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After hearing Fernando's words, Jared felt that he should start drawing up a plan. "Mr. Gunderson, I'll keep your words in mind, and I'll think about the idea of starting a sect," he said to Fernando. "Mr. Chance, the Gunderson family is more than

happy to provide anything you need," Fernando replied. "All right, I'll come to you if I need anything. There are other things I need to settle, so I'll take my leave now."

Jared then rose to his feet and left with Evangeline. He was heading to Medicine God Sect, thinking of finding a way to cure Evangeline. During his journey there, he mulled over Fernando's words.

The recovery of spiritual energy... The major changes in the situation... The appearance of various reclusive prestigious families...

Jared did not know whether those matters affected him or not, but his main priority at the moment was to heal Evangeline and rescue Josephine.

Upon arriving with Evangeline at Medicine God. Sect, he went straight to Axton.

If Medicine God Sect doesn't have medications capable of curing Evangeline, I'd have to look for other methods, though the alchemy of Medicine God is the best in the entire martial arts world.

"My Lord, she only has one soul and one sense left. How can she be recovered? If she were on the verge of death, she could be treated as long as her souls and senses were intact. But she's clearly fine if not for the fact that all her souls and senses are gone. I'm afraid pills will not be able to let her recover. Getting her to recover is akin to going to the afterlife to snatch her souls and senses back from the grim reapers. That's something alchemy can't do," Axton said with a troubled expression after checking on Evangeline.

Jared himself was an alchemist, so he knew what Axton was talking about. Nevertheless, he wanted to give it a try. If pills could not help her, he would have no choice but to go to Flaxseed to ask him about charm spells.

“Alas, it looks like I’ll have to think of a different way.” Jared sighed.

“My Lord, don’t you have Holy Guide to Pill Crafting? You can skim through it and see if there’s a way to let her recover,” Axton suggested. “However, if there isn’t anything in the book, I’m afraid there’s nothing we can do.”

“Oh, you’re right. How could I have forgotten. about it?” Jared cried out as he smacked his head. He had nearly forgotten about the alchemy book’s existence.

Most importantly, he had made a copy of Holy Guide to Pill Crafting for Medicine God Sect when he obtained the book back then.

At that recollection, Jared hastily asked Axton to bring their copy before skimming through it. Upon reaching the end of the book, he saw something that caused his eyes to light up.

“Haha! I found it, I found it!” Jared began laughing boisterously. Hearing his joyous laugh, Axton moved closer to him and spotted the prescription at first glance.

“Sense-gathering pill? There’s such a pill? This is the perfect thing for her!” the elder cried out in surprise.

Jared was all smiles as he hastily said to Axton, “Mr. Knox, please look for the medicinal herbs according to this prescription as quickly as possible!”

“I’ll work on it right now!” The latter nodded and left. Jared then turned to Evangeline. With a smile on his face, he said, “Evangeline, I’ll cure you in no time.”

With that, the two of them stayed at Medicine God Sect as they waited for Axton to return with the medicinal herbs.

The medicinal herbs required for the sense-gathering pill were rare, so it would take Axton time to gather all of them.

While Jared and Evangeline were waiting for the medicinal herbs at Medicine God Sect, the situation in the martial arts scene of the entire mundane world was quietly changing.

Reclusive families abruptly became high-profile, the rankings of the martial arts world underwent chaotic changes, and the young martial artists sprang up like mushrooms overnight.

Jadeborough, which used to be the capital of the martial arts world, was surpassed by other places in a short period of time.

Moreover, the young fighters of the martial arts families that got back in circulation all of a sudden were all Greater Martial Arts Marquis.

It was a shocking event for the martial arts world. After all, everyone knew what a Greater Martial Arts Marquis meant.

Why have these families been keeping a low profile when they have Greater Martial Arts Marquis among them? That was the question everyone was thinking about. And now they're popping up out of nowhere as if they had discussed it beforehand!

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Skylar, who was at Warriors Alliance in Jadeborough, had a grim expression on his face. He had finally become a Greater Martial Arts Marquis with the help of spirits. Given his achievement in cultivation, he assumed that no peers other than Jared would be a match for him anymore.

As long as Jared died, he would be the top fighter among the younger generation of the martial arts world.

Yet, families were popping out of nowhere, and the young members of those families were all Greater Martial Arts Marquis. It was a blow that Skylar could not accept.

"Why... Why? Where did these people come from?" he roared as he threw things around to vent his fury.

