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His body was already restless, and his mind was gradually becoming excited. Kai couldn't help but pick up the Guardian Angel Medal again, greedily rubbing it over and over, but it wasn't enough.

He took out a small handkerchief from his chest, clenched it tightly, rubbed it for a while, and then brought it to his nose to deeply inhale. His eyes reflected intense obsession, and he half-khelt on the ground.

It still wasn't enough. Not nearly enough. His desire to get closer to Nyx drove him. He could barely think, stumbling as he walked outside.

It was already evening. Nyx was lying on the bed playing with her Intelligent Brain when she suddenly heard a knock on the window.

Aurelius sometimes played such tricks, turning into a little white cat to knock on her window, so she wasn't startled and instead turned with a smile.

But what she saw was a pair of glowing green beast eyes. Nyx was startled. She instinctively pulled back, almost falling off the bed, but then focused and saw that it was a familiar leopard.

"Kai?" Calmly steadying herself, Nyx slowly approached the window.

The leopard stared at her with unwavering eyes, its gaze intense, and said nothing, leaving her even more confused. After hesitating for a moment, she opened the window. Almost instantly, the leopard squeezed through the gap.

Before Nyx could react, it crouched on the ground, rolling and spinning in place, scratching the ground with its front paws, as if venting overly excited emotions, and its thick tail tried desperately to wrap around her legs.

'It doesn't seem right. Could it have lost control again?' she thought. In his rational state, Kai wouldn't have just casually barged into Felix's manor like this.

But Nyx looked around, and no matter how she looked, she didn't think the black mist surrounding the leord was that thick.

“Do you still recognize me? Can you understand what I'm saying” she asked cautiously.

The leopard nodded and rubbed its furry head against her, making muffled, hoarse sounds, repeatedly calling her name. It could understand her and even speak-that meant it hadn't lost control.

Nyx stood there in a daze as the leopard nuzzled her several times, and she saw it trying to get closer, wanting to lick her. She had to raise her hand and 'grab the back of the leopard's neck. "Kai, calm down."

Even though she was holding him back, the leopard still tried to press against her, its eyes filled with intoxicated longing.

As soon as his body touched her soft skin, the leopard trembled with excitement, purring non-stop, as if it had a desperate craving for more, greedily seeking more of her.

Even in a state of loss of control, he had maintained some vigilance and restraint, but now, he was so passionate, so different.

Is he drunk?' she thought. Nyx released her grip in confusion and stepped back.

As she pulled away, the leopard seemed to have a moment of clarity, pausing briefly, but then quickly sank back into its longing and desires, crawling towards her again.

Faintly, Nyx could hear him whispering, “Don't go. I like you. Please pet me.”

Under the influence of catnip perfume, the leopard not only completely revealed his true nature but also became unusually

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frank, indulging in expressing his desires.

Nyx was momentarily stunned and didn't know what to say. Since their last encounter, Nyx had sensed a subtle feeling from Kai, who had been avoiding her on the surface but secretly watching her.

But thinking back to Kai's previous attitude toward her, she didn't dare to think too much about it. Yet, at this moment, Kai openly admitted it. Nyx fell into silence. She still couldn't bring herself to fully believe it.

Kai seemed as if he had drunk fake wine tonight, and what he said might not be trustworthy. Perhaps she should wait for him to sober up and then confirm it.

In the long silence, the effects of the perfume slowly faded. Regaining his rationality, the leopard's body stiffened, unable to believe what he had just done. He hadn't lost his memory; the recent events were clearly stored in his mind, replaying over and over again.

The more he recalled, the more anxious Kai became. He lowered his ears, too afraid to look up and see Nyx's expression. He was bothering Nyx again and shamelessly told her he liked her.

He was already heavy-hearted and couldn't bear such a blow. The thought of confessing unpreparedly made him imagine the scene of being rejected harshly.

The leopard pressed his ears tightly, hurriedly turned, and jumped out of the window, fleeing in a panic.

Nyx didn't have time to stop him. When she leaned out the window to look, there was no trace of him. She rubbed her forehead, puzzled, wondering why the leopard was acting so strangely tonight.

'Is he too excited about the new gift? But it shouldn't have been this bad,' she thought. Nyx racked her brain for an explanation when suddenly, her eyes widened.

She remembered something. She hurriedly retrieved the trash disposal records from the smart assistant system, carefully checking the broken perfume, repeatedly confirming the label, and gasped in surprise.

It was a catnip perfume for male felines, not the dog-specific version at all. Kai must have opened her gift, smelled the leftover perfume, and gotten excited.

Nyx shook with realization, suddenly aware that she was the one who caused the leopard's strange behavior. Thinking about how hurt he had looked, she felt a wave of guilt. No one wanted to embarrass themselves in front of the opposite sex.

If she had been unknowingly drugged and couldn't control herself, acting coy, rolling on the floor, and even confessing, she would probably want to die once sober.

Nyx shivered at the frightening thought, quickly sending Kai an apology. She distinctly remembered that the perfume Xivar gave her was for dog males, not a catnip version. She really didn't mean to cause any trouble.

The leopard fled from the Marshal's estate at full speed, not returning to his human form, avoiding the crowd and continuing to run.

It wasn't until he reached the riverbank, with the river breeze blowing, that his overheated brain finally cooled down. He slowly stopped, suddenly realizing a neglected question-Why had Nyx sprayed that perfume on the gift? Was she doing it on purpose?

The possibility made the leopard shake his head in disbelief, his heart racing. If Nyx had a hobby of using perfume to tease males, he wouldn't mind at all.

Nyx didn't need to test him like this; as long as she liked it, he didn't care how she played with him. After some thought, Kai reverted to his human form, hesitantly opening his Intelligent Brain to ask Nyx.

But as soon as he opened it, he received a message from Nyx first, a long string, all filled with apologies. It was clear that Nyx was genuinely remorseful, offering many ways to make it up to him.

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Kai was disappointed. The previous assumptions were all shattered. Having lost the chance to be teased by Nyx, he was utterly dejected, his spirit deflated, completely forgetting his earlier resolve to never be a slave to

a female.

He barely suppressed his bitterness and replied: [You don't need to apologize.]

Then, hesitantly, he added: [Please don't mind the nonsense I said.]

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Nyx didn't like him. She must have been annoyed by his sudden confession, and maybe she would distance herself from him completely. Kai tossed and turned all night. Early the next morning, with a nervous heart, he sent Nyx his medical report and photos.

In the past, Nyx would reply with a cute bunny emoji to acknowledge it. If Nyx didn't reply today, he'd gather his courage and go apologize to her in person. Kai quietly made up his mind

After sending the message, he nervously prayed in his heart, until the notification sound from his special contact came through, a sound like music to his ears, making him feel as if he had been pardoned.

Nyx: [Your Loss of Control Index is a bit high. Was it because of the perfume yesterday?]

Nyx: [Let's meet after you finish work today. I'll help you with some Mental Soothing.]

Kai stared at the screen without blinking, in disbelief. In his mind, as long as Nyx would reply to him, not distancing or ignoring him because of what happened yesterday, that would already be an immense blessing. He never expected Nyx would actually ask to meet him and offer to give him a Mental Soothing. Such an unexpected surprise made him almost want to transform into beast form and roll happily on the ground.

He didn't want to wait until after work; he wanted to find Nyx right now.

In the bustling arena, Nyx was watching the Mecha Combat Tournament organized by the Imperial Military Academy. The one who actually wanted to watch the competition was Xivar.

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She had watched the mecha competition live stream every year, but this year was her first time watching it live, so she was a little nervous.

Nyx was accompanying her, and they were seated in the front row of the stands with a great view, with Theon and Zayne behind them, along with Xivar's two companions.

For some reason, Nyx felt a bit anxious today and couldn't help but furrow her brows.

"Look! The blue team's mecha is moving so fast! It must have the T-917 Anti-Grav Thruster," Xivar said excitedly, analyzing the mechas, occasionally pulling Nyx into the conversation, "This one would be perfect for you."

Nyx's wandering thoughts were pulled back, and she smiled warmly, nodding at Xivar.

"The weapon system should be simplified, maybe just one or two powerful weapons," Xivar continued, squinting her eyes, analyzing the newly introduced mechas to figure out what weapons they had.

Her gaze fell on the inconspicuous gray mecha from the red team, and she froze. "That one!"

It looked like a regular particle weapon, but something felt off. She took a closer look, and suddenly, the gray mecha moved, and that sense of unease instantly grew. Xivar gasped, "An Entropy Blaster."

'Why would such an illegal weapon be here?' she wondered.

On Central Planet, most weapons are banned by law to maintain public order. Only the Palace and the military have the right to possess powerful weapons, but even they must store them properly and only use them when necessary.

The mecha competition organized by the military academy can feature thermal weapons, but the types are strictly limited, and an Entropy Blaster is absolutely forbidden.

The Entropy Blaster has a unique power: it doesn't target humans, but rather is designed to break through defense systems.

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It's highly destructive to home security systems, protective walls in the arena, and personal portable shields. This gray mecha clearly broke the rules by installing an Entropy Blaster, and its intentions were definitely malicious.

Upon seeing the Entropy Blaster, the gray mecha's opponent panicked. Just a single hit would destroy their defense system, turning this competition into a life-or-death situation instead of a simple point-based match.

The opponent backed away in fear. But the gray mecha's target wasn't him; it fired directly at the arena's protective wall.

In the stands, the school staff had already begun to evacuate the spectators in an orderly fashion. Nyx was being held by Theon, and Zayne was bringing up the rear, quickly retreating.

The gray mecha fired a few shots, destroying the protective wall and then began indiscriminately shooting in all directions, its behavior seeming almost like an act of social revenge.

Using the chaotic gunfire as cover, the mecha aimed directly at Nyx and fired a high-intensity particle attack. With an S-level male's abilities, there was no way to dodge, especially while carrying a female as a burden.

But Theon's eyes narrowed, and with incredible speed, he carried Nyx and dodged the attack. Under Nyx's Mental Soothing, his condition was always at its peak, far exceeding the S-level standards in his records.

This clearly exceeded the attacker's expectations. Seeing that Nyx was unharmed, the gray mecha was momentarily stunned, its body shaking in shock.

Theon and Zayne didn't let their guard down: Missing one shot wasn't enough. The enemy had the Entropy Blaster, and no defense system could stop it; passive evasion wasn't a long-term solution. They needed to take this person down first.

Zayne spoke coldly to Theon, "I'll go."

"I'll go." Nyx suddenly heard a familiar voice. "You two stay here and protect her." With a brief word, a black mecha shot the three of them.

Nyx didn't see his face, but from the voice, she immediately recognized, "Kai."

Hearing her voice, Kai paused for a moment but didn't turn back. The ferocity of an SS-level male was unmatched.

Kai controlled the black mecha borrowed from other competitors. After a brief adjustment, he quickly adapted to it. Taking a huge risk, he closed in, making up for the gap in equipment with his battle skills.

Although Kai worked in a civilian role, he was exceptionally skilled in combat. The gray mecha was no match for him. Even with the Entropy Blaster, it was suppressed and couldn't focus on attacking Nyx.

In an instant, the gray mecha watched as Nyx, under the protection of her two guardians, successfully withdrew, and its vision could no longer catch sight of her. It

immediately attempted to retreat from the battle. Kai didn't give him a chance to catch up with Nyx. He knocked him down, disarmed him, and destroyed the core system in one smooth motion. With the core system destroyed, the gray mech lost all its mobility. The battle was over.

Faintly, Kai suddenly heard a very weak cry for help, seemingly coming from inside the gray mech. "Help me. No, no, no. Don't explode, I don't want to die."

A sudden sense of urgency hit him. Kai's nerves tightened in an instant, but it was too late. The gray mech had an additional self-destruct system installed, beyond just the core system.

Outside the venue, Nyx saw the security personnel, fully armed, rushing toward the scene, and she breathed a slight sigh of relief. But her heart was still uneasy, and she couldn't help but frown, pressing her hand over her chest.

Just as her hand touched her heartbeat, a deafening explosion rang out. Nyx trembled all over. "Kai!"

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The shockwave from the explosion made her dizzy. Shock and anger filled her, and she collapsed into Theon's arms, fainting. When she woke up, she was in the hospital.

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As soon as she opened her eyes, Nyx panicked and tried to sit up but her forehead slammed into the medical pod's door with a loud thud, startling Zayne, who was standing nearby. "Nyx does your head hurt?"

Nyx seemed to not hear him. Her breathing was rapid, almost incoherent, "What about him? How is Kai?"

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When she asked about Kai, Zayne's expression changed. But he quickly calmed down and softly reassured Nyx, "Kai is still alive. His external injuries have been healed, but the internal ones will need some time to recover. He'll definitely get better."

An SS-level male's body was incredibly resilient, almost unnaturally so. Even though he was in the center of the explosion, with the mech destroyed and the attacker dead, Kai still managed to survive.

In a near-death state, he had supported himself with his stronger beast form until help arrived, saving his life. Unfortunately, during this time, his Loss of Control Index had reached 100. Even though he had managed to survive, there was no saving him.

Zayne sighed silently. From now on, Kai would be a mad beast, never able to return to his human form. A female's Mental Soothing couldn't save a male who had completely lost control like this.

The empire had never had a case where the Loss of Control Index reached 100 and then recovered. Even when a female was willing to accept her partner's beast form and try to use Mental Soothing, none had ever

succeeded.

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In the high-risk observation room, Kai had been taken out of the medical pod, but he hadn't woken up yet,

Nyx hurried in and saw a familiar leopard. Though there were no visible wounds, it lay there motionless, restrained by several fixing straps. In all the time she had known him, she had never seen the leopard so still.

Nyx approached the leopard, carefully checking for any hidden injuries. Once she confirmed his breathing was steady and he seemed to be out of immediate danger, she sighed in relief.

But before she could fully relax, she suddenly sensed that something was wrong-There was no black mist around the leopard.

Just this morning, Kai had sent her a health report, and it showed his Loss of Control Index was at 47. But now, there was no trace of black mist around the leopard, as if he were a real wild animal, with not a single strand of black mist present,

'Is this really Kai?' Nyx thought. She felt a chill run down her spine.

"You. you're really not lying to me?" said Nyx. She wondered if it was Kai's clone or some kind of mechanical bionic leopard, and if the real Kai had already died.

Terrifying thoughts began to form in Nyx's mind, and her expression shifted with each passing moment.

The medical staff present weren't very good at lying.

Although they had planned to temporarily keep the fact that Kai's Loss of Control Index had reached 100 from Nyx and slowly hint at it to her later, trying to ease her into accepting the reality, as soon as Nyx questioned them, they immediately got nervous and revealed their guilt.

When Nyx turned around and saw their evasive gazes, she sensed something was wrong. "Where is Kai?" she pressed.

"Uh, well." The medical staff didn't immediately follow her line of thought, looking at each other. "Lord Kai is right in front of you."

Zayne, who understood Nyx better, quickly guessed what she was thinking, pulled her aside, took her hand, and reassured her, "Don't worry, that's Kai."

After just a short moment, Nyx's palms were already wet with sweat, so nervous that beads of perspiration formed. The caregivers exchanged glances, nodded, and decided to tell her the truth. Given Nyx's personality, if they didn't come clean quickly, she would be left anxious and making wild guesses.

"Loss of Control Index 100?" Nyx looked at Kai's health report, her body trembling.

The air in the hospital room was heavy, and the medical staff was unusually quiet. The Empire's top diplomat had fallen into such a tragic state-no one could help but feel sorrow for him.

Even Felix, who was usually indifferent, couldn't help but sigh, pulling Nyx's shoulder and comforting her, "You should spend more time with him now."

They all knew that Kai had become this way because of Nyx. The leopard had risked everything to protect Nyx, but now he could no longer speak to her. And for Nyx's safety, he would not be allowed to meet her more than a few times.

"Is he really beyond saving?" Nyx couldn't believe it.

Facing Nyx's helpless, pitiful eyes, no one nodded or spoke, but the silence spoke volumes.

In the oppressive atmosphere, the leopard slowly regained consciousness. Nyx rushed to check on him, only to see his green beast eyes full of animalistic rage, with no sign of reason.

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The surrounding environment seemed to agitate the sensitive leopard, and he let out a furious roar. If not for the restraints, it seemed like he might lunge at the delicate female in front of him, venting his anger.

