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Chapter 658 Interrogation

In Sparaville, Terrandya, Jonathan was sipping water while relaxing in the garden.

He had spoken to Josephine on the phone earlier and was relieved to learn that Edenic Heights was safe.

Ever since he left Tayhaven, he had been feeling a little uneasy.

He had left Tayhaven before, but with Zachary stationed there, he had never had to worry about the safety of his family.

Perhaps it was Josephine's pregnancy or the recent overactivity of Yaleview forces and respectable families because Jonathan would always be worried about the safety of Edenic Heights.

I guess it's true that the more people you care about, the more likely you are to be overly cautious.

Jonathan sighed resignedly as he thought of that.

In the past month, the situation in Chanaea had been a bit chaotic.

First, Northern Crimson Prison was destroyed, and Karl betrayed Asura's Office with the Eastern Army, causing the Mysonna Army to lose supplies and be pursued and killed by the West Region Army.

Although Kane and Andy had led their people to kill the entire West Region Army, it was difficult for them to restore Mysonna's previous military forces in a short period of time.

Following that, Edenic Heights was under attack, and the respectable families led by the Osborne family began to strike at Jonathan officially.

Then, the situation in Doveston became tense.

Karl's Eastern Army and Aidan's Medved Army from Remdik were stationed on opposite sides of River Onxy, hundreds of miles apart. They appeared to want to start a war as they had done a few years ago.

After that, Wilbur from Yaleview and the Salladay family joined forces to depose Joshua.

In addition to the individuals from Team Oracle he had just met, Chanaea as a whole was in disarray and crisis.

Is the three years of peace merely the calm before the storm?

Jonathan furrowed his brows as he thought about the current situation.

At that moment, Geoffrey walked out.

“Mr. Goldstein, the results of the facial recognition are in. Zebedee and his people entered the country through the airport this morning. We couldn’t locate them because their identity information has been altered.”

Jonathan immediately took the tablet.

Zebedee’s and his people’s faces could be seen clearly on the screen.

After leaving the airport, they boarded a bus. The identity of the person who picked them up was unknown.

“Have you located this bus?”

“I told someone to look for it. This bus belongs to Leopard Transport. However, it shouldn’t be operating today. The employees of Leopard Transport speculated that the driver might have accepted the job in private. Neither the bus nor the driver has been located as of yet, and the GPS system on the bus is no longer operational. The other party appears to be quite professional. It’s possible that this bus has disappeared from the planet.”

Jonathan nodded slightly.

“Check with the insurance company whether there is any compensation for large-scale car accidents today. It’s hard to destroy such a large vehicle without anyone noticing.”

“Got it!” The next moment, Geoffrey looked at Jonathan hesitantly. “Mr. Goldstein, I’m not sure if I should say this or not.”

“You can say whatever you want,” Jonathan responded calmly.

Upon hearing that, Geoffrey turned his head and looked inside the mansion.

“Mr. Goldstein, Nina Chastain’s resume seems a bit too polished, and the circumstances surrounding her appearance are also a little strange. Although I’ve checked the surveillance footage and believe that she has nothing to do with the explosion in Seamus’ office, I still want to remind you of this. You shouldn’t keep a woman like her by your side.”

Even though Jonathan appeared calm in response to Geoffrey’s words, he was taken aback on the inside.

He had a general idea of Geoffrey’s methods based on how he had dealt with Seamus.

Geoffrey’s calmness, his capacity for planning, and his ruthlessness toward himself were all incredibly rare traits despite his lack of cultivation level and status as a mere mortal.

If Jonathan kept Geoffrey by his side, the latter would undoubtedly become Asura's Office's right-hand man in the future.

However, Jonathan had never imagined Geoffrey would one day have the courage to criticize him in front of him.

"Are you trying to teach me what to do?"

Lifting his head, Jonathan looked at Geoffrey with interest.

As soon as Geoffrey heard that, he quickly lowered his head.

"I wouldn't dare..."

"It's fine." Instead of reprimanding Geoffrey, Jonathan smiled and asked, "Tell me, how do you think I should deal with Nina?"

Geoffrey secretly raised his head to look at Jonathan. He was finally convinced that Jonathan was serious after seeing no murderous intent in his eyes.

"Mr. Goldstein, I suggest getting rid of suspicious individuals like Nina right away."

As Geoffrey spoke, he stretched out his hand and made a slicing motion on his neck.

Jonathan shook his head slightly.

"I wouldn't have asked your opinion if that's what I wanted to do."

At that moment, Jonathan's spiritual sense was on Nina, who was inside the mansion.

She had had a hard time because of the laxatives and had fallen into a deep slumber.

Staring at Nina's heaving chest, Jonathan turned to look at Geoffrey.

"If she isn't a spy from Jetroina, there's no reason to kill her. However, if she is, I need all the information she has. She's more useful when she's alive than when she's dead."

