

The Second Act Revenge (Oneida and Jackson)

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Meanwhile, Xavier walked out of the coffee lounge while accompanying Curtis.

"It's a pity that our school's greatest student didn't participate in the campus festival, or you could have seen his abilities, Mr. Johnson. Xavier sighed with a hint of regret.

"Oh?" Curtis looked at him with great interest and asked, "Who is the top student you are talking about?"

Xavier smiled as he replied, "He's a second-year student, the one who ranked first in the Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard. His score was a few hundred points higher than the second-ranked student. He is the eldest grandson of the Quinlan family, and he is exceptionally talented."

The Quinlan family was reclusive in Jahron and kept a very low profile.

Legend had it that the Quinlan family was an ancient combat arts family known for their mystery and power.

"Really? So, he is a child of the Quinlan family." Curtis nodded thoughtfully. "Why didn't he participate in the event?"

"Because he thought it was meaningless, Xavier explained awkwardly. "With his ability, he would undoubtedly win. Hence, he felt the competition meant nothing to him. Besides, he doesn't need to worry about his ranking, as his points are more than enough. That's why he decided not to join.

Xavier further commented, "Hendrick is undoubtedly a promising talent. Despite his young age, he surpasses many of his senior peers

in skill and ability. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that he is considered the strongest student at Imperial Star University" "Indeed, it's a shame that he didn't participate," Curtis agreed with a hint of disappointment in his tone after hearing Xavier's words.

"Even though we won't be able to witness the ability of the top student, we can still check out the student who ranked second" Xavier continued, "She's also a second-year

student at Imperial Star University and happens to be a girl. Her performance is quite impressive. Curtis was focusing on selecting second-year students for the Starr Training Camp this round, as the selection process for the third and fourth-year students of Imperial Star University had already been completed.

Curtis sauntered ahead with his hands clasped behind his back, grinning at Xavier. "Is that so? Then let's go and witness the skills of the second-ranked student."

There was still some time left before the karate tournament final would begin because they wanted to allow the two contestants who would be in the final to have a break.

Oneida was seated in the waiting area surrounded by Howard, Hillary, and several students from Regular Class A, who kept chattering.

"Oneida, you

made it to the final!" Hillary exclaimed with excitement while jumping up and down. "You've brought great honor to our class. We are from a Regular Class, and no one from a Regular Class has ever-made it to the final of the campus festival before. You're the first one to do it!" "Regular Class never had the chance to be in the top ten, let alone make it to the finals. You didn't disappoint me at all, Oneida." Howard praised Oneida while patting her on the shoulder. "You're truly cool and charming!"

Initially, he had assumed that Oneida was pressured into registering for the karate tournament and would not have a chance of winning.

He had never thought that she could turn the tables

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On the other hand, Oneida just looked at them with a half-smile and said nothing.

A classmate suddenly suggested, "By the way, Oneida, since you're in the finals, have you considered inviting your family to come and watch?" Oneida frowned and asked calmly, "Why do I have to ask my parents to come?"

"Oneida, it's a long-standing tradition of Imperial Star University. Hillary quickly responded. "Entering the finals of the campus festival is a testament that you are a genius. It's a one-in-a-million chance, so you should invite your family to witness this glory. Furthermore, the campus festival is not just a competition. It's also a way for the university to express wishes for the contestants' lives. If your loved ones come to witness your game, they will also receive blessings, which is a major part of the purpose of the campus festival" well

"That's correct. Howard, who was standing next to them, chimed in. "Many students, who are expected to make it to the finals, would invite their parents to witness the competition beforehand. But of course, you can invite your significant other instead of your parents." Upon hearing this, Oneida lowered her eyes and kept silent.

Oneida was not familiar with the customs and habits of Imperial Star University as she did not attend the university in her. previous life.

She did not expect that the campus festival would have such a meaning

After thinking for a while, Oneida stood up from her seat and said, "Let me make a call, and I'll be right back"

The others immediately understood Oneida's intention and smiled. "Are you going to call your parents? Sure, go ahead!

Oneida made her way through the crowd to a corner of the corridor.

The corridor's corner was deserted, offering Oneida a quiet spot to make a phone call.

Oneida took out her phone and dialed Jackson's number.

Oneida was not a superstitious person, so she did not attach any importance to the so-called blessings of the campus: festival.

However, she suddenly felt the desire to have someone watch her performance from the audience.

In the past, no matter how dazzling her performance was, how enthusiastic the cheers around her were, and how many people worshiped her, she would still feel lonely while the others were excited.

She wanted someone to look at her with eyes only for her and tell her that she did a great job.

"Jackson..." she thought. I bet he could come and watch my game."

However, Oneida could not help worrying about Jackson's legs.

"Considering his leg condition and dislike for lively places and crowds, would he be willing to come!" she pondered.

Oneida felt like a girl who was indecisive and dramatic for the first time.

She was not like this previously.

The phone was connected as she was lost in thought.

A deep and pleasant voice came from the phone, like a charming musical piece played on a cello. "What's the matter?"

The question was posed in a light and gentle manner, without any hint of impatience.

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Oneida's grip on the phone tightened as she heard Jackson's voice, and she called out his name subconsciously. "Jackson

"Yes?" Jackson replied in a low voice.

"Do you want to come to watch my game?" Oneida did not like to beat around the bush. Now that the phone had been answered, she decided to ask him bluntly. "I made it to the final of the campus festival. After uttering those words, she nervously stared at the ceiling, dreading Jackson's rejection.

Out of her expectation, the next second, she heard an "okay." Though Jackson only said one word, it was meaningful.

"Really?" A bright smile appeared on Oneida's face, and her eyes were filled with surprise.

"Yes," Jackson replied again.

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The man on the other side of the phone did not expect Oneida to be so happy.

Honestly, it would not affect Jackson enough to attend Oneida's game.

Even though Jackson did not enjoy crowded and lively environments, he had no reason to refuse a simple request from the young lady to watch her game.

The call then ended.

As Jackson needed to make his way to Imperial Star University as quickly as possible, he immediately finished his work and shut down his computer. However, Victor rushed into the study with an anxious look. Jackson glanced at him unhappily and frowned slightly. "Why are you so agitated?"

Victor did not have time to offer any explanation for his behavior. He got straight to the point with the man in front of him. "Mr. Bane, the situation is dire. The alarm system at Garrison Mansion has been compromised!" Paragon Group developed the alarm system at Garrison Mansion. It was among the most advanced in the world.

Suddenly, the system, which was previously believed to be indestructible, had been destroyed!

It indicated that someone was ready to invade the Garrison Mansion

Moreover, it showed that the opponent's ability was unfathomable.

Jackson's face remained unchanged, but there was a hint of coldness in his eyes.

He had already anticipated that his peaceful days were numbered, but he did not expect danger to arrive so quickly.

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After hanging up the phone, Oneida turned around and was about to return to the waiting area when Roxanne happened to walk toward her.

They almost ran into each other.

Fortunately, Oneida managed to stop in time, but Roxanne, seemingly oblivious to anyone in front of her, lowered her head and walked straight into the bathroom beside her.

Oneida stood there and frowned slightly.

Oneida was perplexed by Roxanne's sudden change in demeanor. The latter had always been poised, but now, she appeared agitated and distressed to the extent that

she failed to notice she was about to collide with someone. She did not want her opponents to be in such a state since the finals would soon start.

Meanwhile, Roxanne walked into the toilet with her eyes lowered

She unlocked her phone.

The chat interface was still displayed on the phone screen.

She was chatting with someone.

No, to be precise, she was the one sending messages unilaterally, sending more than a dozen messages in a row.

However, the other party did not reply to any of her messages.

Roxanne clenched her phone in despair.

She could not help but send another message to that person.

[Are you coming to my final? I really hope that you can come.]

After the message was sent successfully, she stared at the screen intensely, looking forward to a response,

However, a few minutes passed, and the other person still had not replied.

Everything seemed as if Roxanne was playing a stand-alone game.

