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“Kai, stop trying. Stop what you’re doing,” Josephine persuaded Kai. If he continued his attempts, he would be crushed to death by the damage recoil of the arcane array.

“I’ll try one more time. Just one more time.” He gently touched the prison door again, causing the arcane array to shine brightly. This time, he shut his eyes and felt the mechanics of the arcane array with his heart.

Just like that, he immersed himself in the experience in silence for over ten minutes. He abruptly opened his eyes and unleashed his skill, enveloping his right fist with dazzling light.

“Sacred Light Fist!”

He took a deep breath and swung a ferocious punch. Boom! Following the loud bang, the arcane array began shuddering after being hit by Kai’s Sacred Light Fist. Kai was delighted to see that.

He didn’t dare to hesitate further and thrust another punch. Thump! Thump! Thump! After he swung over ten punches consecutively, his fists became covered in blood.

Finally, the arcane array couldn’t sustain any more impact and collapsed. Kai hastily opened the prison door and dashed inward to hug Josephine. The two held each other tightly as if no one was watching.

He could clearly feel her body’s warmth, so he didn’t believe in Jessica’s claim that the current Josephine was just a projection. She won’t feel so real if she’s just an illusion.

Kai and Josephine embraced each other for a long time. At that moment, his eyes were red. He had waited too long and sacrificed too much for that moment.

Tears brimmed in Lizbeth’s eyes as well. She hugged Josephine and chatted with her. Everyone seemed to have endless things to say at that instant.

Rumble! Suddenly, the entire dungeon shook violently as if it was about to cave in. “The dungeon is collapsing. Hurry up and go out!” After saying that, Jessica hastened to leave the dungeon.

Everyone else quickly followed behind her to escape. Kai grasped Josephine’s hand, unwilling to let go of her even for a second. After they got out of the dungeon, it caved in behind them. Even the fake mountain crumbled along with it.

The dungeon's collapse was also a sign that the Warriors Alliance was about to become history. Kai sighed at the sight of the dungeon in ruins.

Ms. Zimmerman, I hope our collaboration can be built on trust. Now that my girlfriend is here, what you mentioned about her being a projection is not true, right?" Kai asked Jessica.

Jessica smiled faintly. "You should hurry up and tell your girlfriend whatever you have to say. She left the arcane array, so she won't be able to stay very long with us."

"What's that nonsense?" Kai glowered at Jessica. At that moment, Josephine suddenly shrieked, "My legs! My legs!"

She stared at her legs and screamed because they were slowly vanishing. Kai was dumbfounded when he saw that. Everyone else was also similarly astounded.

Only Jessica remained unfazed. She seemed to have known that would be the outcome long ago. Unable to believe Josephine was gradually disappearing, Kai desperately grabbed her hands.

He tried his best to channel his spiritual energy into her, but his effort was for naught, as he couldn't stop Josephine from fading away. "No, I won't let you leave. No way."

He held her hands tightly and mustered his aura. Kai swung his arm with all his might, creating a new space. The new space was commonly known as a secret realm.

However, Kai was yet to be equipped with the ability to gain control over the space-time rift. He had merely accidentally created that when he lost control of his emotions.

The rift vanished after a short while. Realizing he couldn't stop Josephine from disappearing, Kai turned to look at Jessica.

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He stepped forward and begged, "Ms. Zimmerman, I can agree to all Demon Sect's requests as long as you can stop my girlfriend from disappearing now. I'll give you anything you want."

However, Jessica shook her head. "No one can stop that because she doesn't belong to this world. I've mentioned that she's just a projection. If you stop your girlfriend from vanishing now, what will happen to her physical body? Do you wish to have two identical girlfriends when her physical body returns? Do you think that is possible?" she explained, wanting him to stop wasting his effort.

Kai didn't have to do all that since that was just a projection of Josephine's consciousness. "No. I can't let her leave." Sensing Jessica's inability to salvage the situation, Kai could only turn around and embrace Josephine.

He wanted to use that method to prevent Josephine from disappearing. Still, that was a futile attempt.

"Kai, don't be like this. I'm not dying or fading away permanently. If I'm really just an illusion, you should let go of me. You need to pull yourself together to rescue my physical form. That should be your priority, no?"

Josephine caressed his cheeks. Kai grasped her hands and said, "I promise. I promise I'll save you at all costs." Josephine smiled at him and gradually vanished into nothingness.

