

# **The Strongest Assassin Reincarnates in Another World**

## **Chapter 361 - 361 - Information**

"What is it?" Evelynn asked as she noticed that Aiden was teasing her.

Aiden kept the same smile on his face as he slowly opened his mouth, pronouncing every single word with great importance.

"The crazy thing was that it wasn't the first time that such a thing happened, it wasn't the first time that he had called me strong or talented..."

Aiden wanted to see the face that Evelynn would be making, however, for some reason she had no reaction as if not comprehending what Aiden had just said.

"W-What do you mean?" Evelynn finally asked as her brows furrowed.

For some reason, she had been thinking deeply about what Aiden, or rather, Alek from her point of view was saying.

"Well, I meant what I said, it wasn't the first time that he called me strong or talented. In fact, it wasn't even the first time that we met, well under this identity," Aiden said as he knew that this would tip her off.

With this new information, she was pretty much assured of understanding everything that he had just said, and if she didn't... well, Aiden would have to real his identity and he couldn't take that risk.

He had already shown her some hints but it was hers to pick up you know.

"Under this identity? What do you mean?" She asked, wondering what that meant.

"You figure it out..." Aiden dismissed as he changed the subject right away. "What about you? What did the director tell you?"

However, Evelynn didn't respond right away as she seemed to be thinking heavily about all those things that Aiden had just told her.

'Identity? Does this mean he goes around with new faces and such?' She thought, knowing that it didn't make any sense that such a thing would happen.

'The only person that could do such a thing was Aiden, but I mean Aiden left the city I'm pretty sure. At least, that's what the director had told her.'

Evelynn tried to make as much sense as possible but it was really hard. Still, she knew that she could ask some questions and she wouldn't miss such a thing.

'He also said that he was complimented by the director in the past, and the only person who was complimented by the director was Aiden. There were no others like ever...' Aiden thought, unsure how this was even a thing.

Evelynn was slowly realizing that some things were pointing in the same direction and that person in front of her whoever that was had done it on purpose.

As she was about to say something, Aiden cut her off, "Hello? Are you here?"

Evelynn jumped up because of how scared she got, looking right in front of her, "Right, sorry about that. Just thinking..."

Aiden nodded in understanding as he knew that he had revealed some pretty interesting things.

"Still, I got a question," Evelyn said.

Aiden looked at her with a smile as he could already guess what she would say next, but even if her guess was right, he wouldn't validate it or deny it.

"A-Are you Aiden? The one who made that potion with me this last week."

Aiden looked at her and raised his shoulders as if saying that he had no idea, "Who knows? Maybe, maybe not, you decide..."

Right as Evelyn was about to say something else, Aiden cut her off once again.

"So, what are the things that the director told you, can you finally answer me instead of changing the subject over and over again..."

Aiden was starting to get annoyed by the fact that he was the only one revealing any sort of information and he wanted her to say something to say something too that was the whole point of this conversation, after all.

Aiden wanted some information about what the director was saying about him and that wasn't the case at the moment, she was the one having all the information and Aiden was having nothing in return.

'Should I tell him... after all there's a good chance that he's Aiden,' Evelyn thought as she had to admit that she was reassured that Aiden was in front of her instead of running away from the director.

"I guess I can tell you since you did say those things to me," Evelynn muttered as she knew that if it really was Aiden in front of her then he would be getting truly mad over this whole matter there was not a single doubt in her mind about that part.

"You see he told me many things which caused me to cry, he called me a whore... someone who was dating a killer, he told me that I didn't have the slightest brain..."

Aiden frowned when he heard this, "He told you that you were a whore? How? Why? What the hell is his problem?!"

Aiden started to get furious over the matter as he knew that those things were also aimed at him by the same occasion.

"Well, you know dating someone like Aiden who is now supposedly a killer, he told me that anyone could charm me or whatever. He didn't say it like that exactly, but you get my point, he insulted my relationship with Aiden heavily..."

"I see, I see..." Aiden uttered, furious, clearly thinking of some things.

Still, he knew that the fact that he had called her those things could wait, as what Aiden really wanted to know was the knowledge that David had on Aiden on his disappearance.

"What about Aiden... does he know where he left?"

Evelynn picked up on that and little by little she was sure that the person in front of her was Aiden after all.

It simply made sense from everything that she had heard from him since the beginning of the conversation.

"He doesn't, he told me that he had probably left the city after killing Garetsa. Though, I have to admit that I can't be sure as to why he would kill that girl, or even if he really killed her in the first place."

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## **Chapter 362 - 362 - A Memorable Kiss**

Aiden nodded hearing that answer from Evelynn, it made sense for David to have close to no idea where he was. And it was normal that he didn't have any information about him since Aiden had never told him any like ever...

"So, he doesn't know anything, right?" Aiden asked Evelynn one last time to make sure.

"Well, he isn't sure about anything that's why he asked to see me, wondering if I had any information to give him, though when I told him I didn't that's when he started to insult me over and over again."

Aiden nodded as it was time to end this discussion, he needed to plan the rest of his plan considering the assassination of the director.

"Alright, well thanks for telling me, I guess I don't have anything else to tell you..." Aiden said as he slowly turned away from her and started walking to the door.

As he was about to cross the door Aiden felt a hand grabbing one of his shoulders, forcing him to turn back and look at Evelynn one last time.

She looked at him with puppy eyes as she said, "So, you're really not going to admit it, huh?"

Aiden looked at her confused as he noticed that she was getting closer and closer to the base of his neck, it seemed that she slowly getting closer trying to get a kiss once again.

'It seems she's convinced it's me, huh?' Aiden thought as he knew that there was no way that he could confirm it.

Though looking at her from above, Aiden had to admit that she was really cute at the moment which was something completely different from when Aiden had first met her.

He remembered her personality and how mean she had been with him, treating him as less than nothing. But looking back at it now, she really had changed a lot at least toward him.

Aiden had no idea if her personality overall had changed but between the two of them, it did.

After all, so many things happened between the two of them, Aiden saved her so many times, and then she was tortured by Anna who gave her a potion that restricted her mana forever.

'Still, there's no way for me to make sure that she won't betray me, what if this is all but an act?' Aiden thought as he knew that she could potentially tell her findings to the director.

However, he had seen how angry she had been when talking about him so he knew that the odds of such a thing happening were extremely low, so low that it was practically impossible for such a thing to happen.

"Look, I don't know what you're talking about," Aiden said as he turned his head, not wanting to be looked at in such a way anymore.

Even if Aiden was known to be quite indifferent to women, being looked at with such eyes was difficult even for him.

But then as he was about to leave, he felt more strength on one of his shoulders. It seemed like she really didn't want him to leave this place, she wanted him to stay and spend time with her.

"I know it's you, Aiden. Stop acting like it's not," Evelynn added when she noticed that Aiden was deadset on not admitting it and hiding the truth.

This time, Evelynn was getting tired of chasing his attention which is why she brought her face right in front of him and forced a kiss out of him. She wanted to know if it would feel the same.

She knew the feeling of his lips and how they felt like, from the way he moved his tongue to the way he grabbed her ass. Everything about the person in front of her needed to reflect what she had once experienced.

Both Aiden and Evelynn were now locking lips and Aiden was at first extremely surprised as he didn't do anything back, he didn't want to kiss her back, he didn't want to prove her point.

He wanted to keep a shroud of mystery around him, but as he felt Evelynn's voluptuous body against his he had no choice but to concede defeat.

Feeling all of her body, from her tits all the way to her ass. Aiden was extremely happy, he had to admit that it was a really nice feeling, to have a girl in his arms. It was a feeling that he wanted to experience over and over again.

The two of them stopped for one moment as they looked into each other's eyes.

"What are you doing?" Aiden asked as if unhappy with everything that had just happened.

Evelynn looked into those beautiful red eyes of his, and she didn't say anything simply staring.

"Why did you do this?" Aiden asked as he noticed that he hadn't gotten any answer.

Evelynn smiled when she heard this, "Why are still holding me? Don't want to let me go?"

She had no choice but to giggle when she said that as Aiden immediately dropped her and let her go.

"You see, I wanted to verify something and I just did, so I'm happy..."

Evelynn was now sure that the person in front of her was Aiden as he had acted the exact same way when they had last kissed. She wouldn't be confusing those lips with anyone else.

Aiden nodded as he didn't want her to say it out loud, but he saw it in her eyes... She knew that it was him, she had probably felt it from within her.

"Now, if you'll excuse me, I have things to do..." Aiden muttered as he suddenly had a lot of things to prepare.

However, once again as he was about to leave he heard the voice of Evelynnn from right behind him.

"Was it true?" She asked.

"What was true?" Aiden replied.

"What the director said about you, were you really the one who killed that girl?"

Aiden wasn't sure of what answer he would be giving her as he started thinking, he knew that by telling the truth he would as a result use her as an ally and tell her some of his plans.

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## **Chapter 363 - 363 - Trust**

Aiden looked back once last time as he sighed, he wasn't sure what to respond at the moment.

On one hand, by telling her that he was the one who had killed her and was the murderer, she could have two sorts of reaction: The first one being that she doesn't mind and isn't that shocked, and the second being that she would run into the director's arms to tell him all about it.

Aiden obviously didn't want the second situation to happen as it would be quite a bad thing since it would ruin his attempt at killing the director and on the same occasion finishing this trial once and for all.

'It's not like I can go back to the Nova now after everything that happened... They restricted the use of the [Return Stone] after all.'

Aiden wasn't sure, he thought and he thought about a way to make this question go away from her mind. However, even if he were to ignore her then the answer would also be given.

It would be clear that it was true and that he had truly killed someone.

Instead of lying or acting like it wasn't true which could result in Aiden being caught, he decided to do something else entirely. He would be playing with her emotions. Aiden would be pulling on certain emotions to make sure that she wouldn't reveal what he did to anyone.

He had never done something like this in the past as he usually wouldn't care about emotions in general. But there was a first for everything, right?

"Do you remember what I said the last time we kissed?" Aiden asked.

He knew that this would blow his cover and reveal that he really was Aiden, but he had no choice if he wanted this to work.

'Also she already knows, or she wouldn't have asked that question in the first place,' Aiden thought as he knew that it was no use to hide his identity after everything that had been said and done between the two.

"I do remember, you told me that I shouldn't believe everything that I heard," Evelynn with a smile as she was now 100% sure that the person in front of her was Aiden.

He had tried to deny it but it was finally confirmed and she was happy as a result.

"So, what do you think? Should you trust what the director said?" Aiden asked.

Evelynn frowned, but still she knew what he meant; he didn't do it and that's what he was trying to tell her. However, even from her point of view she had to admit that it was hard to believe, especially after she had seen some of the anger in the eyes of the director when talking about him.

"You really do it? Can you promise?"

Aiden looked at her and sighed, he knew that it wasn't a good thing to lie to her at the moment which is why he decided to keep his answers as vague as possible he wanted her to be the one judging.

"Well, I can't tell you, but you shouldn't trust what everyone says, there's always another side to a story... Maybe I killed that girl, maybe I didn't, but remember that there must have been a reason for the actions that I took."

Aiden was trying to make her understand that it wasn't his choice that he had killed her, it wasn't he who had decided to kill her.

'Actually, maybe it was, but at the beginning it wasn't, it was just because of what she did after all. So, can it really even be put on me?'

Aiden dismissed those useless thoughts out of his mind as he concentrated back on the conversation at hand. He heard Evelyn's voice and he wanted to hear what she had to say to him.

"I see, so you won't tell me, huh? Why? Is it because you don't trust me?"

Aiden preferred to keep his mouth shut this time as he knew that only problems would arise from such a situation and he didn't want such a thing to happen.

"You know sometimes silence is an answer," she replied as she was now convinced that Aiden didn't trust her.

Aiden noticed the change of look in her eyes as she was hurt that Aiden didn't trust her after everything that happened between the two of them recently.

"It's not like that... It's not that I don't believe you or something remotely close to that. It's just that... I don't know if things could go wrong if I told you and I don't want to take that risk, it could put you in danger," Aiden said as he was trying to convince her that it wasn't a good idea to tell her.

However, contrary to his expectations, she didn't back down as she kept looking at him straight in the eyes.

"Just tell me, I don't care if it's dangerous, I just want to know the truth."

Aiden looked at her and he knew about the risks of telling her, but he wasn't sure if it was a good idea. What if she started hating him out of nowhere?

"Why do you want to know so much?" Aiden asked as he needed help to figure out what decision he would need to take.

Evelynn smiled when she heard that question as she had a good answer in mind, "It's simple, I just want to stay with you and help you, especially if that son of a bitch of a director is trying to kill you or whatever."

Evelynn knew that was the main reason why Aiden was hesitant. Aiden knew that the director might go after her and she had to admit that she was touched.

However, what Evelynn didn't know was how wrong she was. Sure, Aiden cared about her and all but that wasn't the reason why he didn't want to tell her. The real reason was that she was a liability to his assassination.

"Hm, right still I don't think it's a good idea, sorry," Aiden said.

He looked into the eyes of Evelynn and he knew that it was hurting her.

"I just can't, sorry..."

Evelynn didn't want this to end there. She knew that she had to do something to change his mind whatever that was.

And her next option was simple, threaten him...

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## **Chapter 364 - 364 - Slave Contract**

"If you can't then I'll just go and tell the director everything that you just told me, he'll know where to find you," she said looking at him without the slightest remorse in her eyes. "Is that what you want?"

She was acting cruel or stupid, it wasn't clear, but Aiden knew that she was acting this way because she wanted attention in some way.

'I don't think she's going to do it, but still, I can't take any chances,' Aiden thought as he was currently thinking about how he could be dealing with her.

"Well, if you do that..." Aiden muttered as he got closer to her, finally bringing out that dagger. "I'll have to kill you just like I killed Garetsa."

Those words sent shivers down Garetsa's spine because she had never thought that Aiden would be talking to her like this.

"I-I'm joking, just tell me... please," Evelynn said as she started begging. "I just want to help, believe me!"

She was starting to lose hope as Aiden was making it clearer by the minute that such a thing wouldn't be possible, it was simply impossible for him to trust her to the fullest of her abilities.

Sure, he had told her that it wasn't because of trust but both Aiden and Evelynn knew deep down that it was related to it.

Aiden knew that she was sincere, but there was still this chance of her betraying him and he knew that he couldn't go through another scene like this where someone close to him would betray him. It had happened to him a couple of times already and it really was hard to go through such a thing.

"What can I do to prove it to you!" She shouted as she kneeled down. She was telling the truth but it seemed that it wasn't enough for Aiden as he kept ignoring her, not even saying a single word to her.

