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"The secret is probably related to the Whirling World. Even if there are valuable treasures in the Whirling World, I have to put my life first."

Rudy took a deep breath and nodded before he said, "You're right. Are you planning on staying in Phoenix Valley and never entering the Whirling World?"

Jackie sat up straight and thought about it for a while before he resolutely shook his head, "If I'm sure that the place isn't that dangerous, or if I know the secret behind the place. As long as I have certain assurances, I will enter. It's definitely not possible right now."

Rudy sighed miserably, looking incredibly deflated. To Rudy, Phoenix Valley had become a prison where he was trapped in.

Jackie looked at Rudy before saying, "The inner valley is the core of Phoenix Valley. Only by becoming an inner valley alchemist will I be able to have access to some of Phoenix Valley's secrets. There are many reasons I want to enter the inner valley. The first is to increase my skills as an alchemist. After that, I want to find out the secrets that those people are hiding."

Rudy sobered up at Jackie's words. Thinking about it, he did feel like there are a lot of things that they always wanted to find out about, that really did need Jackie to figure out what is going on.

Jackie continued, "Just looking at Grayson's matter. We've already investigated it, and you can't even sleep without thinking about him. You've been obsessed about where Grayson is and if he's even still alive. Yet, we're alone in Phoenix Valley. Just being able to take care of ourselves is good enough. We don't really have the ability to look into Grayson's disappearance, which we've always wanted to find out about..."

"We don't have any clues. We can't even make the most basic of guesses. So, if we really want to understand everything, we have to first make sure we have more power. We need to have the right to even know about it!"

Rudy no longer had anything to say back to that. All he could do was nod earnestly. Jackie's decision was definitely right.

At that moment, frantic steps could suddenly be heard from the entrance of the courtyard. Lou was rapidly approaching with a panicked look on his face. Jackie and Rudy frowned at the same time.

When Lou arrived next to Jackie, he whispered, "A steward came over earlier to say that Elder Maurice is waiting for you at the Elder Hall. He has something to say to you."

Jackie furrowed his eyebrows. He had thought that it would take at least a few days before Elder Maurice approached him for anything. They would at least need to wait until everything blew over. After all, Elder Rick was still in the punishment hall.

Jackie nodded at him, not saying anything else as he followed the steward who conveyed the news into the Elder Hall. At that moment, there were two chairs and a table in the Elder Hall. There were various fruits on the table, and even a fragrant tea was prepared.

Elder Maurice smiled at Jackie when he saw Jackie arriving. He motioned for Jackie to sit in front of him.

Jackie curiously looked at Elder Maurice, not sure why Elder Maurice summoned Jackie to the Elder Hall. After all, the Elder Hall was not personal space. Normally, the Elder Hall would be completely shut if nothing was happening. Jackie would not have been summoned there to talk about any private matters.

That was why Jackie had thought that he would be facing more than just Elder Maurice for this conversation.

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He had thought that many elders would be waiting for him in the Elder Hall. Yet, when he arrived at the Elder Hall, he only saw Elder Maurice there.

Was it really necessary to use the Elder Hall for a personal meeting between the two of them?

Jackie felt stranger and stranger as he thought about it, but he did not reveal his thoughts on his face. He politely greeted Elder Maurice before sitting down as Elder Maurice indicated.

Elder Maurice poured Jackie a cup of tea, "This tea is a high-grade spiritual tea. Even the elders are only allowed to take it out when there are guests."

Jackie hurriedly said, "You're an elder, we should follow the rules and not waste..."

However, before Jackie could finish, he was interrupted by Elder Maurice, "There's no need for such empty pleasantries when it's just the two of us. I called you here because of a personal matter."

Jackie nodded, motioning for Elder Maurice to continue.

Elder Maurice took a sip of tea before saying, "Have you heard about the Whirling World? "

Jackie was taken aback, not expecting Elder Maurice to mention it immediately. Jackie nodded, not really planning on hiding it. Elder Maurice glanced at Jackie before saying, "What do you plan on doing after this?"

Jackie furrowed his eyebrows, answering honestly, "I'll wait for the inner valley's test. I want to enter the inner valley."

Elder Maurice raised an eyebrow, having already expected that answer. He did not continue talking immediately but paused for a long time before saying, "You should put entering the inner valley aside for now. In two days, you should enter the Whirling World. Don't ask me why. This is for your own sake. That place has much more for you to gain than risk. With your skills, you'll definitely be able to make something of yourself there."

Elder Maurice's words stunned Jackie for a moment. Jackie frowned, having already considered what Elder Maurice would want to talk to him about. Yet, he never expected that Elder Maurice had wanted to ask him to enter the Whirling World. Jackie started to be suspicious of Elder Maurice's intentions then.

Elder Maurice looked right at Jackie after he said that. When he saw Jackie's expression, he knew what Jackie was thinking.

