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Not far from Alex, several hundreds of people wore their special outfits that were pleasing to the eye.

Since the people appeared to be locals, Alex wished to ask for more information about the poisonous insects from them.

As Alex approached an elder with gray hair, he asked, "Sir, can I ask you some questions about the poisonous insects?"

The elder squinted as he looked at Alex. After realizing that the young man wasn't a local, the elder ignored him and continued watching the festive event.

In the meantime, Alex was aware that his question

was overly abrupt. As every place had its secret, Venenum Clan's secret was related to its poisonous insects. Naturally, the people of the clan wouldn't reveal their secrets to outsiders.

Nonetheless, Alex was determined to figure out how to save Emmalyn.

When Alex touched his bag, he recalled that he didn't bring any valuable items. After all, he departed for this trip in a hurry. The only thing he had now was the cash worth five hundred thousand that Jack gave him.

The next moment, Alex took out a hundred thousand from his bag without hesitation and said to the elder, "Sir, I only have some questions. If you're willing to answer me, this money will be yours. Otherwise, I'm sure someone else will be happy to help."

Just as expected, the elder was dumbfounded when

Alex took out a pile of cash. Well, no one can resist the temptation of money.

After pondering over it for a while, the elder thought Alex was right. If I refuse to say anything, others would be more than happy to do it. In that case, why don't I answer his questions to get the money?

"What do you want to know?" the elder asked.

When the elder compromised, Alex let out a smile and said, "My daughter has been poisoned because of some poisonous insects and is in a critical condition now. Her stomach has eroded, and the poison has contaminated her blood. Ever since being poisoned, she has been in a coma and suffering a high fever. Moreover, her blood looks greenish. Sir, do you know what is going on?"

Alex gazed at the elder in anticipation after explaining

the situation.

"I began learning about poisonous insects since I was young, yet I never heard of such symptoms. Hence, I'm also clueless about it. Nonetheless, I know who might have an answer," the elder replied.

Alex was initially dejected but slowly regained his hope. Feeling anxious, he asked the elder, "Sir, do you know who can treat her?"

The elder didn't reply to him right away but fixated his gaze on the pile of money in Alex's hands. Then, he chuckled and continued, "I can tell you, but you must give the money to me!"

Alex handed over the cash to the elder without hesitation and said, "Can you say it now?"

After fiddling with the cash, the elder grinned and

said, "Ordinary folks like me only learned about the common poisonous insects. As such, we only know slightly more than you guys."

The elder paused for a while and added, "However, the Holy Maiden is different, for she has been living in Holy Land since she was young. Besides, there are a wide array of books in the Holy Land. I'm sure you can find the method to save your daughter there."

# Holy Maiden?

Alex didn't expect Venenum Clan would worship the Holy Maiden. Nonetheless, he would try no matter how small the hope was.

"Young man, what a coincidence! Today is the holy day that happens once in five years, where guards would be chosen to protect the Holy Land. In other words, you might be able to see the Holy Maiden if

you can go there," the elder said with a grin.

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Alex could see that several hundreds of people had gathered to fight for the chance. Deep down, he couldn't bear seizing the opportunity from them for the sake of rescuing his daughter.

All the more so, since Alex only wished to ask the Holy Maiden some questions, he didn't have to become a guard of the Holy Land.

"Is there any other way to meet the Holy Maiden?"

Alex probed.

To Alex's disappointment, the elder shook his head and said, "Not everyone can meet the Holy Maiden. Even the guards of the Holy Land have to be immensely fortunate to meet her. I'm over seventy now, and the Holy Maiden has changed several times. However, I never had the chance to meet anyone of them."

Alex never thought that it would be that troublesome. Despite that, he thought everything was worth a try for the sake of his daughter.

"In that case, I have no choice." As the Grandmaster, Alex believed everyone there was no match for him.

"Hey, you can't go in while wearing this outfit.

Everyone will know that you're a foreigner! Come with
me! My son is as tall as you. Besides, my house is

just nearby," the elder suggested.

Half an hour later, Alex came back in the traditional outfit of the Venenum Clan, looking like the rest of the people.