Compared to the previous times he lost control, he was even more violent now.

"Nyx!" The caregivers anxiously urged her to stay away.

Nyx didn't care about her fear; her heart was overwhelmed with sorrow. She took a few shallow breaths, collapsed beside the leopard, and couldn't help but sob uncontrollably.

The leopard froze. He stared at Nyx intently, no longer growling, making a noise that seemed to be full of confusion. Tears fell onto him, and he trembled.

The tears soaked a patch of his fur, almost as if it burned him, making him uneasy. The leopard struggled even more violently, trying to break free from the restraints.

"Wait for me." Nyx took a deep breath, wiped her tears, and released her Soul Form.

The little sapling struggled to emit a glowing aura, fully enveloping the leopard.

One minute passed. Two minutes passed. The other males present felt the calming energy, but the leopard showed no reaction, still grinding his teeth and struggling against the restraints.

It seemed useless. After several minutes of stalemate, the medical staff could no longer bear to watch. "Please give up, Lord Nyx."

"Loss of Control Index 100-he's definitely beyond saving."

"We will take good care of Lord Kai, don't be too heartbroken."

To sacrifice for an SSS—level female was an honor beyond measure. In the final stage of his life, the Empire would ensure that Kai received the best care, and Nyx's caregivers were willing to do everything they could for him.

The voices of advice filled the room, but Nyx wasn't giving up. She fixed her gaze on those green eyes, suddenly holding her breath and lowering her head to press her forehead to the leopard's.

Seeing her so daring, everyone around was shocked. After confirming that the leopard showed no signs of aggression, they hesitantly stepped back, not stopping her.

Nyx stayed still, and so did the leopard. They remained like that, their foreheads touching, their breaths mingling. Everyone watched the scene in silence, their hearts full of emotions. After a long while, they quietly left the room, giving the pair some alone time.

In a daze, Nyx suddenly found herself in a chilly, wind-blown estate. She looked around, recognizing the estate. It seemed to belong to Kai's father, Darius.

It seemed like a dream. Once she realized it was a dream, the moment to wake up arrived, but she still didn't pull away. From the nearby bushes, there came a rustling sound. Nyx instinctively bent down and to her surprise, saw a young leopard.

Compared to the Kai she frequently dealt with, this young leopard was pitifully small. Its frame looked strong, but it had almost no muscle, and its fur was dull and lifeless. A strong wave of pity surged in her heart.

Nyx reached out to pet it, but her hand passed right through the young leopard. She stared at her hand, unable to understand why it went through the leopard.

There was no time to think deeply as her attention was fully seized by the gruesome, terrifying bloodstains all over the leopard's body. Whip marks, so many whip marks.

Who could do such a thing, torturing such a small leopard?' she thought.

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"Damn it, how did he get away?"

"Haha, it's fine, he'll come back soon enough"

"When he comes back, I'll cut his tail in two"

"I'll break his legs."

The laughter of two boys reached Nyx's ears, and rage flared inside her. She clenched her fists in anger. The culprits of the young leopard's abuse had appeared. Nyx didn't even consider whether, as an outsider, she should retreat. She stood there, fists clenched in fury, staring at the two figures approaching.

When she saw their faces, she froze. These two boys were the exact likeness of the two sons of Eliana when they were young.

So, this poor young leopard was probably Kai. And she was in the memory of Kai's past.

The two sons of Eliana seemed to have been disabled, but these two boys appeared healthy, with no visible disabilities. Nyx didn't know if their future disabilities were connected to Kai's revenge.

But right now, in front of her, the young leopard was being caught by these two malicious brothers, about to endure cruel abuse. She wondered if Kai had really experienced all of this.

The thought of this possibility made Nyx shiver. She rushed forward, pushing the two boys aside, trying to rescue the young leopard from their hands.

But she couldn't touch the boys, nor the young leopard. It was as if she were a mere visitor with no power to change anything. She could only watch helplessly as everything unfolded.

Even so, Nyx couldn't give up. Even though she knew it was hopeless, she kept trying to snatch the young leopard, wanting to hold him close.

One of the boys pinned the young leopard to the ground. The other boy took out a sharp pair of scissors, aiming for the young leopard's tail.

Nyx's heart nearly leaped out of her chest. Without thinking, she lunged at the young leopard, even lying flat on the ground to shield him from the scissors with her own body.

Trembling all over, she closed her eyes in agony. But then, the sensation in her arms suddenly felt real-soft, warm, pressing tightly against her body.

Nyx opened her eyes wide. She was back in the hospital room. In her arms was no longer a young leopard, but a large adult leopard, its big head gently resting against her chest, sleeping peacefully.

Thin strands of black mist rose from his body, transforming him from a wild leopard back into a Male

Beastman.

Nyx cautiously released her Soul Form, successfully dispelling much of the black mist. In an instant, her heart

raced wildly with excitement.

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Kai had resumed to normal. Niye pinched her arm hard, feeling the pain before she could believe it was real.

Everything that just happened felt strange and ended just as mysteriously, she wasn't sure what it all meant.

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She guessed that perhaps her consciousness had entered Kai's mind, witnessing that painful memory. But no matter what, it was good that Kai had recovered. A joyful emotion almost spilled out of Nyx's eyes,

She carefully deared all the black mist from the leopard, rubbed her temples, and felt a little tired. The heavy burden in her heart was finally lifted. She relaxed, closed her eyes, and lay down, intending to take a short nap,

But after just two minutes, Nyx fell asleep, one arm draped over the leopard, completely unaware that the leopard had soon turned back into human form.

The one she was holding wasn't a leopard anymore, but a muscular young male. The long male body was restrained by several binding straps, highlighting the perfect muscle lines, with no clothes covering him, completely exposed.

After changing back into human form, Kai moved a little, though only slightly. It seemed that being near Nyx made him feel very at ease, and before even opening his eyes, he fell back asleep, not waking up immediately.

Half an hour later, Theon was the first to enter the room. Upon seeing the scene on the bed, he gasped. He quickly stepped back a few steps, closing the door with a "bang" and blocking the others behind him.

"General Lane, what happened? the medical staff asked, puzzled,

Theon's face turned red, and he opened his mouth but couldn't get any words out. Kai was in human form, lying next to Nyx. The most important thing was that Kai wasn't wearing any clothes.

"Kai has returned to human form," he could only vaguely describe.

But to the others, this was clearly the big news.

"What?"

"He returned to human form?"

"Are you sure you're not mistaken?"

"Is this for real?"

A group of medical staff were excited, jostling each other, eager to break into the room and find out more. Theon firmly blocked them. "No, don't go in yet."

With such a big commotion outside, it was hard for the two inside not to wake up.

Kai was the first to open his eyes. After a moment of confusion, he immediately became alert, raised his hand to press a button under the bed, and released the restraints around his body.

After moving his bones a bit, he quickly looked over at Nyx beside him, nervously scanning Nyx from head to toe, confirming she was unharmed, and sighed in relief.

He was truly surprised that she had survived. Frowning, he tried to recall and realized that he could actually remember the feeling from when he was out of control.

After his Loss of Control Index reached 100, he had been stuck in painful memories, unable to control his body.

Those painful memories had repeatedly looped in his mind, and he couldn't escape them until a strong, redemptive mental

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Kai clenched his teeth, struggling to squeeze out a sentence, "I jus didn't want this aluck to cave too much harms, not for you? His voice grew weaker and weaker, and by the end, it was barely a whisper,

Nyx's mood was complicated. After all this, this leopard was will bring withom

After the misunderstanding last night, she had already looked up the perfume brand's product weroduction and expt sy late reading many consumer reviews,

The males who had used perfume all gave the same statement, all saying that under the stimulation of the perfume, they couldn't help but expose the true desires they usually suppressed.

From this, it can be inferred that those things Kai called "nonsense" were actually his true fehogs,

"You should rest properly" Nyx loosened her grip, jumped off the bed, and walked towards the door

Kai immediately panicked, nervously staring at her back, his fingers unconsciously gripping the bed sheet. Did she get angry? he thought.

Under Kai's anxious gaze, Nyx simply walked to the door, received a piece of clothing from outside, and nodded while saying a few words. Confirming that Kai had indeed recovered, she returned to the bedside.

All of Kai's equipment had been damaged in the battle, and he couldn't change clothes instantly, so he awkwardly tried to cover up his important areas.

Nyx handed him the clothes, and he immediately accepted them gratefully, putting them on as quickly as possible, letting out a long sigh.

After getting dressed, his ears were still red, and he wasn't sure if he should feel happy or down. He stole a glance at Nyx, hoping she wasn't angry because of what he said earlier,

"Alright, your body still needs to rest," Nyx patted his arm gently, her voice soft, "Sleep a little longer. Don't worry, I'll stay with you?"

Having seen the pained young leopard, her affection for Kai had reached its peak. With Nyx coaxing him so gently, Kai was stunned by the affection.

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He felt so excited, not sleepy at all, but with Nyx by his side, his mind slowly calmed down, and his tired body couldn't resist, quickly falling asleep. After Kai fell asleep, Nyx called the medical staff to do a check-up on

him.

Even though they had verbally confirmed it several times, when the medical staff saw Kai in his human form, they were still stunned and couldn't speak properly, their faces glowing with excitement.

To reach a Loss of Control Index of 100 and still recover-This was the first case in the Empire.

On StarNet, countless people were following Kai's news.

[Damn attackers.]

[Is Kai really seriously injured?]

[Hope the Beast God protects him and he's okay.]

[Honestly, it should be hard for him to be fine.]

[I heard that when he was rescued, he had already turned into his beast form.]

[Huh?]

[Did his body automatically turn into beast form? Does that mean his Loss of Control Index was already 100?]

[No hope, even if he survives, with a Loss of Control Index of 100, it's no different from being dead.]

At the Earl Estate, the family sat around the table, watching these discussions on StarNet, and couldn't help but laugh out loud, clapping with joy.

"That troublemaker is finally going to die." Thinking of the rich assets Kai had accumulated over the years, Darius was overjoyed. "He doesn't even have a matron. His inheritance all belongs to me."

Over the years, Kai had tortured their family, leaving them just enough breathing room to survive, only to do it all over again. After being suppressed by Kai for so many years, their home had become an empty shell, and life was really getting unbearable.

Darius had been hoping that this bastard would lose control and die as soon as possible. Finally, he saw some hope, but unexpectedly, that SSS-level female stepped in, interfered, and saved Kai.

Now, Kai was completely unsavable. Once Kai died, not only would no one be suppressing them, but he could

inherit a large fortune.

"Yours? That's mine," Eliana reached out with her sharp finger and poked Darius's forehead.

"Yes, yes," Darius hurriedly lowered his head and smiled, "All my property belongs to you." Eliana was satisfied, snorting coldly, "Let's go, let's go see his miserable state at the hospital."

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"I want to go too, mother."

"I'll go as well."

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Hearing the good news, Eliana's two sons naturally didn't want to miss out. Both of them had suffered lifelong disabilities after an accident at a young age.

Over the years, they had been investigating. Although all the results they found were purely accidents, they firmly believed Kai was involved in some way: In their opinion, their bullying of Kai was hardly a big deal. They clearly didn't deserve this kind of payback.

The two brothers hated Kai to their core but could only swallow their anger. Now, that detestable leopard was finally about to die, and they would definitely enjoy watching him suffer and then spend his inheritance.

The biological father of the two brothers, along with the other secondary consorts of Eliana, all put down their work and headed to the hospital as a large family.

Out in public, the family presented themselves with nobility and elegance, treating others kindly, with every gesture showcasing their noble demeanor. The hospital staff was stunned, only briefly confirming the familial relationship between Darius and Kai before allowing them to pass.

Once out of the staff's sight, the family immediately revealed their true colors.

"That guy actually gets to stay in such a nice room-why?" Seeing that Kai was in the highest-grade ward, the two brothers were upset. When they had broken their arms and legs, they sure didn't stay in such nice

rooms.

Hearing this, Eliana shot Darius a fierce look. In the end, it was all because this main consort was useless. Not only did he have an illegitimate child, but now he was being overshadowed by him, with no ability to fight back, dragging their entire family down.

If their families weren't tied together, she would have kicked Darius aside a long time ago.

Darius's face was also unpleasant, but he could only smile and flatter the matron, silently making up his mind to deal with that mad leopard when the opportunity arose.

He couldn't win against Kai, but he could deal with an irrational, wild leopard.

With a Loss of Control Index of 100, the leopard couldn't even speak or report anything. Just tie it up tightly, let it vent its anger as it pleased, and as long as there were no obvious wounds, it was fine.

Inside the hospital room, the medical staff gathered around the freshly delivered check-up reports. They were so excited that they were on the verge of tears. They thought, 'Lord Kai is fine! The Loss of Control Index really dropped! Beast God above!'

Darius's family entered the room just as they saw the doctors crying in joy, and immediately felt more reassured.

They thought the doctors were grieving for Kai. It seemed the rumors on StarNet were true. Kai was really beyond saving.

Darius and Eliana exchanged a glance, unable to suppress their satisfaction.

They turned to look at the bed-Kai, extremely relaxed, had turned into his beast form again while asleep. The large leopard was snuggled in Nyx's arms, eyes closed tightly.

In his sleep, he unconsciously tried to get closer to Nyx, but his large size caused him to curl up, making him appear pitiful.

Darius's family felt a little more reassured. He was in a miserable state, unconscious. It was uncertain when he would wake

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Seeing this scene, Eliana's two sons felt both joy and a bit of jealousy, thinking. "This damn leopard is still receiving the affection of an SSS—level female. But so what? It's still dying soon. Never going to truly have her!

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"Are you two looking at my matron?" Felix's voice was cold, and when it reached the ears of the two brothers, it made them shiver.

They quickly snapped back to reality, shrinking away from their curious gazes, bowing and denying, "No, no. You misunderstood, Marshal, we were looking at Kai."

Felix slowly stood up, looking down at them from above with an overwhelming pressure. His silence alone was enough to make Darius sweat profusely, feeling as if all his hidden thoughts were exposed and helpless.

Theon and Zayne also looked grim, coldly staring at the uninvited guests, Facing the fierce gaze of the guardians, Darius's family felt helpless.

They hadn't expected Nyx to be by Kai's side, surrounded by such a terrifying group. They felt it was all tyx's fault. She always had to meddle in things.

In the midst of the awkwardness, Eliana stepped forward, forcing a smile at Nyx as she explained, "We're here to visit Kai After all, he was once our child, and hearing that something happened to him, we had to come see him

In the past, Nyx might have believed such a statement, but after seeing Kai's childhood memories and hearing this façade, she only found it ironic. The brutal scars on the young leopard's body were all connected to every one of them.

Nyx's cold and scrutinizing gaze made Eliana uneasy. She hurriedly cleared her throat and tried to retreat. After all, having seen Kai's miserable state and confirming he was about to die, their purpose for coming to the hospital had already been fulfilled. There was no need to stay any longer.

Darius, however, still wanted to teach Kai a lesson and awkwardly spoke up, "I'd like to be alone with him for a while. Is that alright?"

As long as the scars he left weren't obvious, Nyx would never notice the leopard being struck. If the leopard had been hit, he might go into a frenzy and scratch Nyx.

By then, no matter how much this SSS-level female cared, she wouldn't want to see this crazed leopard again. Her guardians would definitely not let the leopard get away with it either.

Darius felt that this idea was absolutely brilliant. He sighed deeply, "Our father-son relationship hasn't been great over the years. I've had a lot to say to him but never found the chance.

"Seeing him like this, it really breaks my heart. Though he won't be able to understand me now, I still want to say those things to him."

The medical staff exchanged looks. "Uh, actually-"Actually, Kai could understand.

But Zayne silently signaled to the staff, stopping them from explaining. He watched the farce with a half-smile, curious to see what this family would do next.

It wasn't hard to guess. Since this family thought Kai was beyond saving and came to claim kinship now, they were clearly eyeing the inheritance.

And Darius wanting to be alone with Kai was definitely hiding some ulterior motive.

The absurd part was that Kai was in a normal state and hadn't lost control. What's more, he had already regained consciousness but didn't open his eyes immediately. He subtly nudged Nyx with his head.

Nyx picked up on the hint and understood Kai's meaning. She hesitated for a moment before nodding at Darius, signaling her agreement. She got up and left the room first.

