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Sheila also said excitedly to Severin, “Awesome! The combat technique you gave us previously was good, but it’s not very high in terms of grade. This one even sounds so intimidating.”

Severin smiled and said, “Well, I need to prepare some combat techniques for you since your attainment is already on the verge of a breakthrough to warrior king. I personally learned this combat technique when I fought against Deborah from Shadraw. Her technique is good, but her attainment is so far behind mine that she would never be a match for me.”

Severin then paused briefly and said to the two women, “A person’s combat ability has a lot to do with their level of attainment. After all, there is a big difference in attainment level, and the strength of a particular combat technique would be different too. For example, a warrior king could easily defeat a profound master.”

“What is Shadraw anyway? Why did the members of the organization attack you? Was that Deborah a woman? Why did she want to kill you?” Sheila and Diane looked at each other helplessly after hearing what Severin said.

In response, Severin carefully explained everything that happened the previous day.

“What? We thought that was a show of strength between a few

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people. I never would have thought that the king would tell them to kill you.” Sheila clenched her fists angrily after hearing that.

Diane then said, “They’re lucky that they met someone like

you who could see the bigger picture. If you weren’t there, there’s a huge possibility that Dracodom might have to change its leader.”

Sheila nodded. “Franko is being ridiculous. You spared his life, but he went to look for Princess Nana and joined hands with her to deal with us. He and his father deserve to be killed.”

Following a pause, Sheila said, “I would have stepped Nana if I was there.”

Diane was a little lost in thought. After a brief moment of daze, she said to them, “I wonder how it feels to slap a princess. No

one has done that before, right?”

Sheila smiled awkwardly and said, “I bet it feels super good.

But then again, it would cause such a sensation in the entirety of Dracodom if word gets out.”

“Come on now, you two. Make copies of this technique and keep one copy for yourself. That’ll make it more convenient for

you to train once you make your breakthrough.” Severin handed the technique over to Diane, who nodded in acknowledgment.

“Both Megan and my mom would like to come along to the auction tomorrow. Will that be okay?” Diane asked.

Severin did not know whether to laugh or cry when he heard that. Those two simply wanted to watch the excitement, but then again, they would be making a big fuss about things if they were not allowed to go.

He smiled wryly and said, “Fine. Let’s all go together then. It’s not like we can’t afford the entrance fee. Let Wendy and Lillie come with you too. I’m sure they’d love to join us.”

“Okay, let’s all go together then!” Diane smiled. “I’ve never been to that sort of place yet, so I’m really curious to see how it all works.”

“Well, you’ll know tomorrow.” Severin laughed.

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As soon as Severin finished speaking, he spotted Megan and Felicia walking over with Wendy and Lillie.

“Judging from their expressions, they’re probably going to come and ask to us to continue shopping. We visited several places yesterday, and now we’re going to have to visit other places again.” Severin smiled helplessly. He did not really enjoy going out, but he had to because Megan and the others loved shopping.

With that, they all left to enjoy themselves.

The next morning, Severin brought them to Flalong Auction House. Unbeknownst to them, a fat man’s interest was piqued when he spotted Severin’s group from behind.

That fat man was accompanied by several bodyguards. He ogled at Sheila and Diane and said with a perverted grin, “Tsk, ts, ts. When did our city have so many beautiful women? Why haven’t I seen any of them before?” He rubbed his chin and began to look at the women’s bodies unabashedly.

“What are you looking at, fatso? Is this the first time you’ve seen a woman?” Megan was disgusted at the man’s gaze and could not help but glare viciously at the other party.

Rather than get angry, the fat man smiled and said, “Why can’t

I look at you when you're all so beautiful? Do you know who I am? How dare you talk to me like that!"

A bodyguard behind the fat man smiled and said, "He's Jeremy Smalling, the scion of Oolong City's first-class family."

"Ah, so you're just the scion of a first-class family. That's so amazing! I'm already shivering in fear!" Megan said

sarcastically. A day ago, she had met all the province governors, the war gods, and even had a drink with the eldest

prince.

