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"Give that back!" he roared as soon as the fruit was snatched from under his nose.

He charged forward to get the fruit back.

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Macon sneered. "Do you think we're children, Lord Voodoo? You seem like you couldn't wait to swallow it whole just now, so why are you trying to tell me that it's poison?"

Lord Voodoo had an awkward look in his eyes as he quickly explained, "You don't understand, Master Rathbone. This is something extremely beneficial to me, but for you, it's a deadly poison. Do you know what's inside this fruit? It's a special kind of bug from Orleans that I cultivated myself. You have to be careful not to trigger the bugs inside, or things will get very dangerous for you."

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Gregory snorted. "We started suspecting you much earlier on when you tried to talk us out of killing Aurelius. And after killing Falconn, the wisest choice for us would be to run away from Eastcliff as fast as

possible, yet you insisted on wanting to rest in the area. That was too strange. Do you think no one noticed anything? I'll tell you right now. Macon and I have been keeping our eyes on you this whole time tonight. We've been tailing you ever since you snuck out and came here. We saw every single thing you did.

Here's a word of advice, Lord Voodoo. Tell us the truth about what you're doing, or else, don't blame us for not showing you any mercy!"

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Macon smirked and nodded. "What an excellent idea!"

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Gregory snorted. "Stop trying to scare us. Go ahead and run off then, if you're so scared. The two of us will stay here and cut the fruit open. How's that?"

Macon nodded once more. "That's right, Lord Voodoo. If you're so afraid of dying, you can just leave! Mr. Huntington and I are willing to risk our lives. If we do die from the fruit and release some kind of terrifying cursed bug, then we asked for it. What do you think?"

"Exactly," Gregory laughed. "Come on, Macon. Use my dagger."

Gregory tossed a dagger over to Macon.

Macon picked it up and raised it to cut the fruit in half.

"No!" Lord Voodoo bellowed when he saw that the other two meant business. "I-I'll tell you. I'll tell the truth, okay? Hurry up and put the dagger away!"

Macon and Gregory exchanged glances and smirked.

"You'd better tell us the truth, Lord Voodoo," Gregory sneered. "Lie to us again and we'll cut the fruit in half at once!"

Lord Voodoo stared at the fruit and sighed deeply before warning in a quiet voice, "You two better not be too careless with this fruit. It contains at least 80 percent of Falconn Damron's inner energy!"

Both Macon and Gregory froze as their eyes grew wide.

"What did you say?!" Gregory exclaimed.

Macon stared at the fruit in his hand with a hungry look in his eyes.

"This fruit came from the Stargulf plant, but it is also a type of charm," Lord Voodoo explained grimly. A long time ago, the Stargulf plant was readily found all over Orleans, and at the time, it was the Orleanians' worst nightmare. All the Orleanians would immediately destroy all of the Stargulf plants they encountered!"

Gregory frowned. "Are you still trying to trick us, Lord Voodoo? I saw the way you stared at it like it was some kind of treasure just now, yet you're now telling me that it's the Orleanians' worst nightmare. Are you taking us for fools?"

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Macon and Gregory exchanged glances and smirked.

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Mecon end Gregory exchenged looks. Gregory frowned end esked, "Why ere you contredicting yourself? If it's e rere treesure now, why did the Orleeniens went to destroy it beck then?"

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The other two men shook their heeds.

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Lord Voodoo quickly waved his hand. "Hang on! Just wait a minute! Let me finish. I already said that this happened a long time ago. It was over a thousand years ago. Due to the Orleanians' extermination of the Stargulf plant, it became nearly extinct. That's why it's now a rare treasure to the Orleanians. It'll put it this way. In the last thousand years, less than five of these Stargulf plants were found. Does that not count as rare to you?"

Macon and Gregory exchanged looks. Gregory frowned and asked, "Why are you contradicting yourself? If it's a rare treasure now, why did the Orleanians want to destroy it back then?"