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The others followed one by one, leaving the room and kindly closing the door behind them. Once the room was quiet and empty, Darius eagerly rubbed his hands together, impatiently heading toward Kai.

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The strong leopard lay on the bed, looking intimidating, but to Darins, he seemed like a lamb ready for slaughter. This was the first time the young beast had shown such a vulnerable side since growing up

Darius chuckled coldly. "Don't blame me for being ruthless-It was you who turned your back on me." He just wanted to vent the anger he had accumulated over the years.

Darius was cautious, and before making a move, he made sure to block the surveillance, creating blind spots so there would be no evidence left behind.

After making all the necessary preparations, he bent down, reaching under the bed for the restraint button. Little did he know, the leopard had quietly gotten up, nimbly jumping off the bed eyes cold and fixed on his every movement.

After a long search, Darius found the button and pressed it hard. With a series of sharp clicks, the reinforced restraint straps shot out instantly. This restraint device was specifically designed for SS-level males, and even a rampaging leopard couldn't escape from it

Darius let out a long sigh of relief, thinking Good. Now, he is completely at my mercy.

Considering that bare-handed strikes wouldn't hurt the leopard and might even result in sore hands, he took out a whip from his Space Button

This specially made whip caused excruciating pain but left no marks, and Kai had been beaten with it many times as a child. Now, Darius would let this bastard recall that feeling

Darius grinned with satisfaction. But when he looked up, he froze, stunned to see the bed empty and the leopard nowhere in sight.

At that moment, Darius's scalp went numb, and a chill ran through him. His pupils contracted, and he slowly turned around

in terror-

"Ah." The scream barely started before it was abruptly cut off, swallowed by the stars flashing before his eyes.

The leopard swiped a paw and knocked Darius down, expertly burying his head under the blanket, pressing it down hard, silencing him so he couldn't make a sound.

In his struggle, Darius's hands weakly grasped, and the whip fell to the ground. In front of Darius, the leopard was nothing like the gentle one he showed Nyx

Without using his claws, Kai playfully swatted Darius's head repeatedly, as if playing with a mouse, each slap making Darius's head rock back and forth with loud thuds.

Darius nearly suffered a concussion, and at the same time, he felt a strong sense of humiliation. He screamed, "Damn it!"

He tried to fight back, but couldn't move, only managing to curse Kai intermittently, using the most vicious words to curse him.

Thinking that Kai was about to die, Darius couldn't help but laugh, "Hahaha, Loss of Control Index at 100, you deserve it. Before you die, I'll come visit you again, see what kind of mess you'll be in by then"

He admitted that, back then, they hadn't treated Kai well, but Kai had grown up just fine. He didn't lose any limbs and even became the chief diplomat.

As for being beaten and punished, most males had gone through that. It was just a small matter, yet Kai was so narrow-minded and struck back so violently.

Darius gritted his teeth in hatred. He only regretted not beating him to death back then, leaving behind such a disaster.

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Suddenly, Kai stopped. Just as Darius thought it was finally over, safe, and he let out a long breath, Kai raised his paw again and pushed Darius off the bed.

Darius was unprepared and slammed into the hard floor. His curse turned into a painful cry as he bit his tongue, instantly filling his mouth with blood. This time, there was nothing to block his mouth, and his scream reached the outside.

"What's going on? What happened?" Eliana and others waiting outside rushed in first, and when they saw the scene, they were horrified.

"Doctor! Hurry and save him!" Eliana screamed loudly. The medical staff quickly rushed in, helping Darius up from the floor and taking him out for an examination.

Half an hour later, the test results were out, showing that Darius's brain had suffered a heavy blow, causing some damage. He would need to stay in bed for a while to recover. As for his tongue, it wasn't a big issue, and such an injury would heal easily.

After his tongue healed, Darius no longer spoke unclearly, banging his fist on the table angrily. "Why didn't you tie Kai up earlier? He attacked me while I was looking down and pressing the button."

With this excuse, Darius demanded compensation from the hospital and insisted that Kai be strictly controlled

in the future, kept restrained, and not allowed another opportunity to harm anyone.

His reasoning sounded noble. "I'm his father, I need to take responsibility for his actions and can't allow him to hurt others again.

To pressure the hospital, Eliana even started a live stream.

Since it was about Kai, a large number of people quickly flooded into the live stream. Upon hearing that Kai had injured his own father, many were stunned.

[Sigh, once out of control, even heroes can become disasters.]

[Since he hurt someone, he should be locked up. SS-level males are terrifying when they go wild.]

[Thank goodness no one died this time.]

[The main responsibility lies with the hospital; how could they loosen the restraints?]

[Pay up.]

"Uh, wait." The doctor's representative gestured for Darius to calm down. "You said Kai attacked you, but do you have any evidence?"

"Evidence?" Darius was furious. "What more evidence do you need? Kai is a madman out of control. Do I need to prove his aggression?"

His words made sense, and the live stream audience chimed in, criticizing the hospital for what seemed like an attempt to shirk responsibility.

But the doctor's representative shook his head and corrected him. "No, you're mistaken. Lord Kai has already recovered from his loss of control. He's not a crazy person attacking people at will."

The live stream was filled with question marks.

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[What's going on?]

[Is the doctor crazy, or am I crazy?]

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[Can a Loss of Control Index of 100 really recover???)

[Does this mean Kai's Loss of Control Index never actually reached 100?]

[This is impossible. At that state, his Loss of Control Index should be 100.]

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However, in line with the doctor's representative's words, a tall and strong male figure suddenly appeared in

the livestream.

The question marks on the screen quickly turned into exclamation marks.

[Ahhhhhhhhhh!]

[Lord Kai!]

[Oh my god, it's in human form!]

[Is this real? Is this really happening?]

[Could it be a bionic?]

Like the viewers, Darius's first reaction was shock. His mind went blank for a moment, and then he suddenly thought, this might not even be Kai.

"A bionic? You actually made a bionic?" Darius made a firm judgment, crossed his arms, and calmly said, "I'm not going to make things difficult for you. My compensation request is not high. There's no need to go through so much trouble to fool me."

Kai slowly walked toward Darius. As he approached, Darius reflexively shuddered but barely managed to hold himself together.

He thought to himself, "There's nothing to fear-just a bionic, merely wearing Kai's skin, nothing to be afraid

of.

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"Are you so sure I'm a bionic?" Kai asked him coldly with a smile.

With that question and that strange smile, Darius's heart raced in fear.

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"Then what else could it be?" he gritted out, questioning Kai back. "If you have the guts, change into your beast form and

show me."

With the current technology in the empire, even if a bionic could transform into a beast form, the process would differ greatly from a real Beastman's transformation, and the difference would be obvious.

"Change into beast form to show you?" Kai repeated, scoffing coldly.

Seeing his reaction, Darius felt confident. "What? Are you too scared to transform? Can't do it?"

Just as Darius showed his victorious expression, Nyx suddenly waved at Kai. Upon receiving her call, Kai eagerly transformed into his leopard form and ran to her, obediently sitting in front of her.

He would only transform into beast form to show Nyx. Nyx reached out, and the leopard closed its eyes and gently placed its furry head into her palm.

Seeing this heartwarming moment, the staff members around them couldn't help but smile faintly.

Darius's smile, however, shattered. Eliana was so embarrassed, her face flushed red as she quickly shut down the live stream. She thought, 'What is going on? Why didn't Kai lose control?'

The doctor's representative, not one to miss out on the drama, took over Eliana's duties and continued the livestream on the hospital's account.

The viewers immediately caught wind of it and flocked to the stream.

[LMAO!]

[Why did the livestream shut down? Almost missed the whole drama!]

[What a thrilling reversal!]

[What about the bionic?]

[I'm dying laughing. Why isn't the Earl talking anymore?]

[How could he do this to his own son?]

[He was so sure Kai was crazy, haha.]

Confirming that Kai was not a bionic, the livestream filled with cheers and excitement.

Darius instantly became the joke, his family's reputation tarnished.

Under countless mocking gazes, Darius tried to maintain his composure and shifted the focus back to Kai. "Since you didn't lose control, why didn't you warn me before attacking me? I'm your father, even if our relationship is strained, you shouldn't have treated me like this."

"Wait," the doctor's representative interrupted again, "You need to provide evidence when speaking, otherwise, isn't that

slander?"

As he spoke, the doctor's representative revealed the blocked surveillance video and asked Darius, "Please answer, why did

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you block the surveillance?"

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Darius was rendered speechless. Although he did block the surveillance, his actions were very discreet, and they didn't seem intentional. Facing the questioning, Darius tried to remain calm, firmly denying it, and insisted that it was just a coincidence.

Seeing that they each had their own version of the story, the viewers in the live stream all seemed to turn into judges, carefully studying the surveillance footage.

[It doesn't seem like it was intentional.]

[But how could something so coincidental happen? It must have been intentional.]

[It really was blocked well, nothing was captured.]

[This footage can't be used as evidence now.]

[Yeah, it's pretty useless.]

Just as the viewers thought the footage, which didn't capture any key points, had no value, a sudden sound of Darius cursing while being hit came through the audio.

[I am speechless.]

[Uh, that's some foul language.]

[Did he just curse Lord Kai to death?]

[Could these really be words a biological father would say?]

[Ugh.]

Most of the viewers felt extremely uncomfortable upon hearing the audio and couldn't bring themselves to sympathize with Darius. Some, however, thought Darius wasn't guilty enough to deserve such harsh treatment.

[No matter what, it's just a few curse words. How could Lord Kai hit him?]

[And hitting his own biological father, that's quite ruthless.]

[If he hit him in a state of losing control, it's understandable, but deliberately hitting him is too cruel, right?] Darius gritted his teeth and retorted stubbornly, "If I'm hit for no reason, of course, I'll curse. I'm Kai's father, how could I truly curse him to death? I was just angry and said something thoughtless."

Kai suddenly interrupted Darius, "No reason? Did you forget that you left something in the hospital room?" "What thing?" Darius's brain was a little slow after being hit, and he

couldn't think straight. After thinking for a while, his expression suddenly turned fearful and uneasy. It was the whip.

He had accidentally dropped the whip in the hospital room and didn't have time to pick it up before being dragged away for a medical check-up.

The moment Kai took out the whip, Darius immediately rushed to snatch it, wanting to destroy the evidence. Kai, however, didn't give him the chance to touch the whip, showing it to everyone before putting it away.

"Don't worry, I won't wrong you," Kai said flatly. "I'll give it to the Security Bureau and have the professionals examine the biological traces on it to see if it's yours."

The Security Bureau's biological identification could confirm whether Darius had held the whip and even pinpoint the last

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time he had held it. Along with the audio from the surveillance as evidence, it would be clear who made the first move, and the truth would be self-evident.

There would be no need for further investigation; Darius's reaction had already given everything away. His obviously guilty expression made the truth undeniable.

The viewers in the live stream were completely shocked.

[Is this really his biological father?]

[He wanted to be alone with Lord Kai just to hit him?]

[Where did he even get this thing? It hurts but doesn't leave marks, seems like he planned this for a long

time.]

[The whip looks pretty old, must have been around for years.]

[Could Lord Kai have been beaten since he was young?]

[Oh right, he first said he wanted to use restraints to tie up Lord Kai, seems like he had ill intentions all along.]

Since Darius had bad intentions, Kai's retaliation seemed justified.

The viewers even thought Kai had been too lenient. If it were them, they probably wouldn't have been as restrained. The public opinion was overwhelmingly one-sided.

Seeing how stupid her husband was, Eliana silently cursed him as useless. Not only did he get beaten, but he also left such obvious evidence.

If this were handed over to the Security Bureau for investigation, even though the attack was unsuccessful, his malicious intent to harm an Imperial hero would be enough to put him behind bars.

Eliana rolled her eyes, thinking for a moment, and then suddenly shouted in anger, "How could you do such a thing? You came to visit Kai, and yet you had the intention to hurt him?"

She immediately filed a request on her Intelligent Brain to dissolve her partnership with Darius. "I don't want a partner like you."

The family immediately turned their attention to her, hurriedly turning to leave, planning to leave Darius to face the storm. on his own.

Darius was stunned. His face shifted through several expressions, veins bulging on his forehead. He thought, 'She wants to leave me? Why? We are all in the same boat, so why is it only me who has to suffer?'

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"Everything I did, including today's actions, is all to follow the matron's wishes. Yet now, I am being painted as the sole villain while everyone else washes their hands clean of any blame.

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[Dividing up the inheritance while the guy's still alive?]

[This is beyond shameless.]

[I almost fell for their act just now.]

[Same here!]

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Not only did he shout at the matron, but he also dredged up old grievances and spilled every dark secret of their family.

Not just the viewers—even the medical staff at the scene were left stunned. They thought, "Oh my. Lord Kai has suffered so much. So the entire family is this rotten"

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Kai's emerald eyes turned icy. He had no patience for their games anymore.

Letting Nyx witness such a disgusting scene he felt utterly humiliated.

To handle them," he murmured to Nyx, his voice low and firm. "I won't let you see anything this vile again."

Nyx felt a deep ache in her heart. Having seen Kai's past memories, and now hearing Darius's accusations one by one, she could vividly imagine just how tragic Kai's childhood had been.

Unable to resist, she hugged the leopard in her arms tighter, gently stroking its back in comfort. She thought, "Thankfully, the battered little cub has still managed to grow up.

The moment the leopard touched Nyx's skin, it instinctively nuzzled against her, burrowing into her embrace. Then, realizing what it was doing, he was filled with embarrassment. He wanted to apologize, but Nyx lightly pinched his soft, furry mouth

At once, he froze stiff, his gaze darting away.

Being treated so gently by Nyx, he couldn't help but let his mind wander-yet he was terrified of overthinking

things.

While Kai wrestled with his emotions, the livestream viewers had already started celebrating on his behalf.

[Good job!]

[It wasn't easy, but Lord Kai has finally got Nyx!]

[Internet hug. I want to hug Lord Nyx too.]

[Watching that family's drama was such an eyesore. This is the kind of quality content I need to cleanse my

eyes!]

[By saving the beauty, he wins her over-Lord Kai definitely is the winner.]

[Guess you could say his hardships have finally paid off.]

Even Kai's rivals showed him a bit of leniency after he was severely injured while saving Nyx.

Felix even spoke to Kai in a rare gentle tone. "Focus on recovering first. I can handle the rest for now."

The injuries Kai sustained in the explosion were serious-he needed at least a month of proper rest.

To make sure this leopard behaved, Nyx kept an eye on him.

The high-end hospital room was spacious, with a dedicated caregiver's room attached. Nyx stayed there at night, separated from Kai by just a door.

This was the happiest time of Kai's life so far.

At first, Kai thought he was still dreaming. It took him several days to finally accept reality. But once he got used to it, he found it impossible to let go. He thought, 'If only these happy days could last a little longer

"Kai, look," Nyx teased him by brushing something soft against his face before holding it up to show him. "I made you a new handkerchief and Guardian Angel Medal!"

The ones she had given him before had been destroyed in the explosion, so she stayed up several nights to make replacements.

Since they were handmade, they weren't exactly identical, but they were nearly perfect replicas.

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This time, the Guardian Angel Medal wasn't scented with catnip perfume-it was completely infused with Nyx's

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Stroking the medal, he looked even more intoxicated than when he was under the influence of catnip

After a long silence, Kai finally couldn't hold back his emotions and spoke, "That day, after smelling the catnip perfume..... every word I said to you was true."

Just admitting this truth drained all his courage. He lowered his head, too nervous to look at Nyz, waiting

anxiously for her

response.

"I know." Nyx gently ruffled his hair, gazing down at the normally stubborn male who had finally dropped his bravado "We've been together every day lately. How do you feel? Do you still like me?"

Kai thought, 'Of course!' His head shot up, his emerald eyes burning with emotion.

But he wasn't good with words. Instead of speaking, he just nodded—again and again, firmly and eagerly.

"Me too," Nyx murmured, wrapping her arms around him.

From now on, she would take good care of this leopard. She wouldn't let him suffer anymore. Feeling Nyx's tenderness, Kai trembled slightly. He reached out and hugged her back, pressing himself tightly against her small but warm frame, his mind dazed as if he were floating in a dream. He thought, 'Happiness

has truly arrived

SS-level males had extraordinary physical resilience, and with his heart filled with joy, Kai recovered completely in less than a month, leaving no lasting injuries.