Oolong City was a most prosperous city, and it was

undoubtedly a remarkable feat for those who have become a first-class family. They probably feared no one except for a select few. It came as no surprise then that Jeremy would be that arrogant.

Jeremy did not realize that Megan was being sarcastic and

believed that Megan was genuinely scared. He felt a burst of joy

and said to her, "At least you're smart. Now that you know who

I am, you should take the initiative to give me your number. You should act quickly now that you know that I'm from a first-

class family."

"Sorry, but I'm not naive. I have my principles too, and I'm not

interested in a fatso." Megan clasped her hands in front of her chest and then glanced at the other party with contempt.

Jeremy's chubby cheeks trembled violently as he glared at

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Megan. "Damn you! What did you just say? How dare you call me fat! I might be fat, but no one dares to point that out!"

Diane and the rest of the girls snickered when they heard that. That fat man might have gotten used to having his way,

domineering and arrogant, but it was a shame that they had met him.

At that moment, Caroline came out to check on the situation

and spotted Severin's group right away. She immediately

walked over with a smile, "Mister Severin! You're here! Come with me. Our senior director just told me that the VIP Room One has been reserved for you, so let's get you there."

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"Did you just say you reserved VIP Room One for him? Who is he, anyway? Why would you reserve for him a room that even I can't go in?" Jeremy kicked up a small fuss when he heard what Caroline said. He considered himself to be an upper-class person second only to a prince or a commander's son. He was a big shot, at least in Oolong City.

Jeremy felt that it was an affront to the rules that Severin had been invited in before the auction started!

Caroline glanced indifferently at Jeremy and said icily, "Our senior director made this arrangement, Mister Jeremy. You may take it up with her if you have any objections."

After finishing speaking, Caroline smiled warmly at Severin and said, "This way, please."

Everyone else looked on with envy as Severin and his group were led in by Caroline.

A man from a second-tier family came up to Jeremy with several of his bodyguards. "What's going on, Jeremy? This is the first time a guest was brought in before the auction started.

Jeremy looked at the man and said, "Beats me, Tom. Maybe that guy is on very good terms with the senior director?"

Jeremy sounded rather displeased. The sons of all those upper-class families knew that the senior director was a very

attractive woman. They all wanted an opportunity to treat her to a meal and win her favor, but she never accepted any of their requests. Nothing they did could pique her interest in them.

Many people know that Flalong Auction House was not as simple as it appeared on the surface. It had branches in many cities, and the support it received was extremely terrifying too. Some even suspect it of being controlled by a certain sect.

"This is very odd. Even someone with your status has to wait in line. Does this mean that he's more noble than you are?" the guy named Tom expressed his surprise. After all, it was his first time encountering such a situation.

Jeremy smiled bitterly and said, "I don't know who he is, but

the women around him are mouthwateringly beautiful.” He gulped when he thought about Diane and the others.

At that moment, Caroline led Severin’s group to the second floor and walked right in.

Severin smiled and said: “By the way, didn’t you say that you need spiritual stones to enter the venue? This room would require a lot of spiritual stones, I believe?”

Caroline smiled and said, “That’s right. Entering the first floor requires ten thousand low-grade spiritual stones. The VIP rooms above it are more expensive, requiring at least a

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hundred thousand low-grade spiritual stones. The most expensive are the Sky rooms because of their excellent location. Simply standing by the room’s windows affords you a very good view of the ongoing auction. The entire auction house is encapsulated in a panoramic view. The best of all VIP Rooms is, of course, VIP Room One.”

Megan then said, “Doesn’t that require millions of spiritual stones? Even though it’s only low-grade spiritual stones that we’re talking about, isn’t it too expensive for a VIP room?”

Caroline smiled and said, “Yes, but that doesn’t mean you can get a chance to be in this room without any connections. Most times, we don’t advertise the availability of VIP Room One and reserve it for important guests. When it’s empty, it’s because there aren’t any important guests.”

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“Isn’t it such a waste to just leave it empty? Wouldn’t it be good to earn more spiritual stones?” Megan asked blankly. She felt that the room would not have been utilized to its full

potential if it was left empty.

