

Strongest Mage with the Lust system

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okay, I agree

Chapter 201: okay, I agree

"Mm?" Jasmine looked at him in puzzlement.

"Oh, it's nothing. I was surprised because I didn't sense anything." Max quickly recovered and smiled.

Jasmine looked at him in silence for a second and then suddenly giggled, "Hehe... that's because I'm an entire realm higher than you. Everything about you will be enhanced several times when you break through to the three-star realm."

She then said, "If you've recovered, how about we start again." After saying that, she spread her legs apart, inviting him to come inside her again.

Seeing this, he threw away all unnecessary thoughts and smiled. "With pleasure."

He sat on his knees between her legs and put his cock, which was more vigorous than ever before, on her wet entrance and thrust inside.

Thwop!

"Ahng~"

Jasmine moaned in pleasure with her eyes closed and wrapped her legs around his waist.

Max then leaned forward and started squeezing and caressing her beautiful breasts.

"Nngh~"

"Kiss me!" Jasmine suddenly grabbed his face and started kissing him.

Max happily obliged and started sucking her tasty lips. However, Jasmine wasn't in the mood to do it slowly.

After tasting his lips, her tongue pried open his mouth, and she started to wrap around and suck his tongue wildly while her legs forced him to thrust deeper.

Although Max liked this, he wasn't satisfied being led by her. Therefore, he started to move his waist more powerfully and cupped her face before switching the battlefield of their tongues to her inside her mouth.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Once again, they both immersed themselves in the pleasures of each other's bodies.

Following this, Max fucked her in several positions. Sometimes he would make her sit on his lap, and sometimes he would lift her up and pound her cumm-filled pussy mid-air.

Squelch! Squelch! Squelch!

Angh~ Nngh~ Hah~

As his thick cock kept drilling her pussy, Jasmine soon entered a state of ecstasy, and her moans became even louder and louder.

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The second sex session lasted a few more hours before she was finally satisfied. By this time, Max had ejaculated more than twenty times inside her and gained another forty thousand LPs. Now he had a total of 127,500 LPs.

Hah... hah... hah...

Jasmine and Max lay in the bed side by side. Both had satisfied expressions on their faces.

"I didn't think you had what it takes to satisfy me." Jasmine turned to look at him and smiled. She then asked, "How was it for you? Did you like doing it with me?"

After saying this, she looked at his expression carefully. Max was looking at the ceiling. After she asked this, he moved his gaze towards her and smiled. "It was amazing."

Hearing this and seeing that his expression looked genuinely satisfied, she felt relieved and asked, "Do you not hate the fact that I am twice your age and wasn't a virgin?"

"Of course not." Max shook his head.

She was quiet for a while, thinking about something, then she moved closer to him and put his hand between her breasts, "If that's the case, how about we continue this relationship of ours?" She asked expectantly.

Max was inwardly delighted when she suggested this but didn't answer immediately.

Squeeze~

Jasmine squeezed his hands tightly as she looked at him nervously. She really wanted him to say yes as it wasn't easy to encounter someone like him who could satisfy her.

She didn't want to be tortured by her lust like she was in this past year. Therefore, she was very nervous right now.

Even though Max had said that he didn't mind the fact that she was older than him etc., and said that he also enjoyed the sex, she still wasn't completely sure that he would be willing to become her sex partner.

Seeing that he wasn't saying anything and was only looking at her, she said, "If you agree to become my sex partner, I can give you some resources like the foundation strengthening liquid or Mana stones."

A smile appeared on his face seeing her somewhat panicked expression.

He had already guessed that she would most likely ask him this if it was to satisfy her, and this is also what he wanted as she was going to be the primary source of LPs for him until his other women breakthrough started giving him enough LPs. He was even prepared to suggest this himself if she didn't.

However, now that she did, he was relieved, but he didn't instantly respond as he wanted her to offer something more, and just like he wanted, she did.

He raised his other hand and gently caressed her cheek. "Okay, I agree."

Ha!

Hearing this, Jasmine visibly relaxed and then said in displeasure, "Humph! I know you weren't saying anything on purpose."

"Hehe, you are very smart." Max chuckled and touched her lips with his fingers.

"Ouch!" Max suddenly screamed because Jasmine had bit into his finger.

"Hehe, This is for trying to take advantage of me." She laughed said and slowly sat up.

Max was a bit surprised by this. She was acting like a kid all of a sudden.

"By the way, my name is Jasmine. So, when we are alone, I want to call you by my name." Jasmine said as she stood up.

"Okay, Jasmine," Max responded.

"Don't you want to know my name?" Max said when she didn't ask for his name all this while.

"I already know it. Mr. Maxwell Garfield. Moreover, I even know that you come from Claymore town and are the youngest son of Viscount Ashton Garfield there, and your half-sister is an outer disciple of our academy and is currently living with you." Jasmine smiled.

As she started speaking, Max was initially surprised; however, by the time she finished speaking, his expression had become solemn, and his impression of her changed.

Boom!

Suddenly, she released her aura and coldly said, "Just because I need you and am easygoing with you, don't ever think about doing something that you may regret. Understand?"

"Mm?" Suddenly her brows scrunched up, noticing that Max wasn't phased by her aura.

"Hehe..." Max chuckled seeing her expression. He also stood up and walked up to her, and kissed her lips lightly "I understand your worries. So, relax as I won't do anything stupid since I also need you as much as you need me."

Chapter 202: Conflicted Anna

Jasmine looked at him deeply. She was surprised that he wasn't affected by her three-star realm aura.

'How can a measly two-star mage resist, no ignore my aura?' She thought. After all, the aura 'matures' when one reaches the three-star realm, which could easily suppress most of the lower realm mages and beasts.

Seeing her confused look, Max snickered in his heart. 'How can your early-stage three-star realm aura suppress me when I've already experienced the aura suppression of someone in the six-star and peak seven-star?'

"It's good that you understand." Jasmine nodded. She then proceeded to wrap a piece of clothing over her naked body.

"I'm going to take a bath. If you also want to clean your body, wait until I'm finished." Saying this, she entered the bathroom on the left side of the room.

Sending her away with his eyes, he flopped on the bed. His body was stained in sweat and their fluids, so he also needed a bath.

While waiting for her to come out, he opened the system shop and entered the [Magic Spells] section.

A list of spells appeared in front of him. He quickly found the grade-three sound elemental spell called [Sonic Annihilation].

According to its description, it was a peak tier grade-three spell, and when comprehended to its Maximum level, it was even stronger than grade-four spells of different elements.

However, simply having the sound element wasn't enough to learn it. One needed to have quite a high level of understanding of the element.

'It is going to be very difficult for Rima to learn this spell.' Max sighed.

He knew that her comprehension of the sound element was shallow because she didn't have any sound elemental spells and had even learned more than a few non-elemental spells.

He then tapped on the unlock, and instantly its detailed chant started imprinting in his mind.

"Ugh!" He felt a bit of pain but was surprised to notice that it was comparatively lower than when he unlocked [Calidus Brachium].

'It must be because my intelligence stat is higher now.' He determined.

In just a few moments, the process was done. He then proceeded to check out some other spells for Leticia and Belen.

When he wanted to check some spells for Anna, he paused. 'Wait! I don't even know what her element is.'

He then browsed through some other things. He found a grade-two pill that could help strengthen mana core, but its unlocking cost was 25,000 LPs.

'Fuck, does this system want to rip me off or something?' Max cursed in his heart. Moreover, he found that the pill he bought the last time was greyed out.

After asking the system, he discovered that everything in the system shop could be bought only once.

'If I need some medicine, I should buy it from outside and keep the system shop as a last resort.' Max thought.

He then entered the magic artifact section.

'Sigh! Why is everything here so expensive!' He sighed. The weapons were even more expensive than the medicine.

He then shook his head and returned to the magic spells section.

After unlocking [Sonic Annihilation] for 55,000 LPs, he still had more than seventy thousand LPs left. So, he wanted to unlock the grade-three spell, [Defensive Flame].

Although his destructive power was excellent, his defensive power was almost zero, and in a fight to the death, there were always situations where one couldn't dodge or evade. So, he very much needed this.

Just as he clicked on unlock, fifty-thousand LPs vanished, and once again, he felt the pain in his head.

After a while, another spell appeared in his mind. Looking at it, he was delighted. Finally, he didn't have to worry too much about defense now.

Just then, Jasmine came out. So, he closed the system window and went to take a bath.

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While Max was with Jasmine, In his room, Anna lay on the bed with a paper note in her hand and murmured with a sleepy face, "It's going to be morning soon? What is he doing this late in the night?"

Suddenly she sat up and murmured, "Don't tell me he... No, this can't be."

She had finished cultivating two hours after Max had left.

When she didn't see him in the room, she became worried. Although after Finding the note, she stopped worrying and tried to sleep; for some reason, she couldn't sleep for long.

Therefore, she had been waiting for him to come back until now.

Creak~

After a while, she heard the sound of the door opening.

She immediately turned to look and saw Max. He hadn't even entered the room properly when she jumped out of bed and hugged him.

On the other hand, Max was surprised by this. However, soon he remembered that she had developed the habit of sleeping with him, and now that he had returned from the outing, her habit had returned.

"Where were you, and why did you come so late?" She asked grumpily.

"I needed to do something. However, I left you a note. Why are you still awake?" He lovingly caressed her back and changed the topic.

"I-I don't know," Anna said weakly and burrowed her face in his chest.

Max smiled, seeing her becoming embarrassed to say the reason. However, he also sighed in relief that he successfully evaded her questioning.

"Let's go." Max suddenly lifted her in princess carry, causing her to cry out in surprise, and her face flushed red.

After Max had kissed her, her feelings became complicated. She unconsciously started to see him as a man, which she herself hadn't realized yet.

"I-I can walk." She said and tried to come down, but Max didn't let her and took her to the bed and gently lay her down.

Thump! Thump!

Her heart started to beat faster, and her face revealed a panicked expression.

Max saw this, and a faint smile appeared on his face.

"Let's sleep now." He yawned and lay beside her before closing his eyes.

Phew!

Anna exhaled a deep breath and calmed down. Looking at his face, she thought, 'Why did I react like this? It's normal for a brother and sister to be this close, right?'

She then tried to move closer to him to sleep, but her heart started racing once again, and she stopped in her tracks before trying to move away.

Max noticed these movements as he wasn't asleep yet. He extended his hand and brought her in his embrace.

Chapter 203: Training grounds

Anna's body froze for an instant. She then slowly started to relax and snuggled closer and closed her eyes with a happy expression.

In just a few minutes, she had fallen asleep.

Max looked at her sleeping face and gently moved some stray hair behind her ears.

Looking at her sleeping face, Max felt peaceful and soon fell asleep. After all, he was drained after 'working out' with Jasmine all night.

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When he woke up in the morning, Anna had already gone out.

He found a note beside him, 'You seemed very exhausted and were in a deep sleep, so I didn't wake you. I've made the breakfast; eat it when you wake up.'

Max smiled and walked towards the bathroom to freshen up.

After that, he ate his breakfast and went out. He was going to find Rima and teach her the chant of [Sonic Annihilation] first and then go to training grounds and start training.

Academies here didn't work like the institutions on the earth where they would teach you everything daily. Here, academies only provided resources to the disciple and would occasionally teach them.

Of course, nothing was free here, and disciples had to work if they wanted more resources or special guidance.

Therefore, most of the time, disciples trained by themselves or went on missions to earn more resources.

Although one would think, why would disciples want to join such academies where they would have work and pay for everything they needed?

The reasoning was very simple. It was because most of the resources were controlled by academies and the royal family.

If they didn't join any academy, they wouldn't have enough resources to improve, and if they ventured out in the world to earn them by themselves, first, they wouldn't be able to earn even one-tenth of the resources the academy disciples could earn, even with ten times the hard work.

The second was because the people without a strong background would be robbed, humiliated, enslaved, or killed.

Therefore, everyone preferred to join academies as they could easily earn resources and improve themselves, and at the same time, they would have the backing of the academies.

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Max quickly reached Rima's residence. However, he didn't find her there as she was also out. Therefore, he proceeded toward the training grounds.

The training grounds weren't simple places because there were mana-gathering formations which improved the quantity and quality of the mana in the training grounds.

If someone were to train or cultivate there for one day, their improvements would be a few more times than usual, and unlike other resources which you needed to complete missions or use mana stones to get, these training grounds were open for every inner and core disciple.

Outer sector disciples weren't given this privilege because they were considered below average and didn't have any potential to become strong.

Therefore, the academy didn't want to expend resources on them.

Moreover, the number of outer disciples was hundreds of times more than inner and thousands of times more than the core disciples.

So, if the academy were to open the training grounds for outer disciples to use for free, there would be no room left for other disciples to train.

Thinking this, Max could only sigh. Given the situation, the academy wasn't wrong. If he were the head of the academy, he also would do the same because why would a sane person waste the limited resources on some 'trash' that had no future?

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He reached one of the main training grounds in the main peak where disciples could train their spells.

It was a large four-floored, conical-shaped building, and from what he had heard from others, the first two floors were for inner disciples while the third floor was for core disciples. As for the fourth floor, only Elders were allowed to train there.

He approached the building and saw two guards standing in front of the entrance. One was male, and another was female.

Seeing him approach the building, the male guard shouted, "Halt and show your badge."

Max obediently showed his badge. After the guard checked it, he was granted entry inside.