After being discharged, he didn't return to his old place. Instead, he packed up his belongings and followed

Nyx home.

A welcome feast later, it was time for every male's favorite activity-grooming.

The leopard, who used to watch longingly from outside the window, finally got to step inside and join the queue. When Seafarion arrived for a visit, he walked in on a scene of Kai nestled in Nyx's embrace, his fluffy cheeks being rubbed and squeezed in her hands.

"Ah! You're here?" Seeing a guest, Nyx quickly pulled back her hands, clearing her throat to regain her

composure.

The sudden interruption made Kai unhappy. He lifted his head and glared at the unwelcome Sea Race

intruder. He thought, 'Him again? Wait... why does this guy's physique look so familiar?'

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In that instant, Kai felt like he was staring into a mirror. Seafarion had the same broad frame as him—their builds were almost identical. To be precise, he was just like his past self.

Thinking about how he had been resting in the hospital for half a month, neglecting his training, and possibly ruining his physique, Kai jolted up in shock.

He thought, "No way. I have to intensify my training starting tomorrow. No—tonight!"

A sense of crisis surged within him as Kai looked at Seafarion with even more hostility.

Seafarion's gaze wasn't exactly friendly either. He sized up the leopard who had successfully won Nyx over, and a trace of unconcealed jealousy flickered in his light-colored eyes.

The tension became more obvious.

Nyx awkwardly explained to Seafarion, "Sorry, I was at the hospital with Kai for his recovery these past few weeks."

The day of the attack, Seafarion had contacted her immediately. He had been checking in on her frequently since then and had wanted to visit.

But to ensure Kai could recover in peace, she had turned him down multiple times. She had also promised to treat him to a meal, but she hadn't found the time to follow through.

"You don't need to apologize. I understand," Seafarion said softly, lowering his gaze.

Though he was jealous of Kai, he was also grateful to the leopard for protecting Nyx.

Ever since he learned about the attack, he had been restless. It wasn't until today, when he saw with his own eyes that Nyx was unharmed, that he finally felt at ease.

Seafarion presented Nyx with a carefully prepared gift-and, out of courtesy, he didn't leave Kai out either.

Kai went speechless. He didn't want to accept it at all, but with Nyx watching, he had no choice but to take it for the sake of politeness.

"How's your Loss of Control Index been lately?" Nyx asked Seafarion.

"Fairly stable," Seafarion replied gently.

Nyx thought for a moment, and then said, "Since you're already here, I'll give you a Mental Soothing session."

She waved him over and added, "No charge."

Seafarion froze. He had been so stressed these past few days that he'd lost several scales. Not even the most expensive treatments had been able to restore them.

It looked awful. He really didn't want Nyx to see it. But since she had offered to soothe him, he couldn't bring himself to

refuse.

After hesitating for a long moment, Seafarion clenched his jaw, took a deep breath, and nervously revealed his fishtail.

He carefully used his cloak to cover the areas where scales were missing, not daring to let Nyx see them. Nyx didn't seem to notice the details, which put him to ease.

While performing the Mental Soothing, Nyx was polite enough to maintain some distance, making it difficult for her to see

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whether his fishtail was missing scales.

Seafarion wasn't sure if he should feel relieved or disappointed. Maybe both.

When he saw that damned leopard sticking to Nyx at all times-almost as if he had some kind of skin hunger, constantly nuzzling and kissing her hands, as if insatiable in his affection.

Males that clung like this tended to irritate females.

Yet, Nyx didn't mind. She even scratched under the leopard's chin skillfully, making him squint in pleasure. +23)

Seafarion couldn't help but feel jealous. His hand, resting on his fishtail, clenched involuntarily-another scale came loose.

Ignoring the pain, he held the scale in his fingers, lowered his gaze, thought for a moment, and then let it go. After bidding Seafarion farewell. Nyx suddenly noticed something shiny on the ground. As she walked closer, she realized it was a silver-white scale.

She bent down to pick it up, slightly surprised. She thought, 'Is this Seafarion's scale?'

It was nothing like the ordinary fish scales she remembered. This one shimmered with an iridescent glow and had a luxurious texture-its beauty rivaled even the finest gemstones.

It was stunning, yet Nyx had no desire to admire it. Instead, she felt a sense of concern: It was normal for cats

to shed fur, but it was another story for a fish to lose scales.

As far as she knew, fish only lost their scales when they were injured or unwell.

She took a photo of the scale and sent it to Seafarion.

Nyx [Are you feeling unwell lately?]

Receiving a message from Nyx, Seafarion immediately sat up straight.

Seafarion: [Thank you for your concern. I'm fine.]

Seafarion: [It's just that I've been feeling anxious lately, which caused the scale loss.]

Nyx understood it was a psychological issue.

Someone like Seafarion, with his status and workload, carrying so much pressure, was bound to feel anxious

from time to time. She should take good care of such a high-quality mate.

Nyx: [If you're feeling anxious, my Mental Soothing should help you relax a bit.]

Nyx: [You're so busy, so don't waste time coming to see me. Starting tomorrow, I'll visit you every day and give you Mental Soothing, how about that?]

Seafarion was taken aback by the unexpected kindness. He never thought that just one scale would make Nyx care for him so much—it was far beyond what he had imagined.

He tried to decline politely at first, and then repeatedly expressed his gratitude before finally, with some reservation, accepting Nyx's offer and giving her his address.

Nyx carefully stored away the scale, planning to bring it with her when she visited Seafarion the next day. Though a shed scale shouldn't be of much use, it was simply too beautiful to throw away—it would be a shame.

Just as she finished storing the scale, her Intelligent Brain beeped again—it was a message from Xivar.

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Xivar: [The mech I designed for you is ready.]

Xivar: [When are you free to hang out? I'll bring the mech to you.]

Xivar: [Never mind. Let's not go out. I'll come find you right now.]

The recent attack had left a deep scar on Xivar. She had been having nightmares ever since. With less and less sleep, she had simply thrown herself into work, finishing Nyx's mech as quickly as possible. If Nyx was ever attacked again, at least she'd have a better chance of escaping.

But when Nyx saw the mech Xivar designed, it was nothing like what she had imagined.

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The entire mech was matte black—designed to be inconspicuous. It was much smaller and lighter than Nyx expected, with a heavily streamlined weapon and defense system. The only thing maxed out was its speed.

"I had to simplify everything else because of energy limitations," Xivar sighed, "I designed it for you to carry with you at all times, so I switched its energy core to a Prism Reactor."

Most imperial mechs couldn't be stored in a Space Button because their energy cores conflicted with the technology.

But by using a Prism Reactor, this mech could be stored in Nyx's Space Button and carried around. However, Prism Reactors were not only rare and expensive, but they also had limited energy. That meant every unnecessary function had to be stripped away to ensure the mech could actually run.

"You have to use it wisely. It doesn't have much battery life," Xivar warned. "For practice, just use the simulation training pod. It's almost the same as the real thing."

Nyx nodded as she understood it.

This was an emergency escape option—nothing more.

The males inspected the mech carefully, exchanged glances, and were stunned at the thought that a female designed this. Every detail was meticulous. They couldn't find a single flaw. Some of the design choices were even outright brilliant.

If this mech were put up for auction, it probably wouldn't fetch a high price since it wasn't suited for most people. But for Nyx, it was perfect.

And this was only Xivar's first mech. Given time, she might actually become a renowned mech designer in the Empire. Nyx spun around in excitement, showering Xivar with endless praise, clapping for her over and over. Xivar couldn't stop grinning, feeling both delighted and embarrassed.

"Here, Nyx." Felix took out a box from his Space Button.

Before Nyx could even get a clear look, Xivar gasped in shock, "That many Prism Reactors!?"

Inside the box were seven Prism Reactors.

"I searched my father's entire storage and only found one." Xivar stared at Felix in disbelief.

This thing was hard to buy—she had been trying to buy more for ages but never managed to get any, yet Felix

just casually

handed over seven.

"Well, in that case, we don't have to worry as much," Xivar finally regained her composure and told Nyx, "With

this many Prism Reactors, your mech has enough energy to take you to another planet if needed."

At this mech's speed, enemies would be left in the dust.

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Now that one major issue was resolved, Xivar finally felt relieved-but exhaustion crept into her expression.

Noticing the dark circles under Xivar's eyes, Nyx asked with concern, "Have you been staying up late working

on this?"

"Not staying up." Xivar denied. "Just... insomnia."

Every night, in the dead silence, she would wake up from nightmares. Even with her mate beside her, sleep

remained elusive.

Nyx frowned, thinking for a moment before saying, "Wait in my room. I'll go get some ingredients and make you some nourishing oatmeal.

Xivar's eyes immediately lit up. She thought, "This is special treatment—just for me.'

Xivar rubbed her hands together eagerly, pacing back and forth in Nyx's bedroom with anticipation.

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Her gaze landed on the desk, and she suddenly noticed something amiss. She dashed to the kitchen and asked, unwilling to accept it, "Why isn't the perfume I gave you on your desk?"

Every other female's gift was neatly displayed on Nyx's desk-except hers.

Nyx's expression turned subtle at the mention of the perfume. "Speaking of which, I forgot to ask—was the perfume you gave me meant for canine males or feline males?"

'Canine, of course." Xivar was certain.

She even pulled up the purchase record to show Nyx-she had never bought the catnip version.

Nyx was confused.

Back in the bedroom, she meticulously searched her desk again and finally found the canine male-exclusive perfume shoved into an almost invisible corner, which was Xivar's gift.

However, Astraea's catnip perfume was still safely stored in her Space Button. 'So where did the broken bottle

come from?" thought Nyx.

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Nyx fell into a deeper thought. There aren't many people in the house-just a few of them.

Theon and Felix would never do something like this. They also know I already have a bottle of catnip perfume. Zayne has even less reason to do it.

That's it. The only suspect is already glaringly obvious.

With a helpless sigh, Nyx massaged her temples and poked Aurelius in a private message, asking if he had done something

bad.

Even though there was no evidence, Aurelius confessed immediately and sent her a picture of an arrested white cat sitting obediently in front of the camera, its front paws bound together, its ears drooping, and its eyes glistening with unshed tears. In front of it lay a small sign: [GUILTY.]

Aurelius: [I'm sorry... Please punish me.]

Nyx had never encountered anything like this before. The moment she saw the picture, her rationality almost crumbled, and she thought, 'Forget it and just let it go. After all, how could a little kitty be at fault?'

It took her a long while to regain her composure and reclaim her sense of reason. She thought, 'No. Even if he is a cute little kitty, he still needs to be reprimanded.'

Nyx: [Your punishment is... no grooming for a whole week.]

To Nyx, this was a perfect punishment-it wasn't cruel physical punishment, yet it was a firm enough lesson. Aurelius, however, thought this was sheer torture.

He would rather be beaten. Even if he had to take a beating every single day for a week, that would be preferable.

Not only was he banned from snuggling with Nyx, but he also had to watch helplessly as everyone else got to snuggle with her. And this torment would last an entire week.

Nyx received another photo. This time, the cat was truly crying.

Looking at the fur dampened by tiny tear droplets, Nyx couldn't help but feel softhearted-but she forced herself to stay

firm.

Nyx: [Stop crying. I'll hug you again after a week.]

Nyx: [Do you understand what you did wrong this time?]

If Aurelius had just been jealous and secretly given her a bottle of catnip perfume, she wouldn't have minded. But this mischievous cat had hidden Xivar's gift in an obscure corner and replaced it with catnip perfume.

And because she had no idea, it led to the whole embarrassing incident where Kai mistakenly thought the catnip perfume was meant for him.

Nyx explained the entire situation to Aurelius in detail, hoping he would fully grasp the gravity of his mistake. Aurelius was struck by lightning.

The catnip perfume he sent had somehow become the reason for Kai's confession. Aurelius was completely shattered. He thought, 'Indeed, bad deeds never end well. Could this be the punishment meted out by the Beast God himself?'

Nyx waited for a while but didn't receive any new messages or photos. She started to feel a little worried. She thought, 'Was I

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too harsh?'

Hesitantly, she sent Aurelius a video call request. Aurelius didn't pick up the call immediately.

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By the time he answered, he had already tidied up his disheveled appearance, once again looking like a sleek and beautiful cat. However, his eyes were red, clearly showing he had just cried.

The cat in the video was even more pitiful than in the photos, making it even harder for Nyx to scold him. But the punishment had already been set-it couldn't be waived, only reduced.

"If you behave, I'll take two days off your punishment," she coaxed softly.

The cat nodded frantically. This punishment had been too harsh—he swore he would never do it again.

The thought that he had to endure the punishment while that leopard got all the benefits made the cat burst into tears again, turning into a sobbing cat meme in real life.

Nyx was helpless against him. She spent quite some time comforting and coaxing him before his mewling sobs finally subsided.

In the process, Nyx had, without much principle, reduced the punishment to three days.

Seeing the cat finally stop crying, she let out a long breath and began to check in on him. "How have you been lately? Still busy?"

Ever since the attack, Aurelius had been personally overseeing the situation. He had been incredibly busy and hadn't had time to visit her in a long while.

Talking about business matters, Aurelius shifted back into his human form. "It's alright; it's basically over."

The masterminds behind the attack had all been captured and brought to justice.

These individuals were remnants of the Central Planet's purged nobility, harboring a desperate, self-destructive vendetta. They had colluded with Space Pirate Adam's faction, using Ashton, a military academy student, to orchestrate the suicide attack.

The pilot who perished inside the self-destructing gray mecha was Ashton himself.

Without the protection of his father and family, this once arrogant and high-status noble had been living miserably.

For this competition, he had handed his mecha over to the masterminds for modifications and even relinquished control of its operations-he simply wanted to cheat to win against his opponent.

However, he was deceived, turned into a mere pawn, and ultimately lost his life.

As for Space Pirate Adam, who had provided the weapons for the attack, news of his death had surfaced recently. He had seemingly been killed during an attack and takeover by another space pirate faction.

The Empire was still investigating the matter.

Aurelius said, "Based on current intelligence, the one who killed Adam and seized his power was Jaws." "Jaws- Nyx murmured. She had heard that name before.

Kian, after betraying the Empire, had apparently sought refuge under this notorious space pirate leader. Aurelius brought this up as yet another warning to her. "Kian is no longer who he used to be. He's dangerous to you. Be cautious."

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Nyx lowered her gaze and nodded slightly.

To change the heavy subject, Aurelius shifted back into his cat form, tilting his head cutely at the camera to

cheer Nyx up.

Nyx couldn't help but laugh.

But no matter how much this cat acted adorable, his sentence wouldn't be reduced any further.

Nyx didn't fall for it and simply reminded Aurelius to avoid overworking himself and to rest well before ending

the call.

Just in time, the nourishing oatmeal in the kitchen was ready, steaming hot.

Xivar sipped the nourishing oatmeal, her expression relaxing. After finishing three whole bowls, she couldn't help but ask, "Fondue has been on sale for a while now. When are you introducing the next tasty treat?"

Nyx was speechless. She thought, 'What a gluttonous girl. Honestly, I could release it anytime. 'After all, there isn't much for me to do—I just need to provide the recipe and taste-test a few times to adjust the flavor. Most of the work will be handled by Seafarion.

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Nyx immediately sent her the recipe, reminding her to drink it regularly.

After replying to Xivar's message, she looked around. "Where's Kai?"

At the dining table, everyone was eating breakfast—except for Kai, who was missing.

Theon answered, "He had a nutrient drink and went straight to the gym."

Nyx was utterly shocked. She thought, 'So disciplined?

"This morning's breakfast clearly included beef sandwiches, which the leopard loves, yet he didn't even bother

to eat and just focused on working out.

'Although male Beastmen are far stronger than the human men I have in mind, Kai has just recovered from a serious injury. He shouldn't push himself too hard all at once.

After thinking it over, Nyx set aside a plate of beef sandwiches just for Kai and got up to look for him.

As soon as she entered the room, she saw the half-naked Kai stepping out of the workout machine. His muscles were engorged from the exercise, making them appear even more well-defined. As he moved, sweat slowly rolled down the ridges of his muscles.

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Kai had been completely exposed in front of Nyx before, so his mental endurance had been honed through

countless trials. He quickly regained his composure.

He swiftly wiped himself down, put on his clothes, and walked toward Nyx.

