone in awe.

"What a bunch of trash," Evan sneered.

He picked up a tablecloth from the ground and cleaned the blood from his hands.

Such an impressive display of skills immediately earned him cheers and applause.

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"Of course he is! Evan is the direct descendant of the Derlin family. He is also a member of t

he Celestial Alliance. It's a given he's so powerful!"

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"Simba? What the f*ck is a Simba?"

"Whoever you are, you're going to die today since you've met Evan!" Several young men and women started shouting.

They had seen Evan's performance just moments ago. They watched how he took down sev

eral armed assassins in an instant. What more was a weaponless fighter?

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"This person is clearly a martial artist built on strength. I have to catch him off guard and en

d the fight as soon as possible."

Evan gave him a quick once over and made a decision.

He bent his knees slightly, slowly gathering momentum. Then, pushing down with his feet, h

e propelled himself forward like a bullet. He launched with tremendous power.

"Thunder Strike!" Evan shouted.

Internal energy surged through his body. Then, he threw a powerful punch straight at Simba

.

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A faint explosion echoed as Evan's iron fist heavily struck Simba's abdomen.

However, Simba didn't react. He stood like a mountain, unflinching. He showed no signs of i njuries.

"Is that all?" Simba crossed his arms. He looked down at Evan arrogantly. A smirk played on his lips. "Are you trying to scratch my itch?" "Huh?"

Evan froze in place. His eyes widened with disbelief.

He had put all his strength into that strike. How did it not hurt him at all? Impossible!

"You're too weak," Simba shook his head.

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He grabbed Evan by the neck and lifted him off the ground with brute strength.

"Ugh..." Evan couldn't breathe. As his feet hung in the air, his face flushed red.

He began to struggle frantically, but it was futile. He was like a defenseless lamb awaiting its

fate.

"What?"

The group's expressions changed dramatically as they watched on. Their earlier arrogance w as replaced with terror.

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No one expected the powerful Evan to be completely powerless against the muscular man. I

t was truly terrifying!

"You son of b*tch! Release Evan right now!"

Seeing Evan in danger, Sheila picked up a knife and rushed forward.

With a sharp clang, she stabbed the knife into Simba. But it didn't even graze his skin.

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His enormous palm aimed to strike Sheila's head.

"Sheila' Watch out!" the group shouted in shock.

However, Sheila had been paralyzed with fear. She stood frozen, unable to react

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Just as everyone thought she was as good as dead, a hand grabbed Simba's wrist.

"She's off limits," Dustin calmly stated as he held onto Simba.

"You dare stop me?" Simba's gaze grew cold.

"Don't make me fight you, or you will end up dying a horrific death," Dustin replied stoically.

Upon hearing this, everyone was stunned.

"What the heck? Is this guy trying to get himself killed? How can he be so arrogant?"

"Even Evan can't handle Simba. This brat is on a suicide mission." The remaining group whispered among themselves. They looked at Dustin as if he were a co

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rpse.

"What trash! Go to hell!" Simba was furious.

He threw Evan

aside and aimed a punch at Dustin's forehead. But Dustin remained unfazed and threw a pu

nch as well.

As two different–sized fists collided, a loud explosion rang out. Simba's arm exploded upon impact, and he was sent flying. He crashed through a wall and f

ell

from the second floor.

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Chapter 932

"What

As they watched Simba being sent flying, a stunned silence fell over everyone

. Their eyes widened in disbelief Some of them even doubted their eyes Simba was over two meters tall. He had a massive figure and a muscular phy

sique, just like a

mountain

Meanwhile, Dustin looked thin and fragile. It was as if a gust of wind could blo

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w him away

Under normal circumstances, Simba should have been the winner. After all, th

ey had a

clear difference in size. So, how did the situation reverse so suddenly?

"What the f*ck? Who the hell is this guy? How is he so strong?"

The group exchanged shocked looks. Not even Evan could rival Simba, so ho

w could this country

doctor have defeated him?

"Dustin, you're amazing!" After a brief shock, Sheila immediately cheered.

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If it weren't for Dustin intervening, she might not have survived.

"Don't be that impulsive next time. Your first priority should be your own safety

in a situation like this," Dustin warned.

This woman was willing to risk her life to save her friends. She was truly foolis

h.

"Got it!" Sheila smiled sweetly in response.

Since Dustin had saved her again, she was determined to repay him well.

"You you're actually a divine-level martial artist?"

Evan got up from the ground. He looked surprised.

He considered himself a capable martial artist. Still, he was only a high-

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level martial artist.

He couldn't believe the plain-

looking man before him was a martial arts expert.

"That doesn't seem to concern you." Dustin cast him a sidelong glance, his ex

pression cold

"You..." The corner of Evan's lips twitched. But he swallowed his words.

God damn it! What was he showing off for? He was just a divine—level martial artist. He was essentially just a fighter.

The Derlin family is influential. A grandmaster showed them some respect, let

alone a divinelevel martial artist.

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"Cut the crap and call an ambulance!" Right then, Vivian, who had fallen after

being shot, shouted

Although the bullet had pierced her chest, she was lucky it missed her heart.

She wouldn't die immediately.

"Hang in

there, Vivian. I'll call for help right now!" Sheila returned to her senses and dial

ed for

Aside from Vivian, two others had also fallen victim to stray bullets "Let me attend to them"

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Dustin approached one of the injured men and assessed his condition The man had been shot twice, and he had

lost a significant amount of blood. It was clear that he wouldn't be able to hold

on for much longer

"Hey! Are you even qualified to be doing this? This is a matter of life and deat

h" Evan asked

"If I can't do it, are you going to treat him instead?" Dustin fired back.

"I" Evan fell silent.

"Shut it if you can't contribute."

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Dustin wasted no time and pulled out a silver needle. He sealed off several ac

upoints near the

man's wound

In no time, the bleeding stopped.

The sight left the group amazed. Although it was hard to believe, they had to a

dmit that traditional medicine did work.

"Sheila, please bandage him up for me."

With his instructions given, he went over to the other wounded man.

"Me! Save me first!" Before Dustin could insert a needle, Vivian immediately cr

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ied out. Panic and fear filled her eyes.

"I'm just a scammer in the martial arts world. I can't treat you. You're better off

praying for a miracle," Dustin replied impassively.

"No, no, you're not a scammer. You're a miracle doctor. Please save me first.

My injuries are worse * Vivian's expression scrunched miserably. In the face of death, she had no choice but to set aside her pride. At least, she

could tell earlier that Dustin did have some genuine skills.

"You seem quite energetic to me. You won't die for the time being. Hang in th

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ere for a little longer. After he spoke, Dustin took out his silver needle and pro

ceeded to treat the other man's injuries.

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"You!" While Vivian seethed in anger, there was nothing she could do. She co

uld only endure int silence.

She could only pray that Dustin would work faster. She sensed that she was l

osing blood, and her body was growing weaker.

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Three minutes later, Dustin finally finished treating the second man. As long a

s the bleeding was stopped, he wouldn't die immediately.

"It should be my turn now, right? Hurry up and start treating me!" Vivian was g

etting impatient. She rushed Dustin repeatedly.

Yet Dustin appeared completely at ease. He didn't feel any sense of urgency.

He wiped his hands. and stretched lazily before leisurely sipping on a cup of t

ea.

"Hey! What are you doing? Help me stop the bleeding!"

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"Vivian was on the verge of losing her temper. She was nearly drained of bloo

d. How could he be in the mood to enjoy his tea?

"Why the rush? It's not like you're dying." Dustin glanced at her, still unmoved.

"What do you mean I'm not dying? Don't you see that I was shot?

Where's yo

ur humanity? Save me!

Vivian was anxious.

As she got more agitated, blood pooled faster. She was so shocked that she

ook a few deep breaths to calm herself down.

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"Is this how you ask for a favor?" Dustin continued sipping on his tea leisurely.

"Rhys! Don't push it too far when I'm being nice!" Vivian seethed in anger, gritt

ing her teeth.

She was the heiress of the Willow family. She was always placed on a pedest

al wherever she went.

How dare

a mere country doctor show off in front of her? It was a terrible offense! "Since you're not sincere, forget about it. Bye."

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Dustin couldn't bother with her any longer. After finishing his tea in one gulp, h

e stood up and left.

"Wait! Wait... Miracle Doctor! Miracle Doctor Rhys! I was wrong!

"I chose the wrong words and have offended you. Please, doctor, save me!"

Vivian gave in immediately when she saw the situation taking a turn for the worse. Her survival instinct was in full gear.