Before Caroline could explain, Diane smiled and said, “This is something that their auction house can be proud of. It’s a sales

method that reflects the true value of VIP Room One. The value

of the room would be diminished if anyone can just fork out

spiritual stones to enter.”

Caroline glanced at Diane in surprise and nodded in agreement. “Miss Diane is right. It’s exactly as she has described. We don’t

just let anyone in here even if they give us a million low-grade spiritual stones. Even if we occasionally let some famous

people in for a fee, they would have to pay ten million low- grade spiritual stones or a hundred thousand middle grade spiritual stones.”

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“But that’s super expensive! We’ll only be here for a couple of

hours! We could save a lot if we go to another room.” Diane felt that it would be such a pain if they paid so many spiritual

stones.

Caroline smiled subtly. “Not to worry, it’s on the house. The senior director personally insisted that I bring you here. You won’t be charged a single cent.”

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“Ahem. That’s a very kind gesture from your apprentice!” Felicia felt proud and coughed slightly as she smiled at Severin.

Severin could only let out a wry smile. “Since everything has already been arranged, we’re only too happy to accept her kind gesture.”

“Apprentice?” Caroline frowned slightly. She seemed to be clueless to the fact that the senior director had become Severin’s apprentice. She even wondered if she misheard it.

Severin merely smiled and kept quiet. After all, Elsa had not resigned yet, and Felicia’s slip-of-the-tongue was less than ideal.

“Here we are. This is the room. There are plenty of light

refreshments as well as some of our signature food and wine. Please feel free to enjoy them. This auction is going to take a while anyway.” They unknowingly came to VIP Room One while they were happily chatting away. Caroline opened the door and then introduced them to several people.

“Wow! This is amazing! Look at all that delicious food!” Megan and Sheila’s eyes lit up excitedly when they saw all the delicacies. They did not expect to be treated to such a big meal without even having to spend any money! It was a luxury that only normal people could envy.

“Hehe, looks like we got lucky day today.” Wendy and Lillie exchanged smiles with each other.

“Okay then, everyone. I’ll be heading down now. Once the other guests are let in, you’ll have a beautiful attendant waiting on you at the door. Just let her know if you need anything.” Caroline smiled and left after closing the door.

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At that moment, a girl in a purple dress came out from VIP Room Three and stretched her waist. With a slender figure and lush black hair, she seemed to be in her early 20s. Her curves stood out when she stretched her waist, causing Jeremy’s eyes to light up as he laid eyes on her figure and gulped.

He looked at the bodyguards and whispered to them, “Have you seen her before? Why haven’t I met her before? Anyone who can afford to spend the money and join the auction from one of the VIP Rooms is either rich or powerful, but she doesn’t look familiar to me.”

Several bodyguards shook their heads after looking at her.

After the girl stretched her waist, she turned around and looked in Jeremy's direction, where she saw Jeremy ogling her breasts. Her face soured immediately and she straightened herself before saying, "You pervert! What are you looking at? Is this your first time seeing such a beautiful woman?"

Jeremy pondered over who that woman could be and concluded that she was not someone he could not afford to offend. He smiled cheekily and said, "You have a very mature physique for your age, and I'm just taking the liberty to admire you. Why are you so scared? Just looking at you isn't going to get you pregnant."

The bodyguards behind him laughed when they heard that.

"Son of a b*tch! I'll gouge your eyeballs out if you keep looking!

The girl looked viciously at Jeremy and threatened.

Jeremy was not afraid of her threats at all. He smiled and said, Gouge my eyeballs, you say? You're from another city, I bet. Do you know who I am? You wouldn't dare to talk to me like that if you do."

The woman in the purple dress did not show any signs of fear either. "I don't care who you are! I won't stand for such rude and uncouth behavior! You're looking for trouble if you think you can piss me off. No one will be able to help you then, not even God."