A male's body, fresh from a workout, was in its most excitable state. As he got closer, Nyx could distinctly

sense the heat and restless energy radiating from him.

"Are you done?" she asked softly.

Kai shook his head, and then leaned down, placing both elbows on the floor while tensing his shoulder

blades. "Sit on my back, Nyx."

Kai had originally just wanted to add some extra weight to his training, but he had overestimated himself.

The moment Nyx's soft body touched his back, the calm façade he had maintained instantly cracked. His pupils trembled, and his chest rose and fell sharply.

Nyx thought she might be too heavy. She hurriedly tried to get off his back, but as Kai moved, she lost her footing and tripped over his leg.

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Unable to steady herself, Nyx stumbled and fell directly onto Kai again, pressing even closer this time. Beneath her, Kai immediately held his breath before exhaling heavily.

"Don't move, Nyx." Kai's voice was hoarse, tinged with a trace of pain, as veins bulged on his arms.

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Though they had spent plenty of time together, and he had taken every opportunity to get close to Nyx, it had always been in his beast form. The sensations were entirely different from being in human form.

If he were in his leopard form, he could carry Nyx on his back with ease, walking around effortlessly.

But right now, his mind was running wild, thoughts drifting in dangerous directions, and his body was reacting uncontrollably.

Kai lowered himself even further, not daring to move, lest Nyx would notice his predicament.

"What's wrong? Where does it hurt?" Nyx grabbed his arms, trying to help him up.

She thought, 'Did I crush him?'

She tugged at Kai for a long time, but he wouldn't budge. He also stammered, unwilling to say what was wrong

Growing anxious, Nyx ran out of the gym to find the other males in the house for help.

"Don't panic, Nyx. What happened?" asked Zayne.

Upon hearing that Kai was in trouble, Zayne, the household's doctor and caretaker, rushed to the gym as fast as he could

By then, Kai had already stood up, wrapping a jacket around his waist in an attempt to cover himself. His restless energy and disheveled state had yet to subside.

It was obvious what had happened.

Zayne clenched his fists tightly. Taking a deep breath, he forced himself to maintain a gentle tone and coaxed Nyx, "He's fine, see? He's standing perfectly steady. I'll give him a check-up. You wait outside for a bit."

Once Nyx was out of sight, Zayne's warm expression instantly turned ice-cold as he stared at Kai. "So? Want me to give you a shot of S3 Tranquilizer?"

S3 Tranquilizer was a sedative with excellent effects but severe side effects—it temporarily erased sexual desire. Its effect could last anywhere from a month to two years.

"No need," Kai refused.

He opted for a cold shower instead. The icy water pounded against his body, yet his heavy breathing was unable to calm

Just thinking about Nyx made the excitement resurface. It took him a long time to finally suppress it.

Back at the dining table, Nyx sat in a daze. After spacing out for a while, her sluggish brain finally caught up, and she belatedly realized what had actually happened to Kai.

Just then, the door creaked open, and Kai stepped out of the room, having rinsed himself with cold water. "Kai," Nyx immediately called out to him.

The already tense Kai stiffened even more, thinking Nyx had come to her senses and was about to settle the score with him.

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This time, he had no excuse—he couldn't blame the catnip perfume anymore. He was simply a lust-driven, shameless male.

Nyx hadn't even done anything to him, yet he had gotten this excited. It was truly disgraceful.

Lowering his head, Kai walked over, waiting for his punishment.

He couldn't stop his wild thoughts from spiraling—he even wondered if he should inject himself with some S3 Tranquilizer.

But Nyx interrupted his thoughts, pushing a plate toward him. "Here, I saved you a beef sandwich."

Kai was stunned. He thought, 'No disgust or avoidance? Instead, she has even saved a sandwich for me? Did she really understand what has just happened?'

Gathering his courage, he lifted his gaze to study her. Seeing her flushed cheeks, he couldn't help but ask, "You don't find me repulsive?"

Males like him, with strong desires and poor self-control, were often seen as crude beasts by females-easily shunned.

Nyx froze, momentarily forgetting to act embarrassed. "What's there to be repulsed about?"

A young, vigorous male getting excited when facing someone he likes-Isn't that perfectly normal?' she thought.

"It just means you're healthy and full of energy. That's a good thing," as she spoke, she stuffed a sandwich into Kai's mouth. "Hurry up and eat. Don't overthink it."

Kai instinctively opened his mouth to accept the food.

It was just an ordinary beef sandwich, but since Nyx had deliberately saved it for him and even fed him by hand, it suddenly tasted extraordinary. More importantly, Nyx didn't reject him.

In an instant, Kai's mood soared. He devoured the entire plate of sandwiches, and then shifted into his beast form, circling Nyx excitedly. His tail stood high, and he kept nudging her with his head.

"Aren't you going to work today?" Nyx rubbed his head.

The leopard shook his head. "Haven't received any notice yet."

He wasn't a workaholic. As long as no one called him in, he would rather stay home and stick to Nyx's side.

"But I'm heading out," Nyx said, preparing to fulfill her promise to provide Mental Soothing for Seafarion.

Looking at the clingy leopard before her, she asked, "Do you want to come with me?"

The leopard didn't hesitate to nod. No matter where Nyx was going, he was willing to follow her.

He radiated happiness, trailing behind her like a loyal puppy.

That was, until they arrived at Seafarion's residence-where Kai's cheerful expression vanished the moment he saw that familiar, detestable face.

He thought, 'Nyx came here for this annoying Sea Race?'

Seeing Kai, Seafarion clenched the armrest of his wheelchair. He thought, 'Nyx has actually allowed this leopard to follow her so closely.

Their gazes met for a split second-instantly, sparks flew, as if blades were clashing.

Unbothered, Nyx retrieved a small box from her Space Button and handed it to Seafarion. "Here, this is for you."

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He opened the box, and upon seeing its contents, was momentarily stunned. He thought, 'Are these my scales?'

"You could have just thrown them away. There was no need to keep them." He had left those scales behind on purpose, hoping to catch Nyx's attention. Now that he had achieved his goal, they were meaningless.

Nyx explained sheepishly, "They were just too beautiful. I would've felt guilty throwing them away."

Seafarion's eyes lit up instantly.

"Is this scale completely useless to you now?" Nyx sighed, feeling it was a pity.

"No." Seafarion shook his head quickly. "It's still useful."

Just two days later, Nyx found out exactly what use the scale still had.

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She stared in shock at the shimmering jewelry in front of her: A complete set of jewelry, all polished from Seafarion's scales -so stunningly unique that any other gem paled in comparison.

Seafarion had spent a fortune, hiring top craftsmen to work overtime and handcraft it as quickly as possible- just to gift it to his beloved Nyx.

He looked at Nyx expectantly, hoping she would accept the gift.

But Nyx hesitated. She thought, 'As beautiful as they are, they are, after all, the scales of a Male Beastman. Would wearing them be too intimate for me? Why would Seafarion give me such a gift?'

Seafarion's heart slowly sank. His fingers trembled slightly as they clutched his cloak.

In his moment of distraction, the cloak slipped, revealing a part of his tail where the scales were missing.

This time, Nyx was close enough to see it clearly.

"Don't move yet." She stopped Seafarion as he panicked and tried to cover up, and then crouched down to take a closer look.

His tail stiffened under her gaze, tense and rigid.

'She saw it. She must think it's ugly, Seafarion thought and closed his eyes in despair.

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Getting their scales pulled out was torture for the Sea Race, and their regenerative ability couldn't be enhanced with a medical pod. They could only heal naturally over time.

But as long as those scales could be put to good use, he felt it was worth enduring

Unfortunately, his gaze fell on the girl he hadn't been able to give, looking utterly dejected.

Nyx followed his line of sight. Seeing his disappointment, and then glancing at his wounded tail, she couldn't bear it.

"Thank you. I'll take good care of them," she said, accepting the jewelry.

It was a turning point for Seafarion. He was overwhelmed with excitement, unable to hide the joy radiating from his entire being.

Nyx's lips curled into a faint smile, and her hesitation faded.

"Keep your spirits up and focus on healing your scales," she instructed.

Seafarion obediently nodded. "I will!"

Being an 96-level male, his recovery was far beyond ordinary.

In just three to five days, his tail had improved drastically - not only had the old scales grown back, but even the injured area was almost healed.

Nyx was relieved and let out a soft sigh.

"Looks like in three more days, I won't need to do Mental Soothing for you anymore," she half-joked.

Seafarion's pupils contracted sharply. "You won't be coming anymore?"

Nyx explained gently, "Once you're healed, I'll be heading to another planet."

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In the long silence, Nyx carefully examined his tail, growing more and more alarmed. She asked, "Your condition is this serious?"

She hadn't looked closely before, thinking he had only lost a few scales here and there—nothing too concerning.

But now, she saw that part of Seafarion's tail was severely damaged. It didn't look like normal shedding—it looked like an injury. The exposed wound even had traces of blood.

Seafarion's tail twitched slightly, as guilty.

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He had inflicted the wound on himself just yesterday. He had already disposed of all the previously shed scales, and with no extras on hand, he had been desperate to give Nyx her gift—so he took matters into his own hands.

Of course, he wouldn't dare tell Nyx this. Instead, he nervously reassured her, "Don't worry. I'll heal soon. I won't always look this ugly."

"It's not ugly," Nyx interrupted his self-deprecation.

A small flaw didn't take away from the beauty of his tail—it just made her heart ache for him.

There was no trace of disgust in her eyes, only concern. "Does it hurt?"

Seafarion froze. He thought, 'It hurt. A lot.

Getting their scales pulled out was torture for the Sea Race, and their regenerative ability couldn't be enhanced with a medical pod. They could only heal naturally over time.

But as long as those scales could be put to good use, he felt it was worth enduring.

Unfortunately, his gaze fell on the gift he hadn't been able to give, looking utterly dejected.

Nyx followed his line of sight. Seeing his disappointment, and then glancing at his wounded tail, she couldn't bear it.

"Thank you. I'll take good care of them," she said, accepting the jewelry.

It was a turning point for Seafarion. He was overwhelmed with excitement, unable to hide the joy radiating from his entire being.

Nyx's lips curled into a faint smile, and her hesitation faded.

"Keep your spirits up and focus on healing your scales," she instructed.

Seafarion obediently nodded. "I will."

Being an SS-level male, his recovery was far beyond ordinary.

In just three to five days, his tail had improved drastically-not only had the old scales grown back, but even the injured area was almost healed.

Nyx was relieved and let out a soft sigh.

"Looks like in three more days, I won't need to do Mental Soothing for you anymore," she half-joked.

Seafarion's pupils contracted sharply. "You won't be coming anymore?"

Nyx explained gently, "Once you're healed, I'll be heading to another planet."

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During a previous freestream, she had mentioned that she would continue calming unstable males on other planets. After a long delay, she had finally confirmed her next destination.

"I'm planning to go to Taboris first. I heard the climate there is always cold, covered in ice and snow. I wonder

if I'll be able to adapt," she said with anticipation, her tone lively as she chatted with Seafarion.

Seafarion was distracted, barely managing to respond. He just thought, Taboris is very far away. How long would Nyx stay

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He wanted to follow her, but his work on Central Planet wouldn't allow him to leave anytime soon. He considered, Is there any way to keep Nyx here, at least for now?

Jat one more month-no, even half a month-would be enough for me to wrap up my tasks.

Nyx didn't notice Seafarion's unease. In high spirits, she bid him farewell and went home to continue packing and finalizing her travel plans.

Her cheerful mood lasted until the next day when she saw Seafarion again.

Seeing his suddenly worsening wound, Nyx was shocked. "What happened?"

He had been fine yesterday, and his recovery had been stable these past few days. Why has his condition suddenly deteriorated? she thought

"Don't worry." Seafarion lowered his pale lashes, exuding an air of fragility. "It's nothing serious. I just didn't sleep well last night and have been feeling a bit anxious."

Nyx frowned in thought, "Should I call Zayne to take a look at you?"

Though Zayne wasn't specialized in psychological treatment, he could at least provide some relief for the shedding scales.

Seafarion hesitated slightly, his movement unnatural.

But he quickly regained his composure and shook his head. "There's no need to trouble Lord Zayne. I'm

already receiving medical treatment."

That made sense, Nyx thought

Someone of Seafarion's status, who was also highly private about his body, likely had a specialized medical

team attending to him.

She sighed softly and couldn't help but reach out to touch his tail.

After all that effort to recover, he had relapsed-what an ordeal.

Feeling her touch, a faint blush spread across Seafarion's jade—like face, and his tail trembled with

excitement.

Realizing what she had done, Nyx quickly pulled her hand back. "Sorry, do you not like being touched?" "No- The anxiety of being misunderstood made the usually composed and courteous male lose his restraint. Seafarion suddenly grasped Nyx's wrist, his voice urgent, and his eyes filled with overwhelming longing.

Standing nearby, Theon immediately erupted in anger. "Let go of her."

If not for Nyx stopping him, Seafarion would have taken a solid punch.

Though he wasn't hit, his reaction was even more pitiful than if he had been. Stiffly, he released her hand.

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He opened his mouth to apologize, but no words came out, as if he had turned mute.

Nyx stared at Seafarion in shock. At that moment, she felt something subtle yet indescribable,

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Since they had met, this wealthy male called Seafarion had always tried to shower her with money. She had assumed it was his way of keeping their interactions transactional and professional. But now, it didn't seem

like that at all.

Countless past details began to resurface. Nyx fell into deep thought.

The air was quiet until the Mental Soothing session ended. Nyx took Theon's arm, preparing to leave,

Seeing her about to go, Seafarion finally couldn't hold back and spoke softly, "Will you come again tomorrow?"

Nyx turned her head at his voice, only to see his cautious gaze, filled with longing and trepidation.

As the Empire's richest man, Seafarion was undeniably outstanding, yet there was a fragile insecurity about

him.

Nyx felt a bit of sympathy. She nodded. "I will."

Seafarion let out a trembling breath, as if he had been granted a reprieve.

In the following days, he remained unusually reserved, sitting still and keeping quiet.

After many days of anxious restraint, he realized that Nyx hadn't shown any disgust toward him for that moment of impropriety, nor had she abandoned him to continue with her plans to leave for Taboris. Seafarion gradually grew bolder. Seeing Nyx staring at the wounded part of his tail, he frowned slightly and covered the injury with his hand, as if in pain.

"Does it hurt a lot?" Nyx asked, concern flashing in her eyes.

Slender fingertips brushed aside Seafarion's hand and lightly touched the nearby scales.

She crouched down, carefully inspecting the injury, and asked with concern, "Is there any medicine that can

help with healing or pain relief?"

Seafarion was about to shake his head, but when Nyx said, "I'll apply it for you," he immediately changed his mind and nodded enthusiastically.

He rummaged through the corner of his Space Button for a long time before finally finding a bottle of medicine along with the necessary application tools.

He was an SS-level male, so his regenerative ability made such things entirely unnecessary. But having Nyx personally apply the medicine for him—such an opportunity was rare and precious.

Seafarion was immensely grateful that he hadn't thrown these things away earlier.

"Bear with it," Nyx reminded him softly, picking up a sterile medical dressing, dabbing it with a bit of the

medicine, and gently applying it to the damaged scales.

The wound was extremely sensitive, amplifying every sensation.

As Nyx leaned down, carefully focused on her task, her soft breath brushed against his tail.

Seafarion's ears turned red as blood, and he held his breath, struggling not to let out a sound.

Even after Nyx had bid him farewell and left, he was still lost in the lingering sensation, pressing a hand to his

burning face.

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The wound that Nyx had treated with her own hands-he couldn't bear to damage it. But if it meant she would

stay a little longer, everything he did was worth it.

Seafarion steeled himself and tore off a freshly regrown scale.

“What are you doing?” A shocked voice suddenly rang out from the doorway.

Seafarion looked up in panic, only to see that Nyx had unexpectedly returned and was now standing there,

staring at him

with furious eyes.

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Nyx was truly angry. She had only come back to retrieve a bracelet she had forgotten, bent instead, the found Sextation plucking his own scales.

She suddenly understood why his wounds had been taking so long, to heal.

Nyx strode quickly toward Seafarion, her gaze locked onto him. She tried to understand what on earth was yong, through his mind.

Confronted by the enraged Nyx, Seafarion's thoughts vanished. Instinctively, he tried to hide the scale behind his back, but it did nothing to conceal what he had done—his guilty eyes darted nervously.