As he entered the first floor, he was stunned by its size. It was at least the size of three football grounds put together, but right now it was completely empty, and the training rooms were closed.

He went to the reception, where a female Elder was sitting with an annoyed expression.

"Hello, Elder, may I know if any training room is available?" Max respectfully asked.

"Mm?" The Elder looked at him and asked, "Are you also a new inner disciple?"

"Yes. I am. Is something wrong?" Max asked, curious.

"No, nothing's wrong. It's just that from the morning until now, a lot of new disciples have come to train here even though you guys should be resting after coming from the outing." Elder said, shaking her head.

"Mm? Isn't that a good thing that disciples are eager to become strong quickly?" Max said.

"Yes, it's indeed a good thing." The Elder nodded.

She then started massaging her temples and said "However, because the formation inside the rooms of the first floor needs maintenance, the rooms are unusable currently.

As for the rooms on the second floor, each of them is filled, and many disciples are still waiting for their turn while more keep coming. It's giving me a headache."

"Whatever, give me your disciple badge." The Elder ordered.

Max took out his badge and gave it to her. She then used some technique that Elders and guards knew, noted down his details, and then gave it back.

"Go to the second floor. When any of the rooms are available, you can enter. But don't come complaining if you can't, and remember you can only train there for a maximum of two hours," Elder sternly said.

"Okay." Max nodded and went to the third floor, where another two guards were standing at the entrance.

They asked for his disciple badge and checked it. After that, they gave it back to him and let him pass.

"Woah!" He couldn't help but exclaim when he stepped onto the second floor.

Chapter 204: Fighting to enter the training room

Although the second floor was smaller than the first floor, it was still larger than the size of two football grounds joined together.

But what caused him to exclaim was that this floor was filled with disciples. Disciples were standing in front of the room in a disorderly manner, waiting for the doors to open.

"Mm?" Max raised his eyebrows. Although the Elder had already told him that many disciples were already waiting for their turn, he didn't expect the situation to be like this.

'It seems I can't train here today.' Max shook his head and turned around to walk out.

Given the situation, there were only two ways through which he could enter the room. One was that other disciples allowed him to, which was obviously unrealistic.

The other one was to fight and defeat other disciples and then enter. However, this also wasn't realistic since disciples weren't allowed fight in the academy.

It's opening!"

Just as Max turned around, there was a commotion as doors to one of the rooms showed signs of opening.

"Hm?" Max stopped and looked at the disciples in front of the room. Watching their expressions, he knew everyone wanted to enter the training room. Therefore, he became curious to see what they would do to enter.

"Hahaha... It's finally my turn to enter." A bulky disciple flexed his thick muscles and cracked his knuckles as he laughed arrogantly.

"Tch, what an arrogant bastard! Don't you see this young master here? I'll be the one to enter. You trash!" Another disciple standing near the door said disdainfully.

"..."

Most of the disciples started arguing as they all wanted to enter the room.

Max stood there silently and watched them with interest. After a few moments, the formation on the door dimmed, and the door slowly opened.

Boom!

Suddenly a disciple who was sent flying and the bulky disciple charged towards the door while swinging his thick hands wildly. All the disciples standing in his way were hit and sent flying.

He wasn't the only one; other disciples also started to fight their way toward the entrance of the room.

Max was surprised to see this and looked toward the disciplinary hall disciples and the guards standing at the entrance of the second floor.

His surprise grew when he saw that disciplinary hall disciples and the guards were watching all this with leisurely attitudes. It didn't seem that they were going to interfere.

Bang!

Suddenly, a female disciple was thrown in front of him.

"Cough...! Cough...! These brutes are too strong." She coughed and wiped some blood from the corner of her lips.

Max stepped forward and offered his hand like a gentleman to help her stand up.

Slap!

The female disciple slapped his hand away and looked at him angrily. However, seeing him, her eyes twinkled, and she calmed down.

She then gracefully stood up and said, "I'm sorry for my rude behavior just now. I hope you don't mind it."

Max was amused by this sudden change and couldn't help but feel a bit proud of his good looks, which were fatal to most women.

He waved his hand. "It's okay." And then asked, "Can you tell me why they are fighting? Isn't fighting prohibited on the academy grounds?"

"Oh, didn't the Elder on the first floor tell you?" The girl said and then immediately smiled and stepped closer to him.

"No, she didn't. What is it?" Max asked.

"Since the first floor isn't temporarily usable and the second floor doesn't have enough rooms for so many disciples to use, the academy allowed us to fight for the chance to enter the rooms. However, we can't use our mana or kill someone." She explained.

After hearing this, he understood, and his eyes lit up. "Thanks for telling me."

Shua!

"It's okay. Can you me your--" The girl smiled and was about to ask something when Max suddenly moved toward the fight at full speed.

The girl was stunned. She hurriedly shouted, "Don't go. These strength-based mages will easily throw you out."

Because they couldn't use any spells to fight, only those with high physical strength had the advantage.

Although Max had a good physique, he didn't seem like a strength-based mage. That's why she tried to stop him.

However, he had already charged toward the crowd.

Seeing his speed, she snickered in dissatisfaction. "Tch, what if you have high agility? You can't utilize it in such a crowded place."

However, her expression became incredulous the next moment, and she exclaimed, "What!"

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After seeing so many disciples crowding in front of the rooms, Max knew that he would have to wait a lot of time for his turn and could only train for a few hours, which wasn't worth it, and he wanted to go somewhere else.

However, he became excited after hearing that they could use their strength to enter the rooms.

His physical strength was among the best if everyone didn't use their mana to enhance it. So, the current situation was quite advantageous to him.

More than a hundred disciples were trying to get in, and the most powerful ones were fighting near the door.

Closest to the door was the bulky man who was only one meter away. Moreover, he was suppressing other disciples near him. It was only a matter of time before he entered.

Bang!

Seeing this, Max stomped the ground and jumped high in the air. He then directly landed near the bulky man.

"Fuck off!" The bulky man roared and punched towards him.

Max was stunned by the bulky man's reaction speed. He hadn't even properly stabilized yet, and he was already attacked.

Others who were trying to stop the bulky man from entering were a bit happy to see Max arrive but seeing that he was already attacked, they lost hope since no normal disciple would be able to dodge it.

Swoosh!

Max didn't bother to stabilize his footing, twisted his body out of the punch's trajectory, and successfully dodged it.

The bulky man was surprised when he failed to hit Max. However, he didn't have time to focus solely on him as he had to fight three other disciples.

The other three were also surprised and started attacking with more enthusiasm.

On the other hand, Max was able to stabilize himself after successfully dodging the strike.

He then moved toward the bulky man and punched toward his chest.

The bulky man threw the other three off and punched at Max with his full strength as his eyes glinted cruelly.

"Don't--" The three tried to warn Max, but it was already too late as both fists were about to crash into one another.

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"Fuck is this guy retard? Didn't he see that even those three geniuses were doing their best not to clash with him head-on?"

"I bet hundred Mana stones that he won't be able to use his hand for at least three months after being hit by that guy's punch."

"Hundred? I bet five hundred that his bones will break into at least half a dozen pieces."

"..."

Seeing Max's 'bold' actions, the spectators jeered and started betting Mana stones on how bad Max's situation would be.

They all had witnessed how frightening the bulky man's strength was.

More than a dozen disciples had their bones broken when hit by his punches; some of them were even strength-based mages themselves.

BANG!!

While everyone was mocking how bad Max's choice to clash head-on was, the bulky man's fists collided with Max's, and a loud bang resounded on the second floor.

After that, everyone could see two figures retreat a few steps back. Seeing this, everyone was silent and had astonished expressions.

Finally, after a few moments, everyone broke out in exclamations.

"What? That bulky guy was pushed back?"

"Tch, I didn't expect this pretty guy to be a strength-type mage too."

"Where is that guy who bet Mana stones...."

"..."

Near the entrance...

The bulky man was incredulous as he stared at Max and said, "I didn't expect you to be so strong."

Then suddenly, his voice became cold, and he continued grimly, "However, Let's see if you can endure more of my punches."

Saying this, he once again brandished his fist and ran toward Max. On the other hand, Max was also surprised.

Although it looked like they both were equal in strength, it wasn't true because Max's knuckles were bleeding right now, and he guessed that if his strength were even a bit lower than fifty points, his bones would have snapped as the spectators expected.

The other three disciples' eyes twinkled upon seeing the bulky man focusing on Max, and they simultaneously dashed toward the room.

"Hehe, sorry, I'm busy right now. We'll see this sometime later." Max laughed and ran toward the door.

Because he was very close to the gate and No one was blocking his way, before the bulky man could react, or the three disciples took a few steps, he had entered the room.

Weng~

Right after he entered the room, the formation on the door lit up, and the door was slammed shut.

The bulky man finally reacted and cursed, "Fuck!"

The other three also had grim expressions. They hadn't expected their hard work to benefit someone else.

Chapter 205: Effects of the training room

"Who was that guy? He entered so easily." A feeble-looking disciple, who was watching from afar, commented.

"Easily? You are saying this because he was strong enough to make it seem easy, or do you have the confidence to say that you could have entered in front of so many geniuses?" A female disciple standing beside him scoffed.

"..."

The feeble-looking disciple was immediately speechless and shook his head.

On the other side, the girl who was previously talking to Max had an astonished expression.

She hadn't expected that handsome, amiable-looking guy to be so strong.

She then shook her head, and a wry smile appeared on her face when she recalled how she had thought he would be thrown out like she was.

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As Max entered the room, he realized that all the sounds from outside were cut off, and the room was dead silent.

'The Mana here is at least five times denser and purer than the other places on the main peak. It's no wonder that training here is many times more effective.' He thought, feeling the Mana in the room.

He then looked around the room. The room was extremely simple, with only a cushion in one corner. Apart from that, there was nothing. The floor and walls had some glittering lines, which were the formation.

He had heard that with these formations protecting the room, no one under the three-star realm would be able to cause any damage here.

Crackle!

Max cracked his knuckles and smiled. 'Let's start training, shall we?'

Then without any delay, he started stretching his body.

After that, he stood still and closed his eyes.

A lot of Mana surged out from his core, and the surrounding Mana also became active. After that, his inner mana started to condense around his fist as he began to cast [Calidus Brachium] while feeling the flow of the Mana and trying to visualize its pathway.

Today, he was going to train his [Calidus Brachium] since he needed to shorten its casting time to use it more effectively.

To improve a spell, one only needed to cast it frequently. By doing that, they would get more familiar with it, and their mastery over it would rise slowly.

Although it sounded very simple, it wasn't as easy to achieve. It was because no matter what spell it was, it couldn't be cast infinitely since everyone had a limited amount of Mana. That's why the process of mastering a spell was usually done over extended periods of time.

Moreover, if the user didn't have a clear understating of how the spell works or their elemental affinity was lacking, training a spell would prove to be even more difficult.

That's why these training grounds were a very important resource you won't easily find elsewhere.

Due to Mana's high density and purity, you can replenish your Mana several times faster here and cast your spell many times more than you usually can elsewhere.

Moreover, the purer Mana in the environment was, the more efficiently your mind would work, which would help you understand the spell more.

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After thirty seconds, the first cast of the [Calidus Brachium] was complete, and Max's fist was blazing with crimson fire that enveloped his fist and one inch of his wrist.

Huu...!

Max took a deep breath and moved toward the wall in front with his blazing fist raised.

BANG!!

A loud bang resounded in the quiet room as his fist landed on the wall. Just before the impact, the formation on the wall lit up, and all the damage was ignored.

Max took a few steps back and was surprised to see that there wasn't ever a single scratch mark on the point of impact.

Following this, he kept casting [Calidus Brachium] and attacking the wall without a break.

If it weren't for this place, he wouldn't be able to do this since each of his attacks would cause much destruction, and he would have to find new targets to hit every time.

Bang!

Bang!

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Huu...!

After around ten minutes, Max stopped. He was a little out of breath as one-fourth of his stamina was depleted after casting his spell six times in a row.

Because he now could use more than fifteen hundred Mana in one cast, his Mana was completely exhausted just after six casts.

He then sat down on the cushion to recover his Mana.

'Since the Mana here is purer and denser, I can recover completely in around half an hour.' Max thought. Although this time was almost half than usual, he still frowned.

It only took him less than 10 minutes to completely exhaust his Mana, and now it would take three times the time to recover before he could start the second round. This means he could go for only three rounds before his time was up.

Thinking this, he waved his hand, and a few dozen crystal-like stones appeared before him.

'Fortunately, Jasmine gave me these Mana stones, or I would have to use from Belen and others' share.' He thought.

Before coming back last night, he had asked her for another bottle of 'Foundation strengthening liquid,' but she didn't have any with her so she said that she would send it to him tomorrow and because she was pretty happy, she gave him a few hundred Mana stones to train.

'Wait, I still have their share of Mana stones with me,' He suddenly remembered.

After exchanging the beast cores in the resource hall yesterday, he became busy consolidating his Mana core, and after that, with his date with Jasmine. So he completely forgot about giving them their share.

Although he went to Rima's residence, it was to give her the spell, and he didn't remember that he had yet to give them their Mana stones. Maybe he would have remembered if he had met Rima, but he didn't.

'Oh well, I will just distribute them after I'm done here.' Max shrugged and focused on replenishing his Mana.

Because of the dense Mana in the room and the Mana stones, he recovered completely in just twenty minutes and nodded in satisfaction.