"If it's okay with you, Mr. Goldstein, I can get her to talk by using a few tricks."

Jonathan used his spiritual sense to look at Nina's face closely. Moments later, his spiritual sense gradually dwindled like a tide as he sensed her regular breathing.

"It's just a suspicion that there's something wrong with her. No matter what, she's a woman. Don't use ruthless interrogation techniques on her. Avoid using methods that would ruin her face and body."

"Understood."

Geoffrey whipped around and walked inside.

Jonathan lowered his head and took another look at the tablet he was holding. Right then, a sudden cry broke out in the mansion but was quickly suppressed.

“I hope there’s nothing wrong with you. Otherwise, you won’t be able to live.”

In less than half an hour, Geoffrey came out with gloves on his hands.

“Mr. Goldstein, she didn’t confess anything. However, untrained, ordinary people would have spoken a long time ago. I’m almost certain that she’s related to Zebedee because she was able to endure it.”

“What method did you use?” Jonathan asked, looking at Geoffrey curiously.

“It’s nothing. I simply fed her things, like cockroaches.”

Nodding slightly, Jonathan turned and walked into the mansion.

In the living room, Nina was retching while holding the trash can.

Jonathan frowned at the sound and asked, “Nina, what is your relationship with Zebedee Makino?”

“I really don’t know what you’re talking about...” Nina replied while throwing up and sobbing.

“Really?” questioned Jonathan with a smile.

“I really have no idea. Please let me go, Mr. Goldstein. I was wrong. Please have mercy on me.”

Before Nina could finish speaking, a dagger appeared out of nowhere in Jonathan’s hand.

“If that’s the case, there’s no reason to keep you alive.”

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Chapter 659 Be Quick

Nina was obviously taken aback by the dagger before her. Her eyes were filled with utter terror as she looked at Jonathan.

“Mr. Goldstein, you can’t—”

Before Nina could finish her words, the glint of the blade flashed before her.

Ding!

A faint sound rang out as the dagger in Jonathan's hand stopped an inch away from Nina's neck.

Nina was pressing an extremely thin blade in her hand against the dagger in Jonathan's grip.

In the face of Jonathan's attack, Nina could no longer hide her cultivation level.

She couldn't be bothered about hiding the surge of her spiritual energy as she stood up and yelled, "Jonathan, how have I offended you? Why would you want to kill me?" Since she started following Jonathan, she had swallowed two tiny explosive devices and had been forced to drink laxatives in less than two days.

In order not to reveal her identity earlier, she had also been fed around ten cockroaches and stinkbugs.

No matter how mentally strong Nina was, she was still an ordinary girl at the end of the day.

Despite the cruel interrogation methods, she still gritted her teeth and endure them. But how could she keep her composure and not hate Jonathan?

If Jonathan had trusted her at this point, Nina would have let it be and continued lurking around him.

However, she had withstood all the tests, yet Jonathan still tried to kill her without having any evidence. She could no longer put up with it.

Jonathan retracted the dagger and grinned at Nina.

"You've performed very well, but here is the problem. I don't know whether you have heard that it's rather weird when one is too ordinary. Tell me, who exactly are you?"

"I am just an ordinary rogue cultivator," Nina said through clenched teeth.

Jonathan shook his head slightly. "Nina, to be honest, many things have happened recently. Yaleview, the respectable families, and the warlords all want to attack me. I don't know which force you are working for as a spy. But now I have made my decision. It doesn't matter whether you are innocent or which family sent you here. If you cannot tell me where Zebedee is in five seconds, I will kill you right away!"

He would rather kill the wrong person than let her go.

Nina desperately wished to kill him to vent her anger.

However, facing someone like Jonathan, who was in the middle phase of God Realm, Nina knew well that whatever she did would only be in vain.

Just like what Jonathan had said, a simple thought was enough to crush her if he wanted to.

If one were to compare both of them, Nina was no different from a three-year-old child in front of Jonathan.

She had thought that she could still take Jonathan down with her even though she couldn't kill him.

However, after witnessing Jonathan kill ten Grandmasters from Team Oracle while being chased by Zebedee, Nina completely lost all thoughts of fighting back.

"If I tell you, will you spare my life?" Nina asked after tossing the blade in between her fingers away.

"One can only talk when there is reciprocity between two parties. Do you think you have the chance now?"

Nina nodded slightly.

"Indeed, I am incapable of making a deal with you, but my information can change the situation in Doveston. If I live, Doveston will be peaceful for a long time. If you kill me, with your current intelligence capabilities, it will take you at least two days to locate Zebedee. In fact, two days could change the whole situation in Chanaea. You won't lose anything in this deal!"

Changing the situation in Doveston and affecting the situation in Chanaea... What exactly is Jetroina trying to do?