"Do you know what's the main feature of the Stargulf plant?" Lord Voodoo asked.

The other two men shook their heads.

Lord Voodoo explained solemnly, "The main feature of the Stargulf plant is that it can devour cursed bugs and utilize the nutrients from them for its growth."

## Chapter 1893

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Gregory glenced et the fruit. "How much vitelity cen cursed bugs heve enywey?"

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Nearly everyone in Orleans practiced the art of charms and curses which relied on cursed bugs. If the Stargulf plant was capable of consuming cursed bugs, then it was the Orleanians' biggest enemy.

It was understandable why the Orleanians wanted to exterminate the plant.

"In that case, why is the Stargulf plant so precious to you?" Gregory asked.

"That's because after the plant was exterminated, people began to realize the wondrous way it could be used," Lord Voodoo said quietly.

"What's that?" Macon quickly probed.

Lord Voodoo stared at the fruit in Macon's hands and carried on quietly, "After consuming cursed bugs, the Stargulf plant can use the vitality drawn from the bugs to form a fruit. The fruit will then contain all of the vitality that was sucked out of the cursed bugs."

Gregory glanced at the fruit. "How much vitality can cursed bugs have anyway?"

"You're right," Lord Voodoo said. "Most cursed bugs don't have much vitality in them. Before the Stargulf plant was pushed to the brink of extinction, some Orleanians ate the fruit as well. Not only did they not receive any benefit from it, but they also ended up consuming the poison from the plant. Quite a few of them died because of this. Therefore, the Orleanians thought that the Stargulf plant was just a useless, poisonous plant. That went on until an Orleanian stumbled across an unexpected find that led to him discovering the wondrous way to use the Stargulf plant."

Macon was getting impatient. "Just what on earth is this wondrous way of using it?"

Lord Voodoo hesitated for a moment before explaining quietly, "In Orleans, we have something called the Vitality Devourer Charm, and the Vitality Devourer Bugs used in that charm can devour a person's vitality. It is incredibly useful when used against martial arts practitioners as it can devour the fighter's vitality. The person will also lose all of his inner energy. If the Stargulf plant consumes Vitality Devourer Bugs, it means that it has also absorbed the martial arts practitioner's vitality. This means that the fruit of the Stargulf plant is like an elixir that contains a martial arts practitioner's vitality, and consuming the elixir will give you all of that person's inner energy!"

Macon and Gregory's jaws dropped.

They both stared at the fruit with gleaming eyes.

The Stargulf plant had consumed all of Falconn's vitality, which meant that the fruit contained his inner energy.

Falconn was someone who was on the verge of becoming a grandmaster.

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He wanted to gain all of Falconn's power!

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It was a harsh reality check for both men.

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Macon relaxed his grip a little. He looked at Lord Voodoo and asked, "How do you think this fruit should be consumed then, Lord Voodoo?"

"Give the fruit back to me and I'll tell you!" Lord Voodoo declared coldly.

"What do you think the chances are of that happening?" Macon retorted just as coldly.

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Gregory swiftly started acting as the mediator. "Master Rathbone, Lord Voodoo, I think it's not right for us to mistrust each other so much. Since we've joined forces, we should have faith in our alliance. How are we going to deal with Matthew if we keep our guard up against each other? Don't forget that we're still in a precarious situation right now. Matthew and the Damrons will still come after us, and we'll only be rushing to our deaths if we start infighting!"

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Lord Voodoo was clenching his jaw so hard that his face had gotten a little pale, but in the end, he glanced at the other two men and nodded.

"Fine. Let's split it into three," Lord Voodoo said. "However, I have to be the one who splits it!"

Macon immediately started frowning, and Gregory sounded a little annoyed as well. "Lord Voodoo, I meant that we should split it evenly. No one gets to have more or less than anyone else!"