"Dustin, Vivian seems to be in bad shape. Can you please save her?" Sheila chimed in.

"Fine, I'll help her this once for your sake." Dustin nodded.

"Thank

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you, Doctor Rhys! Thank you very much!" Vivian's expression brightened.

However, a glint of resentment flashed through her eyes. Once she got throug

h this, she would definitely seek revenge.

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After a few minutes, he returned with a box of medical supplies.

"Here, just stick this on the wound." Dustin tossed the medical supplies to Vivi

an's feet.

"What is this?"

Curiously, Vivian opened up the box and was immediately dumbfounded.

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Dustin had tossed her a box of band-aids!

"D-Doctor Rhys, is this a joke?" Vivian widened her eyes in disbelief.

"I have a gunshot wound–a gunshot wound! What the hell can this do?"

"What do you mean? J&J Band-

Aids can stop bleeding, disinfect, and even provide pain relief. There is nothin

g better than that to help with your injuries," Dustin said seriously.

Vivian was speechless. Her eyes twitched uncontrollably, and her body trembl

ed.

Seriously? Who the hell would treat a gunshot wound with a bandaid? Could he please show some respect?

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"Sheila, she can't seem to move freely. Why don't you help her? Don't forget t

o stick it both on the front and the back.

"As for whether she can survive, that would depend on her luck. I have other t

hings to attend to, so I'll take my leave now."

With that, Dustin left without looking back.

As soon as he walked out the doors, he heard a shrill scream.

"Rhys! You're my enemy from now on."

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The night grew deeper.

It was particularly quiet at Auspicious Restaurant. The place wasn't as lively a

s in the morning.

One reason was its secluded location, and the other was because it didn't ope

rate at night." Suddenly, a muscular figure jumped over the walls. He skillfully

went through the restaurant.

The figure was headed to a private room on the second floor.

When he arrived at the door, he gave it a light knock.

"Come in." A dignified voice came from inside the pitch-black room.

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The figure opened the door cautiously. He immediately dropped to his knees

when he got inside. Speaking toward a folding screen, he announced his arriv

al. "I'm here, sir."

"You got injured?" The voice spoke again from behind the folding screen. "I failed

my mission. I encountered a powerful opponent and almost lost my life." Simba lowered his head. His expression was filled with fear and respect. Blood was dripping from

his wounded arm onto the ground. It sounded jarring in the silent night.

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"You actually dared to return after you failed?" The voice turned cold. It carried

a chilling undertone that crept into the air.

"Sir, please give me another chance. I promise I will complete my mission!" Si

mba trembled in fear and broke out in cold sweat.

"You damned fool! Didn't you notice you've been tailed?" the voice shouted.

"A tail?"

Simba looked around and said, "Impossible! I was careful the entire way here.

Nobody could have noticed me!

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"Dear friend, since you're already here, there's no need to hide." The voice be

hind the screen grew louder.

As soon as his words fell, they

heard the faint sound of footsteps echoing in the corridor. Following closely,

Dustin entered, looking indifferent.

"It's you?" Simba's expression changed. He took a few steps back in fear and

almost stumbled.

He never expected to be followed.

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As an accomplished assassin, he had undergone rigorous training since youn

g. He was also one of the best at countering surveillance.

Dustin must be a ghost to have been able to tail him without a sound.

"It's impressive that you noticed me this quickly." Dustin ignored Simba.

His g

aze was fixed on the screen.

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a couvy man seated ven however, it was too ai to uisce is reatures.

"It's even more remarkable that you were able to come within ten feet of me."

The plump man remained unmoved.

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"Yes, sir..." Simba shrunk back slightly. Without another word, he excused hi

mself.

Dustin ignored him, allowing him to leave as he pleased.

"Sir, do I have the pleasure of talking face—to—face?" Dustin spoke again.

"Of course." The chubby man waved. The lights turned on, and the folding scr

een was brought down.

The moment their gazes met, the both of them were stunned.

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[&]quot;Sir! This is the guy who ruined my mission!" Simba revealed.

[&]quot;You useless trash, get out!" the chubby man shouted.

Chapter 935

"Mr. Rhys?"

"Mr. Franklin?" Dustin was surprised to see the chubby man before him. He realized that Simba's envoy was Samuel Franklin. He was the person who sold the Jade

Maiden Scripture.

"Mr. Rhys, I didn't expect fate to lead us to meet under these circumstances," Samuel said wi

th a

smile.

His previous cold and chilling demeanor returned to one of gentleness. He appeared harmle

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ss and friendly..

"Mr. Franklin, you have quite the identity." Dustin narrowed his eyes.

"I've heard that the Bounty Killers have three chief envoys. Each of them is known for their in

credible power and abilities. I didn't expect you to be one of them."

"I'm just making a living. It's nothing worth mentioning." Samuel smiled and made a gesture

.

Dustin didn't hesitate and took a seat.

"Mr. Rhys, I'm impressed by your victory over Augustus Kline. Your reputation as a young gr

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[&]quot;Mr. Rhys, please have a seat."

andmaster has shaken the world."

Samuel brewed a pot of tea and poured it into two cups.

"Mr. Franklin, you're very well-

informed. You've heard about what happened in no time." Dustin took a sip of tea.

Samuel laughed. "If I had remained oblivious to such a shocking event, I might as well retire

from

my role as an envoy."

His smile was unwavering.

"Mr. Franklin, I'll get straight to the point. Was Sheila your target today?" Dustin looked up a

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t him. slightly.

He had been tailing Simba to search for the truth.

Christopher Murray was an old

friend of his mother's. He had also helped him out on two occasions in the past.

Moreover, considering Sheila's kindness, he felt he should involve himself in this matter.

"That's right." Franklin didn't deny it.

"Solving people's troubles and getting paid is the Bounty Killer's code."

"Can you cancel the mission?" Dustin inquired.

"No, unless the employer chooses to withdraw it themselves." Samuel shook his head.

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"That is classified information. I can't tell you," Samuel continued to shake his head.

"Mr. Franklin, you keep withholding information. Are you forcing me to flip this table?" Dusti

n narrowed his eyes.

"Mr. Rhys, please stay calm. The Bounty Killers has its own set of rules. Disclosing the identit

y of the employer is strictly forbidden. However..."

At that moment, Samuel changed his tone.

"While I can't reveal the employer's identity, I can offer you another piece of information. I b

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elieve

it'll catch your interest."

"What kind of information?" Dustin raised an eyebrow.

"I have a lead on Paul Hill's death," Samuel dropped a bombshell "Hmm?"

Dustin's gaze hardened. "You know who the killer is?"

Paul Hill's death had put him under tremendous pressure for the past few days. Even when h

e had mobilized everyone in the Kirin Gang, he could not find a single lead.

"While I can't say for sure, I do have some information." Samuel chuckled.

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"Who is it? Who exactly had Sir Paul killed?" Dustin asked in a low voice.

"Paul Hill's death has something to do with the Shadowslayers from Kimboku."

Samuel explained, "According to our investigation, one of Shadowslayer's five elite assassins

- , Dimitri Gonzalez, has infiltrated Dragonmarsh recently.
- "He's been active around Balerno too. Paul Hill's death likely has something to do with him."
- "Is this Dimitri Gonzalez that good?" Dustin frowned.
- "As an elite assassin, he's indeed powerful. He has already reached the level of a grandmaste

r five years ago," Samuel explained.

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"This doesn't make

sense! If we go by what you're saying, Dimitri alone wouldn't stand a chance against Sir Paul

!" Dustin's expression turned serious.

Dimitri had only broken through the level of a grandmaster five years ago. Normally, Dimitri's skills should only be between that of a novice grandmaster and an inter

mediate grandmaster. In contrast, Paul Hill was already a full-fledged grandmaster!

It would be difficult for him to succeed in an ambush or an assassination attempt.

"Mr. Rhys, you're very sharp. It's truly remarkable." Samuel smiled.

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"Indeed, Dimitri couldn't have done it himself. However, there is a traitor within the Hill famil

y."

"A traitor?" Dustin's brow furrowed.

He almost yelled, "Who?"

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"This traitor has been very good at hiding himself. There haven't been any slip—ups so far." Samuel shook his head.

He continued, "One thing for sure, they hold significant influence within the Hill

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family. They're either one of the Hill brethren or someone from the main famil

y."

The Hill brethren consisted of Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. They wer

e also Paul Hill's

four sons.

Each one held substantial resources and had ambitious goals. They were also smart in politics.

"You might as well not have said anything." Dustin frowned.

"There are so many people in the Hill family. How could I find a traitor in such

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a short time?"