After that, he resumed casting [Calidus Brachium]. After a while, he would sit down, replenish his Mana and stamina and then repeat the same cycle.

Very soon, two hours were about to be over. In these two hours, he had made some noticeable improvements.

The casting time of [Calidus Brachium] had been reduced to approximately twenty-five seconds, and the amount of Mana he could inject while casting it rose by another two hundred units, increasing its power by more than ten percent.

"Let's go now." He stood up and walked toward the door.

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Weng~

The formation on the door dimmed slightly, instantly catching the disciples' attention waiting outside.

"It's opening!"

There was a small commotion as the disciples noticed this, but no one moved toward the door nor showed any intention to compete to enter.

They were like spectators waiting for a show to watch.

As the door showed signs of opening, everyone's gazes landed in front, where four disciples, the bulky man, and three others were standing with cold expressions.

Weng~

The door opened, and Max slowly walked out with a calm face. Noticing the bulky man and others, he smiled faintly. "You guys are welcome to enter."

"We will, but after beating you up." One of the three disciples snickered coldly. He couldn't stand Max acting like everything was normal.

"Oh!" Max looked toward the disciple who just spoke, and his gaze became sharp as he said, "How about you come and try?"

Hearing this, the disciple's expression became ugly, and he was angered but didn't say or do anything. He knew he wasn't Max's match.

If he were to use his spells, maybe there was a chance he could fight him one on one, but now that they couldn't use their Mana, there wasn't a chance.

He instinctively looked toward the bulky man. The other two also glanced at him. They knew that if the bulky man first attacked him, they would be able to beat him easily.

"Tch, cowards!" Someone among the spectators cursed, seeing their reaction.

Hearing this, all three disciples' faces fell, but they didn't attack.

After seeing Max fight for a short while before, they knew that although the three of them were able to suppress the bulky man to some extent after working together, they won't be able to do the same to Max, even though his strength was somewhat lower than the bulky man because, unlike the bulky man, Max was very agile.

Seeing their reaction, Max ignored them and looked toward the bulky man. Looking at him, his expression wasn't as casual.

The bulky man didn't attack but asked, "You aren't a strength-type mage, are you?"

Max was slightly surprised by this. Max had seen that this man was very arrogant and was easily angered, most people with these characteristics would hold grudges but he didn't seem like that.

As the bulky man asked this question, the other three disciples near them and the spectators had incredulous expressions and broke out in exclamations.

Chapter 206: Appearance returning pill

"What? How can he not be a strength-type mage with that kind of physical strength?" The spectators exclaimed in astonishment. They couldn't believe that with his physical strength that was higher than some strength type mages, he wasn't one himself.

"Well, if he has strong physical strength, it doesn't always signify that he would be a strength-type mage. Moreover, his agility is also higher than some agility-type mages." A silver-haired beauty standing in front of a room not far away casually commented.

Hearing this, the disciple near her nodded. "Indeed, his agility is also a lot higher."

"Miss Salena, can you tell me what could be the reason behind his strength and agility, according to you?" A handsome man, standing near the silver-haired beauty, who looked to be in his early twenties, asked.

Although he seemed interested in knowing the reason, one could tell that he only wanted to converse with the beauty.

The silver-haired woman glanced at him but didn't say anything.

This made the man smile awkwardly. Suddenly, his eyes twinkled, and he glanced at the disciples around him with a stern look.

The disciples shuddered as his snake-like eyes locked onto them. They hurriedly nodded in agreement and started asking,

"Yes, miss, p-please explain. We also want to know the reason."

The silver-haired beauty glanced at the snake-eyed youth with disgust and wariness. Although she didn't want to speak to him for certain reasons, seeing that he was intimidating others to ask her, she nodded and slowly explained.

"If someone is talented enough and is willing to invest enough time and resources, they can obviously train their other attributes, as you all should already know." She said curtly.

Just when the snake-eyed man thought she wouldn't say anything, she turned to look at Max and continued.

"Of course, it's not so easy, and you need to work countless times harder than someone who only focuses on one specific attribute, and even after all that, it's a pretty challenging task to raise the other attributes to the peak.

In the case of this blue-haired guy, I can't imagine how hard he must have worked to train his agility and strength to the peak of the two-star realm. After all, he isn't even twenty yet." As she said the last part, her eyes twinkled.

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Max looked at the bulky man without saying anything for a second and nodded. "Yes, that's right."

"Hmm. Can you tell me what's your element?" The bulky man didn't look surprised and asked another question.

"Fire," Max said with a faint smile.

The bulky man revealed a surprised look. He had previously thought that his element must be somewhat unique, allowing him to train both agility and strength. However, if he had fire element, then it meant that he had trained them without any elemental advantage.

The bulky man looked at him solemnly and said, "Since you are so talented, I guess you'll also participate in the selection competition in four months. I'll make sure to defeat you fair and square then." Saying this, he walked toward the training room.

The other three didn't stop him since they knew they weren't his match.

They looked at Max warily. Now that they were alone here, they would be beaten easily if he were to attack them.

Max looked at the bulky man and sighed. He wasn't interested in competing with others, but others seemed to think of him as their opponent.

He then looked toward the three disciples, which made them take a step back, and asked, "So, do any of you still want to beat me up?"

"N-No. We don't." All three of them hurriedly shook their heads.

"Good for you." Seeing their reaction, Max nodded in satisfaction and walked toward the stairs to the first floor.

Everyone moved out to the sides and gave way. Some looked at him with admiration, awe, and respect, while some with battle intent and envy.

As he reached the exit, the two guards also nodded toward him. Max also nodded and once again realized that only the strong were respected.

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After leaving the training ground, Max went to find Belen and the others to give them their Mana stones, but he didn't find any of them.

Therefore, he returned to his room to rest and wait for 'Foundation strengthening liquid' to arrive.

When it was past noon, finally someone came to deliver the liquid. It was Jasmine's maid.

"Young master, Mistress sent me to give this to you." She took a small crystal bottle and handed it to him.

Max received the bottle and nodded. "Okay. Give you mistress my thanks."

"Yes, young master." The maid nodded and said in a low voice, "Young master, mistress asked me to tell you that before you go out on your first mission, please g-give mistress another visit."

Hearing this, his eyes twinkled, and he nodded. "Okay! Tell her I'll come."

After he had agreed to become her sex partner, Jasmine had told him to come to her whenever she called him; in return, she would give him all the resources within her capacity.

Although Max liked the second part of the deal, he didn't agree to this requirement of hers. So, after a prolonged 'argument,' they had mutually decided that whenever she called him, he would 'visit' her if he wasn't busy.

'Sigh... only if she was willing to do it daily, I might have gained enough LPs to buy that pill for Flavia.' He sighed.

Max had suggested that they could do it daily if she wanted. However, for some reason, she didn't agree.

When Max was browsing through the medicine section, he had found a grade four pill called the 'Appearance returning pill' that could heal any facial scar or abnormalities and make a face even more beautiful than before.

But being a grade four pill in the system shop, it had a sky-high cost of half a million LPs which he couldn't afford.

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After the maid had returned, Max closed the door and sat cross-legged with the crystal bottle in his hand.

'Hopefully, my core will be strengthened after this.' Max thought and drank the liquid in one gulp.

Chapter 207: Weird

Huu...!

Max exhaled and opened his eyes. His Mana core was almost fully consolidated, and only some tiny improvements were needed.

'I should be able to increase my Mana to the peak two-star realm before going on the mission.' He thought, excited.

Creak~

Just as he was finished, the door was opened and a beautiful figure covered in sweat appeared.

Shua!

Max appeared beside her and supported her "Are you okay?" He asked worriedly.

"Hehe, I'm okay. I just fought many fights continuously and exhausted all of my stamina." Anna giggled softly.

"Okay. Let me help you to the bed." Max said and was about to pick her up.

Whoosh!

"No, I'm too sweaty right now. So, I'll take a bath first." Anna dodged and hurriedly said as her cheeks turned a faint crimson due to embarrassment.

Before Max could say anything, she had gone toward the bathroom.

Seeing this, Max shook his head and smiled.

He then lay on the bed and closed his eyes to rest for a while as he was also a bit tired due to cultivating for so many hours in a row.

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After a while, Anna came out in a clean set of white clothes. Her golden hair was slightly damp. Noticing this, Max opened his eyes and stared at her without blinking.

Anna saw this and her face started becoming red and her heart thumped louder and faster.

"W-What are looking at?" She asked as her voice stuttered.

"You, of course." Max smiled.

"You... Humph!" Anna became embarrassed and pouted cutely.

Thump!

Max also felt his heart thump for a second and he almost wasn't able to control himself.

Right now, Anna looked like an innocent and beautiful angel in that white dress that was very unsuccessful in hiding her beautiful curves and that slightly pouting expression was fatal.

Anna seemed to feel the change in air around him. She panicked and quickly said, "I-I'll prepare food. You w-wait there."

Phew!

Max took a deep breath and calmed down. He could feel that his resistance toward her was becoming weak by the day.

He stood and walked toward the door while saying "Rest for a while before making the food. There's still time until dinner. I'm going out for a while."

"Oh? Okay. Come back quickly." Anna dazedly responded.

After he had went out, her body seemed to go soft and she powerlessly laid on the bed, murmuring "Why am I being like this in front of him? What my heart race like that?"

She didn't seem to understand what was going on with her. She only knew that her heartrate would speed up when he looked at her with that somewhat different look in his eyes.

Thinking this and remembering how he kissed her before the outing, her eyes widened in realization as she suddenly exclaimed in her heart 'Don't tell me h-he likes me as a... a woman.'

As this thought appeared in her mind, she couldn't calm down at all and her heart and mind had become restless.

A lot of different kinds of emotions surged at the same time making her heart a complete mess. However, unknown to her, a happy smile had formed on her face.

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Max walked out and took deep breaths of the fresh air to calm his mind.

Although he wanted Anna to be his woman, he didn't want to do something due to lust that he might regret for life.

After all, Anna was special and wasn't like Belen and others whose feelings weren't of his concern when he made a move on them.

While lost in his thoughts, he walked toward where Rima and others lived.

'She should be back by now.' Max thought and knocked on the Rima's dorm room.

Knock! Knock!

Creak!

Just as he knocked, the door opened and before he could react, he was pulled inside the room and the door was closed shut right after.

All this happened in just an instant and this left him dumbfounded. If he hadn't smelt Rima's intoxicating fragrance and hadn't felt the familiar sensation of her body, he might have thought that he was being attacked.

As he opened his mouth to speak, his lips had been sealed by a pair of soft and delicious lips as her hands tightly held his head so that he won't move his head away.

"Mm..." Seeing this, Max threw away the thought of speaking and wrapped his hands around her curvy back and started responding to her kisses earnestly.

Soon their tongues intertwined and started fighting for dominance without any result. All of a sudden, Max's hand went down her back and tightly cupped her plump ass.

Mm~

Rima's focus was momentarily diverted, and in this short moment, Max's tongue became dominant. He then kissed and sucked her juicy tongue and lips however he liked.

After more than ten minutes, Rima was out of breath. Noticing this, Max reluctantly stopped kissing her.

"Huff... huff..."

Rima moved her head back slightly, but her body remained glued to his and her had circling around his neck as she heaved deep breaths.

She had a blissful expression as she looked into his eyes. She pouted slightly and said complaining tone "Humph... you finally remembered me."

Hearing this, Max smiled wryly and said "I did come to find you in the morning but you were out." He then asked with frown "How did you know it was me and not someone else?"

He hadn't made any sound and he had noticed that she also hadn't looked at him before pulling him inside.

"Well, I'm not sure why but somehow I can feel your presence if you are within fifty meters radius from me." She said in a confused tone.

Thinking that he might not believe her, she hurriedly added "I'm not the only one. Belen and Rima can feel this too."

Hearing this, Max frowned and thought 'Is it a side effect of the system?'

His first thought was that this must be because of them using the system indirectly by having sex with him and improving.

Chapter 208: Now it's my turn***

'System, what is this about? Why can they feel my presence?' Max asked the system in his mind.

[Host, because you have the system, you are the initiator and leading factor in producing the Nascent energy, and it can be said that all this Nascent energy belongs to you. Therefore, after mating with the host many times and digesting your Nascent energy, they have established a kind of telepathic connection with the host. That's why they can sense the host.] The system replied.

Hearing this, Max nodded to himself. His assumption was correct.

"Okay, I believe you." He smiled at her and lifted her in his arms all of a sudden, making Rima yelp in surprise before she happily snuggled in his chest.

Because he was aroused by Anna a while ago and could barely suppress himself, Rima's act of kissing him once again ignited his lust.

He lay her on the bed and quickly undressed her while kissing and feeling her lust-inducing body. After that, he also took off his closed.

"Ah~ I've missed you." Rima started to caress his already bulging cock with her smooth hands.

Max started kneading her bare breasts and pinched her nipple, making her moan, "It's been only a little more than a day since we came back from the mountain; how come you are already missing it." He asked teasingly.

Hearing his question, Rima blushed slightly, and she harrumphed, "Humph! It's been almost two days since we came back, and..."

She didn't speak further, and her face became redder. Max smiled seeing her reaction and pinched her other nipple. "And?"

"Ahn~"

She moaned, feeling the mixture of pain and pleasure, and said, "I haven't done it for four days now because it was Belen and Leticia's turn to s-spend the night with you."