Not a hint of her aura remained. It was as if she had never existed. Kai stood there in a daze, staring at the blank space in front of him without moving an inch.

Everyone left one after the other upon seeing that, not wanting to disturb him. Just like that, he stood in the same spot for three whole days. Three days later, his eyes glinted once again..

He knew Josephine was right. He had to pull himself together because she was still waiting. for him to rescue her. Kai went to meet with Jessica. "I'll follow you to Demon Sect, but you must promise me to help save my girlfriend."

"Don't worry about that. We know very well where your girlfriend is confined," Jessica chirped. Kai narrowed his eyes while taking in her demeanor. "Who exactly are you? Why do you know so much about the Warriors Alliance?"

Could Demon Sect be the mastermind of the Warriors Alliance?" He felt Jessica had a very good understanding of the force behind the Warriors Alliance, as she even knew where Josephine was being incarcerated.

Jessica grinned. "Do we need to try so hard to cooperate with you if we are the mastermind of the Warriors Alliance? I know you have plenty of doubts, but the authority bestowed upon me is limited, so I can't divulge too much information to you.

However, there is something I can tell you. The force manipulating the Warriors Alliance from behind the scenes is also a formidable sect. They are also a demonic sect. That is why we have a clear idea about the Warriors Alliance's tactics. Our Demon Sect is also adept at creating an arcane array that can produce a projection as real and convincing as your girlfriend's.

The reason is that we came from the same origin. Do you understand what I'm saying? That is all I know. If you wish to learn the details, you'll have to discuss further with our sect leader in person."

"The same origin?" Kai was slightly baffled. "Why are you collaborating with me and helping me if you share the same origin? Isn't that equivalent to an internal conflict?"

Jessica guffawed. "You're so naïve. Everything else is irrelevant in the face of personal gains." Kai was stumped after hearing that. In today's society, even biological siblings and father and son would scheme to murder one another for benefits, not to mention sects sharing the same origin.

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In the end, Kai decided not to stay in Jadeborough and promptly left for Demon Sect with Jessica. Alas, Flaxseed was so worried about the former snatching the love of his life that he insisted on tagging along. Left with no other choice, Kai acceded to his request.

Then again, it wasn't entirely a bad idea to have Flaxseed with them. After all, the man knew his way around and could provide support when needed.

With that, the trio hopped onto a plane and headed straight to Norham, a small border city. Whether it was intentional or fate, Flaxseed found himself sitting right beside Jessica, which made him giddy with joy.

Jessica, on the other hand, silently seethed with resentment. As frustrated as she was, she could only glare at Flaxseed whenever she caught him checking her out or trying any hanky-panky.

She couldn't possibly start a fight on the plane, could she? Flaxseed was Kai's friend. Jessica didn't want to jeopardize Demon Sect's partnership with the latter by offending either man.

Despite the drama unfolding around him, Kai merely closed his eyes and feigned ignorance. Thankfully, Flaxseed's constant harassment had caught the eye of a young man seated nearby.

In fact, the man had set his sights on Jessica ever since he boarded the plane, but the more he saw her being harassed by an old pervert like Flaxseed, the more it aggravated him.

The young man stood up and approached Flaxseed. "Hey, old geezer, let's change seats..."

"I don't want to," Flaxseed scoffed before smugly placing his hand on Jessica's thigh. A jealous glint instantly flashed across the young man's eyes.

"I'll pay you ten thousand to change seats with me, old geezer," he said as he threw a wad of cash onto Flaxseed's lap. Flaxseed didn't even bother looking at the money. "I said I don't want to..."

The young man was so frustrated that he grabbed Flaxseed's collar. "You'd better wise up, old geezer! Do you know who I am? I'm Kayson Zagorski, the eldest son of Norham's Zagorski family. Give up your seat if you know what's good for you! Otherwise, I'll make you suffer once we're off the plane..."

Flaxseed was unfazed, for he even broke into a smile. "Say, are you jealous? Do you want to cop a feel too?" Kayson immediately froze as a blush of shame crept up his face. "W-What a load of bullsh*t! !

couldn't stand how you were getting handsy with this lady. You're bullying her!"

"Who's bullying her? What business is it of yours if I want to touch my wife?" Flaxseed retorted, smirking as he continued to caress Jessica's thigh.

The woman, however, was impassive and motionless. Needless to say, Kayson was stunned. Oh, my goodness. I can't believe they're husband and wife...