He had his suspicions before. But he couldn't find any concrete evidence.

"Relax, Mr. Rhys. It isn't exactly hard to find out who the traitor is.

However, y

ou would have to take a little risk." Samuel smiled meaningfully.

Oh? Do you have a plan, Mr. Franklin?" Dustin was interested.

"It isn't exactly a brilliant plan. It's just a matter of using bait."

Samuel dipped his index finger into his tea. Then, he made a few marks on th

e table.

After reading them, Dustin nodded in contemplation.

"That seems like a plan, but I wonder if it will work.

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"Just do your best and leave the rest to destiny," Samuel said.

"Thank you for your advice, Mr. Franklin" Dustin nodded thoughtfully.

He asked. "How much is this information worth?"

"It's free. Let's consider it the start of our friendship," Samuel replied with a frie

ndly smile.

"It's not easy to become my friend. I'll consider you one if you tell me who is b

ehind Sheila's bounty." Dustin began negotiating.

"Mr. Rhys, please don't put me in a difficult position"
Samuel chuckled and shook his head. "If the client's information leaks, I won't

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have any more.

business in the future."

"This is only between us. Who would know about it?" Dustin smiled.

"There are no safe secrets in this world. I can't take the risk." Samuel shook hi

s head.

Samuel had just finished speaking when a sharp clang resounded. A bloody k

nife suddenly fell from Dustin's waist.

Samuel froze.

"Oh, I use this knife for self-

defense. It's always better to be cautious." Dustin smiled, looking

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He said, "Mr. Franklin, what did you say earlier? I didn't quite catch it. Could y

ou repeat that?"

"Uh..."

The corner of Samuel's mouth twitched, and he managed a smile.

"If Mr. Rhys is truly interested, I could offer you a bit of information. However, i

t would depend on how skilled you are in finding out the truth."

"Alright." Dustin nodded.

"I can only tell you that on the day of Christopher Murray's birthday banquet, this person will act." Samuel lowered his voice into a whisper.. "Is that all? Is there anything else?" Dustin asked.

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While speaking, he even placed the knife on the table, increasing the pressure

on him.

"Mr. Rhys, that

was my last compromise. I won't be saying another word." Samuel looked grim.

As one of the three

chief envoys of the Bounty Killers, when had he ever been in such a frustrating situation? It was all thanks to that damned Simba for bringing this b

ad omen to their

lair.

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"Alright, it's enough. Thank you, Mr. Franklin."

Dustin grinned. "Don't be so nervous. Aren't we friends? Even if you don't say

anything, I wouldn't dare do anything to you."

Samuel's eye twitched, caught between amusement and annoyance. He coul

d have put away the knife before saying that.

"Mr. Franklin, it's been a pleasure working with you. Remember to let me kno

w immediately

when you have any good news. Goodbye."

Dustin nodded and turned to leave.

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"Mr. Rhys, your knife..." Samuel reminded him.

"Consider it a gift." Dustin waved his hand dismissively and left without anothe

r look back.

Samuel remained seated. He let out a heavy sigh.

After all his years in the world of martial arts, he had always been the one taki

ng advantage of others. No one had ever dared to take advantage of him yet.

Today, he had encountered a rogue grandmaster, and there was nothing he c

ould do about it.

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The next day, Dustin issued an order for all the members of the Kirin Gang to

return.

They would no longer

investigate the death of Paul Hill and stay out of the public eye.

Instead, they would stay at Zephyr Lodge, keeping a low profile and not going

outside.

Apart from their regular training, they spent most of their time eating and drinki

ng. Their

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"What? There are no activities on their end?"

Autumn listened to reports from one of his men in one of the courtyards of the Hill family.

residence.

He couldn't help but wonder aloud, "Are you sure?"

"I'm very sure!"

The man said seriously, "We kept watch on them for the whole of yesterday. All of them fro

m the Kirin Gang had stayed in Zephyr Lodge. Not even one of them set foot outside."

"What is the rascal up to?" Autumn mused.

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Dustin had been doing everything he could to gather information and investigate the issue f or the past few days.

It was truly suspicious now that he suddenly stopped all activities.

"Keep your eyes on them at all times. Report back immediately once you have any informati

on," Autumn instructed.

"Yes, sir!"

With that, the man turned and left.

By the third day, there was still no activity from the Kirin Gang. They continued indulging themselves. They spent all their days either training or having fun.

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The atmosphere inside Zephyr Lodge was lively. They showed no sign that trouble was comi

ng

their way.

When Autumn heard about that, he was even more confused.

"Damn it! Has the rascal decided to give up on the investigation? Is it because he knows the

re's no way out for him, so he's decided to indulge himself one last time?" Autumn frowned. The more he thought about it, the more he felt that something was off.

From what he knew of Dustin, he wasn't someone who would give up

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so readily. He would not have been able to reach the level of grandmaster otherwise.

But if Dustin had not given up, why had there been no activities on his end for the past few

days? Could he have found something out?

"Look into it! I want a thorough investigation! I'd like to see what he's up to!" Autumn order

ed yet

again.

On the fourth day, things went on as usual. The Kirin Gang stayed inside Zephyr Lodge and

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enjoyed themselves. They didn't concern themselves with anything going on outside.

To liven things up, they even invited song and dance troupes or comedic groups to someti

mes perform for them. They truly lived their lives in a delightful manner. Dusing especidity, Hau noi appeartA TOI

ee unys Even (1195 Trom the Nilii Gaily liau nu iuea where he had gone. It was as though he

had just vanished into thin air.

Because of the situation, Autumn was no longer able to stay calm. He began to lose his app etite and started overthinking things.

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Tomorrow was Dustin's deadline. Due to his guilty conscience, Autumn couldn't help but fee

1 that Dustin was plotting something.

"Sir! We found something!"

Right at that moment, one of Autumn's men came running in.

"You found something?" Autumn's eyes lit up. "Quick! Tell me! What is it?" he urged.

"According to our investigations, Dustin already has evidence to prove his innocence. He will

reveal it to the public tomorrow morning!" the person reported.

"He's got evidence? How is that possible?" Autumn's expression grew grave.

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He had always been careful not to leave anything behind. So how could Dustin get any evid

ence, then? Could this be a trap?

"Are you sure about the information?" Autumn asked sternly.

"I'm very sure!" The man confidently confirmed.

"I put in great effort to obtain the information and even verified it several times to make sur

e it was true. I'm sure that the information can't be wrong!"

"I'll be in a lot of trouble if he really has evidence!" Autumn's brows furrowed deeply.

He would surely die a miserable death if anyone knew the truth behind the incident!

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" the

man answered.

"Gather two troops

of Hidden guards at once! We'll break into the House of Heroes tonight!" Autumn instructed.

He would rather believe that Dustin really had evidence and act upon it while he could.

This was a matter of life and death. He dared not take any chances.

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[&]quot;What do we do now, sir?" the man asked anxiously.

[&]quot;Do you know where they keep the evidence?" Autumn asked.

[&]quot;The Kirin Gang's House of Heroes has the strictest security. I bet that they've stored it there,

Regardless of whether the evidence was real, he would destroy it once and for all. That woul

d set. him at ease and give him peace.

Chapter 938

That night, most of the disciples from the Kirin Gang got themselves drunk in Zephyr Lodge

-all except the patrol team.

A

group of ten people in spy suits snuck their way in. They quickly searched everywhere in Zep hyr Lodge.

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The group of ten people moved around like ghosts. They made no sound when they landed,

and their movements were quick and agile..

They were hidden from plain sight. The Kirin Gang's patrol team noticed nothing amiss at all.

The group of ten was made up of the Hill family's strongest force, the Hidden guards. Each

one of them was extremely talented.

All of them had also gone through rigorous training. They excelled in everything assassinati

on, undercover work, gathering information, and spying on enemies.

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There were two reasons why the Hill family was one of the Tremendous Three. Besides Paul

Hill's identity as a grandmaster, another reason was due to the Hidden guards.

They had greatly contributed to eliminating all the Hill family's enemies. "Here it is." After searching around, the Hidden guards finally got to the House of Heroes.

The House of Heroes had two groups of disciples guarding it at all times. The patrol team al

so passed by it often. The security around it was tight.

The leaders of the two troops of Hidden guards exchanged a look, and both lit up an incens

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e.

As the smoke rose, the ten Hidden guards held their breath and waited. The smoke, carried by the wind, soon wafted to the entrance of the House of Heroes.

All it took were a few breaths, and the two groups of Kirin Gang disciples standing guard fell to the ground, unconscious.