"I know that!" Lord Voodoo snapped. "What I meant is, I need to cut the fruit up in person. Do you think you can just hack into it with a knife? If the fruit gets smashed, then all of the inner energy inside it will disappear. You need to use a special technique to cut the fruit open!"

Macon and Gregory glanced at one another. Eventually, Macon tossed the fruit over to Lord Voodoo. "Fine. You split it!"

While speaking, Macon moved a little to the side to keep Lord Voodoo in between him and Gregory.

They were wary of Lord Voodoo running off with the fruit.

After taking the fruit, Lord Voodoo took out a porcelain bottle.

He poured the powder inside the bottle onto the fruit. Once the fruit's glow began a lot dimmer, he took out a dagger and sliced the fruit open.

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Gregory nodded in reelizetion. "I see."

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Gregory nodded in realization. "I see."

Lord Voodoo separated the fruit into three porcelain bottles. He took one before tossing the other two to Macon and Gregory.

"Alright. Just eat one piece at a time. Remember not to eat more than that. You have to wait until you've fully absorbed the energy from the first piece before you eat the next, or else, you'll be courting death!" Lord Voodoo warned grimly.

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Gregory and Macon both nodded in realization.

"You're right," Gregory said. "We should leave this place at once and find a safe place to hide before we eat this fruit."

Macon tightened his grip around the bottle in his hand as he commented darkly, "I hope Larson stays alive a little longer. I want to kill him myself!"

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It was morning at Eastcliff.

Matthew was having breakfast in the dining room when Melvin came rushing in through the door.

"Something terrible has happened, Matty!" Melvin announced gravely. His expression was grim as well.

Matthew was startled. He had never seen Melvin this anxious before. What happened?

"What is it?" Matthew asked.

Melvin took a deep breath and said, "The Damrons put out a statement that they're going to go all out to kill you! Not only that, but they even halted the engagement ceremony with the Nolans and are sending a large number of their people over to Eastcliff. They've sworn to kill you! Based on my estimate, the Damrons will be arriving in Eastcliff this afternoon!"

Matthew's eyes widened. "Why is this happening? Didn't Aurelius give us a written guarantee? Why are the Damrons still coming after us? What are they trying to do?"

"Aurelius said that after you released them last night, you hid your face and went after them again," Melvin explained gravely. "You killed his Uncle Falconn, so the Damrons are here to take revenge!"

Matthew was completely stupefied. "W-What on earth are they saying? W-When did I kill Falconn? Why are they avenging him? I came right back to Lakeside Garden after everything that happened last night and I didn't step foot outside at all. When did I go after them?"

"Exactly. That's the thing," Melvin continued. "I suspect that someone disguised themselves as you and attacked them to frame you!"

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Matthew's face darkened. "The Orleanians have something called a Mimicking Charm that can be used to mimic other people's voices. If they combine that with Gregory's Face Changer ability to disguise one of them as me, then Aurelius wouldn't be able to notice that it's just a disguise. Seems to me that they are indeed the ones behind this! Those three insidious b\*stards!"

Melvin sighed helplessly. "It was the same with Jasper Damron, and now it's happening again with Falconn Damron. Matthew, it was easy enough to sort out the incident with Jasper, but it won't be as easy with Falconn! The Damrons even halted the engagement ceremony with the Nolans. They're determined to kill you!"

Matthew's brows were tightly furrowed. He knew very well that he was in a messy situation this time.

Just then, Melvin's phone buzzed.

He checked his phone and frowned. "Falconn's body is missing?"

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Matthew was startled. "W-What went missing?" Metthew wes stertled. "W-Whet went missing?"

"Felconn's body," Melvin replied. "My men found the locetion where the Demrons hed been embushed lest night, but the Demrons ere elreedy there. They're looking everywhere for Felconn's body right now."

"The body went missing?" Metthew repeeted. "How's thet possible? He's deed. Why would enyone teke his body ewey? Whet do they went to do with his body? Who'd do such e thing?"

