

## The Mans Decree Chapter 2816 -

“Hmph! I’m leaving now. I don’t want to be embarrassed when you fail!” Pearl scoffed before exiting the room. After all, she was the one who brought Kai there. She’d be embarrassed if he blew up the crucible by performing alchemy with it.

She left without sparing another glance at Kai. She was absolutely convinced that Kai couldn’t create a Fifth Level Top Tier pill with a crucible. After she departed, Kai picked up the crucible and started producing the pill.

Just as Pearl left the room, she ran into Roderick, who put a smile on her face. “What are you doing here, Roderick? Do you have a friend who’s taking the assessment as well?”

“No. I’m here specifically for you,” said Roderick. “Me? What do you want from me?” Pearl was excited.

“Can’t I meet with you for no reason?” Roderick smiled. Upon seeing his smile, Pearl felt as though her heart was going to melt. “Of course you can meet me whenever you want, Roderick!”

“Oh yeah, didn’t you bring Kai here for an assessment? How is that going?”

“Ugh, don’t bring him up. The guy overestimates his abilities. He’s here for the Fifth Level Top Tier test. He was lucky enough to pass the first stage and is now being assessed for, the second stage. He’s such a bragger. Instead of using a pill cauldron, he’s using a crucible to produce a Fifth Level Top Tier pill. Can you believe that? I didn’t want to be laughed at by others, so I left.”

“He’s using a crucible to create a Fifth Level Top Tier pill?” Roderick furrowed his eyebrows. “Which room is he in? Take me to him. I want to see if he can pull it off.”

“Of course he can’t, Roderick! Whether in terms of strength or alchemical skills, he’s no match for you.” If Kai heard that, he probably would fly off the handle again. “Maybe he can actually pull it off. Take me to: him.” Roderick smiled. Pearl nodded. “All right.”

Roderick held her hand and followed her to the alchemy room. Pearl blushed like a schoolgirl with excitement written all over her face. She brought

Roderick to the room, and they saw Kai calmly producing a pill. The examiner glanced at the duo wordlessly.

Roderick fixed his gaze on Kai, whose eyes were slightly closed. The crucible sitting before Kai was burning with spiritual fire inside and releasing green smoke.

Not too far from Kai was a half-burned candle. Kai would fail the assessment if he couldn't successfully produce a Fifth Level Top Tier pill before the candle burned out.

"See that, Roderick? He still hasn't made substantial progress after wasting half his time. Not only that, green smoke is pouring out of the crucible. There's no way he's going to succeed." Pearl looked at Kai's crucible with: disdain.

Instead of speaking, Roderick stared fixedly at Kai. The room fell into silence as the seconds ticked by. The candle was about to burn completely. when the crucible in front of Kai exploded. Following that, white smoke rose from the crucible.

"Be careful, Roderick!" Pearl protected Roderick with her body. The examiner also hurriedly stepped back, his face filled with anger.

They believed that Kai must have failed since the crucible had exploded. After the white smoke dissipated, Pearl examined Roderick with worry. "Are you all right, Roderick?"

"I'm fine," said Roderick.

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Pearl turned around, looking at Kai who had already stood up. "Why did you have to brag and use a crucible, huh? Luckily it didn't hurt Roderick. Otherwise, I'll make sure you pay for it." Kai was displeased to hear that. However, for Gregory's sake, he suppressed his displeasure in his heart..

"Well, your test is over since the crucible exploded and you didn't produce any pill. A young man like you should cultivate earnestly instead of bragging." The examiner frowned.

After all, he was the one who had agreed to let Kai produce a pill with the crucible. He couldn't afford to bear the responsibility for the exploded object.

“Who said I fail?” Kai smiled faintly. “The crucible exploded. Does that not count as a failure?” the examiner asked.

“Of course not!” Kai opened his hand, revealing a green Fifth Level Top Tier pill on his palm. The thick scent of the pill flooded the room. Everyone was startled as they stared at the pill in his hand.

After a long while, the examiner snapped back to his senses. “Let me check if it’s a Fifth Level Top Tier pill.” Kai tossed the pill to the examiner, allowing him to inspect it.

Soon, the examiner widened his eyes in shock. “This... This is a perfect Fifth Level Top Tier pill! How is the creation of a flawless Fifth Level Top Tier pill achievable in such a short time? I can’t believe it!”

“What? It’s not a semi-finished pill?” Pearl was taken aback, too. Roderick’s face turned grim as he knitted his eyebrows.

He couldn’t believe that Kai had successfully created a perfect Fifth Level Top Tier pill in such a short amount of time. Even he couldn’t accomplish that absurd feat in that timeframe.

Additionally, Kai had used a crucible, not a pill cauldron. If he had used a pill cauldron, he could’ve created the pill even faster.

At that moment, Roderick’s pupils constricted. If Kai also participates in the Alchemist Fair, he’ll most likely lose the chance to take the top spot!

“He... He actually made a flawless Fifth Level Top Tier pill, Roderick! It’s unbelievable!” Pearl spoke as she held the pill Kai had created. Roderick snapped back to his senses and inspected the pill, too. Indeed, the pill is impeccable.

