

R Cultivator 81

Chapter 81: Lily Gomes

"You have one chance to find the Queen," a girl said while placing three cards on the table.

Tyler White extended his hand and touched her hand, then quickly retracted it. "Sorry, instead of the Queen, I touched the princess," Tyler said.

The girl opposite him blushed. The man behind Tyler nudged him.

"Sorry, habit," Tyler said, about to take the card. The girl moved her feet under the table and nudged Tyler three times. Tyler took the third card. It was the Queen of Hearts.

"Oh, it's my loss," the girl smiled and gave him 100 Lydia that was placed as a bet.

"It's alright. The drinks are on me," the man behind Tyler nudged him again.

Tyler coughed and said, "Huh... Actually, I'm here for some information."

The girl quickly put on a serious expression and said, "Follow me into that room."

Tyler and the man followed the girl. The man's name was Yi-Han, an old disciple and Tyler's new neighbour. He had brought Tyler to this place to acquire some information.

"I want to know about recovering meridians," Tyler said.

The girl paused for a second and said, "What about the method in the sect?"

"I saw it. Too brutal. Sacrificing mortals and extracting their aptitude. I want alternative methods that are less brutal," Tyler said.

"We don't have these methods, but we do have information on who might have them. Elder Hai from the Fishing Department," the girl said.

"Everyone knows he went missing in Level 3 fishery," Yi-Han said.

The girl nodded. "True. But you can try asking his descendants. Then there is Lily Gomes."

"Ah... Her?" Yi-Han's face changed.

The girl smiled and said, "Yeah... But it's not easy to get it from her. All we can give is just information."

Tyler thanked her and paid the price. The girl slipped a piece of paper with her address into Tyler's hand.

Yi-Han looked at him with envy. Tyler ignored him and kept the paper slip.

"Let's ask Elder Hai's descendants first. Hopefully, you can get it from them," Yi-Han suggested.

"Why are you afraid of Lily Gomes?" Tyler asked in confusion.

"Don't ask. If you see her, avoid her," Yi-Han advised.



****Half a Day Later...****

"Oh no... Elder Hai's descendants are too much. They're asking us to go to the third-level fisheries to find clues about Elder Hai," Yi-Han said, gnashing his teeth.

"So our only option is Lily Gomes," Tyler said.

"Not ours, yours. How about this...? I will guide you to where Lily Gomes is. You deal with her alone," Yi-Han suggested.

"What is wrong with her?" Tyler asked suspiciously.

"You will understand. Lily Gomes works in the Investigation Department, which is under Law Enforcement," Yi-Han said and refused to say more.



Tyler and Yi-Han made their way through the sect, heading towards the area where Lily Gomes was known to reside. Yi-Han's reluctance to provide more details about Lily only increased Tyler's apprehension.

Eventually, they reached a nondescript building, somewhat isolated from the rest of the sect's bustling areas. Yi-Han stopped and pointed. "That's where you'll find Lily Gomes. Good luck, Tyler. You'll need it."

Tyler took a deep breath and approached the building. He knocked on the door, and after a moment, it creaked open. A woman looked at Tyler.

"Lily Gomes?" Tyler asked.

"Huh? What happened? Did that b*tch do something again?" Her response baffled Tyler.

"Huh... No... I'm here to find Lily Gomes for some other things," Tyler explained.

The woman looked at Tyler suspiciously and murmured, "Hmmm... Not some victim... how rare."

"Excuse me?" Tyler asked, even more confused.

"Huh... She always stays in her office. You can find her there," the woman said, handing a card to Tyler. It was a business card for Lily Gomes.

[Lily Gomes,

Consulting ~~Defective~~-Detective,

32D, Boiler Street]

The card was handwritten. Tyler sighed, wondering if he would regret searching for Lily Gomes.

When Tyler returned, Yi-Han was nowhere to be found. He didn't worry much, as he knew Yi-Han had other matters to attend to. With a free day ahead of him, Tyler decided to visit Lily at her work and observe her a little.

Tyler reached Pleasure Street, a street that lived up to its name. He saw many beautiful women of different ages wearing makeup and beautiful clothes, standing inside glass displays and showing off their beauty.

He was quite shocked to see many fox-eared and cat-eared girls, complete with tails. Even in his previous world, such beastkins were nearly extinct. But here, they were abundant and incredibly adorable and cute.

Many men were eagerly counting their Lydia just to select one.

Tyler ignored the invitations of the tempting women and walked past the street. He asked some people for directions and they pointed out where Lily Gomes was. He finally found her.

A girl was walking beside the walls with suspicious behaviour. She was wearing a dress that Tyler had never seen before. The dress featured a high collar and was made from brown and beige fabric, with a fitted bodice, a high-waisted skirt with gathered layers, and a matching capelet and deerstalker hat.

