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At this thought, Roxanne tightened her grip on the reins uncontrollably.

The horse beneath her appeared out of control and charged straight toward Oneida,

The students were so engrossed in horseback riding that they failed to notice Roxanne's oddness until her horse was about to hit Oneida! "What's going on?" A student noticed that something was wrong.

"Roxanne is about to rush out of the race track!"

"No, she's about to hit Oneida!"

Roxanne's horse crashed into Oneida's horse amid the panicked screams of the crowd!

Oneida was riding and racing ahead when a powerful blow abruptly struck her. Her horse was hit on the head, releasing a painful neigh

Oneida clenched her reins and couldn't help but look back.

It was Roxanne.

The horse that she was riding on had hit them.

Roxanne's eyes were icy and determined, and her expression was fierce.

She did it on purpose!

Oneida saw through Roxanne's intention at a glance.

Roxanne was clearly trying to knock her off the race track!

Oneida's eyes narrowed slightly, and a cold glare flared in them.

In a blink of an eye, Oneida leaned close to her horse's ear, her lips moving as if whispering something.

Then, she tugged the reins, controlling the horse under her, and made a sharp slide!

Oneida had avoided Roxanne and her horse in an instant with a rapid maneuver and a flexible change of course!

But Roxanne was not that lucky.

The horse underneath her was already in shock. Roxanne had lost her target now that Oneida had disappeared from view, and she and the horse rushed from the race track. Roxanne's heartbeat accelerated as she was still in shock, and her face grew pale.

She intended to make Oneida lose but didn't expect to be the only one who ran off the race track!

The horse under her roared in horror and rushed forward with Roxanne aimlessly.

A massive tree emerged ahead, and a thick branch came directly in front of Roxanne.

The horse under her was still moving forward, and her face hit the branch.

Roxanne's cheeks were flushed with sharp pain, and Roxanne unconsciously leaned back. However, her body lost balance, and she tumbled from the horse's back. With a thud, Roxanne fell on the grass.

Her head was dizzy, and she was in pain as she lay on the ground motionless.

When Ronald saw this, he grimaced and thought, "Shit! Is today's astrology not suitable for horseback riding? Why are the issues one after the other?"

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Ronald hurriedly asked the medical team to check Roxanne's situation while the other students were still riding on the race track.

Oneida, who had just survived the tragedy, didn't care whether Roxanne was alive or dead after gliding with the horse. Instead, she rode the horse and galloped ahead.

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There was only one lap to go, and the finish line was nearing!

Oneida and the other students worked hard to prepare for the final sprint.

One lap, half a lap, and 160 feet!

At this point, Oneida and Hendrick emerged from the rest and raced neck and neck to the finish line.

When they eventually crossed the finish line, they were still side by side, making it difficult to tell who came first.

In fact, Oneida's horse was one head ahead of Hendrick's horse.

The referees clearly saw this.

So, the final champion was Oneida!

Hendrick and Matthias came in second and third, respectively.

The other students were once again shocked by Oneida.

"Oh, my god. Oneida is first. Isn't she in Rank C?"

"Is this a miracle? She was two laps behind but made it up and got first place."

"Oneida is in first place again! Why is she always getting the first place?"

The horse-riding race ended like this.

And the first test was over for a while.

After two tests, the first-ranked student was Oneida as well.

No one had anticipated such outcomes before the test.

In the first test, an unknown student in Rank C defeated an outstanding student in Rank S and take first place!

The rest of the students began to wonder about Oneida's background.

They had never heard of her name, but she managed to convince everyone with her mighty strength.

After the test result was out, Ronald began to arrange accommodations.

As agreed before, those with good grades had the first pick for the third-grade dormitory.

Oneida, Hendrick, and Matthias all chose a single room without hesitation.

After simple treatment, Juliette and Roxanne returned to the team.

Even though they both fell off the horse, their muscles and bones were unharmed, but their bodies were scraped. They were not gravely harmed after some simple treatment.

Because there was no result in the horse-riding test, they were not ranked well, so they could only watch others pick the dormitory first.

When it was their turn, there was only the tent left.

They were both from wealthy families, so when they discovered they were living in the tent in the end, one clenched her fists and her face darkened, while the other gritted her teeth and stomped her feet in rage. Although they were reluctant, they could only accept it.

After all, this was Starr Training Camp. They couldn't use their privileges, so they had to follow the rules of the trainin

Ruby was the most tragic. Her grades were so bad that she could only live in the cave.

After the accommodation was arranged, it was already late.

Once he gave a few suggestions, Ronald let the students roam around freely.

Oneida walked into her dorm with her luggage.

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The interior decoration was simple, and the furniture was shabby.

It was hard to imagine this was already Starr Training Camp's best dorm.

However, Oneida was well adapted to such an environment.

She had lived in Nusridge Village for many years and in a mud house, so she had no issue living in such a room.

As soon as she finished unpacking her belongings, she heard a loud banging on the door.

Oneida paused and turned around to open the door.

Surprisingly, the individual who knocked seemed to be quite eager. After knocking twice, they paused and irritably forced the door open.

At the door was a boy wearing a baseball cap and a black jacket.

Oneida narrowed her eyes and looked at the man coldly.

This young guy was the wealthy man who trailed Juliette and wore clothing from famous brands.

He walked in rudely from the door and broke into Oneida's single dormitory daringly.

He didn't even look at Oneida at all. He just raised his head slightly and looked at the dormitory casually.

Oneida pursed her lips, and her eyes darkened slightly. Her beautiful face expressed her dissatisfaction.

She thought, "This guy just broke in for no reason and ignored me."

"You..." Oneida's eyes narrowed slightly, a sharp, intense glow in her gaze. She was about to say something when...

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Unexpectedly, the young man took the lead and spoke first.

"You can go now."

He was somewhat taller than Oneida and gazed down at her with arrogance, his words full of scorn and hate.

It seemed to him that Oneida was just a lowlife that could be driven away at will.

"What did you say?" Oneida's eyes clouded as she heard this, and she slowly looked up and questioned him, word by word.

She hadn't met such an ill-bred person for a long time.

The young guy snorted coldly, and his whole physique exuded a wicked manner.

He narrowed his eyes slightly and asked disgustingly, "Can't you understand human language?"

He raised his chin proudly and said, "I told you to go away. This single room belongs to me from now on."

He took a step and sat directly on the sofa beside him.

It was as if he owned the place.

Zachary Yackel cast a disdainful gaze at Oneida and despised her.

"The country bumpkin is so ignorant," he thought.

He had already made his words clear, yet she refused to leave.

Oneida stood upright and said coldly, "Why should I leave?"

"Why?" The boy immediately grinned, and the arrogance on his face increased. "Because I know people from higher up!"

Zachary was telling the truth. He did know people from higher up.

He lacked qualifications and performed poorly in university. He could only attend Starr Training Camp because of individuals he knew from higher up.

His parents had done all they could to get him into Starr Training Camp so that he could learn something, make friends with brilliant people, and develop connections. This was done to be good for his image when he would mention his time at Starr Training Camp in the future.

However, he hadn't expected to fail on the first day.

In the first test, Zachary neither knew how to shoot arrows nor ride a horse, so he was ranked last in the Starr Training Camp.

According to the rules, he could only live in the cave!

However, it was impossible.

Since he was a child, he had been pampered. He would rather perish than live in a cave.

That was why he wanted the single room.

He was going to steal the single room!

After all, he had people from higher up to look after him. Even though he broke the regulations, it made no difference,

Of course, he couldn't casually take the single room away from anyone.

There were people that he couldn't afford to offend. Hence, the only person he could offend was Oneida, whom h

d a pushover.

