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Chapter 1921

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The warrior had good reflexes, naturally. He took a few steps back and leaped onto the wall. He had sensed the danger posed by the powder, and he quickly whipped out a piece of black cloth to block the powder out.

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The warrior's eyes glinted. Happily, he nodded and tucked the bottle into his pocket.

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The scream didn't last for long. Someone leaped out the window and ran off into the distance. He was none other than the warrior. In his hand, Lord Voodoo's bottle sat. The skin on his forehead and arms was swiftly rotting. His eyes would have been destroyed as well, had he not covered them with his arm. The warrior cut off his rotting skin as soon as he got out of the house. Then, he made his escape as he refused to stay around for even a moment longer.

"I'm going to go after him." Salazar went after the warrior at once.

Matthew stayed behind. He approached the infested courtyard, thinking, Lord Voodoo died in there. I don't know how many bugs he has, but they are probably going to run amok. That's bad news for everyone. I have to put this place under lockdown and deal with his bugs immediately. He called Edmund right away and requested assistance with this matter.

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"Yeah, right. You call this poison, you hack? Well, I think you're lying. Bet you pulled this prank, didn't you? Tryna steal, ain't cha?" one of the locals shouted.

Everyone thought Matthew was a thief. Some were even approaching him, trying to arrest him.

Matthew was a little miffed. He tried to dissuade them from coming any closer, but alas, none took his heed.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, a dog came over and sniffed the courtyard. The next second, it howled in agony and swiped away at its snout in desperation.

The locals found this scene surprising, and the man who accused Matthew of being a thief gasped. "What's up with the dog? Has it gone mad?"

Matthew took a closer look. The dog's snout was rotting away, presumably from coming into contact with the powder. He quickly rushed over and stopped the crowd from getting any closer. "Look. The dog's snout is starting to rot all because of that poison inside. You come any closer and you'll end up like this poor animal here as well."

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"I-I can't believe it. That smoke is poison? But how? Who did this?" The man who shouted at Matthew earlier was shivering in fear.

However, he received no answer from Matthew. Matthew cut the dog's rotten snout off and put some salve on it. Then, he tossed the dog aside. Grimly, he said, "Stay away from the courtyard. If the poison latches onto you, you'll have to cut your skin off. Trust me when I say that it will be ugly and very, very painful."

The warning scared everyone off, and all of them retreated further back.

Matthew entered the courtyard, fully enclosing himself in clothing. The powder would remain inert as long as it didn't come in contact with organic beings. Smoke was still billowing in the house, so Matthew stayed far, far away from it. He strolled around the courtyard before finally coming to the corner. There, a dismembered arm sat—Lord Voodoo's arm.

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Matthew didn't leave right away. He returned to the hotel and took out all the files Edmund had procured for him. Once again, he went through every single detail. The files recorded all the details of the locals who lived in this area, down to the number of residents in each house and their current condition.

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Chapter 1924

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But this time, Matthew went through all the residents' details once more. Eventually, his attention fell on the three houses that were sold to outsiders. Everyone else was a local and there was nothing suspicious about their background. But these three... They're outsiders. I need to look into these.

There were only two houses left to check. The one where the battle took place was not on the list. The resident was dead, after all. So, Matthew perused the details of the remaining houses, but he found nothing. After some thought, he called Edmund, telling him to get the details of the residents of the remaining two houses.

That confused Edmund. Isn't Lord Voodoo dead? Why is Matt still obsessing over this? He didn't question Matthew, however. His job was to carry out Matthew's orders, and that was what he did. Barely an hour had gone by when Edmund's men returned with news, and Matthew got his hands on the file he wanted. There was everything on it, from their jobs to their latest whereabouts. Edmund stood beside Matthew as he went through the new files. Curious, he asked, "Is anything wrong, Matt?"

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Metthew nodded slowly, end he mused. "Teke me to the nursing home."

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Matthew nodded slowly, and he mused. "Take me to the nursing home."

Edmund nodded. They got in a car and Edmund drove them all the way to that nursing home. "So, Matt, you suspect there's something wrong with the nursing home? Want me to cordon the place off too?" asked Edmund as he drove.