She gazed at the dozen messages she had sent, starting with simple greetings, followed by small talks, and eventually asking him if he would attend her final game.

All of the messages were proof of her wishful thinking

Roxanne closed her eyes, which were filled with grief.

Hendrick and Damian strolled side-by-side along the boulevard that led to the central square, heading toward the karate tournament final.

Damian managed to convince Hendrick, a big shot, to head out and take a break outside.

"Does your phone keep ringing?" Damian noticed the unusual noise coming from Hendrick and asked curiously. "Did someone send you a message? Why don't you check it?" Hendrick maintained the same cold expression as he said, "I don't want to see it."

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It was because he knew who was sending him messages,

"Is it Roxanne?" Damian smiled and asked in a low voice. "Is she the one sending you messages?"

Hendrick pursed his lips and said nothing

Damian instantly knew his guess was correct.

He shook his head and let out a sigh while saying. "It's her. Why can't you just reply to her with one message? Don't leave the girl feeling sad"

Everyone in the Starlight Class was aware of the fact that the person who ranked second in the Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard had a secret crush on the person who ranked first. The infatuation was not a secret. But it was an unrequited love, which everyone knew.

Roxanne was a goddess in the minds of many. She was beautiful and talented, yet she fell in love with someone as stubborn, cold, and unapproachable as Hendrick.

"Do you not plan to reply to the message?" Damian asked tentatively while checking Hendrick's expression.

"No"

Hendrick narrowed his cold eyes and uttered one word with indifference.

Hendrick had a face that could rival those of comic book characters, but his demeanor was exceptionally frigid and unfeeling.

"I have already made it clear to her," he said, continuing to walk ahead. "I am not obligated to deal with her feelings"

He was right. Hendrick had been straightforward with Roxanne and clearly stated that he had no romantic interest in her

Replying to her message now would only encourage her to continue holding onto false hope.

Moreover, Hendrick did not like to get involved in complicated relationships, especially ones related to emotions.

The two arrived at the central square just when Hendrick stated his stance.

The waiting area was empty since most contestants had been eliminated.

However, an extraordinary figure suddenly caught the attention of the two at that moment.

Oneida was engaged in some stretching exercises and practicing by herself.

She was dressed in a snow-white uniform, looking pristine from head to toe.

Her shiny black hair was pulled up high into a ponytail, giving her a refreshing and charming look.

They kick.

observed as she executed a sharp upward kick, followed by a swift downward turn, and finished with a splendid side

Each of her movements was exquisitely graceful and flawless.

Hendrick's gaze was fixed on Oneida, and he suddenly commented, "She's very skilled."

Damian's eyes widened in surprise upon hearing that. "That's rare. It's the first time I've heard you compliment someone," he said.

It was indeed the first time Hendrick had complimented someone.

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Throughout his life, Hendrick had always represented the best and the strongest. Hence, he looked down on everyone else. However, the person before Hendrick caught his attention and piqued his interest.

Oneida had keen hearing, and she naturally heard the sound behind her.

She halted her movements and instinctively turned her head to see what was happening.

Behind her were two young and tall men.

One was dressed in black sportswear with a bright countenance, while the other wore a white shirt with a cold expression.

Oneida frowned slightly as she had seen the man in white somewhere before.

For a moment, she could not recall who he was

"The final is about to begin. Come to the side of the arena and wait! The referee, who was also the teacher, came over to usher Oneida. Oneida withdrew her gaze and nodded at the teacher.

Then she left the waiting area.

"Is that girl the contestant with a white belt?" Damian blinked and asked as soon as Oneida left.

Hendrick's eyes darkened as he replied firmly, "Yes, she is."

"If so, she's really good. I wonder if she's good enough to beat Roxanne, Damian subconsciously asked.

Despite the white belt contestant's impressive skills, Roxanne was a legitimate third-degree black belt, making her unlikely to lose.

Hendrick's lips slightly twitched as if he wanted to speak, but he refrained from doing so in the end.

Hendrick gazed toward the direction where Oneida had left and said in a low voice, 'Let's go and observe the competition, Then we'll find out if she can defeat Roxanne. With that, they walked to the arena

At that moment, it was crowded with people.

As the super genius and popular figure of Imperial Star University, many people recognized Hendrick at a glance.

Then someone took the lead and exclaimed, "What? That's Hendrick!"

Others started to notice Hendrick's presence after his scream.

Numerous eyes were then focused on him

"Isn't he the person from the second year who ranked first on the Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard and the one who is both beautiful and strong?"

"Wow That guy is truly Hendrick!"

This is my first time seeing him in person. He's incredibly handsome, and his demeanor is so cool," someone commented.

"Why is he here?"

"Why tenth-degree black belt in karate himself, and he was the champion of the karate in the last campus

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festival!" someone answered,

"I sec."

Standing there with a cold expression, Hendrick seemed to block out all the attention and discussions around him.

Damian looked at the group of students with great annoyance and waved his hand at them. "Could you all calm down? He's just here to watch a match. Don't act like you're observing someone abnormal, okay?" Everyone finally restrained their gazes after hearing that.

Meanwhile, as Roxanne was about to step into the arena, she noticed the commotion in the audience area and turned her head to look in that direction.

Hendrick's handsome face suddenly came into her view.

"He's here!" she exclaimed inwardly.

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There was finally a crack on Roxanne's calm and apathetic face.

Her eyes widened, and her stare fixed on Hendrick's checks.

Meanwhile, Hendrick also seemed to sense Roxanne's gaze.

He glanced over sideways casually with his unfocused and cool eyes as if there was no warmth.

Roxanne clenched her fists and suddenly stepped back from the stage. Then, she walked directly to Hendrick.

For a moment, the audience was very surprised and confused.

However, on second thought, they were both students of Starlight Class, so it was not strange for them to talk to each other before the competition.

Roxanne walked closer to him. Once she arrived before him, she lowered her voice and asked the young man in front of her, "You... Why are you here?" "Could it be that he was finally moved by me?" she asked inwardly.

The reason she wanted Hendrick to come and watch her in the finals was not only because of the beautiful tradition of the campus festival but also because Hendrick was the reason she wanted to practice karate and win the championship during the campus festival. Hendrick was a karate master with a tenth-degree black belt.

One should know that to reach the rank of tenth-degree black belt, not only he had to be skilled, but he also had to be engaged in the karate industry for decades and make great contributions.

However, Hendrick, a teenager who was not even 20 years old, was exceptionally awarded a tenth-degree black belt.

This showed that he was really strong

He was so powerful that the authority was willing to break the rules for him.

Roxanne learned karate as her family forced her to. She did not have much interest in karate herself.

However, she was talented and managed to reach the black belt level even when she did not put much effort into learning karate. It was not until last year's campus festival that a teenager in a white robe and a black belt emerged in the ring of the karate competition. He had short black hair and black pupils. He was good-looking and handsome, yet he did not appear feminine at all.

His kick was sharp, and his punch was strong. He defeated all his opponents with exquisite skills and gorgeous movements. Thus, he became the champion.

He shone brightly like a god descending to earth, and his shine shone into Roxanne's heart.

And just like that, she helplessly fell in love with the boy.

With that, she put-in lots of effort in practicing karate and reached the third-degree level in one go.

Moreover, she did her best to take second place

on the Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard just to get closer to him.

And now, she just wanted Hendrick to look at how well she had practiced karate.

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"Since you are willing to conge, why didn't you reply to my message? Roxanne asked again while she stared at Hendrick motionlessly. Hendrick looked down at her with an aloof glance.

la volume that only both of them could hear, he answered slowly. Im not here for you."

Roxanne's expression instantly froze.

As if Hendrick did not see her terrible expression, he added with an indifferent look on his face, "I'm here to visit your opponent."

What he said was the truth. He was indeed really interested in Oneida.

This left Roxanne speechless.

She clenched her fists tightly. Her face turned pale.

Yet, Hendrick turned his eyes away from her and stopped looking at her.

