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Chapter 1561

Birk, well aware of Meldrick's sentiments, observed the latter's displeased countenance and knew that Meldrick was deeply unsettled. However, he paid little mind to Meldrick's frustration because his talents were still rather ordinary. Furthermore, Severin's alchemical prowess was remarkable, even surpassing that of the two grand elders, while Meldrick had no aptitude for alchemy whatsoever.

Meldrick sat down beside Birk. He had been promoted to protector a few days ago, and it was supposed to be a cause for joy. However, his mood has plummeted since then.

After a moment of contemplation, he began, "T'd like to express some of my concerns about Sofia marrying an unaffiliated practitioner. Wouldn't it be more appropriate for her to marry a sect leader's son or a gifted member of our sect? Aren't you worried that her reputation might be in jeopardy after you allowed him to marry someone like that?"

Birk's silence prompted Meldrick to continue, "Worse still, that man already has two wives. Shell just be another addition to his harem. Given her character and status, there's no telling whether she would face hardships in the future."

Birk, however, wore a smile as he replied, "I've met him. His talent and character are indisputably good, while his attainment is also commendably high. As a bonus, he is also a very accomplished alchemist."

After pausing briefly, Birk added, "They have a rather harmonious relationship as well, and I don't foresee any discord among them. This, to me, is good enough."

After confirming the man's identity, Meldrick inquired. "This young man is Severin, correct?" Birk nodded. "Yes. He's a third–grade alchemist with astounding talent."

"Third—grade alchemist!" Meldrick's expression soured upon learning that Severin was a third- grade alchemist. Severin's attainment would probably be at least a level five or level six warrior emperor, so it was no wonder that Birk held him in such high regard.

At that moment, Meldrick realized that he could not hope to keep pace with Severin's accomplishments despite his persistent efforts. Severin and Birk might be a third–grade low–rank or medium–rank alchemist, but Meldrick was at most a third–grade low–rank alchemist. Birk's glee could be explained by the sheer number of third–grade low–rank pills that were given to him

Meldrick could only smile wryly and make a respectful gesture toward Birk. "I understand I am in no position to say anything else if you are satisfied with him. He excels in almost every aspect

fine."

+15 BONUS

He then turned around and left. Birk could only shake his head in resignation. Deep down, he knew that Sofia held no affection for Meldrick, and several members of neighboring sects were miles ahead of Meldrick in terms of talent and various other aspects. Meldrick's affection for Sofia would remain unrequited forever, regardless of how much effort he put in to win her over.

Chapter 1562

Back in his courtyard, Meldrick began drinking heavily to drown his sorrows in solitude. When nightfall came, Draven eventually joined Meldrick and asked, "How did it go? It was Severin. wasn't it?"

Meldrick sneered bitterly and said, "Duh. Who else could it be?"

As he took another swig of wine, he said in despair, "He's a third–grade alchemist, and his attainment level is much higher than mine. How am I supposed to compete with him? It's already set in stone. Her father seems to be very pleased with Severin. I never expected him to have such remarkable talent in alchemy. He ascended to third–grade alchemist so swiftly, and I have no idea if he's a third–grade low–rank or a third–grade medium–rank alchemist. All I know is that he's like the most precious treasure in the eyes of our sect leader. After all, he can give our sect leader lots of third–grade pills"

Draven continued with a wry smile, "I think it's best that you accept things as they are. You're very talented, and there are plenty of beautiful female disciples in our sect. There's no reason to sulk over Miss Sofia."

Meldrick, somewhat inebriated, grew agitated as he recounted the agony he felt from deep within. "Hehe, I've loved her for at least a decade now. We grew up together, and my affection for her has never waned. Do you know how much I am suffering right now?"

Draven sighed. "What else can you do? It's not like there's anything you can do about it." After taking a deep breath, he added, "Severin's a freak of nature when it comes to talent. He's a third-grade alchemist, so his general attainment is certainly much higher than yours. It's no surprise that Sofia's father is pleased with him. I heard that people are grinning widely at him when they meet him during their walks."

Enraged by those statements, Meldrick gritted his teeth and took another hefty gulp of wine.

Draven mused aloud, "By the way, this situation might lead to a conflict between our sect and the Unbeaten Wind Sect."

Meldrick frowned and stated. That's for sure. The son of the Unbeaten Wind Sect leader fell for Sofia and was persistent about marrying her. With two level two saints in their ranks, our sect might face a lot of difficulties against them."