He heard that she was a country bumpkin with no background. As a child, she lived in the village and was recently to

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Zachary gave Oneida a dismissive look before threatening coldly, "I'm giving you a chance now. You are free to go on your own. If you don't go, I

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don't mind assisting you in leaving!"

He was determined to have that single room.

Although the dorm was like a dog's house compared with his home, it was a hundred times better than the cave!

Oneida pursed her lips and kept silent.

She looked at Zachary coldly.

"Zachary!" At this moment, a clear female voice came from the door.

It was Juliette who spoke.

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Zachary's expression softened somewhat when he saw Juliette emerge at the door, and a wicked smirk formed on the corner of his lips. "Didn't I tell you to wait, Juliette? Why are you here?" Juliette glanced at Oneida with disgust in her eyes.

In her eyes, Oneida was a jinx, and anything she touched would be bad.

For example, the dark horse went insane after being touched by Oneida, causing her to tumble off the horse and fail the test, making her lose her reputation.

As she thought of this, the hatred in Juliette's eyes became more evident.

She turned to look at Zachary and said sweetly, "Have you done it yet? It's getting dark outside. Do you want to keep me waiting outside?"

She and Zachary were both students of McBright University and had a good relationship.

She could only live in the tent when the accommodations were finalized today, while Zachary was far worse. He had no choice but to stay in the

cave.

Fortunately, Zachary assured her that he could arrange for a single room. After all, the higher-up was on his side, so breaking the rules didn't matter. So, Juliette put all her hopes on Zachary.

She didn't want to live in a tent, as her delicate skin couldn't stand the poor condition.

Zachary stood up from the sofa and complained sarcastically, "It's supposed to be settled, but this shameless woman refused to leave."

Hearing this, Juliette couldn't help but look at Oneida. She snorted coldly and said, "Oneida, I advise you to be sensible and get out of here with your luggage. Don't think you're tough after winning first place in the test today. There are a lot of things about Starr Training Camp that you don't know. Zachary has a strong background. You can't afford to mess with him!"

On the other hand, Oneida had not paid heed to Juliette's statements. There wasn't any expression on her face.

After a moment of silence, she chuckled in a low voice.

A scornful and cold-blooded smile appeared on her face.

"What if I refuse?" Her eyes were cold, with a piercing coldness.

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Zachary chuckled loudly and arrogantly. "You're still stubborn! It seems that you've never been taught a lesson before." Juliette was irritated by Oneida's attitude.

She was so tired that she wanted to move into this single dormitory to rest immediately, but Oneida was stalling for time! "You're so irritating. Can you leave now?" Juliette shouted angrily, her voice laced with displeasure. "I need to rest!"

After saying that, she subconsciously looked up at the surroundings of this single dorm.

Although the decoration and arrangement were simple, it was definitely much better than a tent.

She couldn't wait to live in this dormitory!

When Juliette became upset, Zachary instantly calmed her, saying, "Juliette, don't worry. I'll make her regret her stubbornness afterward! By the way, Matthias seems to be an orphan and a pushover. We'll drive him away together later. We'll have one room for each other. It's perfect!"

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Juliette, Zachary turned to Oneida and remarked coldly, "You're an ignorant country bumpkin. offer in favor of severe punishment. Okay. Don't beg me for mercy later."

After saying that, Zachary patted his palm and made a

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next second, several tall men in black rushed into the

These men in black were the

single room.

bodyguards Zachary's s parents gave him.

In Starr Training Camp, students

were prohibited from taking bodyguards, nannies,

and attendants with them.

If discovered, they would be considered to have broken the rules and be expelled immediately.

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"Take her and all her luggage, and throw them out!" Zachary commanded the group of men in black with a cold voice.

The men in black immediately nodded in agreement and rushed toward Oneida.

However, Oneida herself tilted her head with a relaxed expression, as if she was not the one who was about to be taught a lesson.

In the next second, Oneida simultaneously extended her arms and legs, punching the men in black and sweeping her long legs across.

Under Oneida's attack, the towering bodyguards crumbled like a collapsing building and fell heavily onto the ground.

Zachary and Juliette widened their eyes in disbelief at everything happening before them.

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Who would have thought that Oneida, a slender girl, could knock down several towering and professionally trained bodyguards in the blink of an eye? Zachary and Juliette remained in a state of shock, while Oneida picked up the men in black from the ground and threw them out of the dorm. One by one, they were all thrown out of the dorm by Oneida.

She then turned her head and looked coldly at Zachary and Juliette. "Do you two want to leave on your own, or do you want me to throw you out?"

The look in her eyes was cold, and her voice was devoid of any warmth.

Juliette could not help but shiver.

"How could Oneida be so skilled?" she thought. "Is there anything she can't do? She is excellent at archery and horseback riding, and she is a fierce fighter as well. Is she really just a country bumpkin from a rural village?" Zachary could not help but grit his teeth at Oneida's words.

This was supposed to be his moment of triumph, but it was ruined by Oneida, and he found himself in a difficult position at that moment.

He was too afraid to continue confronting Oneida; after all, she had taken down all of his heavily-trained bodyguards.

However, he could not bring himself to swallow his pride and leave while Juliette was watching because he did not want to embarrass himself in front of a girl.

Zachary clenched his fists to summon his courage.

He then stepped forward and raised his voice arrogantly. "Who do you think you are? The one who should leave is you."

He raised his fist and aimed it at Oneida.

"I don't think it's that hard for a man like me to beat her. The bodyguards are useless. I am sure that I can take Oneida down if I step in," Zachary thought to himself. Oneida seemed to have already anticipated Zachary's move. With a smirk on her lips, she calmly watched him and evaded his fatal punch with ease.

Zachary missed his target and lunged toward Oneida in frustration.

To his bewilderment, Oneida punched him in the abdomen, before launching a powerful kick that sent Zachary flying. Zachary screamed in pain as he bumped into the desk beside him before falling onto the ground with a thud.

"Zachary!" Juliette exclaimed, her expression filled with concern as she trembled slightly.

Zachary lay on the ground, his body curling up in pain.

He lifted his head slightly with blood trickling from his nose, forming an absurd yet horrifying sight.

"Are you bleeding from your nose?" Juliette took a deep breath and raised her voice. "Zachary, are you okay?"

Zachary opened his mouth to speak but couldn't say a word.

In the end, he was carried away by his own bodyguards.

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Juliette did not dare to stay any longer because she was afraid that Oneida might suddenly attack her, and she would be killed there.

With that, everyone left, leaving Oneida alone in her single-bedroom dorm.

Just as she was about to continue packing her things, someone knocked on the door again.

"Oneida, open the door!" Ronald's anxious voice sounded outside the door.

Oneida turned around and opened the door, and Ronald's irritable face appeared before her. With his brows furrowed and a furious tone, he asked, "Oneida, do you know what you have done?" Oneida looked at him calmly and remained silent.

"Did you hit Zachary from McBright University?" Ronald asked, his eyes widening and his anger growing.

"Yes," Oneida admitted without hesitation while remaining expressionless.

Ronald was infuriated and wanted to teach her a lesson right away. "How could you be so reckless? First of all, fighting is not allowed in our training camp. Secondly, the person you hit is not someone you can mess with. Zachary has a powerful background, and you can't afford to cross him!"

Ronald gritted his teeth in anger. "You could have picked a fight with anyone, just not Zachary. He was recommended into the camp by Mr. Leslie Jones!"

"Leslie?" Oneida caught the key information in Ronald's words and could not help but ask, "Who is he?"

"How can you not know who Mr. Jones is?" Ronald looked at Oneida with a disdainful gaze.

Oneida did not have a clue.

Before this, she did not even know Curtis, let alone Leslie.