It hurt.

Being ignored is something that could hurt someone deeply and that was the exact thing that was happening.

"If you can find a spell that would make it impossible for you to betray then I would accept to tell you about what I will do next, if you can't then there's no way of that happening..." Aiden said as he slowly looked down, knowing his words hurt. "I'm sorry."

Evelynn looked at him and those red eyes of his, and started thinking as fast as she could about a solution.

'Something that can make it impossible for me to betray him, was there an artifact that can make such a thing possible?' She thought.

She knew that it wasn't a common thing, however, she immediately thought of something. However, there was one small problem she wasn't sure if she wanted to use the solution that she had found.

It was quite the cruel one all things considered.

"T-There is something that we could use..." She muttered clearly showing how hesitant she was over revealing it.

Aiden didn't want to pressure her, but he knew that he needed to move on with his assassination, "What is it?"

He noticed that she was dragging this whole thing on and on, so he would be getting answers at a much faster rate from now on.

"A Slave Contract, that would be the only thing that could make me unable to betray you..." She muttered as she knew that it would be a big deal to sign such a thing.

However, Aiden was interested when he heard those words as the name of it was kind of telling, she would become his slave.

It wasn't something that he particularly appreciated, but if it would make him reassured. He would do it, there was not a single doubt in his mind.

"What does it do?" Aiden asked, right away, clearly intrigued by this artifact that she had mentioned.

Evelynn looked away from him unsure if she wanted to tell him, the item that she had just suggested would have some pretty big effects after all.

Still, she knew that it was the only way for her to continue working with him on something which is why she accepted in taking the risk.

"It binds me to you, making me unable to refuse an order coming from you. As a result, it makes me unable to betray. Those contracts are usually used on slaves which is where this name comes from."

Aiden nodded at this information as he had to admit that it made a lot of sense. Hearing the explanation of the item, Aiden had no problem in using it and he knew that she was probably worried about certain things regarding it.

"Look, you don't need to worry about me telling you stuff that you don't to do. I will never force anyone in such a way, if you don't want to do something or stay just tell me."

Evelynn nodded as it was reassuring to hear Aiden speak in such a manner. Still, words were just words, there was no way to tell how he would act in the future.

"Is there a way for this contract to be canceled?" Aiden asked as he didn't want to keep her as a slave for his entire life, just for the time that he would take care of the director.

"There is, both parties need to agree though. I won't be able to break if that's what you're worried about."

"And where can I find them?" Aiden asked as this was the most important question.

Evelynn quickly answered as she knew that Aiden wouldn't back down from this, he would be using this on her. Still, she couldn't help but ask one last time.

"Are you sure that you can't trust without it? Wouldn't it be fine either way?"

Aiden sighed, he knew that it was something that was hard on her, but he didn't see any other solutions at the moment.

"I can't, so just tell me where I can find one and I'll go get it," Aiden asked.

"Just follow me, I'll show you, it's in the city nearby."

Aiden nodded and started following her as he couldn't help but wonder where that little pet of hers had gone off to.

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## **- Chapter 365 - 365 - Monocle**

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Aiden and Evelynn were now walking out of the academy, and they noticed that there wasn't the slightest student outside anymore. It seemed like the area from earlier had been cleaned up and Aiden appreciated such a thing.

"So where is that shop that you talked about earlier?" Aiden asked as he kept following her, wondering where she was bringing him, at the moment.

There were obviously some ideas entering his mind about where he could find such contracts, however, he would simply wait and see.

"Well, it's not really a shop, but you'll understand soon enough," Evelynn said as she kept forward at a slow pace, it seemed that she was walking slowly on purpose for some reason.

Aiden knew that she was probably scared of using such a contract on herself. However, Aiden wouldn't abuse it, he wouldn't ask anything out of her, he simply wasn't that type of person.

"Don't worry, I already told you. This is just to reassure myself, there's no need to feel so stressed about it, trust me."

Evelynn couldn't help but find this whole sentence quite ironic. She was supposed to trust him, but he couldn't trust her... double standards.

"Whatever, I'm not worried, continue walking."

Aiden rolled his eyes as he could clearly see that she was affected. However, it was clear that she really wanted to know about what he would be doing next.

She knew that there were good chances that it would be dangerous, and she had decided that she would be helping him to the fullest of her abilities. That's what girlfriends did, after all, support their boyfriends.

'I have no idea if we are one boyfriend and girlfriend, though,' she thought, knowing that she wouldn't get the answer to that question any time soon.

A few moments later, both Evelynnn and Aiden kept walking toward who knows where. Evelynnn stopped in the middle of the street before taking a sharp turn to her left.

"It's right there," she pointed in front of her.

She had just pointed at what seemed to be an abandoned building. However, Aiden still trusted that she wouldn't be lying to her about the Slave Contracts since she was the one who had proposed them in the first place.

"Are you sure that you need me to take one of those contracts... Can't you see that I'm really trying to help you?"

Aiden, however, didn't budge as he knew that it was safer this way. He knew that he couldn't accept something going wrong this time. He would be even more prepared, that was the solution that he had found.

"Yes, now let's go," Aiden muttered as he was the one taking the reigns this time.

Evelynn looked at him as being so motivated and frowned. She knew that it would help him tell her the truth, but there was no reason for him to be so motivated about this whole thing.

'Though, maybe I should warn him about what he'll find inside,' Evelynnn thought as she knew that he wasn't from around here and that he had never seen the inside of a Slave's shop. At least, she thought that he had never seen such a thing before, she could be wrong.

However, she decided against it as she wanted to see the face that he would make when entering that shop.

Contrary to her expectations, Aiden wasn't focused on the shop at the moment as he kept thinking about that item, the Slave Contract.

The more Aiden thought about it, the more he thought that it would be the perfect item for Ava to use with him. That way there would be no way of Ava breaking the deal that she had made with Aiden a couple of months ago.

'It would be perfect actually, there's no doubt about that,' Aiden thought. 'I'll take two that way it'll be simpler for me. I won't need to come back here.'

Aiden knew that he couldn't trust the words of someone so easily and this item literally solved this whole thing for him. It was perfect!

Still, he had no choice but to push those thoughts to the back of his mind because he was about to enter the building that was right in front of him.

It looked abandoned, but Aiden could still see some lights inside it which is why he didn't hesitate to enter inside that building.

Before entering, he made sure to glance behind him, making sure that Evelynn was still following him. And there was one thing that made him a little worried and it was the fact that she had a little cheeky smile on her face.

For some reason, it seemed like she was preparing herself to make fun of him. Aiden didn't understand and didn't bother to understand as he pushed the door in front of him, entering the building where he would supposedly find a slave contract.

Shortly after, Evelynn followed him as she made sure to look at his facial expression as she knew that she would be in for a wild ride.

Right as Aiden crossed the door, he looked at his surroundings and he was shocked.

'Just what the hell is this place?' Aiden thought as everywhere he looked he could see cages with actual human beings caged inside them.

Under the shock of this view, Aiden looked behind him and whispered to Evelynn's ear, "Just where did you bring me, is this really the only place where they sell Slave Contracts?"

Usually, Aiden wouldn't be acting shocked as he had, most of the time, seen worse in his past life. However, this time it was different, he had never seen so many humans in the same room barely hanging onto life.

Also, the thing was that there weren't only adults in that room, there were kids... really young kids.

Then, as Aiden was about to walk a little bit further, someone appeared in front of him. A short man with what seemed to be a monocle.

Aiden only looked briefly at him and he knew... He knew that this short person was crazy.

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## Chapter 366 - 366 - Goblin

"What can I do for you, young sir?" The short person asked.

Aiden looked at him and tried to guess if he was a dwarf or not, but the more he looked at that man, the more he had to admit that he had no idea.

'Well, he has the height of a dwarf, but he doesn't have the other characteristics,' Aiden thought as he compared the person in front of him to the dwarf he had met in the past.

He just wasn't sure, but if he had to give an answer, he'd say that the person in front of him wasn't a dwarf, that would be his final guess after taking into account everything.

"Oh, I see that you came with merchandise," the weird-looking person said as he started approaching Evelyn who wasn't too far from him.

Aiden frowned instantly and got in the middle of the two, "She ain't merchandise, she's here to accompany me."

Aiden had to admit that he couldn't help but feel a little bit of pity for all those who were in cages. For some reason, he felt bad about them which wasn't something that would have happened in the past like... ever.

'I don't know, but my emotions just make me take weird decisions, it's annoying,' Aiden thought.

He was getting tired of making mistakes because of those as he knew that it was most likely their fault that he was performing in such a way.

"Oh, she isn't... well, I'm sorry though she would have been a great addition, keke."

Aiden couldn't help but be disgusted by that laugh, just what type of person was in front of him. Aiden couldn't contain his questions as he decided to ask them.

"Hey, uh... what are you? Are you a dwarf? A monster? A human? Like what is it," Aiden asked as he wanted to know.

He had to admit that the laugh that this person had just made was close to those that monsters would do which is why he asked if he was a monster, or a type of a monster.

"Oh, you don't know? Just where are you from, haha?" The person answered, seemingly surprised that Aiden had never seen someone that looked like him.

Though, the merchant didn't seem to care as he answered him without thinking.

"Well, I thought it was obvious but I guess it isn't. It's simple really, I'm a goblin."

The goblin made sure to look at the face of Aiden before continuing as he wanted to see if he was going to get weirded out or something similar to that.

However, none of that occurred, as Aiden kept a straight face seemingly having no reaction to the news, at least, physically.

"Oh, disappointing, I thought that you would have been all shocked," the goblin said.

'A goblin? That's a goblin?' Aiden thought as he looked at the short person in front of him.

Aiden was confused for many reasons, the first one was that the goblin in front of her didn't look ugly or even close to what he had imagined.

'Always thought they would be green, seems like it was all a lie,' Aiden thought, a little disappointed about all of this.

He thought that he would have recognized a goblin in the blink of an eye but it seemed that it wasn't the case at all.

"Well, I am, I'm just not showing it." Aiden smiled.

The goblin dismissed his worries as he decided to finally ask the same question as earlier once again, "So what can I do for you, young sir?"

They had been distracted by Evelyn who was now hiding behind Aiden, scared of that goblin. She was scared that it would be doing something to her which wasn't something that would accept at all.

Aiden had noticed how creepy and how degenerate the person in front of him was, and he would make sure that nothing would be happening to her.

"We're here to get two Slave Contracts," Aiden said, nonchalantly.

'Two?' She thought, unsure why he would need two of them when she was alone.

The goblin seemed to understand what would be happening as he had quite a creepy smile on his face, looking at Aiden as if he was proud of his actions.

"I see, what's happening, she's going to become yours... Sorry about earlier, I didn't know."

Aiden was surprised that the goblin was apologizing, but the reason why he had done so was quite weird. It seemed that the goblin right there in front of them was weird, really weird.

"Well, no matter, I'll go get that for you," the goblin said as he slowly walked into the darkness that was surrounding them.

Aiden couldn't help but wonder how he was able to navigate inside this darkness. He had to admit that he was impressed that a dwarf could see through. Aiden could also see through the darkness but that was only because of his skill.

He didn't know what sort of skill the dwarf had developed, but it must have been a good one.

"Here's the slave contract, how are you going to pay for it?" The goblin asked as he smiled.

That was the part that he liked the most, receiving money.

Aiden looked toward Evelynnn who was right behind him as she approached and paid for it. Aiden would have paid for it but he had no money whatsoever.

A moment later, Evelynnn had the Slave Contract in her hands and she exited the shop with Aiden. She had a worried look on her face as she knew that it really was going to happen.

She was going to be the slave of someone, and the only way for her to become free again was for Aiden to be nice enough to let her go.

"Hey, don't look so sad. Don't worry, I will never do anything to you, and if at any given time you want this to stop, then just tell me. I will cancel everything, that is after I'm done with my task..."

"Ah! Enough about that, so how does it work?" Aiden said as Evelynnn handed him one of the small piece of paper that they had received.

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## Chapter 367 - 367 - It Worked, huh?

Evelynnn shortly looked at him and she was about to open her mouth and ask him if this was really necessary, but she already knew the answer to that.

She had heard his answer many times, it was impossible for him to trust her for some reason. Aiden had no idea why, but that was simply how it was working at the moment.

'Let's just hope that he doesn't do anything weird to me,' she thought a little worried that he would use this opportunity to use her as he saw fit.

"Wait give it to me, I'll explain it better that way," Evelynnn asked as Aiden handed the Slave Contract to her.

He had no idea how to activate such a weird-looking piece of paper, but Aiden knew one thing, it was a special one, and he could tell from its appearance.

It was sort of glowing as if some energy was contained inside it. Aiden had its guesses and he was sure that mana was giving this effect to that paper.

As Evelynnn grabbed the Slave Contract, she looked at Aiden with a worried look, showing that she wasn't comfortable in the least. However, she understood that he didn't care when he didn't say anything to her... It was now time for her to explain what it was.

"Basically, it's simple, to activate it you simply place your hand on it and infuse your mana into it. You'll need to hand the piece of paper to the slave after doing that and it will activate."

Aiden listened and couldn't help but be confused. From what she had explained this small piece of paper could do much more than simply be used on a slave.

'Couldn't you just force anyone to become your slave?' Aiden thought that the owner would simply have to hand it over to the slave and nothing would happen, basically he was forced to become one.

But couldn't he do that to anyone that he wanted, the director could even be a possibility.

"I'm not sure, I'm understanding this correctly. I just infused my mana in this and I hand it to you?"

Evelynn looked at him with a confused look in her eyes as if he had understood everything correctly from start to finish.

"Well, actually that's what I heard, I never used one before, so I might be wrong about all this," Evelynn admitted as she knew that the method seemed a little simple.

'There has to be a mistake here because this simply makes no sense whatsoever,' Aiden thought as he decided that he would be going back inside the Slave Shop.

He wanted to know the method since there were good chances that he would be using it on Ava in the future. That's why he wanted to make sure that everything would be working well.

"We can try your way and if it fails, let's just go see that goblin again," Aiden replied as he really didn't want to see him again. However, if there were no choices then he would go see him.

Evelynn nodded as she gave him the contract back. She knew that it would mean that she would lose her freedom, but it wasn't like she could do much at the moment, she was manaless and the only person that was currently cared about was in front of her.

Aiden was the only person that tried to care for and she would try to do the same by helping him.

'Still, to help him. I'll need to find a way to get my mana back, I'll try to go and see Anna when he's busy,' Evelynn thought as she knew that Aiden would try to be as far away as possible from Anna.