“Does this mean that I’ve passed the test?” asked Kai. “Yes, of course.” The examiner nodded. “I’ll contact the others to prepare your certificate right now!”

Kai gave Pearl a smirk before leaving the room. Pearl had been looking down on Kai, but he had proven to her that her assumptions were wrong.

“Why’s he acting all arrogant? He only passed the Fifth Level Top Tier exam. I bet you can also pass if you take the same test, Roderick!” she scoffed while staring at Kai.

Roderic remained silent. He could also pass the test because his alchemical ability had reached beyond Fifth Level Top Tier. The only reason he wasn't considered a Fifth Level Top Tier alchemist was because he didn't take another exam.

He didn't take the exam in time because he wanted to act weaker than he really was. At that moment, he was still shocked by Kai's performance. Not only did Kai pass the test, but he did it with flying colors.

The fact that Kai could produce a Fifth Level Top Tier pill in the time it took for a candle to burn out was absurd. Roderick knew that there was no way for him to pull that off, much less make one that was perfect.

Yet, Kai could.

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"Ms. Pearl, aren't you coming out?" Kai shouted when he realized that Pearl was still inside after he had stepped out of the alchemy room. "Stop yelling. I'm coming," Pearl said, her eyes fixed on Roderick.

Finally, she stepped out of the alchemy room. Pearl knew that if she didn't follow Kai back, she would be punished by Gregory.

"Pearl, can't you stay a little longer? I just want to spend more time with you," Roderick said. His voice, filled with longing, stopped Pearl in her tracks, and he suddenly reached out to grab her hand. "Roderick, I don't want to leave either, but if I don't return, my master will punish me," Pearl said, looking troubled.

"Pearl, do you know how much I've missed you these past few days?" Roderick said, his face filled with anticipation. "Can't you stay with me. a little longer?"

As Pearl looked into Roderick's pleading eyes, her heart melted. She nodded and said, "All right, I'll stay with you a little longer."

Roderick's face lit up. Happiness enveloped him as he clasped Pearl's hand as if fearing she might vanish. "Kai, you head back first. I'll stay a while longer, Pearl said. Kai merely glanced at Pearl before turning to leave.

He could see that Roderick felt nothing for Pearl. Roderick was only playing games with her. However, Pearl was oblivious to it and was still being deceived by Roderick. As for why Roderick was doing this, Kai didn't know, nor did he care to find out.

It didn't concern him if Pearl was beguiled. He only had to ensure his own women were loyal to him. He couldn't care less about other women.

After Kai departed, Roderick led Pearl away. Outside the evaluation site, he looked deeply into her eyes and asked, "Pearl, do you know anything about this Kai guy?"

Pearl shook her head. "I don't know much. I only know that he's from Emerald Cauldron Sect. My master said Kai saved him from Demonic Cultivators one time while my master was traveling. Otherwise, why would I take him here. to the evaluation site? He looks really annoying at first glance."

Roderick's face turned solemn. Given Kai's current abilities, it would be really difficult for Roderick to win first place in the Alchemist Fair. "Roderick, what's wrong?" Pearl asked, noticing the storm in his eyes.

"Pearl, you know, the count of Jipsdale has a special reward for the winner of this Alchemist Fair. I really want to get the prize, but... with Kai here, I fear losing to him," Roderick confessed, his voice laced with concern.

"You're always the best to me, Roderick. You can't possibly lose to him. You must have confidence in yourself!" Pearl said, her eyes filled with unwavering belief.

"Pearl, it's not that I lack the confidence to win. My alchemy skills are just no match for Kai's. I don't have the ability to produce a perfect Fifth Level Top Tier pill in such a short time," Roderick admitted.

He knew himself. Before witnessing Kai's alchemy skills, he had the confidence to win. However, at that moment, his confidence wavered. "Oh, what do we do, then?" Pearl's voice trembled with anxiety. "There's only one way. It depends on whether you want to help me or not..."

"Roderick, tell me. I'll do anything for you," Pearl said resolutely. Roderick's face lit up, and he whispered his plan into Pearl's ear. Her face turned pale. "R-Roderick, t-this won't do! If my master finds out, I'm good as dead."

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“Pearl, didn’t you say you would do anything for me?” Roderick asked. “B-But this is something I can’t do. If I really go through with it, I certainly can’t stay at Solaris Sect anymore.”

“Don’t worry, Pearl,” Roderick said. “After I win first place in the Alchemist Fair, I will take you far, far away. You will be free, and there will be no need for you to ever head back to Solaris Sect. Imagine us, forever together, you bearing our children, and we live a joyous life together. Does that not sound wonderful?” He stepped forward and grabbed Pearl’s shoulders. “B-But... I am still a...”

Pearl’s voice caught in her throat. Before she could continue, Roderick kissed her fiercely. The sudden kiss made Pearl’s head spin.

Swiftly, Roderick led her to a secluded spot and slowly began to undress her. Lost in the moment, Pearl offered no resistance. Soon, her passionate and breathless moans filled the air. Minutes later, looking disheveled, she nestled in Roderick’s arms.