She never cared about irrelevant people in her life.

"Mr. Jones is a big shot at Starr Training Camp. He is superior to everyone else here, except for maybe Mr. Curtis Johnson, who comes second in terms of status. He is also a holder of the third-grade elite medal. You've provoked Zachary, which is the same as provoking Mr. Jones." Ronald's expression twisted in anger and anxiety. "Zachary just said he wants to tell Leslie about your act of violence. You are done for, Oneida!" If Leslie was alerted by the fight, no one could protect Oneida.

Being expelled from Starr Training Camp would be the least of her worry, and she might not even be able to continue her study at Imperial Star University.

"Come with me now, and apologize to Zachary." Ronald waved his hand at Oneida. "Mr. Jones will probably be here later. You'll have to explain and beg for forgiveness. Hopefully, he will be gracious and give you some leeway." Oneida listened with a calm expression.

After a moment of silence, she nodded and said, "Sure, I'll go."

Oneida was not going to explain herself or apologize. She just wanted to see what Mr. Jones was planning to do with her.

Oneida followed Ronald to the open square.

The news of Oneida assaulting someone had spread throughout Starr Training Camp.

Almost everyone knew that Oneida had a bad temper and had hurt someone in a fit of rage, reportedly drawing blood.

After Zachary's wound was treated, his bodyguards helped him out to the square.

"Zachary," Ronald greeted him with a fawning smile. "How are you? Are you okay?"

Zachary didn't bother looking at Ronald and simply glared coldly at Oneida. "Look at the state I'm in. It's all On

Ronald sweated profusely at Zachary's words. He knew that he had to appease Zachary's anger, or he might be Oneida here. She's here to apologize to you. She really regrets hurting you."

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Before Ronald could finish his sentence, he turned to look at Oneida and urged in a cold voice, "What are you waiting for? Hurry up and apologize."

At this moment, the news about Oneida apologizing to Zachary in the open-air square instantly spread throughout the training camp. Many students ran out of their dorms to watch the show. Soon, the area around the square became completely crowded with a lot of students.

Oneida and Zachary immediately became the center of attention.

Someone tutted twice and said in disgust, "I didn't expect that Oneida would hit someone."

"She's just a country bumpkin. Of course, she's savage. She also didn't undergo much of an orthodox education."

"However, Oneida is pretty good. It's funny that Zachary couldn't beat her in a fight." One of the onlookers laughed after saying that.

In the middle of the square, Oneida pursed her thin lips. Her eyes looked extraordinarily cold and desolate in the night.

She remained silent without saying a word or showing any intention to apologize.

"Oneida?" Noticing her silence, Ronald was seething with rage. However, he held on to the last of his rationality and maintained a calm expression as he said, "Are you mute? Hurry and apologize now!" Zachary snorted coldly at one side and said arrogantly, "Just an apology won't do, Oneida. Why don't you kneel before me? Kneel and admit your mistake by apologizing to me. I might consider forgiving you." Zachary raised his head proudly, and his words were full of pride and arrogance.

Oneida laughed lightly as if she had heard a joke. She looked at Zachary with bright eyes and said proudly, "Do you want me to kneel and apologize?"

The next second, Oneida changed her tone and said coldly, "In your dreams." Her eyes were filled with intense iciness.

"You!" After hearing Oneida's words, Zachary's eyes widened in anger, and his expression looked a little hideous.

"Oneida, didn't you agree just now? I thought you were sincere about apologizing to him..." Ronald was also shocked by Oneida's words. He stared at her angrily, wanting to rush over and cover her mouth. At that moment, a pure black Bentley suddenly drove toward them from a distance.

Finally, it stopped somewhere near the open-air square.

For a moment, everyone shifted their gaze and turned their attention to the Bentley.

The car door was pushed open.

A tall figure in a suit came out of the car unhurriedly.

It was a man.

The man was dressed in a dark suit. He was handsome and had gentle features. His narrow eyes seemed to be tinted with overwhelming coldness.

He walked toward Oneida and Zachary with a solemn expression.

"Mr. Jones!" Zachary's eyes lit up immediately upon seeing the man approach them. A look of joy appeared on his face irrepressibly.

Zachary knew that his biggest backer had arrived.

As soon as Leslie came, Zachary knew that the obstinate Oneida was bound to be punished.

Zachary thought, "You shouldn't have hit me."

"It's over..." said Ronald. He was slightly stunned, and his fingers started trembling uncontrollably.

Ronald did not expect Leslie to come so soon.

At that moment, Oneida was the calmest among them.

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Her eyes lightly fell on the man's face, and she looked at him calmly.

Leslie seemed to notice Oneida's gaze on him.

He glanced sideways and met Oneida's sight head-on.

They stared at each other in silence from a distance.

This man had falcon-like eyes which were very oppressing.

At this moment, all the onlookers focused on Leslie, who had suddenly appeared before them.

"Is this Leslie? I heard that he is Mr. Johnson's successor. He must be awesome."

"He's quite handsome."

"It's over. Leslie is here. Things don't look good for Oneida."

"Oneida deserves it if Leslie punishes her. That's because she beat people at her will."

"That's right. Oneida deserves it. Leslie should not let her off easily."

At the center of the square, Zachary trotted toward Leslie with a smile. He looked extremely happy. "Mr. Jones, you are finally here!" Leslie nodded at Zachary.

Then, he shifted his gaze to Oneida, who was not far away, and said coldly, "Was she the one who hit you?"

Zachary's eyes darkened immediately, and they were full of resentment and anger as he answered, "That's right..."

Leslie opened his mouth slightly and said coldly to Oneida, "Fighting privately in the training camp and hurting fellow students is in violation of the regulations of Starr Training Camp... From now on, you are expelled." Everyone's eyes widened as soon as those words came out of his mouth.

Oneida was going to be expelled from the training camp.

She had just won first place in the test and had a promising future. Everyone did not expect that Oneida would be expelled on the first day of the training camp.

Some people were surprised, some felt it was absurd, some gloated over Oneida's misfortune, and some shouted that she deserved it.

However, Matthias, Hendrick, and Ruby furrowed their brows tightly.

That was because they did not want Oneida to be expelled.

However, Leslie seemed to be a big shot who was difficult to deal with at first glance.

His position was second only to Curtis in Starr Training Camp, and he seemed to have great authority.

Therefore, no one would dare to object to his decision.

"Leave with your luggage before seven o'clock tomorrow." Leslie looked at the girl in front of him condescendingly with an indifferent expression and continued, "If you are still here after seven o'clock tomorrow, I'll send someone to drive you out. I hope you don't embarrass yourself." Upon hearing those words, Zachary felt very happy. He looked at Oneida triumphantly as if he was telling her that he had defeated her.

As Zachary mentioned earlier, he had a backer among the higher-ups.

However, the country bumpkin insisted on fighting against him.

Zachary thought, "It's over for her now. She's expelled and needs to get out of the training camp."

Oneida was expelled on the first day after entering Starr Training Camp. If this matter got out, her reputatio

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ruined.

Zachary cheered inwardly, "Serves you right!"

Zachary glanced at Oneida arrogantly and said sarcastically, "Oneida, now that you were expelled, do you regret provoking me? Why don't you let me beat you up? After that, you can kneel and apologize to me. If I'm in a good mood, perhaps I can plead to Mr. Jones for you..."

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Oneida pursed her lips without saying anything.

Her expression remained indifferent.

At this moment, Zachary's bodyguard suddenly appeared and threw a suitcase vigorously before Oneida.

The zipper of the suitcase was not fastened. Many things in it were thrown out and scattered all around upon the suitcase being dumped onto the ground so roughly.

It was a mess.

