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Just as Kai and Yuven were about to leave, Pearl came out with the coffee pot. "Mr. Chance, please have some coffee before you leave. I'm sorry about what happened today. I shouldn't have treated you in that manner," Pearl apologized with an ashamed expression.

Her apology confused Kai. Even so, he smiled casually and reassured her, "It's okay. I didn't take the matter to heart." "Mr. Chance, what happened? Did Pearl offend you?" Gregory quickly asked.

"Oh, no! Everything's fine." Kai immediately shook his head. Gregory was well aware of Pearl's temper and was certain she must have given Kai hell. Therefore, he ordered, "Pearl, pour Mr. Chance a cup of coffee!"

Pearl nodded and did as she was told. Moving closer to Kai, she offered him the cup. "Mr. Chance, I shouldn't have looked down on you. I'm sorry for my bad attitude earlier..."

Pearl appeared very sincere, so Kai had no choice but to accept the coffee and down it in one go. After that, Gregory and his seniors began drinking coffee and chatting. Very soon, the pot of coffee was gone, and Kai left with Yuven. Looking at the empty coffee pot, Pearl did not know whether to feel nervous or excited..

"Pearl, don't wander during tomorrow's Alchemist Fair. Stick close to me and learn as much as you can. In the future when I get older, I will hand my position as a judge over to you!" instructed Gregory.

"I understand!" Pearl nodded. Meanwhile, Kai and Yuven had not gone too far away when he suddenly felt chaos in his consciousness field. "Mr. Chance, there's something damaging your consciousness field..."

Just then, Faiyar's voice rang out. As Faiyar was currently residing in Kai's consciousness field, the moment the latter's consciousness field was attacked, Faiyar would be the first to detect it.

Kai frowned and used his spiritual sense to enter his consciousness field. All he could see was a grey mist, and it was hard for Kai to focus his mental energy. He was still trying to figure out what that was when a golden ray flashed across his consciousness field.

In an instant, the grey mist dissipated, and his consciousness field became as clear as day again! It was only after checking that his consciousness field was fine that Kai felt relieved.

“Mr. Chance, what happened?” asked Yuven when he saw Kai’s strange expression. Shaking his head, Kai answered, “Oh, it’s nothing. I’m probably just exhausted from recent events.”

“Mr. Chance, if we can’t find a way to detoxify the poison, so be it. I’ll accept my fate. Please don’t be too anxious about it.” Yuven felt very guilty as he thought Kai was worried because of the poison in his body. “It’s all right. I’ll definitely find a cure for you.”

Kai smiled nonchalantly before the two of them continued on their way. A moment later, shocked expressions took over their faces. They could sense a terrifying aura coming toward them, so strong that it paralyzed them.

Kai frowned as his face turned grim. Flames flickered to life on his palms. Judging from the incoming aura, the person had to be extremely powerful. Given Kai’s current capability, there was no way he could handle the newcomer.

As such, Kai whipped out the demonic fire in advance. The moment things went awry, he would make his move and run. Just then, a middle-aged man wearing a cape and spotting a pair of wings showed up in front of Kai and Yuven.

“Thunderhawk?”

The look on Yuven’s face changed when he saw who it was.

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“King Yuven? I didn’t expect to see you here! I was wondering who could possibly snatch my heavenly thunder fruit. It turns out you were backing him. This brat is only at the Second Level of Body Fusion Realm. Even if his strength were to be enhanced by a few levels, he still wouldn’t be able to harvest my heavenly thunder fruit. So, it was you who took my heavenly thunder fruit!” Thunderhawk’s face was flushed with rage, his eyes radiating intense killing intent that sent chills down the spines of Kai and Yuven.

Facing Thunderhawk, Kai felt a trace of fear creeping into his heart. However, it seemed Thunderhawk was still unaware that Yuven's strength had been suppressed.

In that case, they could attempt to deceive Thunderhawk for the time being. After all, Yuven's original strength was on par with Thunderhawk's.

Kai glanced at Yuven, shooting a meaningful look at the latter. Yuven immediately fathomed Kai's intention. Feigning nonchalance, he chirped at Thunderhawk, "Thunderhawk, all I did was take three of your heavenly thunder fruits. Do you need to be so angry? Your heavenly thunder tree has ten fruits, and I only picked three instead of taking all of them. I've already been quite considerate!"