Draven sported a rueful smile. "Maybe they're saying that just to intimidate us. After all, they +15 BONUS

them, so they'll have several casualties as well."

Meldrick disagreed and shook his head. "Should one or two of our saints fall in battle, the scales could quickly tip against us. Our risk of suffering defeat would then increase."

Frustrated, Meldrick muttered, "A confrontation with the Unbeaten Wind Sect is imminent, but Birk is so pleased with Severin that he won't sacrifice Sofia to them. Isn't he concerned that they might follow through with their ultimatum in seven days?"

As Meldrick grew angrier, he began referring to his sect leader by name with a blatant disregard of customary title.

All of a sudden, a female disciple interrupted them and asked, "What are you doing here? Now is the time for you to receive your pills, not to drink! Hurry up! Grand Elder sent me here to notify you both."

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Upon hearing that they would be able to receive some pills, Draven leaped up in joy as he asked, "He's distributing pills?"

"Yes. You are both allowed to collect one each, so hurry along," the female disciple replied with a smile.

However, Meldrick frowned and asked, "I thought thirty third–grade low–rank pills had been distributed yesterday afternoon. Grand Elder mentioned that the pills had all been given out, and

there were none left. Why are pills being distributed again? Did the Grand Elder refine some more?

The female disciple grinned. "The pills that are being distributed aren't third–grade low–rank pills They're third–grade medium–rank pills, of which a hundred of them are being distributed. Your

share is included, so go over there and claim them."

"Third—grade medium—rank pills? Has the first grand elder made a breakthrough in his alchemy. skills? Something doesn't seem quite right. It should be impossible to produce so many at one time!" Meldrick, still somewhat dizzy from the alcohol, found it hard to wrap his head around the news about those third—grade medium—rank pills. Those pills would usually be reserved for later use if the grand elders managed to produce such a huge quantity. It made no sense that there

were a hundred of them all at once.

The female disciple grinned even wider as she shared the happy news. "The Great Elder mentioned that our eldest lady's man is the alchemist who crafted these pills. It's his way of motivating everyone to train diligently and secure a breakthrough within the next few days."

"Severin?! He's a third—grade medium—rank alchemist?! That would explain why Birk is so happy with him. Who wouldn't be after being given so many pills? Meldrick clenched his fists in frustration after knowing that Severin was the hand behind the pills. Though it was beneficial for him to obtain a third—grade medium—rank pill, it was hard for him to find any elation in it.

"Tsk, tsk. A hundred pills, huh? I can probably ascend at least two levels if I take one of them. The warrior emperor disciples of our sect will surely experience a substantial increase in overall combat strength," Draven, elated at the prospect of receiving a third–grade medium–rank pill, seemed to have accepted his status after realizing the disparity between himself and Severin Being able to improve on his attainment was already good enough.

Meldrick grew even angrier after seeing Draven's cheerful expression. He glared at Draven and

+15 BONUS

Draven smiled awkwardly and replied, "But this is a third–grade medium–rank pill we're talking about. We shouldn't hesitate at all when it comes to such matters. It would be foolish to pass up this opportunity."

The female disciple found Meldrick's response rather odd. "If something as precious as that

doesn't interest you, you can always give it to someone else. It's better than letting it go unused. I was sent here just to notify you. If you want it, you can claim it tonight. If you don't, then it would probably be given to another disciple."

"Thanks for letting me know. 111 claim my pill tonight. Draven is right when he says that it's foolish to pass up something so valuable." Meldrick smiled and thanked the female disciple.

When the female disciple left, Draven grinned and remarked, I used to think that our chances against the Unbeaten Wind Sect were pretty slim if a war broke out. Now that I look at it, it seems to me that there might be some hope of success left."

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Meldrick smiled wryly and remarked, "Yes, but the key word there is 'some". Unless the people in our sect reach the attainment of level two saints, it'll remain very challenging for us. Nonetheless, these pills are a blessing. With these, we won't need to be so afraid when facing them "

The two of them conversed for a while before proceeding to seek out their grand elder to obtain the pills. Once they received their pills, Draven returned to his living quarters and secluded himself to begin training. He was intent on pushing his attainment to newer heights.

Meldrick, on the other hand, resumed drinking in his courtyard after receiving the pill. The alcohol soon left him completely wasted, thus dulling his focus during training. In the end, he retired to his room and drifted into slumber.