She would be making a lot of effort since she had been traumatized by Anna, she remembered being tied to a wall, and it wasn't something that Aiden particularly liked as he had exploded grabbing Anna's wrists and questioning her about it.

As she was thinking about all this, Aiden took hold of the contract and guided his mana inside it.

Right as he did that, a blue light started emitting from the contract as it lit up the surroundings at an incredible pace.

"Uh... is that normal?" Aiden asked as he didn't think that it would cause such a thing to happen.

As the deep blue light covered the surroundings, Evelynn was worried not knowing what would happen. She had never used something like this in the past and she was simply believing what others had told her.

Aiden handed her the contract shortly after, not knowing what would happen.

As soon as Evelynn touched the contract, the light disappeared and the glow that came from the paper disappeared.

"Did it work?" Aiden questioned, having no idea if it failed or succeeded.

From the looks of it, there were good chances that it had succeeded since the contract's effect seemed to be gone for good.

"I don't know, maybe... let's test it," Evelynn said as she waited for Aiden to give her an order.

'I should give her an order that she would never do,' Aiden thought as he had no idea what to say.

"Uh... I don't know what to ask you, isn't there another way to do those things?" Aiden asked as there were no ideas that were coming to his mind at the moment.

He thought about it a little, and there was still nothing. However, that's when Evelynn intervened and told him that giving her orders wasn't necessary as there was a much better method.

Evelynn walked up to Aiden and she clenched her fist as she tried to hit his right cheek. Her fist was approaching its target at a fast pace and it seemed that nothing would be able to stop it. But, as it got a few centimeters away from Aiden's face, some sort of blue forcefield appeared completely stopping the strike in its tracks.

Evelynn looked at Aiden and told him, "I guess we can say that it worked, huh?"

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## **Chapter 368 - 368 - A New Plan**

Aiden and Evelynnn were now going back toward her dorm room. As they started walking, Evelynnn started asking Aiden some questions about the situation that he was in.

"So, what was it that you didn't want to tell me?" Evelynnn asked as she knew that she would be able to get the answer now.

Sure, she hadn't appreciated using that contract, but she sure as hell hoped that it would be worth it. It better be something that Aiden couldn't tell anyone. If it wasn't, she didn't know what she would do... She had just accepted in taking a fucking Slave Contract, if that didn't prove how much importance she was giving him, she didn't know what to do.

Aiden heard her question and got closer to her as he was about to reveal his goal.

"It's to kill the director..."

Aiden then slowly backed away from her as he was quite interested in seeing the reactions that she would make. However, there was nothing, she was frozen, and she didn't walk forward anymore.

'Seems like it wasn't what she expected,' Aiden thought as he knew that it must be quite surprising that he wanted to kill one of the strongest people in this world.

"W-What did you say?" She whispered back to him as she simply couldn't believe what she had just heard.

"I want, no... I need to kill the director, my life depends on it."

Evelynnn's eyes widened as she had truly thought that what she had heard at first had been a huge mistake, but it seemed that it wasn't the case at all.

"Y-You're serious, right? You're not lying to me?"

Aiden looked at her and he made sure to look as serious as possible.

"I am."

"I'm sure you understand why I didn't tell you before, right?" Aiden said as he expected

Evelynnn to agree with him, and that was exactly what happened.

Evelynnn agreed wholeheartedly with him. Everything that he had just said made a lot of sense and she agreed with him.

"Right... I get it, it's a huge thing. But why? Why do you need to kill him? He's the strongest mage there is, for fuck sake," Evelynn said as she couldn't help but raise her voice.

Aiden tried to put his hand on her mouth before she continued talking, but, at last, it was too late. Many people started looking at them wondering what was happening between the two of them, who were they even talking about?

Still, they were strangers which is why they didn't approach them, keeping their distance.

"So, uh... the potion was it for the director. Did you prepare it to use on the director, so that you could kill him?" Evelynn asked in a quiet tone, her mouth close to one of Aiden's ears.

She had understood that no one could hear their conversation which is why she acted that way.

"It was. Though, some complications happened because of that," Aiden said as he looked at her from top to bottom, indicating that he was talking about her.

Evelynn didn't say anything because she knew that she had suffered because of his actions. However, there was something else that was in Evelynn's thoughts. How did his plan fail if he had a potion that could restrict mana forever?

Couldn't he just slide it in one of his drinks and then David would have been done, unable to do anything?

Aiden nodded and started explaining it to her, however, he didn't spend too much time doing that. He had something that he really wanted to know and it was about her pet, or rather, the monster that would follow her around every step of the way.

Just where did it go?

It certainly wasn't next to her anymore, so just where did it go?

Aiden knew that the monster was special and he thought that it would be a great ally for the fight against the director. He knew that there were some abilities that were hidden from him that could potentially turn the tide in an upcoming battle.

"Oh, and before I forget, just what happened to your pet? Did it leave or what?"

Evelynn seemed sad when she heard Aiden speak about this subject.

"It happened the day the alarm resounded... I woke up and he was gone, completely leaving me alone and abandoning me," Evelyn said as Aiden could slowly see tears forming in the corners of her eyes.

It was clear that this pet or monster truly meant something in her heart, it was a monster that meant a lot to her at a fundamental level.

"So, you have no idea what happened or where he left to, right?" Aiden asked, annoyed by the fact that there would probably be absolutely no way of finding that monster.

'They probably sent him back to that world when they noticed that I was going to accept their fucking offer,' Aiden thought as he was getting frustrated over the matter.

It was really annoying as they were trying to remove some of the resources that he would have access to.

"Well, if he isn't here anymore, can you do something?" Aiden asked as he remembered that pretty much all of her strength came from that monster.

Maybe it was a question that could be interpreted as rude and mean, but Aiden meant it. He didn't want to be stuck with someone who wouldn't be able to do anything at all. That wasn't what he was aiming for at the moment.

"O-Of course, I can. I just need to get my mana back," Evelyn said as she felt that Aiden would probably ask her to sit this one out as it would be way too dangerous for her.

'I guess I can ask her to do some tasks to help me, but nothing more nothing less.'

But then remembered something, the director thought that Aiden was in a relationship which meant that Aiden would be able to make use of such a thing.

'Wait, this is actually perfect...'

A new plan appeared in Aiden's head and this time he would make sure that everything would work, he would leave nothing to chance or someone else. It would solely depend on him, and he would make sure that it worked.

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## Chapter 369 - 369 - Conversation

Hours went by and Aiden made sure to explain everything to Evelynn because she was the key to this plan of his. He had thought of a role for her and it would make sure that everything would be perfect.

Aiden was currently in a dark area with nothing around him, well except darkness, waiting patiently while Evelynn was gone. As for where Evelynn was?

Well, that was simple. She was with the director telling him some things. The whole plan would depend on this, Evelynn needed to make sure that her lies would be great and believable.

The plan was complex, however, if everything went according to the plan. Then, there was no way that this assassination wouldn't work.

There was a good chance that Aiden would succeed and then he would finally go back to Nova where he would be able to see what happened while he was gone.

He didn't know what happened but he could only hope that everything had been fine while he had been gone. He hoped that nothing happened to either Maelis or Emma, if one of them had gotten hurt while he was gone, he would be honestly devastated and truly angry at the person who would have done that.

"I hope it works, though the most important thing in this plan is this right here," Aiden muttered as he looked at the small blue vial in his hands.

'Let's hope that she convinced him to get here,' Aiden thought as he was still under the appearance of Alek.

The plan would truly start the moment that David entered this darkness. That's when everything would happen, and that's when the most tense moment would happen. That's when David would have no choice but to drink that potion.

Aiden had made sure that there was no other way but for David to drink that potion.

'Well, time to stand up...' Aiden thought as he slowly stood up heading toward a small light that was a little away from him.

He needed to make sure that everything would be perfect since the director should be arriving in a maximum of ten minutes.

While Aiden was currently making sure that everything would be going according to plan, there were two people currently talking with one another.

Those two people were Melinda and Sylas, two heads of the founding families. They were currently a subject that seemed extremely tense.

"Where the fuck are you hiding him, Melinda?" Sylas Nightshade shouted as he hit the desk.

Melinda simply smiled at him looking at him, "Who are you talking about?"

"Who do you think, that fucking Reaper? Just where are you hiding him?"

Melinda continued smiling, not caring about such a thing.

"Do you really think that I will answer you when you literally sent assassins inside my territory, you're lucky that I don't kill you right now," Melinda answered losing her smile and looking at her directly in his eyes.

Sylas knew that he couldn't admit such a thing, "What do you mean? I never did anything, do you even have proof?"

There had been some tension since the Inter Family Tournament had ended and it was the first time that they had met.

Sylas had obviously been extremely mad that the Reaper had been recruited by Melinda and her family, and he had tried to make her pay by sending an assassin to kill the Reaper.

However, it never worked, not even once.

"I don't need proof, I know you did it," Melinda said, dismissing what he did.

She knew that nothing would change even if she tried to make him pay. It wasn't a good idea to make such a big enemy out of Sylas. Melinda knew how much of a hothead he was, and she didn't want to deal with someone like this. She wanted to find peace once again, that's why she had invited him here.

"Whatever I didn't do it, I can tell you that much. However, what the hell did you invite me over here?" Sylas asked as he didn't expect such a thing to happen in the first place.

"I came here to discuss the Reaper and what happened with your son," Melinda said as she would attempt to calm the situation down.

Hearing that name, Sylas became agitated once again, "You're going to make me see him? Are you going to tell me who he really is?"

Melinda didn't say anything to that as she knew that there was no way of such a thing happening.

"I can't show him to you because he's not even here right now, he's inside his trial which has been going on for almost a month," Melinda said.

Sylas seemed surprised by such a thing, "A month? Are you sure?"

Melinda looked at him and knew why he was worried. Trials that were this long would most

of the time have a great correlation to having great rewards and it was clear that it would make the Reaper progress even more.

"Yes, a month."

Sylas nodded as he calmed down a little, he understood that there was no way that he would be able to meet him. However, what about his real name? Couldn't he know about it?

"What's his name?" Sylas asked as this was the thing that was on his mind the most.

Ever since the Inter Family Tournament, Sylas had been worried about this, just who had been the one beating his son, the one who was known as the strongest ever since he had been born.

Sylas had never heard anything about the Reaper and that's what made him extremely mad.

"I already told you, I can't tell you."

There was no way that Melinda would be telling Aiden's name since it would create a lot of problems, a fuck ton of them.

Sylas nodded, "Then what do you propose?"

Sylas had calmed down since earlier and he was now patiently waiting for Melinda's answer.

"What about a little meeting between the two families when he comes back from his trial?"

Sylas smiled when he heard this as he knew that it would be a great occasion for him to learn more about the mysterious "Reaper".

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## Chapter 370 - 370 - The Mines

As a deal was currently in the process of being formed, Aiden was still focusing on the task ahead of him. He knew that the moment was approaching and he needed things to work.

Because, this time, he would only have one chance at doing this, if he failed again. Then it would be over, nothing would happen ever again.

'If I fail this time, it will probably be the end, my end...' Aiden thought as he knew that the director needed to drink that potion for things to go well.

He had planned something that would surely work, however, there were always some problems along the way. Aiden had already tasted them when he had tried to assassinate the director the first time.

However, this time he wouldn't be handing a drink, or any drink for that matter, as soon as he would enter this place he would get affected.

'Let's just hope that it doesn't affect me too,' Aiden thought as he had taken a few precautions, but still, there was nothing too sure.

"He should be getting here soon enough," Aiden mumbled as he went toward the darkness.

He had made sure that everything would work, from the equipment to the way that it would be activated.

If everything went according to plan, the director would be leaving this place without a head, or rather, without his life whatsoever. It would be his end altogether.

A few moments later, Aiden was still waiting patiently, not moving the slightest inch, patiently waiting for someone to come to him. There was still no one, but Aiden hoped that at one point there would be.

Things were getting dull as Aiden was only sitting, waiting for his prey. There was nothing else that he could prepare, everything would be perfect from start to finish, at least, that's what he hoped.

'However, I don't need hope... I need to make sure that everything works out perfectly. I don't have room for any mistakes anymore, I got lucky enough to get away once.'\

While Aiden was having those thoughts, Evelynnn was talking with the director at his desk, having quite an interesting conversation.

"You aren't lying to me, right?" The director asked as he couldn't help but be confused as to why she would come all the way here to tell him.

"Of course, I'm not lying. I just want to help you, I'm telling the truth, Aiden really contacted me, he needed my help from what he said," Evelynnn said, trying to sound as convincing as possible.

There was no room for any errors.

"How did he contact you? Did he tell you where he was?" David asked right away as he knew how to seize an opportunity that would present itself.

Evelynnn cracked a small smile, happy that her lies had worked. However, that smile quickly disappeared from her face since she couldn't get caught here.

"He told me the general location, it was close to the mines, and he told me that he would be waiting there for me," Evelynnn told him with the most serious face that she could muster at the moment.

The director became pensive right away as he hadn't expected such an answer. "The mines? Are you sure?"

Evelynnn didn't back down for a single moment, "That's what he told me."

The director nodded as he knew that he couldn't teleport there right away because there were so many mines and they were really big.

He would make sure to act with some discretion, and Aiden would probably watch people entering the mines.

'That boy isn't stupid after all. He probably knew the risks of contacting her and took measures against it.'

However, the director couldn't be more wrong with the assessment that he had given. Aiden wasn't waiting for him, observing everyone that would enter the mines. He was waiting in the mines for him, he was about to face him.

"Alright, let's leave."

The director decided there was no time to waste, the more time the two of them waited. The more time that Aiden would have to escape and live a peaceful life, and that wasn't an option inside the mind of the director.

'It worked!' Evelyn thought, celebrating in her mind, before putting on a confused expression.

"You want me to come with you? Why?"

The director rolled his eyes and quickly explained it to her.

"You're the bait, you're the one who will bring him out. You being there will make things a lot easier."

The director knew that having Aiden's lover around, it would make things a lot more difficult for him, and he couldn't wait to see the flushed face on Aiden's face.

The director remembered the expression that was on Garetsa's face, she had been so scared. Her mouth had been wide open, her eyes still wide open. She had been terrified and the director would make sure that Aiden would feel the exact same way.

He wasn't going there to imprison him. He was going there to kill him, and he would make Aiden suffer.

'Even if I liked him, the choices that he made are unacceptable and he needs to pay for what he did.'

"Enough time wasted, let's go," the director said as he opened a small portal that would make them closer to the mines.

"After you," David said as he asked her to walk through the portal first.

He wouldn't make the same mistake this time. He would make sure to protect any person that was with him around that crazy person.