Elder Maurice let out a wry smile as he explained, "Don't speculate too much. I'm doing this for your sake. The Whirling World has its dangers, but the potential benefits are much larger.

"We already sent out people inside to scout. It won't just be the outer valley sending a lot of people inside, even the inner valley will be sending most of theirs."

Hearing Elder Maurice's words, Jackie relaxed quite a bit. If he was going to be the only one to enter, Jackie would definitely suspect that Elder Maurice was plotting something. However, if even inner valley alchemists were entering, it meant that the Whirling World was not as dangerous as he thought.

Jackie looked up and asked earnestly, "Elder Maurice, why did you call me over to talk about this? Do you want me to hurry up and go inside? In truth, I was planning on becoming an inner valley student first before going in, if I was ever going to go in."

Elder Maurice sighed. He knew Jackie's personality. If Jackie did not clearly know everything, Jackie would definitely not go inside. Elder Maurice poured himself some tea before he started to speak.

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"I do want you to hurry inside as soon as possible. If you don't go in quickly, you might very well be dragged into certain things. I don't know how the following days will go."

Elder Maurice had a strangely apprehensive look on his face as he said there. It was as if there were a lot of difficult matters in front of him. Jackie frowned, not saying anything as he waited patiently.

Elder Maurice continued after a moment, "Phoenix Valley is basically right next to a massive storm right now. If we're not careful, we'll be dragged inside. No one knows what the final results of that will be. Even if you seem to only have Elder Rick as an enemy publicly, that's just what's known. Sometimes, talent is a double-edged sword. It will attract the attention of the higher-ups and give you better resources, but you'll also invite the envy of others if you're too talented..."

"In my eyes, the inner valley is even more dangerous than the outer valley. I knew you'd want to enter the inner valley after you got back, but that place is like a sinister sea. The moment you enter, it'll be very difficult for you to get out. It would be better for you to venture into the Whirling World. There is a strength restriction there. As long as you're smart enough, you'll be able to accomplish a lot inside."

Elder Maurice was quite sincere in his words. As he said that, he looked at Jackie earnestly. Jackie frowned, thinking about Elder Maurice's words in detail for a while.

Elder Maurice did not reveal everything, but he still gave Jackie a lot of information. The inner valley was a battlefield that was not fought with weapons. Even though Jackie knew that he could not rely on the words of one person to make his judgment, Elder Maurice's expression really looked like he was incredibly serious.

Thinking about Elder Maurice's temper, he was definitely not someone who enjoyed putting on false pretenses. The thought played around in Jackie's head for a long time.

Elder Maurice knew Jackie's inner conflict, and he said helplessly, "I know you still want to enter the inner valley to witness what the inner valley really is like. After all, from the news you've gotten, becoming an inner valley alchemist will mean you will get a lot of tutelage and resources. However, I'm telling you that this is all just on the surface.

"After you enter the inner valley, you'll be forced to join a team. The inner valley is split into various factions. It's not all lumped into one like the outer valley. If you want to continue in the inner valley, you'll have to pick a side and fight for..."

As he said that, Jackie suddenly raised a hand to stop Elder Maurice. Just hearing all of that caused Jackie to have a massive headache. He hated being involved in random problems when all he wanted to do was improve himself. If the inner valley really was a place full of such schemes, Jackie suddenly lost a lot of interest in entering it.

Jackie looked at Elder Maurice with a deep look before he said, "Thank you for wanting to help me. As for when I will enter the Whirling World, I need more time to think. However, I have another question before that. If you don't know, you don't have to answer."

Elder Maurice raised an eyebrow, shooting Jackie a look to continue. Jackie sighed before he said seriously, "Back when we first entered Phoenix Valley, we came as a group of three. After that, one of us went missing. Do you know of someone named Grayson?"

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The moment Grayson's name was mentioned, Elder Maurice's expression changed. His eyes narrowed while his head leaned back a little. Jackie looked at him and was sure that Elder Maurice knew about Grayson.

Jackie furrowed his eyebrows as he said seriously, "I'm very curious. Where is Grayson right now? Is he still alive? Even though I didn't really have a good relationship with him, we still entered Phoenix Valley at the same time. The three of us went through some things. After entering Phoenix Valley, only he disappeared. I really want to know why he disappeared. Does it have anything to do with me?"

Elder Maurice sighed helplessly, "If he doesn't really have a good relationship with you, then you shouldn't look into this anymore. He's already been completely locked up."

"Why was he locked up?" Jackie could not stop himself from raising his voice a little. The question had been in Jackie's head for a long time.

Why was Grayson the only one locked up after what they went through?

Elder Maurice looked at Jackie helplessly. There were some things he was not supposed to mention. However, He could very well lose Jackie's trust if he did not tell the truth. To Elder Maurice, Jackie was worth a lot more.

Thinking about it for a long time, he chose to answer in the end, "I've heard about what happened to you. When you were first supposed to enter Phoenix Valley, you were ambushed midway. Two deacons even lost their lives. We captured Grayson because of that," After saying that, Jackie was noticeably excited.