At that moment, a woman in her eighties and a black and red robe stood on the stage and said, "You are the great sons of Venenum Clan, hoping to contribute to the Holy Land. However, the Holy Land will only choose one guard every five years. He must be the bravest and strongest warrior among all of us. The first participant who successfully climbs the mountain will be the chosen one. I'm sure everyone in this village knows how dangerous the mountain is. As such, those who are afraid can back out now."

As soon as the woman's words fell, many began to spread out and left. Everyone from the village knew that the vicious man-eating bear lived in the mountain.

Since the bear could easily defeat ten people at one go, anyone who encountered it could hardly survive.

The competition was intense, for there were still about a hundred participants left.

However, Alex thought the outcome of the challenge was already decided once he decided to take part in it.

As soon as the lady officially started the challenge, everyone ran toward the mountain. Alex ran at lightning speed and was tens of meters away from the rest.

Judging from Alex's speed, he didn't need three days. Instead, he could finish climbing the mountain in a few hours.

Along the way, Alex encountered some beasts such

as wolves and boars. Because Alex was too fast, the beasts only gazed at him but didn't chase him.

Just as Alex thought the challenge was easy, an unexpected accident happened.

He thought he could finish climbing the mountain after a few hours. Slowly, he realized that he seemed to have returned to the starting point.

#### I'm lost!

After that, Alex deliberately slowed down his pace and left some marks along the way. Besides, he purposely went straight to avoid losing his way.

Unfortunately, it didn't turn out the way he wanted.

After more than ten minutes, Alex had returned to the starting point where he left a mark.

Alex didn't give up but tried many other ways.

However, all of his attempts were futile. Alex was dumbfounded, for he couldn't even differentiate north and south.

Given that Alex was a Grandmaster, he never thought he would be troubled by directions.

However, even a Grandmaster seemingly had to admit defeat before nature.

Am I really going to be trapped in the forest? Alex was reluctant to admit defeat. However, he couldn't figure out a way to solve it just yet.

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Alex and the others were left with no other choice but to wait for other challengers to come to the place.

He left all others behind as he was too fast. There was no knowing whether the others could make it to the place, nor if they would bump into him.

The wait was excruciatingly long. Alex sat crossed-leg on a huge stone and started to practice cultivation. A pack of wolves bared their teeth and eyed Alex warily from some distance away. However, owing to the domineering aura that he exuded, the pack of wolves dared not advance and attack him.

Alex noticed their presence. As long as they did not assault him, he would not choose to attack them either.

Two hours passed by in the blink of an eye. The pack of wolves that eyed Alex suddenly turned to look in another direction not far away from them.

A young man who looked like he was in his twenties hit on a tree trunk with a small twig as he staggered along.

He looked worn out and plopped on the ground after some time. The young man grumbled, "I wouldn't have come here if I knew how terrible this place was. Man, how did I lose them?"

He then fished out a bottle of water and gobbled it down. Heaving a sigh of relief, he wiped the corners of his mouth.

He had not realized that he was in great danger right then. A pair of obsidian eyes were transfixed on him from a dark corner as if waiting to pounce on him at any time.

The young man was Elijah Brown from Venenum Clan. It was his first time going into the forest. As he was too slow, he was left out of the team.

Just when he was thinking to close his eyes and rest for a moment before continuing on his journey, Elijah noticed rustling sounds behind him. All colors drained from his face after he turned around to trace the sound.

Five to six wolves were watching him from some distance away. Their sharp teeth were in plain view as their saliva stretched out like cobwebs in their mouths, forming a menacing sight.

However, Elijah was only a normal person in Venenum Clan. It would be an arduous task for him to

even deal with a single wolf. Hence, it was virtually impossible for him to deal with five to six wolves at the same time.

His legs turned to jelly at the terrifying sight. There was no way he could get up from the ground, much less run away.

Elijah scrambled for some stones on the ground and hurled them at the pack of wolves. He missed his shot. Even if he had not missed, it was a futile attempt anyway.

He hurriedly opened the zipper of his bag to look for tools that he could use to defend himself when the pack of wolves was still some distance away.