At that moment, an old man with gray hair and a wispy beard came out of the room. He stood with his hands behind his back

and said to the girl, "Have you forgotten what our leader told you? You are not to cause any trouble after setting foot in the city. We're supposed to keep a low profile. Let's focus on getting what we want from the auction and leave after that.

"Fine. But that fatso deserves to be whacked," the girl said, gritting her teeth. She glared at Jeremy and then ignored him after that.

"I didn't expect to meet someone with such high attainment. That girl and the old man are probably from one of those hidden sects," Severin muttered after observing the situation

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from afar.

“High attainment? Do you think so? Are they from a hidden sect?” Megan asked in surprise after hearing what Severin said.

Severin nodded. When he saw Diane and Sheila looking at him,

he said, “She’s a level eight warrior emperor, and the old man is a level nine warrior emperor. I don’t think there’s anyone in the whole of Dracodom that could match their level.”

“Is she that strong?” Diane was just as startled when she heard what Severin said.

“Don’t forget yourself, Severin. They’re no match for you, aren’t they?” Megan reminded.

Severin smiled wryly, “Needless to say, we gain nothing from provoking them, so we should try our best to avoid that. There are bound to be some bigger sects that we can’t afford to provoke.”

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When Megan heard that, she nodded and said, “Better to be safe than sorry, right? Anyway, we’re in VIP Room One and they’re in VIP Room Three. We have another fatso in between, so the chances of us offending her are very low.”

Sheila smiled and said, “I agree. That perverted fatso is more likely to offend her. He can’t even be bothered to hide his lecherous gaze whenever he sees a woman, and it’s almost like he’s already drooling from his mouth.”

Megan covered her mouth and said with a smile, “Ugh, don’t even get me started on that creep. His gaze is so off-putting, and his eyes always seem to have this glow when he sees a woman.”

A sudden thought then occurred to Megan and she said to Severin, “I heard from Diane that you have a secret technique that allows you to see other people’s attainment. It’s called Mind’s Eye where you need to activate your third eye or something like that?”

Megan then paused briefly and said, “Well, I’m not a profound master yet, but could you teach me this and open my third eye once I become a profound master? I realize that this secret technique is really handy. It allows the user to see through other people’s attainment even when the other person is hiding the fluctuations of spiritual energy...”

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Severin frowned as soon as he heard her request. An

embarrassed look appeared on his face as he said, “Umm... I don’t think that’s possible.”

Diane and Sheila looked at each other with contrived

expressions. After all, opening their third eye would require them to take off their clothes so Severin could insert his silver needles into parts of their abdomen. When the time came to take out those silver needles, the pleasant feeling would inadvertently elicit some moans. Both Diane and Sheila might be

able to accept it if either Rachel or Gracie made that request. After all, they were Severin's subordinates, and they also had a good relationship with each other. However, Megan's relationship with Severin made it much more awkward.

Megan initially expected Severin to agree to such a simple request, so she was caught by surprise when Severin refused. She felt a little unhappy. "Is this really so hard for you to help me with? Why can't you help me with that if you could help Diane and Sheila? It'd be very useful for us to know our

opponent's attainment before we engage in a battle. If we know that we're no match for them, we could just run away! Besides, we'll even take extra care not to offend someone whose attainment is higher than ours. Do you want me to offend a strong person by accident just because I failed to see through their attainment?"

Severin was speechless for a moment and did not know how to begin explaining the situation to Megan.

Meanwhile, Felicia had a gloomy expression as she offered her take on the situation. "The Mind's Eye brings so many

benefits, and it might even end up being useful in saving a person's life! Why won't you help her? I'll be very disappointed in you if you're not willing to teach her!"

"You shouldn't blame Severin, Mom. His hands are tied in this situation." Diane immediately stepped in to speak up for Severin after seeing that Felicia and Megan had misunderstood him.

Sheila immediately said, "Yes. Please don't get the wrong idea about Severin. He would've been happy to help if he could! He won't be able to help because of how complicated it is."

"Why? How?" Megan became even more frustrated as she thought about it. She threw a small fit and said, "Hmph! I think Severin is being biased! He thinks that he can only give his wives the best things in life, and I don't fall into that.

category because I'm not his woman!"