Before he could say anything else, a flight attendant politely approached him. "Sir, please return to your seat. It's dangerous to walk about when we're still in flight."

Upon hearing that, Kayson begrudgingly loosened his grip on Flaxseed and stormed back to his seat. Just as Kayson turned around, Flaxseed swiftly fished a charm out of his pocket and stuck it onto the young man's back.

Unsurprisingly, everything happened so fast that Kayson was oblivious to it all. He glared at Flaxseed after sitting down in a huff, but the latter couldn't care less.

Seconds later, Kayson began to feel an itch spreading across his entire body. It felt as if thousands of bugs were crawling on him, and the sensation was utterly horrible.

His face quickly twisted into a grimace, and no matter how much he scratched himself, he couldn't get any relief. "Argh! The itch is killing me..."

Eventually, Kayson was so desperate to see if there were any bugs on his body that he started taking his clothes off. With such crazy antics on full display, it didn't take long before the other passengers started chattering away.

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One of the flight attendants soon hurried over to stop Kayson. "Sir, we're on a plane. What do you think you're doing?" Unfortunately, Kayson felt so much discomfort that he couldn't be bothered about decorum.

He pushed the flight attendant away and continued stripping and rubbing himself against the seat. As one would expect, the other passengers were dumbfounded.

To Kayson's surprise, the itch suddenly disappeared when he took his pants off. That was also when he noticed the charm stuck to the back of it.

A fresh swell of rage instantly rose in Kayson as he shot Flaxseed a menacing glare. There was no doubt the latter was the one behind it.

"Ha! Who knew that old geezer would turn out to be a charm master? I'll skin him alive once we get off the plane..." Kayson said through gritted teeth before putting his clothes back on. Flaxseed remained unperturbed and merely looked at Kayson in amusement.

Seeing how cocky the old man was, Jessica finally broke her silence. "You're going to be in a lot of trouble for messing with the Zagorskis' eldest son..." "Oh? Do you know him?"

"Everyone in Norham knows him!" Jessica scoffed. "His father, Austin Zagorski, is the mayor of the city. To put it simply, their family runs the entire place..."

Flaxseed listened in utter disbelief, and even Kai couldn't help but open his eyes in surprise. "Is that still allowed these days? Aren't they just calling themselves king? Why isn't anyone stepping in to do something?" Kai asked.

Ridiculous! How are people in this day and age still able to take over a city and proclaim themselves the leader? "A border city like Norham is considered a lawless land.

There's a power vacuum because nobody can spare the time to govern it," Jessica explained. "The Zagorskis have been working and living in the city for years, so it was just a matter of time before Austin became the mayor."

Flaxseed couldn't help but cast another glance at Kayson. "Damn... Who knew that kid had such a powerful father?" "But isn't it rather pathetic that a son of a city mayor is only a Martial Arts Marquis?" Kai commented.

I'm pretty sure Kayson Zagorski's skills aren't any higher than that of a Martial Arts Marquis. How is that befitting of a powerful family? "Well, small border cities are likely low on resources. It's impressive enough that he even managed to be a Martial Arts Marquis."

Upon hearing Flaxseed's reasoning, Kai nodded. "Yes. You have a point!" "You're both wrong," Jessica muttered. "Norham may be a small border city, but can you imagine how powerful the Zagorski family must be to control the entire area?"

Moreover, I heard Austin had seized the city's resources for his own cultivation. Do you honestly think the Zagorskis lack anything?" Kai and Flaxseed were stunned.

I can't believe they robbed the city of its resources for themselves! In that case, there's no doubt the Zagorski family is steeped in wealth and power!

"Ha! Kayson Zagorski sure is a piece of trash, then. His family has no lack of resources, yet he's only a Martial Arts Marquis..." Flaxseed said with a smirk.

"I think you ought to rein yourself in, Mr. Flaxseed," Kai warned. "Even if Kayson is nothing more than a Martial Arts Marquis, you'd still be at his mercy when you stepped into his territory."

Gosh. Flaxseed really should keep a low profile. We're going to Norham to discuss our collaboration with Demon Sect and devise a plan to rescue Josephine. We're not there to start a fight!

Just then, a question popped into Kai's head. "Ms. Zimmerman, since the entire Norham belongs to the Zagorski family, doesn't Demon Sect also fall under their control?"

After all, how could anyone stand having another family or sect invade their territory? Jessica chuckled wryly. "Demon Sect resides in the secret realm. What has that got to do with the Zagorski family?"