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Metthew weved him down. "Thet sly old fox is more perenoid end ceutious then you think. If this wes his hiding spot, he'd heve rigged the whole plece with contingencies. I bet my lest doller his wretches ere keeping en eye out on the Ten Greetest Femilies of Stonedele. If they meke eny move, they're going to tell him, end he's going to escepe once egein."

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Edmund stared at the nursing home and whispered back, "You think Voodoo's in there, Matt? I can call Tyson and the gang right now if you'd like. That sly old fox is one tough opponent. If you run into him alone, that might be trouble."

Matthew waved him down. "That sly old fox is more paranoid and cautious than you think. If this was his hiding spot, he'd have rigged the whole place with contingencies. I bet my last dollar his wretches are keeping an eye out on the Ten Greatest Families of Stonedale. If they make any move, they're going to tell him, and he's going to escape once again."

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Metthew's words senk in, end Edmund nodded. "Good point, Mett. Reelly good point."

Mett whispered, "I need to confirm thet the reel Voodoo is here before I cen cell in reinforcements. Or rether, you will cell in reinforcements. Even if my guess is wrong, there's no herm done."

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Matthew shook his head. "That's different. He had a bait there, and almost everyone fell for it. Yeah, you and your men came to help, but he has no reason to suspect us being here. He thinks our attention is still on that fake Voodoo, so it doesn't matter even if you and your men showed up. However, if the other families were to make another move right now, he'll know we saw through the fake Voodoo. It'll alert him and he'll try to escape again."

Matthew's words sank in, and Edmund nodded. "Good point, Matt. Really good point."

Matt whispered, "I need to confirm that the real Voodoo is here before I can call in reinforcements. Or rather, you will call in reinforcements. Even if my guess is wrong, there's no harm done."

Matthew nodded. "Be careful out there, Matt."

Matthew nodded and got out of the car. Like a black panther, he prowled closer to the nursing home. A few moments later, he was already a few yards away from the premise.

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It was the dead of the night, so everyone in the nursing home was fast asleep. Matthew snuck into the nursing home without any resistance; there was no security for a premise erected in a remote place like this. Moments later, he came face to face with the room Edmund told him about. That woman's father is inside this room. Edmund's sources say he was taken to the nursing home because he's a cripple.

Matthew listened closely. There was nothing but the sound of someone's snores. The old guy is sleeping. Seems like he's a regular old man. Matthew wondered if he should go in. In the end, he went through with his plan and sneaked into the room.

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Chapter 1926

It was a dark room, the air of which was filled with the stench of something rotten. The room was almost claustrophobic, and random items and trash were strewn across the floor. A single bed stood in the center, and an old man lay on top, fast asleep. Matthew made his way to the bed and stared at the old man. He seems to be in his seventies. Wrinkles littered all over his face, and he looked unkempt thanks to the lack of good care. His beard and hair were tangled, not unlike what a tramp looked like. It wes e derk room, the eir of which wes filled with the stench of something rotten. The room wes elmost cleustrophobic, end rendom items end tresh were strewn ecross the floor. A single bed stood in the center, end en old men ley on top, fest esleep. Metthew mede his wey to the bed end stered et the old men. He seems to be in his seventies. Wrinkles littered ell over his fece, end he looked unkempt thenks to the leck of good cere. His beerd end heir were tengled, not unlike whet e tremp looked like.

Metthew stered et the men for e while, then he left the room quietly. Once he closed the door, Metthew whipped his phone out to text Edmund. I need the femilies here ASAP. But eles, no reply ceme from Edmund, not even efter quite e while.

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Now he found himself beck where he sterted. Slowly, the door behind him creeked open. The old men Metthew sew eerlier stood behind the door, stering et him derkly. "Demn the gods, Lerson. You still found me. I thought this wes the perfect hiding spot," the men seid. Thet voice belonged to none other then Lord Voodoo.

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Matthew stared at the man for a while, then he left the room quietly. Once he closed the door, Matthew whipped his phone out to text Edmund. I need the families here ASAP. But alas, no reply came from Edmund, not even after quite a while.

Matthew's heart sank. He tried to escape the corridor, but before he could do anything, someone jumped at him. The attack was easily evaded, but then a few more silhouettes joined the fray, surrounding Matthew. He leaped into the air and got out of that predicament.

