

Strongest Mage with the Lust system

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However, before he could, the demon appeared in front of him and punch at him in the face.

Whoosh!

The wind whistled as the punch flew toward him and the force of the punch made Max's pupils constrict.

Since he couldn't dodge the attack, he covered his hands in his mana, strengthening them by a few folds before raising them defensively in front of him.

At the same time, he conjured up multiple layers of mana shields, hoping they could negate some of the punch's force even though he knew they wouldn't make any difference since the mid-stage four-star demon in front of him had used almost of his physical strength in his attack.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

Just as he expected, as soon as the shields came into contact with his fist, they collapsed as though they were fragile like paper. Then the fist continued on its way, unobstructed.

BANG!

Crack!

As the punch landed on his hands, the force sent him flying backwards and despite the mana enhancement, a crisp bone cracking sound sounded and his face contorted in pain.

Max, however, didn't pay attention to this and even as he was flying backward, he continued to pour his mana into the [Pheonix Wings].

Whoosh!

Just then, the demon appeared behind him like an apparition and threw a punch at his back.

'Fuck!' Max cursed and his eyes turned bloodshot as he used every bit of his focus to pour the last remaining bits of mana to cast the [Pheonix Wings].

He knew if this punch connected, his spinal cord would most definitely shatter and that would effectively cripple him because healing spinal cord wasn't as easy as healing other bones in the body.

Whoosh!

Right as the punch was about to hit his back, a pair of fiery wings on sprouted out on his back and he flashed away, barely dodging the attack.

He appeared 100 meters away from the demon and the first thing he did was to spend 50 SPs to buy a grade-four healing pill, which he popped into his mouth.

Immediately, he felt the pill dissolve in his mouth and the medicinal power spread throughout his body before concentrating on his hands and started repairing his broken bones.

He continued to pour mana into his fire wings to maintain the spell, and then looked at the demon, who was looking at him with a frown on his face.

"So, you can somehow conceal mana traces which make it look like you are instantly casting the spells." Saying this, the demon's expression grew fiercer, and he shouted, "You took advantage of this to trick and kill my wife, didn't you? YOU DAMNED HUMAN BASTARD!"

Even as he was shouting, Max took out his sword which he had unfortunately put in the inventory, thinking that it would hinder his movement after killing the demoness. It was only after breaking his bones he realized he shouldn't have done so and used it to defend or maybe counter attack the demon.

Whoosh!

Right as he retrieved the sword, the demon appeared in front of him and punched at his head.

Gripping the sword tightly, he slashed at the incoming fist with all his might.

The demon's eyes flashed when he saw this and right before the punch and sword collided, a black metal glove appeared on his hand.

Clank!

The collision produced the sound of metal clashing against metal and resulting vibrations caused the web between Max's thumb and forefinger to split apart.

Whoosh!

The wings flapped, and he retreated 50 meters back, looking at the demon warily.

The demon didn't chase after him this time and looked down at his gloved hand instead. There he could see a centimeter deep cut from which was flowing out blood which caused him to suck in a cold breath.

His two demoness companions also looked shocked.

"H-He cut husband's glove?" One of them said, a look of disbelief on her face.

The other one also had the same expression. She looked at the thunder sword in Max's grasp and said, "That sword... it should be a peak emperor or maybe monarch rank weapon."

As she said this, a greedy light flashed in their eyes. Exchanging a glance between them, they moved and appeared on either side of the demon, looking at the sword in Max's hand, almost drooling.

The demon looked at the sword with a solemn look and said, "That's a very powerful artifact since it can damage my peak king rank glove without it being activated." Then his eyes flashed with a cold light, "Unfortunately for you, it's not enough to save your life because, unlike you, I can activate my glove."

Buzz!

As soon as he said this, he raised hand and poured his demon energy into the glove, which emitted a black light along with a droning sound. As the black glow covered the glove, the damaged part started recovering, albeit slowly.

As soon as the glove activated, Max's hair stood on the ends and,

Puah!

Without any warning, he spat out a mouthful of blood and blood also poured out from his nose and ears.

His face went pale and then he spat out another mouthful of blood and then another.

On the other side of the battlefield, Rey, Ellie and her mother watched this with pale faces while the four demons revealed reverent and fearful expressions.

After over ten mouthfuls of blood, everything started to become blurry.

'This is... a sonic attack...' He thought, falling to his knees.

The demon slowly walked over to him and then kicked him with enough force to make him fall on his back. He then asked, his voice grim,

"You enjoyed yourself torturing my wife, didn't you? Now, I'll return the favor by doing the same, only thousands of times worse, to you and your companions."

"Now, let's start with your companion." He said and turned to look at Rey and others.

Right then,

System's voice sounded in Max's head, [Congratulations! Lust Overlord bloodline's partial merging successful!]

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As soon as the system's voice sounded in his head, his mind grew clear and a cooling sensation spread throughout his body, negating the sonic attack's effects within what seemed like a second.

This thoroughly surprised Max. Just a moment ago, he thought he was going to die and a moment later; he was normal. 'This is unbelievable...' He thought, discreetly taking a deep breath lest the demon noticed the change in him.

Then, he gripped the thunder sword which, thankfully, the demon hadn't taken, and not wasting any time, he used his mana to enhance his agility to the limits and jumped to his feet, his sword wielding hand sweeping out horizontally, slashing at the demon's neck with lightning fast speed.

Whoosh!

"Huh?"

The demon, who had just turned around to walk toward Rey and others, was stunned when he felt the movement behind him. At the same time, a feeling of intense danger filled his heart.

Whoosh!

Without turning around, his right hand which had the black glove on swept behind him over his neck to defend against the incoming strike. After which he rotated his demon core to release as much as demon energy he could and prepared to flash away.

Max, seeing his fast reaction, frowned. Although the thunder sword was sharp, he knew it couldn't slash through the glove's protection before slashing his neck off, the fact proved by their earlier exchange. It was more true now since the glove was activated.

He had less than a split second to think because once the demon got away, he would be dead even if his bloodline could negate the glove's strange sonic attack. He wasn't a match for a mid-stage four-star demon, after all.

Right at this time, the system came to his aid, saying:

[Host, try coating the sword with the bloodline's aura.]

Without hesitation, he sent his senses inside his body, to his blood, and could 'see' a few pinkish red tendrils floating around his blood. The moment he 'saw' them, he tried to call them out, but... nothing happened.

By now, the sword was almost touching the demon's glove and demonic energy had enveloped the demon. Less than a moment later, he would flash away and then Max and his companions would die brutal deaths.

Fortunately for Max, an invisible strand of energy suddenly covered those tendrils and according to his will, brought them out and covered the edges of his swords. Then, Splat!

Sword cleaved the gloved hand in two, causing the demon's expression to turn horrified. However, he couldn't do anything before the sword slashed through his neck.

"H-How...did...you..." The demon gripped his neck and started to say something but couldn't complete the sentence before the blood started spraying out of neck which then rolled down his head. Thud!

The last expression on his face was of disbelief. The sudden turn of events had thoroughly shocked him. First, Max—a puny three-star mage—stood up like nothing happened after he was hit with his glove's sonic attack, which many five-star demons couldn't defend against. Then he managed to cut through his gloved hand as though it was a tofu before slashing through his neck. Although the glove wasn't a defense type

artifact, it was a peak king rank artifact with defense comparable to a peak five-star and maybe an early-star king rank artifact. Besides, wasn't his sword unable to pierce through the glove just a while ago, and it was when the glove wasn't activated. So, how did it suddenly become sharp enough to cut through it like it was nothing and kill him?

Unfortunately, it would forever remain a mystery to him.

Puah!

Before Max could celebrate his kill, he spat out three mouthfuls of blood in a row, his face turning even paler. However, his lips couldn't help but curl up in small smile which then gradually turned into a full-blown laughter.

"Hahahaha!"

...

A moment ago, Rey, Ellie, Ellie's mother was sweating in terror when they saw the demon take down Max and turn toward them. It was especially true for Ellie who almost passed out when the demon looked at them with killing intent in his eyes.

But just a moment later, Max stood up and the demon's neck fell down. This shocked them and made them exhale in relief too. Contrary to them, the group of four demons and the demon's two wives, who were coldly watching everything, had their eyes bulge out in shock before their faces turned pale when they saw him die.

"H-How is that possible? H-He killed husband?" The demoness duo mumbled dazedly while the group of four demons also had looks of disbelief on their faces.

"Young... young lord died?" ...

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Just then, a group of three—one of the elf teams—arrived. Max, laughing like a manic, was the first to attract their attention. They frowned, not understanding why he was behaving this way. Then, they noticed two demoness and the group of four demons standing there as if in daze. This only deepened their confusion, especially the two three-star elves. As for the early-stage four-star elf, he quickly noticed the two demon corpses and realized what was going on.

"Let's kill these demons. Move!" He ordered and rushed toward the demon's wives who were nearest to him. However, before he could attack them, Max stopped laughing and shouted.

"Don't kill them. Just make sure they don't flee."

The elf frowned, but did as he was told. The demonesses had no desire to fight after seeing their 'almighty' husband die. So, when they saw the elf, who they immediately recognized as a four-star mage, they tried to flee only to fail and were captured by him.

As for the group of four demons, they came to their senses when they heard Max's shout. The two uninjured demons glanced at their injured companions, hesitating for a moment before rushing away.

However, before they could go far,

Whoosh!

Max appeared in front of them, a pair of crimson wings flapping behind his back.

Slash! Slash!

Wasting no time, he slashed twice, slashing their necks off, instantly killing them. He then flapped his wings once again and appeared before the two injured demons, who were captured by the two elves.

The demons exchanged glances, and their chests started expanding. Clearly, they wanted to self-detonate, hoping to kill or injure the elves and Max.

Unfortunately for them,

Slash! Slash!

Max's hand moved, and their necks flew in the air. After killing them, he flapped his wings and flew toward the demonesses, who, seeing him come over, panicked and fell to their knees.

Thud! Thud!

"O great human warrior! Please don't kill us. We are willing to be your—" Even as they cried, Max slashed out and decapitated them.

The four-star elf frowned and coldly asked, "Why didn't you let me kill them since you didn't have any other plan for them?"

Max gave him a look and calmly said, "You wouldn't understand. But you can take their cores."

Saying this, he dug out their cores and gave them to him before burning the demonesses' corpses with two fireballs. He then glanced at the other two elves—who had already dug their demons' cores out and said, "Destroy their corpses and move out of here."

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After saying this, he nodded at the four-star elf, "Thank you for coming to our rescue, but we can't stay here any longer because more demons are sure to arrive here. Take care and call us if you need help. Also, message others to not to act rashly because the demons might have already noticed our presence. If not, they will notice it soon."

Saying this, he flapped his almost illusionary wings, disappearing and appearing in front of Emily and others.

He looked at Emily, standing there with her eyes closed, a faint layer of pure mana circling around her, and frowned.

Seeing this, Rey spoke up, "She ate a spirit fruit, wanting to breakthrough so she would be more helpful."

Hearing this, a warm smile appeared on Max's face. Gently lifting her in princess carry, careful to not break her concentration, he glanced at Ellie and her mother before turning to Rey, "Take them with you and follow me."

When he picked her up, Emily's eyes snapped open briefly before closing again, which went undetected from Max.

Whoosh!

Finish speaking, Max ran toward the town's outer area. He had almost completely exhausted his mana and couldn't even keep the [Phoenix Wings] active, let alone cast them from scratch again or fight. So, he didn't want to face any demon until he recovered completely. Also, there was Emily, who would take some time before completely digesting the spirit fruit.

Glancing down at her, he sighed, 'Such a stupid girl. What did she plan to do if someone had attacked her? Forcibly stop digesting the fruit's energy and severely injure herself?'

His guess couldn't be more true because it was exactly what she was prepared to do. Fortunately, that didn't come to pass.

Rey looked at Ellie and her mother, who looked at him nervously, and then grabbed them in each hand before rushing after him.

The four-star elf snorted, clearly displeased, but when he recalled how Max killed a demon, stronger than him right when they arrived, his heart trembled.

"Let's go." He ordered his teammates and rushed in the other direction.

Just a few seconds after everyone vacated the scene,

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

A group of three demons arrived in the area.

They were two males and one female, the female being the leader.

She glanced around, noticing the wreaked ground, which was the result of Max and the demoness' fight, and then noticed the piles of ashes which made her frown.

She then took out her communication crystal, and said in it, "Leader, there was a fight not too long ago and several of our people were killed. It seems some outsiders have arrived here. Please order everyone to be alert and immediately contact others if they encounter them and not take any risk."

There was no response from the other side, causing a displeased look to cover her face. 'That bitch... she will regret it if she doesn't heed my advice.' She thought, a cold glint flashing in her eyes.

Noticing her expression, one of the other two demons smiled wryly, "Miss Yin, don't be angry. Leader must be... busy. How about I contact others and warn them?"

Humph!

The demoness, Miss Yin, snorted, "Will any listen to you? Let alone you, they won't even listen to me."

Hearing this, the demon could only shake his head, feeling helpless. The leader of this group was the son of their sludge demon tribe's patriarch and Miss Yin was the daughter of one of the grand elders

—a king ranked demon. Unfortunately, neither liked each other.

"Let's go. Let him do whatever he wants. I completed my due duty," Miss Yin said, disappearing from the place.

Max and the company arrived at the town's periphery, entered an abandoned house.

Placing Emily on the ground, he flopped down, panting. He was feeling stabbing pain all over his body and it wasn't because of the sonic attack he suffered or anything else but because he had forcibly used his bloodline's aura when he still couldn't control his new bloodline.