Nyx took several deep breaths, forcing down her anger.

Looking at Seafarion, she mellowed down. "Are you still under a lot of pressure lately? Are you feeling too and out is that why you're doing this?"

Anxiety manifests differently in different people—some lose their appetite and struggle with sleep, while others become irritable and aggressive,

It wasn't completely unthinkable for Seafarion, who struggled with low self-esteem, to harm himself when faced with emotional turmoil.

Nyx's sincere concern made Seafarion feel deeply ashamed. He thought that he shouldn't have deceived her. "It's not because of anxiety," Seafarion said hoarsely. "I just wanted to keep you here a little longer. I didn't want you to leave for Taboris so soon."

Even knowing he had done something wrong, that he would surely be scolded, and perhaps even pushed away, he still chose

to confess the truth.

Nyx was puzzled. "Why?"

"Because I want to go to Taboris with you, but I can't find the time right now."

Nyx was momentarily stunned. She never would have imagined that Seafarion would go to such extreme lengths for a reason so simple—it almost sounded absurd,

"Why didn't you just tell me?" Nyx asked.

"Why didn't you ask me?" Confronted with her questioning, Seafarion lowered his head deeply.

After a long silence, he finally spoke, his voice barely above a whisper. It was unclear whether he was asking Nyx or doubting himself. "If I don't pay a price, can I really make you stay?"

All his life, Seafarion had been certain of one thing—everything came at a price. The more desirable something was, the higher the cost.

He was a successful businessman, and in the past few decades of his life, there was hardly anything he couldn't obtain.

But when it came to Nyx, he had no idea what kind of price he needed to pay to earn her affection.

"During the time I was injured, your gaze was finally on me," said Seafarion. To him, this was a kind of positive

reinforcement.

If enduring the pain of tearing off his own scales could bring him the attention and care of the one he loved, then, there was nothing he couldn't endure.

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Nyx frowned, "I care about you because you are worth caring about."

Since they met, Seafarion had always been considerate of her, catering to her preferences and silently offering her convenience and care. Even by his own transactional logic, he had more than earned her sincerity in return.

Nyx continued, "You don't have to make things so hard for yourself. Just say it outright, and I'll wait for you. I'll go to Taboris with you."

Upon hearing this, Seafarion trembled violently and snapped his head up.

Nyx looked serious. "I'm a little mad right now, so I don't want to talk to you for the time being."

With that cold declaration of war, she turned and ran.

If Seafarion had lied to her in any other way, she wouldn't have been this angry. But he had deliberately hurt himself. Nyx thought he needed to reflect on that.

"No, don't go, please." Panicked, Seafarion reached out to grab Nyx, but his hands grasped only air.

In his desperation, he momentarily lost control of his body and fell from his wheelchair, hitting the ground hard.

The once dignified richest Seafarion in the Empire was now a broken, disheveled mess, propping himself up weakly as he watched the small female's figure disappear-like a stray dog left behind.

Nyx wasn't a person without temper-she was truly upset this time.

When Coleman invited her to try on outfits, she was still in a foul mood. She tried to hide it, but, being mature and sophisticated, Coleman saw through her instantly.

"Something on your mind today?" Coleman asked gently while styling her hair into a playful updo. "Maybe I can help.

Nyx shook her head lightly. Despite being angry, she didn't want to expose Seafarion's affairs to others or listen to their judgments of him.

Seeing her reluctance, Coleman didn't press further. Instead, he pulled out a meticulously designed mermaid dress.

The silver-white fabric was silky smooth to the touch, a comfort to hold. But the moment Nyx received it, her mind drifted back to Seafarion, and her frustration deepened.

Coleman observed her reaction thoughtfully.

So that foolish boy Seafarion must have done something to upset her.

After some thought, Coleman decided to help. "Speaking of which, Seafarion hasn't come by for a fitting in a while.

"Ever since that attack on you, he's been beside himself with worry. He was so anxious that he started shedding scales, thought he looked ugly, and refused to get new clothes made.

"He's been like this since childhood-always so insecure."

Nyx froze. She thought, 'Seafarion shedding scales from stress wasn't due to work pressure, but because he was worried about me?'

She subconsciously touched the dress in her hands.

Seeing her mood soften, Coleman tactfully changed the subject, coaxing her into trying the dress on.

The fitted design accentuated her slender waist, and as she moved, the hem of the dress swayed like a flowing galaxy.

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Coleman hadn't designed it as a formal gown but as an everyday dress.

With it on, Nyx looked like a lively, beautiful little mermaid,

Coleman nodded in satisfaction. "Absolutely perfect."

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But Nyx touched her bare neck and wrists, feeling like something was missing. She couldn't help but think of the jewelry made from Seafarion's scales—it would be the perfect match for this dress.

She had planned to return the accessories in anger, but now, recalling his desperate, pleading expression and Coleman's words, she hesitated. She thought, 'Forget it. I'll keep them.'

Nyx's anger dissipated quickly.

In just two days, she had sorted out her emotions and wasn't as upset anymore.

When she opened her Intelligent Brain and checked her chat with Seafarion, it was flooded with messages of apologies—so overwhelming that she could almost see a desperate male behind the screen.

She ignored all those apologies and sent a new message instead.

Nyx: [I'm leaving for Taboris now.]

Since Seafarion had gone through so much just to accompany her to Taboris, she would grant him his wish. Traveling from Central Planet to Taboris took a full day. Halfway through, she received Seafarion's reply: [I'm already here waiting for you.]

'He left ahead of time?' Nyx thought, stunned.

When she arrived in Taboris and landed, she looked around but didn't see his familiar figure,

She thought, 'Seafarion probably wouldn't lie to me about something like this. Maybe it's just because there are too many people around, and he doesn't want to show up for now.'

Nyx thought for a moment, lowered her eyes, and withdrew her gaze. Suddenly, she heard someone calling her name from not far away.

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"Nyx, Lord Nys! A cheerful voice rang out as a female came running over, only to be stopped by the soldiers assigned to protect Nye.

Nys looked over and recognized the female-Alicia Hunt, whom she had once treated for mental trauma.

She nodded, and after a quick check by the soldiers, they let Alicia through. The female immediately dashed to Nyx's side.

"Lord Nyx, you're finally here! I've been waiting for you for so long!" Alicia was a noble of Taboris. Upon hearing that Nyx would be visiting, she had meticulously arranged a banquet in her honor.

Nyx had already received her invitation beforehand. She thanked Alicia for her hospitality and attended the banquet with Theon.

As they arrived at Alicia's estate, Nyx noticed a large number of males along the way.

At first, she thought they were other guests, but then she realized that they all addressed Alicia as "matron."

There were at least a hundred of them.

Nyx stared at Alicia in shock.

"Oh, just a little personal hobby," Alicia said with an embarrassed chuckle.

She had always been easily captivated by good-looking males. Whenever she was bored, she enjoyed playing around with them. If she happened to have a romantic encounter, she didn't mind indulging in a one— night fling. And if she was particularly satisfied, she would even grant them an official status.

Over the years, without meaning to, she had ended up with a household full of companions.

"If you fancy any of them, feel free to have some fun. No need to be polite." Alicia was so generous that Nyx broke into a cold sweat.

Nyx quickly shook her head, expressing her lack of interest.

"Alright," Alicia said with understanding.

After all, these were males she had already used. If Nyx had a preference for cleanliness, she might find them off-putting.

After thinking for a moment, Alicia suggested, "How about I take you out for a stroll?"

After all, a proper welcome required some entertainment after the banquet.

Nyx was surprised. "Going out? This late?"

The sky outside was dark. She had originally planned to take her leave.

Taboris had early nights, and once the sun set, the temperature dropped even further. The cold wind howled through the streets, making it seem like a terrible time to go out.

Having grown up in this region, Alicia was accustomed to the climate and the local way of life. "Don't worry; we'll be riding an air vehicle the whole way. It won't be cold. Besides, the nightlife is the best part."

Seeing how eager Alicia was, Nyx decided not to refuse.

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Just as Alicia had said, nighttime in Taboris was breathtaking. The city lights reflected off the icy landscape, making it look like a scene straight out of a fairy tale.

Sitting inside the air vehicle, Nyx admired the scenery outside, unable to take her eyes off it.

If she had gone out during the day, she never would have seen such a view.

"How is it?" Alicia nudged Nyx's shoulder.

Seeing Nyx's amazement, she covered her mouth and laughed, "Let's go somewhere even more fun." Nyx nodded without thinking. She didn't stop to consider that someone like Alicia—who saw playing with males as her greatest pastime—might have a very different idea of "fun."

Alicia brought Nyx to a high-end entertainment club.

The warm lighting was dim and hazy, the air carried a faint fragrance, and soft music played in the background. The servers, all young males, were undeniably attractive-as if they had been carefully selected.

Back on Earth, Nyx had never been to such establishments before. She felt a little awkward as she glanced around.

Alicia, on the other hand, was completely at ease. She even had a private room with top-tier privacy in this club, and the owner personally came out to greet her.

When the owner saw Nyx, his eyes lit up instantly. "Lord Nyx?"

He was a mature-looking male with a seductive air about him. While he wasn't the most stunning male, his charm surpassed even the club's young servers.

Half-kneeling beside Nyx, he leaned in and spoke in a honeyed tone, "What kind of males do you like?" Nyx had never encountered such an overly enthusiastic stranger before and instinctively leaned away. Theon moved swiftly, yanking up the boss before he could finish speaking, stopping him from offending Nyx. Alicia chuckled and advised the boss, "You're wasting your time. Lord Nyx isn't into experienced guys like you."

In fact, the boss was quite famous in this industry in Taboris, and many females were willing to spend a fortune on him. However, he didn't always accept clients.

This was the first time he had taken the initiative, only to be flatly rejected.

A flicker of disappointment crossed the boss's face, but he knew better than to persist. Instead, he switched the menu to a regular selection of alcoholic beverages for Nyx to choose from and then quietly stepped aside.

As the drinks were served, two striking young males, who looked like twins, entered the room.

Alicia beckoned, and the two immediately sat on either side of her, pressing close.

With the keen hearing of an S-level male, Theon clearly picked up their hushed flirtations. After listening for a while, the pure-hearted general suddenly realized this was a male escort club.

Theon expression darkened instantly. He turned to Nyx, hesitating to speak.

Meanwhile, Nyx absentmindedly sipped her drink, glancing at Alicia and the two males. She couldn't hear their

conversation, but the situation felt strangely intimate-something was off.

Seeing Nyx staring in her direction, Alicia assumed she had finally piqued her interest. Smiling slyly, she wrapped her arms around the two males and stood up, preparing to leave the room to Nyx.

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"Only eighteen, a weet herle herbivorous male. You can't go wrong"

Even if Nyx had been slow on the uptake before, she finally understood what kind of establishment this w

In the Empire, it wasn't illegal for males to work in this profession. Nyx had heard of it but never expected to wanes a firsthand.

Nyx's face turned bright red, and she hastily stood up. "I'm really not interested in this

The boss was reluctant to let such a rare SSS-level female slip away so easily.

He glanced at Theon and sighed wistfully. "The males by your side are top-tier. It's only natural that you wouldn't be interested in the likes of us.

"But since we're in this business, we do have certain special skills.

"Are you sure you don't want to give it a try? I'll even waive the fee"

Nyx remained unmoved-if anything, she wanted to escape even more.

"Just take a look," Alicia urged, showing her a profile.

All the details were there-a young male, just eighteen, with clear, melancholic eyes and a face devoid of aggression, strikingly beautiful.

Then she glanced at his background: having a sick father, an indifferent mother, a younger brother in school, and a shattered life.

It made sense to Nyx that he had ended up here, selling himself instead of attending school.

Nyx slowly furrowed her brows, "Alright. I'll meet him."

She had no intention of doing anything. She just wanted to see what kind of person he was. If he was truly struggling and not a bad person, she might be able to help him.

With a charitable mindset, Nyx took a sip of her drink and sat upright, waiting.

About five minutes later, there was a faint sound at the door.

Theon instantly became alert. When he saw the person entering, his brow twitched. "Why is it you?"

Nyx looked up in surprise.

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It was Seafarion. The usually self-conscious Seafarion, who hated showing his face, had his long hair tied up, revealing flawless, healthy skin and strikingly handsome features.

He wasn't in a wheelchair. Instead, he used a standing motility aid, concealed beneath a long robe, making him appear like perfectly normal male. And his upper body was in the signature uniform of the club's escorts.

The fabric was thin and form-fitting, accentuating his already well-built physique. Yet, instead of appearing flirtatious, his natural demeanor softened the effect, making him seem even more delicate and pitiful.

Nyx couldn't help but steal a few extra glances before awkwardly averting her eyes. "Why are you here?" "Where's the male you mentioned?" Nyx asked Seafarion.

At her question, a flicker of jealousy flashed through Seafarion's eyes.

He approached Nyx and, without hesitation, removed his mobility aid, collapsing unsteadily to the floor at her feet.

Nyx instinctively reached out to support him, but as soon as she realized what she was doing, she let go coldly. "What are you trying to pull this time? She thought he was trying to gain her sympathy again.

"I just thought I should kneel while speaking to you" Seafarion murmured, head bowed 'Sorry, but this is the best my body can do. It's disgraceful."

He looked so sincere and pitiful Nyx pressed her lips together, feeling a little guilty for her initial reaction. She reached out again to help him up, her tone much softer. "Why are you wearing those clothes?" The dignified Seafarion was actually dressed like this- no one would believe it if they heard.

Seafarion took her hand but didn't use it to stand up, remaining in that humble posture.

"Lord Nyx, he suddenly addressed her this way, boldly rubbing his cheek against the back of her hand. "For just 1 StarCoin, I'll go home with you and let you use me however you please, no time limit."

Hearing this, Nyx was utterly shocked, her face instantly turning red.

"You-who told you to do this? She stammered, struggling to get her words out.

Someone who usually seemed so proper was now playing such an improper role.

It was too much for her to handle. Nyx's gaze wavered for a long time before she barely managed to calm down. "1 StarCoin?"

"Yes," Seafarion lifted his head. "Are you dissatisfied with the price?"

He could be even cheaper. Free was fine too, or better yet, he could throw in his entire fortune.

Nyx, however, shook her head as she examined him. "Such a low price doesn't suit you. Is this a scam?"

"Of course not, Seafarion denied immediately.

His ears flushed red as he softly explained, "This is a special price just for you."

For anyone else, he wasn't for sale.

"One StarCoin is more than enough." Facing his one and only customer, Seafarion was both eager to sell himself and afraid

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Though embarrassed to admit it, the young lion was honest, voicing his worries openly. His pure and sincere expression was utterly endearing in Nyx's eyes.

Without a word, she leaned in and kissed him, stopping him from overthinking.

Caught off guard by the kiss, Theon narrowed his eyes, and he nearly forgot how to breathe.

The innocent Theon was blushing deeply, so overwhelmed with happiness that he almost fainted, his mind filled with the thrill of being kissed.

After this episode, he found Seafarion much less irritating.

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Without a word, she leaned in and kissed him, stopping him from overthinking.

Caught off guard by the kiss, Theon narrowed his eyes, and he nearly forgot how to breathe.

The innocent Theon was blushing deeply, so overwhelmed with happiness that he almost fainted, his mind

filled with the thrill of being kissed.

After this episode, he found Seafarion much less irritating.

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The situation suddenly became unusually harmonious.

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With one arm around each of them, Nyx couldn't help but recall the scene of Alicia flirting with two males at

once. At some point, she felt like she had turned into a player herself.

She cleared her throat and asked another question that made her seem even more like a heartbreaker, "Where did that male server who was supposed to come find me go?"

At this, Seafarion's expression changed slightly. He clenched his fist and said, "I paid him off and sent him

away."

From the moment Nyx arrived in Taboris, he had been secretly following her but never dared to appear in front

of her.

It wasn't until they arrived at this establishment and he saw Nyx seemingly ordering a male for service that he couldn't hold back any longer and took the male's place.

Seafarion had specifically looked into that male's profile: Eighteen years old, very much in line with the aesthetic preferences of females, and with the beast form of a gentle little deer.

"Do you like that type of male?" Seafarion couldn't help but ask Nyx.

In comparison, Seafarion wasn't young enough, his appearance carried a more aggressive edge, and he

didn't have a particularly lovable beast form.