"Yuven, you're shameless! How dare you still behave so audaciously after stealing my heavenly thunder fruit? Do you believe I'll flatten your Imperial Beast City?" Thunderhawk roared.

"Quit boasting, Thunderhawk. If you could do that, would you have waited until now? I might as well let you in on a piece of information. My daughter will be marrying King Lucian's son. Once our two families are united, what do you think will happen?" Yuven said with a smirk.

A nervous expression instantly spread across Thunderhawk's countenance after he heard that. He stared intently at Yuven, the muscles of his face twitching. "You two families won't band together to deal with me, will you?" Thunderhawk inquired.

"Why don't you make a guess?" Yuven grinned. Thunderhawk didn't reply. There's no need to guess. If Imperial Beast City were to ally with Norwal City, they'll definitely join forces to target me! In an instant, Thunderhawk seemed somewhat fearful..

Initially, the three sides had been in a delicate balance, with no party daring to make a move as they were afraid the third party would benefit from any conflicts.

However, the situation was different now. If Norwal City and Imperial Beast City formed an alliance, Hawk King Cave would be in danger.

Taking in the changes on Thunderhawk's face, Yuven knew his ruse had worked, so he continued, "Thunderhawk, I merely took three of your heavenly

thunder fruits. If you let this matter slide, I can assure you that we, Imperial Beast City, will never be your enemy. Even if we were to join forces to target you, it would be for the heavenly thunder fruits. Since I've acquired the fruits, why would I ally with King Lucian?"

Thunderhawk grew hesitant after listening to Yuven's elaboration, feeling the latter had a point. Amidst Thunderhawk's dithering, Yuven seized the moment and pressed further, "If you disagree, you can take the three heavenly thunder fruits in my possession by force now. However, once you do so, I can guarantee you'll lose all ten of your heavenly thunder fruits! I'll even work with King Lucian to uproot your heavenly thunder tree and destroy your Hawk King Cave, reducing you to a homeless, lowly being!"

Yuven's aura frightened Thunderhawk, prompting the latter to speak at once. "Yuven, I hope you'll keep your word. Consider those three heavenly thunder fruits a gift from me."

With that, Thunderhawk turned around to leave. Watching Thunderhawk depart, Yuven immediately let out a long sigh of relief. It would have been troublesome if Thunderhawk knew his strength had already been suppressed.

However, just as Yuven breathed a sigh of relief, his facial expression changed abruptly. Before Yuven realized it, Thunderhawk had reappeared in midair, glaring at Yuven and saying, "Yuven, your aura has been suppressed, yet you still dare to deceive me! You're courting death!"

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Thunderhawk's aura instantly locked onto Yuven and Kai, immobilizing them. At that moment, they couldn't even move an inch. Kai's power surged exponentially, but he still couldn't budge.

That was the insurmountable difference in strength. In the face of the absolute gap in abilities, Kai was helpless even with his Golden Dragon's True Form.

At that instant, terror filled Yuven and Kai as their lives seemed to flash before their eyes. However, just as Thunderhawk thrust his palm at them, an aura burst forth behind them to block Thunderhawk's attack.

"Thunderhawk, you know the rules of Jipsdale, yet you dare start a fight within the county? Have you no regard for Jipsdale's rules?" Hester leisurely walked toward Kai and Yuven before coming to a stop before the duo, shielding them.

Thunderhawk frowned slightly at the sight of Hester. “Mr. Sparrow, this person stole my heavenly thunder fruits. I’m just trying to retrieve my belongings!”

“Thunderhawk, let’s not mention him stealing your heavenly thunder fruits; even if he killed your father, picking a fight within Jipsdale is still prohibited! If you want revenge, you’ll have to wait until you leave Jipsdale. By then, I won’t interfere. On the other hand, if you wish to cause a ruckus in Jipsdale, you’ll have to seek my permission,” Hester said as his piercing eyes bore into Thunderhawk.

Thunderhawk grimaced. Nevertheless, he was aware that if he disregarded Jipsdale’s rules and caused a scene there, he might never leave that place.

“Fine. I’ll settle the score with them after they leave Jipsdale!” Thunderhawk nodded, then turned to look at Kai and Yuven. “You two just wait! Once I spot you two stepping out of Jipsdale, I’ll immediately do away with you!”