He wanted to complain to the system that it didn't tell him he would be feeling this, but considering it had helped him save his and everyone else's life, he kept quiet.

To take his mind off the pain, he opened his notification panel to see how many points he got after killing a mid-stage four-star, seven three-star demons, ranging between mid-stage to peak of the realm.

[Ding! You've killed a four-star demon. 2x bonus applied. +70,000 Kill Points.]

[Ding! You've killed a three-star demon. 2x bonus applied. +6800 Kill Points.]

[Ding! You've killed a three-star demon. 2x bonus applied. +10,000 Kill Points.]

[Ding! You've killed a three-star demon. 2x bonus applied...]

[Ding! You've killed...]

"Nice!" He couldn't help but speak out loud in excitement when he saw the notifications. In total, he had gained 130,000 Kill points. He then took out the two four-star crystals he got from the four-star demon duo and sold them in the system's shop for 110.

[Kill Points: 0 --> 130,000]

[Shop Points: 100 --> 210]

'System, use the kill points and increase my intelligence stat to 200 and add the rest of the points into my mana pool.' He ordered the system.

As soon as he commanded, his kill points went to 0 while he felt his senses improving by a significant margin and his almost dried up mana core roared back to life.

[Intelligence: 179 --> 200]

[Mana: 11,000/(57,800 --> 68,700)]

[Kill Points: 0]

'Only 31,300 Mana units before I'll be eligible to breakthrough to the four-star realm.' He clenched his fist. The stronger he became, the more points he can earn and ensure his and his loved ones' safety in these chaotic times.

He took out a pile of mana mid-grade mana stones and started recovering his mana. However, his speed of mana absorption was not up to par.

Phew!

Exhaling, he counted the time from the moment he got the 2x bonus.

'I still have over 1.5 hours. I can't waste it all in recovering my mana. It seems I need to buy a better mana absorption and refinement technique.' He thought. Until now, he had been using the mana absorption technique from the core forming manual Esther gave him when he reached the two-star realm. He didn't change it for a better one before because he didn't really need it since he could not use the mana in the environment, or in the mana stone for that matter, to increase his cultivation. And when he needed to recover the mana, his current technique was sufficient. 'System, show me a suitable mana absorption technique.' He said to the system.

Immediately, a list of techniques appeared in front of him.

[These are the five techniques the host can buy with his current shop points. Please choose whichever host likes.]

'Thanks.' He said and glanced at the techniques. All of them looked multiple times better than his current one. The cheapest cost 50 SPs and could increase his mana absorption and refinement by three times, and the most expensive and best out of five cost 200 SPs and was almost ten times more efficient than his current one.

So, without hesitation, he bought the latter. Thanks to his high intelligence stat, which worked wonders when he needed to comprehend any technique and the fact that this technique wasn't nearly as much complication as the [Phoenix Wings], he took less than 10 minutes to gain initial mastery over it, which, according to its description, would increase his mana absorption speed by 4-5 times. Not bothering to master it more thoroughly for now, he started recovering his mana.

Whoosh!

The moment he activated the technique, his body seemed to have become a black hole, greedily sucking the energy out of the mid-grade mana stones one by one, turning them into dust.

Rey was gobsmacked when he witnessed this. Just a while ago, he saw him wasting around several minutes to absorb a single mana stone, but now; it was taking him less than a minute to do that.

Half an hour later...

Phew!

Max exhaled a deep breath and opened his eyes, looking satisfied.

[Mana: 68,700/68,700]

Right then, Swoosh!

A wave of mana burst of Emily before gradually vanishing into her body. She then opened her eyes, a slight smile appearing on her lips.

Curious, Max accessed her status and immediately realized why she was happy. "Congratulations on your breakthrough!" He smiled, congratulating her. She was now a high-stage three-star mage.

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Emily nodded before extending a hand out, causing Max to stare at her in confusion.

"Give me one of those ghost fruits you gave Anna and others. I also need to strengthen my core, it has weakened significantly." She said,

The spirit fruit's energy was only enough to push her cultivation to the peak of mid-stage and she had to push herself to the limits to breakthrough to the high-stage three-star. Unfortunately, this made her foundation very brittle.

Max's brows furrowed when he heard her, and it took him just a moment to realize this. "Why did you have to force yourself?" He sighed, walking over to her and pulling her into his embrace.

He knew if it wasn't for the fact that she was worried about not being able to help him just like before, she wouldn't have done it. While feeling angry about her deliberate act of injuring her foundation, he couldn't help but feel warm in his heart. Emily's eyes went wide in surprise. She hadn't expected him to suddenly hug her like this and was caught off guard. Her cold and indifferent exterior faltered, and a slight blush covered her cheeks for a brief moment before she regained her composure. Though she was feeling uncomfortable being hugged like this since she wasn't used to such things, she didn't push him away.

"Because I knew you could help repair my core without any problem." She answered, "Eh?" Max broke the hug and looked at her in surprise.

"Why are you so sure? What if I don't have anything that can help you? You should know things that can reinforce and make the core stronger are very rare, not to mention expensive. Especially things that can help three-star mages or stronger people." He asked.

"I don't know. I just have the feeling that you can do anything." She said, sounding indifferent before saying, "So, give it to me now."

"Well..." Max's expression turned awkward. He didn't have any ghost spirit fruit or anything that could help her. To make things worse, he didn't have enough Shop points to buy it from the system shop.

'System, what's the price of a grade 3 ghost spirit fruit?' He maternally asked. Since Grade 2 fruit could help two-star mages, grade 3 fruit should help a three-star mage. Of course, its price would be significantly higher than a Grade 2 spirit fruit.

[2000 Shop points.] The system answered.

'2000...!' Max couldn't help but flinch upon hearing the price. 'It cost ten times what a grade 2 fruit cost.'

Noticing the change in his expression, which clearly wasn't because of her, Emily's brows shot up. "What is it?" She asked,

Her voice brought him to his senses. "Nothing." He said, "Let's go and kill some more demons. I'll give it to you after we finish dealing with them."

He knew she was intelligence enough to figure out something from his lousy excuse, but he had no choice but to say this. He couldn't tell her he didn't have it and then give her one later since she would definitely ask where he got that.

'It seems I need to tell her, Rima and others too, about the system to avoid making excuses or lying in the future.' He sighed in his heart. Even in his past life, he never liked to lie because it made him uncomfortable, especially if he lied to people close to him.

Emily gave him a look before nodding, "Alright. Let's go."

Rey also stood up, and glancing at Ellie and her mother, he asked, "What about them? We can't take them with us while we fight the demons, right?"

Ellie's and her mother's expressions stiffened. Ellie looked at Max with a pleading look in her eyes. She knew if she and her mother lost Max's group's protection, they would definitely die.

Max silently looked into her eyes, making Ellie nervous. Just as she was about to say something, he smiled at her, his smile warm enough to melt the ice of her worries.

He glanced at Rey and said, "You stay here with them and make sure they are safe."

Saying this, he glanced at Emily and rushed out of the stone house before running toward the town's center. Emily glanced at Ellie and her mother, a curious glint flashing in her. She then turned around and followed him.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

With that, the duo was gone, leaving Rey staring blankly at the place where they stood. A moment later, he glanced at Ellie and her mother and asked, "Are you related to him?"

Ellie's mother shook her head, "No. It's the first time we saw him. Why do you ask, sir?"

"Nothing. It's just that he seems to care about you lot quite a bit." He said, before muttering, "Maybe it's because they are human like him?"

Ellie's mother was also confused. If she didn't know how selfish people were, especially the strong ones, she would've thought he was a kind soul.

She glanced at her daughter. She had noticed the look he gave her just now and a while before on the battlefield. 'Is he... interested in Ellie?' She thought, suddenly feeling worried.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

As they searched around for the demons on their way to the town's center, Emily glanced at him and asked, "Do you know those two?"

"Yes." Max nodded, "Those two are mother and sister of someone I accidentally killed in the academy's entrance exam."

"I see." Emily nodded before going silent. Suddenly, they heard some faint cries in the distance. Exchanging glances, they rushed in the sound's direction, making sure not to make any sound so they are not noticed.

"AH! No! PLEASE D-DON'T DO IT... AHH!" As they grew nearer to the sound's origin, the cries, which evidently belonged to a woman, grew clearer.

In some distance, under a thatched hut, was a group of four naked demons, standing in a row. They each had a woman in front of them, facing forward while they slammed into them from behind, crazed smiles on their faces. As for the women, they were crying, despair clear in their eyes. Also, there were eight naked female corpses lying near them, blood covering their lower parts of bodies. The sight was appalling. Swoosh!

As soon as he saw this scene, Max covered Emily's eyes, "Don't look." Unfortunately, he wasn't fast enough, and she had already seen everything, and her face turned dark in anger.

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Whoosh!

Wind elemental mana burst out of her before she suddenly disappeared, causing him to squint in shock, "Such speed!"

Her speed was almost as fast as his when he used [Phoenix Wings].

Whoosh!

Almost at the same time she disappeared, a faint outline of crimson wings materialized behind him. They gently flapped, and he also disappeared, appearing beside the demons.

Whoosh!

Emily appeared in front of a demon, the woman in front of whom seemed as though she was about to die. The demon's pupils constricted when he saw her appear in front of him like a ghost, and he felt a sense of intense danger creeping into his heart. He wanted to retreat, unfortunately; he was just a mid-stage three-star demon whose speed couldn't be compared to Emily's.

Her right hand, in which a thin, silver sword had appeared at some point, coated with her wind elemental mana, slashed horizontally at his neck. The strike was beautiful to watch and dreadfully fast. He couldn't even blink before his neck was separated from his body.

Right before he died, the demon's eyes were widened in shock and intense horror.

After killing him, she turned to move at the other three demons, but before she could, Max's figure flashed between them.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

When he stopped, all three demons had an almost imperceptible line of blood around their necks. They had the same expression as the demon Emily had killed. A moment later, their necks rolled off their shoulders, falling down to the ground, creating muffled thuds.

Emily nodded at him before waving her hand. In response, a gust of wind pushed the four demon corpses back.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

As the corpses fell back, the women in front of them were freed from their clutches. Unfortunately, they didn't have any strength left and started falling forward, which prompted Emily to wave her hand, sending out gentle waves of mana to help them lie down without injuring themselves. They were ordinary women, after all.

Max couldn't help but feel anger rage in his heart when he saw their miserable states.

"Max, go away for a while. Let me help them." Emily said. Nodding, Max turned around and left.

As he waited some distance away, he opened his status screen and used all 18,000 Kill points which he just got, to increase his mana by another 1800 units.

[Mana: 65,000 (68,700 --> 70,500)]

He then took out a few mid-grade mana stones and started recovering his mana.

A while later, Emily arrived along with the four women they just saved. It seemed Emily had given some healing medicine since they were walking on their own but what made him sigh was that all of them were listless, their eyes blank and their steps stiff. He could see if it wasn't for Emily using her mana to push them forward, they wouldn't want to move at all.

"Max, let's send them to Rey so he can take care of them." Emily said.

Max nodded, but before they could move, one of the four women looked at Emily and said, "I thank you for saving me. Can you do me one more favor, I'll be eternally grateful."

"Mm, tell me, what is it?" Emily asked, nodding.

"Please... kill me." The woman said, shocking both Emily and Max. Just then, the other three women also said, "Please, kill us too."

"Why do you want to die?" Emily asked, frowning.

The women revealed a bleak smile and tears appeared in their eyes.

"We don't have anything or anyone to live for any longer. Not only we were defiled by those monsters, they even killed our families. By now everyone we know must have been slaughtered. So, please, end our misery and give us release. We can't live any longer." They begged.

Emily, with a stone-cold expression on her face, turned to look at Max, asking what they should do. Max glanced at the women, who clearly didn't want to live any longer, and then at Emily who despite looking indifferent, was feeling uneasy which was evident by the ripple of emotions in her eyes. "You don't want to save them, right?" He asked. Emily was a little surprised that he could guess what she really wanted before gently nodding her head.

"Alright." Nodding, he said, "Let's take them back and let Ellie and her mother talk to them. If they still want to die... we can only comply with their wishes."

Emily agreed and, although it wasted some of his precious time, they brought them back. Rey was surprised to see them return so soon, but when he found out the reason, his fists clenched in anger.

"Those demons can't be allowed to conquer our city." He growled.

Since their town wasn't too big and everyone used to interact with each other, Ellie and her mother knew these four women and obviously, they also knew them.

"Lady Ella, you are here? What happened to chief and others, have they also...?" The women asked, when they saw Ellie and her mother, Ella.

Hearing this, Ella's strong exterior, which she put up for her daughter, broke and tears appeared in her beautiful brown eyes and then slid down her cheeks.

While crying, she hugged each of them, before nodding, "Ellie's father and others are no more."

Ellie already knew about it because no way in hell her father wouldn't come with them if he was alive and since he didn't come and only sent them away, it was obvious he was no more. But she, just like her mother, put on a strong exterior so her mother won't feel too sad but when she heard her mother admit it, she also couldn't help but break out in sobs.

They talked for a while. The women told them how their families were slaughtered in front of them while they were taken away and were defiled. Ellie's mother expressed her condolences for their family members and felt sad about what happened to them.

She then found out they didn't want to live any longer. She tried to dissuade them, but the women only shook their heads.

"Lady Ella, I'm sure you can understand our pain. Please don't try to force. And little Ellie, take care of your mother, okay?"

After a while, Ella glanced at Max and said, "Sir, please... fulfill their wishes." Her voice trembled and knees gave out when she said this.

Max nodded and took them out of the stone house, and then returned a while later.

Ella looked at him and asked, "They... are they...?"

Max nodded lightly, which caused Ella's face to turn pale. She then put her hand together, closed her eyes and prayed for their peace.