That frigid and handsome face of his was still filled with heartlessness.

On the other hand, Oneida was standing in the corner by the ring at that moment.

Her brows were furrowed. A slightly worried look could be seen in her eyes.

-The finals were about to begin.

However, Jackson had not arrived yet.

Garrison Mansion was not far from Imperial Star University, and it should not take long for him to drive over.

Technically, he was supposed to have arrived long ago.

Even if Jackson did not want to show up in front of so many people, he would give her a call and let her know that he had arrived.

But there was nothing from him.

Neither did Jackson call nor send a message.

Oneida did not care whether Jackson could come to her finals anymore.

At this moment, she was more worried that something might have happened to Jackson.

Otherwise, she could not think of any better reason to explain this sudden anomaly.

Oneida took out her phone and dialed Jackson's number.

Just as before, no one answered the call.

This was her third time calling Jackson during this period.

None of the calls were answered.

Oneida looked at the screen and murmured his name softly, "Jackson..."

Just then, the referee teacher came to urge Oneida. "Hurry up! It's time to go up the stage! Don't dawdle around!"

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With no other choice, Oneida had to send a

message to Carrison Mansion for her.

message to Simon and ask him to check whether anything strange had

Afterward, she followed the referee teacher onto the ring.

Shortly after her, Roxanne also stepped to the side opposite Oneida.

The finals of the karate competition did not only attract the attention of all the teachers and students, but many distinguished guests were also watching. The audience was fully seated in the arena. One of the examples of distinguished guests was Hendrick.

Other examples were Xavier who was the principal of Imperial Star University and Curtis.

Curtis did not go to the audience area. Instead, Xavier brought him to an excellent location to watch the competition.

At that location, the entire karate arena could be seen clearly.

"Is Roxanne in second place on the Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard?" Curtis asked. He narrowed his eyes and looked at the girl on the ring quietly.

Xavier nodded in response. "Yes."

"Why is she a white belt?" Curtis questioned again right after his answer.

"Huh?" At first, Xavier did not understand but later realized that Curtis had mistaken her for someone else.

He had wrongly recognized Oneida as Roxanne.

Speaking of Oneida, Xavier took more care of her due to Samuel

However, he had never thought that Oneida was a child with actual ability in karate.

So, this time, Xavier was quite surprised when Oneida broke into the finals for the karate tournament.

"Mr. Johnson, you have recognized the wrong person, Xavier explained smilingly. "The one with the white belt is not Roxanne, but another student. She's from Regular Class. The black belt opposite her is Roxanne." "So, I recognized the wrong person," Curtis murmured to himself while a faint light flashed in his eyes.

Compared to Roxanne, Oneida's aura, posture, and eyes were more like a fearless, confident, and calm powerhouse.

That was why Curtis indeed recognized the wrong person at first

He assumed Oneida was the second place on the Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard.

"Come to think of it, however, not only did the girl from Regular Class manage to get herself into the karate finals, but she also had such an extraordinary, powerful, and confident aura. This girl is really something!" he thought.

At the ring area, the audience was already holding their breath nervously as they waited for the start of the competition. Even though Oneida triumphed all the way to the finals, most of the audience was still more optimistic toward Roxanne, Roxanne had what Oneida did not have a third-degree black belt and was called a prodigy of Imperial Star University. Oneida was lucky enough to make it to the finals.

Since it was the finals, Roxanne would not give her any chance to create a miracle.

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That was what most people thought.

On the ring, Oneida and Roxanne stood facing each other.

She could feel that the Roxanne before her was slightly different from before.

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Before, Roxanne was calm and composed, but at this moment, her gaze was filled with aggression. There was even hostility that could be seen faintly in her eyes.

This made Oneida wonder whether she had offended Roxanne.

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the final battle was about to begin.

Under the gaze of countless expectant eyes, they bowed to each other politely.

Oneida was not high-spirited. She even found it a little difficult to concentrate.

She was anxious.

She had a feeling that Jackson might have some trouble

Just as she was distracted, Roxanne's long legs kicked toward her, Her kick was mixed with great momentum.

It was aimed at Oneida's face.

Oneida did not expect Roxanne to be so aggressive by wanting to kick her in the face for the first move.

Oneida focused her gaze. With her strong reaction ability, she closely avoided this fatal attack.

However, Oneida was already in a passive stance due to her distraction at the start. Even though she had avoided the attack, she ended up at a disadvantage. Besides, Roxanne was so aggressive that each move she made was fatal.

It was like she had taken Oneida as her nemesis.

Oneida was already distracted and was now targeted tightly and harshly beaten up by Roxanne.

She had no choice but to keep defending herself.

During the fight, Roxanne's sharp kick smashed onto the corner of Oneida's mouth.

Oneida subconsciously took two steps back.

To her surprise, that kick of Roxanne's was so strong and had great momentum.

After taking a few steps back, Oneida ultimately fell.

Her legs were lowered. One of her knees touched the ground, and the other was bent slightly. Her right hand was firmly pressed onto the ground to support herself. Bits of red blood slowly oozed out from the corner of her mouth

The corner of her mouth was injured.

For a moment, the entire arena fell into silence.

Roxanne stood upright on the ring, majestic, like an invincible warrior.

When everyone returned to their senses, thunderous cheers immediately sounded one after another.

"Wow, that is Roxanne!"

"Is this the real power of a third-degree black belt?"

"Even if Oneida were also very strong, Roxanne would still be the best!"

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"I can only say that a white belt can never defeat a black belt.

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"Oneida's previous opponents were too weak, so she appeared very strong. Now that she has encountered Roxanne, her true strength is exposed!" "Such an exciting fight right at the start. Roxanne is so cool!"

"Oneida won't be able to win. It was because she was lucky all the while, but she definitely cannot win Roxanne."

On the other hand, Howard and Hillary were also stunned.

Although they thought that Oneida might lose in the end, they did not expect it to be such a miserable defeat right at the beginning of the fight.

They were supporting Oneida in their hearts. Hence, they could not help but feel a little depressed and worried as they saw the scene in the ring.

At a corner among the audience, Hendrick and Damian stood together.

"Wow. Roxanne is so relentless. She did not bother to be nice to her, Damian sighed with a complex expression. "Could this be the power of love?" Hendrick's gaze

"She's distracted."

remained on the ring, and no emotion could be seen on his face.

After a moment of silence, the young man spat these words coldly.

"Distracted?" Damian's eyes widened slightly, and he asked, "Who do you mean? Roxanne?"

"Oneida, Hendrick corrected him.

"How did you see that she was distracted?" Damian continued to question.

However, Hendrick pursed his thin lips and stopped talking.

Not far in the distance, Xavier and Curtis had also witnessed this scene.

"How was it? The second most powerful member of the Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard is quite powerful, right?" Xavier seemed to be quite proud of her. He added, "Karate is just one of her many strengths. She has even more powerful abilities." In contrast, Curtis let out a regrettable sigh.

Despite not saying anything, he felt pity for her.

In truth, he appreciated Oneida's temperament and aura very much, and without realizing it, he preferred to support Oneida

He just did not expect that she would be so easily defeated.

In the ring, Oneida raised her hand and wiped the blood from the corner of her mouth with the back of her hand.

After that, she stood up straight unhurriedly.

The sun was just above, and the sunlight was pouring down.

She subconsciously squinted her eyes.

The referee teacher stopped the countdown after seeing her stand back up within the specified time.

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Roxanne scored three points first because she managed to attack Oneida's face.

In a karate tournament, if one could hit the opponent's upper Liddy parts, including the head, face, and neck, one could score three points in one go.

Therefore, Roxanne was three points ahead of Oneida within the first ten seconds of the fight.

This was considered a huge advantage.

The competition continued.

Oneida pinched her palm

She realized that she would lose if she continued in this state.

She must change and focus her attention..

One ought to know that caring would cause distraction.

Because she cared too much about Jackson, it caused her to mess up her fight.