'I made a mistake and that resulted in someone dying while I was gone... Never again, it will never happen again. I don't want to see such a thing ever again.'

It had been traumatizing for the director who hadn't experienced killing all that much. The Magic City was a peaceful one, after all, the director preferred killing monsters left and right instead of actual people.

He found the other practice distasteful, however, if he needed to... he would use it, and he would use it very well.

"Let's check the mines that are on this side first," the director said to Evelynn as he pointed toward the right side.

David knew that he needed to act fast as he didn't want to get spotted by Aiden who was probably lurking around, waiting for him.

Normally, David would have split the task between her and him, but he knew that he couldn't take such a risk. However, he had decided that Evelynn would be the one to enter first.

That way she would be the one that Aiden would be spotting first and that was exactly what she wanted.

"What are you waiting for? Let's go!" The director said putting some pressure on her.

Evelynn however kept acting scared, showing that she didn't want to die.

"Y-You aren't going to let me die, right?"

She acted as scared as possible, her voice shaking, her body shaking... She wanted to show the director how much stress she was currently feeling at the moment.

"I would never, never again!" The director exclaimed as he made sure to reassure her. He wouldn't explain to her the full details, but she just had to know that David would never let something like this repeat itself ever again.

"A-Alright, can you give me some light, that way I can see where I'm going," Evelynn asked as she calmed down. Her voice still somewhat shaking.

If Aiden was able to see this, he would be impressed by her acting skills. He would even admit that they were much better than his.

If she had been the one there on the hill, instead of Garetsa, it would have been a completely different situation and Aiden would have probably been able to kill him.

But what was done, was done...

"Sure thing, here," David replied with a smile as he was trying to reassure her to the best of his abilities. That was the goal here.

Evelynn thanked him and started walking down. She already knew that he wasn't in this mine and that he was actually on the left side. However, that wasn't something that she could really say to the director, or else, it would be extremely weird.

A few minutes later, they had reached the bottom of the cave as they climbed up again and explored another one, reaching the depths of it.

Evelynn knew that it would take a while to reach Aiden which is why she was trying to make things faster by walking down very fast.

She was going so fast, that even the director was surprised by her actions, "No need to feel stressed, just take your time, we'll get there at one point. No need to worry."

David was sure that her behavior was related to the stress that she was currently feeling in the depths of her body. However, what he didn't know was that he couldn't be more wrong at the moment.

"Nothing again," Evelynnn exclaimed as she started climbing right away once again. She had heard the director and she acted like she hadn't done so as she simply smiled his way.

"Well, alright, it's you that decides either way."

They started exploring all of the caves, and there was still nothing. In fact, even the director was starting to doubt the information that he had been given by Evelynnn, it was strange, however, he didn't say anything yet because there were still around 5 entrances or so left.

'Just why did he pick the right side, Aiden was the first cave on the left,' Evelynnn thought frustrated that she needed to explore every cave when she knew that there was nothing inside.

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## Chapter 371 - 371 - No Issue

However, there was something that she ignored, the fact that the director was starting to lose the belief that Aiden was really in those mines waiting for her.

A few minutes later, they were now in front of the final cave, or rather, mine, and David couldn't help but say something.

"Let's see if he didn't lie to you like he did with me. Still, I wouldn't be surprised."

He even sighed while saying that as it was clear that the director didn't believe for a single moment that Aiden was in there, patiently waiting for them.

However, this time, he was wrong. He really was inside his back against the wall, patiently waiting for their appearance.

Back inside the cave, Aiden heard a small noise of someone walking. There was no stress entering his body as he knew that they were still far away. It was just the echo because of how this mine was made.

'Seems like she finally arrived and she isn't alone,' Aiden thought as he was sure that Evelynn had accompanied him. He had been able to tell from the footsteps.

'Alright, let's do this!' Aiden thought as he stood up and prepared himself in a fighting position.

He knew that the fight would be over before he even set foot this deep inside the cave, however, he didn't take any risks. He knew that the mechanism could fail at any moment, and if that was the case, then he would most likely die.

If the director was able to reach the depths of this cave with his mana intact. Then, Aiden would die, there were no other options... he would die.

Back up in the cave, two people were walking at a fast pace, however, contrary to the director's expectations. This time, Evelynn was walking at a slower pace which was odd since he would have expected her to go even faster since it was the last cave.

Still, he didn't think too much about it as she was probably tired of doing it since they had been at it for almost an hour without any breaks.

"C-Can we take a break?" Evelynn asked as she was almost out of breath.

The director didn't know yet, but if he answered "yes" then he would be losing access to his mana in a couple of moments.

'Even if you answer no, the same thing will happen just further down this cave. You're done... whatever choice you make, you're done.'

Evelynn couldn't help but be somewhat excited over what was going to happen in a few minutes. The director wouldn't know what happened to him until he got to the depths of this cave.

'Well, let's hope that he doesn't notice that something is wrong,' Evelynn thought as she knew that the potion's effect was going to be instant.

It was a matter as to whether he would notice or not. Still, even if he noticed it wouldn't be a big deal since Evelynn would shout Aiden's name and he would be coming up as fast as possible.

'It's not like he can teleport away without access to his mana,' she thought as she knew that the moment he was getting affected it would be the end for him.

She still had no idea why Aiden needed to kill this man, however, it didn't matter to her. It seemed like the reason wasn't important to her. Maybe it was because of the contract, but she was currently feeling like she was doing the right thing.

"Sure, let's take a break," the director answered as he knew that he had been pushing her quite hard since earlier. It was also clear that Evelynn didn't have the best physical abilities.

Like all people from this world, she had focused on magic and nothing else which explained this lack of muscle. However, a lack of physical strength didn't mean a lack of strength overall since most people relied on their spells to make damage in this world.

Evelynn smiled hearing his answer as she knew the exact spot where she would need to guide him. She wasn't sure if it was going to work just like they had planned, but she hoped it would.

This was simply the first occasion and it wasn't the one that was sure to work. The one that they had developed was a little bit more deep into the cave.

Evelynn knew that there was a good chance that the director would ignore her request, however, who knows maybe he was going to drink from her bottle.

A few moments later, they had found a spot to sit down and Evelynn got out of her bottle and drank from it without any problems.

'Drink from it, first... check.'

Evelynn knew that she needed to show to the director that it was safe, however, she knew very well that it wasn't and that this bottle was filled with the mana-restricting potion.

The thing is though, he could always refuse which would mean that the plan would be going onto plan B, where he would get affected by it when he was about to reach Aiden.

'Let's just hope that he takes it right now, that would make things a lot simpler,' Evelynn thought, not wanting to activate the mechanism that was deeper in the caves as she knew that there was a good chance that Aiden might get affected and that wasn't something that she wanted whatsoever.

"Want some?" Evelynn asked with a smile, acting as if everything was fine.

The director looked at her and thought that her behavior had been quite weird ever since they had entered this cave. However, out of respect, he had decided to refuse as he didn't that drinking from someone's else bottle was polite.

"I'm fine, don't worry about me," the director answered.

Evelynn was a little confused as to why he would refuse, however, she decided to put a little bit of pressure on him. She wanted him to accept and she would try her best to convince him.

"Are you sure? Water never hurt anybody," Evelynn said knowing damn well that it wasn't water at all inside that bottle.

However, that wasn't something that the director needed to know whatsoever.

"Right, that's true," David replied as he seemed to be hesitating whether to accept or not.

Evelynn noticed that hesitation and immediately handed the bottle his way. She had made that it impossible to see the color of the liquid inside the bottle which made things impossible for the director as he wouldn't know if it really was water or not.

And it wasn't like he had any reasons to doubt her, she had been trying to help him since she had come to him. Telling him about Aiden's location.

Also, to be honest, David had been extremely surprised that Evelynn had come back to see him after everything that she had told him.

"Alright, sure I'll drink some," David answered as he took the bottle and started drinking it without a single worry in the world.

Evelynn had the biggest smile on her face when she saw this happen right in front of her. He had done it, he had drunk the whole bottle...

'He really did it, let's see is he going to notice anything different?' Evelynn thought as she couldn't wait to see what would really happen to him.

The plan had worked, she wouldn't even need to use the mechanism that was deeper inside the cave. Still, she didn't celebrate just yet as maybe the director hadn't really drunk it. She started watching David's neck trying to see a small gulp which meant that he really was drinking.

And... there it was, there was a small indication that he really was drinking which meant that David would soon lose access to his mana.

'To be honest, I really have no idea as to how Aiden failed his assassination the first time, this man is just so gullible...' Evelyn thought, not understanding how Aiden had done such a thing.

He must have made so many mistakes for such a thing to happen.

'Still, let's wait, who knows maybe the effects didn't kick in, or maybe the potion doesn't work on him,' Evelyn thought as she knew exactly how she was going to be able to verify if he had lost access to his mana.

The director had made a little bit of light for her all the way down the caves, and she would be able to see if such a thing would replicate once again.

"Ready to go back down?" Evelyn asked as she looked at the director who had just finished the entire bottle.

For some reason, he hadn't held back when drinking taking the whole thing for himself. He drunk and drunk without the slightest rest which was quite weird all things considered.

"Uh, sure." The director responded as if unsure of his surroundings.

'Just what the hell was in that bottle... was it alcohol or something?' She thought as his behavior made little to no sense at the moment.

It wasn't a potion that would make you disoriented, Evelyn knew that very well since she had experienced it without the slightest problem. The only problem that she had gotten was having problems using her mana since it wasn't accessible anymore.

'It's now time.'

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She knew that it was a crucial moment because she would be able to determine whether he had access to mana or not.

"Can you light up the path ahead please?" Evelyn asked with puppy eyes as the director lifted his arm up preparing himself to cast one of the simplest spells that exist.

"Sure..."

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## Chapter 372 - 372 - Drink or to not Drink

As he said that, he tried summoning some of his mana to cast the spell but it didn't work.

There was nothing he could do. No matter how hard he tried to summon his mana there was nothing.

'Why isn't it working?' He thought, confused as to what was happening right now.

For some reason, there was no way for him to access his mana.

This made him go back to normal instantly as he now knew that there was a problem right now.

"What did you do to me?" David asked as he realized what happened, surprisingly he lost all access to his mana after drinking from that bottle that was in her hands.

"Son of a bitch! Don't tell me-"

A few moments before the director started shouting as loudly as possible, Aiden was still waiting patiently at the bottom of the cave, not knowing what was happening up there.

Aiden knew that there were good chances that Evelyn's plan would fail which is why he trusted a lot more the mechanism that he had prepared around him which consisted of something that was actually quite simple.

The moment that David walked past a certain threshold, the potion would be released into the air as some sort of gas that would be breathable.

And by breathing it, David would lose access to his mana. Aiden had prepared himself by having a mask that would make the effect of the potion disappear. However, nothing was sure in life. There were good chances that something unexpected would happen and Aiden wouldn't be able to do anything about it.

Still, he knew that he had no other choices, he knew that this was the only way for the director to have a "taste" of the potion. He hadn't been able to think of anything else that would have the same effect. Well, there was the solution that Evelyn had come up with, and Aiden truly hoped that it would work though he simply wasn't sure that it would.

"I wonder what's happening up there..." Aiden mumbled as it had been at least five minutes since they had entered the cave and Aiden couldn't hear any noises anymore.

It seemed like they had stopped to take a break which meant that Evelynnn was currently attempting to make him drink the potion.

'Well, I'll soon know if it worked or not...' Aiden thought as he knew that he would hear some shouting if it truly worked.

Aiden hoped that it would since it would make things a lot easier. If the director didn't have access to any mana, then it wouldn't even be a challenge for Aiden. He would only be going up and killing someone that would be defenseless.

'It's not like the training that I gave him will help him that much.'

The training that Aiden had given hadn't been complete bullshit, but it didn't matter since Aiden had years of practice with using a dagger which wasn't the case at all for David who had just recently started practicing it.

Then as Aiden was having those thoughts, there was a huge shout that resounded everywhere inside the cave. However, the shout didn't come from Evelynnn... it came from the director who seemed pissed off about something.

'Don't tell me... did it really work? No way, there's no way it really did,' Aiden thought as he started running up the cave as the words that he had heard held quite a simple meaning.

The words that he had heard implied something quite simple, Evelynnn had really done it. She had managed to pull it off, Aiden couldn't even begin to imagine how, however, the how didn't matter, she had done it and Aiden was finally going to be able to go back to Nova and see everything that had happened in the meantime.

"Finally... It finally happened," Aiden muttered as he was picking up the pace while running up. Still, he knew that it could take his time, the director was going to stay there. He wasn't going to be able to teleport away anytime soon.

Aiden took his sweet time while the director was freaking his mind out.

"What did you fucking do to me? There's no way that you really did that... There is no fucking way!" He shouted.

David only realized now what had happened.

"That fucking bottle what was inside it? Shit, why did I ever trust you?" David realized that inside the bottle that he had just drunk, there was the potion that Aiden had created with Anna.

Evelynnn didn't say anything as she knew that Aiden would be arriving in a few seconds. He would arrive and he would end this whole thing for once and for all.

"There's no way, don't tell me that he's coming..." David muttered as he started hearing loud steps that came from the depths of this cave.

David was slowly starting to understand the situation that he was currently in.

"From the very beginning, this was a trap, right?" David asked with a calm tone.

For some reason, he didn't seem flustered or anything similar to that. He stayed emotionless.

"Of course, it was. Did you really think that I would be coming back to give you information when you called me a whore?" Evelynn asked as if it was extremely obvious that such a thing would never happen.

David nodded as he knew very well the words that he had used in the past and the actions that she had just taken sort of proved his point.

"Aren't you one, though?"

Evelynn was furious when she heard that. There was no way that she wouldn't be doing anything to him.

"Just use this moment to the fullest, because when he gets here we can say bye-bye forever."

David smiled when he heard that as if not minding it whatsoever.

Evelynn was a little worried that there was absolutely no panic shown by the director.

However, she acted like it wasn't a problem as she was 90% sure that her plan had worked. He had drunk in her bottle, there was no reason that the plan had failed.

"Whatever..."

Instead of panicking and trying to find a way out of the cave, David sat down against a wall just like Aiden had done had the bottom of the cave.

"What are you doing?!" Evelynn asked not understanding any of his actions.

"Well, you told me to live my last moments to its fullest. That's what I'm doing, I'm thinking about my life and everything that I achieved... What about you, what did you ever achieve?"

That question coming from the director was surprising for her as she really hadn't expected it.

"Uh... me?" She asked, unsure.

She was hesitating over how to respond, there weren't many things that she had done in life that could be considered an achievement.