It was already morning by the time he woke up. As he sat in the courtyard, his eyes lit up, and he muttered to himself, "How did that idea not come to me sooner? Birk is reluctant to let Sofia marry the Unbeaten Wind Sect's scion because he is overweight, ugly, and has terrible talent in attainment."

A sly smile crept across his face as he continued his monologue, "But will the Unbeaten Wind Sect's leader wait patiently and do nothing after learning that Sofia already has a partner? Of course, not! They'll probably try to coerce Birk into giving Severin up. Birk will be forced to do as

they demand for the sake of everyone else's survival. There's no need to inform the Unbeaten Wind Sect that our sect's disciples have been given so many pills. If a confrontation arises, they may abandon their resistance against the Unbeaten Wind Sect. Furthermore, Severin might be the one eliminated first."

As soon as he had that realization, Meldrick swiftly took flight and headed in the direction of the Unbeaten Wind Sect. Given the relatively short distance between the two sects, he arrived in less. than an hour, where he met the Unbeaten Wind Sect's master, several elders, and the scion, Daniel. Thomas looked at Meldrick with a frown. "I heard that you're a protector from the Stormy Moon Sect. What business do you have with me?"

Meldrick smiled and said, stating, "You heard correctly. I've come to relay some information. It might frustrate you, but I find it imperative to share what I've learnt with you."

Thomas's smile turned cold as he responded, "Go on."

Meldrick continued, "Sofia returned to Stormy Moon Sect yesterday afternoon."

"Excellent!" Thomas's son, Daniel, had a glint in his eyes as he enthusiastically said to his father," The Stormy Moon Sect must've called her back because they felt threatened! Six days to go before I can marry her!"

Thomas grinned. The Stormy Moon Sect's protector had arrived to deliver some good news.

However, Meldrick added, "Please don't get too elated just yet. What I'm about to tell you might not be pleasing to the ear."

"What do you mean?" The smiles on Daniel and Thomas's faces disappeared instantly with a frown.

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Meldrick turned his gaze toward Thomas and Daniel before delivering his message. "Sofia brought her man back. His name is Severin

Daniel's eyes widened upon hearing that, and he responded angrily, "What is the meaning of this? Didn't Birk inform Sofia that we'll destroy their sect unless she marries me within the next few days?"

In truth, the members of the Unbeaten Wind Sect had no actual intention of going against the

Stormy Moon Sect. They believed that Birk would eventually consent to the marriage if they exerted some pressure on him. The result they had been aiming for was to foster closer relations between the two sects and bolster their collective strength. Sofia did eventually return, but she

returned with a man.

Thomas also clenched his fists and muttered. "Birk is being very disrespectful toward the Unbeaten Wind Sect."

Meldrick secretly delighted in satisfaction as he observed the father—son duo's growing rage and the heightened emotions among their elders.

He stepped forward and bowed before saying, "I feel bad for your son too. That guy she brought back is an unaffiliated practitioner, the likes of which are blatantly unsuitable for Miss Sofia. She

ought to be marrying someone like your son."

Daniel immediately asked, "Do you genuinely believe that Sofia should marry me?"

Meldrick responded without hesitation, "Absolutely. Only someone of your stature would be fit for Miss Sofia. I came here to relay this information to you for your benefit and the sake of Miss

Sofia's future."

Thomas remained silent. He observed Meldrick intently with a frown, believing that Meldrick would have some form of ulterior motive. After all, if the Stormy Moon Sect were to learn of

Meldrick's actions, his life might be in jeopardy.

After some brief thought, Thomas asked, "Do you seek some form of compensation? Why else would a protector commit an act of betrayal against his sect?"

Meldrick's heart skipped a beat. He had not expected Thomas to be so astute. Simply saying that he felt bad for Thomas's son would hardly be enough to convince them of the fact.

+15 BONUS

After a moment of reflection, he decided to take a more assertive stance. With a bow, Meldrick said, "I firmly believe that there is a limitless future at the Unbeaten Wind Sect. It holds more promise than the Stormy Moon Sect. If the Stormy Moon Sect Master continues on the path that they're on, then it's almost akin to self–destruction. My attainment isn't particularly high, but I am a level four warrior emperor. I am willing to pledge my allegiance to the Unbeaten Wind Sect and serve you, Mister Thomas'

Thomas was elated As it turned out, Meldrick must have been able to discern the strength of the Unbeaten Wind Sect and feared that the two sects might go to war. In such an event, the Stormy Moon

Sect would be powerless to resist, and he would have to surrender in the end. By taking the initiative to jump ship first, he might be expecting certain benefits from the Unbeaten Wind Sect.