Oneida took a deep breath in. Her eyes gradually became clear.

On the opposite side, Roxanne had her fists clenched tightly as if the short victory earlier was not enough to remove her hatred

In the blink of an eye, she started attacking again.

She kicked her feet upward, directed to Oneida's chin.

Oneida's eyes darkened upon seeing that. She kicked out her leg and blocked Roxanne's attack forcefully.

Roxanne narrowed her eyes slightly after realizing that her attack did not succeed. Then, she immediately punched Oneida

in the chest.

She just wanted to hit her hard.

However, Oneida did not allow that.

Turning her body like a whirlwind, she dodged the deadly blow and quickly followed with a hit toward Roxanne's neck using her palm.

In an instant, Roxanne's neck was gripped by Oneida.

Her eyes widened in surprise.

Shortly, a wave of pain came from her neck.

Before she could react, Oneida kicked her in the heart straight away.

With that, Roxanne fell heavily.

It only took a few seconds from the beginning of her attack to her ending up on the ground.

Yet, within these seconds, she was already beaten by Oneida and was unable to fight back.

Roxanne lay on the ring as she panted slightly.

Her chest hurt a little; hence, she could not get up for a while.

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Oneida looked down at her..

Her eyes were frigid

At first, she did not want to make such a drastic move.

After all, Roxanne was also a girl. She thought there was no need to embarrass her.

However, all attacks from Roxanne were deadly, and she was very aggressive.

It was not a friendly match but a fight aimed to get her wounded and handicapped.

There was no reason for her not to fight back

"Can you still get up?" The referee teacher looked at Roxanne with a worried face, utterly different from how he had treated Oneida just now.

In fact, the teachers who organized the tournament mostly believed that Roxanne would be the champion.

Roxanne's name was even half engraved on the championship trophy already.

If Roxanne did not become the champion in the end, they would have prepared it for nothing.

The referee teachers did not want to watch Oneida win the tournament.

"Can you get up?" he asked Roxanne again.

"Referee, she is not getting up after falling to the ground. Shouldn't you start to count the seconds as soon as possible? Are you disdain the rules?" Oneida could not help but say coldly to the referee in the end. Roxanne would be defeated if she still could not stand up within ten seconds.

Then, Oneida would win the championship right away.

Yet, the referee did not count the seconds. He was even concerned whether Roxanne could stand up.

She wondered if there was already a delay of ten seconds from all the time spent.

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Although Oneida's voice was not loud, it was enough for many audience members to hear.

Someone quickly came back to their senses and reacted after hearing her words.

"Referee, aren't you being too biased?"

"Is Roxanne your daughter from Starlight Class?"

"You can't just give her special treatment just because she's your daughter?"

"Count the seconds. Hurry up! Stop wasting time!"

Just then, Roxanne suddenly straightened up her body.

She did not give up and started to get up from the ground with difficulty.

The referee teacher was relieved internally upon seeing this.

He turned around and looked at Oneida with slight dissatisfaction.

This contestant just spoke rudely and provoked him openly. The referee teacher was about to teach her a lesson.

To his surprise, Oneida was also staring back at him.

Her cold and calm eyes were like frozen blades made of frost and snow, shooting straight at him with a sharp force. The strong aura from the girl left the referee teacher stunned involuntarily.

"Sir, do you have something to say?" Oneida looked at him with a faint smile, yet her glare was frigid.

His whole body stiffened instantly.

The words he was about to spit out were suddenly stuck in his mouth, so he had no choice but to swallow them back.

In the end, he said nothing and returned to his position.

Since Oneida kicked Roxanne directly to the ground, she scored three points as well based on the rules,

They were back to the same starting point, with both of them scoring three points.

The competition continued.

Roxanne glared at Oneida just like a lone wolf staring at her prey at night.

Roxanne must not lose. She also could not afford to lose this competition to Oneida.

She was second on the Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard and a genius of Starlight Class. If she lost to a white belt contestant from Regular Class, then she would lose her dignity. Moreover, Hendrick was still watching the fight.

She must not get defeated in front of Hendrick, let alone get defeated by Oneida,

Roxanne grinned her teeth secretly.

She calmed herself down and started to pose in the correct posture. Then, the next second, she dashed straight to Oneida.

The two of them brawled with each other.

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Roxanne fought fiercely, but Oneida was also not a coward,

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Although the scene looked lively and intense, everyone who knew karate could tell that even though Roxanne was attacking madly, Oneida was able to defend and counterattack with ease. Every time Oneida counterattacked, Roxanne became increasingly passive.

In the end, she was once again kicked down to the ground by Oneida.

A sense of humiliation surged in her heart.

Angrily biting her lips, Roxanne struggled to get up from the ground with all her might.

She must not admit defeat.

Instantly, she continued to dash forward like a bull.

However, she was easily knocked down by Oneida again.

Everyone outside of the ring was bewildered.

Nobody could have imagined that the first three points were Roxanne's only highlight throughout the entire competition.

After that, she got completely beaten up.

Initially, they assumed that this competition would be a fight where two strong opponents exchanged strong attacks and impressive dodges or Roxanne's one-sided beating- But now, it was Oneida's one-sided attack.

It should not be possible.

Roxanne, a third-degree black belt genius of Imperial Star University, got attacked so badly that she did not have the ability to fight back

"Oneida... Who the hell is this person? She never showed her true power before. I did not expect her to be so strong."

"Oh my gosh. Roxanne only won the first attack at the start; she lost all attacks afterward!"

"Never have I expected this competition was going to be like this

"I declare that Oneida will be my new crush from now on!"

On the other side, Damian frowned in confusion. "What's going on? Was Roxanne making mistakes?"

Similar to most people, he initially thought Roxanne would win

Hence, Damian was shocked to see what had happened.

Hendrick raised his eyebrows slightly upon hearing his words and replied calmly, "It's not her making mistakes"

"Then what is that?" Damian asked loudly and then chuckled as he thought of something. "Could it be that you are beside the ring, so she became too nervous?" Hendrick returned him with a cold glance.

Damian immediately shut up.

does not have the ability to win Oneida, Hendrick uttered each word clearly while he looked at the two girls in the

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ring.

Roxanne was not able to defeat Oneida at all.

She was far behind Oneida in all aspects of the field of karate. She could never win against Oneida.

In the ring. Roxanne still had not given up.

Even when her body was already bruised in several places, and even when she had been beaten dizzy, her strong self-esteem. did not allow her to lose. Unfortunately, within a few seconds after getting up, she was hit by Oneida, who was in front of her again.

Roxanne stepped back hurriedly. Her whole figure staggered and almost fell off the ring.

Luckily, she was able to hold on at the most critical moment.

She did not fall off the ring.

Otherwise, it would be so embarrassing

Oneida scored again.

With one more point, Oneida would win the whole competition and become the champion of this karate tournament.

Suddenly, Roxanne raised her arm, "Referee, I want to call a time-out,

She looked at the referee teacher and spat out the sentence indifferently.

A flash of coldness flashed through Oncida's eyes upon hearing Roxanne.

Meanwhile, there was also an uproar outside the ring.

There was a limit to the number of pauses in a karate tournament. Roxanne had used up her chance for a time-out, but now she had requested it once more. It was not reasonable.

This was a clear violation of the rules.

He was silent for a moment before he nodded and agreed, "Okay, then t The referee teacher glanced at Roxanne. shall pause.

After he agreed to Roxanne's request, he explained to Oneida and the audience, "Our competition is not a professional competition after all. I noticed that Roxanne doesn't look well. She may need to adjust her condition. It would be bad if something went wrong with her body."

Once Roxanne got the approval, she immediately left the ring and returned to the waiting area.

Only Oneida remained in the ring.

However, the audience roared with scolding.

They did not accept the referee's explanation at all.

"Referee, what's the secret deal between you and Roxanne? You were so biased that your heart was about to tilt to the southern hemisphere!"

"I guess it's true that Roxanne is the daughter of the referee!"

