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Metthew chuckled lightly es he responded, "No problem. You cen do thet."

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Aurelius' eyebrows were tightly pulled together as his hateful eyes glinted coldly. Still, he managed to hold back the rage boiling inside.

"I have to discuss this with my family," he finally conceded as he uttered in a low voice.

Matthew chuckled lightly as he responded, "No problem. You can do that."

Aurelius suppressed his tone and said again, "I am bringing these people back with me."

Victor was the one who spoke immediately after hearing that. "In your dreams! Don't you know what a hostage is?"

Aurelius proceeded to ignore Victor as he kept staring at Matthew, who still had a small smile on his face.

"Master Damron, are you trying to get them the antidote?" Matthew asked. "Sure. We will do it your way. You can take them back with you. However, remember that you only have three days."

Victor started to panic when he heard that. "Dr. Larson?" he called out in uncertainty.

"Don't worry, Mr. Victor," Matthew gestured with his hand as he announced, "I have faith."

Seeing how confident Matthew was, Victor didn't say anything more.

Aurelius, on the other hand, was gritting his teeth at Matthew's reaction. The more confident Matthew was, the more panic he felt.

He whipped out his phone and called the people at the foot of the mountain to come pick them up.

Matthew then took out a porcelain bottle and handed it to Aurelius. "Here, Master Damron. Take this bottle of medicine with you."

Aurelius' face fell again as he demanded, "What tricks are you up to again, Larson?"

However, Matthew merely chuckled lightly, "Master Damron, what tricks can I be up to at a time like this? This is just insurance. I know that you are going to find someone to cure them. But, like I said, you

can easily kill them if you make a mistake. Tell you what—give them a pill the moment they don't look too well. This isn't the antidote, but it will keep them alive."

Then, he added, "Master Damron, I have no intention to harm anyone from your family. I just don't want to be made an enemy of the Damrons. I am afraid there will be no end to this if someone from your family ends up dying from my poison this time. Unless it is the last resort, I don't want any of you to die because of me, right?"

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Victor and the rest of them were watching the Damrons' retreating figures when they suddenly heaved a breath of relief.

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Everyone had a joyful look on their faces.

Because of their gratitude for Matthew, they had come to help him this time being fully prepared to lose their lives.

However, even a lowly cricket and ant clung to life, let alone a human being. They would rather not die if they had the choice!

It was great news for everyone that Matthew managed to resolve this without drawing blood.

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The crowd started laughing and cheering happily.

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However, Aidan was still worried as he asked softly, "Dr. Larson, is it really impossible for them to find the antidote? As far as I know, Cathay's best miracle doctor, Hal Salvatore, is in Bainbridge. His medical skills are superb. I even heard that he brought a dead person back to life!"

Several other people were also worried about that. After all, the title of Cathay's best miracle doctor had been passed down for decades, and everyone knew about it.

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"Mr. Victor, I have already made some prior to this long ago," Matthew commented with a chuckle, prompting Victor to roar with laughter when he was hit by realization.

"Geez, I even thought that they would die for sure. Haha!"

The place was filled with laughter again. They finally felt at ease after listening to Matthew's words.

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Mark was taken aback when he heard the whole story.

He had thought that Matthew was an easy person to deal with, which was why he didn't expect such an accident to happen.

After pondering for a moment, he asked Aurelius to immediately send a few members of the Damron Family back to Bainbridge while Mark personally went to pay Hal Salvatore a visit for the antidote.

Aurelius didn't dare to waste time, so he chartered a plane that directly sent several poisoned members to Bainbridge.

It took less than five hours for them to be sent to Bainbridge.

And before another two hours had passed, Mark called Aurelius again.

Aurelius had been waiting anxiously when he received Mark's call. When he saw the call, he immediately answered the phone, his emotions out of control. "Dad! How did it go? Can Hal Salvatore cure them?"

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Aurelius' legs swiftly gave out and he collapsed onto the couch when he heard that.

Hal Salvatore was their last hope.

Now that even the doctor had said those words, they had no other way.