With that, Thunderhawk’s body flickered, and he disappeared. The pressure on Kai and Yuven was also lifted instantly. “Mr. Sparrow, thank you for saving us!” Kai hastily stepped forward and expressed his gratitude. “Don’t thank me. I’m just fulfilling my duty.” After saying that, Hester also vanished on the spot.

Once the two left, Kai couldn’t calm the

restlessness in his heart for a long while. / wonder when I can reach the pinnacle of cultivation so I no longer need to fear anyone.

Yuven seemed to read Kai’s mind and said, “Mr. Chance, you’ve attained this cultivation level at such a young age, which is already quite remarkable. The path of spiritual energy cultivation requires gradual progress, so don’t be hasty.”

Kai nodded. Subsequently, the two returned to the courtyard. As the contest between alchemists would officially start the next day, everyone turned in early. Although Viola yearned to be intimate with Kai, she suppressed her desire at the thought of the competition tomorrow.

Early the next morning, they hurried to the Alchemist Fair. The Alchemist Fair’s entrance was bustling as over a thousand people had gathered there.

“Why are there so many people this year?” Ghaylen was shocked to see the unexpectedly large crowd. “Perhaps it has something to do with the special reward from Jipsdale for the champion this year,” Viola replied.

Staring at the long queue at the Alchemist Fair’s entrance, Kai was speechless. If I had known it would be like this, I would’ve stayed in Solaris Sect yesterday to skip this queue! “How long will we have to queue for?”

Yuven also couldn’t help but be taken aback by the buzzing throng. “Let’s just get in line,” said Kai as he began to join the queue. However, just as Kai and his party were standing in line, someone abruptly called out.

“Kai, you don’t need to queue. Come with me!” Kai turned around and saw it was Pearl. She was walking toward them with Roderick alongside her.

“Kai, we meet again,” Roderick greeted Kai after seeing him.

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Kai merely nodded in acknowledgment. After all, now that he knew what Roderick was like, he had no desire to interact with the latter.

Kai’s attitude did not enrage Roderick, who then shifted his gaze to Viola. He blatantly raked his eyes over her, his gaze gleaming with lust..

Viola grimaced upon feeling the intensity of Roderick’s gaze and moved two steps behind Kai. The latter also noticed the lust in Roderick’s gaze on Viola, so he shot Roderick a cold glare before turning to Pearl. “Do we no longer need to wait in line, Ms. Pearl?”

“That’s right. My master sent me to pick you up, so there’s no need to wait in line if I’m with you. Follow me.” With that, Pearl walked ahead with Roderick, and they even chatted merrily while holding hands.

Kai could not help but shake his head when he saw that. Pearl is clearly abusing her authority for personal interest. Mr. Stark sent her to pick me up, but she’s using this opportunity to bring Roderick in too. Since there’s no way Mr.. Stark would send Pearl to pick Roderick up, it must be her idea.

“Let’s go,” Kai said, leading Viola and the others to follow behind Pearl. “Kai, who is that girl?” asked Viola. “Mr. Stark’s disciple and a member of Solaris Sect,” Kai replied.

“That guy beside her is her boyfriend, right? But he doesn’t look like a good person. The lustful gaze he gave me just now made me so uncomfortable!” Viola remarked.

Kai proceeded to tell them about Roderick’s character. Once Viola heard it, she said incredulously, “That girl is so stupid to even like this kind of man. She’ll undoubtedly be deceived and bawl her eyes out one day.”

While they were talking, Pearl had already led them to the side door at the Alchemist Fair, which was also guarded but with no one queueing up. Pearl then flashed her Solaris Sect token and walked straight in.

Seeing that, Kai could not help but muse about how the Ethereal Realm was no different from the mundane world. Indeed. It’s a lot easier getting in via connections! Pearl let go of Roderick’s hand as they entered the Alchemist Fair compound, most likely for fear of Gregory seeing it.

“Go to the hall by yourself, Roderick. I’m sure you’ll be able to take first place this time!” Pearl said before kissing Roderick on the cheek in front of everyone. “Okay!” Roderick nodded and left..

After waiting for Roderick to leave, Pearl also led Kai and the others toward the hall. When Kai entered the hall, he noticed that there were already a large number of alchemists present.

As for the members of Solaris Sect, they were sitting on the seats in the middle. “Master, Mr. Chance is here!” Pearl went forward and said to Gregory. “Mr. Chance! Come over quickly, all of you, and sit beside us.”