"Let's go. We need to kill those demons." Emily said, her eyes flashing with a chilling light and her fists clenched tight.

"Take care of them." Max told Rey and then the duo left the stone house once again.

Calculating the time, He realized he only had 40 minutes remaining before his 2x bonus would expire.

When they were crossing the area where they had killed the group of four demons and saved the women, they heard some angry voices.

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Whoosh!

The duo came to an abrupt halt. Exchanging a glance between them, they moved in the voice's direction to see what was happening from behind a broken wall.

There was a group of ten demons looking at the four demons' corpses with enraged expressions on their faces.

"It seems some outside bastards have sneaked in the town." One of them said, her brows furrowed.

Hearing this, a demon standing opposite to her shouted, "You bitch! How would you know? This town is situation in the middle of nowhere and I doubt many in the outside world know about it, so who would come here? It's clearly those ugly bastards' doing. They are taking revenge on our group because we killed a few of their people last time."

Saying this, he looked at other and said, "We should complain to the young master about it and ask his permission to finish this matter once and for all."

No one said anything in response and maintained their silence. The female demon who spoke before snickered mockingly before pointing at the demon corpses. "Use your eyes and see, you useless thing. Their heads are cleanly sliced off with some sharp

weapon. Tell me, does anyone from our tribe use such weapons? And even if a few uses them, can those crude weapons penetrate three-star demons' defenses? It's clearly some outsider's doing. So, stop trying to use this as an excuse to exact your personal revenge."

Hearing her words, the demon was infuriated, "What do you mean 'personal revenge', bitch?! Don't tell me you don't want to kill those bastards for what they did? If I'm not wrong, your younger brother also died that day, didn't he?"

Boom!

As soon as he said this, the demoness' eyes burned with anger and she appeared in front of him, punching him in the gut and sending him flying several meters back.

"If you dare say another word, I'll disregard the fact we belong to the same faction and kill you." She said, her voice freezing cold.

Other demons gave the guy pitiful looks and shook their heads in disappointment.

The demon was first stunned and then became angry. However, he didn't say anything this time because he knew she would really kill him.

'Just you wait until we go back to the camp. I'll have you humiliated and killed, you arrogant bitch!' He cursed in his mind.

Behind the wall, Emily frowned when she saw this. Because the demons were speaking in their native language, she didn't understand anything they said, so she turned to Max and asked, "What's going on? Why are they fighting?"

"They had arguments, and that demon said something about that demoness' dead brother, which infuriated her." Max answered, his gaze focused on the demon seething in anger but not able to do anything about it.

Noticing this, Emily asked, "What are you thinking?"

Max looked at her said, "From what I could understand, although the demons rampaging around this town belong to the same race, they are divided in two groups and this group, especially that demon seems to have some deep enmity with the other group. So, I'm thinking of enslaving this guy and using him to kill others. It would be easier than running around searching for the demons."

Emily looked at him with a blank expression before saying, "Do you think it would be easy to enslave him? Although he hates the other demons, I'm he hates us humans the most."

In response, Max shrugged. "We won't know if we don't try, right?"

Emily just looked at him, not saying anything.

On the other side, the demoness glanced at others and said, "You guys stay here while I go and inform young master about this incident."

Saying this, she rushed toward the town's center with three others, leaving six demons behind.

Max frowned. Although this was great for him since he and Emily won't have as much problem killing just six demons, but if their leader was informed and they became alert, the situation would turn dangerous for him and his group.

Thinking this, he glanced at Emily and said, "You stay here, don't let them notice you. I'll be back in a while."

Emily knew what he was planning. Despite feeling worried about his well-being, she didn't stop him and just nodded, "Alright. You be careful of that demoness. She is a peak three-star demon."

Max nodded. Then, a pair of fiery wings, albeit translucent, appeared on his back.

Whoosh!

The wings flapped lightly, and he disappeared from the place with a silent whoosh.

Emily watched him go before her gaze moved over to the group of demons, her eyes flashing with a cold light.

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"Mm?"

As the demoness and three others were running toward the town's center, her ears twitched. A frown appeared on her face before she shouted, "Watch out!"

"Huh?" Her three companions were puzzled, but a split second later, they felt a strong sense of terror rising in their heart. Immediately, they released their demon energy to jump to the side.

However, before they move...

Whoosh!

A powerful gust of wind hit them. Ignoring it, they wanted to dodge, but almost at the same time, they felt something cold on the back of their necks before their heads flew in the air. Expressions of terror, astonishment, and confusion etched on their faces.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

As the heads and bodies fell to the ground one after another, Max's figure materialized in the place where they stood a moment before.

Eyes wide, the demoness stared at Max in shock. In the next moment, however, she regained her senses.

Glancing at her companions' corpses, her expression turned grim, but when she looked at him, she could feel that even though this guy was quite strong, he wasn't a peak three-star mage yet, which helped her relax a little.

But in the next moment, her brows knitted in concentration. 'If he isn't even a peak three-star mage, how did he instantly kill three high-stage three-star demons?' She thought before her gaze trailed down to the blue sword in his hand. 'It's because of this sword...' She understood and immediately put her guard up.

She then looked at Max and started to say, "So, you are the one who is kill—"

Whoosh!

Max didn't wait for her to finish. His wings flapped lightly, and he appeared in front of her, his sword slashing horizontally at her neck.

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"You are underestimating me!" The demoness shouted as her skin around her neck hardened. However,

Slash!

The sword ignored her defenses and slashed through neck like a knife through butter, causing the demoness' eyes to widen in shock.

Crack!

Right when he cleaved through her neck, he heard a faint cracking sound which made him frown. Looking down, he saw a broken crystal bead in her head and when he looked at the demoness neck flying through the air, he could see a sneer at the corner of her lips.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, the broken parts of the bead diffused into a strange energy which then entered his body and a black 'Kill' mark appeared on his forehead.

"What the fuck is this?" He muttered, touching the mark. Although the mark didn't affect him negatively, he could feel it would bring him a lot of trouble.

He released his mana and tried to wipe it off, but it was useless. He then tried to use the tendril of aura of his bloodline but realized that he couldn't do it, which made him frown deeper.

"System, why can't I use my bloodline's aura?" He asked. He had a feeling that if he could use it, removing the mark wouldn't be a problem.

[Host, although a part of Lust overlord's bloodline has successfully integrated with you, it'll take some time for it to become a part of you. Until then, you can only enjoy the passive benefits of the bloodline.] The system responded.

"Okay." Max sighed in disappointment and then asked, "Do you know what this mark is and how can I remove it?"

Max waited for the answer, but the system didn't respond. He called out to it for a few more times, but the result was the same.

'What's going on?' He frowned, not understanding why the system was ignoring him.

Sighing, he dug out the demons' demon cores and said, "System, sell these in the system shop."

[Yes, host.] Came the system answer before the demon cores vanished and 40 Shop points were added to his status.

[Kill points: 0 --> 25,000]

[Shop points: 210 --> 250]

"So, you were deliberately not responding just now?" Max said, an unpleasant expression on his face.

System: "..."

"Fuck! Can you at least why you don't want to help me all of a sudden?" Max asked, feeling angry at the system's silence.

After a few seconds, the system finally spoke.

[Host, because of that worm's interference, the system couldn't nurture how you were supposed to be nurtured.]

After a pause, the system continued, [The system was designed to serve as an energy conversion tool, nothing else. The host was supposed to experience all the challenges on its own without the system's assistance. Unfortunately, that worm made you completely reliant on the system's help—severely affecting your development.

[If he hadn't done that, with host's current cultivation realm, even without the sword and other external things, host would've been able to kill any mid-stage four-star mages and contend against high-stage four-stars because host would know how to wield and control the mana, improve your elemental ability among other things.]

Hearing this, Max raised his brows and asked, "So, you are saying you won't help me from now, is that correct?"

[Not with everything, host. If there are instances where the system's help won't adversely affect host's growth, the system will help. Apart from that, the system will only work as the energy convertor as it was supposed to and also, the system shop's agent.] System answered.

Max didn't speak for a while and thought about what the system said. It was true, until now, his journey had been a smooth sailing. Everything he needed, he got from the system. Although he also trained to become stronger, could his training and the efforts he put in could be compared to the efforts Anna, Emily and other put in? The answer was a big NO.

'Well, you can't expect me to not enjoy the benefit of the privilege I have.' He thought and said, "I understand your point and I don't have any problem with these arrangements. But can you tell what this mark on my forehead is?"

[It's not hard to find, host.] The system said before going silent, making him chuckle dryly.

"Alright, then." He muttered and flapped his wings, disappearing from the place and heading back to Emily.

However, when he reached the place, he gaped at the sight.

Emily was standing among the demon corpses, wiping her bloodstained sword. She had a wound on her right shoulder and left leg and a major part of her robe was stained in the blood—in demons' blood.

Noticing his arrival, she looked at him, nodded and pointed at a demon lying face down on the ground. "I saved him for you."

Max glanced at the demon who was urging the demoness to fight his enemies a while ago. He couldn't help but smile wryly when he saw him because even though he was alive, his condition was terrible. He had many deep lacerations all over his body, one of his legs was almost chopped off and his breathing was very faint, as though he was about to die.

"Were you found out?" He asked, ignoring the demon for the time being.

"No." Emily shook her head and then said in an apologetic voice, "I'm sorry. I know it somehow benefits you when you kill them yourself, but I... just couldn't hold myself back."

Max was startled when he heard this, and thought, 'Was it that obvious?' He then shook his head and smiled, "It's alright. We don't lack demons here."

"Mm." Emily nodded before her eyes narrowed when she noticed the mark on his forehead. "You were marked?"

"Yeah. You know what this mark is?" He asked, rubbing the mark. "Yes. From what I know, when the demons mark someone, it indicates that the marked person is to be killed upon sight." Emily said, her voice grim as she continued, "It also acts as a beacon because the demons can sense your location if they are in required range."

Hearing this, his expression turned ugly, and he asked, "How close must I be for them to sense me?"

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Emily seemed to understand what he was worried about and shook her head, "Although I don't know what range this specific mark has, from what I read in the old records, these marks generally can only be sensed within 100-meter range."

Hearing this, Max sighed in relief. He didn't want every demon here to chase after him.

"Okay. You do what you want with him. I'll go change my dress." Emily said and moved toward the broken house they were hiding before.

Max glanced at her before turning his gaze to the demon. Walking over, he squatted down behind him and slapped his face.

Slap!

"Argh!"

The demon groaned and opened his eyes. When he saw Max, he was frightened but quickly calmed down and muttered, "Ah, you... are not... that devil... thank the heavenly demon." Hearing his mutterings, a weird expression appeared on his face and thought, 'Devil? Is he talking about Emily?'

Slap!

He then slapped the demon's face again, hard enough to cause pain, and revealed a sadistic smile, "Don't thank your god or demon yet because I'm worse than her."

"Argh!"

The demon groaned and finally came to his senses. Emily had already filled his heart with more than enough fear, making him surrender immediately and cry out loud, "P-Please have mercy. D-Don't torture me anymore."

Max's smile grew wider when he heard this. Thanking Emily in his mind for cutting his work short, he said, "I won't but... on one condition."

The demon hesitated. He knew whatever this condition was, it most definitely wasn't anything good.

"Hm? You are hesitating?" Max smirked and lifted his hand to slap him.

Seeing this, the demon revealed a fearful expression and hurriedly said, "N-No. I-I agree to your condition."

"That's good." Max nodded before asking, "But are you sure you don't want to hear what the condition is?"

Gulp!

The demon gulped nervously. He knew if he asked, he would be tortured until he agreed, so he shook his head, "N-No. There is no need."

"Good. Since you agree, relax your mind and don't resist." Max said and placed his right hand above the demon's forehead.

Swoosh!

Mana surged out and started condensing in an ancient mark, which exuded an oppressive aura.

Seeing this, the demon understood what Max was trying to do, and his eyes widened. He clenched his teeth and shouted, "You bastard! You want to make me your slave! DIE!!"

Whizz~!

Just as he shouted, a droning sound filled the air as his chest started swelling.

"Oh, fuck!" Max cursed, his expression turning grave. If he wasn't in the midst of activating the slave spell, he could've stopped him from self-detonation, but now he first needed to deactivate the spell before he could do it.

Although deactivating it wouldn't take more than a few seconds, the demon would've detonated himself by then. Therefore, even as he cursed, he covered his feet with mana and jumped back as fast as he could.

Unfortunately, he wasn't fast enough and just when he was only 10 meters away,

BOOM!

The demon exploded, reducing the 5-7 meters of area around him into dust, and the resulting shockwaves hit Max in the back, flinging him away.

BANG!

Crack!

As the shockwave hit him, it was as though a sledgehammer had struck him and the sounds of bones creaking sounded out.

Puah!

Bang!

Even as he was flown away, he coughed out several mouthfuls of blood before crashing into the ground.

"...Damn... it." He cursed weakly while his eyes blurred out. He was on the verge of losing consciousness but gritted his teeth and held on because if he fainted now, the remaining half an hour or so of 2X bonus would be wasted. Whoosh!

Emily rushed over and knelt beside him, a worried expression on her face.

"...Max, are you... alright?" He heard her anxious but muffled voice due to him being disoriented.

"Agrh!" He groaned and shook his head to regain his senses before nodding, "Yeah... I'm.. alright."

"Don't move." She said, gently propping his head up and placing it in her lap. She then took and took out a few healing pills and put them in his mouth before using her mana to help him digest them.

As the gentle medicinal energy permeated his body and started healing his injuries, his blurry consciousness gradually became clear and he could finally see Emily's face worried face.