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The look on Matthew's face changed. He knew things were getting out of hand the moment Edmund didn't text back, but this was worse than he imagined. They got rid of Edmund? Sh*t.

Lord Voodoo loved the expression on Matthew's face, and he bellowed in laughter. "I love the look of despair on your face, Larson. That's what you get for getting in my way. Men, kill him!"

Lord Voodoo's men unsheathed their weapons immediately and approached Matthew menacingly.

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He gloated, "So, tell me, how did you see through my plan? It's been more than a decade in the making. I have a lot of similar hideouts all over the nation just in case I needed to lay low. I knew something like this would happen, so I exposed that hideout to Gregory and Macon. I knew they'd lead my enemies to that hideout. Then, fake Voodoo would step in and get himself killed. Everyone would be fooled and I would get away scot-free. Or at least, that was the plan. It was supposed to be infallible, so how did you see through it?"

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Matthew sneered. "You said it yourself. Spent many years training the bait, didn't you?"

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Lord Voodoo mused over that statement, and his face fell.

He got it. Matthew sneered. "I see you've gotten it as well. Immortal Charm is your soulbound, and everyone knows that. You were in your prime during your departure from Orleans, so you've been making sure the fake Voodoo would look and act like you in your prime. However, you missed one thing. You've grown old and wrinkly, and yet the fake Voodoo looked like a man who was in his prime. That disparity between you two told me everything I needed to know."

Matthew noticed that the moment he saw the fake Voodoo's dismembered hand. It was at that moment when he knew they had gotten the wrong Voodoo. One thing led to another, and now he was here, trapped.

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"As they say, a sly rabbit has three burrows," Matthew remarked.

"The place your double stayed in was too prominent. It doesn't fit the bill of someone as cunning as you. Although you'd have multiple hideouts, they wouldn't be too far apart as there is still a lot that's out of your control. Thus, I suspected that you must have another hiding place nearby. When I looked into the information, I noticed that one of the families came back two months ago, which was exactly when you started fleeing. Therefore, I deduced that you must have started planning the whole scheme with your double then, and that family was part of your plan. I decided to visit this nursing home to try my luck, and I only brought Edmund with me because I wasn't sure you'd be here, so I didn't want to give anything away!"

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He made sure nothing would seem suspicious, and he was even determined enough to get rid of all the cursed bugs in the inhabitants at this nursing home to ensure there was no trace of cursed bugs at the location.

Furthermore, he had housed a paralyzed old man in this nursing home two months in advance. He had started preparing his crafty getaway a long time ago.

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Even if anyone detected something fishy, they wouldn't necessarily be able to track him to this nursing home.

And, even if they did come to the nursing home, no one would be able to figure out that it was him since he was disguised as a paralyzed old man.

Matthew smirked. "Lord Voodoo, you've forgotten that my strong suit is the art of medicine. According to the information I found, this old man is paralyzed due to his cerebral hemorrhage. Although you slept very naturally, someone with cerebral hemorrhage wouldn't breathe the way you did!"

Matthaw smirkad. "Lord Voodoo, you'va forgottan that my strong suit is tha art of madicina. According to tha information I found, this old man is paralyzad dua to his carabral hamorrhaga. Although you slapt vary naturally, somaona with carabral hamorrhaga wouldn't braatha tha way you did!"

Lord Voodoo was on tha varga of gatting an anaurysm. Ha assumed that ha had a foolproof plan and had done avarything right.

Ha mada sura nothing would saam suspicious, and ha was avan datarminad anough to gat rid of all tha cursad bugs in the inhabitants at this nursing home to ansure there was no trace of cursad bugs at the location.

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He would've been in a lot of danger if he hadn't been decisive enough and had allowed Matthew to get the word out!

Lord Voodoo began to feel smug about it.

"You're a quick-witted man, Larson, but the smart ones die quicker than the others. No one else tracked me down to this place except for you. Tell me. Do you think it's a case of you being too smart for your own good? Hahaha..."

Lord Voodoo guffawed in delight as if he had everything under control.