There was a wolf with brownish-black fur on its chest that seemed to have seen right through Elijah. It raised its head and let out a howl, signaling for the

wolves by its side to dash in Elijah's direction.

Given the situation, Elijah hastily grabbed his bag and hurled it at the pack of wolves. However, he missed again, and his efforts had proven to be in vain.

In the blink of an eye, the pack of wolves was already by his side, ready to pounce on him.

Elijah was scared out of his wits at the thought of his imminent death.

He was starting to regret not listening to his parent's advice to just stay at home. Why did I choose to be a guardian of the Holy Land and end up as a cannon fodder here?"

Not only did he not meet the anticipated Holy Maiden, but he was going to lose his life there. He could not help but wonder if the wolves would devour even his bones.

Elijah gave up on fighting, and he closed his eyes in resignation.

A loud bang ensued as the sound of a heavy item plopped to the ground. Feeling no pain as anticipated, Elijah slowly opened his eyes.

He was greeted by the sight of a handsome young man who looked slightly older than himself. Behind the man lay five to six whimpering wolves.

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"Are you all right?" Alex asked as he offered a hand to the man on the ground.

Elijah still could not snap out of the shock. He thought he was going to die, but the young man magically saved him from being devoured by the wolves and even single-handedly beat up five to six wolves. Needless to say, Elijah was floored.

"T-Thank you!" Elijah stuttered. At the sight of the remains of the wolves sprawled on the ground, he was still shaken.

Alex did not wish to talk the young man's ears off and went straight to his point. "Are you also one of the challengers this time? Do you know how to head out of the forest?"

Elijah scratched his head awkwardly and said, "I'm

lost. Did you get left out from the team because you were too slow too?"

Alex did not expect that the young man before him had no idea where to go next. As for Elijah's question, Alex merely smiled and did not reply.

"Then, do you have a map or something? You're going to fail the challenge this time if you don't know how to get out of the forest. The next challenge is only opening up five years later. I don't know about you, but I don't have the luxury to wait for another five years," Alex said.

"A map?" Elijah was stumped. Then, he recalled that his parents had packed his bag this morning. I might have a map in my bag then.

He jogged a little to pick up his bag. Upon opening the zipper, there was indeed a map inside. Elijah had only

recalled that he might have a map in hand after Alex reminded him.

The two of them quickly teamed up and stopped going round in circles. However, Elijah was an average person after all, and he moved at a slower pace in comparison to Alex. Hence, to speed things up, Alex carried Elijah on his back and moved swiftly into the forest.

Elijah realized that Alex was no ordinary man upon noticing that he could beat up five to six wolves without even batting an eyelid. The fact that Alex could move so swiftly in the forest impressed Elijah even more.

They had wasted too much time in the day getting lost in the forest. It did not take long before the sun started to set, and the sky grew dark. However, they were lucky to have caught up to the troupe.

The group was very well prepared. Some of them even brought tents along. When Alex and Elijah arrived, they were barbecuing meat outside the tents.

Elijah wished that he could join in as well. However, since everyone was each other's competitors, he did not think anybody would take him in.

"Didn't you see that the place is already packed? Get lost! Go look for another place," Jordan said in an exasperated tone at the sight of Alex and Elijah.

By then, it was already the most dangerous time on the mountain as formidable beasts would come out for hunting. Lone rangers would easily become the beasts' target.

If it truly came down to that, there would be no escaping a vicious fight with the beasts. Even if they

survived, they would have depleted most of their energy fighting the beasts anyway.

Jordan did not wish for the two to join them as he did not want the two competitors to team up and go against him.

"Jordan, the two of us will surely die if we bump into those beasts in the forest. Could you just please let us stay here for the night? I will even go as far as to give up on the challenge. Is that all right with you?" Elijah pleaded.

Even though it was every man's dream to be able to serve the Holy Maiden in Holy Land, nothing was more important than one's life. Nothing would matter anymore if one lost his life pursuing one's dreams.

Jordan was pleased with Elijah's proposition. Then, he turned to Alex and asked, "So, what about you?

Are you going to stay here with us, or are you going to wander around the forest alone?"

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"I'm good. I don't think this place is safe anyway," Alex said with a ghost of a smile.