Seeing her expression, a slight smile appeared on his face and he said, "Don't worry. I'm fine now."

Emily looked at him and nodded a moment. She then glanced at the explosion site, her eyes flickering with killing intent. Noticing it, Max shivered. The demon had blown into smithereens but she still was so enraged. If he was alive, she no doubt would skin him alive.

Suddenly, Emily retracted her killing intent and looked down at him with a angry look in her eyes,

"Didn't I tell you, you won't be able to subdue them? But you had to go and almost lose your life."

"Uh? That..." Max was at a loss of words before he said, "I thought he wouldn't mind being my slave if he could live. Guess I was wrong."

Emily continued to glare at him, which made him anxious.

Just as he was about to say something to appease her, she coldly said, "Don't ever put your life at risk like this again."

"Yes!" Max obediently nodded.

"Hmm. Now, let's go away from this place. The explosion just now would certainly attract the demons' attention."

Emily said as she stood up and helped him up by putting his hand around her shoulders and her around his lower back--the least injured place on his whole back. They then left the place and hid in a broken house some distance away.

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At the town's centre...

Unlike other broken houses and buildings in the town, the town lord's residence was still in fine condition and there were no demons rampaging about near it.

However, one could occasionally see a few demons go in with one or two town's young maidens before coming back out moments later. Then, the miserable cries of the girls would echo out from within the residence.

"Ahhhh!"

Two demons just came out after leaving a young girl inside and immediately heard her scream along with some pleasure filled grunts.

Hearing this, one of the demon duo revealed a look of dissatisfaction and complained,

"Fuck! Why do we have to be the ones to fetch the girls for the leader? I also want to enjoy some of these delicate human girls, but here I am, running errands."

Bam! As soon as he said this, the demon beside him smacked him in the back of his head and angrily said,

"Bastard! Keep your voice down! And Isn't it all because of you? If the leader hadn't seen you with that bitch from Miss Yin's group, we wouldn't be here wasting such good opportunity."

Just then,

Boom!

The town lord's residence blew up into pieces and an enraged voice rang out from within the rubble.

"How dare you?!"

Hearing this, the demon duo shuddered and color drained from their faces.

"D-Did he really hear me?" The demon who complained previously muttered in horror.

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The rubble and dust settle down, revealing a 7 feet tall demon with pale skin and yellow eyes. His expression was sinister and his whole being gave creepy vibes. Furthermore, he was naked.

Whoosh!

Not bothering to wear anything, he took out his communication crystal and bellowed, "EVERYONE, GATHER AT TOWN CENTER, IMMEDIATELY!"

Storing the crystal away, he wore a black robe and walked out of the rubble. When he saw the demon duo standing some distance away, looking at him in fear, he shouted, "Why are fuck are you still here?! Go to the town center, immediately."

Whoosh!

Once finished speaking, he vanished from the place.

The demon duo exchanged glances before letting out a sigh of relief. "We are safe."

"But it seems something big has happened or the leader wouldn't be so angry. Let's not be late lest we get punished." One of the demons said. The other one nodded, and they rushed away.

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Two minutes later, town's center...

The demon leader was standing on a wall, looking down at the gathered demons with an ugly look on his face because... out of over 50 demons, only 15, including him, were here.

The other demons also noticed this and frowned.

"Where is everyone else? Didn't they get the leader's message?" Someone asked.

Just then,

Boom!!

They heard a loud explosion go off in the distance.

"What was that?" "If I'm not wrong, one of our people just self-detonated." A voice sounded from the side. When everyone turned to look, they saw a group of three demons walking over.

When the demon leader saw them, especially the female demon in the middle, his already ugly expression turned dark.

"Miss Yin, what do you mean?" One of the gathered demons asked, not understanding her meaning.

Miss Yin, however, gently shook her head, and glanced at the demon leader on atop the wall, "Let him tell you."

Hearing this, everyone turned to look at him.

The demon leader, Nix, glared at Miss Yin and growled, "Why didn't you come to tell me in my residence? If you had, so many of our people wouldn't have died."

"Heh, you are blaming me? So cute!" Miss Yin chuckled before her expression turned serious. "Didn't I inform you about it through communication crystal? Why did you not take it seriously? It's your mistake, not mine. So, don't try to put the blame on me."

Her retort made Nix to grunt in anger but he didn't say anything and glanced at the crowd and said,

"It seems some outsiders have arrived here and are hunting our brethren. Those, who are not here, have already been killed by them."

"What?!"

Some demons had guessed this was the case from their conversation just now were comparatively calm, but those who did not were stunned before becoming furious. "Unforgivable!"

"How dare they kill our people?"

"Leader, let's kill those bastards. We can't let them escape."

"..."

"QUIET!" Nix shouted and the clamorous crowd immediately quietened down.

Noticing this, Miss Yin's squinted her eyes briefly before her expression returned to normal.

"We can't be reckless. The enemy is very clever. If not for Nessia using her life to send me the message through the emergency message bead, we wouldn't even know about them before it was too late."

Saying this, Nix took out a green bead and tapped on its surface.

Swoosh!

A green light burst out from the bead and created the images of Max killing the demoness and her group a while ago.

Miss Yin's eyes narrowed when she saw Max kill the group with no difficulty.

"This guy is quite strong." She muttered.

"It's just his movement technique, miss Yin. Otherwise, he isn't a match for a mid-stage four-star demon. Besides, even with his movement technique, he isn't a threat to you, miss Yin." One of the two guys beside her confidently said when he heard her.

The rest of the demons felt chills run down their spine when they saw Max kill the group because they weren't any stronger than the first three demons he killed in one strike, let alone as strong as the four-star demoness.

"This human... is very strong."

"I'm afraid only Miss Yin and the leader can deal with him. Rest of us are no match for him."

Some demons started to cower in fear. However, some weren't afraid and scoffed.

"What are you worrying about? He is just one guy in the end. He can't possibly take all of us on at the same time. Especially since we have miss Yin and the leader."

"Yeah. Didn't you see, though he killed those three three-star demons in one attack, it was all because of his movement technique? Without it, he is nothing."

Miss Yin glanced at everyone and shook her head. She then looked at Nix and asked, "So, leader, is he the only one, or did he have others helping him? Because from the clues I found out, he isn't alone."

Boom!

Her words were like a clap of thunder to the demon crowd. They were worried about just one, if there were others, wouldn't they be helpless to do anything to them and could only get killed when they decided to attack.

Seeing that the group's morale plummeted upon hearing her words, Nix's face turned dark and his eyes flashed with imperceptible killing intent.

He then looked at the demons in front of him, and,

Boom!

Released his demon energy that sent the demons tumbling backwards, even Miss Yin had difficulty standing still on her feet and then bellowed, "Are you really worried about dying? Since when did our glorious demon race start producing cowards like you? Fuck, if anyone knew I was your leader, they would think I'm also like you."

Without stopping, he continued, "No matter how many they are, everyone who dares to lay hands on our people deserves a brutal death and that is what this blue-haired bastard and his companions are gonna get."

Then his killing intent burst out of him in waves as he glared at everyone in front of him. "However, if you continued this disgraceful behavior, I'll kill you first before killing them. Now, tell me, who is afraid?"

Silence~!

The place went deathly silent. No one dared to make any sound, let alone say they were afraid.

Nix waited a few moments before retracting his demon energy and killing intent and nodded, "Good. Now, let's find out where these rats are hiding."

Saying this, he took out a circular disk and injected his energy into it.

Weng~!

The disk vibrated and released ripples of invisible energy that quickly covered half of the town.

Then six moving light dots—two groups of three—

appeared in different locations, not too far away from them.

Seeing this, he glanced at Miss Yin and said, "Miss Yin, let's forget about our enmity for the time being and handle these rats, alright?"

"Hm, Alright." Miss Yin nodded.

"Good. You go after this group of three while I'll go kill this group. Also, take half of these guys and show them these humans aren't worth fearing about." He said, pointing at the demons in front of him.

Miss Yin nodded. Then a smile appeared on her face and her lips moved silently.

[My lovely leader, you shouldn't have shown them the scene of that guys killing those demons. Such an idiot you are.]

Nix obviously could read her lips and understand what she was saying. His eyes flashed with killing intent and he almost couldn't stop himself from attacking her.

Seeing this, Miss Yin chuckled and then waved at the demon group, "Half of you, come with me."

Chapter 530: Super healing?

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Max was sitting cross-legged, circulating his mana and the medicinal energy of the healing pills to heal his wounds, while Emily was sitting to the side, watching him.

As she watched the nasty wound on his back visibly heal, her widened in surprise. She knew he had only taken a couple of three-star healing pills and, from what she knew, that shouldn't have such fast and effective healing effect.

"Hm?"

Suddenly, she squinted her eyes because she noticed that a faint pink glow was covering his wound.

'What is this?' She frowned and then her eyes flashed. 'Is it... a bloodline energy? But how is that possible—'

Suddenly, her eyes flashed, and she thought, 'Maybe he inherited this bloodline from aunt Hannah?'

With suspicious eyes, she continued to stare at his quickly mending wound and her amazement continued to multiply.

Meanwhile, Max became ecstatic in his heart when he felt this.

'Amazing! I never thought this bloodline can boost my regeneration ability so much. If I'm not wrong, my current regeneration power isn't any weaker than a mage with wood affinity.'

He mused and then thought, 'I know I can, or... will be able to use the bloodline's aura tendrils to boost my attacks by several folds. I wonder what more surprises this bloodline will bring me?'

After ten minutes later, his internal injuries were almost completely healed while the wound on his back was 80% healed too.

Just then,

Buzz!

He felt his communication crystal buzz in his storage ring. Opening his eyes, he quickly took it out and checked the message.

{I'm team 2's leader. The other two in my team have already been killed and I also won't last long. The demons have found out about us. They have multiple four-star demons, don't fight, esc—ahhhhh!}

"Damn it!" Max's face darkened, and he almost crushed the crystal in anger.

"What is it, Max?" Emily asked when she noticed this.

Hu~!

Max took a deep breath, injected his mana into the crystal and said, "Rey, immediately take Ellie and her mother out of the town. This is an order."

Hearing this, Emily frowned. She knew something had happened and asked, "Have the demons found about us?"

"Yes." Max nodded heavily. "Not only that, they have eliminated team 2 and will soon come for the rest of us."

Emily's expression hardened at the news. After a moment of silence, she looked at him and carefully asked, "What do you plan to do now? Continue hunting them or flee from here?"

"Now that they are already hunting us down, we can't do it." Max said, closing his eyes, "We can flee, but we have to leave right now, meaning we will be leaving the rest of our group behind..."

Boom!

Suddenly, he opened his eyes and his aura and mana burst forth in waves and he said in a frighteningly calm voice, "We will fight."

Emily wasn't surprised with his decision but her brows shot up when she noticed a faint pinkish hue in his aura and her surprise grew into shock when his aura enveloped her because, even though he wasn't trying to suppress her, she felt her breathing slow down and an enormous pressure pressing down on her.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

She hurriedly took a few steps back, each step breaking the ground, but to her shock, despite retreating over 5 meters, she was still in his aura sphere.

Normally, after a three-star mage fully develops his aura, it's range won't exceed 3 meters. But right now, she was over 7 meters away from him but was still affected, meaning his aura sphere was more than double of a normal aura sphere.

Suppressing the shock in his heart, she gritted her teeth and shouted out, "MAX! Stop it!"

"Hm?" Her voice brought him to his senses, and he quickly realized what he was doing. The current power of his aura, which was a lot stronger than before, also shocked him.

'This bloodline... it can make my aura stronger too? Isn't that too overpowered?' He thought, hurriedly retracting his aura and raging mana.

Thud!

Emily wobbled and fell to her knees, the sound attracting his attention. When he looked over, he saw her face was deathly pale and her breathing strained.

Whoosh!

His figure flickered, and he appeared beside her, taking her in his arms.

"Are you alright? Did you get injured?" He asked, worried.

Emily took out a vitality pill, ate it, and took a few deep breaths. Her face gradually regained color, making him sigh in relief.

She then looked at him, opened her mouth to ask what was happening with him, what that pink energy was, but hesitated. She knew it was his secret and she shouldn't ask this.

Max noticed this, sighed in his heart and said, "If you want to ask something, don't hesitate. Ask away."

Emily looked into his eyes and saw he was serious and would tell her everything if she asked. Noticing this, a brilliant smile appeared on her face, making her look as beautiful as an angel. She then shook her head, "Nope. I don't want to ask anything."

"Are you sure?" Max asked, peeling his eyes away from her face with difficulty.

"Yep! I'm sure." She nodded and changed the topic, "Should we gather with the others now?"

"Yeah. Let me ask where they are." Max nodded and sent the message to the remaining two teams, asking about their whereabouts.

A moment later, both teams responded. They were hiding right now, afraid that the demons will come for them too.

He quickly told them about his plan and both teams agreed, because they also knew escaping would be a problem. "Team 2 on the western part of the town, you guys stay put. We'll regroup with you and then retaliate. Be careful!" He said before putting away the communication crystal and rushed with Emily toward the team in the western direction—which was also nearest to them.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The duo shot out of the broken house, their speed so fast that even an early-stage three-star mage won't be able to see them running past them.

Chapter 531: Allaying the fear

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"Hm?"

Nix, the demon leader, suddenly frowned after he finished off the four-star elf and looked at the disk's map in his hand.

Noticing this, a demon beside him asked, "Is something wrong, young lord?"

"No. Nothing's wrong." Nix said, the corners of his lips lifting up into a sneer. "Only the ants are gathering in one place, wanting to resist us instead of fleeing."

"Isn't that good, young lord? We won't have to chase after each group and can just finish them all in one go." The demon smiled.