"Hehe, that's the case? So, let me satisfy my beautiful seductress now." Max laughed and started kissing her lips, neck, breasts, etc., while his hand moved over to her small pink flower and started massaging it gently.

Nngh~

Rima moaned, feeling his hand playing with her pussy, and she soon became wet.

Max then sat in front of her and pointed at his little brother. "How about you use your mouth and let me enjoy it a bit before we proceed with the main course?"

Because he only gets LPs when he ejaculates inside a vagina, it had been a long time since he last enjoyed a blowjob. Now that the amount of LPs was very meager, he wanted to enjoy it properly.

Hearing this, Rima paused for a moment before she nodded and brought her mouth to his cock, and gently gave his glans a lick.

After licking it, she raised her head and looked at him as if asking if this was what he wanted.

Seeing this, Max patted her head and said, "Put it in your mouth and suck it."

Rima hesitated a bit before putting it in her mouth and slowly started to lick and suck it.

"Ugh!"

Feeling her soft tongue on his cock, Max groaned in pleasure and pushed her head down. Half of his dragon went inside her mouth.

"Mwah..."

Rima was caught unprepared and choked.

"Cough! Cough!"

She moved her head back and had a coughing fit. "What would you do it so suddenly? Don't you know your thing is thick, and my mouth is small?" She said in a slightly angry tone.

Max smiled wryly. "Sorry, It felt too good, so I couldn't control myself."

Hearing this, her eyes twinkled, and without saying anything, she again put it in her mouth and took more than half of it inside before starting to move her head up and down.

"Wu wou wike bit?" She looked up at him with his cock deep inside her mouth and asked. Although her words were incoherent, Max understood that she was asking, 'do you like it?'

"Ugh! Yeah, It's amazing." Max nodded as he groaned in pleasure.

Hearing this, Rima became even more energetic and started wrapping her tongue around his shaft while moving it in and out of her mouth, giving him a sensation similar to her pussy.

After a while, the pleasure made him reach his limit.

"I'm coming." He warned and pushed her head down, making his cock enter deep in her throat and unloaded.

After a few seconds, Rima slowly raised her head and took his cock out of her mouth, and Max heard a 'gulp'.

He looked at her and smiled in satisfaction.

"Did you enjoy it?" Rima asked as she licked a drop of his cum on her lips.

"Yes, I did. It was amazing." Max nodded and patted her head.

"Hehe, I'm glad you liked it." She giggled happily and suddenly asked, "Did it do it better than Belen and Leticia?"

"Huh?" Max was surprised by her sudden and weird question and asked, "How do you know they had also done it before?"

"I don't know, but I guessed they should have since they had been with you longer than me. Anyways, tell me, was I better than them?" Rima asked.

"Yes. You were." Max nodded and smiled. Of course, he wasn't going to say no. Moreover, she was better than Leticia at the very least.

"Hehe, good." Rima giggled, and her eyes glinted victoriously.

Max pointed to his little brother, "However, they also clean it afterward."

"Oh?" She looked down and saw that his little brother was stained with his cum and her saliva.

"I was going to do the same too," She hurriedly said and started cleaning it with her tongue. In a few seconds, she was done.

Thud!

Max then pushed her back and made her fall on her back. He then positioned himself between her legs and rubbed his cock on her pink pussy. "Now, let me make you feel good."

"Mm!" She nodded and spread her legs more.

Thwop!

"Ahngh~"

After putting it on her wet entrance, he pushed it inside with a thrust, making her moan.

He also groaned, feeling the soft, wet, and warm sensation, and thought, 'Although a blowjob is very pleasurable, it still can't compare to the pleasure of a real pussy.'

Chapter 209: Anna breaking through to two-star

Squelch! Squelch! Squelch!

He grabbed her by her thin waist and started moving his waist, and his cock began to slide in and out, making wet, squelching sounds.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Ahn~ Ngh~ Ohh~

The small dorm room was filled with the sounds of their moaning and flesh slapping against each other.

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After one hour...

Hah... hah...

Max was lying on the bed, and on top of his lay Rima, huffing. She had a content expression, and her eyes were sparkling with happiness.

Max had his hands wrapped around her waist as he enjoyed the feeling of hugging her soft body.

"I brought a gift for you," Max whispered in her ear.

"Oh, what is it?" Rima raised her head and looked at him expectantly.

"The sound spell that I promised you." Max smiled.

"Really?" Rima cried out in disbelief, and her body shook.

She remembered him promising her that he would give her a sound elemental spell. However, she wasn't too hopeful about this even though he had given her a powerful magic spell such as [Destruction wheel], because she knew more than anyone how rare sound elemental spells were.

"You... are you telling the t-truth?" She asked in a trembling voice, and her eyes turned misty.

Although She knew that Max wouldn't say it if it wasn't true but she still found it incredible and her heart thumped in expectation.

"Yes. Would I lie about it otherwise?" Max chuckled lightly and gently wiped her teary eyes.

Seeing her react like this, he felt faintly feel her state of heart. After all, she had suffered since the moment she awakened her sound element because of a suitable spell.

"Un, you won't. I know you won't." She shook her head, and finally, tears started to fall from her eyes as if a dam was broken.

Although she was crying, it was a cry of relief, happiness, and joy.

Max hugged her trembling body tightly without saying anything and let her vent out her emotions.

After crying for a while, Rima calmed down and hurriedly said, "Max, hurry up and teach me the spell."

"Why don't we first clean ourselves, no?" Max smilingly said.

"Okay. Hurry up, I'll help you." She nodded dazedly and grabbed his hand before dragging him toward the bathroom.

Max could only shake his head at this. However, he couldn't blame her for being impatient since he knew her state of heart.

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After twenty minutes, Both Max and Rima were sitting on the bed cross-legged, facing each other as Max taught her the chant and additional information he had received from the system.

After half an hour, he was done. Rima was too impatient and closed her eyes and started to comprehend the spell immediately.

Max stood up, took out 900+ Mana stones, and placed them in front of her before going out.

It had been around two hours since he came here. He needed to go and find Belen, Leticia, and Haory to give them their share of Mana stones.

Although it won't take much time with Haory, Belen and Leticia would probably want to have sex with him, which would take a lot more time.

He looked up and saw that stars were twinkling in the dark sky. 'No, I can't waste more time; Anna must be waiting for me to return.'

Thinking this he walked toward Haory's dorm room. After reaching there, he knocked on the door.

"Who is it?" A cold voice answered after a few seconds.

"It's me, Max," Max called out and waited.

Creak~

The door opened, and Haory appeared before him and said indifferently, "Yes?"

Max knew this was her attitude, so he didn't mind and took out a spatial bag and handed it to her. "There are a little more than twenty-eight hundred Mana stones. These are yours, Belen and Leticia's. Please keep yours and give them their share for me, okay."

"Shouldn't there be only eighteen hundred? And why don't to give them? After all, you guys have a very deep relationship; why ask me?" Rima asked with a frown.

Although it sounded like she was unwilling, and that's why she was asking this, Max felt that the way she was asking this was somewhat weird as if she was envious or something.

However, he didn't overthink this and said, "Well, I'm busy right now and won't be able to give them these, so I thought you would. After all, they might also need them."

Haory looked at him in silence and nodded. "Okay. I'll take care of it."

"Good. Yes, can you also give them a message from me that I'll meet them after my monthly mission?" Max suddenly added.

He couldn't meet them because he was too busy for the next few days.

Tomorrow in the day, he was planning to train both [Calidus Brachium] and [Defensive Flame] spell and also increase his strength and other attributes by a bit. In the night, he had to go 'meet' Jasmine.

Day after tomorrow was the day when he would be assigned a mission. Therefore, he could meet them after the mission.

"Okay." Haory nodded and didn't ask anything anymore.

"Thanks." After thanking her, he turned around and left.

Haory watched him leave with a complicated expression on her face. Even when he had disappeared from her sight, she stood at the door for a while.

Sigh!

In the end, she sighed, clenched the spatial bag in her hand, and went back inside.

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When Max returned to his dorm room, he found Anna waiting for him. She hadn't eaten yet.

He thought that she would complain about where he had gone and that she had been waiting, but surprisingly, she didn't.

They had dinner before both of them started to cultivate. Anna was using Mana stones to improve her Mana reserves and form her Mana core.

Meanwhile, Max was strengthening his core. He had to consolidate it thoroughly before going on the mission so that he could increase his Mana without any adverse effects.

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By midnight, Max was done. His core was strengthened to its limits.

Seeing that Anna was still cultivating, he stood up and walked toward the bed to lie down.

Boom!

However, just as he took the first step, Mana surged around Anna.

He turned to look at her and a smile appeared on his face 'She finally broke through.'

Chapter 210: Realization

Max was relieved and happy for Anna. It's been more than a year since she joined the academy; when she joined, she was already a one-star mage.

Although Max didn't know specifics, from his memories, he knew that Anna had encountered an Elder of the Cloud academy who helped her join the academy without any requirement.

However, even though the Elder had opened the back door for her to enter the Academy, he didn't provide any more help.

Moreover, Because she was just an outer sector disciple and her talent was just average, she couldn't improve much in terms of Mana. Therefore, she was focused on her fighting skills.

Max sat on the bed and waited. Because she had just formed her Mana core and broke through, her Mana was still chaotic, which she needed to stabilize.

After one hour, her Mana had become calm, and she opened her eyes. They were sparkling with joy.

"Congratulations, Anna, for successfully becoming a two-star Mage." Max smiled at her.

Shua!

Anna didn't respond and ran toward him before throwing herself in his arms. "Thank you, Max. I could break through because of you. Thank you!" Her voice was full of emotions, and her eyes were teary as she thanked him.

If it weren't because he provided her with more than 200 hundred Mana stones, she would have taken at least half, if not a year more, to break through.

As an outer sector disciple, she could only receive ten low-grade Mana stones monthly, which wasn't enough to make any improvement. Even with the missions she did, her monthly Mana stones weren't more than twenty.

"You silly girl. This is what family is for." Max pinched her nose lovingly and laughed.

"Un, you are right." Anna nodded and then giggled. "Hehe, How about you give me some more Mana stones to consolidate my newly formed Mana core?"

"Okay. Here you go." Max nodded and took out another two hundred Mana stones.

"Wah! I was joking. I still have around fifty Mana stones left. Take these back." Anna cried out in surprise and showed that she still had some left.

"It's okay. I still have some left for me to use, and you indeed need these to fully consolidate your core so that there won't be any problem when you increase your Mana count." Max shook his head and put them into her spatial bag.

Anna felt a surge of warmth seeing this, and a beautiful smile appeared on her face before she tightly hugged him, her bosom pressing onto Max's chest.

"Thank you, Max. You are the best." She murmured.

Max also hugged her soft body and gently caressed her hair and back. However, soon he realized that his mind was focused on the soft feeling on his chest and his little dragon also showed signs of waking up.

"Cough, Okay, Anna. Let's sleep now." He coughed and let go of her.

"No, I want to stay like this for a while." Anna pouted like a little girl and hugged him even tighter, making her body press onto his even more.

'Fuck!' Max cursed in his mind as his little dragon woke up and poked into her belly.

"Mm?" Anna felt something hard pressing into her belly and unconsciously reached out her hand and grabbed it.

After grabbing it, she felt it throb and suddenly realized something and looked at Max before suddenly jumping away like a frightened rabbit.

Max awkwardly scratched his forehead and said, "Sorry, it's something I can't control."

"N-No, it's my m-mistake that touched it." Anna shook her head and waved her hands in panic, her face completely red while her mind repeated the same words 'He likes me as a woman. He likes me as a woman. He likes...'

Before this, she had already thought Max liked her as a woman and was attracted to her, but she still hadn't believed it. However, now seeing him having such a reaction from hugging her, she knew her previous guess was on the spot.

Sigh!

"Let's sleep now," Max said and lay on the bed before closing his eyes. He didn't want to make things more awkward between them.

After calming down, Anna came over and lay on the other side of the bed. She didn't dare hug him to sleep like usual.

After a while, both of them fell asleep.

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Early in the morning...

"Mm?" Anna slowly woke up and opened her sleepy eyes. She suddenly felt herself curled into Max's chest, and one of his hands rested over her.

Instinctively, she snuggled closer into his embrace and closed her eyes with a happy expression. However, in the next moment, she remembered what had happened last night and panicked. She wanted to move away due to her embarrassment.

However, due to the position she was in, if she suddenly moved, Max would wake up, and she didn't want to disturb his sleep.

She looked at his peaceful sleeping face and thought to herself, 'I shouldn't panic like this. After all, it is normal to have those kinds of feelings for someone of the opposite gender. Moreover, it would be best if we could....'

As her thoughts wandered around, her heart rate sped up. She wanted to stop having these thoughts, but she could do nothing about it, and her imagination went wild, which caused her heart to beat like drums, and her face turned completely red.

As if noticing this, Max slowly opened his eyes and looked at Anna. Her face looked enchanting in his sleepy eyes, and he unconsciously moved his mouth closer to hers and kissed her lips lightly.

After kissing her, his expression became more relaxed. He hugged her tightly and fell asleep once again.

On the other hand, Anna's body became frozen due to this. She didn't know how to respond. When she saw him closing his eyes once again, she felt somewhat relieved and touched her lips with a dazed look in her eyes.

Although the kiss was only momentary like the other time, she felt it more and also realized that she didn't dislike it.

Chapter 211: Do you think I'm easy to bully...?