Beside her was a young boy with a worried expression.

"My instincts are telling me that there is something wrong with this building," Lily Gomes said.

"But why?" the boy asked.

"That's the exact question I would ask your mom if they ever told me that you were adopted," Lily replied.

"Wait? I'm adopted?" the boy panicked.

"Nope... No one would choose you, Omar," Lily said. Omar sighed in relief when he heard that he was not adopted. His brain cells automatically ignored the other part of the conversation.

Tyler was amused by their interaction. It seemed Omar was Lily's assistant.

"Hmm... Let me peek into this hole," Lily said, looking inside a small hole in the wall.

"Oh my Sea God..." Lily backed off in Panic.

"What did you see?" Omar asked.

Lily smiled mischievously inside but kept a serious face outside and said, "Look at yourself."

"Ahhh...." Omar froze in shock.

"Yeah I forgot that you are a virgin and yeah I just saw an whole crack of an a**. I Just don't wanna suffer alone." She murmured.

Tyler just turned around; he doesn't want to have any interaction with these people.

Suddenly a hand was placed on his shoulder. He tried to shake it off but the grip was so strong.

"You have been stalking me for minutes. Do I know you?" Lily Gomes asked. Behind her Omar is still in a dazed state following her absentmindedly.

"I followed the wrong person, I guess." Tyler tried to explain.

"Oh. You must be one of my fans. Well... I understand, I understand." Lily Gomes nodded her head and then asked, "Can you Help me with something?"

"Anything, other than peeking at that hole." Tyler said.

"Tsk." Lily clicked her tongue.

"Why do you look disappointed? Look, I am not your fan. I am here to ask you about something." Tyler explained.

"Oh... But can you wait till I finish my Job. We can speak later." Lily said.

Tyler nodded. He followed them.

Lily Gomes then dragged the dazed Omar and knocked the door of the house they just peaked.

Two women almost naked opened the room, they looked at Lily, Tyler and Omar then said, "Only girls are allowed inside."

Omar's eyes even became hollow, 'Did I see them?'

"I am here to investigate a knife." When Lily said that one of the girls flinched for a second while the other stayed calm. Lily noticed that.

"We don't understand."

"Let us in. I will explain." Lily said.

"Not today." They closed the door with a slam.

"Hehehe.... There is definitely something wrong with these people. Omar stays here and watches them both. Inform me if they do something." She instructed Omar before leaving with Tyler. Omar snapped back to reality when she ordered.

"A man suffered from insane loss of vitality and died. I took the task of investigating it. But these women seem to not be interested in men." She said as she observed Tyler.

"No Aura fluctuation. Certainly a newbie. What is your name?" Lily Asked.

"My name is White."

"Probably a fake name. Because your mouth moved differently before you forcefully said white. But you didn't even hesitate when saying that which means either you used this name a lot of times before or this is half of your name or probably both. With the style of the name, it is Probably your Surname." Lily analysed and said.

Tyler's eyes twitched. He looked at her in disbelief. He felt like the girl changed into a different person.

"Oh... Why are you on Pleasure Street? Don't casually go with those girls. They will suck your soul out." Lily warned. For some reason Tyler felt she turned back into the girl who peeped at the hole.

"Let me guess they are gonna suck out through – ", Tyler said.

"Don't be ridiculous, Mr. white." She paused for a moment and said "... You have to pay extra for that."

Chapter 82: Split Personality

"So you want a method for healing the meridians," Lily Gomes said, pouring two cups of tea. "But doesn't our sect have one?"

"I want a non-cruel method," Tyler replied, taking a sip of the tea. He was now sitting in Lily's office.

"But I don't have one—aaahhh." Suddenly, she held her head, wincing in pain.

"Are you alright?" Tyler stood up, concerned.

"Don't mind her. I do have the method," Lily said. This time, her demeanour felt quite different.

"Are you Ms. Lily Gomes?" Tyler asked in confusion.

"Oh yeah. It's a long story. But to cut it short, I have multiple personalities. My personality is Detective. Her personality is... Defective," she explained, shaking her head in resignation.

Tyler didn't know what multiple personalities were, so Lily explained a little. It meant a mental health condition where one has two or more separate personalities that control their behaviour at different times.

"Did you get a job?" Lily asked.

"Nope. Not yet," Tyler replied, but he had a bad feeling about where this was going.

"With the look on your face, it seems like you already guessed. Yep, work for me, and the method to restore meridians is yours," Lily said.

Tyler considered her offer. Working for Lily Gomes could be beneficial in many ways, not just for the meridian healing method but also because getting a job in Law Enforcement was very hard. Lily was a detective under the Investigation Department, which was under Law Enforcement.

"What kind of work would I be doing?" Tyler asked cautiously.