Jonathan looked at Nina and said, "I reckoned Jetroina would stir up a mess, but I'm still clueless about the details of your plan. Tell me, then. I promise you can live if the information you provide is useful."

"Stop playing games with me," Nina snarled. "Not only must you guarantee that I live, but you also have to provide me a new identity and must not hurt me in any way, including my cultivation, which you cannot take away."

In one breath, Nina stated a long list of additional conditions and amendments to the deal in order to gain more security for herself.

She had taken all of Jonathan's tactics against his opponents into consideration. Having ruthless tactics was essential for someone who was able to establish such a huge organization as Asura's Office in three years.

That was especially the case when Jonathan had drawn the dagger earlier without hesitation to kill her. She was utterly terrified.

Smiling, Jonathan nodded.

“I promise that as long as you provide me with the correct information, you will get the appropriate arrangements and will not be harmed at all.”

After staring at Jonathan for a couple of seconds, Nina slowly opened her mouth and said, “You should head to Horbah immediately. Jetroina wants to restart the battle in Mysonna and cut off Karl’s supplies.”

Following that, Jonathan leaped to his feet.

An almost infinite sense of murderous intent started to spread across the room.

Jonathan had been on the battlefield for three years and had experienced countless battles of any size. Although he played an important role most of the time by defeating the enemies effectively with his skills, when it came to planning strategies, he had Hades and a few veterans to take care of it.

However, as Jonathan had been in a high-ranking position for so long and with his unnoticeable influence, the big picture he had in mind was definitely not simple.

Previously, he had deduced that Jetroina might use the opportunity when Karl was removed from Asura’s Office to make a move, but he did not expect his enemy to be so ruthless.

The scene of the two irrelevant organizations, Medved Army from Remdik and Team Oracle from Jetroina, joining forces and the map of the entire Doveston and the distribution of cases instantly formed in Jonathan’s head.

They are cutting off the supplies and attacking River Onxy. With Yaleview Army in the way, Asura’s Office couldn’t deploy its troops to the north. If Jetroina took the opportunity to launch an attack when Medved Army and Eastern Army were in battle, Horbah, Baridoki, and Terrandya would fall into the hands of Jetroina and Remdik!

“Tell me where Zebedee went in Horbah.”

Nina was rendered immobile by Jonathan’s spiritual energy.

“Jonathan, you promised not to hurt me!”

“I won’t.” Jonathan looked at Nina coldly. “But if your answer doesn’t satisfy me, I can lock you up so that you will never see the sun or the faintest light for the rest of your life.”

“How could you?” With tears in her eyes, Nina glanced at Jonathan. “The most possible place for Zebedee to go is Kransbay in Horbah. I know there is a point of contact for Jetroina there, called New Renaissance, but I have never been there myself.”

Jonathan squeezed Nina's shoulders before turning around and walking out.

"Geoffrey, have a plane ready and contact the authorities in Horbah to investigate New Renaissance. Inform Hades using the method I told you about. Tell him to think of a way to contact Karl and let him know about these! Be quick!"

With that, Jonathan dashed out of the mansion while yanking Nina.

However, what he didn't know was that a private plane had landed at an airport in Jadeborough.

The hatch door opened, and a young man alighted.

It was Jay.

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Chapter 660 The Demon Inside

Since the last phone call, Karl had unilaterally cut off all contact with Asura's Office. This action represented Karl's self-esteem and implied that he had officially left Asura's Office.

Not only did Karl cut off all contact, but he also destroyed all the communication equipment Asura's Office had provided for the Eastern Army previously.

After all, complex equipment was more likely to be implanted with a tracking program.

Naturally, Karl wanted to terminate any possibility of being traced by Asura's Office.

However, it was for this very reason that created such an awkward situation.

No one could get in contact with Karl.

The Medved Army of Remdik had been deployed along the north of River Onxy.

On the other end, Jetroina was up to something else.

Jonathan wanted Karl dead at once for the death of the fifty thousand soldiers of Mysonna.

However, under such circumstances, the only thing on Jonathan's mind was to inform Karl to set up his defenses.

With the Eastern Army's capabilities, God Realm cultivators would never dare to attack them head-on if the army received the news in advance and was prepared for the battle.

Not even the spirit shield of cultivators of Grandmaster Realm and God Realm could protect them from the bombing of cannonballs.

This was the collision of technological power and a cultivator's strength.

The intensity was apparent.

Adept cultivators were not sure about other army.

But for an army like the Eastern Army, everything was in control as long as the enemy was within the range of artillery fire.

If it failed, then they would fire another round.

As long as the news could be delivered to Karl, the situation in Doveston would be temporarily stabilized.

As for what happened in Mysonna, everything could be put off in the face of foreign enemies.

"Mr. Goldstein, I've told you everything I know. You have to let me go," Nina yelled at Jonathan on the helicopter.

