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Nikki was livid and glowered at Julian. She clenched her fists, almost losing her cool.

While Dustin remained indifferent, it was like he was staring at a fool.

“Kid, get lost if you don’t have the money. What are you standing around for? Waiting for someone to donate it to you?” Julian mocked.

“Hmph! You’re humiliating yourself by going up against Mr. Nicholson.”

“It’s embarrassing that you don’t have ten billion!”

The haughty women spoke out, and they looked at Nikki with disdain. It was as if money was just a number to them.

“All of you are too much!” Nikki seethed in anger and turned to Dustin.

She asked him, “Dustin, how much money do you have? Lend it all to me. I will get the Jade Maiden Scripture today no matter what! I’m going to crush this guy’s arrogance thoroughly!”

“Money?” Dustin patted his pockets, then shook his head.

“Sorry, I didn’t bring any money. How about you, Cornelius?”

“Me neither.” Cornelius spread his hands out. He only had a few pennies to his name.

“No way, you own a whole man but don’t have any money?” Nikki frowned, skeptical.

“I don’t have any money. I have a lot of mouths to feed in my organization. I need money to run the

gang, you know? Where would I get so much money in such a short time?” Dustin expressed his helplessness.

He did have the money. He was just unwilling to lend it to Nikki. After all, why spend money if they could get the item for free?

“Then what should we do now? Are we going to just hand over the Jade Maiden Scripture?” Nikki was getting anxious.

It was the Jade Maiden Sisterhood’s precious treasure. It was also important for their guild’s growth.

It was with great difficulty that she finally found a lead. How could she let it slip away into someone else’s hands?

“Hey, beautiful. You want this scripture, don’t you?” Julian suddenly teased.

“How about this? Why don’t you follow me home and please me? You’ll get everything you want. It’s better than sticking with this poor guy, don’t you think?”

“Get lost!” Nikki glared at him. She would never sell her body.

“Beautiful, opportunities like this won’t come twice. This is a rare chance.” Julian rubbed his chin.

He was attracted to her heroic spirit. Having been accustomed to more gentle ladies, sleeping with a dominant woman had a unique appeal.

“If you speak one more word, I’ll beat the crap out of you!” Nikki seethed in anger.

“Hey! Why are you so dense? You should feel lucky that Mr. Nicholson has taken a liking to you. Don’t be ungrateful!”

“That’s right! With his status, you should feel honored to serve him!”

“Hmph! What the hell? It’s so disgusting that she’s acting all high and mighty!”

The haughty women scoffed one after the other. It was a rare opportunity that others could only dream of, yet she dared to reject him?

She was stupid!

Julian waved his hand dismissively as if generously letting her off the hook. “Never mind. Let’s not force her if she’s unwilling.”

He turned to Samuel. “Mr. Franklin, I have the highest bid here. The Jade Maiden Scripture should belong to me now, right?”

“Of course.” Samuel nodded with a smile.

Julian spared the formalities and concluded the transaction. His extravagant manner of spending money dazzled the haughty women.

They struck seductive poses and flirted with Julian.

“Kid, I’m taking this baby home! You can go home and eat dirt! Hahaha!” Waving the wooden box that contained the scripture, Julian chuckled heartily.

He was about to leave with his female companions when suddenly, the door opened. A few masked men walked in fiercely.

“Who’s Julian Nicholson?” The leader of the masked men demanded loudly.

“What the f\*ck? How dare you call out to me impolitely? You must be asking for death!”

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Julian glared at the masked men, displeased with them. In public, everyone always addressed him as Mr. Nicholson. The audacity of these masked men to address him familiarly by his first name!

“So, you’re Julian Nicholson.” After the masked man confirmed his target, his gaze turned

cold.

The next thing they knew, the masked man lunged at Julian with a knife.

The sharp blade sliced into Julian’s abdomen, leaving Julian in shock. His eyes widened in disbelief.

What on earth was going on? The masked man must be out of his mind to attack him without a word!

“Ah-!” Julian screamed in pain. He staggered back, clutching his wound.

He was terrified. “W—who are you?”

“Your executioner!” The masked men approached Julian murderously.