"Yes, you. What did you do in your life?" The director asked as he kept looking at the ground not even caring about her. "You see, I did a lot of things in my life. But what about you? Don't you think that you ruined it by meeting him?"

Those questions hurt Evelynn deeply as she knew that without any mana, she wouldn't be able to do anything in her life.

She didn't say anything as it was now her turn to look at the ground thinking about various things.

"Nothing? You didn't do anything in life?"

Evelynn was getting tired of being asked that question as she knew that she hadn't done much. She had entered the Magic Academy, and after that... well she had succeeded in trapping one of the strongest mages in the world.

"Look at you... That's what I did!" Evelynn exclaimed as she finally realized that she had done something incredible. There was no one else who could boast about doing such a thing. Well, except for Aiden, who would be arriving any minute now.

But, he still wasn't here and the director seemed talkative for some reason.

"What do you think will happen once he's done with me?" David asked Evelynn as he knew that she had thought about it.

There was no way that such a thought or such a question hadn't entered her mind.

David looked at her for the first time and he liked the expression that he saw on her face.

There was hesitation and that was exactly what he wanted to see. He wanted her to hesitate.

"Well... He'll take care of me, there's no reason that he wouldn't."

Evelynn was clearly hesitant when saying that because she knew what Aiden was capable of, and she was worried that he would do something similar to her.

What if Aiden suddenly decided that she had no use anymore and killed her with him?

"Are you sure about that?" David asked, putting pressure on her.

This time, there was no answer whatsoever.

Putting pressure on her was the whole point of this conversation. From the very beginning, David tried to put as much pressure as possible on her, wanting her to stop helping Aiden. He knew that he couldn't really rush things since she would pick up on it.

"Do you even know why he wants to kill me?" David asked as he noticed that she was on the verge of breaking down.

It was clear that Evelynnn's mind was currently in turmoil. There were many thoughts in there jumbling with one another, probably making the task of having clear thoughts about this situation really hard.

'I don't know... That's true, I have no idea why he wants to kill him, though it doesn't matter.'

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## **Chapter 373 - 373 - I'm Comiiing!**

Evelynn remembered what she had thought of in the past and she remembered thinking that it was of no importance, knowing why Aiden wanted to kill him.

"No answer?" David continued.

He would continue and continue until she was on the verge of breaking down.

'A little more, and she might just help me,' David thought, ignoring one important detail.

The thing that David ignored was that this conversation had no use whatsoever for one simple reason. David ignored that she had a Slave Contract with Aiden which made everything that he had said in this conversation completely useless.

Even if Evelynnn wanted to help him, she wouldn't even be able to.

"I guess you really are a whore, not even knowing the reasons why he wants to kill me," David said as he expected her to throw into a fit of anger and this is exactly what she did.

"Who the fuck do you think you are? You don't know anything about him, alright?"

David wasn't fazed in the least as he looked into her eyes instantly.

"And you do? Do you know a single thing about him?"

This time, Evelynn truly started doubting whether what she was doing right now was the right thing.

'Why am I even helping him? Why did I even kiss him? Why do I even care about him?'

There were many doubts that were starting to appear in her mind, and the director knew that they were appearing and he wouldn't stop using those doubts.

"Do you even know where he's from? Did he tell you because he sure as hell didn't tell me..."

"Of course, I know where he's from. He told me when we first met in the entrance exam, though I had no idea about what that place even was?"

The director looked at her and smiled as he knew that it was working, she was starting to doubt Aiden's motives.

"Right? I didn't either."

"What about where his skills come from? Why is he so strong?"

"Yes, his skills come from his hometown, that's where he developed them."

The director continued smiling widely, "Right! The place that you know nothing about, how convenient?!"

The director knew that his actions were currently working more and more.

"You see, I think that Aiden isn't like us. There's something about him that we don't know, and that's what I'm trying to figure out, so Evelynn... help me do so."

Evelynn was confused. She wasn't sure what she needed to do next.

'What does he mean by special?' She thought.

She knew that she wouldn't be able to betray him, but she had to admit that she was extremely curious about Aiden's past and where he came from. That was one of the things that was on her mind most of the time.

She knew that he supposedly came from far away, however, she had never been able to see any of this. However, there was one thing that kept popping up inside her mind. The fact that there was no proof about what he said.

'He just says that he comes from far away, but there wasn't proof... He's right, there's something weird here.'

Evelynn was now agreeing with the director which meant that David's plan had worked, and he had succeeded in convincing her. But, the director would soon understand that he didn't matter...

Ignoring what was going on inside her mind, David continued to pressure her. He knew that she was the key here, or at least, he thought that she was. There was nothing assured right now.

"I'm sure you also know what I'm talking about. He's just too different, he can kill without blinking a single eyelid. It's like nothing can affect him, he never heard about Magic, and he can learn it in the blink of an eye. But most of all, he has all affinities, he's not even limited by the rest of us. There's something weird about him and I want to figure it out."

Evelynn was confused when she heard that last sentence, "He has every affinity?"

She had never known that fact and she had to admit that it was simply incredible. There was never someone who had gotten such a thing. She remembered the fact that there had been a problem when learning about his affinity.

She remembered the color which was some sort of a rainbow. At the time, she thought that there was a problem with the device, but it seemed that it was Aiden who was just so special that something like that occurred.

"Yes, he told me. He has every single one of them..." The director said before realizing something else. "See, he didn't even tell you about that. Do you really think that he cares about me?"

Evelynn looked at the director and she started to realize that maybe she wasn't important at all from Aiden's point of view.

'And here I am, helping him kill the director of the Magic Academy... Just what am I doing?'

She simply couldn't believe her actions at the moment. She had even made a contract with him, a Slave Contract.

'Fuck, why did I even do that?'

She was slowly starting to realize that maybe Aiden wasn't the person that she thought he was. Now, that the director was mentioning it, everything became extremely clear in her mind.

"What do you want me to do?" She asked the director, ignoring his past question.

Evelynn needed to do if it was something that she would even be able to do since she was currently Aiden's slave which made it impossible for her to betray him.

If Aiden was here with them right now, he would be celebrating the fact that he hadn't trusted her at all.

"You need to give me the antidote to that potion!" The director said right away as he was sure that she had something to give him.

However, he understood quickly enough that it wasn't the case at all when he saw the expression that was on Evelyn's face.

"Antidote? There's no antidote, or else, I would have drank it," she told him with a very serious look on her face.

Evelynn hadn't told him that she had signed a Slave Contract, but it would soon be the case.

'There's no antidote... Fuck, then what can I do?' He thought as he knew that it would make everything a lot more difficult.

His whole plan to get out of this situation was based on this. He was sure that there must have been something to help him get his mana back. But, it seemed that it wasn't the case whatsoever.

"Then, you need to convince him to let me live. That's the only way," David said as he knew that it would be the only opportunity that he would have to stay alive.

His life was now in Evelyn's hands and her power to convince Aiden. However, there was something that would make things very complicated, the fact that she had no idea why he was doing any of this.

She had no information whatsoever, so it would make things very complicated.

"But how you just said it yourself... I don't know anything about him."

Evelynn was slowly realizing that she had no power over Aiden and that he could basically do whatever he wanted without the slightest problem.

David lost his cool when he answered this time. He knew that this thing could go south very fast.

"You need to find something and fast, or else, I will be a dead man."

He understood that the situation was now critical and that if he didn't do anything, he would be done.

'I can't rely on her, who knows what she might do?' He thought as he knew that he couldn't trust her. He had noticed how easily manipulable she was.

As David was about to say something else to Evelynnn, there were steps coming from the darkness that was only a couple of steps away from them.

'Aiden.'

David only thought of his name as he knew extremely well what was happening right now. Aiden was like a grim reaper, coming to collect someone's life.

"Everything's alright?" Aiden said out loud as all his way here he had heard that there was quite an interesting conversation between the two of them.

Aiden looked to his right and saw that Evelynnn was there, almost shaking for some reason.

"Are you okay? What happened?"

Evelynn seemed to have been influenced heavily by David as she looked at him basically shaking. She thought that if she said something that wasn't Aiden's taste she would be dying right here and now.

"N-Nothing, he's over there," she muttered with some difficulty.

Aiden noticed that stress, and he tried to approach her. He tried to grab one of her arms, trying to make her feel reassured. However, he was surprised when he saw the reaction that she had.

"What's happening? Why are scared?" Aiden asked as he tried once again to touch her.

"No, don't... Don't touch me!" She shouted out of nowhere, making Aiden extremely confused.

'Just what the hell happened here?'

Aiden, however, didn't bother with her at the moment as he knew that David was currently waiting for him. He was waiting to die.

"Aiden, please don't... Don't kill him!" Evelynnn shouted right away when she noticed that his focus had changed.

This time, he was even more confused.

"Answer me, what happened?" Aiden said in a calm tone.

He knew that she would have no choice but to tell him. Her contract would force the answer out of her.

As she tried to resist, a purple energy started to come from her chest. Making her scream out of pain!

"Just tell me, and all of this will stop."

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## Chapter 374 - 374 - Help me

Aiden made sure to look at her with as much anger as he could. He knew how easily she could succumb to the pressure, and that's why he was acting in such a way.

As he got closer to her, a black aura started to get released from Aiden's body as if incarnating death. It wasn't the first time that such a thing had happened. However, it was the first time that Evelynn had seen such a thing, and that's how she realized that the person in front of her was truly scary.

Evelynn tried to think or mutter some words, but she wasn't able to whatsoever because of the pain that she was currently seeing. It was really hard on her.

"Are you going to tell me or do you want to torture yourself?" Aiden asked without the slightest emotion.

From what he could see, there was a good chance that she had betrayed him and he wouldn't have any pity for someone who had done something like this.

"Answer me! Why do you want to save him?" He repeated.

He wanted to know the answer before proceeding with the kill.

However, the only thing Aiden could hear was a loud shout.

'I guess that's the true effect of that Slave Contract,' Aiden thought as he had to admit that he was quite satisfied by it.

He now knew that it would work wonders on Ava. He would be able to use her as he wished, he was now sure of it, and it was perfect that was exactly what he wanted.

"I-I"

One word came out of Evelynnn's mouth which seemed to reduce the intensity of that purple energy that came from her chest. It seemed that it reduced when she tried to say something regarding the subject.

"I just want to know why..."

When she said that most of the purple energy went away, however, there were still some that caused her some minor pain symptoms. However, it was manageable and it wasn't forcing the answer out of her right away.

'She wants to know why, huh?' Aiden thought as it wasn't the first time that he had heard a question like this.

Evelynnn had tried to learn about the reason for a few days, ever since they had started to plan all of this. However, Aiden was firm, she wouldn't know about it... ever.

It wasn't like it was his choice. He simply couldn't tell her about the system and everything surrounding it as it would probably do the same thing as in the previous trial, the system would intervene and there was no telling how it would intervene this time.

In Aiden's mind, it wouldn't be as nice as last time, especially since they had made some sort of deal yet again in this trial.

"I already told you, I can't tell you."

Aiden answered without any emotion, looking at her in the eyes one last time before focusing on the man who was sitting against a wall, panicking.

"You made her your slave! Just what sort of monster are you?"

The director simply couldn't believe what he had just witnessed. Aiden, his past disciple, the one that he had chosen out of all the students... was a murderer and a Slavemaster.

"What did I even find interesting about you?" The director mumbled as he knew that there was no way that he would be leaving this place alive.

Aiden smiled. He knew exactly what he found interesting about him.

"Don't you remember, you like my dagger skills? And isn't funny that I will be practicing them on you?" Aiden answered with a cruel smile.

Evelynnn had shivers that ran down all the way to her spine as she had never seen that facet of Aiden before.

She had seen him kill before, but that was something else. It was much worse, the black aura that was released by Aiden was making it much worse. For some reason, it made her a lot more scared of him. She knew that he would be able to kill her in a single moment.

She was defenseless in front of him, he could do whatever he wanted to her and she wouldn't be able to defend herself... all because of that contract.

'Why did I even want to know about what he wanted to do...'

Evelynn was now regretting her past choice instantly.

'If only, I ignored him and stayed away from him...'

There were many thoughts that were entering her mind, and there wasn't the slightest doubt that she couldn't change anything that had happened. It simply wasn't her job to do so.

That's how it worked.

"Oh, and David... why do you care what I do with her? Didn't you call her a whore?" Aiden asked.

"And that face of yours, did I really find you interesting for a second time?" The director asked, completely ignoring Aiden's words.

Now, that the director had better look at that face, it didn't look anything like Aiden's. It was the same face as the student that he had seen when he had tried putting a spell on everyone.

"I guess you did, huh?" Aiden replied, not caring about any of it.

He knew that the end was coming which is why he didn't mind having a little conversation with him. The man was going to die, Aiden could let him enjoy life a little longer, right?

"Can I just know one thing?" David asked as he knew that his death was coming. There was nothing that he could do about it.

He didn't have access to mana and he knew that he couldn't use any of the skills that he had learned from the dagger since Aiden was much stronger than him. He preferred dying without mindlessly resisting.

"Sure, go ahead and ask me."

Aiden could answer one of his questions if that was the only thing that he wanted to know.

He wasn't that cruel.

"Why do you want to kill me? What did I ever do to you? Didn't I always try to help you?"

Aiden heard him and a small smile formed on his face.

"Isn't that three questions? Which one do you want me to answer?" Aiden asked. "I will only answer one of them."

Aiden knew that there was no way that he would be answering the first one, so if David chose this one, he would simply ask him to choose another one.

'And if he really insists, then I would just have to lie. There would be no other choice,' Aiden thought as he didn't want to lie, but if he had no choice then that's what he would be doing.

"The first one, tell me why do you want to kill me?" David asked right away as the other questions were only secondary.

Aiden looked at him, and he knew that he couldn't answer him. In fact, he looked behind him and he noticed that Evelynnn was very interested in that answer, she was clearly hoping to get something, and she would get something.

"Are you sure?" Aiden asked as he was thinking of the first lie that would be coming up in his mind.

"Yes, tell me."

Aiden looked at him in silence. The director was probably thinking whether he was going to tell him or not, but that wasn't the case at all. Aiden was thinking of a lie, and he needed it to be believable.

'What about a lie about being paid to do something like this?' Aiden thought as he knew that it would probably work.

"Someone asked me, that's why I did it."

Aiden didn't have the slightest emotion when saying that. He knew that his lie would create a bunch of questions inside the director's mind. However, there was something very important that David would probably forget about... the fact that Aiden didn't have to answer any of his questions.

"Who? Tell me who!"