After around three hours, Max finally woke up.

"Good morning." A sweet voice sounded in his ears. Max looked and saw Anna in his embrace. Her head rested on his chest as she looked up at him with a smile.

"Good morning." He smiled and took a deep breath, inhaling her intoxicating scent.

This action of his caused Anna's face to redden, and she looked down.

Max noticed this and smiled wryly. He had forgotten that she was looking at him.

"Cough. You didn't go to train today?" He asked, trying to dispel the awkward atmosphere.

"I couldn't." Anna looked at him and said in a slightly complaining voice.

"Oh?" Max suddenly understood. He was hugging her so tightly; how could she have gone out without waking him up?

After that, there was an awkward silence, and they stayed in the same position.

"How about we get out of the bed now?" Anna finally broke the silence and asked.

"Okay." Max nodded and let go of her, albeit reluctantly.

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After an hour, both were sitting, eating their breakfast, and talking.

"So, tomorrow is your mission assignment day," Anna said in a downcast voice after hearing he would be out on the mission after tomorrow.

"Yes. But don't worry. Maybe I'll get some mission that doesn't require me to go out." Max said after seeing her mood becoming a bit sadder.

"No, you won't. Most of the missions are for the outside world. There are only a few missions that one can do in the academy, but they are usually for the outer sector disciples like us to do." Anna said.

"Right, now that you are a two-star mage, You can apply to become an inner sector disciple, right?" Max asked.

Anna knew he was trying to change the topic, but she still nodded. "Yes, I can."

After that, they talked about the test she had to pass to become an inner disciple. What surprised Max was that Anna was absolutely confident about passing the test.

Seeing him surprised, Anna proudly said, "To become an inner disciple, the academy requires disciples to have higher than average battle power. I believe that very few under my age can surpass me in terms of battle power. As for the Mana affinity, Mine is a little bit higher than six."

Max nodded. He knew her battle power was even higher than some two-star mages if they didn't use their high Mana advantage.

However, after hearing her last part, his brows furrowed, and he asked, "If you have such high Mana affinity, how come you didn't break through to the two-star realm in this more than one year?"

Anna's expression dimmed after hearing his question, and her eyes flickered with intense murderous intent, which surprised Max.

However, she soon regained her calm and said, "It's because when I joined the academy, most of the disciples looked down on me, saying I entered through the back door and not because of my strength and because I was weaker than the other outer sector disciples, some started to bully me and would snatch away my monthly resources and wouldn't let me cultivate in peace."

She then sighed. "Therefore, for more than half a year, I couldn't cultivate at all. After that, I made a few friends during a mission who helped me, and I could finally cultivate and improve my fighting skills and cultivation level."

After hearing this, Max became so angry that he could barely control himself and said, "Tell me, who are those guys that bullied you?"

Anna suddenly giggled devilishly. "Hehe, little Max, you don't need to worry about them. More than half of them are already dead. As for the rest of them, I've beaten the crap out of them many times. Or do you think I'm easy to bully?"

Max shivered upon hearing this as he understood what her words implied. In his memory, Anna was always a kind-hearted and happy-go-lucky type of girl who was only serious when it came to training.

Therefore, it was hard for him to believe that she could be cruel enough to kill those who offended her directly. At the same time, he also let out a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, she was cruel enough, or she would have suffered much more given that this strength-based world wasn't merciful to kind-hearted people.

Seeing his expression, Anna looked at him anxiously and asked, "Little Max, do you dislike me now that you found out that I'm not like you thought I was?"

"No. Why would I?" Max shook his head and smiled.

Anna visibly relaxed hearing this and stood up. "Okay, I'm going to train now."

"Wait. Let's go together." Max also stood up since he was done eating.

After that, both of them walked out together. Anna went toward the fighting arena while Max went toward the training ground.

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Unlike yesterday, the rooms on the first floor were functional. Therefore, even though the number of disciples was higher than yesterday, it wasn't as crowded.

Max took the entrance token from the Elder, and after waiting for some time, he entered the training room.

After the door closed, he started training by first casting [Defensive Flame]. His target today was to become familiar with it and try to reduce the casting time of [Calidus Brachium] as much as possible.

Weng~

The mana around him became chaotic as he started to circulate his elemental Mana according to the chant of the [Defensive Flame].

A thin flame barrier started to flicker around him. After fifteen or so seconds, the crimson-colored flame barrier fully materialized.

Huu...

Max took a deep breath and was pleased to see that the cast time of [Defensive Flame] was much lower than [Calidus Brachium]'s.

'Unfortunately, I can't see how much defensive power it has since there isn't anything to test it with.' Max sighed and started to cast [Calidus Brachium].

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The room was soon filled with the collision sounds of Max's fist hitting the wall.

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On a mysterious mountain in a far away place...

"Master, I've already broken through to the three-star realm. Can I go out to see young master?" A sweet feminine voice tinged with hints of begging sounded in a palace-like building.

Chapter 212: Wooden puppets

Shua!

With a gust of cold wind, a young girl in a white dress appeared inside a chamber. She looked like a holy woman with a beauty that could topple empires if she appeared in the outside world.

"Sigh!" A white-haired woman radiating intense coldness was sitting in the meditation pose. Hearing this, she sighed and opened her eyes.

Her cold expression became gentle as her eyes landed on the girl in front of her. If the people who knew this white-haired woman saw this change, they would be astonished.

"You silly child, why do you keep thinking about that guy? He isn't worthy of you." The white-haired woman shook her head, dissatisfied.

"Master~~" The girl suddenly yelled as her face became red in anger hearing this and said, "I've told you countless times, I don't want you to talk bad about young master, or I won't talk to you again."

"Okay-okay, I won't talk bad about him." The silver-haired woman said in a dotting voice.

"Good. So, can I go now, master?" The girl asked again.

This beautiful girl was Lilly, who had come with this white-haired woman to the 'Ice sovereign mountain.'

Although her strength grew rapidly after coming here under the guidance of the white-haired woman, she missed Max day and night and wanted to go back to meet him.

"No, you can't. At least not right now." The white-haired woman shook her head.

"Why? I want to." Lilly's expression became sad, and her eyes turned misty.

"Come here." The white-haired woman sighed in her heart and gestured toward Lilly to come near her.

Lilly went ahead and stood in front of her. The white-haired woman lovingly patted her head and slowly said,

"It's because Master is going to join others to fight against people from 'other side.' So, I can't accompany you, and you aren't strong enough to travel alone. When I come back, I'll accompany you to meet him."

"Master, are you really going to enter the battlefield?" Lilly worriedly asked.

"Silly child, don't be worried. With my strength, there is a quite high chance for me to come back alive." The white-haired woman smiled.

"You focus on cultivating and mastering the [Ice world]. You need to break through to mortal boundary as soon as possible." She added.

"Yes, master." Lilly nodded with a resolute expression and walked out of the chamber.

Watching her leave, the white-haired woman sighed. 'With your talent, it's not hard to reach the peak. I just hope that brat won't drag you down with him.'

After, she closed her eyes once again in meditation.

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Weng~

The door to one of the training rooms on the first floor opened, and Max walked out with a smile on his face.

'I only need twenty seconds to cast the [Calidus Brachium] without preparing in advance now. If I were to compress the Mana in advance, I only need a little more than ten seconds.' He thought.

Moreover, he could use a total of two-thousand Mana in a single cast which caused its power to rise by another level. He was sure that if he encountered a beast on the same level as the wolf leader, he could kill it in one shot.

After exiting the building, he walked toward another building. It was also a training ground.

He quickly reached the building. It was a two-floored building but it was larger in size however, unlike the other training ground, it was almost completely empty.

Max wasn't surprised by this because this training facility was specially designed to train physical attributes such as strength and agility.

Therefore, it wasn't as popular since there weren't many disciples who had awakened such attributes.

Max came here because he was going to increase his strength and agility stat. Therefore, this training facility will be perfect for him to get used to the improved attributes.

After entering the building, he went to the reception, where a fierce looking burly middle-aged man was dozing off in the chair with his feet resting on the desk.

"Excuse me, Elder. May I get a training room?" Max politely asked.

The Elder opened his eyes and looked at him up and down before extending his hand. "Your badge and 50 Mana stones."

Just as Max was about to give his badge, he paused. "Aren't these training grounds free for all inner and core disciples?" He asked.

"Tch, Not all, you smart pants." The Elder clicked his tongue and then waved his hand impatiently, "Are you going to train or not, if not, then go away and let me sleep in peace."

Max shrugged his shoulders, took out fifty Mana stones, and gave them to the Elder along with his badge.

The Elder quickly stored the Mana stones and gave the badge after giving it a glance. He then took out a token. "Here."

Max extended his hand to take the token when the Elder suddenly grabbed his hand. Max was surprised by this and he tried to use force to free himself, but obviously, he couldn't.

The Elder then said in a low voice, "Little guy, do you wish to train more than two hours?"

Max was surprised by this question but he hurriedly nodded "Of course, I do." He knew that usually, disciples were only allowed to train for a maximum of two hours a day.

However, this Elder was asking him if he wanted to train more. This signified that he could allow him to train more and this is what he wanted as two hours might not be enough for him to get used to his improved stats.

"Hehe, I wasn't wrong. You are indeed a hardworking guy." The Elder laughed weirdly which gave Max shivers.

Seeing Max's expression, the Elder coughed and raised his fingers "How about I allow you to train here as much as you want, and in return, you give me fifty no thirty Mana stone per hour?"

"Oh, you can do it?" Max asked as if he didn't believe him.

"I'm in charge of this place. Of course, I can do it." The Elder said proudly. Suddenly he put on a smile and asked "So, what do you think about my offer little guy?"

Max acted as if he was thinking and then looked at the Elder and shook his head "No, it's too expensive. I can't afford it."

"Expensive huh?" The Elder's eyes twinkled hearing this and he asked "Tell me, how much can you afford? As your elder, I'll give you some discount."

Max smiled and raised one finger. "Ten."

"Ten? No, it's very low. How about twenty-five? You should know that it's a very good deal and I'm only offering you this because I happened to like you." The Elder shook his head.

"Forget it then. Two hours a day are enough for me." Max shrugged and walked toward the training room.

Seeing this, the Elder quickly grabbed his shoulder "Wait little guy. Let's discuss it further. I can you allow you to train for twenty Mana stones per extra hour. How about it?" He asked.

"No. I can't give you more than ten." Max shook his head resolutely. Although he still had around 200 more, he needed them to replenish his Mana inside the training room. Moreover, he knew that this Elder was going to keep them for himself.

"Tch, stingy brat. Then give me five hours' worth of stones in advance or forget about it." The Elder said, annoyed.

"Okay." Max smiled and took out fifty more stones and gave them to him.

After that, the Elder gave him a different token. Max took it and walked toward one of the rooms on the first floor.

The burly Elder watched him go and murmured "This little guy is interesting. He doesn't have a physical element awakened but he is still so powerful."

He then sat down on the chair and closed his eyes once again.

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As Max entered the room, he found that the room was at least two times larger than the room in the other training ground and there were a total of one hundred human-shaped wooden puppets standing there motionlessly.

Weng~

Just as he was thinking about how he was going to train, the formations in the room buzzed and the wooden puppets seemed to come to life as they moved and surrounded him.

Then without giving Max any time to react, one puppet closest to him started attacking him.

It moved at a very fast speed and threw a punch at his chest. Although the punch was pretty fast, it didn't seem to have much strength.

Seeing this, Max also punched at the incoming fist with 60% of his total physical strength.

Bang! Crack!

As their fists collided, the wooden puppet's fist cracked into splinters and it was pushed a few feet back.

Max looked at the puppet with a surprised look.

Although he was victorious in the first round, he realized that these wooden puppets' fists were as tough as steel and their seemingly normal punch contained a lot of power and his knuckles were hurting slightly.

'What if all of these puppets attacked me at the same time?' Max took in a cold breath.

Chapter 213: Training

Whoosh!

Just as Max was thinking this, two more puppets moved towards him from different directions and punched out at his forehead and back.

Swoosh!

Max's reaction was instantaneous, and he moved to the side, effectively evading both punches.

In the next moment, he punched at both puppets in the chest with his full strength and sent them flying.

Max knew these puppets wouldn't give him a breather, so he quickly opened his stat window and increased what he needed the most right now: strength.

[Strength: 60]

He increased his strength stat by 20% in one go and instantly felt a strange power merge into his muscles, bones, and blood which made him feel the improvement in his raw strength.

Whoosh!

Just then, three puppets closed in and punched at him.

Because of his heightened senses, his reaction speed was almost instantaneous, and using his agility which was already at seventy points; he was able to dodge their attacks easily.

Then he brandished his fists and punched at all three of them with everything he got.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

All three puppets were sent flying, and Max could see that their wooden shells had sunk more than half an inch wherever his punch landed.

'Hehe, a twenty percent improvement is huge indeed.' Max became excited. Before using his full strength, he couldn't do this since these puppets' bodies were much tougher than their fists.

'Let's increase it by five more points.' Max decided after seeing that there wasn't much backlash when he used his full strength.

[Strength: 65]

'Ugh! I think this is enough.' As he increased it again, he felt a slight pain in his bones and muscles, indicating that this was his limit before he could assimilate the power he had just gotten completely.

'Let's do it then.' He clenched his fist and looked toward the puppets.

Whoosh!

Not disappointing him, four puppets charged at him.

Shua!