"The patrol team passes by every five minutes! We need to hurry!" The ten Hidden guards q

uickly snuck into the House of Heroes and began searching.

The place was huge but empty. There were memorial tablets in the front and rows of bench

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es in

the center.

"Got it!"

Three minutes later, one of the Hidden guards found a secret compartment under one of th

e memorial tablets. There was a small, black sachet in the compartment. After ensuring they had the right thing, they swiftly left and disappeared into the dark.

Dustin and Cornelius were standing on the roof of the House of Heroes. They watched in sil ence as the Hidden guards escaped.

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"Sir Rhys, your prediction was right! The traitor from the Hill family could not hold out any lo nger!

Cornelius exclaimed in awe.

The Mini Gany nau been putting old SHOW 10 tile past few days. Ten purpose was to lure u

ne traitor to show himself. Though what they did was risky, it had worked. "I must admit, I was just betting for it to happen. Fortunately, they acted as I hoped."

Dustin narrowed his eyes. "Sir Paul's death had been too sudden. It's very suspicious.

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"The traitor must have a guilty conscience. He's bound to show himself once he hears of the slightest information.

"He wouldn't be able to stay put. If he gets the idea to destroy the evidence, he'll jump strai

ght into

my trap.".

"So it's his quilt playing up..

Cornelius stroked his chin and asked, "Sir Rhys, there was also a possibility he wouldn't show

up. What then? Do you have any other plans?"

"If he doesn't show up?" Dustin smiled faintly.

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"Then you'll have to start making arrangements for my funeral."

"What?" Cornelius froze on the spot as the corner of his mouth twitched.

Wasn't Dustin too fearless?

He was

betting on this with his life! His price for winning the bet was his life. But if he lost, he'd

end up dead!

At that moment, Autumn was pacing around in his study within the Hill family residence. He

looked anxious and would occasionally steal glances out the window. Though he had dispatched the Hidden guards, he still felt on edge. If they failed, his life wou

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ld be

in danger.

"Sir Autumn!"

One of the leaders of the Hidden guards rushed in. He bowed. "Mission accomplished. We'v

e found.

it!"

"You've found it?" Autumn was instantly spirited.

"Where is it? Hurry! Show me!"

"Here. Please have a look."

The leader of the Hidden guards took out a small sachet and handed it to Autumn.

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Autumn hastily opened it up to find a letter inside,

He opened the letter to look at its contents and immediately frowned.

Chapter 939

"There's evidence on the corpse? It was left on his body before he died?" Autumn's brows furrowed as he thought about it.

He had checked the corpse thoroughly when he handled it. He hadn't noticed anything out

of the ordinary

Could he have missed something?"

"Gather a few of our men. We're going to the hill behind the Hill family residence.

Tll open the coffin to check on the corpse tonight!"

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After thinking for a moment, Autumn quickly decided on his next action. He could not afford to take the risk. If he'd missed something, he'd be in huge trouble.

He had to destroy any evidence before anyone found out!

Thirty minutes later, Autumn and his trusted men secretly went to the hill behind

the Hill family residence.

This was where all the members of the Hill family were buried after they'd passed away. Paul

was buried there, too.

When they got to Paul's grave, Autumn bowed deeply and muttered to himself, "I'm sorry, F

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ather.

Please don't mind me."

Then, he straightened up and gestured to his men.

"Start digging!"

With his orders, the men began digging. In less than 30 minutes, they had uncovered the co

ffin.

Just then, a gust of chilling wind swept around them.

They shivered and stopped what they were doing. They hunched their shoulders and glance

d around guiltily.

"Why are you just standing there? Open up the coffin!" Autumn roared.

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At this point, it was too late for him to turn back.

"Open it up!"

Clenching their jaws, the men braved themselves and opened up the coffin. Paul lay there in the coffin in a formal suit. His face looked deathly pale, and he didn't look p eaceful.

"Forgive me, Father!" Autumn gulped drily and hopped into the coffin. He began feeling around

Paul's corpse. He searched around a couple of times but couldn't find anything.

He even checked his mouth, nostrils, hair, and under his nails and repeated it several times.

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But

"Where's the evidence? Why is there nothing?"
Autumn was stressed, and he sweated profusely. He became more frustrated the more he se arched.

"Hey. Suddenly, a hand patted Autumn on the shoulders.

"Fuck!" Autumn was scared out of his wits and leaped several feet backward.

He nearly peed his pants.

No man could handle the shock of suddenly being patted on the shoulders while digging u

p someone's grave and rummaging around a corpse.

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"Who the f*ck..."

Autumn was about to turn around and start cursing when he noticed his surroundings.

For some reason, his men were defeated on the ground.

A man in white stood by the coffin and stared silently at him.

Under the moonlight, the man's face looked pale and creepy. He was as scary as a ghost.

"Dustin?" Autumn's eyes widened.

"Why are you here?"

"How would I know you're the traitor if I don't come here?" Dustin smiled thinly.

"Wait..." Autumn suddenly came to his senses.

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He paled and exclaimed, "Is this all a trap? There wasn't any evidence, to begin with?"

"It's too late to realize now." Dustin looked at Autumn coldly as he approached Autumn. "A

person who murders his family is unforgivable Tell me, how would you prefer to die?"

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"Stand right there! I'm warning you!

"You better not come any closer! I'm part of the Hill family!"

Autumn backed up as he shouted at Dustin.

"How dare you say something like that when you killed your own father?"

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Dustin looked at him disdainfully, "If I tell the public what happened today, wha

t do you think will happen to you?"

"Hidden guards! Kill him!" Autumn suddenly yelled

He wanted to kill Dustin to keep things a secret. But there was only silence ar

ound him.

Only the occasional sound of the wind howling could be heard.

"Hidden guards? Hidden guards!"

Autumn panicked and looked around in distress.

"Your trusted men are here."

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Cornelius held two bloody heads in his hands. He appeared from the shadows

and walked into the moonlight.

Then, with a toss, the heads rolled to Autumn's feet—the blood drained from Autumn's face.

"There's no escaping for you, Autumn. What else have you got to say now?" D

ustin said icily.

"Wait a minute!"

Seeing how the situation was turning bad, an idea came to him. "Dustin! Ther

e are no permanent enemies, only permanent interests. Let's talk this out!"

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Autumn swallowed before he continued, "The Hills are extremely wealthy.

Our

riches are more

than you think.

"If you'll back me up, I can give you half of the family's assets! You'll have eve

rything that you

ever wanted. How's that?"

"I am now labeled as a murderer. How will you deal with that?" Dustin asked s

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[&]quot;How would you like to talk about this?" Dustin appeared impassive.

[&]quot;A collaboration! We can work together!"

uddenly.

"That's easy. We'll just get a scapegoat." Autumn looked delighted.
Thinking that Dustin was tempted by his suggestion, he quickly added, "If you

agree to the collaboration, I'll find someone within the family to be the scapeg

oat.

"I promise you'll walk out of this with no problem!"

"Sounds pretty good." Dustin nodded.

ISILJU I Kilew liat you were sumnevne Capable of great mys Autumn heaved a sigh of relief and continued, "With your abilities and my pow

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ers, we'll make a perfect alliance if we pair up!

"By then, not only the Hill family but even the entire Balerno would have to fall

at our feet!"

The young grandmaster had already made a name for himself throughout Bal

erno.

Autumn thought that if he could get Dustin to work with him, he'd have someo

ne strong on his side. He could bring the entire Hill family to greater heights w

ith Dustin.

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"I'm just curious. Why did you kill Sir Paul?"

Dustin answered Autumn with a question.

"Hah! If he'd stepped down from his position earlier, things would never turn o

ut like this."

Autumn huffed. "But that old man simply wouldn't!

"He

held on to his authority and would not give up his position! If he didn't die, we

would never get to inherit his position!"

"So because of that, you killed your father?" Dustin simply could not comprehe

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nd.

"Is that not reason enough?"

Autumn grumbled, "If he'd just retired gracefully and enjoyed his days, nothing

would have

happened.

"We'd have been the perfect family. He was the one who brought all this upon

himself!"

Had Paul been an ordinary man, nothing would have happened. He might last a few more years in the position and die of old age.

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But he was a grandmaster! Grandmasters had exceptionally long lives and ha

d no problem living. to over a hundred years old.

The four Hill

brothers might not outlive him. Nobody could say for sure who'd die first. He could only take a risk to achieve his goal in such a circumstance. If he didn

't, he might be under his father's control for his entire life.

"What a terrible son you are!" Dustin narrowed his eyes.