"Yeah, it's good. I'm just surprised they didn't try to flee even after finding out our strength." Nix said and thought, his eyes narrowing,

'Could it be that they have a five-star mage in their group?'

"By the way, young lord. Why don't Miss Yin's group finish off the other group they were headed toward?"

The demon asked, looking at the map in Nix's hand.

Hearing this, Nix frowned. 'That's right. What is that bitch doing?'

Just as he was about to take out his communication crystal to contact her, it buzzed.

'Hm? She is contacting me? Did something happen?' He thought when he realized it was Miss Yin's message. He then injected some of his energy into it to hear the message.

{Hey, we didn't kill this elf group because they are moving to gather with the others. So, I thought it would be better to take care of them all. So, don't be late or there won't be any elf or that human left for you to kill.}

After hearing the message, Nix's expression turned ugly while his eyes flashed.

'Is she doing this just to infuriate me or is she planning something?' He thought. Then a perverted smile appeared on his face. His eyes turned red, and he licked his lips and murmured,

"I hope you are scheming something to harm me. If you are, I'll be able to use it as an excuse to capture you. Ah! I can't wait to taste you, my little princess."

The demon beside him felt chills run down his spine when he saw his expression and heard his muttering.

"Everyone, let's go to the enemy's gathering point." Nix shouted at the demons who were busy consuming the elves' corpses and rushed away.

The demons stopped their feast, albeit reluctantly, and followed after him.

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On the other side, Miss Yin's group was also heading in the same direction where Max and Nix were heading.

Miss Yin and the other two demons were leading the group. After she put away her communication crystal, one of the two carefully asked, "Young Miss, are you... really planning to..."

He didn't finish the sentence because there was no need to. The other demon also looked at her.

Miss Yin glanced at the duo silently, which made them lower their heads.

Just when they thought she didn't want to answer, she spoke.

"Yes. But I don't think it will be easy. So, we'll wait and watch." She said and glanced ahead, Max's image appearing in her mind as she thought,

'I just hope you are as strong as I think you are. If not...'

...

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Max and Emily arrived in the western part of the town a few minutes later. All the houses and building here were already destroyed, and many broken corpses of the town's people were scattered around.

"Where are they?" Emily asked,

Just then,

Whoosh!

An elf appeared in front of them, greeted them, and led them to the gathering place.

There were only three people there, five including him and Emily. The last team had yet to arrive.

The four-star elf looked at Max, his expression solemn as he said, "Leader, are we really going to fight them?"

"Yes." Max nodded. "Since the demons are already aware of our existence, they wouldn't let us leave. Besides, don't you want to avenge your friends?"

Although staying and fighting was indeed a risky move, Max had several reasons to opt for it. First, Ryan told him to ensure the elves' safety and even though the three of them had already died, if they tried to escape, the chances were high that more elves would die, which he wanted to avoid.

Second, Ellie and her mother would definitely die once the demons left the town.

Third and most important of all, he wanted to amass more Kill points.

Of course, if he wasn't sure that there wasn't any demon above the four-star realm, he would be escaping right now. Fortunately, there wasn't any five-star demon here.

How was he sure about it?

Because if there was a five-star or stronger demon present here, he and others would have been killed long ago.

The four-star elf shook his head. "Of course, we want to get revenge, but they had multiple four-star demons among them. We even saw a mid-stage four-star demon a while ago. Fortunately, we weren't found out."

"Tch! Such coward!" Before Max could say anything, Emily snorted in disdain.

Hearing this, the elf's expression turned ugly, and he growled, "Don't cross the line, human."

"What? Did I say something wrong? Aren't you a coward?" Emily snorted again. "You are so terrified just because they have a few four-star demons and want to escape despite being a four-star mage yourself while we, although just three-star mages, have already killed two four-star demons, one of whom was a high-stage four-star demon. If you don't have guts, why did you come with us knowing you'll be putting your life on the line?"

"What?!" The four-star elf and other two exclaimed in disbelief when they heard her and their eyes opened wide.

"Y-You... what did you just say?" The elf asked.

Emily looked away, not bothering to respond.

Seeing this, the elf turned to Max and asked, "Leader... is that true? You two really killed a high-stage four-star demon?"

Max glanced at Emily, unsure whether she really didn't know the demon's cultivation he killed or simply said this for the sake of allaying their fear and to give them some hope of survival.

Coughing lightly, he looked at the three elves in front of him, and nodded, his expression turning solemn. "Yeah. That's true. So, you don't have to worry too much. Just

give your all when we encounter them and leave the rest to us."

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Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Just then, the remaining elf group arrived. In this group, two were females and one was male. The four-star mage was a female.

She nodded at her fellow elves with a heavy expression on her face before looking at Max.

Thud!

Suddenly, she knelt on one knee and said, "I thank you, leader, for staying instead of fleeing and I vow to fight to my last breath against those devils."

Thud! Thud!

The other two from her team also knelt down and took the same vow.

Their behavior confused Max and he couldn't help but glance at the first team and compare them—the difference was stark. One didn't want to take risk and flee while the other vowed to put their lives on the line to fight the demons.

The four-star elf smiled wryly upon noticing his strange gaze. He then sighed and said, "You don't know this, but everyone from the team, those demons killed, were related to these three. The leader was her beloved."

He then gestured toward the three-star female elf and the man. "One of them was her brother and the other one was this guy's best friend. That's why they are... so angry."

Hearing this, Max understood. He helped them up one by one and said, "I'm very sorry for your loss."

The four-star female elf shook her head. "Don't be sorry, leader." She said and her eyes turned red and voice cold, "Just help us take our revenge. I want to rip them apart from limb to limb."

"I promise, we will make them pay." Max solemnly nodded.

Just as he said this, a scornful voice sounded out from the distance.

"Heh, what bold words! I want to see the expression on your face when you beg us to spare your lowly life."

"Hm?" Max, Emily and other turned their heads in the direction of the voice and saw a group of nine demons approaching.

Seeing the demons' number wasn't too much from theirs, Emily and the elves felt a bit of pressure lift from their hearts.

Max's expression, however, hardened as his gaze landed on the demon leading the group. 'A high-stage, four-star leader, one mid-stage and two early-stage four-star demons...' He thought and sucked in a deep breath. Thump! Thump! Thump! His heartbeat sped up, and it wasn't because of anxiety or fear, but because of... excitement. Yes, for some strange reason, he was feeling excited and couldn't help but want to just rush into them and start a massacre.

'Hm? I see, the bloodline comes with some side effects too.' He thought and took a few deep breaths to calm down.

"Oh?" Just then, Nix glanced at him, narrowed his eyes and asked, "You want to fight me?"

The rest of the demon focused their gazes on Max and, when the demonesses saw him, their eyes lit up.

'What sharp senses!' Max exclaimed in his heart, surprised. His expression also strained because of this. Taking a deep breath, he took a step forward and nodded. "That's correct. I do want to fight you, but first..."

Whoosh!

No longer he had spoken until here that a pair of fire wings, which weren't as transparent as before, appeared on his back and gently flapped. When Max took a step forward, Nix had already become cautious. So, when he saw wings of fire appearing behind him with no prior indication of a spell activation, he immediately released his aura and demon energy, ready to rush forward and attack, but his eyes widened in shock when the wings flapped because... Max had vanished.

He knew he didn't vanish but was moving so fast that it seemed so, and this was exactly what made his heart quiver because if even he, an elite high-stage, four-star demon, couldn't see him, others would most definitely won't be able to either, and unlike him, they wouldn't be able to react at all, let alone defend, if he attacked them.

Thinking this, he glanced at his people and sure enough; they haven't noticed anything strange yet. So, he shouted with all his might, "Watch out!!"

Unfortunately for him, by the time demons heard his warning, it was already too late because Max had appeared in front of the mid-stage four-star demon, and the thunder sword—which had appeared in his hand at some time—slashed at his neck with blindingly fast speed.

"...let me make the number equal."

Nix's pupils constricted into needles and he rushed over while the demon also sensed the imminent crisis and instinctively retreated while raising his hands up to defend.

Swoosh!

It has to be said that as an elite high-stage four-star demon, Nix was very fast. Within a split second after he shouted the warning, he had already rushed over and punched at Max's head to make him retreat.

But unfortunately for him,

Shing~!

Max's sword was even faster and had already slashed through the retreating demon's neck. But because of his insistence on killing the demon, he now couldn't dodge and had to face Nix's punch, which was just an inch away from exploding his head.

Right before the fist covered in dense demon energy landed on the side of his head, the thunder sword appeared in front of it, blocking the punch.

Clang!

A sharp 'clang' rang out, and the resulting vibration in the sword because of fist's impact made Max wince in pain. The web between his forefinger and thumb and he almost lost his grip on the sword hilt.

'Strong!' He exclaimed in his heart and immediately flapped his wings and retreated, arriving beside Emily and others.

Nix's expression was as dark and ugly as it could be, his eyes gradually turning red, his demon energy spiking and turning violent.

"You are very bold, human!" He bellowed, and just as Max thought he was going to attack, his spiking energy calmed down and retracted.

Max frowned at this, but then nodded and smiled. "Thanks for the compliment. You aren't bad yourself, too."

Thud!

Just then, the mid-stage demon's neck rolled down his shoulders and fell to the ground and his body followed suit a moment later, creating a momentary silence.

The demons and elves finally reacted and realized what had just happened. The demons looked at their companion's corpse and then at Max in shock and horror. Emily and the elves were also shocked. The four-star elf, who argued with Emily a while ago, looked at Max in a daze and muttered,

"Maybe he wasn't lying when he said he killed a high-stage four-star demon."

Chapter 533: Cunning

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"If I'm not wrong, you have some artifact that lets you see how strong someone is, right?" Nix asked, his expression turning calm, as though his strongest underling hadn't just been killed.

"Oh? Why do you think so?" Max asked, again surprised.

"It's not too hard to guess seeing how you went after the second strongest in my group. If I'm not wrong, two of your companions should be early-stage four-star mages who you intend to take care of my two early-stage four-star demons, right?" Nix said, his darting over to Emily and the elves.

Emily looked at Max's back in surprise and thought, 'No wonder he directly went in for the kill.' The elves were also surprised upon hearing that Max could see how strong someone was, because such an artifact that let you do it, were not common. They also felt relieved because Max didn't look worried right now, meaning he believed they could handle the demons.

However, Nix's next sentence made them freeze.

Seeing that Max didn't deny it, Nix knew his guess was correct and said, "From your attack just now, I can see you are 'almost' as fast as a high-stage four-star mage, but your strength is only enough to contend against a mid-stage four-star being."

"Of course, if you can make use of your sword, killing a high-stage or even a peak four-star being wouldn't be too difficult for you. Unfortunately for you, you can't use it to its full potential and without it, you are powerless against a high-stage being."

Speaking until here, his eyes gleamed with curiosity as he asked, "Which makes me curious about something. Thanks to your artifact, you should know how strong I am, so why are you so confident that you can kill me, a high-stage four-star demon?"

"What?!" The four-star elves blurted out in shock. The male elf looked at Max and asked in a trembling voice, "L-Leader, is that true? He... is he really a high-stage four-star demon?"

Looking at him and the other elves, whose faces were drained of color, Max sighed. He never planned to tell them about Nix's strength and wanted to handle him on his own so they wouldn't be overcome with fear like right now.

Also, Emily, who until now, was standing behind him, not looking concerned, frowned and walked over to stand beside him. Although she didn't say anything, it was clear she didn't want him to fight Nix on his own.

Max sighed and looked at him, his eyes flashing with cold light. He knew Nix deliberately announced his cultivation realm. He wanted to lower the elves' morale so

they wouldn't be able to fight with their all might and he had to admit; he succeeded in doing so.

"Until now, I only encountered straightforward demons, so I forgot that you guys are famous for more than one thing, one of which is your cunning and craftiness." Max said, shaking his head.

"As for your question... it's true I can't make use of my sword perfectly because of insufficient cultivation," He said, clenching the sword hilt tightly, "I can still kill you."

Boom!

His aura burst out, pushing Emily and the elves away.

Then,

Swoosh!

Then [Pheonix Wings] appeared on his back once again, this time looking even more real. The demons behind instinctively retreated while raising their defences, fearing that Max would target them.

Nix's expression hardened when he felt Max's aura. Although he wasn't in his aura sphere, he could feel it was different from any type of aura he had encountered until now and, despite not feeling dangerous, he couldn't take it lightly.

Boom!

Therefore, he also released his aura and demon energy, and grunted, "We shall see it."

Then, almost at the same time,

Whoosh!

Both of them disappeared from their places and when they appeared, they were in the middle of the both groups, Max's sword and Nix's black energy covered fist pressing against each other.

CLANG!!

A loud metallic 'clang' resounded, and a shockwave erupted from the sword and fist's collision.

Whoosh!

They disappeared once again, appeared a few meters on the left and clashed again, the generated shockwave breaking the ground under them. Whoosh!

Clang!

Whoosh!

Bang!

...

"How fast!"

The male four-star elf muttered, his eyes glued to their figures.

The female four-star elf looked at them and then at the demons on the other side, who were also looking at Max and Nix clashing and her eyes flashed.

She arrived beside Emily, who she deemed to be in charge since Max was busy, and suggested in a low voice, "Miss, while Leader is keeping that demon busy and those demons are distracted, let's attack them. According to Leader, there are only two early-stage four-stage demons remaining. We can easily take them down if we suddenly attack now. As for the rest, they will be easy pickings afterwards."

"Mm?" Emily raised her brows when she heard this and looked at the demons across them. She contemplated for a while and then shook her head. "No. We can't attack just yet."

"Why not? It's the best chance." The elf frowned.