This time, the director was emotional as he wanted to know about that person.

'Technically, I didn't lie, right?' Aiden thought as he really had been asked to kill him. Though, he wouldn't go into the details as he knew that it would create a bunch of problems.

Aiden was indeed asked by someone, however, as for the identity of that person. There was no way in hell that Aiden would be answering them.

"Tell me!" The director continued when he noticed that Aiden wasn't even paying any attention to him anymore.

David was almost begging as he wanted to know the person who had problems with him.

"I won't tell you, I don't know who that person even is."

Aiden knew that this was the simplest answer that he could give. That way all the questions that the director had wouldn't have any answers coming from Aiden.

"Then tell me how much you're getting paid for this."

This time, it was getting annoying. Aiden slowly walked toward David, still, with his dagger in his hand, and he looked in his eyes.

"I think you're forgetting something..." Aiden slowly muttered word by word as his dagger found its way under David's neck. "I don't need to answer you, so stop ordering me around and beg if you want the answer."

"And what if I want to live?" David asked. "Look, I'll give you double..."

As he said that he looked at Aiden's face, and there weren't any changes to it.

"Triple, I'll give you triple! I have money, believe me!"

Aiden couldn't believe it, just how stupid was one of the strongest mages in this world.

"Do you really think that you can buy me? It's not about money, the payment won't be money, it will be something much much better."

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## Chapter 375 - 375 - Scared, Afraid of Death

Just thinking about it, Aiden was extremely happy about it. He would be able to get much stronger when he cut that stupid head off. In fact, he wondered why he hadn't done it yet.

He knew that he wanted to give the director one last conversation, but it was starting to get a bit long.

As Aiden was about to cut that head off, tired of that conversation, he felt someone touch him from behind him.

There was only one person who could do something like that at the moment, and it was

Evelynn had tears in her eyes that kept falling out of them.

"Aiden... what do you mean?! Strength isn't always the answer, killing isn't the solution. Just let him go!"

She was practically begging him. However, it seemed that none of those words reached him because, in Aiden's mind, they were all stupid.

"Strength isn't the only option?" He repeated out loud. He wanted to make sure that everyone heard how stupid of a statement this was.

Aiden turned around and looked at her with pity, "You're lucky, you know that, right?"

Evelynn was confused as she furrowed her brows.

"What do you mean? Why am I lucky?"

Aiden smiled since it was painfully obvious.

"Just look at you... You never experienced pain, you never experienced any hardships, everything in your life was practically given to you. But hey news flash, that's not what happens with everyone!"

Aiden took a break, taking a deep breath.

"You see, sometimes when you grow up and experience things. You have no other choice, but to do things that you don't want to. You're forced to do things that you would have never done before. You will experience things such as injustice, pain, and many others. When you experience those, you will understand that there is always one thing in common in all of them."

He took another deep breath.

"And that is... strength. Everything in life is linked to strength."

David who was only a couple of steps away from Aiden, didn't agree whatsoever since he had experienced such a life. He knew that strength wasn't the only thing in life that mattered.

"What about love or having friends? Are those things not important in your eyes?" David questioned right away.

Aiden looked back toward him, and he asked with a monotonous tone, "Do you really think I have a friend?"

"Just look at me for fuck sake, no one likes me. I kill people left and right, my only goal in life is to get stronger and friends are only secondary. They aren't the ones that are going to help me, I'm the only one who can change things."

"The only thing that friends or love can do is distract you from your goal. That's the only thing that can do. They aren't capable of anything else and that's simply a fact."

Aiden had experienced it many times in the past. He remembered all the times that he had gotten betrayed and it wasn't something that he wanted to experience once again.

However, once again, David wasn't in agreement whatsoever.

"Just find yourself better friends. Once you do, you'll understand how important they are..."

David took a deep breath as he was about to teach something to Aiden that would stay with him all of his life.

"You see, a life at the top can be lonely, especially if you're alone when reaching it. So try to reach it with your friends, you'll see that you will have a lot more fun when doing it like that."

Aiden discarded those words, not even thinking about them. He knew that they were untrue.

"Bullshit, friends only drag toward the ground!" He shouted.

He was starting to get angry because all his ideologies were currently in the process of being tested, and it was getting hard for him.

"What about me? Do you think that I hinder your growth?" Evelyn asked as she was getting really hurt by the words that Aiden was currently using.

"I only used you, isn't it fucking obvious!" Aiden shouted, not thinking about the words that he had just used.

"So, none of it meant anything?" Evelynn continued. "The kisses that we shared, they were only to help you reach your goals?"

She couldn't help but start crying as it was very hard to take in. The fact that everything had been fake from the very start was hard to take in.

"It was, I never cared about you! I only care about two people in my life and they aren't even part of this world!"

Right as he said that, Aiden put his hand on his mouth as he had said some words that he shouldn't have had.

"Aren't part of this world? What are you talking about?" Both Evelynn and David asked as they were extremely confused.

Aiden realized that he had made a mistake which is why he closed his mouth and didn't say a single word.

A few moments later, as both of them were looking at him wondering what was happening, Aiden opened his mouth once again.

"Well, I think we did enough talking, what do you say?"

David shivered, knowing that his end would be near.

"I-I don't think we did, I really don't think we did..."

He started crawling back toward the wall behind him, scared out of his mind. He had tried to keep his calm this whole time, however, now that he would be dying there was no way that he could keep it.

His mind was in turmoil, he thought about the things that he could do to barely hang onto his life, and he noticed that there was nothing at all.

"Hey, don't cry... everything's going to be fine."

Aiden smiled.

He wanted to make sure that the director would experience as much fear as Garetsa did back on that hill. David was the original target, after all.

'Well, farewell. This is how it ends, huh?'

David knew that there was nothing else that he could do, and when he saw the dagger approach his neck at a crazy speed, he knew that his head would soon be flying off his body.

He decided to close his eyes and regain his calm realizing that there was nothing that he could change at the moment.

\*Plump\*

David's head flew off its body and landed on the floor, rolling on it.

"Ah! This feels good, don't you think?"

Aiden turned around and looked at Evelynnn who was shivering, scared that something like that would happen to her.

Aiden noticed that she was very scared, and tried to reassure her, "Hey, don't be so scared... I would never do something like this to you, don't worry about it."

Evelynnn nodded with a lot of stress, almost shaking, "O-Ok... sorry."

"No need to apologize."

Aiden was about to continue to comfort her, but his focus completely changed target when he saw the screen that appeared in front of him.

Many messages from the system appeared in front of him, one after another.

'The rewards! Finally!' Aiden celebrated to himself.

Evelynnn looked at him weirdly as he raised both of his arms in the air, celebrating by himself out of nowhere. He had just tried to comfort her, and he was now doing that.

'He really doesn't gives a shit about me, huh?'

She based that opinion on the actions and the words that he used recently and she knew it... she was right. That man in front of her held no importance to her.

Aiden ignored what was currently happening in Evelynnn's mind as he looked at all the messages.

[You have completed the Fourth Trial.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

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[You have obtained multiple rewards that will appear in front of you in the <Reward Room>.]

"How many times did I level up? Is that twenty times?" Aiden muttered as messages kept appearing one after another.

Aiden had some difficulty believing what he was seeing. The system hadn't lied those were some insane rewards.

He had just leveled up twenty times, something that had never happened in the past.

Also, having leveled twenty times meant that he would receive twenty stat points.

'This is crazy!'

However, before he could reach the rest of the messages, Evelyn's voice distracted him.

"Level up? What the hell are you talking about?"

'Oh shit, did I say that out loud?'

Aiden knew that it wasn't that big of a deal since Evelyn was his slave and she wouldn't be able to do anything with that information.

"Don't worry about it, it's nothing important."

He had no obligations to respond, and that's exactly what he would do, dodge the question to the best of his abilities.

In fact, he thought of something even better as he didn't want someone to question every single one of his actions.

"Just stop asking questions for 10 minutes."

Purple energy emanated from Evelyn's chest which meant that his order had worked.

Evelyn tried to open her mouth, but it seemed that no words were coming out of it.

"You said, you wouldn't use it like this!" She shouted.

Aiden realized that there would be another problem if things kept going that way, and he decided to give another order.

"Just stop talking for ten minutes."

Purple energy once again appeared around Evelyn's chest as no words were coming out of her mouth anymore. Every time she would try to say something, she would get a lot of pain around her chest, however, no sound would come out of her mouth.

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## Chapter 376 - 376 - Why...

This time, Aiden could finally concentrate on the messages in front of him without getting that annoying voice into his ears.

"Alright, now where was I?"

Aiden scanned the messages and continued where he had left off, the leveling messages.

"Right, I should apply those stat points."

As he said that he decided to apply ten points in agility, five points in strength, and five points in dexterity.

"Oh, the rewards aren't written there. I'll need to wait until they teleport me, huh?"

Aiden was currently saying all this out loud, not bothering about Evelyn listening as he knew that she wouldn't be able to talk about any of this if she asked her to.

'I'll just give her that order afterward.'

Aiden wasn't stressed about that. He was currently wondering about the rewards that he would be getting. That was the only thought that was on his mind.

'So, I won't get any more information about them? When am I going to be teleported to the Reward Room?' Aiden said to himself.

The system was clearly listening to his thoughts which caused a message to appear right in front of him.

[You will be teleported when you wish to.]

Aiden nodded as this was the first time that he didn't have any sort of timer which meant that he could potentially spend as much time as he wished here. However, there was no point whatsoever.

His real life was back on Nova with Melinda and the Emberbane Family at the moment.

Aiden still ignored the conversation between Syllas and Melinda, and he would surely be extremely surprised when he learned of it.

He would surely be mad about it, actually, he might be pleased as he would be able to learn more about his old family since he still ignored everything about it.

Hell, he knew more about the Lumithars than that family which didn't make any sense. They weren't even part of Nova and he knew more about them as he even had a conversation with one of them in the past.

"You can speak again."

Aiden gave that order as he wanted to at least talk to her before leaving because it was because of her that he had been able to kill the director.

"Look, just listen. I'll tell you some things, so just listen."

Aiden looked at her and waited for Evelynn to calm down before continuing.

"First off, I want to thank you for everything that you did in the past days. It's because of you that I was able to complete this hellish trial. Without you, it would have been possible, but a lot harder especially after all the mistakes that I made over time."

Evelynn nodded, not saying anything. She was starting to appreciate this conversation as

Aiden was thanking and complimenting her which wasn't something that she had experienced often at all.

"Secondo, I regret some of the words I used in the past minutes. It's not true that I don't care about you, it was just because of all the emotions that I was feeling and the stress that I was under."

Evelynn nodded even if she didn't really agree with everything that Aiden had just said.

"Maybe your emotions played a part, but you literally shouted that you never cared about me, that's different."

Evelynn remembered all the sentences that he had used and she was still deeply hurt by it, there was no doubt about that.

Aiden had to admit that she wasn't wrong with what she just said. However, he wouldn't admit it out loud as he knew that he needed to keep his excuse valid.

"Anything else?"

He was very arrogant when he said that as he even raised his head and pumped his chest while saying that.

Evelynn closed her mouth as she remembered that Aiden had told her that she would only be finished speaking.

"Thank you. Thirdly, I need to tell you that we won't be seeing each other in the future. Actually... it will take a long time for each other again. However, I want to ask you something. If I ever come back to see you again, will you help me?"

Evelynn looked at him, and she was still extremely confused about all this.

"Why are you even asking? I won't be able to refuse you, I signed a Slave Contract with you."

'Oh, right! That's true, then that's perfect,' Aiden thought as he would always have someone to count on in this world.

"Right, then it's perfect. By the time I return, try to get as strong as possible! Can you do that for me?"

Evelynn looked at him, confused as to where this was coming from. However, she nodded, and the first thing that she would have to do was get her mana back.

"Sure, I'll try to."

"Then I guess it's time for us to say goodbye to each other. Oh, and before I leave, don't say anything about our conversation to anyone."

Purple energy started coming out from her chest which meant that the order had gone through and had worked.

"Alright, then... later!"

He made a quick wave before his body started disappearing into particles.

As Aiden said that he asked the system to bring him to the Reward Room and he disappeared right in front of her eyes.

Evelynn looked at the exact spot where he disappeared and wondered where he had just disappeared.

"I guess he didn't lie earlier, he really did come from another world, huh?"

"I wonder how many worlds are out there?"

Many questions started to pop up inside her mind, and she had to admit that she couldn't help but wonder if it wasn't just a dream or if it actually happened.

"Can he even come back? I guess his skills make sense now. They didn't even come from our world in the first place."

Evelynn dismissed her thoughts as she knew that she would never have any idea as to when he would be coming back to this world.

She could guess that it wasn't the first time that he had done something like this and it wouldn't be the last one.

"Whatever, let's go see Anna. He told me to get stronger, so I basically had no choice but to do that," Evelynn muttered as she looked down toward the purple energy that was situated around her chest.

'If only I hadn't signed that Slave Contract,' she thought as she knew that she wouldn't be able to talk about anything that had happened between Aiden and the director. It would be her little secret that she would have to hide to the best of her abilities.

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While Evelynn was now on track to getting stronger, Aiden appeared in a white room that had nothing inside it.

He was used to it by now, and he honestly couldn't wait to receive all the rewards that came with the success of this trial.

"Now, let's see. What did you give me?"

He had high hopes since the difficulty of the trial had been honestly ridiculous. It was finally over, and he could move on.

Aiden looked up and he saw many different colored boxes falling onto him. However, it wasn't the same number as usual, Aiden was struggling to count them.

"What the hell?"

As they all reached the ground and entered contact with Aiden, he had no choice but to be swallowed by the boxes as he couldn't even move a single muscle anymore.

However, he didn't care about the pain that he was feeling at the moment. He was celebrating, it was incredible what he had just done.

"There's so many of them! Fuck Yeah!"

He was truly happy, there were so many that he would be able to get any equipment that he really wanted. He hoped that he would be getting weapons and new daggers.

He knew that he had asked Thorin the blacksmith, but there was no telling when he would be done, especially because of that personality of his.

A few moments later, Aiden was trying to push all those boxes away from his face as he wanted to analyze the color that they had.

He hoped that he would be getting some rare ones and not gray or green ones. He had gotten those in the first trial and he hoped that it wouldn't happen again.

"Alright, let's see..."

He started looking at all of them, and after a few moments, he was done counting all of them down. Overall, there was one orange box, five purple, ten of them were blue and twenty of them were either green or gray.

"Hey, am I obligated to open all of them here, or can I bring them without opening them in the Nova?" Aiden asked as a little idea formed in his mind, a really good one at that.

