

## Chapter 1573 Soul Restraining Pagoda

Katherine's face contorted with shock at Caden's revelation.

"So that's the truth!" Katherine hissed through clenched teeth. "Farris infiltrated the Human Clan not to teach, but to ensnare our youth. He had a mission to kill Liam!"

Caden's expression darkened as he nodded. "If this is indeed the case, then my efforts to sever Liam's karmic bond to the Soulsky Clan were in vain. They'll never cease their pursuit of him!"

Liam's brow furrowed as the weight of his predicament crashed down upon him.

The full gravity of being marked for death settled in his chest like lead.

He had foolishly assumed Farris' murderous intent had only emerged after discovering his unique abilities, but the truth was far more sinister. The assassination had been planned from the very beginning.

A chill ran down his spine as he contemplated the nature of such calculated hunting. The true terror wasn't in facing a formidable opponent head-on; it lay in the constant paranoia, the knowledge that an attacker could strike from any shadow, at any moment.

Drawing a steadying breath, Liam spoke with measured gravity. "I owe both of you my deepest gratitude tonight, Lord of Rosefinch and Mrs. Vaughn. Lord of Rosefinch, by severing my karmic bond to the Soulsky Clan, you've bought me precious time before they discover Farris' fate. This will give me some time to come up with a plan."

As the words left his lips, Liam's resolve crystallized.

The art of concealment would be his shield—only by keeping his true

capabilities hidden could he hope to maintain an edge against those who hunted him.

After a moment's contemplation, Caden reached within his robes and withdrew an exquisitely crafted miniature pagoda, offering it to Liam with careful hands.

Liam accepted the artifact with curious eyes as Caden explained, "This is the Soul Restraining Pagoda, a spiritual treasure I happened upon by fate. Simply channel your primogem energy into it, and it will expand to create a protective sanctuary around you. I've subjected it to rigorous testing—nothing short of a third-tier Primogem Emperor can breach its defenses. Keep it close to you for emergencies. And should you need me, you can contact me, and I'll come to you without delay."

A surge of warmth bloomed in Liam's chest as his eyes widened at the generous gift.

The Soul Restraining Pagoda from Caden was precisely the shield he needed now.

With this new treasure and the Heart of Life, he now stood a fighting chance, provided he could avoid any severe injuries.

Heart swelling with gratitude, Liam turned to Caden with bright eyes. "Lord of Rosefinch, I'm in your debt. One day, I swear I'll return this kindness."

Caden's warm laughter filled the air. "Think nothing of it, kid. Just stay alive." Liam nodded with solemn determination.

Katherine watched the exchange with mounting discomfort, keenly aware that she'd come empty-handed.

Internally, she bristled at Caden's apparent thoughtlessness. She muttered to herself, "That old fool has no sense of propriety! To present such a magnificent gift right in front of me, knowing full well I have nothing comparable to offer!"

But Katherine's quick wit soon provided a solution, and a genuine smile graced her features once more.

She said, "Liam, while our Vaughn family may not command the same resources as the Lord of Rosefinch, I make you this promise: should you ever require materials for your artifact refinement, you can get them from the Vaughn family!"