Bang!

He dodged their attacks and punched them away one by one. However, he didn't use his full strength this time since there was a danger of harming himself.

Bang!

Bang! Bang!

Slowly the number of puppets attacking him increased, and he was soon put in a disadvantageous situation. He could barely keep up, using his agility to its limits.

Fortunately, after using his strength in varying degrees to make his body familiar, his speed of assimilation increased, and he could use more of his power to force them back.

Moreover, the fact that the puppets that he successfully forced back didn't attack also helped. Or he would have been overrun by them by now since he was using pure physical strength.

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Bang!

After approximately an hour later, he punched the last puppet back.

His forehead was covered in drops of sweat, and his breathing was rough.

Weng~

The formations in the room buzzed, and all the puppets once again became lifeless. These training rooms were designed in a way that after all the puppets were defeated, the formation would go in a state of rest for a while so the disciples could rest.

Seeing this, Max sat down to recover his exhausted stamina.

In the normal case, he wouldn't have been so exhausted, given his stamina level was at the peak of the two-star realm, and although these puppets were powerful, their speed wasn't comparable to his, and their movement pattern was also fixed, so he could have easily 'finished' them off.

However, to speed up the assimilation process, he intentionally put himself under pressure where he had to constantly use his senses, agility, and strength to the limits.

Although this helped him assimilate his strength faster, the rate at which his stamina drained also sped up.

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Weng~

The formations once again buzzed, and the puppet became active.

Phew!

Max stood up. He had recovered 70% of his total stamina. Before the puppets started attacking, he once again raised his strength stats by five points.

[Strength: 70]

After that, same as in the first round, he started using his strength moderately in the start and then slowly increased it.

After three more hours, Max was huffing like crazy, and his body was covered in sweat. However, his eyes were full of excitement. He had successfully raised his strength stat to 80 points.

'Although I'm not able to exercise complete control over my improved strength yet, it's still more than enough to fight and do other things that don't require extreme precision.' Max thought.

There are always two problems when he increases his strength or agility attribute. The first one is very dangerous, that is, the possibility of his veins, muscles, etc., rupturing due to the sudden injection of power.

The second one was that he couldn't control his power properly. For example, if he wanted to open the door gently, he couldn't and might end up breaking it due to the lack of control.

However, after fighting against these wooden puppets for three hours in a row, he could exercise enough control over his strength.

'If it weren't for this training room, I would've taken at least a week to do this by myself.' Max sighed. He then thought, 'I wonder if this increase in my base power can affect the power of [Calidus Brachium]?'

After resting for a bit, he stood up.

'Let's increase some agility points now.' Thought Max and opened his status window before increasing agility stat by five points.

[Agility: 75]

He then walked up to a corner of the room and put the token the Elder gave him on the wall.

Weng~

Clatter~

The formation buzzed, and all of the wooden puppets started clattering. After a few seconds, their clattering stopped, and Max could see that these puppets gave off a different feeling.

Whoosh!

One puppet suddenly whooshed toward him at breakneck speed. Since the room wasn't too big, it was in front of Max the next moment and punched out.

Surprised in Max's eyes seeing this, he took a deep breath before swiftly dodging its attack.

However, he didn't punch it away because he wanted to become a bit more comfortable with his improved agility.

If he punched it away, another two puppets would come, and it wouldn't be as easy for him to handle two puppets with such high speeds.

Chapter 214: We also need this

After that, Max kept some distance from the puppet and moved around, dodging its attacks.

After a while, he felt his movements become a bit smoother, and the pressure he felt from it lowered significantly.

Therefore, he punched it away and got ready to face two at the same time. A second later, two of the puppets charged at him at high speeds and started attacking.

Shua! Shua! Shua!

Max felt the pressure rise. He nodded in satisfaction and started to utilize more of his agility to dodge their attacks.

After 'fighting' with them for a few minutes, his movements became slightly more fluid. After that, he punched them away and started using three puppets to train.

Slowly the number of puppets increased, and his movements became more natural.

After two hours, almost ninety percent of the stiffness caused by the sudden increase in the agility stat had disappeared.

Feeling this, he increased it by another five points and once again started the same cycle for four more hours.

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Weng~

After four hours, the door to one of the training rooms on the first floor opened, and a handsome blue-haired youth walked out, drenched in sweat.

"Hm?" The burly Elder who was snoring in the chair opened his eyes and looked at him with sparkling eyes. Max cringed noticing this.

"I wasn't wrong. You are indeed a very hard-working guy. If you need to train here, you are welcome anytime." The Elder nodded and praised.

Then all of a sudden his tone changed and he laughed " Of course, don't forget to bring the required Mana stones. Hehe."

Max shook his head inwardly. He had already expected this greedy Elder to say something like this.

He then bade farewell to the Elder and dragged his exhausted body out of the building and went toward his dorm room.

After training for more than nine hours straight from morning to evening, he was utterly spent.

Today he found out that even a hundred units of stamina weren't enough if he needed to train or fight like this.

Creak~

He opened the door of his dorm and walked inside. After a glance, he realized that Anna still hadn't returned, and seeing the time, he knew she will take two or three more hours.

Given how exhausted he was, he wanted to lay on the bed and rest but since he was reeking of sweat, he went to the bathroom and took a refreshing bath.

Flop!

After that, he threw his exhausted body on the bed and soon felt his eyelids become heavy.

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"...Wake up. Max, wake up." While in deep sleep, he heard Anna's voice, and slowly woke up.

Seeing him open his eyes, Anna's face revealed a relieved smile "You finally woke up!"

"Hm? What time is it?" He lazily rubbed his eyes and asked in a sleepy voice.

"It's almost midnight now. Let's eat then you can sleep again, okay." Said Anna gently.

She had come back two hours after him. Seeing that he was in deep sleep, she guessed that he must have been too exhausted while training. Therefore, she let him sleep while she prepared dinner for them.

However, even after three hours, he didn't show any sign of waking up.

Therefore, after waiting one more hour, she decided to wake him so that he could eat dinner. However, no matter how hard she tried, he didn't wake up, which made her worried.

Just as she was thinking that whether something had happened, he opened his eyes and she finally let out a breath of relief.

"What! it's already midnight?" Max was surprised. He only wanted to rest for a while as he needed to go and 'visit' Jasmine tonight but it seemed he slept in due to exhaustion.

Seeing his reaction, Anna suddenly remembered how he had gone out in the night for the past few days, and hesitantly asked "Did you need to go somewhere tonight too?"

"That's right." Max nodded his head and quickly stood up ready to go out. He couldn't let go of any chance to get some precious LPs.

Anna didn't know where he was going but she had some guesses which caused her heart to become uneasy.

"Let's eat first okay?" Seeing that he was about to leave, she hurriedly said while trying to suppress the sadness in her heart.

"No, I'll go-" Max was about to shake his head when he noticed her expression and paused.

He then asked, "Don't tell me you also haven't eaten yet?"

"No." Anna shook her head and felt slightly embarrassed.

"You silly girl." Max sighed and looked at her complex emotions. Then he gently caressed her hair and smilingly said "Let's eat first then."

"Okay."

Anna's mood became a bit better and she happily nodded before serving him food.

After they were done eating, he told her not to wait for him and sleep as it most probably would take him some time to return.

After saying this he left for Jasmine's residence.

As Anna watched him leave, she couldn't suppress her emotions and tears started to fall from her eyes.

She wanted to stop him from going but couldn't muster the courage.

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...Jasmine's residence...

Shua!

With a gust of wind, Max appeared in front of Jasmine's residence.

"Stop right there!" Seeing someone suddenly appear in front of them, the two female guards became alert and shouted.

Max stopped and looked at them calmly.

"It's you again?" Both the guards exclaimed when they realized it was this handsome guy who had visited a day before too.

"I'm here to meet the Elder." Max nodded and calmly said.

"At this time?" The guards looked at him with raised brows.

Just as Max was about to respond, the gate of the residence opened and Jasmine's personal maid walked out.

She looked at the two guards and said "Let young master in. Elder is waiting for him inside."

Both guards looked at each other and then moved out of the way.

"Please come in young master." The maid respectively gestured him to enter.

As they watched him enter the residence, both female guards' eyes twinkled and an envious expression appeared on their faces.

Last time, they were only slightly suspicious, but now they were completely sure that the Elder and this handsome blue-haired youth's relationship wasn't something normal but quite extraordinary and they couldn't help but feel envious of the Elder right now.

One of the guards shook her head and murmured in a low voice "No, I must put more effort into breaking through to the three-star realm and apply to become an Elder as soon as possible. I also want to enjoy myself like the Elder."

"Exactly my thoughts." The other female guard nodded in agreement with a dazed look.

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The maid led Max in front of Jasmine's bedroom.

She then gestured for him to go inside and her face couldn't help but become a bit red.

Max chuckled as he noticed her expression and without bothering to knock, he pushed opened the door and entered inside.

"How come you are so late?" Jasmine's stern voice sounded in the room as he entered.

Max looked up and saw a sensual scene which instantly caused his little brother to rise up.

Chapter 215: Satisfy this little guy first...

Jasmine was sitting in the same position as the time before. However, right now, she looked more alluring with a light pink-colored see-through nightgown on.

Max could see that she hadn't worn anything underneath, which immediately caused his little brother to rise.

Jasmine also noticed this, but her expression didn't change as she glared at him coldly. "Tell me, why are you so late?"

"Oh, it seems you've been waiting for me, haven't you?" Max chuckled and walked toward her, trying to lighten the mood.

Boom!

When he was three meters away from her, Jasmine suddenly released her aura and waved her hand toward him.

A wave of powerful Mana surged towards Max at astonishing speed.

Shua!

Max felt the air around him become heavy. He used his mana to reinforce his body and moved out of the Mana wave at his fastest speed.

Boom!

The Mana wave went past him and crashed into the wall with a boom. However, nothing happened to the wall as a formation that absorbed all the damage was activated.

"What the hell are you doing? You shouldn't try to kill me even if you are angry, right?" Max wiped the cold sweat from his forehead and shouted in anger.

Although, because of the formations, there wasn't any damage caused by her Mana wave, he knew if that had hit him, even though he wouldn't have died, the chances of him getting injured were almost 100%.

Jasmine had a surprised look on her face. She hadn't expected him to be able to dodge her attack from a three-meter distance.

She couldn't help but look at him deeply. A merely eighteen years old boy who was only an early stage two-star mage a few months ago was now strong enough to dodge her, a three-star mage's attack, even though it was only a casual one.

"Hehe, who said I was trying to kill you?" Jasmine let out a light laugh and then added in a serious tone, "However, I want you to know that I'm not some naïve girl who you can trick with your words. So, answer the question I ask clearly."

Max's eyebrows knitted together at her fickle attitude. He wanted to spank her ass hard until it was red like money's, but he suppressed the urge since she was stronger than him.

Huu...!

He took a deep breath to calm himself down and casually said, "I was busy."

"Busy?" Max was surprised at his answer. She had expected him to explain himself, not this.

This caused her to feel that he was taking her too lightly. However, she couldn't do anything about it.

If she acted too forcefully, he might break off their newly formed relationship, which she didn't want. After all, he was the only one who could satisfy her needs.

She let out a sigh in her heart and said, "So, how about we start now?"

"No, I'm not in the mood right now." Max shook his head and turned around to walk away.

Shua!

Jasmine appeared before him; her speed was even faster than him. "In that case, let me help you." She smiled and pushed him toward the bed.

Mana seemed to wrap around him and made him fall on the bed even though he tried not to.

After that, Jasmine climbed on top of him, rubbed her soft ass on his cock, and started kissing him.

Feeling her sexy ass on top of his dick and her lips on his, he was quickly aroused and couldn't help but curse in his heart that his tolerance towards these things was very low.

However, he didn't want to do as she pleased and pushed her aside and came on of her.

"If you want me to do it, you have to let me do it however I want." He said, looking into her eyes.

"As long as you make me feel good, I can let you." A victorious smile appeared on Jasmine's face as she nodded.

Max ripped her almost transparent nightgown without saying anything, setting her jiggling boobs free.

He then grabbed them and started to squeeze and knead them very hard. He hadn't been this rough with any of his women before.

"Ahn~ Squeeze them harder." Jasmine moaned in pleasure.

"Hehe, I'm going to." Max chuckled and used more force. His fingers dug deep, and red marks appeared on her white rabbits.

He then took his clothes off and put his erect cock in front of her mouth. "If you want me to satisfy you, you must satisfy this guy first." He smiled.

Jasmine looked at his thick cock and gulped hard. Her expression said she couldn't wait for this fantastic work of art to penetrate her vagina.

She looked at him and asked, "What do you want me to do?"

"Suck it," Max said and put it on her hot lips.

Jasmine frowned but still opened her mouth and slowly licked its tip first and then took it inside her mouth and started to lick and suck on it.

"Ugh!" Max groaned in pleasure. Although not very skillful, the way her tongue moved still made him feel good.

He then slowly pushed more of it inside her mouth—Jasmine glared at him before once again trying her best to suck it.

Max closed his eyes as he felt the pleasure.

"Move it in and out of your mouth as it does in your pussy while you suck it." He said after a while. He could see that she was inexperienced in this field.

"Umff." With more than half of his cock inside her mouth, she nodded. She looked very erotic right now, making his cock throb in her mouth.

Slurp! Slurp!

She started to move her head while sucking it, making slurping sounds.