Elijah was not too insistent on Alex staying together with them since he knew that the man was no ordinary man. Then, he passed the map in his bag to Alex.

"Mr. Jefferson, take this, please. I don't think I will

need this any longer. I hope that you will get everything you wish for," Elijah said.

Alex did not take the map. Instead, he reached out to grab Elijah's hand and dragged him behind himself.

"Why can't you get just this one thing straight? Aren't you going to be safer by my side than with these people?" Alex said as he knocked on Elijah's head.

Elijah was hit by a pang of realization, and he finally understood that the man standing before him was no ordinary man. No harm would come to him if he just tagged along by Alex's side.

"Mr. Jefferson, I really hadn't given it much thought. You're right! I'm much safer if I stay by your side."

After all, he got along with Alex just fine, and it was certainly better than having to cater to the whims of

Jordan and the likes. Besides, he was feeling much better. Perhaps he did not have to give up on the challenge after all.

Even if he failed to become a guardian, it was still honorable to complete the challenge. Giving up halfway was a coward's act.

The commotion garnered the troupe's attention. They stopped barbecuing and approached the group to find out what had happened.

"Hey, isn't this the coward, Elijah Brown? I didn't expect a piece of trash like you could get out of the forest. It seems like you're not as useless as I thought you were. Hahaha!" The man let out a cackle.

He was Elijah's cousin, and he was used to making condescending jokes about Elijah to make himself appear superior.

"Birds of the same feather flock together. I'll bet you a thousand that these two will be devoured by beasts tonight! A good-for-nothing man who lives off women and a coward really form a perfect team. Your bones are even going to get picked clean if you bump into those beasts!"

"Since the two of you aren't willing to give up on the challenge, just get lost! Stay as far away from us as possible. We won't help out even if anything happens to you two!"

The others chided Alex and Elijah, sparing no civility toward them.

"How could you guys do this to us? We're from the same village after all! Do you really have to be so harsh on us?" Elijah snapped. Right then, he desperately wished that he was strong enough to take

on all of them.

Jordan pursed his lips and said, "I was just stating the truth. We're from the same village, all right. But, it still doesn't change the fact that you're a piece of trash!

Get lost, and don't waste our time."

Elijah's face darkened. Even though he was used to being called a piece of trash for over twenty years, he couldn't tolerate others humiliating him in front of the man whom he deemed his idol.

Right then, Alex tapped on his shoulders and said, "Let's go. It's not going to do us good if we linger. Don't worry. You're not going to suffer this indignance for long."

Even though Elijah did not quite understand what Alex meant, he did not think it was necessary to argue with those people. He followed Alex and turned around to leave.

However, the more he thought about it, the angrier he became. In the end, he was so furious that he sat down on a stone, brooding over Jordan and his fellow villagers' mean remarks.

Alex understood that, given Elijah's age, it was easy for a youngster like him to get disgruntled over seemingly small matters.

At the end of the day, not everyone endured the insufferable years at the Jennings family as he did. Owing to the years of him being ridiculed as a live-in son-in-law, Alex had managed to cultivate a sense of tranquility in the face of anything.

Alex smiled and patted Elijah's shoulders. "Don't worry. They're not going to be smug for long. They're going to pay their dues soon."

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Stumped, Elijah did not understand Alex's remark. Is somebody else going to teach Jordan and the others a lesson?

People who took part in the challenge were divided into two groups. The first group was Jordan and the others, while the other group was Alex and himself. Hence, Elijah was puzzled by Alex's statement.

His eyes glinted after a moment, but they soon turned dim as he said in a dejected manner, "Mr. Jefferson, they're going to win judging by their numbers alone. We're the ones who should fear for our safety, given that there are so many beasts roaming in the forest!"

"Haven't you realized they're right in the man-eating bear's den?" Alex said with a devilish smile.

All colors drained from Elijah's face. He reached out and covered Alex's mouth and said in a hushed tone, "Mr. Jefferson, we're at the back of the mountain. You'd better refrain from mentioning the m-word lest they come after us later. I've heard that not many people manage to survive their attacks."

Piecing all the puzzles together, Elijah finally understood what Alex was trying to tell him.