That was Oneida's suitcase that she had put in the dorm.

Now, it was thrown onto the ground mercilessly.

"You're leaving anyway. So I brought your luggage for you. After this, I need to move into your dorm. There's no need to thank me. It's no trouble at all for helping you," said Zachary smilingly as he looked at Oneida. However, the look in his eyes was very unfriendly. Leslie, who stood at the side, looked at the situation coldly.

With him there, Zachary had the right to be arrogant.

After all, no one dared to confront Leslie.

The ignorant Oneida dared to provoke Zachary. Getting expelled was considered the lightest form of punishment for her.

Right then, Oneida's eyes widened as she froze.

Her originally calm and indifferent expression suddenly became a little anxious.

Oneida seemed to have thought of something. She squatted down immediately and opened the suitcase. She rummaged through the pile of things that were thrown around messily and all over the place anxiously.

Finally, she found what she was looking for at the bottom of the suitcase.

It was a swan brooch.

Now, it was broken and deformed from the impact of the suitcase being thrown.

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Oneida squeezed the brooch in her palm. Her eyes were closed, and her face was obscured.

However, a little coldness radiated from her beautiful face, hidden in the dull light.

"It's broken," she mused sadly,

Oneida stared intently at the brooch in her palm, and her eyes turned red inexplicably.

Countless emotions mixed and swirled inside of her, turning into waves that kept crashing into her heart.

This brooch was of great significance to her.

This was the only thing that the young man who saved her life at Saint Yales Resort left her.

She kept it safely and even took it with her on her person.

Oneida still took this brooch with her when she participated in Starr Training Camp this time.

However, it was broken now.

"Hey!" After seeing Oneida sitting on the ground unmoving, Zachary couldn't help but shout, "Do you think you can stay here if you do this?" Oneida slightly tightened her fist, and her whole body seemed to emit a cold aura.

At this moment, she looked like a bloodthirsty lone wolf, with a cold gaze and an intimidating aura. Her fury was condensed in her icy stare. "You..." Zachary seemed to sense Oneida's change. His expression froze, and his eyes widened subconsciously.

He suddenly felt that Oneida in front of him was terrifying.

Moreover, he felt that she would jump on him and bite him at any moment now.

Leslie realized that, too.

He narrowed his eyes and scrutinized Oneida intensely.

His intuition told him that the girl in front of him was very dangerous.

At the square, Matthias's eyes never left Oneida.

Naturally, he, too, felt the change in Oneida's aura.

The boy couldn't help but clench his fist, and a deep frown formed on his eyebrows.

He could clearly feel a strong killing intent radiating from Oneida's body.

"She wants to kill someone..." That was the thought that appeared in Matthias's mind.

Matthias was smart, and he could perceive some things more keenly than others.

His face grew solemn, and he immediately walked briskly toward the center of the square.

At this moment, a loud series of unhurried footsteps rang.

"What are you doing?" Suddenly, a cold yet pleasant voice sounded in everyone's ears, exuding a hint of majesty.

"Mr. Gray?" A student with sharp eyes saw the man's face at a glance and shouted his name in a daze. It was Elon.

He had changed from that morning's long robe and was now wearing a white shirt and black suit pants.

It was a simple and regular choice of clothing, but Elon managed to make his choice look exquisite on h The sudden appearance of Elon made Leslie pause.

Leslie knew this man was not someone to be messed with but someone Leslie needed to be afraid of.

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Elon walked straight to Oneida. Seeing that she was sitting on the ground with her luggage damaged beyond repair next to her, the man immediately frowned. "Did you do that?" asked Elon as he turned his head and stared at Zachary coldly.

His gaze was like a sharp blade that could pierce Zachary's body through,

Zachary's heart skipped a beat. Under Elon's intimidating aura, Zachary did not dare to disobey him. His face turned pale, and he slowly turned to look at Leslie, trembling. After all, Leslie was his backer.

With a cold glint in his eyes, Elon prompted, "Leslie?"

Elon glanced at Leslie briefly and called out his name in a mocking tone.

Only arrogance could be felt from the man's gaze as he continued with a faint smile, "Others here may be afraid of you, but I'm not. Don't you dar put on airs in front of me?" Elon was someone from a high social status that even Curtis had to be polite to him.

Of course, Elon wouldn't take someone like Leslie seriously.

Leslie knew it well, too.

He was painfully aware he couldn't do anything to Elon.

Forcing a smile, Leslie answered with his tone tinged with respect, "How could I act all high and mighty in front of you, Mr. Gray?"

Elon glanced at Oneida beside him and sneered, "But you were messing with her just now."

That "her" naturally meant Oneida.

Leslie's expression changed slightly. With a fake smile, he replied, "Well, she made a mistake. If she hits someone, she should be punished. Bein chased out is a light punishment." Hearing this, Zachary echoed in a low voice, "Yes, that's right..."

Elon scoffed and said, "Hit someone? Why did Oneida hit someone? There's always a reason why she would do that. Why did you not ask her? Instead, you chased her out and threw her luggage away. You people are so arbitrary." After he said that, the surrounding students were stunned.

Elon made a good point.

They had been led through the nose by Zachary and Leslie. They thought that Oneida deserved to be chased out and that her hitting others w atrocious act.

However, no one knew why Oneida wanted to hit the other person.

After all, no one ever asked her why.

In the middle of the square, Leslie's face darkened. He couldn't refute what Elon had said.

He had never had such a disgraceful moment before.

It was all because of Elon.

In fact, Elon didn't like Leslie very much.

Elon knew Leslie was just a hypocrite.

Leslie always liked to pretend to be someone he was not.

"Oneida." Elon suddenly turned sideways and gently spoke the girl's name.

Elon felt something was wrong with Oneida.

At this moment, her body seemed to be filled with a sense of hostility.

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"Why did you hit someone? Can you tell me?" Elon asked her seriously.

In fact, Elon was never a nosy man.

However, Oneida was Sebastian's younger sister.

Since it had something to do with Sebastian, he wanted to protect him subconsciously.

On the same line, Elon wanted to protect Oneida, too.

Oneida stuffed the swan brooch in her palm into her pocket and slowly stood up.

Her expression was cold, and there was no trace of warmth in her eyes.

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"Zachary broke the rules first., He tried to seize my single-person dorm room. He even brought bodyguards along. That's also breaking the rules. What's more, he even tried to hurt me. So, I had no choice but to defend myself." Oneida spoke with a clear voice, recounting everything that happened with clarity.

Her succinct words successfully informed everyone of Zachary's transgressions.

After that, the students around the square were surprised.

"What? I see! That's what happened..."

"In the end, it was Zachary who hit her first!"

"Zachary went too far. How could he be so shameless as to steal someone else's room? He's the last place in his grade! Someone like him should sleep in a cave!"

"Oneida did well. Her hitting someone in self-defense should not be punished!"

Instantly, the crowd became angry, and Zachary was immediately condemned for his actions.

"Is what she said true?" Elon pressured as he looked unblinkingly at Zachary.

Leslie was also looking at Zachary, staring at him sternly.

Leslie could probably guess that Zachary had broken a lot of rules.

He could turn a blind eye to these things and cover them for him.

However, he didn't expect Zachary's behavior to be so bad.

It was much worse than he had thought.

Additionally, Oneida exposed what Zachary had done in public.

Things were getting more and more out of his control.

Everyone stared at Zachary. Their stares were like lights that shone on him and thorns that could stab him, making him extremely uncomf

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Zachary took a deep breath, looking nervous and scared. "I-1.." He stammered and stopped speaking, even though he wanted to say something.

"Do you not dare to admit that you did it?" Elon glanced at Zachary coldly and raised his voice slightly.