Although Thomas held treacherous individuals with some measure of contempt, the surrendering of a level four warrior emperor was no small matter. Such an individual should not simply be refused entry into their sect, particularly amid escalating tensions between the two sects.

Thomas smiled subtly and said. "While your attainment level as a level four warrior emperor might not qualify you to become an elder in our sect, your voluntary surrender and the information you've brought are much appreciated. How about you assume the role of an elder within our sect from today onward? I will accord you the privileges that come with such a position. Consider this a form of special recognition for your acis."

Upon hearing that he would immediately be appointed as an elder, Meldrick felt ecstatic and expressed his gratitude. "Thank you for promoting me to this position, sir. I solemnly vow that I will train diligently to serve the sect in the future."

Chapter 1566

Thomas commented, "I have no idea what is wrong with Birk. What is he thinking, allowing his daughter to marry an unaffiliated practitioner? Does that guy have a strong attainment?"

Meldrick quickly explained, "Yes. His attainment is higher than mine. I think he is either a level six or seven warrior emperor,"

That came as a surprise to everyone. Maybe that was the reason Birk did not disapprove of Sofia from marrying Meldrick

However, they totally did not expect to hear what Meldrick had to say next.

Meldrick continued, "Most importantly, he's a third–grade medium–tank alchemist. I wonder how long it takes for him to prepare all the third–grade medium–rank alchemical pills because he

actually gave Birk one hundred of those. That is why Birk feels that there is still a little hope."

Since he was now an elder of the Unbeaten Wind Sect, there was nothing stopping him from betraying Stormy Moon Sect. Knowing how much Daniel was fond of Sofia, he trusted they would not kill Sofia if both sects ended up fighting each other. However, that would not apply to other people like Birk and Severin.

If he could not get Sofia, he would not just stand aside and see Sofia married to Severin. At least, if Sofia were forced to marry Daniel in the future, they would take away Sofia's attainment to make sure she would not have the ability to fight back. Maybe, just maybe, he would have his chance to be together with Sofia then.

"What? He's a third–grade medium–rank alchemist and he gave Bick one hundred third–grade medium–rank alchemical pills? If that's true, those are more than enough to upgrade the overall attainment of the Stormy Moon Sect," Thomas said.

After thinking for a while, he asked Meldrick, "When did Severin give Birk those alchemical pills?" He knew the duration to produce an alchemical pill was short. In fact, it only took one night for those who were proficient with alchemy.

Meldrick frowned and answered, "Last night."

Thomas was shocked. "What?! Then why are you only telling us this now? If you had informed us last night, we would have attacked them last night before they could have the chance to use the alchemical pills to increase their attainments. Our chances of winning would be much higher too.

The Great Elder gritted his teeth angrily. "I'm sure they must have already consumed the alchemical pills last night and broke through. Now we have missed the chance to take those alchemical pills. Even if we win the fight, our losses would be higher too."

Meldrick pulled his face and said awkwardly, "I drank too much last night and went straight to bed. When I woke up this morning, it was too late."

Thomas wished he could break Meldrick's neck and cut him into pieces. He clenched his fist tightly and looked outside. "Fick! It's almost afternoon!"

Chapter 1567

"Dad, what should I do? Sofia is with a man now. I really like her, and I want to be with her," Daniel exclaimed sadly.

He had been standing by the side silently. When the thought of Sofia marrying another man sprung into his mind, he broke down and cried

Thomas glared at his son and said, "Keep yourself together! Don't worry. She is going to be your wife!"

After that, he instructed. "Great Elder, please assemble all the members. We're going to the Stormy

Moon Sect!"

The Great Elder frowned and asked, "Are we really attacking Stormy Moon Sect? We have a deal to wait one week and there are five more days. It's not appropriate if we go over there now. The time is not up and they never said they won't hand over Sofia."

Thomas replied, "No, we can't wait anymore. Time is of the essence. The longer we wait, the stronger they will become and our losses will become bigger. Remember, Severin is a third–grade medium–rank alchemist. Do you think Birk would hand over Sofia to us? Without a doubt, he's going to give it a try. If we wait any longer, Birk could have a breakthrough and become level two saint. Then we would no longer have the advantage anymore."

At this point, the Great Elder was convinced. He nodded and said, "Yes, you're right. I'll assemble the members now."