“I’ve done nothing to offend you. Why do you want to kill me?” Julian broke out in cold sweat as panic overtook him..

“I was paid to kill you. It serves you right for offending Mr. Huffner!” The leader of the masked men thundered.

“I don’t know any Preston Huffner. You must be mistaken.” Julian was taken a back.

“Hmph!

Are you still pretending? Mr. Huffner is from Asclepia. You disfigured him outside of Stoneray Valley not long ago. Have you forgotten already?” The leader of the masked men had a cold gaze.

“I don’t know who Preston Huffner is. You must have gotten the wrong person!”

Julian was close to tears. Where did these crazy people come from? Why were they trying to kill him without getting the situation straight?

“Cut the crap! You must die today for offending Mr. Huffner!” The masked men sneered and lunged at Julian.

“Hold it right there!” One of the haughty women stood in front of him and blocked his

way.

She protested. “You bastards! Do you know who Mr. Nicholson is? Do you know his background? If you dare t-!”

Before she could finish, the masked man had slashed her to death. Blood sprayed across the table.

It was a shocking sight.

“Ah!” The other women screamed in fear, distancing themselves from Julian. They were afraid of getting caught in the attack.

“Kill him!” The masked men brandished their knives and started slashing at Julian.

“I don’t know who Preston Huffner is. I didn’t disfigure him. You guys are attacking the wrong person!”

Julian covered and wailed as they continued slashing him. Very soon, he was covered in bloody cuts.

Despite his pleas for mercy and explanations, the masked men attacked relentlessly.

“Preston Huffner?” Dustin raised an eyebrow, a playful smile on his lips.

He had casually mentioned Julian’s name when he attacked Preston previously. He didn’t expect it to cause the situation before him to happen.

“Save me!” Suddenly, Julian, who was covered in blood, rushed toward Dustin.

He begged by Dustin’s feet. “Please, save me!”

“Save you? Since when were we friends?” Dustin smiled cheekily.

“If

you save me, I’ll give you the Jade Maiden Scripture!” Julian spat out blood, then handed over the wooden box to Dustin.

He knew Dustin was good at fighting. Only Dustin could save him now.

“Alright. Since you’ve shown sincerity, I’ll save you this once.” Dustin nodded, receiving the

wooden box.

“That’s great!” Julian lit up in joy.

He then pointed at the masked men. “Kill them!”

“Don’t misunderstand. I only said I’d save you. I never said I would kill for you.” Dustin

corrected him.

“What? What do you mean by that?” Julian was dumbfounded.

“Mr. Adler, call Mr. Nicholson an ambulance immediately,” Dustin instructed.

“An ambulance? You f\*ck-” Julian was infuriated and was about to erupt in rage when the masked men lunged at him, killing him instantly.

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Julian died a regretful death. After killing him, the masked men left without any words.

Dustin, who was the reason for his death, got his revenge. Not only that, but he got the Jade Maiden Scripture that was worth ten billion. It was worth celebrating.

He guessed that the masked man who left earlier was Preston. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have reacted like that when he saw Dustin.

“Congratulations to the three of you. Luck is on your side.” Samuel clasped his hands, smiling

as usual.

“Mr. Franklin, thanks to you, we got a great deal.” Dustin returned the smile with a knowing look.

Samuel had remained silent the entire time, evidently hoping Julian would meet his end so that he could reclaim the Jade Maiden Scripture.

It was a pity that it ended up in their hands instead.

“May I ask for your name?” Samuel asked respectfully.

“Dustin Rhys.”

“Mr. Rhys, you don’t seem like an ordinary person, given your manner of speech. I hope we can work together again in the future.” Samuel extended an olive branch.

Dustin raised an eyebrow. “How do you intend us to work together, Mr. Franklin?”

“I mainly specialize in gathering information and trading rare treasures. I can assist you if you need help in those areas.” Samuel smiled.

“Is that so? I am facing two difficulties now. I wonder if you can give me an answer for them.” Dustin flashed a smile.

“Please, go ahead.” Samuel nodded his head.