He looked warily at Alex and asked, "Mr. Jefferson, is that true? Are they really right in the den?"

Beads of cold sweat dotted Elijah's forehead just from asking the question alone as cold shivers ran down his spine.

It was a moonless and starless night. The night was pitch-black, save for the bonfire Jordan's group set up.

Ordinary people might not be able to discern what was going on, but things were different for Alex. Not only was he a formidable fighter, but he had also attained the Grandmaster rank. Everything in the forest was crystal-clear to Alex.

The place where they set up the tent had a clean path in comparison with the roads they traveled in the morning. Moreover, the place was also quite spacious, making it possible for more people to set up tents there.

However, they were oblivious to the wild shrubs near the campsite. Concealed underneath the wild shrubs were holes dug by the man-eating bears. Alex could sense that two man-eating bears were taking a nap right in their lair.

The commotion caused by the group would surely rouse the man-eating bears sooner or later. Alex knew for a fact that disaster would befall the campsite sooner or later. Hence, he did not let Elijah join them.

Right then, Alex could already sense the wrath of the roused man-eating bears. It seemed like the group had pissed the bears off.

Alex tapped Elijah's shoulders and said, "Take a closer look at that place, and you will be able to see for yourself."

Thanks to the bonfire, they could still see the

campsite quite clearly.

Elijah traced Alex's gaze and looked at the group of people, all of which were singing and dancing to their hearts' content. They did not seem like they were there for a challenge. Instead, they seemed more like they were on vacation instead. Elijah turned green with envy as he felt the urge to join them. Nobody enjoyed feeling left out after all.

Just when Elijah was watching them intently, he noticed some movements in the wild shrubs. Then, a gigantic silhouette about six-feet tall crawled from behind the bushes.

Elijah shuddered with fear at the sight as his breathing turned erratic. He stuttered, "I-Is t-that a man-eating bear?"

Growing up in the village, all of them heard about the

age-old stories passed down by the older generation on the existence of these mythical creatures.

However, nobody alive had seen them. After all, those who had seen the creatures with their very own eyes did not live to tell the story.

Seeing as the tent site was right beside where the man-eating bears lived, it was akin to having a death wish. Elijah was petrified, and he was beyond grateful that Alex saved him from the imminent danger.

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Jordan and the others were happily joking around and took no notice that two herculean creatures were silently approaching them.

Elijah, who was watching them from some distance away, felt shivers down his spine as he watched the looming danger. However, it would be futile to yell and alert them since the move would inevitably infuriate the man-eating bears further. However, he was caught in a dilemma as he tried to decide on his next course of action.

Elijah could not come up with any viable solution and gave Alex a pleading look. "Mr. Jefferson, they're being targeted by those man-eating bears. They're going to die if we don't do anything about it. Do you have any idea what we could do?"

"Weren't you just thinking about how to avenge yourself for the humiliation they put you through?

What made you change your mind?" Alex asked with a smile.

"I don't hate them. I just dislike the way they're always mocking me for being a piece of trash and also the fact that they dragged you into this as well. But we're from the same village after all. I don't know how I'm going to live with myself after this if I just stand idly by and do nothing. Mr. Jefferson, I know that you're a really capable man. Could you help them out? Of course, I could understand if you do not feel confident about tackling them," Elijah said earnestly.

Right then, someone let out a shriek and looked terrified. "There's a man-eating bear here!"

Everyone noticed the presence of the man-eating bears right away. A ruckus broke out at the tent site as everyone scrambled for a place to shield themselves.

The situation took a turn for the worse as only one man-eating bear was present right then. Another one was nowhere to be seen. It was possible that those who scrambled for their lives might actually be like lambs heading straight into a lion's den.

Even Jordan, who was in command of the tent site, lost control of the situation. He naively thought that they could be safe from the beasts in the woods since they were in a large group. However, he had never expected to bump into man-eating bears.

"Hurry up and climb up the trees! They won't be able to reach us up there!" Jordan yelled in an attempt to divert the group to safety.

Even though he was a selfish and self-centered man, he was much calmer and more composed compared to the rest of the group. At the very least, he still kept his cool and directed everyone accordingly.