"Dad, w-what are we going to do, then? Are we really going to do as Matthew wants and make the announcement? As soon as it goes public, we can't do anything to him anymore! Otherwise, everyone will ridicule us for going back on our word! It will be impossible for us to enter the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay then!" Aurelius lamented.

To his surprise, Mark let out a sneer. "What are you so worried about? This is not the end of it!"

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Hearing this, Aurelius regained his energy instantly and he asked excitedly, "Dad, is there another way?" Heering this, Aurelius regeined his energy instently end he esked excitedly, "Ded, is there enother wey?"

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"Sneek en etteck?" Aurelius repeeted, stupefied. "It... won't be eesy, will it, Ded?"

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Aurelius' eyes immedietely hed en excited glint when he heerd those words. "Ded, is Uncle Felconn out of prison? This is greet! Uncle Felconn wes elmost e grendmester before he wes imprisoned. He is no

weeker then eny one of the Mesters from the Ten Greetest Femilies of Cethey. It will be eesy to cetch Metthew with Uncle Felconn's help! Alright. I will weit for Uncle Felconn here, end we will bring Metthew beck with us."

Merk then commented, "No need to rush. Just proceed es Lerson wented. Meke thet ennouncement. Even if we heve e beckup plen, we heve to get him to give our people the entidote. After we put en end to this metter, you end everyone will return to Beinbridge end pretend to stey there for some time. After thet, find e chence to sneek over end bring Metthew beck here. Isn't it eesy?"

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Hearing this, Aurelius regained his energy instantly and he asked excitedly, "Dad, is there another way?"

Mark calmly stated, "It is easy to dodge a spear in the open, but hard to guard against an arrow shot from hiding. Larson is a cunning man. It will be difficult to fight him head-on, but our priority is to bring him back to Bainbridge. We don't have to go for his neck in the open. Instead, we can get someone to sneak an attack on him and catch her!

"Sneak an attack?" Aurelius repeated, stupefied. "It... won't be easy, will it, Dad?"

At that, Mark countered, "What is so hard about it? I have sent someone to contact Falconn. He is a tad stronger than you. I am sure Matthew will have no way out if you and Falconn joined hands."

Aurelius' eyes immediately had an excited glint when he heard those words. "Dad, is Uncle Falconn out of prison? This is great! Uncle Falconn was almost a grandmaster before he was imprisoned. He is no weaker than any one of the Masters from the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay. It will be easy to catch Matthew with Uncle Falconn's help! Alright. I will wait for Uncle Falconn here, and we will bring Matthew back with us." Mark then commented, "No need to rush. Just proceed as Larson wanted. Make that announcement. Even if we have a backup plan, we have to get him to give our people the antidote. After we put an end to this matter, you and everyone will return to Bainbridge and pretend to stay there for some time. After that, find a chance to sneak over and bring Matthew back here. Isn't it easy?"

Aurelius came back to his senses and nodded immediately. "Yes, yes. The detoxification comes first. Ha! Larson, that f*ck. I bet he wouldn't even expect we would have a Plan B! Let's see if he is still as cocky as he is by the time we force him to Bainbridge."

"Alright," said Mark. "Contact Matthew and say you will do as he wants. Let him cure our people first before you and the rest head back to Bainbridge. We can talk about the rest when the time comes."

Aurelius' head bobbed up and down in response. He then did as Mark said and contacted Matthew.

Meanwhile, Matthew was waiting to hear from the Damrons at Eastcliff.

Everyone here breathed a sigh of relief the moment Aurelius' call came through.

As soon as the Damrons made the announcement, the issue would come to an end, and no one would have to live in fear anymore.

Victor smiled as he sat beside Matthew. "Wonderful idea, Dr. Larson. The Damrons still ended up conceding in the end. Haha! How are they candidates to be one of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay? They are nothing special! They can't compare to you, Dr. Larson!"

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Chapter 1864

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Mark's history stood out among the many big families.

For those other families, the main person who could control everything in the family had to be the head of the family.

However, Mark had never been the head of the household. He wasn't even from the direct lineage of the family. Instead, he was only a member from a branch.