Gregory waved at Kai, gesturing for the latter to sit beside him. Kai led Viola and the others over before sitting down. Meanwhile, Ghaylen was greeting the many alchemists of various sects who had come to compete.

Kai chatted casually with Gregory, whereas Pearl took the opportunity to shoot flirtatious glances at Roderick.

However, while conversing with Gregory, Kai noticed that the elder seemed a little disoriented, so he inquired, “Are you unwell, Mr. Stark?”

“No. It’s just that my head is a little foggy. It’s probably because I was controlled by a demonic cultivator at the time, which caused certain damage to my body from which I haven’t fully recovered,” Gregory replied.

“How about I look you over, Mr. Stark?” Kai observed that Gregory seemed rather pale. “No need for that. I’ll be fine. After all, I’m an alchemist. Do you think I’ll be oblivious to my own health?” Gregory said with a dismissive wave.

He was worried that allowing someone younger to examine him in front of so many people would be too humiliating.

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Kai did not persuade Gregory further, knowing the reason behind the latter’s words . After all, Mr. Stark is a Fifth Level Top Tier alchemist, so he should know if there’s something wrong with his health.

Meanwhile, Roderick felt giddy inside when he noticed Gregory and the others looking disoriented and pallid. However, the sight of Kai chatting merrily with a clear intellect left him perplexed.

Roderick stood up and shot Pearl a look. The latter hurriedly followed him outside while Gregory was distracted. Kai saw Pearl running after Roderick but decided not to voice it out.

“Did Kai take the drug, Pearl?” Roderick asked. “Yes. At that time, I put it in the pot and witnessed Kai and my masters drinking the coffee with my own eyes. How can there be any mistake?” Pearl said with a firm expression.

“That’s strange. Why is this guy not displaying any signs of poisoning?” Roderick knitted his brows with a puzzled look on his face.

“Roderick, could it be that everyone’s physique is different, so the effect of the drug is also different?” Pearl suggested. “It’s possible. Since he’s taken the medicine, there’s nothing to worry about. The first place in this competition will surely be mine.”

A smile tugged at Roderick’s lips. “Roderick, after you win first place this time, you must remember your promise to take me far, far away!” Pearl reminded as she held his hand. “Don’t worry. You’re already mine. Who else will I take with me other than you?”

Roderick’s tender caress of her face delighted her. About an hour later, several melodious bells chimed, and everyone in the hall stood up.

“The competition is about to begin, Mr. Chance. Let’s make our way to Alchemy Square,” Gregory said to Kai.

“After you, Mr. Stark,” responded Kai, extending his arm in a polite gesture. The group of people left the hall and headed to Alchemy Square.

At that moment, the surroundings of the large square were already full of people, all of whom came to enjoy the show. “The contestant waiting area is off to the side.. If you would excuse me, Mr. Chance.”

As judges, Gregory and the others were required to go on stage, while Kai and his group needed to wait below. Kai flashed him a smile. “Please, go ahead, Mr. Stark.”

Gregory and the others walked onto the stage and sat in the judges’ seats. As for Pearl, she stood behind Gregory. There was a vacant seat right in the center of the judges’ table, indicating that there was still a judge who had not arrived.

“Mr. Chance, the centermost seat is reserved for the judge from Jipsdale. In the interest of fairness in this Alchemist Fair competition, Jipsdale will also send a judge to prevent anyone from cheating. The competition should begin once the judge arrives, so prepare yourself beforehand,” Ghaylen informed Kai.

In response, Kai nodded with a smile. Soon, an elderly man descended from the sky and slowly landed in the only vacant seat among the judges.

Kai observed as Gregory and the others greeted the elderly person, and then the competition officially began. Shortly after, the many guards of Jipsdale each placed a pill cauldron on the stage and arranged medicinal herbs in front of them.

The pill cauldrons and medicinal herbs provided were identical to ensure fairness. This meant that the alchemists were competing in terms of expertise.

“I now announce that the competition has begun! Contestants, take your positions. All your pill cauldrons and medicinal herbs are identical. This first round is based on speed. Whoever crafts a Third Level Top Tier pill first is the winner. Only twenty contestants will remain after this round, so give it your all.”

The elderly judge from Jipsdale got up and announced in a clear and ringing voice.