"Babysitting," Lily murmured.

"I heard you," Tyler said, rolling his eyes.

"Hehehe. Investigative work, mostly. You'll be helping me solve cases, gathering information, and handling various tasks. Even the patrol department will dare not touch you," Lily explained. "Also, some cases don't need to be cracked soon. So you will get lots of free time too."

Lily was really hoping Tyler would join her. She didn't know when her other personality would offend some people that she shouldn't and get thrown into the sea.

Tyler weighed his options.

"Alright, I'll do it," Tyler agreed. Since he decided, he would never regret it.

"Do what? Let me tell you, pretty face. You can have my body but not my heart." Lily's defective personality popped out.

Or maybe not. He was already regretting it a little.

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****Work Register Office****

The Work Register Office is where disciples register their job or their business. After getting a job or starting a business, they simply have to register it down as a record. It's also a place where many jobs are posted. There are also tasks posted on the wall. Anyone can accept and complete them for rewards.

"Why do I feel everyone is looking at me?" Tyler asked.

"They are not looking at you; they are looking at me. I am very popular. Look, I will show you." Lily waved her hands at a group of official disciples. "Hey gays, I mean – Guys."

"Oh no... It's Lily Gomes. RUN." They ran like they saw a monster.

"Oh, they are just too shy." Lily laughed.

Tyler understood why everyone was avoiding her like a plague.

"Ahhh... Lily Gomes." The Elder in the office looked surprised. Tyler was even more surprised because even the Elders were wary of her.

"I am here to register my new assistant," Lily said.

"You got another assistant? Who is that poor fellow?" He looked at Tyler, who was standing behind Lily, with pity in his eyes. He wanted to ask why but didn't care.

"Alright. Enough with the chit-chat, Elder. Give me the register." She turned around and said, "You have the identity token, right? Take it out."

After finishing the procedure, Lily gave Tyler a token that said 'Investigation Department' and shook his hand. "Welcome to hell, I mean – wait... I don't know any rhyming words suitable for this. Well anyways, welcome."

"Hey, since we are already here, let's see if there are any investigation tasks." Lily said with excitement as she dragged Tyler to the task area.

She didn't even glance at the tasks pasted on the wall and went to the small patrol section, where patrol disciples took breaks.

"Guess who?" She smiled as she entered. Soon after, many patrol disciples were running away from that building.

The few who couldn't run because they had duty there could only strengthen their resolve and face her.

"I wonder if there are any tasks?" she said as she looked at the task book records.

"Huh... I don't think there are any tasks available. Maybe one, like - cat gone missing tasks." The person said while trying to hide a sheet of paper.

"Oh look, it's a fox lady from Pleasure Hall." She pointed to one side.

"Where?" The man turned around while hiding the paper even more carefully.

Bang

He was knocked onto the desk by Lily's fist.

"Ouch.. Why did you use your head to knock my fist?" She shook her head.

Tyler just watched everything like an outsider. 'I don't know her. I am just passing by.'

"Oh look, I found a task sheet." She grabbed the sheet from the man's hand. He held it firmly while pretending to be asleep.

"Does this sleeping man want to knock his wrist on my knife?" She asked Tyler. The man immediately loosened his grip and let the paper be taken.

She glanced at it a little.

"Great! It's a murder." She shouted enthusiastically, then thought it wasn't appropriate and said, "*cough* oh no, it's a murder. White, let's go and investigate."

"No, wait. The person who posted this specifically requested not to show it to you," he said.

"Since when did Law Enforcement become a place that listens to other people yapping? I am going to enforce the law and bring justice. If someone requests the same thing again, just tell them I will prioritise that first," she said while leaving.

"Yeah, you are right- Hey, wait. I think you are missing the point," he shouted.

"And you are missing a purpose... in your life." He only got that reply back from Lily.



Tyler followed Lily out of the office, trying to keep up with her brisk pace. "So, what's the case about?" he asked.

Lily handed him the task sheet. "It says a body was found in the servant quarters. No witnesses, no suspects yet. This will be a good first case for you. Just follow me and observe my brilliance."

They made their way to that place. There are lots of servant disciples on the floating island. There are lots of servant quarters too.

They saw some disciples already standing at the entrance.

Lily immediately took charge. "Alright, everyone, step back and give us some space. We're here to investigate."

"Another investigation officer?"

"I thought we already have one"

"There is always competition in almost everything." The crowd murmured, they made their way when they saw Lily's token.

"Oh no, it's Detective Lily Gomes." One of the people said which made others panic.

"Sup guys, where is the body?" Lily Gomes asked.

"Huh... You are standing on it." Another one pointed it out

"Eww.. that's why the floor felt crunchy " Lily Gomes took a step back.

Tyler just turned around and wanted to run away. But Lily's small hand grabbed his shoulder and dragged him back.