Max sat on top of her, enjoying it.

After a while, due to the intense stimulation of her tongue, he felt like he was going to cum.

Jasmine also noticed this as his cock had started to throb vigorously inside her mouth.

She moved her head back and was about to take it out when Max suddenly grabbed her head and pushed it down her throat.

"Aghh!" With a groan, he poured all of his thick milk into her throat as an ecstatic expression appeared on his face.

Chapter 216: A sad sigh

"Umpff...!" Jasmine's throat was stuffed with his thick thing, which made it difficult for her to breathe.

She glared at him with red eyes and tried to move her head away. But she couldn't since Max was holding onto it tightly.

As a three-star mage, Jasmine, although more powerful than Max in almost every aspect, her physical strength could hardly be compared to Max's, whose strength stat had reached eighty points.

She also realized this and stopped using physical power. She started to circulate her Mana to throw him away.

However, before her mana condensed, Max was done ejaculating, and he took his erect rode out of her mouth before moving away from her.

Cough! Cough!

"Are you crazy? Why would you do that?" Jasmine coughed and shouted with a red face.

"It's because I liked it." Max shrugged his shoulders and prepared himself to dodge in case she attacked in anger.

Although he knew if he did that inside her mouth, Jasmine most probably would be enraged; he still did it because he was feeling sullen about the fact that she attacked him, and after forcing her to drink his cum, he was feeling better.

"You..." Jasmine became so angry that black lines appeared on her forehead. However, before she could say anything, Max interrupted her.

"Are we going to do it now or not? If not, I'm going back to rest."

"What? No!" Suddenly Jasmine's expression changed, and she said in a threatening yet desperate voice, "Don't you dare. I've been waiting for this since last time."

Saying this, she hurriedly spread her legs. "Come here and do it."

Max laughed inwardly. If he didn't know how desperate she was, he never would have done what he did.

He then came near her and sat on his knees in front of her seasoned pink pussy.

Slap! Slap!

He slapped her pussy using his dick a few times, but he didn't dare to overdo it.

Jasmine, on the other hand, frowned. She felt that he was treating her body as some toy and when she thought about why he would suddenly change the way he acted, she gnashed her teeth.

'This bastard! He is taking revenge.'

Although she knew this, she didn't say anything as she still wanted him to hurry up and fuck her thirsty pussy and quench her lust.

Thwop!

Done teasing, Max placed his cock on her entrance and pushed it into the depths of her cave with one hard thrust.

Ahn~

Jasmine moaned in ecstasy as his thick dragon hit her deepest part. Her pussy twitched and squeezed on his cock, making Max groan in pleasure.

'Although her attitude is shit, her pussy is no joke.' Max thought. This was also one of the reasons why he agreed to become her sex partner.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

He grabbed her waist firmly and started moving his waist with much vigor.

Ahn~ Nngh~ ha~

Jasmine started moaning wildly as neverending waves of pleasure coursed through her body.

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After two hours, Max walked out of the room and found the maid standing in front of the door.

"Young Master." She bowed, seeing him.

"Mhm." Max nodded and walked away.

The maid watched him walk out and then looked inside the room from the slightly opened door.

Jasmine was lying on the bed naked, her eyes closed, and there was a content expression on her face.

Seeing that she was naked, the maid hurriedly closed the door, and her face went red as she started to imagine how good this youth must be to make her leave her mistress in this situation.

As Max walked out of Jasmine's residence, he could feel the piercing gazes of two female guards.

He ignored it as he looked in the direction of his dorm and thought, 'I hope Anna is sleeping and not waiting for me to return.'

However, as far as he knew her, there was a high chance of the latter.

Shua!

He moved at his fastest speed toward his dorm room.

After twenty minutes, he arrived in front of his room. He could have come sooner, but he encountered night guards a few times from the Elders' residence to here, delaying him.

Creak~

Carefully, he opened the door and entered inside without making any sound, afraid that Anna might wake up if she was asleep in the first place.

The room was dimly lit by a luminous stone. He walked toward the bed, closing the door behind him.

When he arrived beside the bed, he saw Anna curled up in a blanket, her face covered.

A bitter smile appeared on his face, and he couldn't help but sigh.

Although it looked as if she was asleep, thanks to his sharp senses, he could tell she wasn't since her breathing was uneven.

He lay beside her and gently pulled her into his embrace.

Tremble!

Anna's body trembled as he did so.

"Silly girl. I told you to sleep. Why are you still awake?" He whispered in a soft voice.

Silence---

Anna didn't respond to him. Seeing this, he also didn't say anything further. He simply hugged her and closed his eyes. But he decided that he would never go out at night if it wasn't something important and leave her alone like this.

"...Can you..." After a while, an extremely faint voice sounded in his ears. He definitely wouldn't have heard this if his senses weren't sharper.

Rustle!

He pulled the blanket covering her face and asked, "Did you say something?"

Silence--

Just he thought she would keep pretending to be asleep and wouldn't say anything; a very faint voice sounded once more. However, Max clearly heard it this time since he was focused.

"Can you tell me whether you went to meet some... some woman?"

Max's expression froze. He didn't expect her to ask this, and for some reason, he felt that if he told her the truth, she would get angry with him.

As he struggled to think about what he should say, he heard a long sad sigh. "I understand."

Max felt as if something dear to him was lost at this moment as he heard her sigh, and he hugged her tight as he tried to explain.

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"I indeed went to meet a wo-" He felt melancholic when he heard her sad sigh and tried to explain.

However, before he could say anything, a slender finger was placed on his lips, stopping him from speaking further.

He looked at Anna worriedly. He didn't know what she was thinking.

Anna let out a small smile seeing him make a worried face. It meant her opinion mattered greatly to him, which warmed her heart. Max felt relieved watching her smile, but his expression froze the next instant.

"Little Max, tell me, do you like me as a woman?" Anna's smile was replaced by a serious expression as she asked this, and she looked into his eyes as if trying to see his thoughts.

Max was shocked; he had never expected her to ask this question.

'It finally came to this, huh?' Max thought. Although Max could faintly feel that Anna also liked him, seeing how 'addicted' she was to him, he didn't want to take the risk since she was one of the most important people to him.

He took a deep breath, reached out his hands, and held her face gently as he looked into her eyes before nodding, "Yes. I do and also want to make you my woman."

Thump!

Anna felt her heart thump when she saw him nod, and her serious face turned red in shyness while her eyes revealed her joy.

Max noticed this and was relieved a lot. It seems she also liked him.

However, he felt his head hurt when he remembered how sad she was to find out that he had gone to meet some woman.

'Even if I exclude Jasmine since she is nothing more than a source of free LPs, I still have four women right now. If she knows it...'" Max didn't want to imagine her reaction when he told her this.

However, he had to tell her the truth if he wanted her to become his woman.

He then asked somewhat hesitantly, "Do... ahem, do you also like me that way?"

"I-I don't know." Anna was flustered and looked down before snuggling into his chest.

Max smiled, and his nerves that were wrought with tension finally relaxed. He tightly hugged her, feeling her warmth, and didn't say anything for a while.

On the other hand, Anna couldn't calm down, and her heart beat like drums.

After a while, Max whispered, "Anna, I need to tell you something."

"Mm, What... what is it?" She asked with her face placed in his chest.

"Don't you find it weird that I, who didn't have any affinity with Mana and was weaker than even common people, suddenly progressed so rapidly and reached the peak of the two-star realm in less than half a year?" Max asked.

He decided first to tell her about his 'special power' so that she would 'understand' why he had so many women and might have even more in the future.

"Why?" Anna raised her head and looked at him. She was indeed curious about it.

"It's because I inherited a legacy. Thanks to this legacy, I could turn my useless self into the current one." Max said. He knew that many legacies were scattered around the world, and those who found them had their destiny changed, so it was a believable excuse.

After all, he couldn't tell that he wasn't real Max or the about his system as that would be too incredible.

"No wonder you improved so much." Anna nodded in understanding.

Max continued, "However, this legacy was different and 'gave' me a special way of cultivating."

Anna's ears perked up at his, and she listened attentively. She guessed that what he was going to say next was somehow the most important thing.

"To improve, I need to have se- cough! A sexual relationship with women. This helps not only me but also the woman I'm doing it with." As Anna heard this, her cheeks became red like a ripened apple, and she understood why he had to go and see some woman.

Suddenly, she remembered something and asked in a stuttering voice, "S-so, when you told me that you'll help me breakthrough if I can't on my own, you m-meant this."

"That's right." Max nodded awkwardly.

Hearing his confirmation, she didn't dare look at him and lowered her head, trying to hide her embarrassed expression.

Max didn't speak any further after this and waited for her to digest all this.

After a few minutes, Anna calmed down and looked at him. "So, you have some other woman in the academy too."

"Yes. T- Wait. What do you mean by 'in the academy too'?" Max said in confusion. Then, remembering something, he asked, "Do you perhaps know about Lilly?"

As far as he knew, Anna shouldn't know about Lilly because when he told his family about their relationship, she and Emily had already returned to their academies.

"Of course, I know." Anna looked at him smugly, seeing his surprised expression.

After talking for a while, he found out that Amelia, Anna's mother, had sent her a letter after he told everyone about his and Lilly's relationship.

Max was curious and asked, "Why would Amelia send you a letter to specifically tell you about this?"

He knew it cost a lot to send letters to the academies, and after learning how count Wiley wasn't giving Garfield's mansion much resources, it was strange for Amelia to still send a letter here.

"You don't need to know why?" Anna said with an embarrassed expression and quickly changed the topic, "So, who is your woman in the academy? Is it Flavia?"

"Flavia?" Max murmured her name, and a beautiful figure appeared in his mind. Remembering her situation, he couldn't help but sigh.

"No, she isn't." He shook his head and added in his mind, 'Not yet, at least.'

He was training to get a good rank In the inter-academies competition to collect enough resources to buy the medicine capable of healing her scar. Indeed, he liked her and wanted her to become his woman, or he wouldn't do any of this.

'I think I should meet her before the mission tomorrow.' He thought.

"So, who is she?" Anna asked.

"Well, there's not one but three." Max scratched his chin awkwardly.

"What? Three?" Anna exclaimed loudly.

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"Yes, the three who I care." Max nodded.

Anna understood what he meant. She couldn't help but marvel at this extraordinary change in Max.

In her eyes, Max had always been the innocent and shy type of guy who didn't know anything about the outer world. But now, his character was completely opposite and seemed to be an entirely different person.

'However, If I have to choose, I'll always choose the current you.' Anna thought.

Although she didn't like the fact that he had so many women, after knowing about his 'special condition,' she wasn't too repulsed by it. Most importantly, she could see that he was no longer gloomy and was living a much happier life.

Max waited a while for her to say something. However, she didn't. Therefore, he asked.

"Anna, how do you feel about me?"

"Huh?" Anna's body shook slightly as she came out of her thoughts upon hearing his question.

"I-I don't know." Anna murmured, and before he could say anything, she said, "Let's sleep now. You have to go on the mission tomorrow."

After saying this, she closed turned around and closed her eyes.

Thump! Thump!

Her heart was racing like a bullet train right now, her face red. She just hoped that he wouldn't ask this question again, at least not yet, because her emotions were too chaotic right now.

Max sighed upon seeing this. He couldn't force her if she didn't want to say it, but he was pretty sure she also liked him as a man.

"Okay, let's sleep." He stopped thinking about it and hugged her from behind, causing her to quiver, which was unnatural considering they had been sleeping like this since they started living together.

A smile appeared on Max's face noticing this change. He closed his eyes and quickly fell asleep.

After a while, Anna also managed to calm down and fell asleep.

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Late in the morning...

'Hm?' Max woke up and instinctively tried to hug Anna, but she wasn't there.

Yawn!

He yawned lazily and got out of the bed.

When he was going to the bathroom to freshen up, he noticed a note.

'Max, I've made the breakfast for you. Eat it and quickly go and collect your mission. If you are late, there will be a lot of disciples, and please wait for me; I'll come back in a few hours.'

One more thing, the woman named Belen, Rima, and Leticia came to meet you, saying that they wanted to go mission hall together, humph. I told them you were sleeping and won't be getting up for a few hours, hehe. Anna.'

After reading it, he smiled and shook his head. He was sure that she hadn't noticed that she was sounding jealous right now.

After half an hour, Max left his room and headed toward the mission hall.

When he reached there, it was already crowded, and many disciples were constantly going in and out.

The mission hall building was quite spacious. A dozen Mission counters were set up where disciples could take or submit the missions.

Apart from these mission counters, the hall's left wall was another attraction. It was called 'mission wall,' and Countless mission scrolls were pinned on it.

Any disciple who wanted to do more missions to earn extra resources could choose any mission they wanted from this wall.

Max wished he could take a mission from the wall since fewer disciples were crowding there compared to mission counters where long lines were formed.

However, he couldn't since every disciple had to complete their monthly mission assigned by the academy first. Only then could they choose more from the mission wall.

Max went and stood in a line that was comparatively shorter than others.

As he waited for his turn, he felt a gaze filled with battle intent from his right. As he glanced there, he found a dangerous-looking yet enchanting beauty staring at him. It was Evangeline.

She smiled and nodded at him when he looked at her. Max also nodded back before ignoring her existence.

Although she had stated that she wasn't his enemy and wouldn't cause him any trouble, he was still cautious and didn't want any form of relationship with her as long as she didn't cause any trouble to him or others around him.