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Seafation felt a little inferior, Those were traits he couldn't change, unlike his physique, which could be adjusted with a new workout plan to match Nyx's preferences.

"I'm just as clean as he is and wholeheartedly loyal to you." Seafarion tried to find similarities between himself and that male. He even had some additional advantages. "For just 1 StarCoin, you can have me. I'm much cheaper than him."

Nyx couldn't help but laugh. She thought, 'Buying the richest man in the Empire for 1 StarCoin-what a bargain!

After laughing for a while, she shook her head and explained, "I just wanted to see if he needed financial help. Since you've already given him a sum of money, I don't need to meet him anymore."

Seafarion was always generous with his spending. That eighteen year-old male had received enough to resolve his immediate troubles and had left happily. Even the breach-of-contract penalty he owed the establishment had been effortlessly settled by Seafarion.

The owner, ultimately unable to profit from an SSS-level female sighed wistfully while counting the StarCoins that had arrived in his account. "The males in our club are truly skilled. It's a shame you won't give them a try."

If he could, the owner would have loved to personally serve Nyx Unfortunately, Nyx preferred clean males, so he had no chance/

The owner said, "We still have others who've never been with a client. Would you like to take a look?"

Nyx firmly refused. She grabbed Theon and Seafarion and hurriedly fled the establishment, unaware that both males had secretly added the owner to their contacts.

The owner had made a good point-being in this line of work in an Empire with far more males than females meant they had to be highly skilled.

They planned to pay for lessons and secretly learn a few techniques.

Nyx had arrived on Alicia's aircraft, but when she left, she boarded Seafarion's instead.

Seafarion's aircraft was incredibly luxurious and awe-inspiring,

Not only was its performance top-tier, but its interior was optimized to perfection.

With an aircraft like this, there was no need to look for lodging it was more comfortable than most houses.

Nyx glanced around and couldn't help but think that Seafarion truly lived up to his title as the richest man in the Empire.

She asked Seafarion, "Are you planning to live in here?"

"Of course not," Seafarion looked surprised, not understanding why Nyx would think that,

This aircraft had limited space. Although he had specially modified it to ensure Nyx's comfort, this was the best it could offer.

As for Nyx's accommodations, they had to be much grander than this.

Seafarion said, "I've prepared a proper place for you."

"Hmm?" Nyx sat up. "But I already have a place to stay."

Aurelius had already arranged a temporary residence for her at Regal Estate in Taboris. But Seafarion took Nyx to another

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estate one that belonged to him.

Though the estate was smaller than Regal Estate, every corner cuded understated luxury. More importantly, every facility. here seemed tailored specifically for Nyx.

There was a ranch, hot springs, a sea of flowers, a swing, etc. In the icy world of Taboris, creating all these within such a short

e estate must have taken an immense amount of effort and money. time and gathering them in one Seafarion has taken the concept of "catering to Nyx's preferences to the extreme.

Nyx even spotted a statue of the Divine Tree, its material unknown, yet its soft branches were sculpted with lifelike perfection.

She bowed slightly to the statue, greeting the Divine Tree-and her surprise, she heard a response. A smile spread across her face. She understood that the Divine Tree had regained much of its power.

Seafarion, though unaware of what delighted her so much, felt utterly satisfied just seeing her smile.

After a restful night, Nyx headed to the Supervision Office in Taboris the next day.

The reason she chose this planet was precisely because of the many distressed males awaiting stabilization- so many that the Supervision Office's holding cells were nearly full.

The director of Taboris's Supervision Office was a taciturn middle-aged male, his face lined with wrinkles from constantly worrying about these unclaimed, out-of-control males.

Upon seeing Nyx, he finally broke into a sincere smile, his eyes filled with hope.

With everything in place, Nyx started her livestream.

After a long wait, the audience was thrilled to see Nyx appear on screen again.

[Oh!]

[I actually caught the stream this time!]

[I heard Lord Nyx only arrived in Taboris yesterday, and she's already streaming today. So hardworking!]

[Good morning. Lord Nyx looks stunning today!]

[That dress is gorgeous too.]

[Is this another design by Master Coleman?]

Though Taboris had a freezing climate, a special cloak was enough to keep warm. Inside the heated room, Nyx removed her cloak, revealing a fishtail gown.

To complement the dress, she wore jewelry crafted from Seafarion's scales for the first time, immediately drawing attention.

[That jewelry looks so unique!]

[What material is that? Does anyone know?]

[I can't recognize it.]

[It doesn't seem like a common gemstone. Did the Empire discover a new mineral?]

[What if it's actual scales?]

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[No way. What kind of fish has scales that beautiful? I've never seen anything like it.]

As the chat buzzed with speculation, an unfamiliar male figure suddenly appeared beside Nyx, leaning intimately against her arm.

Nyx turned to look at Seafarion and smiled at him.

[Who's this random male?]

[Did Lord Nyx take in a new male?]

[When did this happen?]

[Tsk, he does look pretty good.]

[What's his status? How did he climb the ranks so fast? Is he some high-ranking noble from Taboris?]

Following Nyx's recent activities, the audience started digging into the man's background-only to uncover something shocking.

[Oh my, is he a service worker from a pleasure house?]

[I have proof.]

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Last night, a few bystanders had snapped photos of Nyx at a club capturing Seafarion in the background-with

a collar around his neck.

The moment the photos surfaced, the chat exploded.

[Even someone like him can cling to Lord Nyx?]

[Sure, he's good-looking, but his background...]

[He's not worthy.]

[Lord Nyx can have her fun, but she better not actually get attached to him.]

The audience didn't exactly look down on people in that profession, but they simply felt someone like that wasn't qualific to serve Nyx.

Even Theon and Zayne—both top-tier S-level males-had faced backlash for being “unworthy” of Nyx. Let alone a pleasure

worker.

Some people started digging into this male's identity, determined to unearth more details-but oddly, they

found nothing.

[What's going on?]

[Any updates?]

[Nothing here.]

This place doesn't seem to have a staff member that looks like this at all?]

In the Empire, almost everyone's information is transparent. A person this mysterious is truly rare.

[Uh... could this guy actually be some big shot?]

[I was thinking the same thing...]

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[But he's wearing a collar. Would a big shot really be willing to wear something like that?]

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This wasn't just an ordinary collar; it was a special mark. Wearing it meant selling oneself to a customer.

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Although the Empire followed a female-dominated hierarchy where even Emperor had to please and serve

the matron, high-ranking males still had their pride and boundaries. Female elites also showed a certain level of respect to main

consorts of noble status.

Would a collar like this really be placed around the neck of some powerful figure?' The gossipers on StarNet were abuzz with discussion, finding it hard to believe.

Some even went to the Male Escort Club to dig for information.

When questioned, the owner thereof merely stated that he was one of the club's service staff but didn't dare reveal Seafarion's true identity.

In private, the owner shook his head with a wry smile, finding the situation absurd.

It wasn't until he added Seafarion as a contact that he realized Seafarion was actually the patriarch of the Sea Race and the richest person in the Empire.

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He thought, 'A figure of such status, going to such extremes, shamelessly seducing someone like that? Though he succeeded in winning over Nyx, given Seafarion's position, he certainly wouldn't want such an embarrassing matter to be made public.

The owner kept his mouth shut and skillfully fended off wave after wave of inquirers.

When the crowd finally dispersed, he let out a long sigh of relief and opened his Intelligent Brain to report his efforts to Seafarion.

But as soon as he opened the chat window, he was stunned silly.

Seafarion had changed his profile picture. He had set a photo of himself wearing the collar as his new avatar.

The owner thought, 'No wonder people have stopped coming to the club for answers-he has admitted it himself in the most blatant way possible.'

StarNet exploded, and the entire Empire was engulfed in a frenzy of gossip.

[Seafarion? Is it really him?]

[So that's what he looks like?]

[People used to say he must be ugly, which is why he always hid his face...]

[His parents aren't ugly. How could he be? He was probably just very private.]

[Then why is he suddenly okay with exposing himself now?]

[Tsk, do you even have to ask?]

[If I had won over Lord Nyx, I'd post a hundred updates on StarNet announcing my identity to the world.]

The once-mysterious richest male in the Empire had finally shown his face, and he was breathtakingly handsome. Having successfully won Nyx over, he was undeniably a winner in life.

[Wait... could Lord Nyx's jewelry set be made from his scales?]

That actually makes a lot of sense...]

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[Wearing his scales so intimately... looks like Lord Nyx truly dotes on him.]

With Seafarion's real identity revealed, no one questioned whether he was worthy anymore.

Seafarion's genetic level, social standing, and looks were all at the pinnacle of the Empire.

And according to the collar around his neck, it was clear he had a knack for seduction. His success no longer seemed surprising.

[Suddenly, wearing a collar doesn't seem so humiliating after all

[Why would it be humiliating? It's a symbol of belonging to Lord Nyx.]

[That icy-cold face, yet he sure knows how to play the game. Tsk.]

[A role model for our generation. I need to learn from this.]—

Demand for similar collars skyrocketed, with many males following suit-and successfully attracting their matrons' affection.

[LOL, ever since I started wearing a collar, my matron hasn't gone to visit any brothels...]

[Such a genius idea. Truly worthy of the richest man title in the Empire.]

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With Seafarion's identity out in the open, the entire Empire was satisfied. Not only did they find the pairing fitting, but they also eagerly anticipated their next move together.

[No wonder Lord Nyx mated with the Sea Race Group to sell fondue ingredients.]

[So they were already getting close back then?]

[Maybe even earlier...]

[Just perfect.]

[Does this mean my sandwich is guaranteed now?]

[Any other delicious food coming?]

[Mr. the Richest, don't just sit there; get to work.]

[I can't wait any longer-bring out new products now!]

StarNet was flooded with impatient demands.

Behind the scenes, Nyx also received pleas from military personnel, begging for those sweet, fragrant little pastries to be

sold.

They had been craving them for far too long.

Xivar was even shouting, urging Nyx to push Seafarion to come up with more tasty treats.

Nyx went speechless. She thought, 'These people clearly don't want Seafarion to have a peaceful vacation. Seafarion, however, didn't mind. Being able to collaborate with Nyx was a pleasure for him. He didn't find the work tedious

at all. Without needing Nyx to push him, he had already drafted a contract and handed it over for review. Nyx examined it carefully and frowned, "Why are all the profits going to me?"

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Their previous mateship had a profit-sharing structure, and the contract had been fair. But this time, the terms were blatantly one-sided.

"Because you already bought me. The money I earn naturally belongs to you," Seafarion said with a straight face, making his argument sound almost reasonable.

That I StarCoin had been a steal-generating endless returns for a tiny investment.

Nyx pinched the bridge of her nose in exasperation. "Then by your logic, shouldn't I be the one covering any losses? Why does the contract say you'll bear all the financial risks?"

Even though the chance of losses was minimal, it wasn't fair for only one party to shoulder the burden. "Because I'm your male. It's my duty to take on all risks for you," Seafarion spoke with a mix of shyness and sincerity, his gaze steady as he looked at Nyx.

Locking eyes with his light-colored irises, Nyx's breath hitched, and for a moment, she lost the ability to argue back.

And so, the unfair contract was signed.

By the time they finished business, it was already late.

Nyx pulled out a small comb, ready for her daily relaxation ritual.

The golden-maned lion, who had been waiting eagerly, pounced immediately, flopping down with practiced ease and purring in contentment.

During this trip to Taboris, the other males in the household were too busy with work to tag along. Only Theon, as Nyx's personal bodyguard, had a legitimate reason to accompany her.

Theon thought, 'Having Nyx all to myself for grooming? Pure bliss.'

Even the brushing sessions lasted longer than usual. Once she finished the first round, if she wasn't satisfied,

she'd start again for a second.

After two rounds, the lion stood up, shaking out his fur in satisfaction.

Beside them, Seafarion remained seated, hands clenched into fists, looking like he had something to say but

was too nervous to voice it.

Nyx glanced up. "What's wrong?"

Seafarion hesitated before speaking, visibly embarrassed. "I prepared some small brushes."

Nyx was like, 'Oh?'

She suddenly recalled their previous conversation, her expression turning thoughtful.

Back then, she had even doubted herself for a moment. But looking at him now, it was clear-Seafarion had

been testing the waters all along.

“Alright, bring them over.” She extended her hand, willing to grant him this wish.

At that, Seafarion eagerly pulled a massive case out of his Space Button.

When he opened it, over a hundred different small brushes, along with various scented and specialized scale-care products, were displayed before Nyx.

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Nyx was stunned.

This was way beyond "a few" brushes.

Her indecisiveness was kicking in.

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After a long internal struggle, Nyx finally picked out a comfortable brush and chose a moisturizing scale-care product with a fresh aquatic scent-not too overpowering.

She grabbed a chair to elevate herself slightly, making it easier to tend to the long fishtail in front of her. "Here

we go."

The moment the soft bristles of the brush touched his skin, Seafarion shuddered, and a blush instantly spread across his fair face.

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The other males who had their fur brushed by Nyx for the first time were all in their beast forms. No matter what expressions they made, their emotions weren't as clearly visible. But Seafarion had nowhere to hide.

It was the first time Nyx had seen a male display such an unguarded, bashful expression so vividly. Paired with Seafarion's ethereal face, it was like a high and mighty figure being pulled down from his pedestal.

Nyx couldn't help but stare at him a little longer, watching as his face grew even redder under her gaze. Seafarion looked like he was about to start steaming, yet his fishtail remained cold to the touch.

If this were a scorching summer, holding onto such a fishtail would surely be refreshing.

"Alright, don't be nervous," Nyx coaxed gently. She dipped the small brush into the maintenance solution and carefully applied it to the scales from bottom to top with patience.

His already stunning scales gradually became moist, shimmering even more brilliantly. It made Nyx wonder just how breathtaking they would look when fully submerged in water.

As Nyx continued her slow and gentle movements, Seafarion gradually adapted, his breathing stabilizing slightly.

Noticing his tense fishtail beginning to relax, Nyx grew bolder.

She lifted his tail fin and, to her surprise, found that the seemingly ethereal, gauzy-looking fin was actually quite firm.

As an SS-level male, Seafarion's body technically had no apparent weaknesses. His body was built for combat, and even his seemingly fragile tail fin was, in reality, as tough as high-strength alloy.

Yet in Nyx's hands, the tail fin drooped obediently, devoid of any aggression.

Meanwhile, the wealthy lord was living his best life while still keeping his food-loving followers well-fed.

The efficiency of the Sea Race Group was top-notch. In no time, their food companies launched three new products-fan-favorite sandwiches, bite-sized snacks adored by military personnel, and the nourishing oatmeal that Xivar had praised for its excellent effects.

On StarNet, praise flooded in.

[They really launched new products!]

[Wow, there's even sweets!]

[So many different sandwich fillings!]

[Lord Nyx spoils us too much.]

[Natural food is still the best. I never want to drink nutrient solutions again.]

[Ditto.]

All three of these new products were ready-to-eat-more convenient than fondue. Though not as effortless as nutrient solutions, their taste was leagues better.

Ever since the launch, Nyx noticed that nearly everyone at the Supervision Office had abandoned nutrient solutions. Even the director had a sandwich in hand every day, eating them as if he could never get enough.

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Alicia took it a step further—after tasting the new food, she shamelessly started dropping by Nyx's place every few days to mooch meals, her eyes sparkling with delight.

"Let's go out tonight?" Alicia asked suddenly, after once again enjoying a free lunch.

At the mention of this, Nyx immediately recalled that night's experience.

There was no way she was going out with this pervert again.

"Oh, don't worry; it's a female-only gathering this time," Alicia reassured her. "No males allowed-everyone's mates will be waiting outside."

"You spend all your time either at the Supervision Office or cooped up at home. You should relax once in a while, don't you think?" Alicia persistently coaxed her.

Nyx, unable to resist, finally agreed.

The gathering was organized by Alicia. Most of her friends shared her lively personality, and after a few rounds of games, Nyx quickly got familiar with them.

One of the females, Meli, pulled Nyx to the rooftop to stargaze, handing her a drink in the process.

Since it was an all-female gathering among friends, Nyx let her guard down and took a couple of sips. "What's in this?" asked casually.

But the moment she spoke, Meli's expression changed abruptly.

Nyx instantly sensed something was wrong.