"Let's do it." she gave a thumbs up in an encouraging tone.

She crouched down and looked at the body. It's the body of a middle aged man.

"There are some heavy foot prints on his body. Someone stomped on him?" Lily tilted her head.

Tyler covered his face in embarrassment and said, "That's your footprints."

"Hehe... I was just testing you." She laughed it off.

She checked the body for any signs of struggle or identifiable marks and scanned the surrounding for clues. She even sniffed at the corpse. Even though she is dumb, he was still impressed by her thoroughness.

"Did you guys find any trace of Aura?" She asked the patrol guards who already checked everything.

"Nope. Either the killer is good at dissipating or he is yet to become a Novice warrior." Even though Lily is problematic, the guard answered her question.

"Probably a normal person. There is a weird smell coming from his mouth. The person is poisoned. The killer might have done it for personal vengeance. Since the poison could have killed the victim, he might have watched him suffer while sitting here." Lily said that she didn't even turn into a detective personality. Tyler understood how Lily was still keeping her job.

Tyler understood why Lily reached that conclusion. She stood near the bed. And took a small cloth that is attached at the edge.

"But the room was closed from the inside. Even the windows too." One of the investigators said. He doesn't like the fact that Lily found a clue just after entering.

Lily thought for a second and went inside. Tyler was fully impressed by her capabilities.

"Guys, You better come see this. There is another body." They heard her voice.

The patrol guards walked in with surprise.

Patrol Guard : "Nope... That's the victim's grandma. "

Lily : Oh.. ohhh (° o °)

Tyler : ...

Chapter 83: D&D

"Oh, I am sorry. You looked like a dead bo-" Tyler quickly covered Lily's mouth. He now understood why her other personality said his job was babysitting.

"It's okay... I am back," her demeanour changed. Tyler understood that her detective personality had taken over. He let go of her with a sigh of relief.

"The window is closed from the inside, and the door is locked from the inside. His grandmother was afraid because her grandson was not opening the door. So she called for help and broke the door to find the... body," the guard explained.

"Is there any other exit in the house?" another detective, surnamed Xu, asked the grandmother.

Lily ignored them and looked at the broken door. If that old lady knew another entrance, why would they need to break the door to enter? She knew those questions were useless.

After analysing the door, she walked to the window. She saw some threads near the window and grabbed one.

"Did you find something?" Tyler asked.

Lily nodded.

"There's no way you found something just by looking around," Detective Xu said sceptically.

Lily just smiled at Detective Xu and asked the old lady, "Does your grandson or anyone else who lives in this house do tailoring?"

The old lady shook her head.

"Does your grandson have white clothes?"

The old lady nodded and brought out a white shirt. Lily touched the shirt and nodded, "Did anyone come near the window after you found your grandson?"

"I don't know. But only the people who helped me break the door walked in the room. Others stood outside," the grandmother said.

"Thank you for your cooperation. You can go back now," Lily nodded again and said.

Lily called Tyler and whispered something in his ear. Tyler nodded and left.

"Found anything?" Detective Xu asked mockingly.

"Other than your missing dad, I can find everything," Lily Gomes' defective personality came out.

Detective Xu's mouth twitched. Only a few people knew about Lily's multiple personalities, so Detective Xu thought that Lily was mocking him by not respecting him.

Tyler came back with the items Lily had asked for, handing them over with a puzzled expression. Though surprised by her change in personality again, he didn't care; all he need to do is to block her mouth before she starts her disastrous speech.

"Guards, keep an eye on the four people who helped the grandmother," she said. Turning around, she added, "All of you get out. I will show you how the killer escaped from the house."

Everyone left the house. The guard and Tyler stood near the door and waited, curious to see how the killer escaped.

Some time passed.

"Huh? Is she sleeping inside?" Detective Xu asked.

Tyler's mouth twitched. It was not impossible.

"Oh, are you guys waiting for someone?" Suddenly, Lily Gomes asked. She was standing behind them.

Everyone was baffled.

"Impossible," Detective Xu said as he walked inside.

The window was closed, and they were standing at the door. How did she get out?

"Alright, now this is what happened," Lily Gomes said as she walked to the window and took the small ring attached to the thread. "I used the window to escape. I first attached this ring to this barrel bolt lock with the thread. After closing the window from outside, I pulled the thread and the window locked from the inside. The killer probably used the same method."

Everyone was speechless.

"What if that thread was just part of a cloth?" Detective Xu asked.

"That's why I checked the clothes with the same colour. They had different fabric," Lily Gomes said.

"But you only found the thread, not the ring," Detective Xu was still not convinced and pointed it out.

"That's why I asked who came near the window after breaking the door. The killer was clever but only half. He left many clues." Lily shook her head in disappointment. Everyone turned their heads towards the four people who helped break the door.