"What is this? Violation? Favoritism? Roxanne clearly cannot ask for a time-out anymore. Is the spirit of sportsmanship still

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there?"

"This is not fair to Oneida! She was in the upper hand, but now the competition was suddenly paused. Her state of mind. would surely be affected with the competition paused like that!"

"Roxanne was good at choosing the right time. She's too scheming to pause at this time!"

"Referee, how do you still have the dignity to call yourself a referee? This is not fair at all!" Indeed, Oneida was also very dissatisfied..

She did not expect Roxanne to request a time-out by going against the rules.

However, it did not matter. This would not affect her much.

The time-out would still not affect the final result.

This was because Roxanne would not be able to defeat her.

Since this had happened now, she also wanted to take a rest.

Oneida did not say anything and walked out of the ring calmly.

As Oneida's slender and lonely figure fell into the eyes of the audience, countless pities were instantly aroused.

"Oneida is so pitiful. She couldn't even object even though she was being treated unfairly!"

"I'm going to support Oneida. I hope Oneida could beat up Roxanne, who went against the rules!"

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"I hope Oneida's mentality won't be affected."

"The referee and Roxanne... Thinking about what happened makes me so angry that I want to spit on them!"

Oneida returned to the waiting area.

Roxanne was there before Oneida. Roxanne was sitting in her seat with a white towel covering her head, so Oneida could not

see her face or expression.

Roxanne sat alone without saying a word. She was like a silent statue.

Oneida threw one glance at her, then walked quickly to her seat and picked up her phone.

Unexpectedly, a message from Jackson appeared on the screen.

Oneida's eyes opened wide before her fingers quickly clicked to open the message.

Jackson texted: [I'm sorry I can't make it to your finals. All the best. I'll make it next time.]

Oneida stared at the words while her emotions went up and down. For one moment, her mind went blank.

Suddenly, a call came.

It was from Simon.

Oneida took her phone and walked out into the quiet corridor.

She answered the phone and asked indifferently, "What's up?"

"Boss, do you remember the customer that wanted to hire Aphoric Group to take out Jackson's life?" asked Simon in a

serious tone.

"I remember." Of course, Oneida remembered.

That mysterious man wanted to hire Zero, which was Oneida herself, to kill Jackson.

"That man seems to have found someone else to do the job." Simon sighed before adding, "He has hired a new killer since you didn't take up the job." Oneida's face darkened, and her eyes tensed slightly.

The thing she was most worried about finally happened.

"I was right. This customer is impatient. He took no time in finding a new killer," thought Oneida.

"Who did he hire?" Oneida did not realize that her fingers were shaking slightly.

She had never been so flustered.

"Boss... Simon wanted to say something but stopped. It seemed that the situation was very serious. "I received news that it was Darkflame. Everyone had heard of "Darkflame

Darkflame was not affiliated with any organization or group and always worked alone, like a lone wolf.

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No one knew whether Darkflame was a man or a woman or where Darkflame would appear.

Darkflame was mysterious but also powerful.

Rumor had it that Darkflame was very rich but kept the wealth hidden. It was also said that Darkflame was influential and held supreme status.

More importantly, Darkflame was a killer.

Darkflame was not only a frightening person but also a world-class killer.

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Darkflame had been inactive in the world of killers. The name did not appear on the killer leaderboard because there was no news of Darkflame for the past few years.

Therefore, it would be difficult to say who would win the skill contest between Zero, who was currently first on the leaderboard, and Darkflame.

All in all, Darkflame was powerful, and Oneida had every reason to fear him.

"I can't believe that a customer could make Darkflame do his bidding," thought Oneida. Her lips were pursed, and her eyes had a faraway look to them.

"So, what's the status at Garrison Mansion now?" asked Oneida in a low tone. She had a bad feeling about the whole thing. Simon took a deep breath and answered truthfully, "Boss, Darkflame has gone to the Garrison Mansion." Meanwhile, break time was over back at the arena.

Roxanne returned to the arena.

She calmed down a lot during break time.

Before that, she had completely lost her cool and would have no doubt lost if she had continued the fight.

Thus, she had no choice but to go against the rule to ask for a break.

She wanted some time to calm herself down and hoped this would disrupt Oneida's flow too.

Roxanne knew what she did was despicable and showed no sportsmanship, but she did not want to lose, so she had no choice but to do it anyway.

She knew that the referee would agree to the break time.

As a genius of Starlight Class, she had always been favored by the teachers. She had them wrapped around her finger.

It was because of this that Roxanne knew that the referee would back her up.

Some in the audience were unhappy to see Roxanne return to the stage and immediately booed her. In the world of sports competition, the boo was a form of ridicule.

The other audiences were encouraged by the booing, and more and more of them joined in to boo Roxanne.

Suddenly, everyone in the arena was booing Roxanne.

Roxanne stood straight with a calm face as if she had not heard the thunderous boos.

However, no one noticed that her hands were slowly balling up into a fist.

"That's enough. Everyone quiet down!" Finally, the referee spoke up, hoping to get the audience to shut up.

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Unexpectedly, the audience became even more enthusiastic in their booing after that.

Things got out of control when, at that moment, a teacher hurried to the stage and whispered something to the referee.

The referee's expression turned incredulous when he heard what the teacher told him. However, the ne referee breathed a sigh of relief.

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After the teacher left, the referee took the microphone and excitedly announced to the audience, "Ladies and gentlemen, something unexpected has happened. Oneida Chaser, the other contestant tonight, has forfeited the match!" "Forfeited?" The referee's words were like a thunderbolt, exploding in the audience's ears.

The audience was surprised because there was no reason for Oneida to forfeit. She was on the verge of winning. Heck, she only needed one more point to win the championship! Forfeiting the match now was akin to giving away the title to Roxanne. Howard, Hillary, and some students of Regular Class A were all surprised when they heard that Oneida had forfeited the match. They thought Oneida would surely win, that she had the championship in her pocket.

However, the sudden news was like a bolt from the blue, shocking them to no end.

The others in the audience were also

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confused.

"I don't believe it. Why did Oneida give up the match? She has no reason to do that. She is so close to winning the championship!"

""No way! Why did she forfeit...?"

"Is Oneida not coming back to the ring? I want to see her fight again..."

The audience's emotions were a stark contrast to the referee's, who was feeling elated and relieved.

The referee thought it was fortunate timing that Oneida had forfeited the match. All the teachers wanted Roxanne to win. After all, she was a genius of Starlight Class. They shuddered to think what would happen if a genius like her had lost to a white belt contestant from Regular Class.

Roxanne herself and the whole of Imperial Star University would be embarrassed.

The Starlight Class they were so proud of was the signature brand of Imperial Star University!

Imperial Star University's reputation would have been damaged if Roxanne had lost. Therefore, the referee had to do everything he could to ensure that Roxanne won and Oneida lost.

For this reason, the referee quickly agreed to a break time, and now that Oneida had forfeited the match, it could only mean that Roxanne was the championship winner.

Moreover, Roxanne's name was already engraved on the championship trophy.

"Oneida has forfeited the match, so according to the rules..." The referee glanced at Roxanne before turning to the audience. "Roxanne is the winner of this year's campus festival karate tournament!" SEND GIFT

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After announcing Roxanne as the winner, a reputable and famous karate master walked up to the stage with a championship trophy in his hand.

The karate master had been specially invited to present the championship trophy.

And just like that, Roxanne found herself being presented with glittering gold trophy.

Roxanne was stunned for a moment, then she stretched out her hand and accepted the trophy.

The weight of the trophy finally made her believe it was happening, but she could not help but wonder, "I... won the championship? I thought I would have to fight tooth and

nail after the break time. Did Oneida forfeit? Could it be this easy?" Roxanne could not figure out why Oneida would forfeit, but she was happy not to find out since Oneida's decision benefited

her.

After all, what mattered to Roxanne was that she had successfully avoided humiliation and won the championship.

However, the audience burst into a violent uproar when Roxanne accepted the trophy.