“Firstly, I’d like to know who assassinated Paul Hill. Secondly, I’d like to know about the whereabouts of Cherusia. If you have any information on those, I’m willing to offer a high price,” Dustin stated frankly.

Samuel was not an ordinary man if he could locate the Jade Maiden Scripture that quickly. For all they knew, they might find surprising information with his information network.

Samuel smiled. “I will look into your request, Mr. Rhys. I’ll notify you immediately once I have

news.”

“Thank you,

we’ll be leaving now.” Dustin nodded and left soon after.

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“Hahaha... We got the Jade Maiden Scripture without spending any money! This is fantastic!” Nikki was excited on the way back.

She had thought she was going to lose the treasure. The result came as a surprise.

“There seems to be something off about this scripture.” Dustin was puzzled as he looked at the sheepskin scripture in his hands.

He'd studied various ancient texts since he was young. He recognized the cultivation methods. in the Jade Maiden Scripture from a different book he'd read.

Not to mention, he was extremely well-versed in those teachings. However, that book wasn't called the Jade Maiden Scripture.

What caught his attention was that the contents of the scripture in his hands were incomplete.

"What's off about it? Could this treasure be fake?" Nikki was taken aback and grew nervous.

Dustin shook his head. "It's not exactly fake, but rather, incomplete."

"Incomplete?" Nikki frowned and took the sheepskin scripture from him.

She carefully flipped through it and said, "Where's the missing part? It looks complete to me. Come on, don't just speak nonsense!"

"It's not just the content that's incomplete. There's something wrong with the cover too. It seems like there's something hidden inside it. Why don't we open it up?" Dustin rubbed his chin.

The front and back covers of the scripture had different thicknesses. Though the difference was minor, he still noticed when he touched the scripture.

"Hey! I'm warning you not to mess around!" Nikki hugged the sheepskin scripture protectively, close to her chest.

"This is the Jade Maiden Sisterhood's precious treasure. Will you be able to bear the responsibility if it is damaged?"

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"I was just saying. You don't have to open it if you don't want to." Dustin shrugged.



Although the Jade Maiden Scripture was impressive, it was only suitable for women. It had no use for him. He was only interested to see it because of his curiosity.

“Hmph! Smart move!” Nikki breathed a sigh of relief.

It was embarrassing to admit, but it was thanks to Dustin that she could get her hands on the Jade Maiden Scripture.

When they returned, she would put in a good word for him with Madam Edith and ensure he was rewarded accordingly.

Twenty minutes later, the car stopped at the entrance of Zephyr Lodge. They had just exited the car when Brittany and a few disciples rushed up to them excitedly.

“Nikki, I heard you found the Jade Maiden Scripture. Where is it? Let me see!” Brittany was unable to hide the excitement on her face.

“It’s right here, have a look.” Nikki passed the box containing the Jade Maiden Scripture to her.

Brittany’s excitement grew as she studied the scripture. “It is the Jade Maiden Scripture. This is great!”

“Congratulations, Brittany! You found our treasure!” The disciples behind her patted her.

“All of you had a hand in finding the scripture!” Brittany said as she flipped through the scripture. She was thrilled.

“Brittany, we could only get our hands on it thanks to Dustin.” Nikki attempted to give Dustin credit.

“Hmm?” Brittany swept a glance at Dustin.

She looked at Dustin arrogantly. “Hmph! You finally caved in? Have you finally realized you should be pleasing me? You men are always saying one thing but meaning another!”

“Let me make it clear. My actions have nothing to do with you,” Dustin clarified immediately.

“You’re still being stubborn? Why would you be so enthusiastic about finding the scripture if you aren’t in love with me? I’ve seen through you, so stop pretending!” Brittany raised her head, looking proud.

Dustin was rendered speechless. He wondered where her confidence came from. She could

twist any situation to make it all about herself and speak as if it was a fact.

“Fine, given that you went through all that trouble for me, I won’t hold your past mistake against you anymore. Starting today, I’ll allow you to be my fanboy,” Brittany said in a

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naughty tone.

“Hey, what are you doing just standing there? Hurry up and thank her!”