After some consideration, the Second Elder said, "Mister Daniel, would you consider keeping Severin's alive when we win? After all, he's a third–grade medium–rank alchemist. He's a promising and talented young man."

Without explaining further, Daniel understood what the Second Elder was trying to say. "Are you saying we keep him alive and make him produce alchemical pills for us?"

The Second Elder nodded. "For safety purposes, we can take away his attainment. He only needs his telekinesis for alchemy purposes. With his alchemy skill, it's impossible that our sect remains as it is now."

"That's right. The Stormy Moon Sect has two grand–elders, a third–grade low–rank alchemist, and a second–grade high–rank alchemist. If they are willing to surrender and work for us, we can spare +15 BONUS

Meldrick's mouth twitched vehemently. He thought, 'I want to see Severin dead and that's why I joined Unbeaten Wind Sect. But now they want to spare him his life so he could work for them."

However, he was not that angry because they planned to take away Severin's attainment. Which meant he could bully Severin in any way he wanted without having to worry Severin would retaliate.

Daniel nodded. "If Birk is willing to hand Sofia and Severin over, we will not attack them. We are going to face a huge loss if we attack them, after all. Avoiding a fight is the best scenario at this point. However, if Birk refuses, then we shall attack with full force."

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Once everything was planned out, all of them went to get ready.

Meanwhile, the two grand-elders of the Stormy Moon Sect went to look for Severin Zaki was the Great grand-elder, and the Second grand-elder's name was Zane

"Grand-elders, I see that you two have a breakthrough." Severin said immediately the moment he saw the happy faces on the grand-elders.

The grand—elders exchanged looks with each other and chuckled. "Haha. Yes, we did. We're now level two saints. The same goes for your dad too. Now, there are three level two saints in the sect There's nothing we need to be afraid of if the Unbeaten Wind Group comes and attacks us since you are here too."

Zaki sat down and said, "Although we are older than you, your alchemy skill has surpassed us. If you are free, we hope you can give us a pointer or two and we will forever be grateful for that."

Chapter 1568

"Zaki is right. You're so much better than us in alchemy and we feel ashamed to even compare ourselves with you," Zane said humbly.

All the while, Sofia was there listening to their conversations. Her face revealed how shocked she was. She had never seen this side of the grand–elders. In her memory, the grand–elders were very proud of themselves.

However, their attitude changed tremendously after they knew how good Severin's alchemy skill was. She finally understood alchemists would do anything to improve their alchemy skills.

Zaki and Zane continued to look at him with hopeful eyes

Severin said, "No problem. Let me sit in as you perform your alchemy. I will give you guys some pointers once I know what's the problem with your alchemy'

Thank you so much!" Zaki and Zane replied happily.

Meanwhile, an elder flew up into the sky not too far from them and shouted out excitedly. "Haha! Yes! I'm finally a saint now!"

Severin looked over and chuckled, I guess the Great Elder is also a saint now."

"This is great. The Second Elder and Third Elder had their breakthrough not too long ago. Haha.

Now we have more saints in the sect than Unbeaten Wind Sect!" Sofia said excitedly.

The Stormy Moon Sect managed to level up their overall combat power after Severin gave them the necessary alchemical pills. The level of the sect was totally different from how they were yesterday.

"Wait. How did the elders manage to break through too? Isn't third–grade medium–rank alchemical pill insufficient for the elders?"

Some members were shocked and dumbstruck, knowing the elders had improved their attainments too because they did not know the elders received third–grade high–rank alchemical pills instead of the medium–rank.

Suddenly, the patrolling team shouted out, "Oh, no! The Unbeaten Wind Sect is here!"

Birk was having his tea at that time. He looked out and sneered, "Didn't we have a deal? Why are they here now?"

He clenched his fist tightly and stood up. "Luckily, most of us trained since last night to improve our attainment. Otherwise, it's going to be a hard fight."

"Members' Listen up! Assemble and prepare for the battle! Those who are still training, you may continue your training until you have a breakthrough!" Birk flew up into the sky and gave out his instructions to every member.

Chapter 1569

The moment Birk had finished talking, many had dashed up into the air and assembled. The Stormy Moon Sect had nearly thirty thousand members, and it was an amazing sight to see them assembling to fight their enemy.

The minimum requirement to join the Stormy Moon Sect was a level one warrior king. Thus, it was not weird to see the huge difference between the secluded sect and the secluded families. Meanwhile, Severin also flew up into the sky together with Sheila and the others to join Birk. He looked at the other members and said, "Those who are level five warrior kings and below are not required to join the fight."