Her body tensed, and without hesitation, she pressed the emergency contact button on her Intelligent Brain.

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Outside the manor, Theon received the alert. His body tensed, and without a second thought, he ignored all obstacles and rushed inside.

He sprinted through the manor, following the Intelligent Brain's guidance straight to the rooftop.

The females at the gathering were stunned.

Alicia was the first to react and followed him upstairs. "What happened?"

By the window, Nyx and Meli were still standing there, looking up at the stars. Hearing the commotion, they both turned their heads.

Seeing that Nyx was unharmed, Alicia let out a sigh of relief.

But Theon suddenly spoke, his voice urgent. "Quick-does this place have a secret passage?"

"What?" Alicia was stunned. "There is... there is..."

There was indeed a secret passage on the top floor, but she wondered why Theon was asking about it.

Still in a daze, Alicia led Theon around two corners to a hidden door, only to find it open. She was shocked. She thought, 'What's going on? Who has opened this door?'

She turned to look at Nyx and Meli, only to see them drawing their weapons, aiming at her and Theon. "Bionics?" Alicia suddenly realized and let out a scream.

In just two seconds, Theon swiftly took action and severed the Bionics' cores.

Without hesitation, he picked up Nyx's Intelligent Brain from the biotic's body, dashed through the hidden door, and pursued the direction where Nyx might have been taken.

What was supposed to be a girls' gathering had turned into a shocking disaster, bringing the event to an abrupt halt.

The Security Bureau and Female Protection Association personnel quickly arrived, and when they learned that the suspect who had kidnapped Nyx was also female, they were in disbelief

Alicia was even more overwhelmed with panic.

She had organized this gathering. She wasn't afraid of taking responsibility, and she blamed herself, but she simply couldn't understand why Meli was there.

She and Meli had been friends for many years. Meli had always been well-behaved, with hardly any faults. The only issue was her tendency to lose all sense of reason when in love—whenever she got into a relationship, her intelligence plummeted. She was constantly deceived by some bad males, losing money, body, and heart, even helping the seller after she was sold out.

"Oh..." Alicia pressed a hand to her forehead.

She thought, 'Has Meli been tricked by some bad male again and used for this?'

In the hidden passage, Theon followed the trail, but it soon disappeared.

All ports on Taboris were sealed off, with strict inspections of departing ships, but no clues were found,

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This meant Meli must have had experienced accomplices who had meticulously planned the abduction.

The Security Bureau searched Meli's home. Her parents and mates were shocked when they heard about the incident and claimed to know nothing about it.

The Security Bureau then conducted a thorough search of Meli's room and finally found some biological traces. "Griffin...Based on the traces, he was last here about two months ago?"

'What's the connection between this notorious space pirate and the young female named Meli? Has Griffin coerced Meli?' That was the Security Bureau's first assumption, as well as Nyx's.

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When Nyx regained consciousness, she found herself aboard an unfamiliar spaceship.

Due to the effects of some drug, she was completely weak. Struggling to turn her head, she looked at Meli, who stood nearby, and weakly asked, "Were you forced into this?"

If she was Alicia's close friend, Meli shouldn't be capable of such an act.

Meli's eyes were red with tears, filled with both anxiety and guilt. "No... I wasn't forced..... I'm sorry... I just want you to my mate."

Three years ago, Meli had accidentally saved the wounded Griffin, and over time, they fell in love.

Even after learning that Griffin was the leader of a space pirate crew, she couldn't bring herself to leave him. Every time she resolved to end things, Griffin would risk everything to find her, and she would soften and take him back.

Two months ago, Griffin came to her again and asked her to elope with him.

Meli was unwilling to leave her stable life and firmly refused. Their fight had been intense.

Normally, after an argument, Griffin would apologize within three days.

But this time, even when Meli couldn't resist reaching out to him, she received no response.

She thought their relationship had finally ended and grieved for a long time, until one day, Griffin's trusted subordinate, Richa told her that Griffin had been gravely wounded,

was on the brink of death, and that his Loss of Control Index had reached 100—there was no saving him.

Covering her face, Meli sobbed, “I'm already pregnant with his child, exactly two months. For this child's sake, I'm willing to run away with him.

"I heard that you brought Lord Kai back from a Loss of Control Index of 100, so there's still hope for Griffin, right?" Meli pleaded, her voice desperate. "Please, save him. I promise, once this is over, we will let you go. We won't harm you in any way."

Nyx was silent for a moment. She felt that Meli wasn't lying, but whether Griffin's condition was as described was another story entirely.

Nyx opened her mouth, wanting to convince Meli to calm down and gather more useful information.

But before she could speak, a male voice suddenly came from the doorway. "Lord Richa, she's awake."

With that, the door swung open, and several males surged in. Among them, a middle-aged man was escorted to the front, his eyes gleaming with excitement as he fixated on Nyx.

Nyx lifted her gaze to assess him. His demeanor was sleazy—he didn't seem like a good person.

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"Richa." Meli's eyes lit up when she saw him. "Where's Griffin? Bring him here, now."

The man called Richa glanced at Meli indifferently, curling his lips into an unreadable smile before shifting his greedy gaze back to Nyx.

"Inject her with an inducer and bring her to my room," he ordered his subordinates.

Meli panicked instantly. She threw herself over Nyx, trying to block them. “What are you doing? You promised you wouldn't touch her!"

“You swore to guarantee Nyx's safety!” she shouted at Richa, her voice full of fury.

"Relax; she's perfectly safe." Richa raised an eyebrow. "An SSS-level female like her is one of a kind. Of course, I wouldn't harm her—I plan to spoil her."

“Speaking of which, I should thank you. Without your help, I wouldn't have gotten her.” Richa sneered, “As a reward, I'll let you go. I'll even give you a truth. Griffin is dead.”

Meli froze as if struck by lightning. She trembled, her strength seemingly drained away.

Nyx had already sensed that things were going terribly wrong. But she was powerless to comfort Meli when she herself was in grave danger.

Beads of nervous sweat formed on Nyx's forehead as she watched the male approaching with the syringe. Her voice turned sharp. "Step back."

An SSS-level female's mental suppression was something no male could resist.

The males in the room visibly shook. The two closest to her dropped to the ground with a thud, scrambling backward in a panic.

The syringe slipped from their hands, shattering on the floor.

The crisp sound jolted Meli awake. She struggled to pull Nyx up, trying to escape with her. But Nyx was too weak-Meli could barely lift her.

"Go first," Nyx urged, shaking her head.

She thought, 'At least one of us has to escape. Meli is pregnant.'

Meli's eyes filled with tears. She hesitated, unwilling to leave.

Seeing her hesitate, Nyx gritted her teeth in frustration. If this continued, neither of them would get away.

Every second counted. Richa was the first to break free from her mental suppression.

He immediately called for reinforcements to drag Meli away. His eyes locked onto Nyx, filled with disbelief and humiliated rage. “Did you really think you could escape with just that little trick?” he said.

Even if Nyx could suppress them for a while, a weak female like her had no chance of escaping this massive

spaceship.

Richa let out a sinister laugh and retrieved another inducer from his Space Button.

This time, he would inject Nyx himself.

Under the inducer's influence, no matter how defiant she was, Nyx would become obedient and docile,

completely incapable of resistance.

The mere thought of possessing an SSS-level female sent a thrill through Richa.

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Just as he stepped forward, the entire spaceship lurched violently as if struck by a powerful force.

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A group of subordinates rushed in, their faces pale with alarm. "Richa, we're under attack!"

Richa didn't need them to say it-he could already feel the tremors from the impact.

His eyes widened in shock. "The Imperial Army?"

How could they have arrived so quickly?

His subordinate shook his head vigorously. "No, it's not the Imperial Army."

Just as Richa felt a hint of relief, the next words made his blood run cold. "It's Jaws' subordinate, Black Mamba."

That name Black Mamba sent a chill through the entire room. Jaws was even more ruthless and terrifying than the Imperial Army-true nightmares.

Not long ago, Adam had been killed by Jaws, his entire faction swallowed whole.

Richa sucked in a sharp breath, his face turning deathly pale.

He no longer had time to deal with Nyx. Without hesitation, he rushed off to face the crisis.

Richa thought, 'Why did Black Mamba suddenly appear? Could it be that Griffin's death has been leaked? Is Jaws planning to take this chance to eradicate us?'

For the Space Pirates, Jaws was far more terrifying than the Empire. And Black Mamba, Jaws' most formidable enforcer, was the very embodiment of fear.

Richa didn't want to die too miserably.

He was already weighing his options by thinking, 'Should I surrender, flee, or offer up the SSS-level female as a bargaining/ chip?'

As he was contemplating, he suddenly felt a chill in his chest. Staring down in shock, he saw his body sway violently before crashing to the ground.

Inside the room, Nyx furrowed her brows. She still felt weak all over, but if she didn't escape now, she was afraid it would be too late to do so.

Just as she struggled to lift herself up, the ship jolted once more, making her stumble and fall forward. Suddenly, a pair of strong, steady arms caught her, wrapping tightly around her waist.

Nyx panicked. She struggled to push away, attempting to unleash her psychic suppression again, but then a somewhat familiar voice reached her ears. "Don't be afraid."

Nyx froze. Only then did she realize that the person holding her was being extremely careful, as if he had no intention of harming her.

"Who are you?" asked Nyx.

The male wore protective gear that obscured his face and did not respond.

"Kian Linden?" Nyx ventured a bold guess.

Hearing his name spoken from the lips of his beloved female, Kan trembled.

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He nodded, confirming his identity. "Don't be afraid. I'm taking you away."

Worried that Nyx might misunderstand, he quickly added. "I'll take you back to the Empire."

Upon hearing this, Nyx, who had been on guard, was momentarily stunned still. She thought, 'Take me back to the Empire?'

But Kian is a wanted criminal.'

"Aren't you afraid of being captured?" she asked, scrutinizing him in disbelief."

Kian shook his head without answering.

As always, he was sparing with his words, avoiding Nyx's gaze and reluctant to talk too much with her.

He was afraid she would question why he had become a Space Pirate. Even more so, he feared seeing the disgust in her eyes. So he could only hold her in his arms in silent resolve.

Richa was dead. The remaining forces were nothing more than a disorganized rabble, insignificant. Kian's men were already following his orders, cleaning up the battlefield.

Avoiding everyone's attention, Kian carried Nyx aboard a smaller spacecraft.

The cabin was rather simple, but quiet. There was no one else.

Nyx felt slightly more at ease and secretly observed Kian as he removed his face guard.

Sensing her gaze, Kian tensed up.

"You've lost some weight," Nyx suddenly said.

Not only had Kian slimmed down, but he also seemed taller, his features sharper. The boyish air he once had was gone, replaced by the presence of a mature male. He looked stronger than before, yet it was clear he hadn't been living well.

Nyx also noticed a long scar on the back of Kian's hand. She wasn't sure if he hadn't had the chance to treat it or simply lacked the means to.

"Are you coming back to the Empire with me?" she couldn't help but ask.

Kian lowered his gaze, avoiding her eyes. He was afraid he'd disappoint Nyx.

He opened his mouth, unsure how to refuse her. He hesitated for a long moment before suddenly hearing a

soft chuckle from nearby. "If you go back with her, Black Mamba will probably die, you know."

At the voice, Kian immediately raised his weapon, shifting into battle mode in an instant.

'Jaws? Why is he on this ship?' Kian thought.

Jaws deactivated his disguise and stepped out of the shadows, clapping with a leisurely smile. "Impressive as always, Black

Mamba.

"I knew it you would eventually lead me to her."

It wasn't for nothing that Jaws had placed a little "something" on Black Mamba to track him. His patience had finally paid off.

Originally, Jaws hadn't planned to reveal himself so soon. According to his plan, once Black Mamba encountered an opportunity, he would find it difficult to restrain his desire and would keep Nyx for himself.

All he needed to do was determine where the adorable Nyx was being hidden, and then he could take his time-there was

no rush.

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However, Black Mamba's choice was completely unexpected. He had a perfect chance to claim Nyx for himself, yet he wanted to send her back to the Empire and hand her over.

'That wouldn't do,' Jaws thought, as he shook his head and smiled at Nyx, "You wouldn't want to see Black Mamba die, would you?"

His voice was gentle, but to Nyx, it sounded chilling.

"Jaws?" She wasn't entirely sure.

She had seen Jaws' photo in the Empire's wanted system before, but this was her first time seeing him in

person.

"Oh? You recognize me?" Jaws' smile deepened. He leaned forward and gave Nyx a bow, as if flattered. "What an honor." Just as he was about to take Nyx's hand for a kiss, Kian's attack came at him head-on, forcing him to dodge.

Even as an SS-level male, Jaws felt immense pressure facing the reckless Black Mamba.

His smile vanished, and his expression turned serious.

Nyx's heart pounded with anxiety. She could feel the effects of the drug fading, her strength slowly returning, and she lifted her gaze to watch the two fight.

This was her first time attempting a direct mental suppression on a single target-she had no idea if it would

work

To avoid distracting Kian, she remained silent and focused entirely on releasing her mental power. [Stop.] Jaws' body visibly stiffened and froze on the spot.

Though it only lasted a few seconds, it was enough for Kian to seize the opportunity and unleash a fierce

strike.

In the instant the attack landed, Jaws struggled to regain control. He transformed into a massive, agile crimson python, narrowly avoiding a fatal hit but still sustaining a serious injury. His enormous body crashed into the already battle-scarred ship, creating yet another gaping hole.

Returning to human form, Jaws was filled with disbelief. He thought, 'I have actually been suppressed by a

female?'

SS-level males possessed incredible vitality, designed as living weapons for combat.

But instead of weakening, Jaws' attacks became even more frenzied after he sustained severe injuries. Kian, already at a disadvantage, couldn't withstand the onslaught and suffered a devastating blow, coughing up

blood.

Nyx's heart pounded wildly at such a terrifying male.

She hadn't expected Jaws to break free from suppression so quickly.

Nyx acted immediately, launching another mental suppression.

This time, Jaws recovered even faster.

He was only frozen for less than three seconds, just enough time for Nyx to rush to the heavily wounded Kian.

"Shift to beast form!"

Under the influence of her mental command, Kian instantly transformed into a Black Mamba.

Nyx scooped him up, wrapping his body around herself, and then retrieved her mecha from her Space Button and leaped off the ship with him.

The black mecha was inconspicuous, but its speed was astonishing. Jaws, still shaking off the effects of the suppression, failed

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to react in time.

Jaws thought, 'Where did that mecha come from? How could a female possibly pilot a mecha?'

Despite his shock, Jaws' reflexes were quick. He immediately piloted his spaceship in pursuit. Nyx tensed every muscle, pushing the black mecha to its absolute limit.

Shaking off the spaceship was easy, but as Xivar had warned, this mecha had poor endurance.

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Running at full speed drained energy even faster. A single Prism Reactor wouldn't last long, and Nyx would

soon need to switch to another.

She couldn't afford to burn through all her Prism Reactors and leave herself defenseless.

After carefully confirming that she had lost the spaceship and put enough distance between them, she immediately landed on a nearby planet.

Thanks to her diligent practice, even under extreme stress, she didn't make any mistakes on her first real

mecha flig

The landing was smooth. Nyx exhaled in relief.

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To conserve Prism Reactor energy, she sent out a distress signal before storing the mecha away. A wave of scorching heat hit her instantly.

Nyx quickly pulled a protective suit from her Space Button, wrapping it around herself and Kian for protection.

Even through the suit, she could feel the planet's extreme climate. The place was desolate-nothing could

survive here.

She scanned her surroundings. Endless yellow sand filled the air, and the buildings, corroded beyond recognition, looked like ruins left behind after the apocalypse.

This was not a habitable planet. Nyx felt uneasy, unsure of what to do. She thought, 'Am I still within the

Empire's territory?'

She didn't have her Intelligent Brain with her, so she couldn't contact her guardian or use the tracking

function.

She didn't know which direction to go. The Black Mamba wrapped around her was severely injured and unconscious, motionless, which made her anxious.

After walking for half a day, Nyx finally found an abandoned building to serve as a temporary shelter.

Panting heavily, she sat down exhausted, took out a small medical device from her Space Button, and planned to treat Kian's external injuries first, hoping he would wake up soon.

Behind her, a pair of eerie blue beast eyes quietly appeared.

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