Seeing Zachary's guilty and fearful look, everyone knew it was him.

What Oneida said was true. Zachary was really vicious.

"I didn't do it on purpose." Zachary's shoulders trembled slightly, and his face turned pale. It seemed like he was about to cry out of fear. "I really..."

However, Elon did not look at Zachary again. Instead, he gazed straight at Leslie and sneered, "Leslie, are you going to harbor him? What he did was not a typical mistake." Leslie stiffened, and the expression in his eyes kept shifting like clouds. If Elon did not show up, he would certainly choose to cover for Zachary, but...

Now that Zachary was caught red-handed by Elon, Leslie was afraid that he could not help Zachary anymore.

Leslie clenched his fists subconsciously. He wondered, "What's the relationship between Elon and the girl? Why would the insufferably arrogant Elon defend her? Why?" Around the square, all the students heard Elon's words and looked at Leslie with doubtful expressions.

Who would have thought that Mr. Jones, who had a noble status in Starr Training Camp, had been harboring Zachary, that badass, just now?

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If Elon had not arrived in time, Oneida would have been expelled, while Zachary would continue to get away with it in the training camp under the protection of Leslie. Zachary was working hand in glove with Leslie. The two of them were not of good morality.

Zachary could not gaze at Elon directly, as the latter's aura was too formidable.

"Mr. Jones..." Zachary was so scared that he started experiencing shortness of breath. He subconsciously looked at Leslie. At that moment, only the latter could protect him.

Leslie remained silent and did not say a word. Eventually, he sighed and said to Zachary, "Zachary, you made a mistake, so you must be punished."

"What? Punishment?" Upon hearing that, Zachary's face darkened. He did not expect that even Leslie, who had been protecting him, would punish him. He wondered if Elon was so powerful that even Leslie afraid of him.

"Of course. Let me carry out the punishment!" At that particular moment, an energetic voice sounded in everyone's ears. It was like a loud thunder, which immediately attracted everyone's attention.

The person who spoke was the famous and renowned Curtis.

Almost all the students there met the legendary elder for the first time.

For a moment, some people were surprised. Some were agitated, and some were thrilled.

That person was Curtis. No one would have expected such a big shot to suddenly appear in front of them.

Curtis calmly walked toward Elon and the others.

Leslie frowned. When he saw Curtis appear, he instantly had a bad feeling. He remained calm and asked the latter respectfully, "Mr. Johnson, why are you here out of the blue?"

"It was Elon who informed me to come." Curtis's eyes, though old, were filled with wisdom and awe.

"Elon?" Leslie subconsciously looked at Elon with a trace of resentment in his eyes. He thought, "Wow, Elon! Your intervention is not enough. Now, you even asked Curtis to come."

Elon noticed Leslie was staring at him, and his cold gaze met with the latter's line of sight. The former shot the latter a disdainful and

ogant look.

Oneida was not surprised to see Curtis appear. Her expression remained emotionless. She inserted one of her palms into her pocket, and her cold fingertips subconsciously touched the swan brooch inside.

"I never thought you would let me down like this." Curtis looked at Leslie with burning eyes. His tone was stern and dreary. If Elon had not

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informed him, he would not have known that Leslie had played so many tricks in the training camp.

"Mr. Johnson, 1..." Leslie's face stiffened momentarily, and his expression looked unusually grave. He mumbled in a low voice as if he wanted to defend himself.

However, Curtis did not want to listen to Leslie anymore and unemotionally announced his decision, "Zachary snatched another person's dorm, brought along bodyguards without permission, and even attempted to assault his classmates. All these behaviors

seriously violated the regulations of Starr Training Camp. He will be expelled from the training camp from now on and will never be part of it again in the future!"

Zachary was so scared that his legs became weak. He looked so nervous.

Who would have thought there would be an unexpected turn of events in the blink of an eye?

At first, Oneida would be expelled, but the truth finally came to light. The one who got expelled became Zachary,

"And you, Leslie." Curtis's eyes were cold and filled with intense solemnity. "You illegally brought in students like Zachary, who did not meet the training camp requirements, and you even shielded him. You're not suitable for us. Thus, you're dismissed from your post." "Mr. Johnson!" Leslie's expression finally changed. His eyes widened slightly as if he wanted to beg Curtis to be lenient. "Can you..."

Curtis waved his hand at Leslie apathetically. "I've made up my mind. You don't have to explain yourself anymore."

After saying that, the elder turned to look at Oneida standing at the side, and his expression became gentler. He suddenly raised his tone so that everyone could hear his voice. "I heard that Oneida's first assessment rank was Rank C. That's ridiculous!" Dedicated instructors were in charge of giving a rank to the students. Curtis did not know about it at first. He only became aware of it when he arrived at the training camp earlier.

Curtis continued speaking with his energetic voice, "Her capability can be said to be Rank S. I even feel that she's a Rank S Plus genius. Plus, I was the one who personally invited Oneida to attend the training, and I wrote her invitation letter myself. I've never done such a thing before."

Curtis continued, "So, instead of saying Oneida is a student who is taking part in the training, she's actually my guest. If all of you look down on her, it also means you despise me!" Every word and sentence said by Curtis was so loud that even the deaf could hear. Everyone was stunned. It turned out that Oneida had such an impressive background. She and Curtis even had that connection. She was a genius recognized by a big shot like Curtis and a guest invited by Curtis in person! No wonder... No wonder her performance was marvelous in the first

assessment.

Many students felt a little ashamed. Previously, they had mocked Oneida, satirized her, despised her as a Rank C loser, and looked down on her as a country bumpkin. Who would have thought that Oneida was so impressive and admirable?

It could be said that Curtis's words had established Oneida's prestige in the entire training camp. In the future, no one would look down on her

again.

That was the end of the incident.

Zachary was banished from the training camp that night.

Leslie also left dejectedly.

Curtis and Elon talked to Oneida for some time before letting her back into the dorm.

Oneida's luggage was also packed and sent back to the dorm. Fortunately, there were no fragile items in her luggage. So she basically lost nothing, except for the swan brooch.

Thinking of the deformed brooch, hostility flashed across Oneida's eyes. That was not the end of the incident for her.

Oneida did not hurry to sleep. Instead, she changed into an all-black attire and quietly left Starr Training Camp using her superb wall-climbing skills.

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Not far from the training ground, a black Porsche was speeding down the road.

In the back seat of the Porsche, Zachary sat with closed eyes and a dispirited expression.

Bruises from being beaten were still visible on his face.

After being deported by Curtis, he had to pack his baggage and leave Starr Training Camp in the middle of the night.

"Damn it," he thought.

Zachary felt extremely unwilling.

Nevertheless, there was nothing he could do.

Suddenly, the Porsche came to an abrupt stop.

Zachary leaned forward instinctively and nearly hit the back of the seat.

"What's going on?" He frowned fiercely and scolded the driver before him, "Can't you drive properly?"

"Mr. Yackel, it seems like we have a flat tire," the driver said cautiously.

"A flat tire? Bad things just keep happening. What an unlucky day..." Zachary thought as his face darkened.

"Mr. Yackel, I'll go outside and take a look."

With that, the driver pushed open the door and stepped outside.

He found that all four of Porsche's wheels were deflated.

At that moment, a dark shadow suddenly darted into the Porsche.

Zachary was startled and almost fainted. "Who... Who are you?"

In front of him was a stranger dressed entirely in black, looking slim. With a black mask covering the face, only a pair of cold and ruthless eyes were visible. The figure exuded a bloodthirsty and demonic aura. "Don't come any closer..." Zachary's face turned pale as he instinctively backed away.