Someone pointed at Roxanne and asked angrily, "What gives her the right to win the championship? She has been thrashed by Oneida in the match!"

Immediately after, the rest of the audience began to follow suit.

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"That's right. I wouldn't accept the trophy if I were you! Have you no shame? Don't you

"How pitiful. You would have lost if Oneida didn't give up. I feel so sorry for you."

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"Just how badly do you want the trophy? You're so blissfully ignorant of just how weak you are! You were beaten to the ground so many times! The only winner I would accept is Oneida!"

"We know clearly who the real champion is. Only those who care about their reputation would accept a stolen trophy. I'm sure you, the genius of Starlight Class, would agree."

"The trophy rightfully belongs to Oneida, not you!"

The audience was getting more and more chaotic and out of control!

Roxanne held on to the trophy with a stiff expression on her face. She could only watch as the entire audience verbally attacked her.

Ever since she could remember, she had always been worshiped as a genius. Everyone praised and admired her.

No one had treated her like how the audience was treating her now.

Infinite malicious words and questions were coming at her from all sides.

All Roxanne ever wanted to do was win the championship. She did not understand what was so wrong with that.

The referee was very anxious about the audience's out-of-control behavior too. There was no way he would let the audience ruin what was supposed to be a beautiful award ceremony.

"Be quiet!" The referee took the microphone and shouted at the audience, "I'll have to call in security if you all don't quiet down!"

The audience became even more enraged after that.

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Hahal How can you still have the nerve to ask us to quiet down Like father, like daughter! You and Roxanne must be working hand in hand!".

Referee, how dare you say that! You're the one who's willing to throw away your honor so that your daughter, Roxanne, can win the championship!"

"What a hypocrite! You said that according to the rules, Roxanne is the winner... Well, why didn't you go by the rule when you agreed to the break time? You're giving double standards!" Some in the audience even began to come up with conspiracy theories.

"What do you think happened during the break time? Both Roxanne and Oneida were resting in the waiting area, and only Roxanne returned after that, whereas Oneida suddenly forfeited the match. I can't help but suspect that something happened during the break..." "You make a good point! Roxanne, did you say something to Oneida during break time? Did you force her to forfeit the match?"

"Is it possible that the referee and Roxanne worked together to force Oneida to pull out from the championship?"

"I find it really strange that Oneida would suddenly forfeit. There must have been some foul play involved. Why would she give up without warning after the break?"

Everyone's anger reached its peak in an instant.

Suddenly, they all started throwing their water bottles at the stage, but no one knew who had started it first.

Some of the bottles even hit Roxanne and the referee.

Even the master karate who gave out the trophy was not spared.

The three of them on the stage had become human-shaped targets as they were attacked with countless water bottles.

Someone from the audience even took off their sneakers and hurled them onto the stage.

The whole scene had become even more chaotic than before.

"That's enough. Everyone, calm down!"

At that moment, someone they never expected arrived on the scene.

Xavier took the microphone and calmly walked onto the stage. "I can understand your anger, but please calm down."

Xavier had been watching the final match and had rushed over immediately when he realized the situation was getting out of control.

"Everyone can see for themselves that Oneida is indeed stronger than Roxanne," Xavier said unhurriedly. "So, it's unfair that. Roxanne should be crowned as the winner."

"Having said that, what's also true is that Oneida had forfeited the match, so I think the best course of action is that no one will be crowned this year's campus festival karate tournament." Everyone was stunned.

It was out of their expectations that Xavier would be so reasonable and decisive.

"For this year's tournament, there will only be second place and no first place. Both Oneida and Roxanne will be second-place winners. Thope that this decision will be to everyone's satisfaction," added Xavier.

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Roxanne's face turned pale and her body stiffened as soon as she heard that

The audience was mostly satisfied.

"I guess I can accept that, It's just that... I'm still not happy that they would share the second place since Oneida was much stronger than Roxanne."

"Mr. Zook has acted wisely, unlike a certain referee..."

"Mr. Zook! Aren't you going to do something about the referee? He was showing clear favoritism and didn't behave impartially!"

"Roxanne should be in third place! She doesn't deserve to share the same place with Oneida. She was barely hanging on during the match!"

"Well, it makes sense since Oneida forfeited and Roxanne asked for a break time, so given that one isn't better than the other..." Xavier turned to look at the referee with an icy expression on

his face.

He narrowed his eyes slightly and scolded, "You'll be punished for not abiding by the rules and not fulfilling your duties as a referee."

The referee's face turned pale with shock as soon as he heard that. He clenched his fist tightly and started to explain, "Mr. Zook, only did it because..."

He only did it for the sake of Imperial Star University. He was not going to let the university be humiliated on his watch. However, Xavier bluntly interrupted the referee before he could finish his sentence. "How dare you still find excuses for yourself? I saw everything that happened just now. You not only showed favoritism toward one contestant, but threatened the audience! I would have fired you right away if it wasn't for your seniority in the school!" The referee was left speechless after that.

He lowered his head sadly and stood there silently.

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Everyone heard how Xavier scolded the referee as he spoke into the microphone, and they could not help but smirk vindictively at the referee being harshly reprimanded. "Serves him right!"

And that was how the somewhat ridiculous campus festival karate tournament ended that day.

Roxanne dejectedly walked off the stage. She was in shock. The trophy was taken away from her hand.

She was not the first-place winner anymore. She thought there was no point in being the second-place winner at all.

Roxanne clenched her fists and walked forward aimlessly.

Hendrick and Damian were not far away.

Roxanne hesitated for a moment before walking over to them.

"Hendrick," she called his name while looking a little embarrassed.

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"What did you think of my karate skills?" asked Roxanne expectantly while looking into Hendrick's eyes. "I could have won the championship if Oneida didn't forfeit..." It was only natural that Roxanne would want to beautify herself for her crush.

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Hendrick's cold, drooping eyes glanced at Roxanne indifferently. There was no trace of warmth in his eyes.

Damian smiled unkindly. He folded his arms as if he was preparing to watch a drama.

Roxanne bit her lips, plucked up her courage, and said, "I only did it because of you..."

"Your karate skill... is basic and has no substance," Hendrick suddenly interrupted her. His expression remained cold.

Roxanne was undoubtedly stunned by Hendrick's remark.

Her face turned pale, and her mouth gaped open. She did not know what to say for a moment.

"You're light years behind your opponent." Hendrick suddenly brought Oneida into the conversation and added meaningfully, "You are not on the same level as her." What he said was humiliating.

Roxanne clenched her fist, and her fingertips were trembling.

She thought Hendrick would be impressed once he saw her compete in the karate tournament. Obviously, things did not go as she expected.

"Learning karate should not be for others, but for yourself." Hendrick threw another icy glance before turning around and Heaving.

Damian could not help shaking his head.

"That's Hendrick for you. He won't show mercy even if you're a girl," thought Damian.

"Don't be too sad. You know how Hendrick is..." Damian tried to comfort Roxanne before turning around to follow Hendrick.

Roxanne was left standing alone. Her shoulders were trembling slightly, and her face was pale. Once again, her heart had been broken by Hendrick.

The news of the karate tournament final spread all over Imperial Star University.

In less than half a day, almost everyone knew about the second-year white belt karate genius from Regular Class A. They were amazed that her level was on par with a black belt.

Oneida not only defeated countless excellent fighters but was also stronger than Roxanne of Starlight Class in all aspects.

This was shocking since Roxanne was a genius of third-degree black belt and ranked second on Imperial Star Genius Leaderboard!

The gap between Oneida and Roxanne was so big that it was outrageous!

And that was how Oneida became famous overnight.

Oneida, who was originally a nobody, suddenly became an object of praise for both teachers and students alike.

She had even gotten herself some fans fawning over her.

Roxanne's popularity, however, was adversely affected. News of how she asked for a break when Oneida was winning also spread all over the campus.

It never crossed everyone's mind that the genius from Starlight Class would be so petty and without sportsmanship.