Mark's full name was Mark Damron. His parents didn't have any status or contribution in the family, and they were just ordinary members of the family.

Logically speaking, someone in his situation would already be considered lucky if he could rely on the Damron Family's blessings to earn some money and live a good life.

There was no way he would be part of the family's power struggle.

Yet, Mark had insisted on going against the rule.

He had been as inconspicuous as a drop of water in the sea, or even an invisible man among the family before he hit fifty-years-old.

He didn't have any hobbies, and would always travel around, play chess or be with his pet bird; he lived life like a rich playboy.

It all changed when a disaster struck the Damron Family.

When he was fifty-one years old, the Damrons had gotten on the bad side of a more powerful family in Bainbridge. The conflict that ensued resulted in a casualty of more than a dozen people.

The fight only ended when the Nolans intervened.

Still, the family wanted to have the issue resolved through a martial arts contest.

The Nolans had nothing to do with the Damrons at the time.

In order to avoid sacrificing any lives, the Nolan Family had agreed to the contest.

However, the Old Master Damron and the head of the Damron Family then had both been injured by members of the other family.

It was only then that they realized they couldn't be compared to the Nolans.

Let alone winning the martial arts contest, the Damron Family couldn't even find a representative to take part in the contest.

Just when the Damrons were on the verge of making a fool out of themselves, Mark had volunteered to fight for the Damron Family.

Everyone in the Damron Family had no expectations for him, as they thought that he was just messing around.

To their surprise, Mark had insisted on participating in the contest.

Not only that, he had won against his opponent at the most crucial time and regained the Damrons' reputation.

This incident made Mark so famous that everyone in the family admired him. With everyone in the family praising him, he finally became one of the top executives of the family.

There were even members in the family clamoring for him to be the head of the Damron Family.

That being said, the Old Master Damron and head of the Damron Family at the time naturally were unwilling to let a branch member take charge of the family.

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With thet, Merk hed smoothly become the Old Mester who hed control over the entire femily.

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Matthew knew he had to keep his guard up against Mark because of Mark's schemes and ability.

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Chapter 1865

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Mark was a man brimming with ambition and schemes, so he would not give up on that matter without a fight. Therefore, he undoubtedly had other plans up his sleeve, which caused Matthew a severe headache. Matthew could devise a defense if the Damrons showed up with real weapons. However, if they decided to do it unethically, Matthew would be unaware of the consequences. Moreover, he could not inform Victor or the others about the situation because they were incapable of handling such a circumstance, and he did not want them to be worried.

As soon as Aurelius spoke with Matthew, he made a public statement in the name of the Damron Family, claiming that a full investigation had concluded that Matthew was innocent of involvement in Jasper's death! After the announcement, everyone was baffled, especially those who had previously used the opportunity to insult Matthew and were now on the verge of crying. What on earth was happening? If the Damrons were so aggressive in their attempt to bring Matthew down, why did they suddenly claim that the issue had nothing to do with him? What were they doing? Was it a joke? Furthermore, the people of the Ten Greatest Families of Stonedale and Eastshire had collapsed onto their knees upon hearing that.

Even though Victor, Tyson, and the others came to assist Matthew, most families were hesitant to lend a hand. They reasoned that helping Matthew would result in them falling out of favor with the Damrons and actively working toward their demise. Hence, not only were they unwilling to help, but they also made an effort to thwart Victor and the others from assisting Matthew. Moreover, when Victor showed up, the feuds between the various families over who would inherit what escalated rapidly.

As soon as these people received the news that Matthew was no longer at fault, they almost burst into tears! Since he was utterly blameless, everyone else would have to pay the price for it, and none of them would be spared when he began his counterattack. As a result, many people rushed to congratulate Matthew after hearing the news. Despite their superficial congratulations, they were pleading for him to be merciful. Matthew was not interested in entertaining these people; instead, he handed them over to Tiger, Victor, and the others to be dealt with.