All of a sudden, the hoarse voice of the spirit echoed in Skylar's mind, "What's bound to come will come. Did you really think that you were going to stand above them all? What a joke!"

“Sir, what do you mean? Do you mean to tell me that the combined power of the two of us still won’t be sufficient for me to take over the martial arts world?” Skylar asked, furrowing his brows.

The spirit in him was a strange being that had lived for over a thousand years. With someone like that supporting him, he reckoned there should not be a problem for him to take over the martial arts world.

“Haha! How ridiculous! Why would I end up residing in your body if I had that power? I’m just a trivial character, but here you are, having grandiose plans to take over the martial arts world. The prophecy is about to come true. When the time comes, you’ll discover that both of us are only minor characters in the grand scheme of things!”

The spirit laughed loudly, but the melancholy in its laugh was audible.

“Sir, what prophecy? What exactly is going on?” Skylar asked in bafflement. He had no idea what the spirit was talking about. Alas, the spirit never said anything else, no matter how he kept asking.

Meanwhile, the changes in the martial arts world also caught the attention of Jadeborough’s Department of Justice.

“Mr. Sanders, there have been many families making themselves known in the martial arts world lately. The rankings and alliances of various places have been shifting rapidly.

There’s also one guy named Verner Gingerich who fought seventy-six elite martial artists in three mere days, and he won against them all! If this continues, I’m afraid the martial arts world is going to dissolve into chaos...” Xavier carefully said to Arthur.

“Let them be. The martial arts world won’t be the only one in disorder because true chaos is about to arrive. All we can do is watch as things unfold. I wonder if the catastrophe that happened thousands of years ago will repeat itself.”

Arthur’s eyes were closed, and he looked exhausted.

Xavier’s heart ached when he took in Arthur’s weary expression. He parted his lips, but in the end, he closed them again without saying anything. “Just speak your mind,” Arthur suddenly piped up, his eyes still closed.

“Mr. Sanders, the Watanabe family of Jetroina has never given up on trying to sneak into our country, though we always thwart their attempts. But this time, Jetroina has issued a *démarche*, allowing them to come to our country as a delegation. We can’t stop them if this is the case,” Xavier reported.

Hearing that, Arthur drew his brows together. All along, he had been foiling the Watanabe family’s plans of entering the country. Otherwise, their assassins would have tried to assassinate Jared without pause.

It surely was beyond his expectations that the Watanabe family changed their method.

“Since they’re coming in via the official route, we will have to let them in. Still, keep a close eye on them. Also, look into every one of the members of the delegation,” Arthur instructed.

“Understood!” Xavier nodded. Once he was gone, Arthur opened his eyes to reveal the tired look in them.

“Jared, I’m afraid I won’t be able to help you much from now on. You’ll have to rely on yourself for the rest of the way,” he muttered under his breath.

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It had been days since Jared started waiting for Axton to return with the medicinal herbs at Medicine God Sect. Each passing day felt like a year to him.

Fortunately, Lizbeth had left Thousands of Miles Away in Medicine God Sect. Thus, he could take the opportunity to use Thousands of Miles Away for his cultivation.

Like every other day, Jared unrolled Thousands of Miles Away and let his spiritual sense enter the painting. Inside the painting, the icy wind howled, but the biting cold of the wind was nothing in comparison to the concentrated spiritual energy in the area.

However, Jared did not dive straight into cultivation the moment he entered the painting.

Frankly, he had only used the painting a handful of times before giving it to Lizbeth and Renee. Therefore, he did not quite understand how it worked.

Every time he entered, a different scene greeted him. At that, he could not imagine how skillful the creator had to be to have used teleportation magecraft on a painting.

Jared slowly walked down the snowy path and soon realized there was nothing around but snow and more snow.

Right as he was about to stop walking and start cultivating, he spotted smoke rising into the air a short distance away from him.

“Is there someone here?” Jared muttered in surprise. “Is this an actual world?”

He then hastily headed in the direction of the rising smoke. Only when he was much closer did he realize the smoke was steam from a hot spring.

A hot spring in the middle of a snowy land? This is peculiar!

Jared stared at the steaming hot spring for a while. Shortly after, he gave in to the temptation, taking off his clothes and getting into the hot spring.

After all, no one was around. He was in a manmade dimension, so he did not need to fear someone spotting him in that state. As Jared sat in the hot spring, he felt waves of pure spiritual energy surging into his body.