People started climbing trees after listening to Jordan.

Tree climbing was a piece of cake for the group. Hence, they moved in a deft manner. Soon, pretty much everyone had taken shelter in the trees.

However, a few unlucky ones were caught by the man-eating bear. Their bones shattered with just a single slap by the beast. As they had lost their ability to fight, seven to eight men were killed by the maneating bear in just a few minutes.

Their friends, who had already made it up on the trees, dared not attempt to save them. Besides, given the situation, any attempts to save their friends would be like courting their own deaths.

Even when they were already up in the trees, they

were still terrified of the vicious man-eating bear.

Some weaker challengers sobbed. "I don't want to join any challenge anymore. I just want to go home and get away from this Godforsaken place."

The man's cries garnered the man-eating bear's attention. Another smaller bear turned his attention to the crying man after biting one man to his death.

The man who was crying was paralyzed with fear and nearly fell from the tree as he pleaded with Jordan, "Please, save me! I don't want to die!"

Jordan wished he could save the man too. However, he felt an urge to punch the crying man. The maneating bears were going to leave after killing about seven to eight men. However, the man's cries made the bears turn their attention back on the group.

"Shut up! Keep quiet if you want to live!" Jordan gritted through his teeth.

However, the smaller man-eating bear approached the tree where the crying man was and tried to reach him. Upon realizing that its attempts were futile, it started to hug the tree and shook it. It seemed as if the man-eating bear was adamant about targeting the crying man.

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Even though the man-eating bear was smaller in size, it was still over six feet tall. The tree that the crying

man was on seemed feeble compared to the maneating bear.

Man-eating bears were smarter than ordinary bears. Hence, it started to shake the tree upon realizing that it could not reach the crying man.

The man was petrified as he swung around from the momentum of the man-eating bear shaking the tree.

"Please save me! I don't want to join the challenge anymore! I want to go home!"

The man continued to cry but to no avail. Instead, the man-eating bear seemed to be more intrigued and started to hit the tree trunk with its paw for fun.

Even if one did not fall from the momentum of the shake, the tree trunk could not sustain the impact of the continuous shaking and would collapse sooner or

later.

The other man-eating bear, which was bigger, also spotted the people in the trees, and he targeted the one Jordan was on.

Jordan paled upon realizing that the tree he was on became the man-eating bear's target. He could no longer stay calm and composed.

The two man-eating bears patted on the tree trunks where the crying man and Jordan were on, respectively. The crying man would fall at any time from the momentum while Jordan was still holding on.

Elijah, who was watching from some distance away, grew concerned and said, "Mr. Jefferson, let's go and save them! They're going to die in the hands of the man-eating bears if we don't do anything!"

There were a number of lives at stake. Alex would have helped them out even if Elijah had not pleaded with him to do so. Then, he nodded his head at Elijah and said, "Come on, let's go and have a look."

Seeing as Alex agreed to help out, Elijah was certain that the man was confident about dealing with maneating bears.

"Thank you, Mr. Jefferson. You're really the bravest person I've ever met. You will surely become a guardian of the Holy Land," Elijah complimented him.

Alex said nothing and made his way over to the group.

Jordan spotted the two of them right away, and he could not help but wonder if they had a death wish. There are two man-eating bears here. Why are they doing this? Could it be that they do not

understand the situation?

Jordan did not dwell on his thoughts since just a slip of mind would make him fall from the tree.

Since the two were not leaving, Jordan thought he could use them to distract the man-eating bears.

Then, he turned to the man-eating bear knocking on his tree trunk and said, "Look, there are two people coming this way."

After all, they were hunters of the village, and they would always go hunting. They had even managed to kill a small man-eating bear at one point.

Jordan struggled to hold on as he desperately wished that the man-eating bear could understand him and go after Alex and Elijah instead.

The man-eating bear that was knocking on Jordan's

tree seemed to have understood what he meant and turned to look in Alex and Elijah's direction.

Jordan had not expected the man-eating bear to understand human language. He beamed delightfully and said, "These two people said that they would kill all man-eating bears at the back of the mountain. He even said that ugly creatures like your kind should not exist in this world."