He wanted to raise his voice to ask why, but Elder Maurice did not give him the chance. Elder Maurice sighed before saying, "Grayson was the one who leaked your journey..."

After Elder Maurice said that, Jackie was stunned.

Grayson had leaked their journey? He was the cause of the ambush by their enemies?

That was too unbelievable.

Grayson's face reappeared in Jackie's mind. He kept on feeling like Grayson would not be someone who would do something like that. Grayson was part of a fifth-grade clan and was incredibly valued by the Rosefinch Pavilion. After being tested and entering Phoenix Valley, he should have been treated very well.

After thinking about Grayson's origins more and more, Jackie could not figure out why Grayson would do such a thing.

Why would Grayson leak their movements? Why would he allow that group to ambush them?

What exactly was the reason for that?

Furthermore, Jackie was even more curious as to why the enemies were trying to kill them. If the ambush had happened at West Cercie State, Jackie would have thought they were attacking him.

After all, Jackie had been in West Cercie State for quite long. Yet, the vessel being attacked happened when he had not been in Middle Province for that long. Practically no one knew about him. Even Grayson and Rudy were just somewhat talented alchemists. They were no one notable at all.

Since Grayson was the person to leak it, then Grayson should not have been the reason for the ambush. Then, it must have been because of Rudy. Yet, after interacting with Rudy for so long, Jackie did not feel like Rudy had anything about him that was worth assassinating. Rudy was incredibly ordinary as an alchemist and horrible as a fighter. He did not come from a notable family either. So, Jackie could not figure out why anyone would want to kill Rudy.

After so long thinking about it, he was forced to conclude that the reason they were ambushed was because of the two deacons that died. They must have had a secret they were hiding.

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However, Jackie clearly remembered the elder only telling them two deacons were going to follow them only when they left the alliance branch. Before that, they did not know who the two deacons protecting them towards Phoenix Valley were at all.

Could it be because of the Scarlet Blood Crystal?

Jackie's lips twitched, suddenly feeling his mind overheat. No matter how he thought about it, he could not understand anything.

Elder Maurice interrupted Jackie's thoughts. "I don't know about the details, but he's definitely the leaker. Even he himself admitted to it."

Jackie sighed as his head swayed slightly, forgetting about the problem.

On The way back from the Elder Hall, Jackie was fixated on it completely. He wondered if he should tell Rudy the story as well. Jackie felt like Rudy would probably collapse mentally if Jackie revealed the truth.

After thinking about it, Jackie decided to conceal the news for the moment. He would tell Rudy at the right moment. When Rudy found out that Jackie would follow them into the Whirling World, he was so happy he started to dance.

Rudy had been dreaming about leaving Phoenix Valley, so that chance was naturally something he had been longing for. After five days, Jackie left for the Whirling World. It was not even a part of Hestia Continent through a transfer array. They were in a limitless, barren land. Rocks of varying sizes littered the whole place. There were still a few trees around, or Jackie would have wondered if he came to the wrong place.

Rudy frowned and said, "So this is the Whirling World. It looks so different from how I thought it would. Why is it so barren? I thought that the Whirling World would be filled with life, there should have been materials everywhere."

Jackie's lips twitched helplessly, feeling like Rudy really was someone filled with imagination. He explained helplessly, "The Whirling World is massive. Didn't we already hear about that before? It's about the size of the Middle Province. If there are materials everywhere, every single warrior in the world would try to get in. It could even lead to a massive clan war. After all, resources as abundant as that would be able to birth countless experts!"

Rudy nodded meaningfully, feeling like Jackie was right.

Jackie sighed as he looked at the sky.

Clouds filled up the sky. Even though it was very bright around them, they could not see the sun behind the clouds, which caused Jackie to be curious.

Rudy anxiously asked, "Where should we go next? Could there be any remnants of the ancient city here? Should we try to find some clues here to give us a starting point?"

Jackie nodded, looking around his surroundings before finding a direction to lead Rudy away. Before Jackie could take two steps forward, he heard a string of footsteps. Jackie frowned as he stopped.

"Alchemists! You're two really fat sheep. It was worth waiting here for two days!" A scarred man who had a blade in hand was walking towards Jackie as he said that.

Behind the scarred man was a tall and lanky man. Looking at the way they were dressed, it was obvious they weren't good news. They had bones that were carved from spirit crystals around them and had quite a few scars on their faces. They really looked like thugs from novels.

Looking at the two of them, Rudy hid behind Jackie in fear.

“Let the two of them live. Since they’re alchemists, we should use them well. We’ll need to stay here for two years anyway. Let’s make them our slaves and have them make us pills till their souls dry up!” The tall and lanky man said with a cold sneer.

The scarred man nodded in agreement, “How lucky are we? Alchemists aren’t just big fat sheep but also the best candidates for slaves. When they make a lot of pills, we can even sell them to make more spirit crystals!”