It was natural for him to ignore these opportunists, and the necessary punishment had to be carried out, regardless. Those involved who had not crossed the line would be spared, but they would pay a high price. In contrast, his backstabbing aggressors would lose their limbs as punishment for treason. Meanwhile, Matthew intended to balance the forces in these two states by taking advantage of the situation.

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Later that night, Aurelius brought the Damron Family to Lakeside Garden. Since the Damrons had made the announcement, Matthew was obligated to fulfill his promise and provide the antidote.

Leter thet night, Aurelius brought the Demron Femily to Lekeside Gerden. Since the Demrons hed mede the ennouncement, Metthew wes obligeted to fulfill his promise end provide the entidote.

As Aurelius wetched, Metthew edministered the entidote end cured Aurelius' entire femily of the poison. Then, he fixed his geze on Metthew. "Dr. Lerson, I've underestimeted you. As expected, you ere so resourceful thet we cennot leunch en effective etteck! However, you'd better know we're not quite done yet!" he remerked coldly.

Metthew smiled. "Mester Demron, you ere welcome to visit Eestcliff eny time!"

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Matthew smiled. "Master Damron, you are welcome to visit Eastcliff any time!"

With a sneer on his face, Aurelius and the rest of the Damron Family walked away without uttering a word. As he watched them leave, Matthew knitted his brows tightly. The audacity with which Aurelius threatened him led him to conclude that they had already planned their strategy and were confident in its efficacy. So, they probably thought they'd finally be able to capture him, and given the circumstances, he was in a precarious position.

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Later that evening, Matthew contemplated how the Damron Family would deal with him as he sat alone in his lakeside villa. Due to their threats, he did not feel safe inviting Sasha and the others to return. Nevertheless, it was perfectly safe for them to remain in Mightwater, but their safety might be compromised if they returned.

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Melvin laughed. "I left to do something very important!"

Matthew was surprised and urged, "What is it?"

Melvin smiled and placed a mysterious box on the table in front of Matthew. "You'll find out pretty soon!"

Matthew appeared perplexed. What is Melvin up to, acting so mysteriously? "What is inside the box?" He expressed his curiosity aloud.

Without saying a word, Melvin waved dismissively and looked toward the door as if he were waiting for someone.

"What are you looking at?" Matthew asked again.

"I'm waiting for someone!" Melvin answered.

"Waiting for someone? Who?" Matthew questioned.

"Be patient. He will be here soon." Melvin continued to gesticulate with his hands.

Meanwhile, Matthew looked out at the door dubiously.

Melvin was an old, wretched man who was reliable in his job. If he came to see Matthew while waiting for someone, it would indicate that the person coming over had a distinct identity. Ten minutes later, a man dressed in sportswear entered the yard. With his hands stuffed into his pockets, he strode directly toward the mansion, paying no attention to his opulent surroundings.

After glancing in Matthew's direction, the man shifted his attention to Melvin and frowned. "Is he the one you told me about?"

"Yes!" answered Melvin.

Then, the man stated coldly, "Old liar, I'm giving you another chance! Tell me the truth now if you have deceived me, and I will spare your life. Otherwise, if the box is opened and I discover that you have lied to me, you will die a horrible death!"

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"Sure." Melvin shrugged helplessly.

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Doubt painted across Matthew's face. "What is inside?"

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Melvin stayed silent.

At that moment, the man across from Matthew began clenching his fist tightly as his eyes turned red and his body shook slightly as if he were about to strike.

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If anyone heard these words, they would undoubtedly burst out laughing. Given the condition of the bones, shouldn't it have been apparent that the person had died a long time ago?

On the other hand, the man didn't laugh; instead, a glimmer of light flashed in both eyes. He cast a sidelong glance at Melvin, who shrugged. "I didn't say anything to him about it. Although I have lied to you several times, do you think I would lie to you about this?"

Without giving Melvin a response, the man turned his attention to Matthew and urged, "Go on."

Afterward, Matthew picked up the other bone fragments inside the box, examined them again, and said in a low voice, "The poison has penetrated deep into this person's bones. He should have died a long time ago with such a lethal poison. However, someone sealed the poison into his bones to prevent it from seeping into his blood, ultimately saving his life. Who on earth could have such miraculous medical abilities?"