Unexpectedly, the man in black suddenly grabbed Zachary by the collar. Then, like a whirlwind, he took Zachary out of the Porsche and vanished.

Hearing Zachary's cry, the driver rushed over immediately.

Unfortunately, the man in black was so fast that Zachary had already disappeared when he arrived.

"Mr. Yackel... Mr. Yackel!" He looked around the trees along the roadside, shouting at the top of his lungs, hoping that Zachary would respond. However, there was only silence around him.

Zachary seemed to have vanished into thin air.

In the woods by the road, Oneida carried Zachary and moved forward rapidly.

When they reached the center of the woods, she let go of Zachary and put him down.  
Thud!

Felling to the ground heavily, Zachary couldn't help frowning in pain, looking ferocious.  
"Who... Who are you?" Zachary gasped for breath. "Do you know who I am?"

He couldn't believe the figure dared to rush into his car and kidnap him so brazenly. He wouldn't let them get away with it.

Oneida sneered faintly and spoke in a clear, high-pitched voice, "I know who you are."  
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After saying that, Oneida punched Zachary in the corner of the mouth..

Zachary was caught off guard.

The force was too great, and he fell backward, lying flat on the ground.

Just then, blood seeped from the corner of his mouth.

In the next moment, fists rained down on him like a storm.

This night was like a nightmare for Zachary.

He was tortured and beaten by a man in black.

In the end, he could even feel his limbs had been broken.

Lying on the ground, he gazed at the starry sky covered by the forest, slowly losing consciousness.

Oneida squatted down, her frigid gaze falling upon Zachary's face.

There was a sharp glint in his beautiful eyes, like sharp blades capable of piercing anything.

"I really want to..." she said slowly with a malicious look. "Kill you."

"But on second thought, living in agony is far more painful than death." Oneida's voice was frosty. "You will spend the rest of your life in a wheelchair."

After saying that, she stood up straight, looking as though she was ready to leave.

"Stay here and wait. If you are lucky, your family will find this place and take you back." Oneida sneered, "If you are unfortunate, you will become the beast's food..."

After Zachary heard that, his eyes flashed with great panic and fear.

However, due to the intense pain, his throat seemed clogged. Unable to make a sound at all, he could only watch helplessly as the man in black strode away. As such, Oneida left the woods quickly.

Although she had her revenge on Zachary, she didn't feel any pleasure.

Her brooch was already destroyed, after all.

Even if Zachary were to die ten times, her brooch wouldn't return to its original state.

Oneida clenched her fists and quickly returned to the entrance of Starr Training Camp.

A tall man was already waiting for quite some time.

"Boss." Seeing Oneida show up, Simon greeted her respectfully.

Oneida didn't say anything. Walking over coldly, she took out something from her pocket and handed it to Simon.

Simon understood immediately and took it.

What Oneida gave Simon was a slightly deformed swan brooch.

"Find a way to fix this brooch, no matter what method you use." Oneida sounded extremely determined.

Simon was a little confused. "Boss, there's nothing special about this brooch. Why not replace it with a new one?"

Oneida shot him a cold glare.

Simon immediately shut his mouth.

At that moment, Oneida looked like someone not to be trifled with.

"I see." Simon immediately changed his tone. "Leave it to me. I will find a way to restore this brooch to its original state."

After Simon left, Oneida stood still in the cold wind.

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She looked at the dark night sky, and her emotions calmed down inexplicably.

She thought of that teenager.

"I'm sorry. I didn't protect what you left me. I hope I can see you again one day... I'll return this swan brooch to you personally," Oneida lamented inwardly as a hint of gloominess flashed in her eyes. "But when will I be able to see you again?" she wondered.

Following that, Oneida entered Starr Training Camp. Instead of returning to her dormitory, she quietly made her way to a row of tents.

There were many students living in the training camp.

As Oneida's gaze darkened, she went straight to the tent and sneaked in unnoticed.

Then, she grabbed the person inside the tent by the throat.

Juliette was about to go to bed when suddenly a man in black burst in and viciously choked her neck.

She widened her eyes and instinctively tried to scream.

Oneida immediately covered Juliette's mouth with her other hand.

"Shh." She spat out the word gently, her voice cold and clear.

"Don't make a sound, or I'll strangle you." At that moment, Oneida looked like a terrifying demon.

Neither Juliette nor Zachary would be spared.

Her fingers exerted a slight pressure, and the girl in front of her immediately burst into tears.

"Please... I beg you," Juliette begged for mercy, her face turning pale as if she could faint at any moment.

Oneida's low voice traveled into Juliette's ear. "Tomorrow, be sensible and withdraw from Starr Training Camp, or else... I will come and find you again."

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When Juliette heard this, she widened her eyes slightly.

"Does she want me to leave Starr Training Camp?" she wondered.

Noting the woman's hesitation, Oneida tightened her fingers around her neck.

A wave of suffocation overcame Juliette, prompting her to bob her head as fast she as could. "A-All right... I'll do as you say. P-Please... spare me."

She didn't wish to die just yet.

Upon hearing this, Oneida released Juliette from her grip, turned on her heel, and left the tent,

On the other hand, Juliette, who remained frozen in place, fainted out of shock, her eyes rolling to the back of her head.

The next day, Juliette withdrew from the training camp. She had been triggered and that led her to become mentally unstable. Before long, the news spread like wildfire among the students.

No one knew what Juliette had experienced that triggered her and led to her mental breakdown.

But soon, everyone stopped talking about her and began their nerve-racking and exciting training life.

The Starr Training Camp officially began.

The night before, Curtis personally spoke for Oneida, which resulted in a big jump in the latter's rank, from Rank C to Rank S.

She, along with Hendrick and Yelena, became the top 3 Rank S geniuses in the training.

The upcoming intensive training was nothing but learning and competition.

Curtis even personally came to the training camp to teach the students.

Apart from him, countless outstanding elites in the industry were also invited to be their teachers.

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During this period of time, Oneida and Hendrick were at the top of the pyramid, leaving everyone else in the dust. No one could catch up to them.

Meanwhile, Matthias was promoted to Rank A, while Ruby was promoted to Rank B, narrowly avoiding elimination. Finally, as the training camp neared its end, the students were required to take a closed training test.

The results of the closed training test would determine their final rank.

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Students who eventually received Rank S would not only graduate with the title of "Rank S Graduate" from Starr Training Camp but also receive numerous benefits provided by Curtis, such a generous award, an opportunity to intern in a world-class enterprise, gain attention from elite medal awarding organizations, and become a research candidate.

The last item on the list was what countless people dreamed of.

Suffice to say, the final test was of utmost importance.

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Current Rank S students would need to consolidate their positions, while Rank A and Rank B students would need to put in more effort to see they could turn the tables.

The final test took place in Misty Forest.

The forest was named Misty Forest because its outward appearance resembled an ordinary forest but in reality, it was more like a giant maze.

Being inside the forest, it was very easy to get lost.

The entire forest would be shrouded in a layer of thick and disorienting fog in the morning.

Before entering Misty Forest, everyone's GPS devices and compasses were confiscated, leaving them with nothing but a communication permitted communication with one another. Furthermore, the teachers of the training camp provided everyone with some signal flares.

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If the students encountered dangers that they couldn't resolve on their own or if they wanted to give up on the test, they could choose to launch a signal flare. Thereafter, someone would come to pick them up and lead them out of Misty Forest. In this test, each student was required to enter the forest and find the hidden gem. Once they retrieved the gem and returned with it, the test was considered completed.

The bigger the gem they found, the higher their score would be.

When everything was ready, all of the students gathered in front of the forest.

Some people were confused, some were afraid, some were nervous, and some were excited and eager to take on the challenge.

Oneida looked as calm as a millpond.