Meanwhile, Alex and Elijah did not expect Jordan to say something like that.

Elijah was vexed by Jordan's ungrateful demeanor.

"How could you be so shameless, Jordan? I pleaded with Mr. Jefferson to come to save all of you. How could you do this to us? I should have let you guys die!" Elijah gritted through his teeth.

Jordan let out a snicker and said, "Would you guys have come here if you knew that there were maneating bears lurking around? Don't be ridiculous. The two of you can't possibly deal with man-eating bears all by yourself."

Elijah's voice captured the attention of the man-eating bear. It let go of the tree trunk and sped toward the duo.

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"Mr. Jefferson, it seems like the man-eating bear is really running in our direction. What should we do?"

Elijah was hiding behind Alex, terrified.

The creature in front of them was incredibly huge.

Just a slap from its claw would probably be enough to shatter a human skull.

Upon witnessing the situation, Jordan smirked above the tree. These two scums came at the perfect time. I'll let the two of them deal with the man-eating bears while I escape from here. There's no way I'm just going to sit here and wait for my death to come. Come on. Just distract the man-eating bears, and I'll be able to run away!

The others who were also staying in the trees didn't have the guts to do so. They were afraid that the moment they landed back on the ground, they would be killed by the man-eating bears. Therefore, they stayed still in the tree.

Alex narrowed his eyes at Jordan. This guy is so incredibly selfish. He's willing to sacrifice other people so that he can live.

An idea popped into his mind before he sent a wave of Mortal Force toward Jordan's left leg. Jordan was running when he was hit by the Mortal Force and promptly lost control of that leg. That caused him to fall to the ground.

Just as he was about to crawl up again, he noticed he couldn't move his left leg at all, as though it didn't belong to him any longer. It was so hard to move the leg that it was impossible for him to escape.

It was completely beyond his expectation something like that would happen. Only one outcome awaited him if he was still unable to move, and that was death by the man-eating bear's paws.

"What are you guys looking at me for? Come down here and rescue me! I can't move my leg! Hurry!" he shouted at the people in the trees with anxious fury. "Why aren't you saying anything? What is the meaning of this? Are you going to let me die? I'm ordering you to rescue me right now!"

His screaming was pointless as no one was paying attention to him. After all, he was the one who wanted to leave everyone behind and escape by himself. If he wasn't willing to save anyone else, it was foolish to think anyone else would want to save him.

There was another man-eating bear who was much smaller on the other side. When it failed to shake its target off of the tree, it looked away sadly before it noticed Jordan, who was shouting not too far from it. It swiftly charged toward Jordan with its thick legs.

Upon seeing a man-eating bear charging toward him

at full speed, Jordan began to tremble in fear. He screamed at the people in the trees again, "Save me! Please save me! I don't want to die! I'm too young to die!"

No one in the right mind would jump down to save him. They all stared at him with pity.

As he helplessly pushed himself backward, he shifted his gaze to Alex and Elijah. He saw Alex punch the larger man-eating bear into the air before the creature fell to the ground and stopped moving.

Watching that happen made his jaw drop. That is a man-eating bear! How can a useless scum like him easily punch a man-eating bear away? What is this insanity?

At that moment, he suddenly believed what Elijah had told him before. The reason they came back really

was that they wanted to help chase the man-eating bears away instead of apologizing.

And what did he do in response to their kindness? He wanted to use the two of them as bait to distract the man-eating bears so he alone could escape.

Guilt was ravaging his heart, but it was too late for him to regret his selfishness as the man-eating bear was only a few meters away from him. He was like a salmon lying on land, waiting to be served as dinner.

His shirt was instantly torn off by the man-eating bear before his bones were cracked by the animal. The sound of his demise was mixed with the howling of the animal.

Boom!

Alex raised his hand and punched the animal that was

attacking Jordan away.

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## FINDING OUT THE BILLIONAIRE

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When the man-eating bear was sent flying away by Alex, Jordan was already covered in wounds.

Thankfully, he was still alive.

Alex gave him a glance before looking away. After all, he didn't care if Jordan bit the dust or not.