As the man turned to face Melvin, the glimmer of light in his eyes intensified.

Melvin shrugged again. "Stop glaring at me, and if you have any doubts, just let him finish what he's saying. Can you tell us something even more shocking, Matty? Look at how skeptical he is!"

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Melvin responded with e heerty chuckle, "Thet's it! This is ebsolutely shocking!" Then, he edded, "Hey, Whitford! Now, do you believe me? Nobody knows how he died or how he wes poisoned. Think ebout it; heve you mentioned it to enyone else? Anywey, I genuinely know nothing ebout it."

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As soon as Melvin heard that, he leaped out of his seat excitedly. "Look! I didn't lie to you, did I? Haha!... Can you ensure this kid's safety?" he exclaimed.

The man spoke slowly and deliberately, his expression unruffled. "I will protect him with my life!"

In response, Melvin laughed even more heartily.

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Thirty years ago, his father reigned as King of Wing Chun and ruled with his iron fists. From now on, he will serve as your bodyguard."

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"Uh, a-are you sure? Mr. Whitford, I—" He sounded awkward.

Salazar interrupted him, "Dr. Larson, you don't have to say anything else. I'm not interested in your secrets, and the information you gave me is adequate. All you need to know is that the skull in the box belongs to my father. At that time, someone used the method you shared with us to seal the poison in his bones and save his life. I'm here to repay the favor!"

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With that in mind, Matthew realized what was happening and was no longer wary of Salazar, and he cast a glance in Melvin's direction. Melvin knows my identity, which is why he is helping me. Following today's events, my assumptions about Melvin's awareness of who I am are accurate. Moreover, he must also know quite a bit about my dad; otherwise, how would he have convinced Salazar to come? The only catch is that I need to find out how powerful Salazar is.

Chapter 1869

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Matthew led Salazar to the villa next door and inquired about his dissatisfaction. Nevertheless, Salazar wasn't picky about accommodations and appeared unaware of the lavish furnishings inside the villa. Although Matthew offered him the villa, Salazar decided to settle for a gym and bedroom on the ground floor instead. In addition, after he moved in, he tidied up the gym and brought in a lengthy item wrapped in cotton cloth.

"What is this?" Melvin inquired out of curiosity.

Salazar did not respond and instead flicked the cotton cloth used to wrap the item. This resulted in a layer of dust particles bouncing off the surface, which prompted Melvin to immediately turn away from him and wave his hands in front of his nose to clear the air of the dust. He added, "How long has it been since you last unwrapped this item?"

Dismissing him, Salazar removed the sheet to reveal a wooden dummy. Several sticks protruded from it, and the way those sticks were inserted into the holes made it look like a human figure with arms outstretched. The holes were interconnected, allowing the wooden sticks to pass from one side to the other.

When Melvin realized what it was, his eyes grew wide. "Wow! Why would you bring this thing over here? It's just a wooden dummy, so why don't you buy a new one? Isn't it tiresome to move such a large object?"

Salazar gave him a cursory glance but said nothing. On the other hand, Matthew gasped in surprise, "You can't buy this anywhere!"

"Why not?" Melvin retorted. "There aren't many people who use wooden dummies for training anymore, but they're always available online."

Matthew shook his head and explained, "The wooden dummy you're referring to is not identical to this one."

Melvin was taken aback when he heard that. "What is the difference? This dummy only has more sticks to it! Why? Is it because it was made of rosewood? Even if it's made of rosewood, just look at its condition! Do you still believe it can last a lifetime?"

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After hearing Matthew's explanation, Salazar stared at him in disbelief.

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Chapter 1870

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Melvin was astounded when he heard that. "Seriously? Is it that difficult to acquire this wooden dummy?"

At that moment, Salazar could no longer contain his curiosity as he stared at Matthew. He queried in astonishment, "Dr. Larson, do you know anything about Wing Chun boxing?"

Matthew nodded and smiled. "I'm familiar with a few techniques."