At this moment, what she was thinking about was not the test, but a person.

She was thinking about the person who broke her bow and hurt her horse on the first day of the training.

That person was quite smart. Perhaps afraid of being discovered, they didn't stir trouble for her in the subsequent training

After all, if they continued to harm her in secret, Oneida would find them out, sooner or later.

Alas, the person didn't make another move ever since the incident on the first day.

Everything seemed to get more elusive and unclear.

Right then, Matthias's voice sounded in her ears. "Oneida."

He walked over to her with a black trekking bag on his back and said lightly, "Let's go together."

The teachers didn't explicitly disallow students from forming a team. That was to say, the students could choose to act alone or in a team for this

final test.

Most of them immediately thought to seek out a more capable partner.

Therefore, Hendrick was surrounded by the crowd.

It was no surprise that many people wanted to team up with him.

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However, Hendrick shifted his gaze toward Oneida. When he noticed Matthias standing next to her, he quietly retracted his gaze.

In truth, he wanted to form a team with Oneida.

But since she already had a teammate, he quickly dropped the thought.

Then, Ruby ran over and hooked Oneida's arm, pleading, "Oneida, you have to take me with you. I definitely won't be able to complete the test by myself..."

Oneida nodded and did not reject the girl's request.

There were many people who wanted to form a team with Oneida as well, as she was also considered a super genius like Hendrick. It was worth being on a team with her, too.

But when they saw Matthias and Ruby beside her, everyone immediately lost interest.

Ruby, in particular, was seen as a burden to any team.

The rest of the students did not want to enter a place like Misty Forest with a liability.

Therefore, Oneida ended up with only Matthias and Ruby as her teammates.

The trio slowly made their way into the forest.

At this time, the fog was at its thickest.

It was like a barrier, isolating people from each other.

Hence, everyone could hardly see their teammates around them.

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"Can you guys hear my voice?" Oneida was completely unfazed by the fog and continued walking straight ahead. Because she couldn't see the

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people around her, she could only use her hearing to determine where Matthias and Ruby were.

"Yes," came Matthias's response that sounded like it came from the right.

"I can hear you, Oneida. It's so scary here..." On the other hand, Ruby's voice sounded like it came from behind Oneida, on the left.

Oneida took out a bell from her pocket. She had prepared it in advance and tied it to the edge of her clothes.

With every step she took, the crisp sound of a bell ringing could be heard.

"Just follow the sound of the bells," was what she said to her teammates.

Neither Matthias nor Ruby expected that Oneida would lead the way for them in this way.

"Oneida, you're just too smart!" Ruby exclaimed, her voice laced with excitement and admiration for her intelligent teammate.

All of a sudden, a loud bang sounded. A signal flare had been launched into the sky above the forest.

Someone had given up.

It hadn't been that long since the test began, but someone couldn't take it anymore.

However, that wasn't the last signal flare the trio would see.

For some time thereafter, many more signal flares were launched.

Plenty of people didn't want to stay in Misty Forest for a second longer.

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The forest was simply too terrifying. Not only were they unable to see their teammates but they couldn't see anything at all. The place was like a giant maze. Wherever they went, they would end up where they started. Forget about finding a gem in such conditions.

Moreover, no one knew if there were any peculiar beings hidden in this dark and frightening forest.

The mere thought of the forest late at night sent chills down the students' spines.

As such, many people decided to give up on the test.

Although the test was important, their lives were equally important to them.

Even so,

Oneida's team was still in the forest.

Like the rest of the students, they were circling the fog-covered forest without a clear direction.

Just then, a spine-chilling scream sounded from behind them, and Oneida instinctively looked behind her.

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It was Ruby who screamed.

"What's wrong?" Oneida asked in a low voice, frowning slightly.

\*1... think I sprained my ankle... There was a hint of pain in Ruby's voice. She should have tripped over something on the ground and injured her leg.

"Can you still walk? Oneida figured out Ruby's direction from the latter's voice and slowly walked toward her.

"It hurts...". Ruby's voice seemed to be tinged with tears. "Oneida, Matthias, maybe I should give up. I can't walk like this..."

Matthias did not expect such an accident to happen.

Letting Ruby fire the signal flare to abstain and leave Misty Forest voluntarily might be the best choice in the current situation. However, he subconsciously felt that Oneida would not give up on Ruby.

"We'll find the gems soon. All your efforts will be in vain if you abstain now." Oneida walked toward Ruby. Although they couldn't see each other through the thick fog, she could still hold Ruby's arm precisely. Ruby and Matthias were slightly stunned by Oneida's words and thought, "Are we going to find the gems soon?"

\*Oneida, are you serious?" Ruby widened her eyes in disbelief. There was a faint joy in her tone.

Matthias, too, was slightly surprised and thought, "Obviously, we have circled the forest several times without a clear direction. Why did Oneida say that we will soon find the gems?" Oneida pursed her lips and did not explain anything.

In fact, it was the first time she came to Misty Forest.

She did not make any preparations before coming because she was confident she could complete the task without much effort.

Just now, she purposely kept circling the forest so that she could listen to the sound.

She was very sensitive to sound and could judge the direction through it.

Just now, by constantly listening to the surroundings, she found that there seemed to be a cave in the forest, and she could even hear the sound of water flowing in the cave.

"Hmm... What's the place the teachers from Starr Training Camp are most likely to hide the gems?" Oneida asked herself inwardly.

She felt the most likely answer would be the cave.

Since there was water in the cave, she could reach there as long as she followed the sound of water flowing.

That was why she said they would find the gems soon.

It was indeed very soon, as the cave was not far from them.

Now that they had come this far, she did not want to give up on Ruby.

In fact, she was not an overly kind and soft-hearted person.

It was just that she did not have the habit of giving up on her teammates.

She could become the leader of Aphotic Group from an unknown pawn not only because of her high competency but also her loyalty to her subordinates.

She treated every subordinate kindly and never gave up on them easily.

Such kindness and loyalty made her respected and supported by countless people.

She would never give up on her teammates. Thus, she would never give up on Ruby that day either.

"Come. Let me carry you." Oneida bent down and prepared to carry Ruby to the cave.

"Huh?" Ruby was stunned once again. "Did you just say you're going to carry me?"

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She scratched her head and was a little embarrassed. "Oneida, I don't think this is a good idea..."

"I'll carry her." Suddenly, Matthias's voice rang out.

He did not want Oneida to burden herself, so he offered to carry Ruby.

He knew that Oneida wanted to take Ruby with her.

Since it was her decision, he would help her.

"No need," Oneida said, refusing very decisively.

She did not want to trouble Matthias.

Moreover, it was not difficult for her to carry a girl.

"Come," Oneida said to Ruby again and gestured for the latter to come to her back.

Ruby bit her lips and finally lay on Oneida's back.

She felt sorry for Oneida. However, she also wanted to find the gems and finish the test.

"Thank you, Oneida." She put her hand around Oneida's neck and thanked her sincerely.

Carrying Ruby behind her back, Oneida straightened up her back and continued to walk in the thick fog. Matthias followed behind her.

Oneida followed the sound of water flowing and headed straight to her destination through the fog.

Twenty minutes later, the trio finally arrived at the cave entrance.

At that time, the sun hanging high above their heads became warmer and warmer.

Soon, the fog dispersed.

They could finally see the things in front of them clearly.

"T-There's a cave here?" Ruby widened her eyes and scrutinized the cave before them.

The rugged dark rocks were somewhat messily stacked. Looking into the cave from the outside, one could only see the darkness, which appeared like a black hole. "Are... we really going in there?" Ruby's voice was trembling. A trace of fear flashed across her face.