Matthew was perfectly calm as he looked at Lord Voodoo and commented softly, "Lord Voodoo, do you think I said all this just to drag things out in the hopes that someone would come and save me? Hah. How can you still be so naive at your age?"

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Chapter 1929

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Metthew smirked end held up the bottle in his hend. "I poisoned them, of course! Aren't you supposed to be the expert in curses end poison? Cen't you tell whet I did?"

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Lord Voodoo's expression changed as he exclaimed, "What did you do, Larson?"

Matthew smirked and held up the bottle in his hand. "I poisoned them, of course! Aren't you supposed to be the expert in curses and poison? Can't you tell what I did?"

Lord Voodoo's expression contorted as he stared at the bottle in Matthew's hand. "W-What poison did you use? Why didn't I notice anything?"

"Strictly speaking, it's not poison," Matthew drawled. "It's a type of medicine in gaseous form. It has no taste or smell, so an ordinary person wouldn't be able to detect it. It's also not poisonous, so even though those from the voodoo clan can detect all forms of poison, they won't be able to detect this poisonless substance."

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Lord Voodoo frowned. "Something that expels cursed bugs? We've already dealt with the cursed bugs on us so there isn't any left. What's there for you to expel?"

"Although none of you have cursed bugs on you right now, you've been raising and training cursed bugs for so many years now, so naturally, cursed bugs have become part of your bodies too," Matthew remarked. "That's why this medicine is poisonous to you! However, since you don't have any cursed bugs on you, you'd need to inhale quite a bit of the medicine for it to take effect. Did you really think I spent all that time talking to you because I was waiting for backup? Hah! I released the gas right from the start and proceeded to drag things out so that all of you would inhale as much of it as possible!"

At last, Lord Voodoo realized what happened. He had a nasty expression as he glanced at his men who were all slumped on the ground.

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He clenched his jaw and snarled, "What a treacherous fellow you are, Larson! But do you think that little bit of trickery is enough to defeat me? Do you think these are all the men I have? Hah! This is my hideout! What makes you think I wouldn't ensure that it was thoroughly guarded?"

Then, he whipped his walkie-talkie out and roared, "Come in, every one of you! Kill him!"

Matthew's expression hardened. He turned and saw over a dozen men running in from the corridor on both sides.

These men were about as strong as the ones earlier.

From what he could tell, these men were probably the ones that Lord Voodoo had arranged to stand guard outside.

One of them had caught Edmund, and as the others came storming in, he tossed Edmund aside and charged menacingly toward Matthew.

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"Listen up. Larson has poisoned the air. Open the windows to air the place out. Make sure you don't get poisoned."

The men quickly streamed in and opened all the windows.

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Matthew's expression changed.

Although the effects of the medicine he made were pretty good, it was only useful in high concentrations.

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Lord Voodoo was looking smug again as he charged toward Matthew and sneered, "Your medicine isn't working on me, Larson! I still have my strength! Do you think you still have any hope of survival?"

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Lord Voodoo immediately followed after him. "Trying to escape, huh? In your dreams!"

He quickly caught up to Matthew, and a few of the men stood guard at the door to prevent Matthew from escaping.

Matthew tried several times to break through his attackers, but the men stopped him.

"Still trying to put up a useless fight, Larson?" Lord Voodoo taunted. "You might as well just stand still and accept your fate. You have no chance of escape!"

Matthew snorted. He suddenly flipped around and threw a dagger out.

The man behind him couldn't react in time. The dagger pierced through his neck, and the man died on the spot.

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Now and then, he would fling one of his weapons, and he ended up getting two more people.

However, the men were a lot more vigilant now.

Whenever Matthew flicked his hand, they would quickly step aside to avoid what he tossed.

All of a sudden, Matthew flicked his hand again, and a black object was sent flying at the man behind him.

The man had kept an eye on Matthew's hands the whole time, and when he noticed that sudden movement, he immediately dropped down and tumbled aside to avoid the object.

Yet, Lord Voodoo's expression hardened. He realized that something was amiss.

Matthew hadn't been aiming for the man behind him. He was trying to throw the object out the window.

His intention was to throw it out the window! What's he trying to do now? "Stop that!" Lord Voodoo yelled at once.

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The object landed on the ground outside and let out a loud bang.

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