All those green and gray boxes would probably have no use for Aiden which is why he thought of selling them without opening them. That way, he would be able to open a store that resembled a gacha.

He wondered if he would be able to open a shop with the help of Melinda.

'And by opening that shop, I'll be able to get a fuck ton of money.'

In fact, Aiden was wondering if it wouldn't be a better idea to keep even the blue ones for that shop.

"Ah! Let's see if the purple ones and orange ones are good, and we'll see later."

Aiden dismissed his thought as he once again focused on all the boxes in front of him. He had not opened them yet as he had a couple of questions.

"Hey, you cheapstakes! Is that it?"

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He shouted that as he knew that they were clearly looking at him, and analyzing what he was doing.

"Wait, what's that?" Aiden muttered as he spotted something that was shining brightly on the ground.

It had been hidden between all the boxes, and it seemed to be quite the fancy item. Aiden was honestly very interested in its uses as he immediately picked it up and started analyzing it.

[Random Portal]

'A random portal? What is this shit reward?' Aiden thought, not understanding what it could do.

Still, he didn't lose too much hope as he had only read the name of the item. However, it didn't give much confidence in Aiden.

'There's no rank attached to it either...'

The more he looked at the small shiny item, the more he realized that it wasn't going to be good.

[Description: By activating this item, you will be teleported somewhere random in Nova.]

[Number of uses: One-time use]

\*BEEP\*

[We suggest you use this when coming back to Nova, maybe something interesting will happen.]

'We? Is this the Lumithars talking?' Aiden thought, realizing that it was slowly but surely starting to make sense.

"What's going to happen when I activate it?"

He had no idea what would happen when he would be activating it, and he was honestly hoping that the system would be helping him, learn about it.

However, when he asked that question there was no answer from the system, it was pure silence. Aiden would need to figure it out at one point.

"Then, is that it? You're giving me that random item and nothing else?"

Aiden didn't understand how this small thing here was worth all the danger that he had gone through during this trial. Hell, there was a good chance that he would have died.

Sure, he had gotten twenty levels worth of experience and some boxes that could contain items, but that was it. He hadn't received anything related to skills.

He patiently waited for the system, and it finally did when it noticed that Aiden had stopped moving for a couple of minutes.

\*BEEP\*

[Yes, that's it. Smile and be happy with what you have.]

Aiden understood the meaning of that sentence as it was kind of threatening him. He knew that if he didn't shut his mouth, then the system would be able to remove all the rewards that he had gained. At least, that's what Aiden thought at the moment.

"Fine, hmpf!"

Aiden was clearly unhappy, but he would make sure to use that teleporter when getting back. Well, after taking care of some things first. He wanted to see Emma, and everyone that he had missed in this past month.

"Ah, whatever! Let's open those items boxes, shall we?" Aiden muttered with excitement as he walked over toward the purple boxes he wanted to keep the orange for last, as he knew that it was the one that would hold the greatest item that he had yet.

Aiden took one of the purple boxes in his hands and opened it without any hesitation.

There was a little sound effect as he opened them.

\*Swoosh\*

He took a deeper look at the item, and his shoulders went down instantly. The item that he had just received was pure garbage, it wasn't anything worth noting.

It was a yellowish cloak, that would be spottable from literally everywhere. Aiden took a quick look at its stats and grade, and he was sure that there was no hope in that object whatsoever.

"It doesn't even give stats, and the description is also complete trash: It can make you very visible to all your enemies. How is this item a purple one?" Aiden shouted in anger.

He knew that purple items were usually really good. But, this time, it seemed that it wasn't the case for an unknown reason.

Aiden dismissed the item, still keeping it for his future shop inside the Underground Otherworld Shop (UOS).

"Whatever, let's see what those other items are?"

He hoped that they would at least be worth keeping. However, the same trend kept repeating, as he got what seemed to be a red nose that could be used in a costume. Then, he got huge shoes that didn't fit him, and in the end, he got a rainbow-colored wig.

Aiden looked at all those items and was cursing as loudly as he could.

"ALL OF THOSE WERE FUCKING PURPLE RANKED? ARE YOU KIDDING ME?"

His anger was normal, those were four rare boxes, and he took a closer look at them. It seemed that the Lumithars had made him a little joke.

"I-IS THIS A FUCKING CLOWN COSTUME?"

He simply couldn't believe it as he looked at the orange box that was right beside the purple-ranked items.

"This better not be another fucking joke, I wouldn't find it funny at all."

He was supposed to be getting stronger, and here he was, having the system make jokes with his items.

"I risked my life for that stupid deal, so you better make sure that it's a good item, you motherfuckers!"

Aiden took the orange box in his hand and deeply hoped that it wouldn't be something related to that clown costume that he had just received.

If it was, then Aiden wouldn't know what he would do. He would explode... He was already on the cusp of doing so, but it would be even worse this time.

"Please... Please tell me that it's going to be a good one."

\*Swoosh\*

Aiden looked up and opened the box. He didn't want to look... he didn't want to be disappointed by what he would be finding inside it.

A few seconds passed by, and Aiden still didn't have the balls to look down.

"Ah. Fuck it! Let's see."

Aiden finally opened his eyes as he slowly looked down toward the item that just appeared in his hands.

"W-What is this?"

It was very small, he was barely able to see it. He tried to get a closer look by bringing his face close to it, but there was no change. It couldn't tell what the item in his hands was.

He hoped that it wasn't another item that he would have to throw into the garbage. However, he wasn't sure yet, the item seemed somewhat promising, it was an orange graded, after all.

It had to be somewhat good. At least, that's what Aiden thought, even if he had never experienced the opening of such a book. That's what he desired.

Aiden took a closer look as system messages appeared in front of him once again.

[System Upgrade]

Aiden's eyes widened when he saw that word.

"Wait... no, there's no way. This got to be a mistake... It has to be."

Aiden could barely make sense of what was happening at the moment. He was going to be able to upgrade the system?

Was such a thing even possible in the first place?

Aiden had no idea, if it was, but from Aiden's point of view. He had no idea what this item was going to do, the system already seemed pretty much perfect, and he couldn't see what upgrade it needed.

"Let's read the description."

His eyes lowered as he continued reading the information that was popping up in front of him.

[Description: An upgrade to Aiden Nightshade's System.]

"Yeah, this is just way too vague."

Aiden was a little annoyed by it, but he knew that he would be able to see the effect of that item if he could even call it that.

He would just have to use it, and he would be able to see the effects. And that's exactly what he tried to do, however, it seemed that the system didn't agree.

\*BEEP\*

[To use the System Upgrade, you need to reach the level 50.]

Aiden read this and opened his system right away. He wanted to see how many levels he was missing from using that item, and he was very close.

"Couldn't I just be just five levels higher?"

Aiden was annoyed as he knew that the only way to gain experience would be to either return to one of the worlds that he had gone into or go into his fifth trial.

He had to admit, that it was extremely frustrating.

"Why can't I use it right now, it's one of my rewards!" Aiden shouted, getting annoyed by it.

He was supposed to be getting a lot stronger when he came out of this trial, but it seemed that it wouldn't even be the case anymore since the system had made a joke, and made a fool out of him.

'Giving me a clown costume, just what they thinking?'

Aiden simply couldn't believe what had just happened and he was getting very frustrated with it, there was no doubt about that part.

\*BEEP\*

[Just level up to level 50, and use it. It's simple and worth it.]

Aiden cursed them in his mind, as he dismissed that message right away. He knew that there must be a reason. But he simply couldn't bother learning about it.

"Can't you give me the experience, I wanted to take a break from the trials..."

However, as soon as those words came out of his mouth. He realized that it was a big mistake and that he should have never said such a thing like ever.

[A break from the trials?]

For the first time, there was actual emotion behind the voice of the system, and it was clear that someone had taken over it and was currently talking to him.

[Do you honestly think you have the right to do that?]

[We can force you to take them, and you will have no choice but to comply.]

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## Chapter 378 - 378 - Goodbyes

Aiden gritted his teeth as he knew that the person who was currently speaking to him through the system was right. That was actually the case.

He remembered the first trial where there had been a timer that forced him to enter the trials.

He decided to shut his mouth as he didn't want to say something that he would surely regret in the future.

[Happy that you understand, now good luck in your future trials Aiden. We'll be watching carefully.]

Aiden was clearly mad as he hit the white ground which didn't leave the slightest mark.

"I'm just a fucking slave to them. A good little dog that they can use to entertain themselves, huh?"

Aiden was getting tired of getting exploited, however, he knew that he couldn't do anything right now. It would need some time, but he would still do it. He would make sure that they would pay.

This time, the system didn't say anything as it seemed to have gone into some sort of silent radio.

"Where can I even put those boxes..." Aiden muttered as he remembered that he had never received the inventory that Maelis had promised him, right before he went into training.

The system didn't answer him this time, it seemed that it wasn't even listening to him anymore. Even if that was probably still the case, it was surely only an illusion. Aiden was sure of it.

"Ah fuck it, they'll appear right beside me inside the Emberbane Territory, it's not like there's a safer place than there."

It was a founding family territory, there would be no other place as safe as it.

Aiden had now checked all the rewards that he had received, and from what he had seen... he was extremely disappointed. All his hopes were in that [Random Portal] thingy, and in the [System Upgrade], the rest of the rewards were underwhelming, to say the least.

However, it was now time for Aiden to go back to the Emberbane Territory as he asked the system to bring him back there.

He slowly starts to disappear from the reward rooms, his vision getting blurry. An instant later, he was inside his dorm, the one that he was supposed to share with Isolde.

"I wonder what happened to her..."

The green and gray boxes obviously appeared with him which completely filled the room from top to bottom.

"Did Isolde go back to her home?"

He didn't remember the exact duration of her training session with Melinda. However, he hoped that she was gone since he would be able to get this room for himself, which was something that he deeply wanted.

"I guess I'll just the boxes here, and go find Melinda."

As he was about to head out of the room to go search for her. Aiden had a weird thought.

He had spent so much time in that Magic World, that the memories from this world were really fuzzy, he didn't even remember if he had been in this room when going inside the trial.

'I don't think I was, but I'm not sure... Why didn't I appear at the exact same spot that I left... that's what usually happens, no?' Aiden thought.

Aiden didn't bother too much about that information because he had a lot more important thoughts on his mind.

He wanted to meet Emma and Melinda once again. He wanted to make sure that they knew what happened over there in that world.

He knew that it had taken a really long time for him to come back and he hoped that they hadn't forgotten about him.

That's why he immediately left his room, swinging the door wide open. The gift boxes that were inside almost came out of the room. However, Aiden was quick enough to close it without anything leaking out of it.

Shortly after, he was walking down the hallway had quite a ridiculous pace. He was trying to remember where Melinda's office was in this giant place. However, he didn't remember it at all.

He had no choice but to ask some people on the way there. He was trying to find someone quite knowledgeable about this place, someone who knew what they were doing, and luckily for him. It didn't take a lot of time to do that as Aiden spotted two maids currently waiting in front of a door.

'I really missed that view...' Aiden thought when he saw the maids' uniform.

He didn't remember that the maids in this world were that beautiful, but now he did. And he was somewhat mindblown. However, it clearly wasn't the time to be thinking about such useless things.

"Hey, um, I'm sorry. But would one of you know the direction of the head's office?"

Aiden made sure to be polite with the two of them and Melinda as he knew that not many people would be calling her that way.

The two maids looked at one another, confused. Still, they responded since that was their duty.

"And you are?"

They couldn't such information on everyone that was roaming in the territory, it was important to know the identity of the person in front of them.

"Aiden Nig-, Aiden... just Aiden."

It had been so long that he had almost said his full name which would have been a grave mistake.

"Aiden? No last name?"

The two maids were even more confused as they would have no idea if he hadn't given them a little bit more details about his identity.

"Yes, exactly, there's none. So can you help me or not?"

Aiden was getting tired of this back-and-forth since he wanted to see Melinda as fast as possible to indicate that he was back.

"Sure, we can help you... Aiden."

They seemed worried that the person in front of them was lying which is why they slowly guided him toward a place that would identify the person in front of them.

With the recent attempts at entering the Emberbane Territory, Melinda had no choice but to upgrade the security that was around which is why she had created something like this.

"And, where are we?"

The maids were now sure that the man in front of them had been away for a long time, or had never set a single foot inside this territory.

"The family members' database... obviously."

Aiden heard that last word even if it had been pronounced with a really quiet tone, and he quickly understood that the maids in front of him were not even believing him at the moment.

"Place your hand here, that way we'll know if you really are part of the Emberbane Family."

The two maids already had a smile on their faces as they knew that such a thing wasn't possible whatsoever which made them enjoy this moment even more.

Aiden listened to them and placed his hand right away, unsure why he had to go through all this procedure, especially when everything had been going well before he left.

'Did something happen while I was gone?' Aiden thought, unsure as he looked at his surroundings and noticed that there was literally no one walking in the hallways which was very weird considering the size of this place.

A few moments after he put his hands, there was a beeping sound which made Aiden completely distracted from his earlier thoughts, disregarding them as a whole.

"Oh, you were actually part of this family. Alright, follow us we'll guide you toward the head's chamber."

The two maids completely changed their attitude and started to respect, just like normal maids would. Aiden was surprised by this change in personality, but he still kept his mouth shut and kept following them as he wanted to reach that office as fast as possible. That's why he had come out of his room after all.

A few minutes later, Aiden was in front of a closed door, and the maids had just told him that it was Melinda's office.

He had already knocked on the door, and Aiden was now waiting for it to open. It had only been a few seconds since he had knocked, and Aiden knew that she was probably busy which is why he waited patiently, not making the slightest.

There was a chance that she was in a room with someone very important which is why he waited.

The maids were also waiting with him, making sure that he wouldn't be going anywhere else.

"Hey, I have a question. I'm not sure if you can answer..."

The two maids once again looked at one another, and nodded, indicating that he could ask whatever question that he wanted.

"Then, I'll go right ahead... Can you tell me what happened around here? Why is there no movement whatsoever? There's no one in the hallways and the only people that I found were you two."

"Well, that's obviously because of the Reaper and the attempt to assassinate him."

They replied as if it was the most obvious thing in the world. However, this was all new information for Aiden.

But then right as he was about to answer, he realized something. Something really important... he had forgotten to put on his mask.

Aiden kept his calm as he thought of this as he knew that there was no way that the girls knew about his real identity. In fact, Aiden continued asking questions as he knew that if he started acting weird, it would probably cause some problems with the maids. They would know that something was wrong.

'How could I be so fucking stupid?!'