It thrilled him greatly. Never did he expect the spiritual energy in the hot spring to be far purer than the spiritual energy of the land and the air.

Immediately, Jared closed his eyes and activated his Focus Technique.

The pure spiritual energy began to course through his body.

In no time, his body was enveloped by spiritual energy, and it felt as if he was sitting in clouds. Then, the spiritual energy began rushing toward his elixir field.

The unending streams of spiritual energy kept flowing into his body, and his cultivation gradually grew.

After some time, a series of loud knocks on a door startled Jared. As soon as he opened his eyes, his body vanished from the hot spring.

Following that, the merry voices of two women came closer.

If Jared were still in the hot spring when the two women arrived, he would have been shocked, for the two women were none other than Hailey and Autumn.

The place that Thousands of Miles Away brought Jared to was not a manmade dimension. Instead, it was one of the eight major secret realms, the ever-snowing Secret Realm of Tremere, where the Gate of Thunder and Violet Cloud Palace were located.

The change in scenery in Thousands of Miles Away was actually a change in secret realms. As each secret realm had a different environment, Jared was greeted with different sights every time he came to cultivate.

The truth was that Thousands of Miles Away was a portal painting of the eight secret realms, but that was something Jared had yet to find out.

“Autumn, do come into the hot spring today. I was the one who caused you to be grievously injured the other time,” Hailey apologetically said to Autumn.

“Stop pulling my leg, Ms. Hargreaves. This hot spring isn’t something we servants can enter,” Autumn replied as she waved her hand. Then, she said, “Ms. Hargreaves, let me take off your clothes for you.”

Right as Hailey took off her clothes and entered the hot spring, she froze and furrowed her brows. “Ms. Hargreaves, what’s the matter?” Autumn worriedly asked.

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“Autumn, why does it feel like someone has been in this hot spring?” Hailey commented with a frown. “I can seem to sense Jared’s aura here.”

Autumn giggled before saying, “Ms. Hargreaves, don’t be silly. How could someone have been here? Even if someone did come, it wouldn’t be Jared. You’ve been mentioning Jared on and off ever since you came back. You can’t have fallen for him, right? I hope you remember that he’s just a normal person from the mundane world. He’s no match for you. Moreover, you’re engaged to Mr. Lassen. Please don’t let your thoughts stray anymore.”

“Who’s interested in him? It was just a passing thought.”

With that, Hailey began absorbing the spiritual energy inside the hot spring. Back in Medicine God Sect, Jared opened the door and realized Axton had returned.

“Ms. Knox, how was it? Have you gathered all the medicinal herbs?” Jared asked, his brows raised in delight.

“My Lord, I’ve found most of the medicinal herbs, but there is still one thing I can’t find- Century Eye Herb,” Axton uttered, embarrassed.

Jared knitted his brows. “It’s true that Century Eye Herb is hard to find. It has no roots and bears no fruit. Furthermore, it only lives for a short time. Finding it would take a long time indeed.”

“My Lord, if we can ask the wanderers about it, they might be able to tell us where to find it. I’m afraid we’ll waste too much time if we were to look for it ourselves,” Axton suggested.

He knew Jared was anxious to get the herbs as quickly as possible, so he was trying to think of ways to get the final herb in the swiftest manner.

Encounter with herbs like Century Eye Herb was decided by fate. It might take a year and a half to find it, but five years might also pass before they could locate it.

“You don’t need to look for Century Eye Herb anymore. Store the other medicinal herbs you’ve found well, and I’ll think of another method for this...”

Jared decided to go to Flaxseed.

That man wanders everywhere in search of ancient ruins and tombs. Since he’s traveled across the country, it’s likely that he’ll know where to find Century Eye Herb.

Without wasting a second, Jared brought Evangeline with him and took a plane to Whitesea, where Flaxseed was enjoying his life.

Flaxseed was currently revered by the

Simmonses.



After Tristan and Megan got married, they returned to Jadeborough and waited for their baby to be born.

In the meantime, Flaxseed stayed in Whitesea and let the Simmonses deal with all the necessities in his life.

It was a wondrous time for him.

When Jared came to Flaxseed, he was greeted by the sight of the latter being fed fruits by two beautiful women.

At that, Jared loudly cleared his throat. "Ahem!"

Hearing the sound, Flaxseed tilted his head and looked over. When he saw that it was Jared, he

hastily dismissed the two women. "Jared, why are you here?" he asked in surprise.