Severin was flabbergasted by that reasoning. 'Will she give it a rest only after I tell her that she needs to strip and lie naked in

front of me? How am I supposed to tell her that?'

A sudden idea occurred to Diane and she immediately said, "

Yes. That's exactly the reason."

"See that, Mom? Diane admitted it! It's all because of his bias..."

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Diane then explained wryly, “Well, there must be a very deep understanding between two people if the third eye is to be activated. Both people must know each other very deeply, and there has to be a deeper bond between a man and a woman. Only in these conditions can a connection be established and the third eye be activated.”

“That’s right, Megan. That sort of relationship is never going to happen between you and Severin, so you don’t have the necessary conditions to learn the technique in the first place,” Sheila added.

“No... so that’s it? Doesn’t that mean I will never be able to learn this Mind’s Eye for the rest of my life? Megan smiled bitterly.

Felicia could not help but sigh too. However, an idea soon occurred to her and she asked Severin, “There’s still a way to make it work! You can teach Diane that method and have her help Megan with activating her third eye. That should be able to do it, right?”

Severin did not know how to answer that because the excuse was a complete fabrication by Diane and Sheila!

Diane could see that Severin was in a tight spot, so she said to Felicia, “Severin would have helped Megan if it were that simple. This is something that can only work if a man and a woman are physically intimate.”

Felicia finally sighed helplessly. “Well, guess there’s nothing you can do about it then.”

Sheila smiled and immediately changed the subject, “The auction is starting. Let’s see if there’s anything interesting!”

Everyone kept quiet as a middle-aged woman flew up from the other end and landed on a platform. Severin smiled and said, “The person in charge of the auction today is Miss Caroline.”

After Caroline got on the stage, she smiled and greeted the guests. “Hello, everyone! My name is Caroline Lutton, and I am an executive of Flalong Auction House’s Oolong City branch. I will be in charge of today’s auction! I’m sure many of you know that our auction house is...” Caroline explained some of the history behind the auction house before finally saying, “Without further ado, the auction shall now officially commence with our first item!”

Everyone stared at the stage, with Sheila, Megan, and Felicia paying extra attention to what was going on. It was their first time here, after all, so they were naturally afraid of missing out on some of the excitement..

Caroline smiled as a beautiful woman in a tight-fitting dress came up the stage. She carried an empty tray and stood beside Caroline. She waved her palm and took out a scroll which she placed on the tray. “This is a high-rank Sky-grade combat technique called Hillsplitter that is ideal for men.”

“A high-rank Sky-grade combat technique? This is very valuable!” Many people started discussing the technique as soon as they heard the announcement.

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“A high-rank Sky-grade combat technique? Flalong Auction House is probably the only establishment that can offer such treasures for auction,” an old man exclaimed in awe. He was already a level one

warrior king, but the most powerful combat technique in his arsenal was a low-rank Sky-grade technique.

As far as combat techniques were concerned, Soil-grade ones were commoner than Sky-grade ones, while Sun-grade and -grade ones were probably not even in circulation within normal society,

As soon as the High-rank Sky-grade combat technique was put on auction, it drew a flurry of comments from everyone. Some even had a look of excitement in their eyes, as if they had to get it at any cost.

“Are high-rank Sky-grade combat techniques that powerful?” Felicia asked curiously after seeing all the commotion about it. After all, she had almost no clue when it came to attainment.

Megan acted as Felicia’s commentator and explained everything to her, including combat techniques and the level of pills or spiritual herbs

“This should be valuable enough, right honey? Are you going to bid on them?” Diane asked Severin after some thought.

Severin smiled wryly and shook his head. “No. I don’t need this because I already have several good combat techniques. This one isn’t very useful, and it’ll only be a waste of my time. Having too much on my plate won’t necessarily be better for me.

Diane nodded. “I see.”

Lillie also added, “What’s important is that you have combat techniques that suit you. For example, having a few appropriate combat techniques is already more than sufficient for those with a low attainment level. Having a combat technique that is too high grade is only going to be difficult for those with low attainment to use. After all, some combat techniques need a lot of spiritual energy to be executed properly.”