He could never understand how some people's consciences were shrouded b

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y greed. They wouldn't even hesitate to betray their family for power and auth ority.

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"Dustin, let's not talk about that old man anymore."

Autumn swiftly changed the topic. "The important matter now is to think about our future pl ans.

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"If you support me, I can gain control over the entire Hill family within days!"

"When have I agreed to work with you?" Dustin asked coldly.

"What?" Autumn frowned.

"I've already said so much. Aren't you the least bit tempted?"
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"You willingly killed your father. If I collaborated with a beast like you, it would only ruin my reputation!

"Besides, I will expose all you've done to the public. So prepare to face your death!"

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Dustin gestured to Cornelius. Cornelius understood his instruction and dashed forward to pi

n Autumn to the ground.

"Rhys! You're going back on your word!

"You agreed to my proposal earlier on! Why?" Autumn roared, not giving up.

He was just one step away. One step away from success.

Power, authority, and fame had been so close he felt he could touch them. Why did things turn out this way?

"I'm not the best person out there, but I'm not a beast." Dustin glared at him.

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"Knock him out and bring him back! We'll deal with him publicly tomorrow!"

Early the next morning, people from all walks of life gathered at the entrance of Zephyr Lod

ge.

The Boulderthorn guild, the Zen Order, the Combat Priests, the Soul Reapers, and many mor

e came after they learned about what was happening.

The Balerno and Glenstead martial arts alliance leaders and elders were also present.

Even those from the Jade Maiden Sisterhood were there to witness the drama unfold.

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Seven days had passed, and it was time for Dustin to explain Paul's death. "Sir Reeds, I heard there have been no activities on Dustin's end for the past few days. Could

he be

ready to confess and face the punishments?"

Conrad, who was at the front of the crowd, looked on with amusement.

"Well, it seems Sir Melling is in a good mood today?" Ronald asked, looking at

him with displeasure.

"You're mistaken, Sir Reeds. Dustin has made a name for himself as the youngest grandmast er in

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Balerno. Of course, I'd wish such an incredible genius could be safe. ol ure suliace, iliai Dallie juoked Touyi.

But only Dustin knew that he didn't cough up blood because of Augustus.

It was because of

Septemortis.

The poison was like a maggot in his bones. Every time he used his true energy, it would take

the opportunity to get in.

The more true energy he consumed, the more aggressive the poison. Watching Dustin make his way over, Cornelius was both excited and concerned. "Sir Rhys, ar e you alright?"

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He was excited because his gang leader was actually a low–profile young grandmaster.

Even in the entire world, he was one in a million

He had a bright future ahead of him!

However, he was concerned. If Dustin got some kind of hidden injury from the battle, things

would

become troublesome.

In a life–or–death battle between grandmasters, one could easily injure one's core.

"It's just a small injury. It's nothing." Dustin waved his hand nonchalantly..

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"You look like you got hurt pretty badly. Take this." Dustin flicked a red tablet into Cornelius' hand.

"Thank you, Sir Rhys!" Cornelius swallowed it in one gulp.

After taking a few breaths, the blood surging through his chest began to calm down.

The effects of the medicine were shocking.

"Rhys, how-

how dare you kill my master?!" When Terry returned to his senses, he flew into a rage. "A life

or death battle doesn't just prove who is stronger. It also decides who gets to live or die."

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[&]quot;Good" Cornelius sighed.

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As time passed, the crowd gathered around at the entrance of Zephyr Lodge grew.

The crowd was dense, with tens of thousands of people. Those who were involved, and even

those

who weren't involved, were there.

Some were there to condemn Dustin, while others just to watch the show unfold. Some

were even there to enjoy Dustin's misfortune;

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Most of them knew that if Dustin made it out of this in one piece, he'd have a bright future.

If he didn't, they would witness the fall of a genius today.

"We know you're in there, Dustin! Your seven days are up! Come out and face your death!"

the Hill family shouted.

The gates of Zephyr Lodge creaked open as Dustin led several of his men out.

"Wow. What a crowd we have here today. How exciting.".

Dustin glanced around and saw many familiar faces.

"Stop playing the fool! You murdered my grandfather! Today is the day you pay for it with

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your life!" Torben shouted angrily.

"That's right! Sir Reeds had been generous enough to let you live for another seven days.

"But there's no way you're escaping death!" someone from the crowd shouted as others

clamored

along.

On the one hand, it was out of their respect for Paul On the other hand, it was also due to

their jealousy toward the young grandmaster.

"You claimed you were innocent, Dustin, so I gave you seven days. Do you have any

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evidence to prove your claim now?" Ronald asked.

"I have not failed you, Sir Reeds. I have caught the real culprit," Dustin answered truthfully.

"What do you mean you've caught the culprit? You were the one who murdered my

grandfather!" Torben snapped fiercely.

"We'll find out who the murderer is soon enough."

Without wasting any more time, Dustin gestured to the men behind him. Soon, Cornelius brought out a man who was tightly bound up. The man had a hood over his head.

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"Hmph! Do you think that you'll be able to get through this just by finding a scapegoat to

take the

blame for you?

"No f*cking way that's going to happen!" Torben glared at Dustin.

"Dustin! Stop with the tricks and own up to what you did. We might just give you a quick

death!" Spring said coldly.

"That's right! Admit to your crimes now, or we'll see you die, a long and terrible death!" The

Hills

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From their point of view, Dustin was planning to get a scapegoat to shoulder his offenses.

They would never let him get away so easily!

"Have a look at who the murderer is, everyone. Then we'll talk.

Reluctant to waste any more time on pointless speech, Dustin grabbed the hood on the

man's head and removed it.

And Autumn's face was revealed to everyone.

"Autumn?"

"Sir Autumn?"

"Dad?"

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Everyone from the Hill family was stunned when they saw the familiar face. None of them

had expected that the scapegoat Dustin had found to be Autumn Hill! "How dare you!"

"You insolent bastard!"

After the momentary shock, the Hills began shouting at Dustin.

He was truly fearless in holding Autumn captive!

"Let my father go immediately, Rhys! Or I'll make sure you die the most gruesome death!"

Torben

roared.

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He had wondered why he hadn't seen his father today. It turns out that Dustin had captured

him! That was going overboard!

"Dustin, what's the matter? Why did you kidnap someone from the Hill family?" Ronald

frowned)

"Sir Reeds, the truth is Autumn Hill is one of the prime culprits who murdered Sir Paul!"

Dustin

announced.

"What? Autumn's the murderer?"

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The crowd began whispering when they heard what Dustin said. Some of them were shocked, while others had their doubts. But most of them did not

believe him.

"Nonsense! My father had been upright and honest his whole life!

"How could he have done such a horrible thing?" Torben bellowed.

"I'm warning you, Dustin! You better not spout such nonsense around!" Spring's expression was dark. "You murdered my father, and now you're dragging my brother through the mud! What malicious intentions you have!"

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"Let Autumn tell you what he's done. Then you'll know if I'm slandering him."

Dustin pulled out the wad of cloth shoved in Autumn's mouth. Then, he kicked

him.

"Go on, tell them what happened last night."

"Spring! Save me! Quick!" Autumn immediately began yelling once he opened

his mouth.

"This scoundrel captured me and started torturing me. He even threatened to

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wipe out my entire family if I did not take the blame for him! Spring, you have

to save me!"

"You liar! How dare you tell lies!"

Cornelius fumed. He was just about to slap Autumn when Dustin stopped him.

Things would look bad if they were to get aggressive under such circumstances.

"Dustin! You impertinent scoundrel! Release my brother at once!" Spring ordered.

"Release him! Or I'll burn down this god damned lodge!" Torben echoed angrily.

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"Release him! Release him!"

The crowd began chanting and clamoring. They looked furious.

Not only had Dustin killed Sir Paul, he even captured Autumn to be his scapegoat. Such horrible

behavior was dreadful!

"Karma! This is karma indeed!" The Jade Maiden Sisterhood were pleased at

the sight they saw.

They were out of breath from laughing in delight.

The more trouble Dustin was in, the happier they were. At this point, Dustin

did not seem to have any way of turning back anymore.

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So what if he was a grandmaster? He had no way out with so many leaders of

the major sects

present.

"Hahaha! Haven't I warned you, Dustin?

"If you work with me, you won't have to die. You'll also be able to enjoy unlimited riches."

Autumn sniggered. "Look at yourself now.

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"How do you feel now? Are you regretting your decision? Do you feel helpless?

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"So what if I was the person who murdered Paul? So what if you've caught

me?

"Would anyone believe what you said? All those people from the martial world

are on my side. Whatever I say goes!