"Perhaps the renowned Mr. Flaxseed would be gone from this world if I didn't come. The peace in your lifestyle is going to rot you from the inside, Jared remarked, shooting Flaxseed at glare.

"Haha! Don't worry. No jewelry or beautiful women are going to be better than the treasures in ancient tombs! It's because you're not around, and I don't have the guts to go to Skywrath Sect myself. There wasn't anything for me to do, so I decided to chat with the ladies instead. Also, you have a beautiful woman by your side too! In fact, there are more pretty ladies by your side than by mine, so stop trying to stand on the moral high ground!"

With that, Flaxseed patted Jared on his shoulder smilingly, rendering the latter speechless.

"Hey there, pretty lady!" Flaxseed greeted Evangeline, but she did not show any reaction.

Jared was about to say something to Flaxseed, only to see the latter's expression turning tense. In the next second, Flaxseed fished out a charm and muttered a chant under his breath before sticking the charm on Evangeline's forehead.

“Mr. Flaxseed, what are you doing?” Jared asked with a puzzled expression on his face.

“This woman has no trace of life on her; she only has ghoul energy. This is a zombie puppet. Young man, you’ve been deceived,” Flaxseed solemnly said to Jared.

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Jared stepped forward and tore the charm off Evangeline’s forehead while retorting, “Zombie puppet? That’s nonsense!”

“Hey! Are you bewitched by this female corpse? Why don’t you trust me? Or is she your type?” Flaxseed scrutinized Jared, finding him strange. “As if!” The latter rolled his eyes at him, then explained everything to him.

It was only after Flaxseed heard Jared’s explanation did he comprehend the situation. He burst into laughter and exclaimed, “Tell me the truth. Have you taken advantage of her? She doesn’t know any better, so you can do whatever you want with her.”

“I’m not as disgusting as you.” Jared was speechless. It looks like Flaxseed has been spending a lot of time with women during his time in Whitesea. Otherwise, why is he full of dirty thoughts?

Flaxseed responded, “Then why did you bring her here? I must inform you that I am not skilled enough to treat her” He assumed that Jared brought Evangeline to have him help cure her condition.

“I don’t need you to treat her condition. I’ve already gotten a prescription for that, but there is one herb I’m missing-Century Eye Herb. I can’t find it anywhere. Do you know where I can get it?” Jared asked.

“Century Eye Herb?” Flaxseed furrowed his brows but quickly perked up. “Oh, I know where to get it!”

“Where?” Jared urged eagerly. “I can tell you the location, but first, you need to get me a charm spell from Skywrath Sect,” Flaxseed announced smugly.

“F\*ck! Don’t you know how dangerous that place is? Are you trying to get me killed?” Jared glared at him.

Flaxseed chuckled and reassured him by saying, “Don’t worry. I won’t let you die. Do you think I’ve just been having a good time? I’ve explored the ancient ruins of Skywrath Sect multiple times. We’ll be safe as long as we don’t step through Skywrath Sect’s gate. As for the charm traps inside the tunnel, both of us can handle them!”

Jared was astonished. “How can I get you the charm spell if we don’t go in?”

“Ah, don’t bother about that. Anyhow, it’s not dangerous. As long as you get me the charm spell, I’ll most definitely help you find Century Eye Herb,” Flaxseed promised.

He was keeping Jared in suspense.

The latter stared at him for some time before nodding in agreement.

With a serious countenance, Jared warned, “If you dare to set me up, I’ll make sure you pay for Flaxseed simply could not hide his delight,

smiling as he replied, “Relax! Why would I harm

you? I still want to count on you in the future.”

They then headed to Crescent Sect together.

After they passed through the Crescent Sect and arrived at the entrance of Skywrath Sect’s ancient ruins, Jared could not help but get anxious. His heart raced at the sight of the darkness that awaited them.

After all, they barely made it out alive when they first entered the ancient ruins.

“Let’s go. We’ll be fine. I’ve entered this place several times,” Flaxseed urged. Then, he grabbed Jared’s arm and strode forward.

Upon entering the ancient ruins, Jared carefully hid behind Evangeline as he knew her body was much stronger than his.

When Flaxseed saw how Jared was using a woman as a shield, he mocked, “Jared, since when are you a coward? How could you hide behind a woman? Can you call yourself a man this way?”

“You know nothing! She’s not just any other woman, for her body is tougher than mine.” Jared gave him the side-eye. “Really?” Flaxseed’s interest in Evangeline was piqued. He reached out, intending to touch her body.