The four people instantly became nervous when everyone looked at them.

Lily walked towards them, and everyone watched with anticipation.

"Killer say what?"

"What the-"

Tyler White totally regretted his decision to join her.

"Alright Alright, I narrowed down the suspect. Just go on and use your method to find out who the killer is. I will report it to the law department." Lily said bored as she walked out. She looked at one of the four guys before she left with Tyler.

"Why did you look at one of the guys before leaving? Is he the killer?" Tyler asked in confusion.

"Nah... Didn't you see the mole under his Pupils. I thought it was fake, so I checked it out. It turns out it is real." Lily Gomes said.

Tyler was scolding himself that why he asked the question.

That evening Tyler was baffled because the killer was the guy who had mole under his pupil.

"Oh... I knew it. He panicked when I took the thread from the window." Lily Gomes said.

"You were observing him from the beginning?" Tyler was surprised.

"I was observing everyone from the beginning." Lily Gomes said. She drank the wine.

"That's it. See you tomorrow." She lifted her wine glass and said.

Tyler nodded and left.

"Along with your salary, You will receive the method to restore the meridian this week." Lily said loudly at Tyler.

Tyler went back to his room. Silvia was already sleeping inside, exhausted from her classes. Tyler made a mental note to buy her some healthy food and drink the next day.



Note : D&D - Detective and Defective



The following day arrived. Tyler was free today; all he had to do was write down some documents in the office. He found it a little boring, but it was still his job.

Lily Gomes and Omar had left him at the office to investigate a case at the level one fishery. Tyler had yet to acquire Aura, so he couldn't join them.

As Tyler worked, he thought about Lily's detective skills. He was glad that not all detectives worked on every case, especially one like Lily. Tyler had once killed a person using poison during the trial, but he hadn't even been a servant disciple, so nobody cared.

Some servant disciples had married and lived on the island for generations. The victim from the previous day was also from that type of family.

When a servant disciple was killed, the investigation was usually minimal, just enough to appease the servant families. That's why the Law Enforcement Department didn't want people like Lily investigating such cases. It was also why they hesitated to give her a job.

Tyler analysed everything as he wrote a letter. Then he took his badge and left the office, heading to the ****Work Register Office****.

With his badge, Tyler didn't need to stand in line. He went to the elder and handed over his letter.

"Ah... Is it a letter of resignation?" the elder guessed.

"Huh... No, it is an application form to open a business. If possible, I would like to apply for funds from the sect," Tyler said.

The elder was surprised and read the letter. "White Auction Hall, Immortal Bytes Restaurant."

"It will take time," the elder said as he signed the letters and gave Tyler some forms to fill out. After filling them out, Tyler submitted them.

"Nice... Now I feel empty," Tyler laughed. He felt a little weird without any work.

He went back to his room and took his copper pot. He placed a coin in it and took it out. It didn't work.

He then looked at the back of his hand. The dragon tattoo there seemed like an ordinary tattoo.

"It would look cool if it were on my shoulder," Tyler said.

The tattoo moved as if it were flying in the sky. It revolved around his arm and stopped on his shoulder.

Tyler was surprised. "Huh... Zuzia... Can you hear me?"

The tattoo remained motionless. He called her a few more times, but it didn't move. He gave up but had a feeling that he could summon her again after getting Aura.

Later that day, Tyler decided to go for a walk to clear his mind. As he strolled through the sect's grounds, he saw many people. The sect was always bustling with activity, and there was always something new to learn or observe. He stopped by a small food stall and bought some food for Silvia.

"Alright My funds are decreasing. I have to wait for a week before I get the payment." Tyler requested Lily to get the Payment in advance.

Lily agreed without any questions. He was grateful for that.

Tyler went back to his room and waited for Silvia. After many hours passed but she didn't come.

Someone knocked Tyler's door. Tyler opened the door, he guessed that this is not Silvia because she has a spare key to his room.

"Are you Mr. white?" The patrol Guard who knocked on the door asked.

"Ms. Black went Missing."

Chapter 84: Blood Cave Garden

Blood Cave Garden, situated within the ominous depths of the Crimson Blood Cave, is a relic of profound significance brought to the sect by the top elders a few decades ago. Nestled near the base of the mountain, this garden is not just a physical space but a potent nexus of mystical energy and ancient cultivation secrets.

The Crimson Blood Cave itself is a place of both dread and awe. Emitting a distinctive blood aura, this cave has the unique property of tempering the bodies of mortals, enhancing their physical strength and resilience. The air inside the cave is thick with this aura, which seeps into the skin, bones, and marrow of those who venture within. Over time, the blood aura stimulates rapid physiological changes, fortifying the body and accelerating the cultivation process. This transformative power is what makes the Crimson Blood Cave an invaluable asset to the sect.