“You’re lucky that you’re getting a chance to please Brittany. You must cherish it!” A few disciples crossed their arms, looking like Dustin had struck gold.

Dustin rolled his eyes. He couldn’t bother wasting his time with a bunch of lunatics.

“What’s going on here?” Just then, Edith strolled in with an old woman. Their proud demeanor made it seem like royalty was arriving.

“Madam Edith, you arrived just in time. We have good news. We found the Jade Maiden Scripture!” Brittany excitedly passed the sheepskin scripture to her.

“You found it?” Madam Edith was astounded. She took a closer look, instantly, her expression turned to joy.

“It is the Jade Maiden Scripture. This is great! Who found it? I’ll have to reward them handsomely!”

“I found it, Madam Edith! I went through a lot of trouble to obtain this precious treasure. I didn’t disappoint, did I?” Brittany stepped up. She didn’t hesitate to take all the credit. Nikki was stunned by her words.

"Brittany?" Nikki looked at her in disbelief.

She

couldn't believe Brittany would say something like that. All she did was greet them by the door, yet she had taken all the credit for herself.

It was unfair, especially when Brittany didn't mention a word about their efforts.

"What?" Dustin frowned slightly. Although he wasn't expecting to be acknowledged, it still annoyed him to be put in such a situation.

"You did great, Brittany. I knew you wouldn't disappoint." Edith nodded in gratitude.

"I'll remember your achievement. Once I've mastered the Jade Maiden Scripture's teachings, I'll pass them on to you!"

"Thank you, Madam Edith!" Brittany lit up in joy.

This was what she had been waiting for. There was nothing more valuable than being taught personally by her mentor.

"Brittany, I believe there's something you forgot to mention," Nikki reminded her.

As a fellow disciple, she didn't mind not being rewarded. After all, they were all working for Madam Edith.

However, Dustin had gone through all that trouble. She couldn't allow him to be treated unfairly.

"What? Did I say something wrong?" Brittany gave her a warning glance.

As a senior disciple, she intended to be the first to reap the benefits. So what if she stole credit? Who would dare challenge her?

"Brittany, Dustin was the one who found the Jade Maiden Scripture. You shouldn't disregard his efforts, don't you think?" Nikki frowned.

"What?" Brittany's expression darkened.

"Save the nonsense, Nikki. I was the one who found it. You should think before you speak. You must have been mistaken." Brittany's words carried a hint of threat.

"I'm not mistaken. It was Dustin who found it!"

Nikki was firm. "I saw it with my own eyes. Dustin was the one who found the scripture's whereabouts and helped us obtain it!"

The rest of the disciples looked at the two worriedly. It seemed like Nikki was challenging Brittany's authority.

"How dare you!" Brittany glared at Nikki, enraged.

"Nikki Horst, are you questioning me?" Brittany roared.

"I'm just speaking the truth." Nikki lowered her head slightly, but her gaze remained unyielding.

"The truth? Hmph! You're just trying to undermine me!" Brittany's expression soured.

"We're guild members, and I can't believe you'd challenge me on behalf of an outsider!"

With her seniority in the guild, no one dared talk back to her, even when she was oppressive and unjust.

She couldn't believe Nikki questioned her publicly and embarrassed her. Nikki should have known her place!

"Brittany, don't you have a conscience? We can't just ignore it when Dustin helped us out," Nikki reasoned.

"Shut up!" Brittany's temper flared, and she slapped Nikki hard across the face.

She screamed, "Who the hell do you think you are? How dare you lecture me?"

"You!" Nikki bit her lips, feeling wronged. Her face was swollen from the slap.

Just then, Edith finally spoke up, "Enough! We're all members of the same guild. There's not need to argue about a small matter."

"Madam Edith, I'm telling the truth. Dustin handed the Jade Maiden Scripture to me personally before I handed it to Brittany!" Nikki tried to explain.

"Do you have proof?" Edith asked impassively.

"The other disciples saw what happened. They can vouch for me!" Nikki pointed at them.

"Oh, is that so?" Edith looked over lazily at the other disciples.

"Madam Edith is asking a question. All of you must answer truthfully!" Brittany's expression was icy, and her gaze was hostile.