“What are you doing?” Jared immediately slapped his hand away. Flaxseed chuckled and explained, “I’m just curious how a woman as fair and sweet as her has a strong body.”

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As the two of them were talking, several sudden flashes of light appeared, and with it came martial energy sharp as blades that charged toward them. Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Clang! Clang Clang! The bursts of martial energy hit Evangeline and were promptly shattered into pieces. However, her body remained unscathed.

The woman’s body could withstand the attack of a sacred martial arts relic, let alone a few bursts of martial energy. Jared remained in one piece since he was hiding behind Evangeline.

However, Flaxseed was not that lucky. Those bursts of martial energy that originated from a charm cut his body, and blood gushed out of his wounds.

“What the f\*ck? There are still charms that haven’t been activated?” he cursed out loud angrily. Seeing the state that he was in, Jared chortled. “What are you laughing at?” Flaxseed pinned him with a withering look.

However, at the sight of Jared remaining unharmed from hiding behind Evangeline, he promptly rushed over to join him. “Mr. Flaxseed, didn’t you say it’s not manly to hide behind a woman?” Jared teased.

Hearing that, Flaxseed immediately protested, “I’m not hiding behind a woman. This is a corpse; she’s not a human, so she can’t be called a woman.”

Instead of replying to him, Jared put his guard up and made his way forward carefully. Both men hid behind Evangeline and inched forward step by step.

Soon, they reached the gate of Skywrath Sect's ancient ruins, at which Jared stopped because he dared not proceed forward.

"Mr. Flaxseed, where is the charm spell? I won't be going in even if you insist," Jared said to Flaxseed. Flaxseed replied, "We don't have to go in. Our destination is right beside it."

He then led the other two to a path aside. Soon, a huge boulder covered with symbols Jared did not recognize appeared in their sight. "What is this?" Jared asked.

"This is a charm boulder, and on it is the charm spell," Flaxseed revealed.

"D\*mn, it's right here. Can't you memorize everything yourself?" A wave of fury crashed through Jared. How could Flaxseed trick me into coming all the way here when the charm spell is right here?

Flaxseed stared at Jared quietly. Suddenly, a smile tugged at his lips as he said, "Do you think I can utilize the charm spell once I memorize it? How naïve of you. If it's that easy, everyone will be able to master charm spells."

"Then how can one master them?" Jared was surprised "One will have to tame the charm spirit to master an advanced charm spell like this. It isn't as simple as memorizing the charm spell," Flaxseed explained patiently.

"The charm spirit?" Jared was confused, for it was the first time he had ever heard about charm spirits.

"There is a charm spirit in every advanced charm spell. To master the charm spell, one will have to tame its charm spirit. Do you understand now?" Flaxseed had no choice but to explain everything again in detail.

"Go tame it, then!" Jared urged.

Flaxseed was speechless. "I wouldn't have had to ask for your help if I could tame it!" he retorted.

Jared regarded him with a look of despair on his face. “If I am able to tame the charm spirit, I will be the one to master the charm spell. What does that have to do with you?”

“After you master it, you can pass it to me. That way, I don’t have to tame the charm spirit.” Flaxseed revealed his plan as a smirk played about his lips.

“You...” To Jared’s dismay, he found himself at a loss for words. In the end, he sighed and relented. “Fine. I’ll go tame the charm spirit.”

“You only have to put your hand on the boulder. This is a Transforming Clone Charm, so don’t trust anything you see,” Flaxseed exhorted.

“Okay, got it.”

With that, Jared reached out to touch that boulder. At once, the symbols on the boulder radiated a blindingly bright light that enveloped him whole..

A white light flashed across his eyes, making him fall into a daze.

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Jared soon realized he was in the middle of a dungeon. “This looks very familiar. Where am I?” he muttered under his breath.

A pucker formed between his eyebrows. At that moment, he felt disoriented, making it hard for him to discern whether he was in a dream or reality. “Jared? Jared!”

Suddenly, he seemed to hear someone calling his name Jared looked over his shoulder. To his surprise, he saw Josephine locked up in a prison cell.

His heart leaped with joy, and he dashed toward her. “Josephine, is that you? Josephine!” he cried out. Overwhelmed with emotions, Jared held her hands tightly.

“I can’t believe I get to see you again. It feels like a dream!” he said excitedly, gazing at Josephine with a tender expression.