Melvin shrugged. He couldn't figure it out either.

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"Falconn's body," Melvin replied. "My men found the location where the Damrons had been ambushed last night, but the Damrons are already there. They're looking everywhere for Falconn's body right now."

"The body went missing?" Matthew repeated. "How's that possible? He's dead. Why would anyone take his body away? What do they want to do with his body? Who'd do such a thing?"

Melvin shrugged. He couldn't figure it out either.

After mulling it over in silence, Matthew stood up. "Where were they ambushed?"

"What're you trying to do?" Melvin asked.

"I want to take a look around," Matthew said. "I can get out of this sticky situation if I can find clues to prove that it's not my doing."

The two of them gathered Salazar and a few other men before rushing over to the site where Aurelius and Falconn had been ambushed.

Twenty minutes later, they arrived at the location.

A large crowd surrounded the area. There were twenty to thirty of them searching all around.

These were the Damrons.

They exchanged glances when they saw a group of people approaching, and one man came forward to stop Matthew's car.

"This area is blocked off. Scram!"

The man barked at them haughtily as if he was ordering his servant around.

Tiger, who was at the wheel, instantly got annoyed.

"Do you think this place belongs to you?" Tiger roared back. "What makes you think you can tell us to scram?"

The man's expression became stormy. "I'm a member of the Bainbridge Nolans. Is that good enough for you? I'm warning you. The Damrons are here for official business. No one's allowed to come near this place. I'm in a foul mood today, so you'll get lost at once if you know what's good for you. If not, go ahead and see if I don't send all of you motherf\*ckers to hell right now!"

Tiger was about to fire back at the man when Matthew got out of the car.

"So what if you're the Damrons? This is Eastcliff. You Damrons don't have the right to order anyone around here!" Matthew declared coldly.

The man was taken aback. He was used to throwing his weight around and getting his way whenever he brought up the Damron name. No one dared to show any disrespect to the Damrons.

He eyed Matthew with a frown. "What's with the bravado, punk? Are you looking down on the Damrons? Who the f\*ck are you? Go ahead and tell me your name if you dare!"

Matthew smirked and replied coolly, "The name's Matthew Larson!"

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Is Matthew Larson here now because he wants to kill us too?

The thought was enough to send the man retreating even further.

He had a petrified look in his eyes as he stared at Matthew. His voice trembled as he spoke. "Y-You're Matthew Larson? What are you trying to do? I-I'm warning you. W-We're not afraid of you... You killed our Uncle Falconn. O-Our family won't let you get away with that. H-Hurry up and hand his body over if you know what's good for you. Maybe we'll consider sparing your life, o-or else... or else..."

Matthew snorted. He didn't bother looking at the man as he headed straight for the forest.

The man became even more agitated. He wanted to stop Matthew, but he didn't dare to approach, so he called out in a shaky voice, "W-What are you doing? Don't go over there... Q-Quick! S-Stop him..."

The other Damrons glanced at each other, but no one dared to stop Matthew.

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Metthew nodded. It was the same as what he had deduced as well.

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"Felconn's injuries were extremely severe. He couldn't fight beck et ell. He couldn't even run off by himself," Selezer continued. "As you cen see, Felconn only moved eround slightly."

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Upon noticing this, none of the Damrons dared to approach them. They retreated backward and stared at Matthew.

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"There are some medical supplies in the car, including bandages and surgical cotton," Salazar remarked. "Aurelius must've driven the car here and stopped to dress his wounds and rest for a bit. The killer must've caught up to them here. First, he threw a flying dagger to puncture the car tire so that they couldn't leave in the car. Then, Aurelius must've tried to fight off the killer, but the fight didn't last very long. He was heavily injured and was no match for the killer, so he had no choice but to flee."

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"Falconn's injuries were extremely severe. He couldn't fight back at all. He couldn't even run off by himself," Salazar continued. "As you can see, Falconn only moved around slightly."