"If I say you're the murderer, then you're the murderer. No matter how much

you struggle, you won't be able to change a thing.

"The youngest grandmaster? The pride of the nation? What a joke!" Though Dustin had set up a trap and had him captured, he could worm his way out of things if he did not admit to anything.

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But for Dustin, try as he might, was making futile attempts. How laughable!

"Are you done laughing yet? Do you think that there's nothing I can do to you?" Dustin asked calmly.

"Well, what can you do? You can't possibly kill me, can you?" Autumn scoffed.

All the major sects in Balerno and Glenstead are gathered here. If you dare to

touch a hair on my head, you'll be dead meat!"

Then, he stretched out his throat to provoke Dustin and challenge him to kill

him.

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"Sir Reeds, what punishment should be for a man who kills his father?" Dustin

asked.

"He should be punishable by death, of course." Ronald wondered why Dustin

would ask him something like that, but he answered honestly.

"Should the person be killed?"

"Yes."

"Alright then, I shall kill him!" Then, Dustin drew out a sword. Amidst the crowd's astonished gazes, he sliced off Autumn's head.

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A deathly silence came over the crowd as Autumn's head fell to the ground.

All the shouts and clamors died down.

Ronald and Conrad were shocked.

The Hill family, Jade Maiden Sisterhood, Boulderthorn, the Zen Order, the Combat Priests, the Soul Reapers, and all the martial artists present were shocked.

Everyone gaped in disbelief.

No one had expected Dustin to be so cruel. He had cut-Autumn's head off in

front of the entire Hill family, the Balerno and Glenstead martial alliances, and

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all the sects.

Without any reason or explanation, he killed him like one would slaughter an

animal.

Then, an uproar broke out.

"How dare you kill someone so openly, Dustin? You cocky bastard!"

"He killed him to silence him! That's what he's doing!"

"He has no conscience! Someone like him needs to be killed!"

"Kill him! Avenge Sir Paul! Return the Hill family their honor!"

The crowd stomped their feet and cursed at him.

He was already guilty of murder, and now he'd committed another! They would not allow such

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wicked and vile scum to exist in the martial world!

They had to get rid of him!

"The dumbass is digging his own grave!" The Jade Maiden Sisterhood snickered among themselves, enjoying the show.

Dustin killing Autumn so openly was like adding fuel to the fire. Dustin had left

himself with no

way out now.'

"You beast! How dare you kill my brother? The Hill family will never let you

off!"

After coming back to his senses, Spring roared.

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"You bastard! I'll kill you for murdering my father!"

Torben gritted his teeth in rage. Drawing his sword, he dashed up to Dustin,

ready to kill Dustin even if it meant losing his life.

But he had barely approached Dustin when Cornelius punched him and sent

him flying. He struggled to stand up.

"Sir Reeds! This man is way too arrogant.

"First, he killed my father. Then he killed my brother.

"As a leader of the martial world, will you just stand by and watch?" Spring

looked at him, his eyes

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He would have personally led his men to wipe out Zephyr Lodge if it wasn't

because he couldn't defeat Dustin.

"You're too boastful, Dustin! How can I protect you when you act so arrogantly?" Ronald was

furious, too.

As he spoke, he gradually released his energy. Strong gusts of wind blew around them, sending sand and dust into the air.

"Please calm down, Sir Reeds. You were the one who said that a son who kills his father deserves to be killed. So I just did as you said," Dustin said calmly.

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"Nonsense! What do you mean that a son who kills his father deserves to be

killed?

"That's all just your one-sided claim! What proof do you have?" Spring demanded angrily.

"Exactly! You claim that Autumn's the murderer. But what proof have you got?" Ronald frowned.

"You want proof? That's easy." Dustin gestured to his men.

Two disciples of the Kirin gang quickly brought out a huge piece of white cloth

and hung it at the entrance of Zephyr Lodge.

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Then, they turned on a projector and played a video with the white cloth as a

screen.

The video was a recording of Autumn digging up the grave last night. It started with Autumn digging the grave and ended with him being knocked

out. Everything that

he had said and done was seen and heard.

The crowd fell silent after seeing that.

Their eyes fixed on the screen. The shock was evident on all their faces, and

they struggled to come to terms with what they saw.

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They honestly never expected Autumn to be the real murderer! He had denied

all accusations and insisted that he was innocent just a while ago! In the video footage, Autumn appeared unbelievably full of himself. The malicious look on his face garnered a lot of resentment from everyone who saw it.

Though they found it hard to believe, the truth was there for all to see. No matter how shocking it was, they could not deny it.

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"Do you see that, everyone?"

Dustin looked around and said coldly, "Autumn's conscience has been shrouded by his greed.

"He would not even spare his father for power. Should a vile person like him not be kille

d?"

Dustin's question shut all of them up.

Even those from the Hill family who had been livid were silenced.

Spring froze after watching the video.

Torben stood there, mumbling to himself, "How did things turnout this way?

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"How could my father end up being my grandfather's murderer?

Tha-that's impossible!"

He found it hard to believe that his father would commit such a vile act.

He even went so far as to disregard family

ties just for power and authority. It was outrageous!

"I had thought that Dustin was the murderer. Turns out there's a traitor within the Hill fa

mily!"

"He can even bring himself to murder his father. What a monster!"

"One can never judge a book by its covers. Who would have thought the ever—

helpful and generous Sir Autumn was so despicable?"

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The crowd whispered in hushed tones as they commented on the issue.

The Hill family now ended up as the target of public criticism.

"Hold on!"

Just then, Edith came forward and voiced her doubts.

"As far as I'm aware, Autumn is a weakling.

"How could he possibly assassinate a grandmaster? Don't any of you find this weird?"

"That's right! Only a grandmaster is capable of killing another grandmaster. How could Autumn be able to do it?

"Maybe they've turned against each other, and someone's just thrown Autumn under th

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e truck to save himself!" Brittany seemed to be insinuating something. They didn't want Dustin to make it out of this alive. Even if it was baseless

accusations, they made it a point to drag him through the mud.

"Exactly! With Autumn's powers, he can't even harm Sir Paul. How could he

possibly have killed him?"

The onlookers started to doubt when they heard what Edith said.

A grandmaster was like a legendary figure.

Regular martial artists could not harm

them, much less assassinate them. That was something

"Of course, Autumn could not have done it alone."

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Dustin glanced at the Jade Maiden Sisterhood.

Then he continued, "Actually, someone else murdered Sir Paul."

"Who is it?" Ronald frowned.

"Dimitri Gonzalez-Shadowslayer's ace assassin!"

That was a shocking piece of information. The crowd was sent into an uproar again.

"Dimitri Gonzalez? Isn't he a Kimbokuan?"

"Could Autumn have worked with Shadowslayer for power?"

"He joined

hands with foreign invaders and invited tragedy upon himself. He deserved to die!"

After hearing that Shadowslayer was involved, many of them were livid.

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It was vile enough of him to kill his father. And now, they even discovered he was working with foreign invaders. He was a traitor to the country who deserved to die! "No! No way! My father would never do such a thing!" Torben shook his head furiously in denial. Autumn had committed two serious offenses that his reputation would be tarnished forever. "Hmph! Your father would kill his father for power! What wouldn't he

"Exactly! Your father is an evil monster! Scums like him deserve to be shredded into pie ces!"

do?"

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All the martial artists berated Autumn. Their view on the matter changed after seeing his

true colors.

"Autumn might be a monster, but there is someone even worse than him," Dustin added

.

- "You probably do not know about this, Sir Reeds. But Autumn is just a pawn.
- "There is someone controlling everything behind the scenes! And that person is the true murderer! "Dustin revealed.
- "What? There's someone behind all of this? Who is it?" Ronald's face fell

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[&]quot;What do you mean?" Ronald was curious.

Dustin looked around, and his gaze finally fell on someone at the center of the crowd.

He raised a finger and pointed at him. "That person is the leader of the Hill brethren—

Spring Hill!"

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"What? Spring Hill?"

Everyone was shocked by Dustin's words. All eyes rested on the Hills.

"No way! Spring has always been a righteous and generous person. How could he have

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anything to do with this?"

"I don't believe you too. Spring is known to be a gentleman. Everyone only talks about how good he is."

"Was he mistaken?"

A heated discussion broke out among the crowd.

Spring had the best reputation among the Hill brethren. He was always helpful to others.

Even beggars who approached him were treated with respect. There was no doubt abo ut his

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character.

Spring was taken aback but quickly recovered. He roared, "What nonsense! There's no

bad blood between us, Dustin.