The woman looked at him tearfully. "This isn't a dream; this is real. I've been waiting for you all the while. I missed you so much..."

"Don't cry. I'll definitely save you, so don't worry!" Jared wiped her tears away gently as he gave her his word.

To his surprise, Josephine tried to persuade him to leave. "Jared, you don't have to save me. I'm satisfied to get to see you one last time. You should leave now!"

"No! I won't leave. Even if I have to destroy this dungeon, I must save you!" he responded with a look of determination.

A powerful aura burst out of his body, and he started punching the cell before him. I must destroy the cell and save Josephine!

In Flaxseed's point of view, however, Jared had his hand firmly pressed against the boulder the whole time. The drastic change in Jared's expression, as well as the rising intensity of his aura, made Flaxseed nervous. "Shoot, he's a lovesick fool!" Flaxseed muttered under his breath, his heart sinking at the gravity of the situation.

Desperate, he reached for a yellow piece of paper, bit his finger, and used his blood to draw something on it while muttering cryptic words.

Soon, a charm was made. He then stuck it on Jared's forehead.

A beam of red light entered Jared's mind.

In the dungeon, Jared, who was striking the cell nonstop with his arms, suddenly froze in his tracks.

Staring at Josephine blankly, he stuttered, "Y You're not Josephine. You're not her."

"Jared, what's wrong? Why did you say that?" Josephine sobbed. "No, you're not her. I'm sure of that." Jared shut his eyes and began chanting the calming incantation to clear his head.

Yet, even after chanting the calming incantation for a long time, he still saw Josephine in front of him when he opened his eyes. He had not left the dungeon either.

“Huh? Isn’t this an illusion?” Jared’s eyes widened in shock.

“Jared, what are you doing? You’re breaking my heart,” Josephine wailed. That panicked him greatly. This isn’t an illusion! “I’m sorry, Josephine. I really am. Let me save you now,” he cooed.

His palms shone brilliantly as he delivered an attack that crushed the cells into pieces. Without hesitation, Josephine rushed out and leaped into Jared’s arms.

With open arms, he embraced her. She felt tangible and warm to the touch.

“Jared, don’t leave me again, okay?” Josephine gazed at him lovingly. “Okay. I will stay by your side forever!” Jared vowed and pecked her on her forehead.

While he was lost in love, Flaxseed was anxious beyond words. “Oh, what a lovesick fool!” the latter muttered as he paced back and forth restlessly.

In the end, he stuck another charm on Jared’s body. Immediately afterward, his voice sounded in Jared’s mind. “Jared, wake up. Everything is fake. Nothing is real! Did you forget what I said?”

Having recognized Flaxseed’s voice, Jared was stunned.

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“No, this isn’t fake. This isn’t an illusion,” Jared protested, shaking his head. Flaxseed roared, “Of course, this isn’t an illusion. However, your girlfriend is not real; the charm spirit is pretending to be her. Have you forgotten that this is a Transforming Clone Charm? The charm spirit can take on any form it chooses!”

He wanted Jared to come to the realization that Josephine was someone else in disguise. “Not real?” Jared pushed Josephine away abruptly. “Jared?” the woman called out to him with sorrowful eyes. Her movements and facial expressions were identical to the real Josephine’s.

Furrowing his brows, Jared stared at her intensely. I don’t see anything wrong with her. How could she be fake?



“Jared, what are you doing?” Josephine threw herself into his arms once again. Jared stood still, for he did not know what to do. “Check her aura! The charm spirit can change its appearance but not its aura,” Flaxseed reminded him.

At once, Jared released his spiritual sense to envelope Josephine. As expected, her aura was not the one that he was familiar with..

“You’re indeed fake!”

Shocked, Jared immediately throw a punch at her. Josephine was sent flying backward. Blood spewed from her mouth, and her body crashed to the ground with a loud thud.

“Jared, why? Why did you hurt me?” she wailed, staring at Jared resentfully. The blood trickling down her lips added to her pitiable appearance.

Jared halted in his tracks. He could not tell if she was his real girlfriend or not.

Slowly, Josephine got to her feet. With a pained expression, she approached him. There was even a faint fragrance being emanated from her body.

As soon as Jared caught a whiff of the fragrance, his heart skipped a beat. Instantly, Dragonslayer Sword materialized in his hands, and he thrust it forward, aiming right at her.

“Jared!” Josephine screamed in alarm. However, the sword in his hand showed no signs of slowing down. As it gleamed, it stabbed her body.