Emily glanced at her and saw her eyes flashing with madness, and sighed. She then calmly shook her head and said, "Although it seems this is the best opportunity to finish them, it is not."

She then glanced at Nix, her expression becoming serious, "Although Max is strong, that demon isn't weak, in fact, he is stronger than him. If we target his underlings, he can easily throw Max off and kill us. Wait until Max can suppress him, then we can move."

The elf frowned and looked at the ongoing battle once again. And sure enough, she could see Max struggling.

She took a deep breath to calm her nerves, glanced at Emily and asked, "Miss, since the leader isn't as strong as that demon, how would he suppress him?"

"Wait and you'll see," Emily said, her gaze focused on Max.

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A hundred or so meters away, Miss Yin stood behind a broken house with her group of demons and watched the ongoing battle, her eyes flashing with delight.

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One of the two demons, who always stayed with her, looked at her and then at the rest of the demons and frowned when he saw them getting restless and complaining why they were hiding there instead on going out to help Nix and others.

"Miss Yin, these guys are getting restless. We can't stop them here any longer."

"Mm?" Miss Yin raised her brows and peeled her eyes off the ongoing battle to look back, and noticed the demons had dissatisfied expression and some seemed even seemed angry.

"Miss Yin, I know you and the young master have some enmity, but you shouldn't act against him when we are in the middle of enemy territory. That's unacceptable."

One of the angry-looking demons spoke in a heavy voice when he saw her looking at them.

"What are you saying? I'm merely letting him fight to his heart's content and not planning to act to against him. Don't put such heavy accusations on me."

Miss Yin said, sounding hurt, but the demon noticed a murderous gleam flashing past her eyes when she looked at him, and this made him break out in a cold sweat.

He hurriedly put on a smile on his face and nodded, "Oh, so that was the case. Please forgive me, miss Yin for not thinking clearly."

"It's alright. Just be mindful of the things you speak from now on." She nodded, her gaze darting around the rest of the demons, who quickly lowered their heads. They knew she was ready to act against Nix and wouldn't mind killing them too if they proved to be a nuisance.

The demon nodded, "Yes, miss Yin." And stepped back, sighing in relief but still on full alert.

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Whoosh!

Clang!

Bang!

As they continued to clash, Nix's expression gradually turned solemn. Although he still had the upper hand, and was suppressing Max, he hadn't been able to land a direct hit.

'Besides, this sword is truly remarkable. Although it isn't activated, it can still cut into the layer of demon energy over my fists. If I wasn't repairing it constantly, my fists might have been slashed into pieces by now.' Nix thought, his eyes flashing with a hint of greed as he looked at the thunder sword.

Whoosh!

Clang!

They once again vanished, and collided yet again, the resulting shockwaves becoming increasingly violent, and destroying the ground underneath.

Just like Nix, Max's expression was turning solemn by the second.

The extended use of [Phoenix Wings] had consumed more than a quarter of his mana in these short few moments.

However, the thing that bothered him the most wasn't his rapid consumption of mana, but the real disparity between their strengths.

Right now, he was using his strengthened aura sphere to pressure Nix, his fastest speed, his mana enhanced strength, and not to mention the thunder sword, but he was still having difficulty contending against him.

'Although the overlord bloodline increased my overall strength and the thunder sword is a very deadly weapon even if I can't activate it, in the end... I'm just a high-stage three-star mage.' Max sighed.

Boom!

After another clash, Nix's eyes flashed, and he retreated. Max frowned and chased after him, but Nix continued to retreat, not going too far away but remaining out of his aura sphere.

He had a playful smirk on his face as he said, "Don't tell me, human, you planned to make me waste my energy and then kill me, because if you did, I would be very disappointed."

Max didn't reply and just continued to pursue him, wanting to engage in battle again, but couldn't because Nix wasn't any slower than him. So, he stopped, but didn't dispel his fire wings.

Whoosh!

Nix also stopped and grinned, "What? Getting tired so soon? Also, why don't you deactivate those hateful wings since you aren't chasing me anymore? You'll only waste your mana. HAHAHA!"

Max had no expression on his face as he watched him laugh madly.

Step!

After he stopped laughing, Max took a step forward, making Nix frown because it was just a normal step. He then heard Max speak.

"I know you are doing this just to make me anxious and isn't your plan to deal with me. So, you must have some other trump card, right? Let's not waste any more time. Go ahead, use it."

Step!

Saying this, he took another step in his direction.

"Hm?" When he heard this and saw how calm Max seemed despite having no way to deal with him, Nix's eyes flashed and he suddenly had an uneasy feeling.

"What are you planning?" He couldn't help but ask.

Hearing this, Max's lips curled up, and he mockingly asked, "Why? You afraid?"

Emily and elves frowned, not understanding what Max was planning. Emily clenched her fists, her gaze not moving away from him.

Miss Yin, still hiding in the distance, also was perplexed and displeased. She never expected him to kill Nix, but wanted him to exhaust him so she could take advantage and kill him. But now that the fighting had stopped, she could feel things were going to derail.

The demon beside also frowned and said with much displeasure in his voice, "Is this human stupid? Why is he goading him? If Nix got serious and went all in, he will die."

"Maybe he really is planning something?" The other one said.

Hearing this, Miss Yin's eyes flashed. 'Could it be true? But he clearly gave his all fighting just now...'

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Nix didn't move back this time, took a deep breath and nodded, a grim smile appearing on his face. "Although I don't know what you are up to, but I don't like your smugness. So, I'll have to agree with your request and... make you regret coming across me."

Boom!

As soon as he said this, his aura burst out along with some grayish energy that felt very evil but powerful.

"Hm?" Noticing this, Max frowned and stopped in his tracks.

"Is this your bloodline energy?" He asked.

"Keke... feeling afraid, now?" Nix chuckled darkly and took a slow step toward him, just like Max did a moment ago.

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Grinning, he shook his head, "And no. This isn't a bloodline energy. But the energy I cultivated with an ancient formation spell I accidentally found years ago. Don't worry, you'll taste it soon."

"Also, after arriving here, I used many tender girls of your kind to cultivate it. They were delicious."

Saying this, he glanced at Emily, who he thought was his companion since she was the only other human in the group, and licked his lips. "After I kill you, I'll taste her, too. I'm sure she will be even more delicious and will help me create quite a bit of this energy. Keke."

Boom!

As soon as he heard this, Max's expression turned dark, his aura sphere turned violent, his eyes turned red and the fire wings on his back started flickering as though they were going to disappear anytime soon. It was obvious Nix's words had enraged him.

Whoosh!

Seeing this, Nix's eyes flashed with a crafty light and he immediately disappeared and appeared in front of Max. Hiss~!

His grayish energy snaked around his fist and the rest of his arm as he punched at Max's head so fast that his hand seemed to disappear before appearing just an inch away from his head.

Although he was confident he could kill Max without taking advantage of this moment when Max's emotions were in turmoil, but he didn't want to waste such a good opportunity and waste more energy because he knew he had to deal with someone else too after this.

"Oh, no!" the four-star elves exclaimed in worry. They had also noticed Max lose control of his emotion and mana.

Boom!

Seeing this, Emily released her elemental mana, and the wind around her turned violent, pushing the elves away.

Whoosh!

She then flashed toward Max—her figure almost disappearing—to save him, but she could see she won't be able to reach in time even with her fastest speed, even though he wasn't too far away.

On the other side, Miss Yin squinted her eyes when she saw the gray energy swirling around Nix like living serpents and clenched her fists.

'Sigh! To think I put my hopes on him. Such a pity!' She sighed, regretting putting her hopes on Max. However, in the next moment, her eyes widened and she couldn't help but exclaim out loud, "What?!"

It wasn't only she who had such a violent reaction, but everyone watching the fight, be it demons or elves. Emily also halted in her tracks, her wide eyes betraying her shock.

Nix also revealed a shocked expression which quickly morphed into a horrified one because right as his punch was about to burst Max's head into pieces, Max suddenly grinned.

Weng~!

Weng~!

The previously violent aura sphere suddenly calmed down and started shrinking, the pink hue becoming more and more apparent and concentrated as the sphere neared

Max's body and the pressure inside the sphere started climbing up. Of course, it didn't affect him, but the other person present near him—Nix. The increasing pressure slowed down Nix's movements, and it almost came to a halt when the sphere compressed to a meter radius.

Although this seemed to take quite a bit of time when narrated, in reality, all this happened in a split second.

Swoosh!

As soon as the sphere stopped shrinking, and while Nix was surprised and suppressed by the sudden drastic increase in the pressure, Max took a step back, tightened his grip on the sword hilt, and in one swift slash, he decapitated him.

"Impossible—" Right before his neck flew into the air, Nix had an expression of horror and disbelief.

Though he had expected Max to have some other trump card, not force once he expected it to be something so peculiar that could restrict his movements and make him unable to defend.

"Nothing is impossible." Max smirked, his face pale white as though he didn't have a single drop of blood left in him.

Thud!

Nix's headless corpse fell to the ground in front of him. He looked at it for a moment before raising his head to admire his aura sphere that enabled him to achieve the impossible feat of killing a high-stage four-star demon with a cultivation base of a high-stage three-star.

Whoosh!

Thud!

He then dispelled it and immediately felt a wave of weakness hit his mind and body, causing him to fall to his knees and heave deep breaths.

The elves, Emily, the demons, everyone stood rooted in their place, too stunned to react in any way.

After a few moments, Emily took a deep breath and flashed toward him. Others also came to their senses.

"W-What happened?"

"How is this possible? How did he kill the young master?"

Although the demons could see Nix's corpse lying there, they were still in disbelief. Meanwhile, the elves cheered.

"Amazing! Leader is amazing!"

"Yeah. A three-star mage killing a high-stage four-star demon, especially someone from this small kingdom. If we tell someone about it, they won't believe us at all."

"How can they? I doubt even those geniuses in the central plains can achieve this feat."

The male and female four-star elves looked at each other and could see shock written on each other's faces. They were silent for a while before the male elf spoke, stuttering.

"H-He... did he just manipulated his aura sphere?"

The female elf nodded, almost robotically, "Yes. He did."

"H-How did he do it? I heard only those existences above emperor realm can do it." The male elf said.

"No clue." The female elf shook her head. She then quickly snapped out of it, glanced at the dazed demons, and cast a water spell which created many water bullets in front of her and said, "Let's finish them."

Whoosh!

Saying this, she rushed toward them while waving her hand, which sent the water bullets barreling in the demon group's direction.

The male elf followed her lead and started casting his spells. The elves also reacted and rushed after them, and showered the demons with earth, water, fire, wind attack spells.

Chapter 536: Frightened away

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Behind the broken house some distance away from the battlefield, Miss Yin and the group of demon stood, stunned.

"H-He killed the young master?"

Finally, a demon spoke. His question breaking everyone out of their daze.

Just then, the elves started attacking Nix's group of demons.

Seeing this, one of Miss Yin's two trusted aids glanced at her and, noticing how she looked petrified, hesitantly asked, "Miss Yin, should we move in now?"

He knew if they didn't help, that group of demons will soon be massacred, but he was reluctant to move in because... Max, the man who just killed Nix, was still there. Even though he looked completely spent, he didn't want to risk it and it seemed from the silence behind him that demons who were complaining just a while ago also didn't want to take the risk.

"Huh?"

Miss Yin regained her senses and after registering what the demon said, she looked at Max, her eyes narrowing.

Seeing that she had become silent, a three-star demon, whose brother was currently fighting against the elves, couldn't help but speak up.

"There is nothing to hesitate. That man is exhausted and is no longer a threat now. As long as Miss Yin act with some caution, she can easily handle him. As for the rest, they are nothing against us all."

"So, I say we rush in and kill them. We'll be able to tell the others that we got revenge for the young master. If not, we might be punished for running away like cowards when we returned to the base."

Hearing this, a few others agreed with him. Miss Yin, however, continued looking at Max with a serious look on her face. Ha!

After a while, she exhaled deeply, a determined expression appearing on her face, and raised her hand. "Let's go. We'll kill—"

Just as she was about to give the order to charge and kill Max and others, she froze mid-sentence because... Max had suddenly stood up and was looking in their direction.

She then watched his lips move and could make out what he was saying.

"Come if you want to die."

The two demons besides saw her expression and looked in the direction she was looking, and when they saw the sadistic grin on Max's face,

Gulp!

They gulped audibly and felt chills run down their spines.

Immediately, they started praying that Miss Yin would consider retreating because even if Max was weakened and wouldn't be a threat to a high-stage four-star demon like her; he wouldn't have much of a problem killing them if he went on a rampage.

Miss Yin was silent for a few moments. She then turned around to look at the group of demon, who looked at her nervously. "I also think he is weakened right now and just like one of you had just said, if I acted cautiously, I can take him down." She said,

Then her voice turned grave as she continued, "However, I'm not sure if I can save all of you, even if I put my life on the line if he disregarded everything and went on a rampage."

"So, I leave the decision to you guys. Raise your hands if you want to go there and fight. If the majority of you want to take the risk, we will immediately go in."

The demons looked at each other, but no one raised their hands. Even the demon, who previously suggested they shouldn't hesitate, kept his head lowered.

Miss Yin looked at them and nodded. "Since this is your decision, I won't force you guys. Let's retreat."

Saying this, she glanced at Max, her eyes glittering and then rushed away, straight out of the town.

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Thud!

On the other side, Max sighed in relief and let his body fall on his knees again when he noticed their presence disappear completely from his perception.

While he was fighting Nix, he had already noticed their presence and kept his attention on them, too, fearing they would come when he was about to kill Nix.