Seeing how both man-eating bears were killed by Alex with two separate punches, Elijah's admiration for him grew even greater. It was the first time he saw someone do anything that awesome.

When he approached Alex, he immediately kneeled and looked at the awesome man with anticipation. "Can you take me as your disciple, Mr. Jefferson? I don't want to be a useless man anymore. I want to be like you."

"Stand up! I don't take in disciples anymore," Alex rejected resolutely. The only reason he came to the place was to save Emmalyn. Nothing else mattered to him.

Elijah was disappointed that he was rejected, but his admiration for Alex didn't waver for one bit. You know what? I think I'm already plenty lucky that he saved me. How can I still greedily hope that he'll take me as a disciple and teach me all his awesome moves?

Once both man-eating bears were killed, the rest, who

were hiding in the trees, climbed down. All of them lowered their heads as they were too ashamed to look at Alex and Elijah. They were wracked with guilt because they were the ones who refused to let the two of them stay at their campsite.

"We're sorry. What we did before was too selfish. We didn't expect you two would return to save us."

"You two possessed true bravery, Elijah, and this nameless warrior. Compared to you two, all of us are not only selfish but also cowardly. We're willing to forfeit the upcoming challenge as thanks, or else we'll feel guilty about our actions forever."

"That's right! Only both of you are truly brave. We promise to give up the upcoming challenge as thanks for saving all of us here."

The rest of them continued to thank Alex and Elijah

with an expression of shame written all over their faces.

Elijah blushed because it was the first time in his life that he had received such treatment. He felt amazing being treated like a respected hero.

Sure, he might not be the one who killed the maneating bears since Alex was solely responsible for that incredible feat, but he still enjoyed the moment, regardless.

Alex's reaction was much more subdued. He simply nodded and asked people to deal with the man-eating bears' bodies. The Nine Heaven Scrolls had records of the creature inside.

While the man-eating bears they encountered were slightly more intelligent than normal bears in the sense that they understood words, they were still

more or less just bears with black fur. Perhaps a little bigger too, but that was about it.

The man-eating bears had a pretty strong desire to kill because they needed to eat more to sustain their large bodies. So, whenever they spotted prey, they would almost always try to kill it.

Their bodies were quite valuable. For example, their black fur could be made into an excellent winter coat. If someone were wearing such a coat at negative fifty degrees Celsius, they would still feel warm.

The best part about its body was its meat. If someone were to cook and consume its meat, their body's strength would increase. Of course, the benefits that it would provide to a Grandmaster were negligible, but the meat would still be pretty tasty.

Alex was pretty quick in peeling the black fur off of the

bears before removing two pieces of meat from their bodies. He handed a piece of the meat over to Elijah, who was standing at the side with a blank look. "What are you standing there for? You haven't eaten anything for a day. Aren't you hungry right now? The meat from a man-eating bear is still pretty tasty without the addition of spices or herbs."

Elijah was only then reminded that he was indeed hungry. He patted his abdomen and felt a searing hunger rushing into his mind. Thus, he swiftly placed the meat beside the campfire to cook it. Alex did the same as well.

It only took a few minutes before the meat was cooked thoroughly. The aroma that was emitting from the meat was irresistible. The people sitting at the side were salivating at the sight of the juicy meat.

One of them asked, "Can we get a piece of the meat

as well, Hero?"

Alex was staring at the meat he was cooking in his hand as he replied, "If you want some, cook the meat yourself. This one is mine. Don't even think about asking me for it."

The others were practically glowing with joy as they removed the daggers from their waists and cut a piece of meat off of the dead bears.

All of them gathered around the campfire and roasted the meat they cut off before eating it. The atmosphere was very harmonious. There wasn't a hint of hostility that was present before.

The next day, Alex set out on his journey again. He didn't bring Elijah with him as he walked around with a map.

The reason was that bringing Elijah along wasted too much of his time. His journey was practically delayed by a whole day. Besides, after what happened last night, they all treated him and Elijah as heroes. Elijah would no longer be in danger around them.

Lastly, even if he suggested bringing Elijah with him, it was likely that Elijah wouldn't follow him because he was still enjoying being the center of attention.

It didn't take long before Alex arrived at his destination.

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