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Therefore, Roxanne was criticized by many people.

Of course, Oneida did not know about all these.

She forfeited the final match even though she was winning because of Jackson.

When the commotion was happening, she was in a hurry to return to Garrison Mansion.

An old man with silver hair suddenly appeared in front of her just as she was running toward the side entrance of the campus.

He walked over calmly with a faint smile on his face, but his eyes were glistening.

The old man was Curtis.

He was very interested in Oneida.

Therefore, when he heard that Oneida had suddenly forfeited, he immediately decided to meet her.

"Oneida, I watched your match just now," said Curtis with a smile.

Oneida lowered her eyes slightly while her expression remained alert.

She did not know who Curtis was.

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"You did a great job. It's just that..." Curtis frowned as if he was confused. "Why did you forfeit the match? You were on the verge of winning..."

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Oneida wondered why Curtis suddenly appeared and why he asked her such a question.

In the past, Oneida would just ignore him, but the sincerity in Curtis' eyes touched something in her heart.

"Because there's something more important than winning the tournament... I have to go save the most important person in the world to me," said Oneida expressively.

After saying that, Oneida left without looking back.

Her footsteps were so hurried that she looked as if she was running.

Curtis remained standing where he was as he dazedly stared at Oneida's retreating figure.

After a long time, he suddenly broke out with a happy grin.

"Most geniuses are cold-blooded, but not this girl. She has an absolutely sincere heart. How rare indeed! It seems it's about time to bring in new blood for Starr Training Camp," thought Curtis. Oneida drove back to the Garrison Mansion.

From the angle of the gate, the entire Garrison Mansion was bathed in the afterglow of the setting sun as if the buildings themselves were painted in gold.

The scene was calm. There was nothing out of the ordinary.

Oneida closed her eyes gently to pray. "Please let Jackson be safe"

Oneida did not request any backup from her subordinates at the Aphotic Group since they were no match against Darkflame. She'd made up her mind to handle the situation personally. Of course, she would not be dealing with Darkflame as Oneida but as Zero.

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She glanced at the back seat where her black outfit was lying before bringing them to the front and changing into them.

She put on her top, pants, and long boots.

The big black hood almost covered most of Oneida's head, and the black mask covered the lower half of her face.

She had completely transformed into Zero.

Oneida was going back to the Garrison Mansion as Zero.

Only in this way could she save Jackson.

Instead of entering through the main entrance, she jumped up on the wall as if she had wings on her back.

She then sneaked into Garrison Mansion's hall at breakneck speed.

Everything was normal in the hall. All the servants were doing what they were supposed to do.

But Oneida knew that Darkflame was good at killing people without getting noticed.

There would be no signs that Darkflame would make a move, which was why everything in the Garrison Mansion was still so peaceful.

Oneida sneaked into the second floor and opened the door leading into Jackson's bedroom.

The door was not locked so she was able to open it easily.

No one was inside.

All the furniture and stuff were right where they belong without fault.

Oneida frowned slightly.

"Where is Jackson?" she wondered. "There should be some trace if something did happen."

Oneida went straight to the study after leaving the bedroom.

She turned the door handle.

The study was locked!

Oneida suddenly had a bad feeling.

Fortunately, she knew of a way to unlock it.

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It was said that Darkitame always wore a dark-colored mask whenever he was carrying out a job, so no one knew what he looked like. Therefore, the person in front of Oneida must be Darkname! The man had also noticed Oneida. He turned around, and Oneida could only see his eyes.

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Darkflame's eyes were as deep as the sea and as sharp as an eagle's, shining with a malicious glint.

Before Oneida could react, Darkflame attacked her like a vengeful spirit.

His slender fingers were trying to grab onto Oneida's neck.

Fortunately, Oneida deftly tilted her head just in time to dodge the deadly blow.

However, Darkflame had no intention of letting her go so easily

It was obvious he saw Oneida as an enemy.

The two of them immediately got into a fight.

The two top assassins used all their arsenals, making the fight between them fiercer.

Darkflame and Oneida were almost equal. It was hard to say who would come up on top.

Either of them could take a breather or gain the upper hand at all.

In the hidden underground palace of Garrison Mansion, there was a secret place no one knew about except Jackson and Victor

That's right! A gorgeous underground palace was being built under the Garrison Mansion.

The palace would mainly be used to hide confidential information or as an emergency shelter.

Today, a mysterious killer suddenly appeared at Garrison Mansion. The man damaged all the alarm systems and broke in without anyone's awareness.

Fortunately, Jackson had been on guard and had already moved himself to the underground palace before the killer found him.

Through the surveillance camera, Jackson clearly saw how the killer checked all the rooms in the Garrison Mansion in a few minutes.

The killer moved like a ghost. He was swift and seemed to appear and disappear in the blink of an eye.

The killer would appear in the dining room and then suddenly appear in the bedroom in the next second.

Moreover, no one was aware of his presence.

The servants carried on as usual, and Garrison Mansion was still as calm as before.

One had to wonder how a living, breathing person could unscrupulously move around Garrison Mansion without being discovered.

It could be said that this was a testament to just how skilled Darkflame was.

Unfortunately, Darkflame's skill was no match for Jackson, who had set up all sorts of incredible mechanisms around Garrison Mansion.

Jackson deliberately led the killer to the study. Then he locked him inside.

Jackson had everything under control until another man in black appeared.

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Jackson could not believe how easily the other person unlocked the door.

A frown appeared on Victor's forehead when he saw the new intruder, and he could not help but ask, "Mr. Bane, could the other person be his accomplice?"

Jackson pursed his lips and his expression turned cold while his fleep eyes flashed brilliantly.

"Accomplice?" After a long time, he suddenly smirked. "Might as well round them up in one go," he added in a cold and indifferent voice.

Oneida was still fighting against Darkflame.

There was no clear winner or loser, even though they had been fighting for a long time.

Suddenly, Oneida saw an opening to take off Darkflame's mask.

Unexpectedly, Darkflame instinctively took a step back.

The two of them kept a distance from each other and the fight ended abruptly.

By chance, Oneida found out the mask was Darkflame's weakness. It seemed like he did not want anyone to see his face.

"Darkflame is either very beautiful or ugly to want to hide his face with a mask," thought Oneida.

Darkflame gently touched the mask on his face to make sure that it was still there.

Suddenly, he looked straight at Oneida, and his eyes seemed to be full of coldness.

Suddenly, in a cold crisp voice, Darkflame uttered a word that caught Oneida entirely off guard. "Oneida..."

It was obvious he was using a fake voice and not his real voice.

Oneida was so shocked that her hand subconsciously balled into a fist.

"Darkflame knows my real name..." thought Oneida.

She was Zero at that moment, not Oneida.

Moreover, Oneida was sure that she had not come across Darkflame before.

There was no way the two of them would know each other.

Today was the first time they met.

"How was it possible for Darkflame to see through my disguise? Also, how did he know me?" wondered Oneida.

All sorts of questions started to cloud her mind like an encompassing mist.

Oneida was confused.

"Who exactly is Darkflame?"

Suddenly, countless sharp arrows shot out from nowhere, heading straight toward the two of them.

The arrows were no laughing matter, for they could seriously maim or kill them.

Darkflame and Oneida avoided the arrows simultaneously and moved in the opposite direction,

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Unexpectedly, the real trap was waiting for them there.

A huge iron cage fell straight down from the ceiling.

Bang!

Darkflame and Oneida were both captured in the huge cage.

There was no escape.

It was clear to them then the arrows never fired to hurt them but were a means to drive them into the cage.

This way, the two of them could be captured in one fell swoop.

The plan was truly ingenious!

Darkflame's dark eyes finally revealed a hint of emotion.

He had met his match.

It turned out that Jackson was not as useless and weak as others said. No, he was very strong.

Oneida, however, was very calm.

She had an inkling that Jackson was behind the traps.

If her inkling turned out to be true, that would mean that she was safe.

Suddenly, the door of the study opened.