Within the cave anyone can see plants and vines growing across them . These plants have adapted to the cave's unique environment, thriving in the presence of the blood aura. They exhibit unusual properties, each imbued with the essence of the cave. Some plants possess medicinal qualities, capable of healing severe injuries and replenishing qi, while others have more aggressive characteristics, used in crafting potent elixirs and weapon coatings.

The fauna within the Blood Cave Garden is equally remarkable. Various beasts and insects, some unique to the cave, roam and flutter about. These creatures have similarly adapted to the blood aura, resulting in species with enhanced strength, speed, and sometimes even rudimentary intelligence. The symbiotic relationship between the flora and fauna in the cave creates a delicate yet powerful ecosystem, each component playing a crucial role in the overall balance.

Recognizing the immense value of the Blood Cave Garden, the sect has instituted a structured regimen to harness its benefits for training its young members. Children, under the watchful eye of a seasoned disciple, are sent into the cave regularly. These expeditions serve multiple purposes: they provide the children with firsthand exposure to the cave's tempering effects, teach them about the potent plants and creatures within, and instill a sense of discipline and survival skills crucial for their development as cultivators.

The disciple who accompanies the children is tasked with ensuring their safety, guiding their cultivation practices, and imparting knowledge about the cave's unique properties. This mentoring process is critical, as the blood aura can be as dangerous as it is beneficial. Mismanagement or overexposure can lead to severe consequences, including physical damage or qi deviation. Therefore, the disciple's role is both protective and educational, balancing the children's exposure to ensure maximum benefit with minimal risk.

Everyone needs a small charm to stay in the Blood Cave for an hour. A person will get ten talismans per visit. These charms are intricately crafted by the sect's elders, inscribed with runes that channel protective energy to shield the wearer from the overwhelming effects of the blood aura.



Tyler arrived at the entrance of the Blood Cave Garden, where a few disciples were gathered, discussing something important. Tyler was anxious inside; he had heard that Silvia was missing. He remembered that someone had targeted Silvia before. Since she became an official disciple, he thought there would be no problem. But it seemed Tyler had underestimated the situation.

"Due to a certain incident, the Blood Cave Garden is closed for a few days. Please come later," a female disciple said.

"My sister went missing inside," Tyler said.

The female disciple understood, and after sensing no aura in him, she said in an uninterested tone, "Yup, along with her, nineteen children and an official disciple went missing. We are investigating, and only people from Law Enforcement are allowed."

"Let me in," Tyler said, showing his badge to the female disciple.

The female disciple immediately changed her tone to a respectful one and said, "Oh... yes... I will bring the charms."

The female disciple thought that Tyler was someone with a big background because he had joined the Law Enforcement. It was not easy to join Law Enforcement, and it was even more difficult if the person had yet to cultivate aura.

Tyler understood that the charms mentioned by the girl were talismans. He used to buy lots of talismans in his previous world. One had to be a Rune Master to make those charms.

"Here are 30 charms, enough for 30 hours." The female disciple respectfully gave him small green charms made of sea shells with many runes drawn on them. She also gave him a map that would make it easier for Tyler to navigate inside. Tyler thanked her and headed inside.

Inside the Blood Cave Garden, Tyler navigated through the dark tunnel. But it was dark only to a certain distance. There were many vines and plants circling around the dark passage, the flowers glowing in the red colour which gives the different Atmosphere to the cave.

Tyler heard the water flowing sound. According to the map it is called Noisy Riverless. It means this certain area creates the sound of a river even though there is no water source at all.

As he ventured deeper, he noticed markings on the walls that matched those on his map. They led him to a secluded part of the cave. He also noticed that some sort of energy is trying to enter his pores. The green charm in his hand glows a little and absorbs all the energy that is trying to penetrate him inside.

Tyler reached the marked place faster. It is the place where the children disappeared.

"Who is this?" Suddenly he heard a sound.

"Huh..." Tyler saw a man walking towards him. He is wearing a red shade uniform which means he is an official Disciples.

"Are you also here for the lost kids?" The man asked.

Tyler nodded, he even showed the Badge.

Hyur nodded and told him to wait for a minute.

He closed his eyes and carefully sensed his surroundings. Then he opened his eyes and sighed, "Still no clues."

He was trying to find the missing children. He sent two small insects to fly inside holes to see if there were any secret passages where the children got locked.

"Hello, I am Hyur. I am the disciple in incharge of those children today. But suddenly the cave displacement happened and everyone disappeared." Hyur said.

"Hello, I am White. What's a cave displacement?" He asked.

"The Tunnels inside this cave change direction from this point onwards. " He said

"Oh that's why the map stops here." Tyler said.

The cave displacement is a phenomenon in the Blood Cave Garden where passages move or bend to different directions and lead the people somewhere.