Spots of light appeared on Josephine’s body. and her appearance began to change radically.

The woman, who was initially fair and gorgeous, slowly turned into an unsightly monkey-like creature with fur all over its body.

That sight sickened Jared deeply. The memory of how he had embraced that creature earlier had him trembling with disgust and revulsion.

In the end, the glowing spots disappeared, along with everything in his sight.

It was then Jared was able to see himself standing before the boulder again with his hand pressed on it. The symbols in front of him rose from the surface of the boulder as if they were alive and entered his body.

To his delight, Transforming Clone Charm appeared in his mind immediately. “I can’t believe that you’re grinning after how

you almost met your demise!” Flaxseed exclaimed in anger as he stared at the overjoyed Jared. “I warned you, but you still fell into the trap, you lovesick fool!”

Embarrassed by his scolding, the latter flashed him an awkward grin. “Mr. Flaxseed, the charm spirit was terribly hideous.”

“Why? Were you hoping for it to be a gorgeous woman? If it were pretty, would you still be able to bring yourself to kill it?” Flaxseed teased.

Nodding, Jared smiled. “I will eliminate anyone who stands in my way, no matter how attractive they might be.” “Whatever.” Flaxseed gave him a dismissive wave. “All right. Teach me the charm spell now!”

“Oh, okay!” Jared stretched his hand out to touch Flaxseed’s head. Soon, a beam of light appeared, followed by countless symbols that entered Flaxseed’s body.

Flaxseed flushed with excitement. As Jared watched, he recited a spell that caused his body to emit a soft glow and his appearance to change.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 1689–In the end, Flaxseed transformed into a man that looked exactly like Jared. Jared gaped in amazement at the change. “W-Wow, you look exactly like me. Does this mean you can transform yourself into anyone and do whatever you want?” he asked in disbelief.

“I’m not powerful enough, so this Transforming Technique can only last for half an hour at most,” Flaxseed replied. With that, he returned to his original self. Another flash of light appeared, and a man who was his replica stepped out behind him.

“However, I’m able to maintain this Clone Technique for thirty minutes to an hour!” Flaxseed continued. As he observed his shadow clone, he nodded repeatedly. It seemed like he was very satisfied with it.

Jared was shocked to the core by the sight of two Flaxseeds standing before him. His curiosity prompted him to step forward, pinch the shadow clone's cheek, and slap it.

"Hey, are you a pervert? Why are you pinching my cheek?" Flaxseed slapped his hand away. "This... This is actually real. It isn't an illusion spell..." Jared could feel the warmth on the shadow clone.

"Of course! It wouldn't be called Clone Technique if it were an illusion spell. But this shadow clone is only half as powerful as I am. Imagine how incredible it will be if it is as powerful as me!" Flaxseed sighed and dismissed his shadow clone.

If the shadow clone could be as powerful as him, it meant that he had double his own strength. "This is incredible enough!" Jared praised.

It was then he finally saw how powerful the charm spell was. While his Nine Shadows could create several shadow clones, they were merely products of an illusion spell and were not real.

If he possessed Transforming Clone Charm, he could create a shadow clone to aid him in fleeing from tight situations. It was simply a perfect tool for escape!

Jared promptly regretted passing the charm spell to Flaxseed. "Why? Do you regret your decision?" Flaxseed asked, quirking his lips into a faint smile.

"Why would I regret it? Since you promised to help me find Century Eye Herb, let's go now!"

Jared reminded Flaxseed of his promise and demanded that he fulfill it. "Don't worry. I didn't forget my promise. Let's go!" Beaming with delight, Flaxseed led Jared out.

When they walked past the gate of Skywrath Sect, Jared glanced inside. "When I get stronger, I must come back to the ancient ruins! I'm sure there are more powerful charm spells waiting for me inside!"

After leaving the ancient ruins, Jared and Flaxseed began their journey to find Century Eye Herb.

They traveled for three days and arrived at the border of the Southwest Region. The vast ocean was right in front of them. “Mr. Flaxseed, where is Century Eye Herb? Are you lying to me?” Jared stared at the sea in exasperation.

“Relax. Why would I lie to you?” Flaxseed replied. He then pulled out his geomantic compass to search for something. The sea breeze blew past them, carrying a hint of saltiness.

Jared followed behind Flaxseed, curious to see where the latter would bring him.

They walked along the beach, and soon a small island appeared in front of their eyes. It seemed close to the coast, about a few miles away from them.