That's why he made it seem like he was helpless against him and then struck like a thunder strike, instantly killing him, not giving them the chance to save him even if they wanted.

Of course, this was not the only reason, since he needed time to gain complete control over his aura sphere without being obvious about it.

Fortunately, Nix gave him the perfect opportunity by not engaging him at the end, then trying to provoke him by bringing Emily up.

When his aura sphere had turned violent, it wasn't because of the turmoil in his emotions, but because he had completely gained control over it and was ready to kill him. However, he couldn't move then because if he did, his control over the aura sphere would weaken. So, he acted as though he had lost control because of his remarks.

As for why he frightened them away instead of killing them was because manipulating his aura sphere—which only existences above the emperor realm could do—had taken a severe toll on his mind and body, leaving him completely drained and in no situation to fight. "What was that?" Emily asked, glancing in the direction Miss Yin and others were hiding.

"A group of demons." Max said and before she could become worried, he added, "Don't worry, they left."

Hearing this, Emily nodded, relaxing.

She then asked, "Are you alright?"

"Yeah. I'm fine. Just temporarily weakened."

Max nodded and then looked at the elves bombarding the demons and said, "Go, help them. Also, try to incapacitate a few if you can. I'll finish them off."

"Okay." Emily nodded and rushed away to help the elves.

Thanks to the demons being distracted, the elves had already managed to kill four of them, leaving a three-star and two early-stage four-star demons, who were also struggling to survive.

After Emily joined the battle, it wasn't long before they were also defeated.

She managed to cripple the three-star one and one of the four-star demons with the help of the female four-star elf.

They tried to subdue the last four-star one too, but he showed signs of self-detonating, so they directly killed him.

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Thud! Thud!

Emily kicked the two demons, making them fall in front of Max.

She then looked at him and asked, "Can you... do it?"

Hearing this, Max smiled bitterly. He didn't have enough strength to stand up on his own, let alone kill them.

"Let me recover a bit." He said and continued to pop healing pills into his mouth like candies. By now, he had eaten over two dozen of them but didn't feel himself getting better, and this made him frown. He could, of course, buy something to recover instantly from the system shop, but he wanted to save as many SPs as he could. After all, he only had less than two weeks left to amass enough SPs to buy the [Drop of life] for his father and healing medicine for his old grandma, too, if possible.

The elves celebrated the victory, laughing and crying joyously, while the two four-star elves came over to Max.

The male elf looked at him for a while, hesitating whether he should speak or not. In the end, he couldn't suppress his curiosity and tentatively asked, "Leader, if you don't mind me asking, how did you manipulate your aura sphere?"

As soon as he asked this, Emily's eyes flashed with a ghastly killing intent and she coldly said, "Do you really want to die so badly?"

The female elf also looked at the male elf in astonishment. She also wanted to know this, but she didn't since asking for other's secrets so was a taboo because if one's secrets were revealed, one would be vulnerable.

"N-No... I... I don't have any bad intentions... I was just curious because only monarchs and supreme mages can do it." The elf raised his hand and hastily explained, already regretting asking.

"It's alright." Max said, not bothered.

The elf sighed in relief while Emily grunted coldly. "You are too soft." She said, making Max shake his head.

He then glanced at the elf and said, "Message Rey and ask him to come over."

"Rey? He is still alive?" The elf asked in surprise. Previously, when he didn't see him, he had thought he was dead. So, after hearing he was still alive, the elf's expression lightened up.

He then immediately took out his communication crystal and asked Rey to come over.

Five minutes later, Rey arrived with Ellie and her mother. The ladies visibly relaxed when they saw Max was safe. Right now, Max was the only one who could ensure their

safety since they could see he seemed to care for them for some unknown reason. As for the rest, they wouldn't even bat an eye if they died.

As Max rested, the elves looked at the two remaining demons with confused expressions, wondering why they were still alive.

Ellie and her mother felt intense hatred and anger every time they saw them and wanted nothing more than to shred them into pieces. But... they didn't dare approach them, fearing that the demon could kill them, even though they knew, in their current condition, they wouldn't be able to harm them. Even if they could, Max and others could save them.

As everyone waited for Max to recover, time trickled by and soon half an hour had passed since he killed Nix.

'I never thought there would be such a severe backlash.' He thought, a deep frown on his face. Just as he expected, the healing pill didn't help his current condition and even after all this time, he had no energy in his body.

Emily and others also noticed this but didn't say anything upon seeing his expression, lest they annoyed him further.

'System, you should have at least warned me about it. What if that last group of demons didn't retreat and attacked us instead? How could I have protected myself?' Max mentally grumbled.

When he was fighting the demon, Max initially didn't have any chance to kill him at all. It was then the system had suggested to him that he could try to control his aura sphere.

When Max said that, he—a mere three-star mage—couldn't do it, the system told him, albeit reluctantly, that he could control it because right now, his aura sphere was 'contaminated' by his bloodline energy. And if he could control the bloodline energy present in the aura sphere, he could manipulate it to a certain degree. It was another specialty of the lust overlord's bloodline.

[Host, as the system previously told you, you need to experience things to understand them better. Only then you can gain true strength. Besides, they retreated, didn't they?] The system answered.

Max had already expected such a response, but the last part surprised him slightly because it seemed the system was trying to joke?

Since the system was intelligent, it wasn't really shocking that it could imitate some of the human characteristics. But the point here was... it never did before. But now that it suddenly did, what did that mean?

As the realization hit him, his frown disappeared and a slightly excited expression appeared on his face as he asked, 'System, are you about to upgrade to level 2?'

[No, host. However, the system has recovered quite a bit of energy. So, it won't be long. If you want to upgrade it quicker, work harder.] The system responded before going silent.

'That's good news.' He thought. Once the system upgraded, he would have an easier time amassing more points.

Emily and the others immediately noticed the change in his expression and sighed in relief, thinking that he was finally getting better. When suddenly,

"Hm?" Max's brows furrowed once again, and a puzzled look appeared on his face.

Just a moment ago, he suddenly felt himself start recovering as some energy returned to his body. But at the same time, he also felt a heat rising in his loins.

'Is this another side effect of forcefully controlling the bloodline?' He thought, focusing his senses on his body.

Sure enough, as he recovered, he felt his sexual desires spike. He tried to control it, but couldn't. As minutes passed, his body started heating up and breathing grew rough.

'Well... damn!' He cursed.

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Everyone noticed this and frowned while Emily asked, "What is it, Max?"

Max gritted his teeth, took a deep breath, and opened his eyes. However, when his gaze landed on Emily, without him meaning to, his gaze roamed over her beautiful body, causing his breathing to become even rougher and his bubbling lust to spike by another fold.

"It's nothing." He said, looking away. 'Fuck! I should've let Amara come with me.' He thought, regretting not taking her with him. Emily was shaken when she noticed the uncontrollable lust in his eyes when he looked at her. But, in the next moment, her eyes flashed with a glint of understanding.

'He is having that kind of backlash.' She realized and immediately glanced at the three-star and four-star female elves and then at Ellie and her mother.

She thought for a moment and then flashed toward Ellie and her mother, Ella, and started saying something to them with an icy expression on her face.

Max didn't notice this, since he was struggling to contain his lust, but was failing miserably. He knew he had to do something about it or things might go out of hand if he lost control, which seemed extremely likely.

'System, is there any other way to control this lust apart from having sex?' He asked, hoping the system would give him some solution, even if temporary.

Although he had five women in front of him, who could help him with his situation, he couldn't just go and say, 'Hey, I need to have sex with you.', could he? Or maybe he could...?

[Host, it isn't advisable to suppress this backlash forcefully, because if you do, it may cause irreversible damage to your foundation and mental fortitude. So, the system advises you to choose any of these ladies and relieve your urges.] The system advised.

Max's expression hardened when he heard this. Just then, the mission panel flashed in front of him.

[Ding! Mission: Help and be helped!]

[Ellie and Ella are suffering from a bloodline curse cast upon their ancestors by an angered witch. The successor of the lust overlord, your bloodline can lift their curse. So, go for it and take them.]

[Reward: The speed of the lust overlord's bloodline integration will increase.]

"...Huh...?" Max blanked for a moment. '...Is that why the system asked me to save them before?'

'But... is it alright to ask them?' He thought and just as he was about to turn to look at Ellie and her mother, Whoosh!

Emily brought Ella to him and said, "Go, take her and suppress the backlash. We'll wait here."

"..."

Max stared at her, speechless. He then looked at Ella, who had a resigned look on her face.

Although not as beautiful as Lilly, Anna or others, since she was just a mortal, she was quite beautiful and had a delicate figure with sensual curves, C-cup sized breasts, a

small waist, and a round and perky ass. To top everything off, she had that irresistible charm of a mature lady being in her late thirties.

Peeling his eyes off of her body, he asked, "Did she force you?"

"If you don't want, you don't have to do it." He said, even as his lust spiked several folds and his sky-blue pupils started glowing with a pink glow.

"...No. She didn't force me." Ella clenched her jaws and shook her head.

"Okay." Max nodded. Taking a step forward, he put a hand around her waist and rushed in the distance.

Whoosh!

As Elves watched him leave, they revealed confused expressions, except for the two four-star elves, who seemed to understand what was going on.

Ellie's fists were clenched tight as she stared in the direction Max disappeared with her mother.

Emily had an unreadable expression in her eyes as she watched Max leave. After he disappeared, she turned around and saw Ellie standing there, staring into the distance in a daze.

Sighing, she walked over to her, stood beside her, and said, "Don't worry. Your mother will be fine and he will forever protect you guys."

Ellie trembled and tears welled up in her eyes, but she didn't respond.

Emily frowned upon seeing her cry, sighed inwardly, and said in a softer voice, "If he wasn't in danger, I wouldn't have... asked your mother to do this."

Hearing this, Ellie snapped, "You didn't 'ask'. You forced us!! We are grateful that you guys saved us, but... forcing us to do this... is unacceptable!"

Emily looked at her silently before walking to the side and sat down cross-legged.

Whoosh!

Max arrived before a relatively intact stone house and entered it.

By now, his pupils had changed color from sky-blue to pink, his body was burning and his breathing was heavy and sharp, like a beast.

"Forgive me... but I'll be little... rough." Max growled, grabbed her dress, and,

Rip~!

Ripped it apart before grabbing her undergarments and removing them too.

"Uhm." Ella winced as the cloth scratched her skin and quickly covered her breasts with one hand and put the other hand over her nether region.

"Grr... stop that." He growled and moved her hands away before grabbing her juicy softness with one hand while his other hand went between her legs and started caressed her nether lips. However, because he was losing control by the second, he was rough, which made her wince in pain and tears started streaming down her face.

"FUCK!!" He shouted, noticing this. Then, using all his remaining willpower, he took a deep breath and slowed down.

He rubbed her labia as gently as he could, but because Ella wasn't in the mood; it was taking a lot of time for her to get wet, which continued to increase his frustration since he was losing control.

Not wanting to wait, he wet his fingers with his saliva, rubbed the inner labia for a moment and put one of his fingers inside her vagina while using his thumb to caress her hood.

"Um." Ella moaned, a mixture of pain and pleasure. As slowly as he possibly could, he started moving his finger in and out of her tight cave. A while later, Ella started feeling it, and her tunnel became wet. Noticing this, he put another finger inside her, making her whimper.

Boom!

Suddenly, he felt as if something, which was previously contained, break free.

Right then, Ella's struggling expression eased and a flame of lust lit in her eyes. Slowly, her breathing turned heavier, her chest started rising and falling hypnotically, creating extremely sensual visuals. She looked at Max with a passionate gaze, grabbed his face and pulled it toward her before placing her lips on his, and started a passionate kiss.

Although Max was surprised by the sudden change, he didn't have time to pay attention to it.

Determining that she was wet enough to take him inside, he removed his hand from between her legs, and ripped his robes off, freeing his rock-hard cock.

Whoosh!

He then broke the kiss, grabbed her waist and flashed near the wall.

"Turned around and lean against it." He ordered,

"Yes~!" Ella immediately turned around so her back was facing him, put her hands on the wall, bent down, and raised her ass toward him invitingly.

Seeing this, Max growled and slathered a dollop of saliva on his raging dragon, before placing it on her now dripping wet cave entrance.

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Ella's P.O.V.

When the demons suddenly attacked our town, I, just like everyone else, was terrified. My husband acted quickly and brought everyone he could to the underground bunker we had created to retreat if such things happened.

We had thought that we only needed to stay put and wait for the demons to leave because there was really nothing of value in our small town.

Unfortunately, the demons were here for us, not for our wealth, etc. and two hours after we retreated to the underground bunker's safety, the demons sniffed us out.

Right as they were about to attack us, my husband used his sole ancestral talisman, that could only be activated with once life force, to kill everyone while he forcefully sent me and our daughter away. Until a few hours ago, I was one of the happiest people in the town, and had everything I needed, but now, I had lost everything. I wanted to die and accompany my husband to the afterlife, but I couldn't leave my sweet daughter alone to suffer. Also...

I rubbed my belly and just as I was about to lead Ellie out of the town; the demons found us out. When they looked at us, they become excited and started talking to each other.

Although I couldn't understand what they were saying, from the look of perversion and sadism in their eyes told me what they wanted.

They wanted to rape us, torture us, until they were satisfied or... we died. I couldn't help but shudder and feel myself overcome with terror and despair.

When I looked at Ellie, I could see the same terrified look on her face. Suddenly, I was filled with an uncontrollable rage and resentment. I wanted to attack and kill those damned demons that destroyed our peaceful lives and were about to destroy whatever was left of it. But... I was powerless and too terrified to even move a muscle. All the different emotions nearly made me lose my mind. As I watched the demon stalked

toward us with a predatory look on his face, I cursed my husband for sending us away. Because if he hadn't... we would've died with him and the other town people.... We wouldn't have to suffer the miserable fate that awaited us now.