Some displacement can be predicted easily and can take measures accordingly. But some are pretty dangerous and suddenly it might lead them to unexplored areas or to powerful monsters.

Tyler hoped that Silvia was alright. He teamed up with Hyur to find some clues.

Five Hours passed like that.

Hyur offered some food. But Tyler politely refused and ate the fasting pill he had. He has no appetite to eat.

Soon Hyur and Tyler found some hollow passage behind some walls. Hyur broke the walls with ease. Tyler understood that Hyur is atleast 5 star Novice Warrior and verge on becoming Elite Warrior.

"Let's try every path, we might be able to find them." Hyur eyes lit up as he moved forward. Tyler followed him behind.



After Tyler left, the female disciple walked back to her place. She looked at the man who was sitting and eating something.

"I gave him the map where it marked the specific location just as you mentioned. What will happen to him?" she asked.

"What? Did you get charmed by his appearance? He does have a look that makes girls scream daddy. Hahaha..." If Tyler were here, he would recognize this man instantly. He was the official disciple who had been tied up by Tyler during the trial.

The female disciple just stared at him.

"Blood Cave Garden has many opportunities, but it is also a dangerous cave. He might die 'accidentally' inside," the man said.

"He is from the Law Enforcement Department. They might investigate if he is found dead," the girl warned. She felt pity if Tyler died there.

"Yup, that's the problem. That's why I am stopping right here. It's up to Hyur whatever he wants to do," the man replied. He was so afraid of Lily Gomes.

Hyur was the guy who had made a deal with the outsider to get Silvia. He waited for Lily to leave and hatched this plan. He wanted to capture Silvia in the cave and kidnap her. But it looked like something went wrong. The man still didn't know why Hyur trapped twenty children along with the little girl. He then messaged him to lure Tyler inside.

"This is the last time I will help him," He said as he left. The girl just sighed. Well it's true if something happened inside they can escape with an excuse.

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Hyur offered Tyler some food, which had been laced with a sleeping powder. However, Tyler politely refused and instead took a fasting pill he had with him. He had no appetite and preferred not to eat anything.

"This bastard is vigilant," Hyur thought, noting Tyler's cautiousness in refusing food from a stranger. Now, Hyur had to think of another way to subdue him. Knocking Tyler out was an option, but it carried the risk of being noticed by other patrol officers in the cave.

Determined, Hyur led Tyler to the tunnel where all the kidnapped children were being held. This Blood Cave Garden had been established by some sect elders and was meant for future generations to explore. Occasionally, new and unexplored caves or passages would open up. Hyur had discovered one by chance, but unfortunately, it didn't yield any treasures. The only valuable item he found was sealed behind a barrier he couldn't breach. Despite this, he did find an array that allowed him to control certain aspects of the cave.

After entering the cave, they found the children unconscious. Tyler checked them and sighed with relief that they were alright, but he didn't find Silvia.

"Yeah, take me to Silvia," Tyler demanded.

"W-what are you saying?" Hyur panicked.

"After releasing that guy whom I tied up before, I asked a servant disciple if anyone had visited Supervisor Han along with that guy. They didn't know your name, but they described your appearance," Tyler explained. Hyur, with his bright brown hair, stood out even in a group of brown-haired people.

"As expected, someone from the investigation department," Hyur muttered, stopping his pretence and walking further into the cave.

"What about these kids?" Tyler asked.

"Oh... Aren't you righteous? Well, they will wake up in four hours. Their charms can withstand for six hours. So don't worry. I will also leave the way open," Hyur replied as he touched the side of the wall, causing an engraved array to shine brightly in the air and open a passage that would allow others to find the children easily. He then opened another cave.

Tyler and Hyur entered inside. Hyur stood by the entrance and locked the cave from the inside. He didn't want to give them a chance to escape.

Tyler looked ahead and saw Silvia inside a barrier. He quickly understood why Hyur had lured him there. Silvia had somehow entered the barrier, and Hyur had no choice but to lure Tyler and threaten Silvia to achieve his goals. Tyler was relieved to see that Silvia was fine. She still had a few more charms to protect herself from the chaotic energies outside the barrier.

"Girl," Tyler called out to her.

Silvia, who had almost fallen asleep, woke up and her eyes lit up when she saw Tyler. However, she was still worried.

"Open the barrier," Tyler said in a language from their previous world. Silvia understood and opened it.

Suddenly, Hyur lunged forward, but Tyler, as if anticipating this moment, spun around and used the copper pot to knock Hyur on the head. A charm appeared in Tyler's hand—a small attack charm he had bought for safety.

Hyur was caught off-guard and was knocked down. By the time he got up, Tyler was already inside the barrier. The smart little girl quickly closed the barrier immediately after he entered.