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## Chapter 379 - 379 - Rewards

Aiden knew that it was bad and that there was a chance that someone from the Nightshade Family could be around, and that was something that he wanted to avoid at all costs.

"And who tried to assassinate that Reaper?"

Aiden talked about himself in the third period which was quite weird. However, he dismissed that thought instantly, there were many more important things to think about.

"Who? The Nightshades, obviously."

This time, Aiden was really panicking as sweat started to form on both his palms and his head.

"Hell, when the head protected him in front of everyone at the Inter Family Tournament, we officially became an enemy to that family. However, there's a rumor that all this fighting will cease as soon as the Reaper comes back from his trial."

Aiden's eyes widened as they were talking about him. Questions formed in his mind, he was really panicking this time.

'Don't tell me that a Nightshade is in that room?' Aiden thought, sweating like crazy.

"They tried to assassinate him where exactly?"

Aiden continued as many questions as he could since they all concerned him, even if it wasn't clear at the moment.

"Here, obviously."

Aiden was getting a little annoyed with their manner of speech, as they always tried to be smarter than him by adding that obviously at the end of every sentence. It was slowly starting to piss him off.

"They managed to enter this place?"

Aiden continued asking his questions without getting mad as he knew that it wouldn't amount to any result at the end of the day.

"Yes, we just told you. They tried to assassinate him here, in the territory of the Emberbane. Just where were you to miss all that information?"

The maids knew that he was part of the family, so they really wondered where he had left to have zero information about the current information.

They knew that there was a possibility that he had been in a trial, but the chances that he had been stuck there for a full month were so low that he didn't even matter.

However, when they heard Aiden's answer, they knew that they had been right all along.

"I was in a trial, obviously."

He made a little face to mock them after that. He had to admit that he enjoyed this moment, getting back at the two maids in front of him. They were beautiful, but was that really a reason to act this way with him?

No disrespect to maids, but they're just maids... right?

'Well Emily was also a maid, but she was a little bit different if I recall correctly,' Aiden thought as he remembered the first interaction that he had had with a maid.

It seemed that most maids were also people who had awakened.

"For one month? Just what the hell was that trial?" The two of them exclaimed loudly without any restraints.

Aiden looked at the door worriedly as he had no idea who was on the other side... was it just Melinda? Was she with someone else? Someone from the Nightshade Family?

There were so many questions without answers, and Aiden could only guess about those answers.

"What's taking her so long, do you two know?"

Aiden tried changing the subject as he didn't want to talk about the trial since it had been extremely special, and weird with all the interactions that he had gotten from the system.

The maids looked at one another as they clearly noticed his attempt at changing the subject, however, they didn't comment on it simply looking at the girls in front of him.

"No idea, we weren't around here earlier."

Aiden nodded as he started thinking as much as he could about who could be inside that room. He hoped that it wasn't someone who was related to the Nightshades since it would make things complicated.

Aiden closed his mouth and waited patiently, he was ready to put on his mask at any moment if the person on the other side of that door was a Nightshade. He didn't want the two maids right here to know his real identity which is why he wasn't putting it on his face at the moment.

Minutes passed by, and the door finally opened with Melinda coming out alone, clearly unhappy by the looks of it.

However, she regained some color on it when she saw the person who was sitting on the chair that was right in front of her.

"You're here?!" She exclaimed out of nowhere which completely shocked the two maids that were right beside him.

'Why is the head happy to see such a nobody?' The two maids thought at the same time.

It made no sense since they had seen how depressed she had been over the recent days. Everything that had been ongoing with the Nightshade had been affecting her a lot.

"Come in, come in!" She said instantly, before looking back toward the maids. "Thank you for bringing him here."

She seemed very excited to see Aiden after all this time since it would her daily life a lot better. The Nightshades had been pushing for that meeting, and Melinda was only for Aiden's return to officialize it.

Aiden swiftly entered the room, wondering what had happened in the recent days as it was clear that there had been a lot of changes because of everything that had happened with the Nightshades.

Right after Aiden entered, she slammed the door behind him and asked him to sit.

"So what was your trial like? One month, that's not a short time for a trial!" Melinda asked right away as she was very curious about everything that had happened in the world that he had visited.

Aiden hesitated over what he could say, and he decided not to reveal anything as he also had questions of his own.

"What about you guys? What happened around here?"

Aiden swiftly changed the subject and Melinda didn't even seem to notice it as she nodded, and started explaining everything.

"Right when you left, the Nightshades started sending assassin after assassin trying to kill you. Luckily or unluckily you weren't there when it happened, so you weren't at any risk."

She took a small break and looked at Aiden in the eyes.

"However, because you weren't there. I had to do something as the situation was getting out of hand extremely fast. And that's why I organized a little something... just don't react so strongly."

She waited to see Aiden nod and continued. She knew that he wouldn't be the most pleased with the arrangement that she had made. However, it was basically the only solution that she had come up with.

"You see, I arranged a little meeting between you and the Nightshades."

Right as she said that she noticed that Aiden was about to complain. However, she quickly managed to stop him as she continued talking.

"Not yet, don't talk yet. I'll explain to you how we will proceed."

Melinda didn't waste any time as she continued talking to him about the situation.

"You see, I promised Sylas Nightshade that we would have a small meeting between yourself and their family. As you probably know, he's really interested in you," she noticed that he seemed worried, so she added something else. "Don't worry about your security or identity, it will take place in the Emberbane Territory and we will make sure that nothing happens to you."

Aiden nodded but he knew that there were still a couple of problems attached to this meeting. If by some chance Sylas were to learn about his real identity then Aiden would be in big trouble.

"What if I don't want to do it?"

He looked into her eyes while saying that. He wanted to see the extent of the expressions that she would be making.

From Aiden's point of view, she didn't seem shocked whatsoever as she kept a straight face. However, he knew that her mind must be in turmoil right now.

Well, there was always another option which was that she had prepared something for this exact reaction. Nonetheless, Aiden didn't believe that was the case.

"You don't have a choice actually," she answered with a calm tone. "This is non-negotiable."

Aiden looked at her right in the eyes and didn't say anything for a few seconds. He was thinking about an answer that could be seen as polite, however... he didn't manage to.

"You think you can force me?"

He was very arrogant when saying that. If their relationship was to develop like this Aiden would just leave and go back to Maelis's family, and he would make her rise to the very top of this world.

"Actually I can force you, and I will, if you don't accept to meet them."

Aiden was surprised by this answer, and it was clear that Melinda had changed a lot during his time away from her. She wasn't as nice as before, maybe because she thought that she could do everything.

"I don't think you can force me."

Aiden didn't care about what she was saying, but there was no way that he would let someone control him, he preferred leaving.

"If you force me to meet them, then I will leave this family. I literally don't care."

Aiden was plain serious as he pronounced those words. There was not the slightest hesitation in any of his words, and he made it known that he wouldn't let someone stronger than him control him.

"You will leave the family? Then, I'll expose your face for everyone to see. I'll say just this once Aiden, don't think for even one second that you have the upper hand in this conversation. You will do as I say, or else, you will be in big trouble."

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She didn't know the exact reason why he wanted to hide his identity, however, she knew that it was something that truly counted for him, more than anything in the world.

He thought about a good answer, something that would make her think twice before doing such a thing. However, Aiden knew she was right, he couldn't let his identity get revealed for everyone to see, and there was no way that something like this would happen.

"When is the meeting?" Aiden finally muttered.

"Glad you understand." She smiled.

She was really happy that it worked out, and it meant that she had something that she could hold over Aiden's head forever.

Unfortunately for her, Aiden hadn't agreed at all. He was currently thinking of multiple ways to get out of his situation, however, for the moment none of them sounded good.

'The problem is her knowing what I look like... She could tell the Nightshades and then I would be in a shit situation. They can't learn my identity no matter what...'

Aiden knew that if Syllas Nightshade knew that he was still alive, it would amount to a lot of different and it was something that Aiden was currently trying to avoid to the best of his abilities.

He had no choice but to dismiss those thoughts as he heard the voice of Melinda, who continued talking about all sorts of different things.

"The meeting will be in a week, and it will be here in the Emberbane Territory. So, be ready by then, and I'll make sure that someone keeps an eye on you."

It seemed that she still wasn't fully trusting Aiden. However, he couldn't care less about that, he had learned how much time he had and it would be more than enough to figure out something.

'A week, to figure out what I can do... should I meet them or not?' Aiden thought as he knew that both those things held a lot of risks.

Melinda noticed that he wasn't saying anything, and decided to start the conversation once again, and she knew the perfect subject for it.

"What about your rewards? Did you get something good, it better be considering the time that you spent in there?"

Aiden frowned when he heard that question as there was no way that he would be answering it. He knew that the rewards that he had gotten were rare, and he didn't think that sharing them with her was a good idea.

"Are you a mute? Did you lose the ability to speak?"

Melinda knew that Aiden was mad, but there was nothing that she could do about it. She had to prioritize the family over him, it was as simple as that.

She knew that having a war with the Nightshades wasn't a good thing and she was trying to avoid it to the best of her abilities.

"Fine, if you don't want to say anything you can leave. Send one of the maids in, please."

She realized that Aiden wouldn't say anything, and she got a little mad about it.

However, that wasn't Aiden's problem as he stood up and headed for the door, calling one of the maids in.

Melinda looked at the maid and said loud and clear, "You will look over Aiden and make sure that he doesn't do anything that he will regret in the future."

Aiden turned around and gritted his teeth, and approached Melinda.

He was so close to her that he was able to whisper something to her, "What about my identity, I don't want her knowing that I'm the Reaper."

Melinda nodded as he understood why he was scared, however, those worries were useless.

"Don't worry about it, she's loyal. She won't be saying anything to anyone, I can promise you that much."

Aiden looked at Melinda, doubting what she said. However, he didn't say anything turning around.

"Oh, actually one last question..."

He whispered once again, getting close to her, "Do you think I shouldn't put the mask on, that way no one knows who I am?"

Melinda looked at him, and couldn't believe that she was speaking to Aiden.

'Is he asking for my opinion? Am I dreaming or something?'

"I would stay like this, no one knows what you look like except maybe five people in the entire family. By staying like this without a mask, no one will pay attention to you."

Aiden nodded and left the room as he had a lot of decisions to make in the following days.

"So, I'm stuck with you from now on?" Aiden asked the maid who was currently sitting right in front of him.

The maid didn't say anything and just nodded.

They were now in Aiden's room and it seemed that Isolde had left while he was still in the training because there was nothing that belonged to her in this room anymore.

"Can I do whatever I want?"

Aiden wanted to know if he was restricted to staying here for the whole week. If he was then it would make things a lot more complicated for him in general.

The maid, this time, decided to answer, "You can do whatever you want, however, I'll need to keep watch of you at all times."

"Even at night?"

"Yes, even at night."

Aiden stood up abruptly and guided her toward his room telling her that she could sleep in Isolde's bed since she was gone.

However, the maid didn't seem to agree.

"I won't sleep, I need to keep watch of you."

Aiden smiled and acted like it didn't matter as he started heading for the door. He wanted to go visit Emma since it had been a while since he had seen her.

The maid followed Aiden as he left his room, she needed to make sure that she wouldn't lose sight of him.

While she was following him, Aiden was currently thinking about a bunch of things. He had highlighted a few options about what he could do to get out of this situation.

The first one was that he would be going to the meeting with the mask of the Reaper.

The second one was that he would be going back into another trial, however, he didn't like that option all that much as he wanted to see how things had progressed in this world.

The third option was to go back into one of the worlds that he had visited in the past like Mia's. However, he didn't think that he would be going there yet.

The fourth option and final option was simple. Aiden would use one of the items that he had received at the end of his trial, the [Random Portal].

He remembered the system telling him that he wouldn't regret it. Aiden thought that it would be able to bring him away from this place since the description said that the teleportation would bring him to a random place in Nova.

He didn't know what it was, but for some reason, he had a vague idea that it wasn't a random portal at all. The system would probably be able to influence where he would be going.

The fourth option was probably the best one, however, there's a problem which is that Melinda would reveal my face to the world which would make things a lot more complicated.

'Shit, I don't know what to do...' Aiden thought, wondering about all those options.

The more he thought about it, the more he realized that maybe having his face revealed to the world wouldn't be that much of a big deal. The only problem was that the Nightshades would see it, he didn't mind the others, but the fact that the Nightshades would be able to see his face would be creating a lot of problems for him.

'If only I can find a way for them to know nothing about me...' Aiden thought.

He knew that the moment they saw his picture they would try their best to find him since he was originally part of the Nightshades.

Aiden was truly lost, however, he would be pushing those thoughts for another time as he still had a week. He would make sure to think about it a lot, he didn't want to make a mistake here, after all.

He was now right in front of Emma's room and he knocked.

\*Knock\*

\*Knock\*

\*Knock\*

He heard footsteps rapidly approaching the door.

'I should move away from it, right?'

He knew that Emma would probably have a big reaction, so he took a few steps back in case Emma was to jump in his arms or something like that.

Aiden knew that he held a lot of importance in her eyes, and she also held a lot of importance in his eyes.

\*Swoosh\*

The door opened and the person on the other side of it wasn't the one that Aiden expected. It was Olivia...

'Fuck, did she live in the same room as her?'

Aiden remembered how close she was acting to him, and he was seriously hoping that something like this wouldn't happen once again.

"Aiden!" She shouted as loudly as she could before running up into his arms.

Aiden, this time, wasn't in the mood to entertain her as he didn't care that much about her.

She had just been following Emma everywhere. However, Olivia didn't have much impact on Aiden's life.

"Where's Emma?"

Aiden didn't play around as he immediately asked where Emma was since that was the whole reason that he had come to her room.

Olivia was taken aback as she slowly got off him, looking at Aiden as if he had said something wrong.

"You don't want to see me? Aren't you happy to see me once again?"

Aiden sighed and just walked past her. He just didn't want to deal with her at the moment, he had other things to worry and she wasn't part of it.

"Hey, where are you going?" Olivia asked right away, shocked about Aiden's actions.

He turned around and looked at Olivia directly in her eyes, "Look. I didn't come here to see you, I came to see Emma, so either tell me where she is or fuck off."

Olivia had her mouth wide open when she heard as she couldn't help but wonder about what happened in the trial for him to come in such a foul mood. She had never seen him act this way toward her.

Most of the time, he acted indifferent. But, this time... it was different Aiden was showing a lot of emotions which wasn't something that she was used to.

"She isn't here," Olivia finally said as she followed him inside.

"Then, where is she?"

"The training grounds," Olivia said with a lot of enthusiasm. "You see, she was training trying to please you."

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