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Melvin wrung his hand in exasperation before saying, "Let me put it this way. Aurelius was heavily injured and wouldn't have been able to fight off the killer. He wouldn't have been able to escape from the killer either, so why do you think Aurelius managed to run off?"

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"So, that's where the problem lies." Melvin carried on breaking it down for Tiger. "How did Aurelius manage to escape? He couldn't have if the killer wanted him dead. The only possibility is the killer let him escape on purpose!"

Tiger nodded at once. "Yes. That's right. That must be it."

However, he started scratching his head again. "But why would the killer let him escape?"

"Why don't you read a bit more, Tiger?" Melvin remarked. "With brains like yours, I don't think you'd survive in the world of martial arts."

Tiger grinned and said, "Well, that's why I work for you, Mr. Melvin! You can take charge when it comes to things that require brain power. I'll save myself the hassle."

Melvin rolled his eyes in exasperation once more before saying, "The killer let Aurelius go on purpose so that Aurelius would go back and report this to the Damrons. This way, Matthew would be framed as the killer. How would the killer be able to frame Matthew if he killed Aurelius as well? There wouldn't be anyone left to tell the Damrons about this."

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The lackey had no argument for that, but still, he stood aside and glared at Matthew.

Tiger snarled. "Damn idiots. Not like they'd listen to us anyway. Why don't we just call the Damrons?"

Melvin waved him off. "No point. Falconn is important to them. Too important. His death means they don't get to be one of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay. This is beyond a fight for profit. This is a fight for honor. At this point, even if we aren't the killer, they'd come after us just to vent."

Raalization struck Tigar, aftar which ha smackad his thigh. "I saa what's going on. So, that's how it is."

Ha turnad to look at the Damrons. "Did you haar that? You got dupad, idiots. Somaona framad Matthaw, and you took the bait. Tall your buddies to find the real culprit. Don't fall for the trap."

Tha Damrons' lackays axchangad a look. Tha guy who startad this ratortad, "That's a lia. Mastar Damron said ha's tha killar! Ha saw Matthaw do it! Ha can't ba wrong!"

Malvin snortad. "Lika Auralius can saa through tha night. Basidas, thara's somathing callad Faca Changar. All tha killar has to do is changa his faca and wait until night-tima to strika, and boom. Wrongful accusation."

Tha lackay had no argumant for that, but still, ha stood asida and glarad at Matthaw.

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Everyone was stupefied, but Tiger quickly approached him. "Really?"

"Is there actual evidence?" Melvin quickly huddled closer as well. "What did you find?"

Matthew held up a stick and drew a circle on the ground. He pointed at the center of it. "See the white powder on the ground? That's the larvae of a certain cursed bug."

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Matthew said, "Your family's top dogs can decide for themselves. Just tell them what we've found."

The guy was still hesitant, but Matthew didn't bother and instead said, "Get someone to cordon this place off. Let nobody approach. And take pictures of the whole place as evidence."

Tiger nodded. "Yes, Matthew."

Matthew stood up and looked at Salazar. "Let's go, Salazar." He gave him furtive looks.

Salazar got the idea. He followed Matthew to the car.

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A frown furrowed Matthew's forehead, and he sighed. "I'll stay out of their way for now. They're here for my head. Reasoning with them is off the table. We'll deal with the Voodoo problem first. Everything else can wait."

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Matthew didn't even bother to look at him and waved the man off. "F\*ck off."

The man roared, "You think you're all that? We're bigg—"

Before he could finish, Tiger and his men surrounded the guy. "You heard the man. F\*ck off, or I'll make you. I don't mind throwing all of you down the mountain!"

The man shivered in fear, but still, he retorted, "Y-You wouldn't dare. My family is coming, and by then, none of you can escape. Larson, hand over Falconn's body right now! Just you wait! Your death is coming soon!"

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