Victor pushed Jackson in.

Jackson's handsome face was as cold and indifferent as ice.

He sat in a wheelchair, elegant and noble.

His eyes were deep, calm, and cold.

Oneida froze slightly.

"Jackson came," she thought.

She breathed a sigh of relief when she saw that he was fine and unharmed.

"Do you have any last words?" Jackson asked coldly.

Darkflame and Oneida saw the murderous intent in Jackson's eyes.

"Jackson wants to kill us!" thought Oneida.

That's right! Jackson was indeed going to kill them.

Otherwise, Garrison Mansion's secrets and his skills would be exposed.

He could not stand any surprises.

Only the dead could not speak.

He also knew that the killer had been hired by "that man."

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Last time, they kidnapped Cuneida. This time, they hired a killer to kill him!

"That man" would find out Jackson had the ability to go against the killer if he were to let the two of them go.

This was something he did not want them to discover.

Meanwhile, Oneida was going through a roller-coaster of emotions.

She never expected she would end up on the opposite side of Jackson.

Apparently, Jackson thought Oneida was a killer like Darkflame sent to kill him too.

However, she was not.

She was his wife, Oneida,

But she could not say anything.

Her identity at that moment was Zero.

"Should I just come clean? Should I tell Jackson my true identity wondered Oneida.

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Suddenly, Victor leaned over and whispered in Jackson's ear, "Mr. Bane, there's a high probability the other killer is Zero. The description matches."

"Zero?" Jackson clenched his fist tightly. It seemed like "that man" certainly held Jackson in high regard. "That man" hired not only the infamous Darkflame but also Zero, who ranked first in the killer leaderboard.

"Well, if you have nothing to say..." Jackson looked at them coldly. "It's time for the two of you to meet your maker now."

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Oneida's eyes widened slightly.

She uttered unknowingly, "Hold on..."

At that moment, Darkflame, who was next to Oneida, interrupted her, "You can't kill me."

The man had a tall figure with a cold aura surrounding him. He stared Jackson straight in the eye and smiled faintly beneath his mask. "I've changed my mind. I won't kill you"

His voice was low and clear as he said, "You are strong, but don't worry, I won't tell anyone

Darkflame glanced at Oneida next to him, and there was a hint of strange emotion in his dark eyes.

"This guy is here to save you... Don't kill the wrong person by make, Mr. Bane.

As soon as he finished his sentence, a dark shadow flashed before their eyes.

Darkflame's figure passed through the gaps of the iron cage and slipped through the window as fast as lightning.

With that, he disappeared completely.

Such a sophisticated built iron cage could not trap Darkflame at all.

Or perhaps, Darkflame had deliberately trapped himself in the iron cage and waited for Jackson to visit him.

As expected from Darkflame.

How unfathomable.

"Should we send someone after him, Mr. Bane?" Victor's eyes widened slightly with a stern expression on his face.

"No," Jackson replied as he lowered his head.

He didn't want to kill anyone unless it was necessary.

Since Darkflame had given up his opportunity to take his life, he would do the same too.

However...

Jackson raised his eyes and looked at Oneida, who was still locked in the iron cage.

Oneida was fully covered, so Jackson could not see her face.

Yet, for some reason, being stared at intensely by Jackson made Oneida feel a little embarrassed.

"Mr. Bane..." She clenched her fist and spoke in a different tone that was similar to a young man. "I'm indeed here to save you."

She could neither take off her mask nor come clean with her identity.

However, she didn't want Jackson to misunderstand her.

"I won't harm you by any means."

Jackson stared at her with a dark gaze and suddenly asked, "Are you Zero?"

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He had heard of Zero before

This was the infamous number one killer everyone knew.

What made him come and save him out of the goodness of his Heart? Oneida pursed her lips and said nothing, implicitly confirming his question. "Why?" Jackson asked as he looked at the killer before him with cold gaze. Although Zero was famous, they had never crossed paths before

"That's because-"There was a strange glint in Oneida's eyes. "I like you."

The atmosphere turned still all of a sudden.

Victor had his mouth agape as if he had heard some earth-shattering news.

Jackson's expression remained unchanged.

But his dark eyes froze for a moment.

Oneida's lips instinctively curled up.

Those were the words hidden in the bottom of her heart.

Yet now, it was out in the open on such an occasion.

It made her very happy.

She would have never said it out loud on any other day.

The close relationship they shared could only be described as superficial for now. Besides, there was someone else Jackson liked...

Oneida dared not to tell him her feelings.

She was worried that things would change if she confessed.

She was anything but a wishy-washy and indecisive person. But when it came to relationships and faced with Jackson, she was always prone to feeling insecure.

She looked at the man in front of her with bright sparkly eyes. "Do you believe me?"

Victor swore he was about to turn into stone.

"The killer, Zero, is a boy!" he thought to himself.

"He said he liked... he liked..."

Jackson stared Oneida in the eye.

The number one killer who stood before him looked like a thin young boy.

"He said he liked me?" he recalled what Zero just said.

If it had been before, he would have thought it was nonsense, but....

He stared at Zero's eyes.

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His eyes were gentle and sincere, and something in his heart seemed to sink slightly.

He seemed to have seen these eyes somewhere before.

Jackson immediately pressed the switch in his hand. The iron cage rose and disappeared from everyone's sight.

Oneida was free.

Her eyes lit up, knowing that Jackson must have believed her.

She appeared in front of him in a blink of an eye. She leaned down slightly and lowered her head towards Jackson's face.

She kissed Jackson's face through the mask!

This series of movements took only one second.

When Jackson snapped back to his senses, Oneida had already pulled away from him and slipped through the study window.

She left him a message as she took her leave. "I like you, Mr. Bane."

Then, she disappeared.

"Mr. Bane, he... he..." Victor stammered for the first time.

"Did Zero just flirt with Mr. Bane?" he thought to himself.

The noble and unattainable Mr. Bane was taken advantage of by some androgynous person!

"Do you want me to run after him, Mr. Bane?"

Victor clenched his fists and was a little angry.

"No," Jackson replied in a low voice, and the look in his eyes changed.

"Mr. Bane, I'm afraid that Zero will be a fuss to deal with in the future..." Victor frowned and said in a worried tone.

Jackson did not respond.

He didn't feel disgusted when Zero got close to him just now...

He didn't feel offended or repulsed by him either.

Jackson was stunned for a moment as inexplicable thoughts crossed his mind.

"You won't be able to catch him," he replied coldly after a long pause.

How could the two top killers, Darkflame and Zero, be caught so easily? Since they meant no harm, Jackson would not pursue them further too. Things would then come to an end here.

However, those on the other end wouldn't let it slide that easily.

If they wanted to continue the game, it would be game on for him too.

Oneida went back to her car and immediately took off her black suit.

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"What a close call. she thought to herself.

Her identity almost got exposed.

She couldn't help but laugh as she recalled what she had just done to Jackson earlier.

Today was rather interesting.

She met the fearsome and mysterious Darkflame. He lived up to his name.

Most importantly, Darkflame knew her.

This was something she couldn't wrap her head around.

And Jackson exceeded her expectations as well.

Although she knew that Jackson was a lone wolf lurking in the shadows and that he was currently hiding his strength, she didn't expect him to be this unfathomable.

She didn't expect that there would be such advanced mechanisms in the study too.

He must have escaped from Darkflame with these mechanisms.

Jackson...

What else was he hiding from her?

Oneida changed her clothes and calmly returned to the Garrison Mansion as if she had just returned home from school.

As soon as she walked into the hall, Jackson approached her alone in a wheelchair.

"Jackson..." Oneida greeted him calmly as if nothing had happened. "Why are you out?"

Jackson's eyes flickered as he looked at her.

Fortunately, when it was time for Oneida to return home, he settled everything.

Garrison Mansion was safe once again.

He would not know what to do if those killers had frightened Oneida.

"How was the final round of your karate tournament?" Jackson asked expectantly with a soft gaze.

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