Ellie cried and called for help. Her each cry and tear that dripped down her eyes ripped at my heart.

Although I knew it was nothing more than my wishful thinking because our town was secluded from the rest of the world and rarely anyone passed by, I wished for a miracle. I desperately wished for someone to come and save us, or at least save my daughter.

But as the demon neared Ellie and was about to lay his filthy hands on her, I knew it won't happen.

However... just as I closed my eyes and resigned to our fate... the miracle happened. Someone really came. When I saw him, he was protectively standing in front of Ellie, his sky-blue hair and robes fluttering in the wind. He was the most handsome man I had ever seen in my 37-year long life.

He killed the demon in one slash before killing the others and then the next group that arrived shortly after.

I was relieved after being saved, but I could see he and his companions were here to hunt the demons and would definitely won't want useless baggage, us holding them back—which worried me a lot because after seeing how quickly we were found out after escaping the underground bunker; I knew Ellie and I couldn't leave the town alive on our own and definitely needed Max's help.

Fortunately, for some reason, it seemed he cared for us and when he went to hunt the demons; he left his elf partner to take care of us, which relived of my worries.

A short while later, he returned with four women whom I knew. He had saved them and when I heard everything they went through, and how they no longer wanted to live, I shivered, terrified. Also, the gratitude I had for Max in my heart for saving us before any of that happened increased several folds.

After a while, he went out with his female companion again.

This time, however, they didn't return for a long while. Just when Julia and I getting worried for his safety, the elf watching over us took out a crystal, and his expression changed.

Although our town didn't have many magic items due to it being a secluded place, we had the knowledge our ancestors' knowledge. So, I immediately recognized it was a communication crystal and from his expression, I could tell something had gone wrong.

"Is sir Max alright?" This was the first question I asked, worried about his safety. I only sighed in relief when the elf nodded and briefly told us that the demons had found out about them and there was going to be a big battle.

Although it was selfish of me, I panicked, thinking the elf would leave us alone to join the battle. However, to my surprise, Max had ordered him to take us and retreat to safety out of the town. This once again touched my heart, and from the look of reverence and adoration on my daughter's face, I knew she felt the same.

Soon after we went out of the town and hid on a small hill not far away, we started hearing explosions—the fight had started.

Although we knew Max was very strong, one could never know what might happen on the battlefield. So Ellie and I were very anxious.

Finally, after what seemed to be a long really long time, the elf took out his communication crystal once again. We watched his face, wanting to his reaction as it would tell us if everything went well or... I didn't even want to think of the other possibility.

Thankfully, the elf looked relieved after he heard the message and told us that Max and the others won. He then took us back into the town.

When we arrived at the place where the battle took place, we first noticed how the place was destroyed and then saw Max sitting cross-legged, his face deathly pale.

From the elves' conversation, we found out the battle was very intense and Max had used some 'incredible' move to kill the demon leader and suffered a backlash.

We waited for him to recover. But after half an hour, his face started to flush and breathing started to become heavy and this soon escalated. He was clenching as his teeth and fists as though he was enduring a lot of pain.

Seeing him suffer like that, my heart clenched. Helpless, I could only watch. But just then, I noticed Emily looking at the elf women and then at Ellie and me with a thoughtful expression. A moment later, she 'teleported' beside us. We looked at her in confusion, not understanding why she suddenly approached us with that serious look in her eyes. Though I faintly felt it had something to do with Max.

And indeed... it really was. Emily looked at Ellie and me and said, "Right now, Max is suffering from a severe backlash because of the technique he used to kill the demon leader. If he can't resolve it, it will permanently damage his cultivation or worse... he could go mad."

We froze when we heard this. Max was our savior and even though we hadn't properly interacted with him, we felt very close to him. Perhaps it was because he saved us and

shown us care when we needed it the most. But whatever the reason, we felt quite close to him and didn't want something bad to happen to him.

"Is there any way we can help him?!" Before I could say anything, Ellie asked, her tiny fists clenched tight and her concerned gaze focused on Max.

I also looked at Emily, waiting for her answer. Since she came to us and told us this, clearly, she needed our help. Which confused me because everyone except us was a powerful mage, but she was here, asking for our help. I didn't think we were anything special.

'Wait...!' Suddenly, I remembered her looking at the elf women and us before she seemingly chose us. It meant both those elf women and us could help, meaning something must be common among us. And the only common thing I could think of was the fact that we all were... women.

"Yes, you can help him." Emily nodded. "If I'm not wrong, the backlash he is suffering from stimulates and intensifies his sexual desires. If he has sex with a woman, he will overcome it. So, one of you has to have sex with him."

I sighed. 'Indeed, my guess wasn't wrong.' I thought and then glanced at Ellie, who wore a flustered and uncomfortable expression on her face. "Since this is the case, won't it be better if he did it with a mage like those elf women or you instead of us common folks?" I asked, my voice unnaturally cold.

As soon as I asked this, Emily frowned in displeasure and coldly said, "I don't have time to explain. Quickly decide which one of you will do it."

Hearing this, I frowned. This was the first time in my life I was treated like this and even though I really want to help him, I didn't like it. However, I knew we didn't have a choice. But... before I could say anything, "What if we don't want to do it? What will you do? Kill us?" Ellie said, her face red in embarrassment and anger.

Emily's gaze became colder. She silently looked at her for a moment and then said, "These demons haven't attacked just your town, but the entire continent. The Green leaf kingdom and all other smaller kingdoms are overrun by them and you've already missed your chance to move to a safe city, so if you don't have anyone to protect you, the demons will find you again."

Saying this, she paused as though to let digest the information and then added, "Now to the main topic. No, I won't kill you guys because if I did that, Max will be angry with me. So, what will happen is... you'll lose his protection."

I shuddered when I heard this. Without Max's protection, we would definitely die if the demons were really everywhere.

"No, we won't. He cares for us," Ellie shot back.

Hearing this, the corner of Emily's lips curled up. "You are right. He cares for you guys. But do you really think he won't feel dissatisfied after knowing you didn't help him? Would he still protect such selfish people?"

Ellie trembled when she heard this and clenched her fists tightly. She then glanced at me, and her gaze became firm. "Okay. I'll—"

"I'll do it." Just as she opened her mouth, I interrupted her. Although I felt touched that my daughter was willing to sacrifice her chastity for our sake, I, as her mother, couldn't let her do it. Ellie looked at me with a shocked expression and vehemently shook her head, "No, mother. You can't do it. You are p..."

"Stop it!" I shouted, interrupting her once again. Then I looked at Emily and nodded. "I'll do it."

"Okay." Emily nodded and took me to Max's side and explained the things to him.

Despite being in so much pain, when Max asked me if I was indeed willing or if Emily had forced me and I didn't have to do it if she had, I knew I had made the correct decision. There was only one thing I feared. I feared if I did it with him, it might affect my... pregnancy. Although I knew the chance of it happening were very low, especially since it hadn't been long since I got pregnant.

"...No. She didn't force me." Just as I said this, I found myself in a warm embrace and the scenery rapidly shifted around me. A few moments later, I found myself in a stone house.

My head was feeling because of the high speed at which we just traveled and before I could come to my senses, Max ripped my clothes off and pressed me against a wall before he started to kiss me and rub my vagina.

It would be a lie if I wasn't uncomfortable and a little angry at such a rough treatment, even though I knew he didn't mean to, but had to do it. Also, a small part of me was grateful to him for not just shoving it inside me, not caring whether I felt any pain or it was comfortable for me.

He continued to rub me down there, trying to make me wet, but because of everything that happened today, my mental state wasn't ready for such an act, so his attempt failed.

He then used his saliva and dug his fingers inside, making piston movements.

To my shock, I started to get wet even if it was just a bit. Which was obviously not nearly enough for a painless and comfortable penetration. But I knew Max's condition

was becoming worse by the second and feared that he would disregard it and just shove it in.

Just then, I suddenly found Max incredibly attractive and everything he was doing suddenly became a lot stimulating. My vagina tingled and pleasure coursed through my body. I started gushing liquids and even more strange... I seemed to have forgotten everything. I was confused but didn't want to think why I was suddenly acting strangely because... I was happy?

Just then, Max ripped his clothes off, grabbed his raging dragon, and pressed it against my gushing cave. ----

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Third person P.O.V.

Growl!

Max growled like a hungry beast when his cockhead touched Ella's wet inner lips. His eyes glowing pink, he put his hands on her juicy ass, his fingers digging into her soft flesh, and thrust his hips forward.

Schlick!

His entire length slid inside, stretching her tight cave.

"Ahn~!"

Ella craned her neck upward, her eyes glazing over, and moaned as the pleasure hit her nerves.

"Ha~ It's too good. I... I never felt like this before~." Ella was surprised, tears welling up in her eyes. She was never so vocal while having sex with her husband, but right now, she was moaning and saying things she thought she would never say. And this made her feel very bad because she had lost her husband and everything else just a few hours ago.

"Argh! You are tight~!" Max growled, feeling the pleasure of her tight and warm insides. Although compared to his other women, she wasn't as tight, or as beautiful, but the pleasure he felt from her wasn't any less. In fact, he felt even better inside her compared to when he was balls deep in the cloud academy Elder, Jasmine.

Furthermore, because she wasn't a mage, she was completely vulnerable in front of him. No matter what he wanted to do to her, she couldn't stop him. This gave him another kind of pleasure and it was strangely addicting.

Thump!

Inhaling a deep breath, he pulled his dragon a few inches back, before sliding right back in with force, his thighs hitting supple hips and making them ripple.

"Ahnnn~!"

"Argh!"

Both moaned, feeling the pleasure course through their bodies. Max's hands started feeling her ass up, caressing, kneading, and digging his palms and fingers into the soft flesh. Thump!

Then, he pulled his hips back until his bulbous cockhead was inside and then thrust his hips forward, his balls hitting her snatch and his thighs hitting her thighs and hips.

"Hnnnggh~!" Ella moaned, biting her lower lips, trying not to be too loud while her tears flowed down her cheeks.

"Yeah~!"

Max groaned, staying still and enjoying the sensation for a moment. He could also feel his lust was no longer spiking like it had just moments before, but it was still unbearable. Thump! Schlick! Thump!

Ahn~ Hngh~ Ha~

Pulling back and then thrusting forward, he started ponding her sacred cave with long and deep strokes, making her moan in pleasure despite not wanting to and making her pussy throb and convulse around his cock, which gave him a lot of pleasure.

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As she felt the most intense pleasure she had ever felt continue to course through her body every time his thick, veiny cock slid in and out of her, hitting her pleasure points, Ella could no longer endure it. "Ahhhhhhnngg~!" Suddenly, her insides contracted around his cock, her back arched up, and her eyes glazed over. Her head shot up. She let out a loud, orgasmic moan and flooded his cock.

"Arghh! God! It's good!" Max grunted, feeling her walls squeezing his cock in a silken vice, sending electrifying pleasure coursing through his body.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

"Grr..." Grunting, he started pounding her pussy furiously. Right when Ella's orgasm was about to conclude,

Thump!

Arggh~!

He made a deep thrust, pushing his cock all the way and, with a pleased groan, he climaxed, sending ropes after ropes of thick, pinkish white liquid inside her motherly womb.

Right as he reached climax, his lust overlord bloodline stirred. Tendrils of pink energy rose, and through his semen, entered her. They then traveled through her body and reached her heart.

Just as they were about to enter her rapidly beating heart, veins of ominous black energy suddenly appeared on it, pulsing with a dark energy and created a strange pattern.

The tendrils of his bloodline energy slowed down for a moment before speeding up again and clashing into the dark pattern.

Boom!

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When Max's dragon slid in and out of her sacred cave with intensity, Ella felt the most intense pleasure she had ever felt in her life and thought nothing could be more pleasurable than it.

But... as soon as she climaxed, she got a whole new understanding of the peak pleasure. But soon after, this understanding also toppled when Max exploded inside her. Immediately, a pleasure so intense that it made her jaws clench, eyes roll up, body stiffen and pussy clench exploded inside her womb.

"Ahhhhnnnggg~!"

Her throat convulsed, and she let out a loud, animalistic moan(growl). Her body quivered, unable to endure so much pleasure, her mind blanked out and she fell unconscious. Fortunately, she was anchored to Max, and he was holding her, or she would have fallen down and gotten injured.

But just a moment later—when the black veiny patterns appeared on her heart and the Max's bloodline energy clashed against it—her eyes shot open and her expression morphed into an extremely painful one.

She clenched her jaws so tight that they creaked and her gums started bleeding while her fingers dug into the stone wall. Evidently, her nails were weaker than the wall, so they broke and started bleeding. Normally, the pain of her nails breaking like this would have made her cry, but right now, she didn't even seem to notice it.

"Hm?" Max had regained his senses enough for him to realize she was feeling intense pain. This, however, confused him because she should be feeling pleasure, not pain.

'Is it because she had just lost her husband and I was being too rough?' He thought, 'But... the pain of losing her husband should be emotional and I can faintly remember her moaning out loud in ecstasy.'

Just then, her a thought flashed through his mind. '...Her curse. It must be her curse that is reacting to my bloodline energy and causing her pain.' He realized and immediately asked the system.

'System, how can I mitigate her pain?' [You can't, host. She has to bear it.] The system answered.

Hearing this, Max sighed. Then, realizing he was still inside her, he moved his hips back, letting his still raging hard cock slid out but his hands remained on her hips, not letting her fall down.

He then shouted near her ear. "Endure it a little longer! All the pain will go away soon, just endure it."