"Darn it. I will just wait here. I will see how long you can stay here." Hyur just sat there. His previous plan failed so he has no choice but to wait till their charms expire.

Tyler sighed. He understood that he was in a terrible situation. He was now missing his abnormal luck a lot. Tyler already felt when that abnormal luck planted by someone left his body.

"What happened?" Tyler asked.

"He tried to kidnap me. Uncle Horny is he also a pervert?" Silvia asked.

Tyler's mouth twitched. What do you mean by also? Who is the other pervert? He decided not to ask.

"How can you control the barrier?" Tyler asked.

"The instruction is here." She pointed at the stone slab.

Tyler couldn't understand a word. But he knew that Silvia has the ability to understand every language and also has the ability to communicate with anything that has intelligence and proper language.

"Then what is written here?" Tyler showed the other side of the stone slab and asked.

Silvia was surprised because she failed to notice. She began to read,

" In shadows deep where secrets lie, A mask of power, red and white, Whose painted face, both meek and sly, Conceals the truth from mortal sight.

The wearer's presence, masked and dim, Like phantoms in the twilight's gleam, Becomes a whisper, soft and slim, A hidden force within a dream."

"Is this a poem?" Tyler wondered aloud, confused.

Suddenly, a small compartment opened, revealing a red and white mask adorned with beautiful patterns. Tyler took a deep breath and carefully picked up the mask.

"Hey, what is that? Is that a treasure?" Hyur asked smugly. "It doesn't matter. After you guys die, those things will belong to me." Despite his confident tone, he was secretly praying for the girl's survival.

He wore a mask. But nothing happened. Tyler sighed his hopes of getting power and crushing the enemy had been crushed. He kept it and decided to study it later.

Tyler looked at his remaining charms and there were only 10 left.

"Just hand over the girl. We can even share the money and treasure." Hyur tried to persuade him.

"Oh.. The other party even offered treasures. Nice nice." He gave him a thumbs up and ignored him. Silvia laughed which made Hyur even angry. He punched the barrier but nothing happened. He went back and sat down.

Six hours later. Silvia's charm amulets are about to end. Tyler gave his charms to her. He gave her three and kept one. He was brainstorming a way to escape.

One hour later. Tyler is out of charm. He felt chaotic energy entering his pores. But he was able to withstand it. Tyler thought he could handle for five hours because of his strong body refined by Elemental Body Refining Method.

But reality hit him hard. He almost fainted in an hour. He underestimated this chaotic energy, it doubles its power everytime his body observes.

Silvia was worried. She took a charm and placed it on him. Tyler felt good but he couldn't open his eyes. He felt paralyzed.

He sighed, 'After abnormal luck, am I plagued by abnormal misfortune?' He thought.

He still had few attack charms, he decided to catch the enemy off-guard but due to his carelessness he is the one who caught off-guard. He felt so sleepy.

"Before coming here , I already informed law enforcement to search for me if I go missing for more than 20 hours. Don't give up, Girl. Just wait for a few more hours." Tyler said that and passed out.

Silvia was worried about Tyler.

"Little Girl, Hand over the treasure and yourself. I will save him." Hyur said.

Silvia ignored his yapping. She believed Tyler and decided to wait. Her eyes turned to the copper pot. She was always curious why Tyler would throw food in it and take it and eat it. Is it some sort of ritual? She took the copper pot and hid behind the stone slab. She took a candy from her pocket and placed it inside. She just copied Tyler's action.

Then she took out the candy and ate it.

"Hmm... The candy is still the same." She murmured. She thought it would turn into something delicious.

"Hmm? Did I put two candies inside?" She was confused when she saw another candy inside. She took that out and kept it in her pocket.

Silvia was stunned and took a step back in panic. She gathered her courage, moved forward and looked into the Copper Pot. There is another candy.

She was baffled. She took it out. Another one. Another one. Silvia understood. No wonder Tyler felt depressed. It's because this thing was not working, but now it works.

She was excited by this magical treasure. She carefully looked outside. Hyur is just meditating while eyes are closed. She then sighed and took out the charm and placed it inside. She made 20 copies. She placed ten inside Tyler's dress.

An hour later Tyler woke up. The charms helped him to observe the residual energy in his body. Tyler was surprised when he saw more charms on his body. He turned his head and saw Silvia eating candies and a small palm sized mountain of candies beside her.

"Uncle horny, You are awake. How do you take this candy out without copying?" She asked as she looked up. She was stunned.

Men usually don't cry. But Tyler is now crying. It is tears of happiness. He is now feeling like he could buy the whole world.

He walked forward and touched the copper pot. Soon some information appeared on his mind.

The copper pot was tested. Will he throw it away when it becomes useless or not? Tyler passed the test. So the copper pot power remained.