Obviously, Severin was concerned that those members would be killed in the battle because their levels were not high enough. As moved and touched as they were with the instruction, no one left. Even though Severin was Sofia's husband, he was not the Sect Leader nor a grand–elder. No one

dared to obey his instruction at this critical moment.

Birk could not help but frown after hearing that. He said, "More than half of our members are between level one to level four warrior king, and they are not the inner members. If they don't join the battle, that would put us in an unfavorable position as we would be lesser in numbers. Having said that, I do know with their current ability, a lot of them will lose their lives if they stay and fight."

With a smile, Severin said, "Unnecessary sacrifices bring no profit. Besides, if a fight with Unbeaten Wind Sect is inevitable, I'm very confident that I can take out two level two saints. With such a massive blow, they will lose morale, and the fight will end very quickly.

"Alright. You're a level three saint, so I trust you" Birk nodded after some consideration.

"Listen up, outer disciples! You are no longer required to join this battle. We will fight, and you can. root for us on the land."

"But..."

A lot of disciples were dumbstruck because many of them did not know the elite disciples were given alchemical pills last night and had managed to increase their attainment. They did not know about the Sect Leader, elders, and the grand–elders had their breakthrough too.

In their view, the Unbeaten Wing Sect has the upper hand in terms of strength and power

+15 BONUS

winning?

However, they could only submit to and obey the Sect Leader's command, and all the disciples who were not yet level five warrior kings descended with haste.

"Hello, Birk! Who knew we would be meeting so soon again!" chuckled Thomas.

That was the first thing Thomas said when they arrived at the Stormy Moon Sect

Birk despised Thomas greatly. Yet, he remained calm and cupped his hand. "Haha. Thomas. What can I help you with? I can see you bring many with you"

He was trying to stall because there were some disciples in the midst of their breakthrough, and they were considered part of the main power of the sect too. Thus, it was essential to buy them more time so the odds of winning the battle for their sect were higher.

In addition, he really preferred not to have the battle today. Most people had only had their breakthrough. If they could have more time to stabilize and control their power better, it could increase the odds of winning too.

At that time, they would not need to be afraid of the Unbeaten Wind Sect anymore.

"Don't pretend that you have no idea what is happening." Thomas chuckled and gave Birk a spiteful look.

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Based on the available information, the Stormy Moon Sect held no threat to them because the Unbeaten Wind Sect had two level two saints.

"Gosh, Thomas. I really have no idea what is happening. Please enlighten me," Birk continued to pretend he had no idea.

Meanwhile, Draven was in the crowd. He looked everywhere but he did not see Meldrick at all. Is he busy training now because he was too drunk to train last night?' he thought and did not suspect anything else.

On the other hand, Daniel showed himself and looked at Sofia. "Birk, stop pretending. I can see Sofia is back. Hand her over now and tell her I'm marrying her"

"In your dream!" Severin said coldly and gave Daniel a spiteful look.

Daniel's mouth twitched. He glared back. "You must be Severin, Sofia's man.

Severin frowned. "Wow, you actually know my name. I have no idea I'm so famous."

Daniel sneered, "You narcissistic freak. If Meldrick, our elder, did not tell us about you, how would I know your name."

"Meldrick? Elder?" Severin frowned.

Immediately, he scanned over the place with his telekinesis and realized Meldrick was standing e opponent.

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"Meldrick, why are you standing in the back? There's nothing you need to be ashamed of. There is nothing wrong with choosing the side with the bigger odds of winning," Daniel looked to the back and shouted to Meldrick.

Although Meldrick was really feeling embarrassed with the situation, he had no choice but to come forward.

Meanwhile, Birk was glad when he saw there were two more disciples who joined them after they had their breakthrough. Despite feeling angry that Meldrick had betrayed them, he used this chance to stall for more time. He pointed at Meldrick and said with his trembling and angry voice, "Meldrick! How dare

you betray us? I wondered why Thomas does not keep his end of the bargain. after the deal we made a few days ago. So it's because of you!"

"Meldrick! I have no idea you would actually do such a thing!" a female disciple who had a crush on Meldrick glared at him angrily.

"Meldrick! The Sect Leader promoted you to be the sect's guardian even when your attainment was not high enough. You are ungrateful! Not only that, but you turn your back on us and betray us!" said an elder angrily.