However, the island was emitting a light red glow. From a distance, it looked like a flaming mountain. Flaxseed held his breath and gathered his spiritual energy on his feet. He then walked on the sea, heading toward the island.

When Jared saw his actions, he immediately went after him. Given their current capabilities, walking on water was child’s play to them.

Evangeline was the last to move, floating above the sea. With that, the three of them made their way to the island. If normal humans were to see them, they would have thought they were immortals who had descended to earth.

Just as they were about to arrive on the island, powerful gusts of heatwaves crashed onto them. In no time, their clothes were drenched in sweat.

## **Read A Man Like None Other Chapter 1690**

A Man Like None Other Chapter 1690—“The heat is searing. Why does it feel like the stones on the island are glowing red as if they’re being burned?” Jared asked with his brows knitted together.

Flaxseed explained, “This is a volcano island, so the stones were created from the lava that spewed out when the volcano erupted. It’s extremely hot now because the volcano beneath the island is on the brink of eruption. That’s also why the stones are blazing red and scorching hot.”

“D\*mn, are you pulling my leg? How can Century Eye Herb grow in a place like this?” Jared was in disbelief.

“The harsher the environment, the better Century Eye Herb grows. I can’t believe an alchemist like you don’t know this theory.” Flaxseed shot him a look of contempt.

He then leaped into the air and landed on the island. Jared had no choice but to go after him. Once his feet landed on the island, he felt as though they were being roasted.

Jared immediately gathered his spiritual energy on his feet to ease his discomfort. Meanwhile, Flaxseed pulled out two charms and stuck them beneath his feet before continuing to march forward.

As they got deeper into the island, the heatwaves grew more unbearable. “Are we there yet?” Jared asked as he wiped the sweat off his forehead. “We’re about to arrive!” Flaxseed panted heavily from the heat.

Evangeline was the only one devoid of expression, following Jared’s every movement. Every time he stopped in his tracks, she would do the same, then continue walking when he started moving again.

Soon, they arrived at a huge crater. Flaxseed pointed at it and announced, “Century Eye Herb is inside.”

Jared glanced into the crater, then turned to Flaxseed. “Isn’t this the volcano crater? The lava inside of it is bubbling. Are you sure Century Eye Herb is inside?” He refused to believe that the crater was home to Century Eye Herb.

“If you don’t believe me, just forget it. Anyhow, I didn’t lie to you,” Flaxseed stated. Afterward, he pulled out a water bottle and gulped some water to quench his thirst.

Jared was at a loss for words. Left with no choice, he could only gaze into the crater. Feeling the heat radiating from within, he knew the volcano was about to erupt at any second.

Then, he picked up a stone and threw it into the crater. However, the stone turned to ash the moment it came into contact with the lava. “Uh, how do I get the herb?” Jared was stumped.

“Why would you be afraid of the lava when your body is sturdy, not to mention you have Golem Body? If you can’t do it, get this young lady to head down

into the crater. Her body is stronger than yours, and she can't sense anything," Flaxseed suggested as he pointed at Evangeline.

"That won't do. Even if she can make it down there, she doesn't know how to harvest Century Eye Herb, nor does she recognize it!" Jared shook his head to dismiss Flaxseed's suggestion.

He looked at the crater once again and felt the scorching heat before continuing, "Mr. Flaxseed, do you have any charms that can resist heat and also harvest that Century Eye Herb?"

"What do you think? If I'm that capable, the Century Eye Herb wouldn't still be here. You wouldn't even have the chance to come here," Flaxseed retorted, rolling his eyes.

"Give me some Fire-Evading Charms. Don't tell me you don't have these," Jared requested.

"I have Fire-Evading Charms, but they're completely useless here. The lava originates from the earth's core, so the charms won't work. If you don't trust me, let me show you!"

With that, Flaxseed whipped out a charm and chanted a spell to activate it. He then tossed it into the crater. Before the charm could land at the very bottom of the crater, the heatwaves ignited it and burned it into ashes.

"See! I wasn't lying to you!" Flaxseed shrugged. Frustrated, Jared observed the crater again. His heart was racing in fear, for he did not want to be roasted.

"Mr. Flaxseed, does Century Eye Herb grow somewhere else? We can go there instead!" Jared wanted to try his luck elsewhere as he dared not jump into the crater.

"No, this is the only place I know. If you're not going down, then I'll take my leave," Flaxseed announced and spun on his heels to leave.