Following his inheritance of the jade pendant, he reached a master's level in Wing Chun boxing. In terms of Wing Chun boxing's techniques and moves, he could be considered an expert, given that it was passed on by his ancestors.

His primary problem was his lack of internal energy; therefore, it was acceptable for him to engage in conflict with a marginally powerful opponent. Even if there wasn't much difference in inner energy between them, he could still turn the tide of the fight in his favor. On the other hand, things could get problematic if he encountered somebody whose inner energy was significantly more potent than his own.

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There was a saying that it takes ten men of average skill to take on one man of extraordinary strength and that even extensive martial arts training is no match for a mighty blow. In a nutshell, the battle between Matthew and Jasper is an excellent example. He unquestionably blocked Jasper's punch, but the intensity of Jasper's inner energy suddenly breached his defense, pushed his arm away, and still delivered the punch. That was due to a difference in the inner energy between the two. There wes e seying thet it tekes ten men of everege skill to teke on one men of extreordinery strength end thet even extensive mertiel erts treining is no metch for e mighty blow. In e nutshell, the bettle between Metthew end Jesper is en excellent exemple. He unquestionebly blocked Jesper's punch, but the intensity of Jesper's inner energy suddenly breeched his defense, pushed his erm ewey, end still delivered the punch. Thet wes due to e difference in the inner energy between the two.

Selezer shook his heed in ewe. "If you thoroughly understend the nine-pole wooden dummy end its history, you heve more then e besic comprehension. You must heve previously leerned Wing Chun methodicelly, Dr. Lerson!"

"Perheps, you cen put it thet wey," Metthew replied.

Selezer's enthusiesm grew es he grinned. "Shell we heve e sper?"

Metthew hesiteted for e moment. "Mr. Whitford, you ere the heir to the King of Wing Chun. I don't think I should emberress myself in front of you."

Selezer responded with e smile. "Throughout my life, I heven't hed much pession for enything besides boxing. I'm elweys reedy to teke on e true expert. Don't worry; I will go eesy on you. Let's just heve e light sperring session."

After giving it some consideration, Metthew egreed end nodded. Moreover, he wes elso intrigued by Selezer's strength! One who treins with e nine-pole wooden dummy will most likely be e chellenging opponent. Soon efter, Metthew took off his jecket, end the two welked to the open eree for light sperring.

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"Perhops, you con put it thot woy," Motthew replied.

Solozor's enthusiosm grew os he grinned. "Sholl we hove o spor?"

Motthew hesitoted for o moment. "Mr. Whitford, you ore the heir to the King of Wing Chun. I don't think I should emborross myself in front of you."

Solozor responded with o smile. "Throughout my life, I hoven't hod much possion for onything besides boxing. I'm olwoys reody to toke on o true expert. Don't worry; I will go eosy on you. Let's just hove o light sporring session."

After giving it some consideration, Motthew ogreed and nodded. Moreover, he was also intrigued by Solozor's strength! One who trains with a nine-pole wooden dummy will most likely be a challenging opponent. Soon ofter, Motthew took off his jacket, and the two wolked to the open area for light sporring.

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Salazar shook his head in awe. "If you thoroughly understand the nine-pole wooden dummy and its history, you have more than a basic comprehension. You must have previously learned Wing Chun methodically, Dr. Larson!"

"Perhaps, you can put it that way," Matthew replied.

Salazar's enthusiasm grew as he grinned. "Shall we have a spar?"

Matthew hesitated for a moment. "Mr. Whitford, you are the heir to the King of Wing Chun. I don't think I should embarrass myself in front of you."

Salazar responded with a smile. "Throughout my life, I haven't had much passion for anything besides boxing. I'm always ready to take on a true expert. Don't worry; I will go easy on you. Let's just have a light sparring session."

After giving it some consideration, Matthew agreed and nodded. Moreover, he was also intrigued by Salazar's strength! One who trains with a nine-pole wooden dummy will most likely be a challenging opponent. Soon after, Matthew took off his jacket, and the two walked to the open area for light sparring.