Satisfaction etched across her face as she said, “Roderick, I’m yours now. I’ll listen to whatever you say. But you have to remember your promise. After the Alchemist Fair, we must be together forever.”

Innocent as Pearl was, she was satisfied within mere minutes. She was oblivious that it would have taken an hour or more with Kai.

“Don’t worry,” Roderick murmured, handing her a small packet. “You and I are one now. How could I possibly disappoint you?” Pearl clutched the packet as her heart pounded.

“Pearl, don’t worry. Just put this in his coffee. It’s colorless and tasteless. No one will notice. It’s not poison, and he will not die from eating it. It will merely distract him, causing him to lose focus, Roderick said.

“Okay.” Pearl nodded, fixing her clothes before leaving. Looking at her retreating figure, Roderick flashed a smug smile. Meanwhile, Kai had returned to Solaris Sect. Seeing him return alone, Gregory asked in confusion, “Mr. Chance, why are you alone? Where is Pearl?”

“Oh, she ran into a friend, so she didn’t come back,” Kai replied. Gregory furrowed his brows. “That friend, is he a man named Roderick?”

Kai nodded. “How do you know that, Mr. Stark?” Gregory’s face flushed in anger. “That Roderick is no good! I’ve told her time and again to stay away from him, but she just won’t listen to me! I must teach her a lesson when she returns. He’s a sleazy playboy, an utterly despicable man! I just don’t understand why Pearl fancies that sleazeball!”

“Mr. Stark, he doesn’t seem like a good-for- nothing kind of man,” Kai said. “You don’t know him like I do, Mr. Chance. He’s a scoundrel, and he has taken advantage of Pearl’s feelings for him to steal Solaris Sect’s pill recipe and secret scrolls for him! Last year, he even tried to get Pearl to ask me to let him cheat to win at the Alchemist Fair. His shamelessness knows no bounds! I’ve warned her so many times to stay away from that despicable man.” Gregory was livid.

Kai realized then just how low Roderick would stoop to achieve his goals. The latter would even take advantage of Pearl’s love in such a despicable way.

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Gregory calmed himself and asked, “Mr. Chance, let’s not talk about him. How was your evaluation?” “I passed the evaluation,” replied Kai. “Which level are you? Is it Third Level Top Tier?” asked Gregory.

“Fifth Level Top Tier, actually,” said Kai with a laugh. “Fifth Level Top Tier?” Gregory was stunned to hear that. He’s at the same alchemist level as I am!

Everyone knows how powerful Kai is, but I didn’t expect his alchemy skill to be equally strong. He’s truly omnipotent!

“Mr. Stark, what is your verdict regarding the poison in my friend’s body?” Kai inquired. Gregory regained his senses and said guiltily, “After a thorough examination, we still could not find a cure. I’m so sorry about that...”

“It’s all right, Mr. Stark. There’s no need to blame yourself. This poison is indeed very unique. I will take my time to find a solution!” In truth, Kai was also very disappointed when he heard that Gregory could not do anything about the poison.

“Mr. Chance, we might not be able to cure your friend, but I know of someone who definitely can.”

“Who’s that?” asked Kai hurriedly. “The count of Jipsdale, who is also an advanced alchemist, will surely be able to help your friend,” answered Gregory. Kai perked up when he heard that. “Mr. Stark, can we trouble you to bring us to meet the count of Jipsdale?”

However, Gregory let out a bitter laugh. “Mr. Chance, you don’t know this, but not everyone can meet the count of Jipsdale. Even I have never met them. I don’t even have any idea if the count is a man or a woman! Basically, not many people have met the count of Jipsdale because Mr. Sparrow is the one who manages the county.”

Kai frowned when he heard that. “Is there nothing we can do about it? How can we meet the count?”

“Mr. Chance, the count of Jipsdale promised to give a special prize to the winner in this year’s Alchemist Fair. If you can win the competition, you will get a chance to meet the count. Then, there may be help for your friend,” explained Gregory. Kai nodded. No matter what, he had to be the winner at this year’s Alchemist Fair!

Gregory then introduced Kai to a few of his seniors. The elders of Solaris Sect were also very impressed with Kai’s ability to attain Fifth Level Top Tier in the alchemist evaluation despite his young age.

After a brief chat, Kai stood up and planned to leave with Yuven. However, Pearl returned at that time. “Brat, why won’t you obey me? Didn’t I tell you before not to have anything to do with Roderick?”

The moment Gregory saw Pearl, he started lecturing her. Pearl bowed her head and kept quiet. She even appeared aggrieved. “Mr. Stark, Ms. Pearl is still young. Once she gets a little older, things may get better,” advised Kai.

“Pearl, your master is doing this for your own good. Roderick isn’t a good man,” one of the elders chimed in. “Master, I know my mistake. I won’t do it again. Let me make some coffee for all of you. Please don’t be angry.”

With that, Pearl went to make coffee. When Gregory saw her meek demeanor, he understood there was no point in remaining angry. Letting out a sigh, he sat back down in his seat.

After taking in the way Pearl was walking, Kai knew she was not a little girl anymore. Then again, it had nothing to do with him.