Autumn's actions showed he was not a smart and crafty person. He had jumped head fi

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[&]quot;Why are you making false accusations against me?"

[&]quot;False accusations?" Dustin scoffed.

[&]quot;You know better than anyone else whether those accusations are true.

[&]quot;Autumn was just impulsive. He has the brawns but not the brains.

[&]quot;He is incapable of planning Sir Paul's assassination and framing me for it!"

rst into the trap Dustin set up for him and came clean about everything he had done.

He was not a person who could come up with such a fine plan, much less execute it so perfectly.

Hence, Dustin had suspected that Autumn was simply a pawn.

After some investigation, he found evidence that led to the mastermind.

"Watch your words!" Spring huffed.

"First, you say it's Autumn, then you claim it's Dimitri Gonzalez.

"And now you pin it on me? What are you playing at?"

"Hey, bastard! I'm warning you, you better not spew nonsense! We won't let you off

if you slander the new leader of our family!" the Hill family roared.

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It was Spring who had dealt with the mess after Paul's death. He had settled the family and put everyone at ease.

Because of that, he was now the backbone of the family that everyone depended on.

"Dustin, empty words cannot prove anything. Do you have evidence that Spring is the mastermind

"I would not have wasted my words if I did not have evidence."

Dustin gestured to his men. "Boys, bring those people here!"

A group of Kirin Gang disciples brought out several masked men. They were all dressed

in black

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clothes.

Their masks were then removed and their shirts taken off, Each one of them

had a unique tattoo

on their chest.

"Do you recognize the tattoo on them, Spring?" Dustin asked.

"I do. They are the Hill family's Hidden guards." Spring did not deny recognizing the tattoo.

"Good that you own up to that." Dustin nodded.

Then he continued, "These Hidden guards have come clean.

"They said that you were the one controlling Autumn behind the scenes. You were

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the one who used him to murder Sir Paul.

"I have recorded all their testimonies. Do you wish to hear them for yourself?"

"Hmph! They're all wounded. It's obvious that you've forced a confession out of them.

"Who would believe such testimonies?" Spring remained unfazed.

"That's right! A forced confession cannot be trusted!" the crowd echoed. Even the strongest of men would give in to torture. Their testimonies, which had been

obtained by torture, could not be trusted.

"As we all know, the Hidden guards only answer to the Hill family emblem. How could Autumn get the Hidden

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guards to obey him without your help?" Dustin questioned.

"I have just taken over the family. There are bound to be mistakes.

"Besides, these Hidden guards have long since been bought over by Autumn. I have no

authority over them anymore," Spring said convincingly.

"Dustin, these testimonies can't prove anything. If you do not have other evidence, we w

ill end things here today," Ronald said.

"If testimonies can't prove it, I have evidence to back me up.

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Dustin seemed to have expected this. He took out an envelope from his pocket and tossed it to

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Ronald.

"Sir Reeds, this is a letter I found in Autumn's secret room.

"It records all the

plans they have made with Dimitri Gonzalez. Spring is mentioned, too!"

"How could that be?"

Ronald frowned as he opened up the letter and read it.

A moment later, his expression darkened as he threw the letter on Spring's face.

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"No way! Does Spring have something to do with this?"

"Oh my God! If that's the case, I'm afraid the Hill family is doomed!" The crowd was surprised, and

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they began whispering among themselves. If testimonies alone couldn't be trusted, what about solid evidence?

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"Sir Reeds, the letter could have been fabricated."
Spring said calmly, "All he needed to do was to get someone to imitate my penmanship.
"He could easily make a fake letter. It doesn't prove anything."

"Precisely! Who knows if he made it up?" The Hills took Spring's side

readily.

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"Oh, Spring, it seems like I've underestimated you. How can you still be denying what y

ou've done?

"Alright, since you insist you're innocent, I'll give you evidence you can't deny."

Dustin clapped. Then, the disciples of the Kirin Gang parted to make way. Then, an old man with white hair and beard strode out with his head held high.

Everyone stood frozen in place as if they'd been struck by lightning.

The old man was none other than the late Sir Paul!

"H-how is this possible? Isn't Sir Paul dead?"

"Oh my god! I can't possibly be looking at a ghost now, right?"

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"What on Earth is going on? Has the dead come back to life?"
The crowd was shocked, and they all staggered back. They looked like they'd seen a gh ost.

Everyone knew that Paul had died seven days ago. Many of them even watched as his

body was

buried.

So, how was he standing before them now? Could he have come back from the dead?

"S-Sir?" Ronald stared with his eyes wide as saucers. He could not believe what he was seeing

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"No way! Is the old man not dead yet?" Conrad swallowed dryly. He instantly lost his composure.

"The dead have come back to life! What's going on!"

Everyone descended into chaos, including those from the Balerno and Glenstead martia

l arts alliance and all the sects. Everyone was shock.

"H-he's not dead?"

Spring stared in disbelief as his eyes widened. His calm composure was gone.

He trembled and sweated all

over, gripped by fear. Never in his darkest dreams had he imagined such a strange thin

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g would happen.

"Sir Paul, it's time you deal with your family affairs." Dustin bowed and backed off.

"You terrible son! What have you got to say now?" Paul shouted at Spring, his face dark.

"Yo-you... Weren't you dead? Why are you still alive?"

Spring was so frightened he stumbled backward with terror on his face.

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equi,

"Faked your death? How could that be?

"I checked that you were dead." Spring shook his head, unable to accept what he heard.

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He had waited for so long. He was just one step away from taking over Paul's position.

But it had all come to waste now. It was a big blow to his plans.

"Hmph! I am a grandmaster, and I have mastered the invisible breath technique.

"I'd have

wasted decades mastering the technique if I can't even fool you!" Paul stated impassive

ly.

"Why? Why won't you just die, old man Spring seemed to lose it because his chance of taking Paul's position was now destroyed.

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It was

like he had lost his sanity. He even screamed continuously to vent his aggravation and

resentment.

"I put so

much effort into making the perfect plan to kill you. I worked so hard to get everything ri

ght,

"But you still didn't die. Why? Why didn't you die?

"You've had decades worth of glory, old man! It should have been enough! "Why didn't you

willingly give up your position? Why couldn't you have put me in charge?

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"I do not wish to be controlled by you for life! I do not want to live in your shadows const

antly!

"You should die! You should have died much earlier on!

"I'd never get a taste of success if you don't die!"

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Spring's legs went weak, and he sat on the ground after letting out all his pent—

up thoughts.

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His face was twisted with many negative emotions: anger, hatred, jealousy, craze, and spite.

He could not understand why things turned out the way they did. He had come up with a perfect plan.

There should have been no mistake.

All he had to do was kill Paul, and he could take over his position. He would then be in c

ontrol and have ultimate authority.

Yet, things did not go according to his plan. All his carefully planned schemes burst like bubbles.

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He had only two possible outcomes when he decided to aim for his father's position. He

could reach his goal and be respected by all, or he would fail and fall into disgrace.

Unfortunately, he failed.

Paul hadn't died, and all his plans and schemes were wasted. But he refused to accept

the outcome!

Just one step. One more step was all it took for him to get a taste of success. Why?

"I never thought that Spring would be the one behind all this. How unexpected!"

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"He pretends to be so nice and friendly all the time. But he's such an evil person! We really can't judge a book by its covers!"

"Had Sir Paul not feigned his death, this monster would have taken over his position!"

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The crowd whispered among themselves.

Seeing how Spring was on the verge of madness, the crowd was more angry at him tha

n shocked.

To think that they had supported him and gave him their complete trust! None of them h

ad expected that he was a wolf in sheep's skin.

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"Men! Tie this immoral bastard up!" Ronald ordered furiously. "Yes, sir!"

Two elders of the Balerno martial arts alliance answered before approaching Spring. They broke both his legs and tied him up securely. "You should die, you old thing! You should die!" Spring screamed and roared like he had lost his sanity.

"Throw him into prison and keep an eye on him. He shall be publicly punished tomorrow

!" Ronald instructed his men to bring Spring away.

"The truth has been uncovered. It's time you all should leave." Ronald turned and dispersed the crowd.

The crowd gradually left, though it seemed they had not enjoyed the

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show enough yet.

No one had expected such an outcome. Dustin had been the person they had expected to see being punished.

But after multiple twists and turns, they witness a series of shocking revelations.

First, it was Autumn, then it was Spring. The two sons of the Hill family had nearly deceived everyone.

"Sir Reeds, the Balerno martial arts alliance sure has a lot of talents. What I witnessed today was truly eye-opening. I'll be leaving now."