This first item on auction was coveted by many others, and it was finally auctioned off to an old man. The woman in the tight-fitting dress brought the item to the old man. He then took out a storage bag, placed the requisite number of spiritual stones inside, and gave it to the staff member.

When the second item went up for auction, Severin noticed that the old man had taken advantage of the renewed interest and left there secretly

“Where did that old man go? Sheila soon realized that the old man had left and asked with a frown.

Severin smiled and explained, “His main goal of participating in the auction this time was probably to get a more powerful combat technique, and the one that he just managed to bid for was regarded as a rare treasure. There was a very minor bidding war earlier, so he was worried that he might be robbed. After getting what he came for, he decided to seize the moment and slip away. There was no reason for him to stay there any longer, anyway.

Sheila nodded when she heard that. “I see. I thought he had no reason to stay because he spent all the spiritual stones that he

had on him.”

Her reasoning left Severin feeling a little speechless. “Well, that does seem possible too!”

“The second item is a training technique, which I’m pretty sure you won’t bid for,” Diane said with a smile. “Spiritual herbs. are the only thing that interests you right now.”

Severin shrugged. “Yes, but not entirely. I’ll focus on bidding for the spiritual herbs, but it has to be suitable for alchemy. I wouldn’t want to bid for spiritual herbs that can’t be used as the main material for pills.”

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“Look, guys! There’s someone in VIP Room One! I wonder who they are. I’ve never seen them before, and it seems to me that he’s some sort of big shot.”

“That’s a given. Someone like Jeremy is already among the top existences in Oolong City. His family, the Smallings, are one of the highest ranked of the first-tier families, but he could only get into VIP Room Two. The people in VIP Room One would definitely be a cut above him.”

Some were busy bidding, while others who came simply to watch the excitement chatted among themselves. As soon as Jeremy heard those remarks from VIP Room Two, his lips twitched a couple of times and his face turned exceptionally ugly.

“That darn county governor is stealing my limelight! It’s pissing me off!” Jeremy gritted his teeth angrily and continued, “Hmph, he better hope I don’t get an opportunity to make him look bad.”

His bodyguard reminded him, “This training technique looks good. It’s a middle-rank Sky-grade technique too. Would you like to bid for it?”

Jeremy glared at the bodyguard and said, “Are you stupid or something? I’m already using high-rank Sky-grade techniques to train. Why would I need something that’s inferior to what I’m using now?”

The bodyguard smiled awkwardly and did not dare to say another word.

The second item was undoubtedly very valuable too, and it took about ten minutes to be auctioned off. The winner was a middle-aged man.

Caroline glanced up at Severin and wondered why he had yet to make a move. When she remembered that he was an alchemist, she realized that Severin must have been aiming for the spiritual herbs. Furthermore, she was curious as to just how many spiritual stones Severin exchanged from the senior director. He was only allowed to go to the senior director if the exchange was over the junior director’s limit, otherwise there was no need to bother the senior director at all.

“The third item is a third-grade spiritual herb known as the Skydawn Orchidheart. This is rather rare.” Caroline then

auctioned the third item.

Severin’s eyes lit up slightly. “Time to start bidding!”

“The starting price of this Skydawn Orchidheart is five million high-grade spiritual stones. Please note that it’s high-grade spiritual stones. As you may all know, this is a very valuable third-grade spiritual herb. Subsequent bids must be a minimum of ten thousand high-grade spiritual stones.”

After Caroline explained the rules, she said to everyone, "Okay then! Will anyone bid for this third-grade low-grade Skydawn Orchidheart?"

"I bid five million and fifty thousand dollars!" an old man stood up and shouted immediately.

"Can I raise the bid on your behalf?" Megan asked Severin with a smile while drinking her red wine.

Severin smiled wryly and said, "Why would you want to bid when you're not the one paying for it?"

"I know that! Can't I just try my hand at bidding for it?" Megan asked.