Jonathan turned around and shot Nina a frosty glance.

"Although I can't get my hand on your identity, I can sever your relationship with Jetroina."

"What are you planning to do?"

Nina looked at Jonathan, her eyes wide.

"Are you saying—"

"That's right. I'll bring you to Zebedee and show him you've betrayed him." Jonathan turned to look at Nina. His gaze was unusually calm. "Only then you'll lose Jetroina's trust. Even if you stay in Chanaea, you can never become Jetroina's spy."

"You're risking my life!"

Nina almost had a mental breakdown.

Jonathan had gone overboard this time.

Losing their trust was not the most important thing. If Nina did betray Jetroina in front of Zebedee, she would not live to see another day.

Although Nina was a spy, she was sent to Chanaea when she was just a little girl. Back then, she was only about five years old. Although Nina had been brainwashed, she had adapted to everything in Chanaea after years of influence from the Chanaeans.

Nina only wanted an ordinary life away from threats, yet everything went out of control after she met Jonathan.

Jonathan did not kill her, but his actions kept pushing her to the verge of death.

“What good does that do to you, Jonathan?”

With tears in her eyes, Nina looked at Jonathan.

“I only want to live an ordinary life. Why must you force me?”

“Ordinary life?” Jonathan snorted. “Your information shows that you grew up in Chanaea. You must know the history of the Chanaean war then. Don’t you know the crimes of Jetroina? No matter how innocent you pretend to be, you are still a spy for Jetroina. If I’m right, you were the one who planned Team Oracle’s entry into Sparaville, right? Do you think it’s over after they discontinued Karl’s logistical supplies? After several days of stalemate, the people will cross River Onxy and take the lives of the Eastern Army who have lost their supplies. No war ends without a life taken!”

After listening to Jonathan, Nina shouted, “I have no choice but to be a spy. Why can’t I live? Are only powerful and high-ranking people like you worthy of living?”

Slap!

A slap in Nina’s face sent the noise-canceling earphones in her ears flying.

“The soldiers should handle the war. But every time, the heaviest casualties happen to the civilians.”

Following Jonathan’s words, the spiritual energy in Nina’s body fluctuated rapidly, while the surrounding spiritual energy began to rush toward Nina’s body.

A glint of murderous intent flashed across Jonathan’s eyes.

The spiritual energy a cultivator absorbed had to go through a lot of tempering during their cultivation.

It was not something to be done in a rush.

From how Nina absorbed the spiritual energy, there was no time to refine them. There wasn’t even enough time for her elixir field to rest.

Clearly, Nina was planning to blow herself up.

“Freeze!”

Jonathan activated his Grandmaster Realm force field within a ten-meter radius, with him as the center.

Pure spiritual energy was all over her body, but Nina could use none of it.

She cast a spell and retracted her cultivation method.

Inside her meridian, the pure spiritual energy from her cultivation had clashed with the spiritual energy she had absorbed.

In an instant, she spewed out a mouthful of blood.

“Break!” Jonathan slammed his right hand hard on Nina’s lower abdomen.

Nina let out a dreadful cry.

Just then, blood mist scattered throughout the helicopter.

Nina’s face was ashen. She curled up and fell on the seat.

At that moment, she was like a rag bag, and the spiritual energy in her body dissipated crazily.

On the side, Jonathan stretched his right hand forward, using his spiritual energy as the force field to compress Nina’s dissipated spiritual energy and pour it into his meridian.

Although Nina was strong, she was only in Grandmaster Realm.

Her spiritual energy was nothing to a God Realm cultivator like Jonathan.

It didn’t matter to Jonathan if he absorbed Nina’s spiritual energy.

“Jonathan...” With blood all over her nose and mouth, Nina looked at Jonathan. “You promised not to take away my cultivation. You’re going back on your words. Let’s see if you can break through to Divine Realm in the future.”

Nina spoke with a baleful glance.

However, she was right.

Cultivators had to be mindful of their words after they entered God Realm.

In ancient times, God Realm was known as Spirit Ascension Realm.

Everything below Grandmaster Realm was to enhance one's body strength.

But when one reached God Realm, one had to begin to focus on spiritual cultivation.

The spirit was the light to the body, and the body was the treasured raft.

To truly achieve transcendence, the spirit and the body had to match when one reached a certain height in cultivation.

From Spirit Ascension Realm to Divine Realm, a cultivator had to be mindful of the word "void."

The void here did not refer to the body but to the emptiness and flaws in the mind.

Only those who had a clear mind, no shame, and were fearless could overcome the demon of Divine Realm when they entered the realm.

That was also why cultivators with high cultivation levels refused to make promises about anything.

Nina had threatened to blow herself up so that Jonathan would take away her cultivation. She did this to plant the seed of a demon in his mind.