"Of course." Oneida walked toward the cave without hesitation and said, "The gems are inside."

Seeing that, Matthias quickly followed behind her.

He took out a flashlight from his backpack and switched it on.

Once the flashlight emitted light, the dark cave lit up instantly.

They could see most parts of the cave clearly now.

It was damp inside the cave, with many puddles on the ground. Except for that, there was nothing special.

After the trio took a few steps forward, two paths in different directions suddenly came into their sight.

One led to the left and the other to the right.

Oneida stopped in her tracks.

Ruby began to feel nervous. "It seems like a survival game here. If we choose the wrong direction, we won't be able to find the gems anymore, will

we?"

Matthias frowned at her words. When he was about to analyze the situation, Oneida said directly, "Let's go to the left."

"Left?" Ruby couldn't help but feel confused when she saw how confident Oneida was.

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Oneida said nothing more and walked straight to the left.

She looked calm and steady.

Matthias continued to follow her with the flashlight.

Oneida did not choose the left path based on the sound.

The sound of water flowing filled the entire cave. Thus, the sound of the water flowing from the left and right paths was the same.

It was the very shallow footprint on the left path that led her to choose the left.

After all, manpower was needed to transport the gems to the cave.

It was inevitable that the people of Starr Training Camp would leave traces behind when transporting the gems.

Those traces would be the footprints.

Although it was shallow and inconspicuous, Oneida managed to catch sight of it in no time.

Therefore, she walked to the left without hesitation.

After walking through a long passageway, they finally entered a bright place.

It was still a cave but was way larger and more spacious, with a not-too-big crack above.

The sunlight seeped through the crack, making the large cave extremely bright.

In the middle of the cave was a huge stone table.

On the stone table were the gems that the students needed to retrieve.

There were blue gems, green gems, red gems, and so on.

It was a dazzling sight.

The color did not matter, though, as the size was the most important.

The bigger the gem they retrieved, the higher the points they scored. However...

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Oneida approached the stone table and casually glanced at the gems on it.

Most were small gems, and there were only a few big gems.

The largest gem was placed in the middle of the table, shining brightly.

It was the largest and also the only one.

In other words, there was only one gem of such a big size here.

The rest of the gems were smaller than it.

The situation seemed like a deliberate attempt to create conflict among the students.

Most students came in a team, with at least three people in a small group.

Oneida's team had the smallest number of people..

The team found the gems together, yet only one big gem was available.

Who should take the biggest gem and whether or not the rest of the team would be willing to take only one small gem were still questionable.

After all, the size of the gem determined the score of the test.

Everyone wanted a high score, but the number of gems representing the high score was way too limited.

It was simply a test of human nature.

The ultimate test of Starr Training Camp was indeed interesting.

Not only did the students have to challenge Misty Forest with extreme difficulty, but they also needed to face a test of trust and humanity if they successfully found the gems.

Would the teammates who provided mutual support and worked together turn against each other in the end because of the big gem?

"We should be the first team here..." Ruby couldn't help guessing as she looked at the gem on the table. "Look, these gems seem untouched."

Oneida thought the same, too.

The three of them were the first team to arrive at the scene.

Anyway, it would be better to take the gems away as soon as possible.

The situation would become more complicated with more people around.

"But there is only one largest gem..." Matthias suddenly said in a deep tone.

Oneida knew Matthias, who had a high intelligence, would have thought of the "humanity test" just like her.

"It seems so. Who should take the biggest gem, then?" Realization dawned on Ruby when she heard Matthias's words.

"Oneida, you should take this biggest gem!" Ruby leaned her face closer to Oneida and smiled sincerely.

"It's good enough for me to have a gem. You are the one who played a big part in this test." As she spoke, she glanced at Matthias. "Matthias, do you have any objections?" Matthias naturally had no objection.

Finding the cave and the gems inside was indeed Oneida's credit.

Besides, he would never fight with Oneida.

"Just do as you said," Matthias said faintly, pursing his thin lips.

Since the rest had said so, Oneida did not hesitate and directly reached out to pick up the biggest gem.

Matthias also picked one.

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As for Ruby, her gem was picked by Oneida.

After taking their gems, the trio did not leave immediately.

Instead, they chose to rest in the cave for a while.

After all, Oneida had been carrying Ruby for a long time and was exhausted.

She still had to carry her out later and naturally needed a rest.

Oneida put Ruby down and let her sit on a rock.

Then, she randomly found herself a place to sit down.

Just when she took out the water and dry ration from her backpack and prepared to replenish some energy, a loud noise rang out.

Oneida and Ruby immediately raised their heads and looked in the direction of the voice.

It turned out that Matthias accidentally made a boulder fall to the ground.

"Did you get hurt?" Oneida frowned slightly at the sight. Then, she put down the things in her hand and walked up to Matthias to check on him. However, Matthias stared straight ahead with a dazed yet complicated look.

"What's wrong?" Oneida asked subconsciously, but when she saw the scene before her, she was slightly stunned like Matthias.

Following the fall of the boulder, the "things" behind the stone were exposed.

It was not a mountain wall but a cliff.

No one would have thought a bottomless cliff was behind an ordinary boulder.

Perhaps even the people of Starr Training Camp did not know the existence of the cliff.

Oneida looked straight down. She couldn't see the bottom of the cliff, and it was pitch black.

There was no way she could figure out how high the cliff was.

However, Oneida managed to hear the sound of water flowing at the bottom of the cliff.

It was probably a deep pool at the bottom of the cliff.

"Ah, so this is why I hear the sound of water flowing constantly. It actually comes from here. No wonder..." Oneida thought.

Back when she stepped into the cave, she wondered why she did not see the water source.

She was sure that she had heard the sound of the water flowing in the cave.

It turned out the water source was hidden under the cliff.

Oneida turned to Matthias and reminded in a faint voice, "We'd better stay away from here."

As soon as her words fell, a palm suddenly pressed on Oneida's back.

It was so forceful that Oneida was pushed toward the cliff mercilessly.

Apparently, Matthias received a strong push as well. He lost his balance and leaned forward." There was no time for them to react.

Oneida instantly lost her balance and fell forward uncontrollably.

The deep cliff in front of her looked like a giant black hole that was trying to suck Oneida into it.

In a flash, Oneida quickly turned around and grabbed the bulging stone on the cliff's edge with her slender fingers.

She did not fall off the cliff in the end.

She was hanging in the air, relying only on the strength of her fingers.

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Meanwhile, Matthias was pushed down the cliff like Oneida.

Just like Oneida, he grabbed the cliff's edge with his hand, his only hope.

A series of light footsteps then sounded from above them.

Ruby's cold and gloomy face came into their sight.

The adorable face, which was always smiling, was cold at that moment.

Everything was clear now.

The one who just pushed them down was Ruby, who had injured her leg and looked utterly harmless.

"You didn't injure your leg?" Matthias was the first to ask upon seeing that.

He widened his eyes slightly. A hint of surprise flashed across his eyes.

Ruby chuckled upon hearing that. As she looked at the two people hanging on the cliff, there was an insidious look under her eyes. "Yeah, my leg is fine." Matthias tightly clenched his fingers.

He narrowed his eyes at Ruby with a look of maliciousness he had never had before.

Oneida still remained silent, though.

The moment she saw Ruby, she immediately understood everything.

All the details were connected, and all the doubts were solved.

"What else do you guys want to say?" Ruby slightly curled the corner of her lips and looked at them with a sneer.

Oneida looked at her with a calm expression. She was neither flustered nor afraid.

It was as if the person hanging on the cliff, a thin line away from death, was not her.

"You were the one who broke my bow and hurt my horse, weren't you?" Oneida questioned Ruby coldly.

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