Conrad left with a sarcastic remark. Then, the Glenstead martial arts alliance followed after him and left.

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"Hmph! That bastard made it out of this again. I hate to see him walk free!

"Edith's face f

ell as a malicious glint appeared in her eyes.

"Who would have thought that Paul's still alive? That bastard is really lucky!" Brittany grit

ted her teeth.

"What do we do now, Madam Edith?" Nikki asked warily.

"What can we do? We go back and study the remnants of the scripture.

"Hopefully, we can get something out of it." Edith's eyes narrowed.

One must have a great realization to reach the level of grandmaster. Otherwise, it was almost impossible.

"Now that you mention the scripture, Madam Edith, I thought of

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something."

Nikki said thoughtfully, "Dustin had said that there might be something hidden within the

remnants of the scripture. There might be a surprise in there if we opened it up."

"Surprise?" Edith's eyes lit up.

"Why didn't you say so earlier?"

"I just recalled it." Nikki smiled awkwardly.

"Let's go, let's go! Let's hurry back immediately!"

Edith led her disciples away impatiently.

Within mere minutes, the crowd outside Zephyr Lodge was cleared.

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Ronald was the only one who stayed behind.

"Why are you still here, Ronald? Go back," Paul said.

Ronald did not answer him.

He gave him a quick once over and looked at Dustin instead. "Dustin, where did you hir

e this person?"

"What? What nonsense is that?" Paul frowned.

"Well? Are you going to keep up the act?" Ronald's expression darkened.

"Watch it! Is this how you talk to your mentor? How rude!" Paul scolded

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angrily.

"Hmph! I'll see for myself if you're a man or a ghost!" Ronald huffed. Suddenly, he reached out to claw at Paul's face.

Paul frowned and quickly stepped back. But he wasn't fast enough. Just as Ronald was about to grab him, Dustin rushed up and stood between the two.

- "Sir Reeds, please have mercy. Hear me out," he said.
- "You horrid student! How dare you attack your mentor?
- "That is unacceptable behavior!" Paul looked furious.
- "Alright, alright. Enough with that. Sir Reeds has already seen through your disguise."

Dustin shot the person behind him a warning look.

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Paul's expression immediately changed when he heard that. He was livid just moments ago but now broke out into a mischievous smile.

Then, a woman's voice could be heard coming from him.

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"As expected

from a grandmaster! I've put so much effort into making this prosthetic mask.

"But you were still able to see through it."

Then, reaching up to grab the mask, Paul's face disappeared instantly. Instead, a beauti

ful and alluring face appeared before them.

It was Azalea!

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"Who is this, Dustin?" Ronald frowned.

"She's a friend of mine, Sir Reeds. She's skilled in the art of face—changing.

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Dustin bowed and explained, "This was my last resort. I had to expose Spring. Please o

verlook this."

"Oh, so she's skilled in the arts of disguise." Ronald nodded.

Then he said, "Though your actions do not seem right, you only did this to prove your in

nocence. It's understandable."

"Thank you for understanding, Sir Reeds." Dustin nodded at him.

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He knew getting Azalea to pretend to be Paul was offensive to Paul.

"Let's skip the formalities. I'm happy that you were able to clear yourself of the accusations.

"The Balerno martial arts alliance needs young talents like you. Your generation will rule

the martial world in the future," Ronald said.

"You're flattering me, Sir Reeds." Dustin smiled.

"Right, before I forget about it."

Ronald seemed to recall something. He pulled out a bottle containing a pill and handed it to Dustin.

"Here's the antidote for Septemortis. Go on and take it.

"We don't want the poison to seep into your bone marrows. It might cause

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"Thank you, Sir Reeds."

Dustin took the bottle, poured the antidote pill, and swallowed it.

"Alright, I've done what I came to do. The alliance will punish Spring publicly tomorrow.

"Come over to witness it if you haven't got anything better to do. I'll be leaving now."

Then, Ronald turned to leave.

Suddenly, Dustin's face paled. Then, he began coughing up blood, which was black.

He slumped to the ground weakly.

"Dustin?" Azalea's eyes widened as she hurried to steady him.

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"Dustin! What's wrong?" Ronald was startled.

"The antidote... It's poisonous!"

Dustin gritted his teeth as sweat poured down his face.

There was poison coated within the antidote. As nobody had checked, he had been trick

ed into taking it.

"There's poison? How could that be?"

Ronald's brows locked tightly together. "I've been keeping the antidote with me whereve

r I go all these days. Nobody has touched it ..."

As he spoke, he suddenly paused. "Hold on! The antidote was given to me by Conrad Melling! Could he have done something with it?"

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That bastard! How could he be so cunning!

"Quick! Gather everyone from the alliance! I want Conrad captured!

'And send someone to Stoneray Valley! Request for Dr. Watkins to come and help Dustin!

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Dustin lay unconscious on his bed in Zephyr Lodge. His brows were furrowed, and his f ace was ghostly pale.

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A war raged on within him as the toxins and his true energy battled with each other rele

ntlessly.

From time to time, black blood would trickle out of his nose and mouth.

Dr. Watkins sat by his bedside as he carefully performed acupuncture on him. His brow

s were furrowed in concentration as he tried to get the poison out of him. Cornelius, Azalea, Abigail, and the rest were worried as they stood waiting by the side.

Dustin was not even cleared of Septemortis yet, and now another unknown poison was

added to the mix. The situation was terrible.

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Ronald led those from the Balerno martial arts alliance to search for Conrad, who seem

ed to have disappeared. They still had no news of him yet.

Now, all their hopes lay with Dr. Watkins to bring Dustin back from the brink of death.

As time passed, sweat began forming on Dr. Watkin's forehead. He was breathing ragg

edly.

As the needles were inserted one by one, everyone could see a mass of dark energy in

Dustin's chest. It expanded and contracted repeatedly, never disappearing the entire tim

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e.

After performing the acupuncture, Dr. Watkins fed Dustin an enhanced Curax.

Though Curax

could expel all sorts of poison, it didn't work well against the ten deadliest poisons. The

most it could do against those was to suppress their effects barely.

A moment later, Dr. Watkins stood up, and he sighed.

"Dr. Watkins! How is it? Is he alright?" Abigail was the first to ask.

She had locked herself

away to meditate. It was shocking for her to hear about what had happened to Dustin w

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hen she came out of her room.

"It doesn't look too good." Dr. Watkins shook his head.

"There are two types of poison inside Mr. Rhys right now. One of them is Septemortis, a

nd the other is Dispergia.

"The two poisons complement each other. So, their toxicity increases when together. I a m really at my wit's end.

"Septemortis is tough to cure by itself. And now, he has Dispergia in him, too.

"Dispergia is a poison specifically targeted at grandmasters. So, the situation at hand is extremely complicated.

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Dustin was the only person who had shown her true kindness apart from her father.

"Dr. Watkins, no matter how much it costs to cure Sir Rhys, we will pay it!

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"Even if it means selling everything we own! Please, Dr. Watkins, you must save him!"

Cornelius dropped to his knees with a loud thud.

"Please save him, Dr. Watkins!"

All the guildmasters of the three major guilds fell to their knees too.

"There is no need for this. Mr. Rhys is also a part of the Stoneray Order.

"I will do my best to save him if he is not beyond saving. However..." Dr. Watkins hesitat

ed

to finish his sentence.

The ten deadliest poisons were potent. They were the bane of all doctors. Had it

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only been Septemortis, he could give it a try to remove the poison. But now, two differen

t poisons were working within Dustin.

His hands were pretty much tied.

Just then, a pretty figure rushed in suddenly as she exclaimed, "Dustin!" It was Natasha!

She had been caught up with setting up her company in Oakvale. But she put everythin

g aside and rushed back immediately when she heard that something had happened to

Dustin.

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"Ms. Natasha, you're finally here. He... he looks like he isn't going to make it."

Abigail's eyes were red-rimmed as

she said that. Even her voice cracked as she said, "How could this be?

What exactly ha

ppened?"

Natasha frowned. Her heart drummed uncontrollably.

Abigail hid nothing from her and told her everything.

Natasha paled as though she'd been struck by lightning.

So Dustin had been poisoned much earlier on. He knew that she would be worried abou

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him.

That was why he hadn't told her about it.

But the more he tried to hide things like this from her, the more worried she was.

"Dr. Watkins!"

Natasha grabbed him like he was her last hope.

"Everyone knows that you're a miracle doctor. Please save Dustin. I'll willingly pay any p

rice for him to be saved!" she begged.

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