Because he was from the earth where men usually forgave and felt that men were supposed to help and protect women, he didn't want to kill her since there wasn't any deep enmity between them.

After all, she only tried to kill him because Bartan hired her. However, if she did anything like that again, he wouldn't think twice before killing her. (A/N: I get the feeling that many of you guys will dislike this logic, lol. But it is what it is.)

However, after their short exchange, he felt many gazes filled with curiosity, jealousy, and even hostility land on him. They were from Evangeline's admirers. This caused him to frown.

Evangeline noticed his expression and felt helpless. She knew that his impression of her must have reduced even further now.

However, she couldn't do anything about it. Because of her beauty, many males always wanted to court her, and after being rejected, they would try to cause trouble to any male she interacted with. This was also the reason why she always kept her face covered.

'Well, it doesn't matter what he thinks of me anyways.' She shrugged her shoulders. She didn't intend to befriend him and only saw him as her opponent.

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After a while, it was finally his turn to take the mission.

"Your disciple badge." The Elder on the counter said without even looking at him.

Max took out his badge and gave it to him.

The Elder quickly 'scanned' it and gave it back to him. He then took out a mission scroll. "Here, this is your mandatory mission for this month." The Elder said before calling for the next disciple to come.

Max took the mission scroll and stored it in his inventory before walking out of the mission hall.

He was going to meet Flavia before going out on the mission, so she won't think that he was also repulsed by her scar and lose his good image in her heart.

Chapter 219: Suicide mission...?

Royal academy... Inner disciples dorms...

A youth in golden robes was lying on the bed with two half-naked beauties on his left and right.

Suddenly, he felt Mana fluctuations inside the ring on his finger. He took out a hexagonal crystal from it. This ring was similar to the one the first envoy offered Samuel, an interspatial ring.

He poured his Mana into the crystal, and a voice sounded, "Young master, the target has taken a mission from the mission hall. It's a silver-ranked mission. I suspect he is going to leave the academy in a while."

Hearing this, killing intent flashed in the golden-robed youth's eyes. "Good. Wait until he is a safe distance from the academy before striking, and make sure he dies, or you will."

"Yes, young master." The voice sounded from the other side.

Suddenly something crossed his mind, and the youth asked, "Where's Flavia? Has she already gone out on the mission?"

"Yes, young master. Mistress has already gone out." The voice replied from the crystal.

"Okay, report to me after killing him." The golden-robed youth said and stored the crystal in his ring.

This youth was Dalton. Two days ago, he had received news that Bartan, his loyal servant, had been killed by Max.

He was enraged. He was waiting for Max's death news but instead heard the news of his loyal subordinate.

After that, he contacted the families subordinate to the Dalton family, who had people in the Cloud academy, and ordered them to keep an eye on Max and kill him once he left the academy.

"After he dies, you won't have anyone but me. I'm sure you'll not refuse to become my woman after I help you heal your scar. Haha." Dalton laughed, then took off his clothes and started to 'play' with the women beside him.

Initially, he didn't have any hopes of making Flavia his woman willingly and was ready to use some underhanded means.

However, after knowing that her face was disfigured during the outing, he knew that the chance to make her willingly agree to be his woman had come.

After all, to heal that kind of scar, she needed to pay an exorbitant price which she couldn't afford unless she asked her family for help. But he knew that her family wouldn't be willing to help her for some reason.

So, if he helped her when no one was, there was a high chance of her agreeing when he proposed to her. But before that, he wanted to finish Max off, who she liked.

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After leaving the mission hall, Max went toward the female dorms to meet Flavia.

Although there were chances that she might already have left for the mission, he was still hopeful to meet her since, after taking up missions, disciples needed to make adequate preparations for the mission.

Unfortunately for him, he didn't find Flavia in her dorm room.

"Hello, may I know if you are miss Flavia's friend?"

Just as he was going to leave, a voice sounded from the corridor, which stopped him in his tracks.

He turned to look at the source of the voice and found a simple and calm-looking girl walking toward him.

"Yes, I am. Do you know where she is?" Asked Max with a small smile.

The girl was dazed after seeing him smile and her cheeks turned slightly rosy.

She nodded. "Miss Flavia has already gone out to complete her mission. However, she told me to give you a message in case you came to meet her."

"Oh? She knew I would visit her?" Max was a little taken aback. However, if she knew, why wouldn't she wait for him?

The girl looked at him and sighed before shaking her head. "No, she didn't know it. However, she has only one friend in the academy, you, who might still visit her after she gained that scar."

Max didn't know if he should feel happy or sad about this. Moreover, he could feel that this girl was somehow disappointed with him from how she said this and her expression.

He looked at her curiously and asked, "Aren't you her friend too?"

"No." The girl shook her head and sighed. "I'm just someone who has received her grace and is indebted to her. However, now that she is in a situation where she needs some morale support, I can't do anything for her."

"So, how do you know her, and what is the message she told you to give me?" Max asked, stopping her from speaking any further.

"Because Miss Flavia doesn't know how to cook. So, I occasionally came to cook for her to repay the kindness she showed to me. There was a time when she unintentionally mentioned you."

"As for the message, she asked me to tell you that she'll meet you after returning from the mission." explained the girl.

"Okay, thank you." Max nodded and was about to walk away when the girl suddenly stopped him.

"Mm? Is there anything else?" Max asked.

"I have a request." The girl said, and her face was tinged with pity and sadness.

"What is it?"

The girl took a deep breath and said, "After Miss Flavia returned from the outing, she became unusually quiet. Although she was always like that and rarely talked, this time was different. I got the feeling that she was suffering. Maybe because of the scar, or maybe it's because of some other reason."

"I'm telling you this since you are her only friend, and you seem to have a special place in her heart. Therefore, I request you to do something about it." The girl said in a pleading tone.

After hearing this, Max also sighed and was sympathetic toward her.

'No matter how aloof and indifferent she acts, in the end, she is still a girl who, like the rest of the females, cherishes her beauty. So that scar must be the reason why she is suddenly depressed like that.' Max thought.

"Okay. I'll take care of her. You don't worry." Max nodded and left towards Leticia's dorm room.

Although he couldn't meet Flavia, he wanted to meet Leticia and others before going on the mission. He was sure that they hadn't left yet.

Since he was already near the female dorms, he reached Leticia's room a short while later and knocked on the door.

Creak~

Shua!

Before he could even step back after knocking, the door opened with a bang, and a slender figure leaped into him and hugged him tightly.

"It seems you have been waiting for me." Max chuckled and carried her inside. After all, it was still day, and he didn't want anyone to see them get intimate in the hallway.

"Oh, you guys are also here?" Max exclaimed, a little surprised.

There were Belen and Rima in the room too.

"Yeah. It was difficult to wait alone, so we gathered here." Rima smiled sweetly at him before looking at Leticia with envy, who he was carrying in a princess carry.

"That's good." Max nodded. This way, he wouldn't have to go around meeting them one by one.

He then put Leticia down, and they started to talk.

Apart from Rima, who he had 'visited' the night before yesterday, others complained that he didn't come to meet them. This was especially true for Leticia.

It was only after he promised to meet them after returning from the mission that they stopped complaining.

"Oh, yes. Max, what rank is your mission?" Belen asked.

Hearing this, he took out the mission scroll. After reading its contents, he said, "It's a middle-tier silver ranked mission."

"What? It's a high-tier mission?" Everyone exclaimed with surprised expressions.

The missions of the academy were divided into bronze, silver, gold, and black gold rank, which were further divided into the lower, middle, and high tiers according to the difficulty level.

Usually, low-tier Bronze-ranked missions needed at least one one-star mage, low-tier silver-ranked missions needed a mage to be above the early-stage two-star realm, while low-tier gold-ranked missions required a three-star mage.

If the tier was middle, it needed multiple disciples at the late stage or one disciple at the peak of the corresponding realm.

"Is it a group mission or solo?" Rima asked worriedly.

"Solo." Max smiled bitterly.

Hearing this, Belen and others' expressions turned grim.

Although, in theory, a middle-tier silver-ranked mission could be done by a disciple at the peak two-star realm, the reality was often different.

"It seems you are being targeted." After thinking for a while, Belen said.

Rima and Leticia also nodded. After all, the academy wouldn't send disciples on suicide missions.

Bang!

"No. We should go and ask them to change this mission to a different one." Leticia stomped her foot and stood up, enraged.

"If he really is being targeted, there won't be any benefit of going there since they will give the excuse that it is within his capabilities." Belen shook her head.

"Why are you being so pessimistic? Maybe the Elder handing out the mission made a mistake. We should go and ask them about it." Rima retorted.

Chapter 220: Warning

...Mission hall...

After the Elder had assigned Max a mission, he took out a hexagonal crystal.

After pouring his Mana into it, he whispered, "Little brother, I've assigned that guy a mid-tier silver-ranked mission as you requested. I hope you can ask the young master to give me the promised reward."

"Rest assured, Elder. Young master Dalton won't forget your help." A voice responded a few moments later.

In another part of the Cloud academy, a man took out his hexagonal crystal and said, "Young master, the target has been assigned a silver...."

"After young master Dalton fulfills his promise, I'll be able to progress further into the early-stage three-star realm and won't be a weakling among the Elders." The Elder sitting at the mission counter murmured before starting to assign missions to other disciples.

Before the mortal boundary, the four-star realm, the three-star realm was also considered a small boundary. After someone became a three-star mage, their strength would multiply at least dozens of times, and they would be able to awaken their aura.

However, it was similarly many times harder to progress in it.

A two-star mage needed to have ten thousand Mana units to reach the peak of the realm, whereas a three-star mage needed fifty thousand Mana units, which had to be at least ten times purer and more condensed.

If someone with average talent were to cultivate without the help of any resource, they could easily take decades to reach the peak of three-star or might not be able to reach it at all.

In the Cloud academy, Elder had different positions and statuses based on their strength and contribution to the academy.

The Elder who had to do daily tasks such as assigning missions were at the bottom and would receive fewer resources.

Therefore, when he was offered some resources to help him progress, he was immediately tempted and agreed to help.

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Half an hour late, suddenly, four figures approached one of the mission counters.

The Elder frowned and angrily shouted, "Can't you see the line? How dare you directly come here? Disciplinary disciple, throw these unruly-"

While yelling, the Elder raised his head to glare at the disciples who dared to cut the line and suddenly stopped shouting when he noticed Max among them and secretly sweated.

"Elder, we aren't here to take up any mission but to complain," Leticia said in a loud voice.

"Hm?" The commotion attracted the disciples, disciplinary disciples, and Elders in the hall.

The Elder had an ugly expression noticing this but instantly calmed down.

"What complain?" He asked coldly and released his yet-to-completely form aura toward Leticia and others.

Ugh!

Although his aura wasn't fully formed yet, it could still easily suppress Leticia and others.

Step!

Max stepped forward and stood in front, shielding them from Elder's aura. Leticia, who was in front, sighed in relief while the Elder raised his brow, seeing that his aura wasn't effective against him.

Max noticed every change in the Elder's expression before calmly saying, "Elder, the mission you assigned me is a mid-tier silver-ranked mission that requires me to do it alone. I think you've made a mistake, so I request you assign me another mission."

"What? He is assigned such a mission."

"Isn't that just suicidal? How can a single two-star mage can do it?"

Immediately chaos broke out among disciples, and the other Elder in charge of handing out mission also frowned.

"There is no mistake here. I assigned it based on your capabilities. You are already a peak two-star mage, and your performance in the outing was outstanding." The Elder said calmly.

He then added in a stern and loud voice, "If disciples like you started to cower from such missions, people would look down on our Cloud academy."

After saying this, he looked towards the other Elders, who nodded their heads since his reasoning was correct.

Sigh!

Max sighed, seeing this. He had realized that what Belen had guessed was indeed true. This Elder was targeting him.

But Max frowned thinking this. He hadn't met this Elder before, so why would he do something like this?

"How can you be so shameless?" Leticia couldn't control herself and was about to curse at the Elder when Max raised his hand and stopped her from speaking. He knew if she cursed at an Elder, she would be punished, which he didn't want.

After that, he looked at the Elder deeply and said in a voice low enough for only the Elder in front to hear, "I hope there isn't any other reason behind this, or you won't be able to bear the consequences."

"Hm?" The Elder felt cold when he noticed the murderous look in Max's eyes. But he didn't retort and only scoffed in his heart.

"Let's go." After saying what he wanted, Max led Leticia and others out of the hall.

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"How can he be so shameless? He is obviously targeting you." Leticia clenched her tiny fists in anger.

Rima and Belen also had worried expressions. They were worried that he would be attacked the moment he left the academy.

Max noticed their worries, and his heart warmed. It was a blessing to have people who genuinely care for you.

"Don't worry. As long as there isn't a three-star mage targeting me, I'll be fine." Max patted Leticia's shoulder.

"I know. B-but I'm still worried." Leticia said. She knew how strong he was and could fight almost any two-star mage. If he couldn't, then he could easily escape, but her heart wasn't able to calm down.

Max didn't know what he should say to comfort her.

Then suddenly, his eyes twinkled. He looked at Rima, and Belen said, "You guys start preparing to set out; Leticia will join you later."

Whoosh!

Before they could react, he grabbed Leticia's hand and whooshed toward her dorm room.

Belen and Rima looked at each other with envy flashing in their eyes. This was especially true for Belen.

They knew that he was going to 'comfort' Leticia.