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The female staff was far from timid. Upon seeing Madman, immediately questioned him, “How did you get in? I don’t recall seeing you enter the purgatory. Answer me. Did you sneak in without buying a ticket? Pay up now, or you’ll be arrested...”

When Madman entered the purgatory, the staff lady hadn’t even started working yet, so was completely unaware.

“F*ck you! When have I ever paid to enter the purgatory? I’ve always gotten in for free!”

Back then, Madman indeed entered the purgatory without any charge. Unbeknownst to the female staff, mistakenly thought Madman had snuck in.

“Stop bragging! Even our city lord has to pay to enter the purgatory. If you don’t make up the difference now, don’t expect me to be polite!” The female staff was about to take action.

At the same time, the guards surrounding the purgatory also flocked over, assuming that Jared and his group were causing trouble.

Just as tensions were mounting between the two parties, Maceo hurried over with his people in a rush.

“Stop! Everyone, stop!” Bellowing loudly, Maceo came running.

“Boss, these guys sneaked in without paying. They should compensate, yet they have the audacity to fight back,” the female staff said to Maceo.

“Get lost!” With a casual flick, Maceo pushed the female staff aside.

Then, turning to Jared with a full-faced smile, said, “Boss, you’re out. I brought someone specially to welcome you...”

Jared looked at Maceo with a perplexed expression on his face. He didn’t know Maceo at all.

Why on earth is this guy addressing me as his boss right off the bat?

On the other hand, Eason was utterly flabbergasted.

The man before us is the city lord of Rhino City Why on earth is addressing Jared as his boss?

Is mistaking Jared for someone else?

Madman looked at Maceo and said, “Maceo, what are you trying to imply? Are you trying to snatch my boss away?!”

“Madman, who’s trying to snatch your boss away? You can consider as your boss. Of course, I can too...”

After Maceo finished speaking, looked at Jared with a full-faced smile and said, “Boss,
my name is Maceo Ochs, the city lord Rhino City.”

Upon hearing that it was the city lord, Jared immediately became respectful. After all, if it hadn’t been for Rainah’s help in the beginning, they wouldn’t have been able to enter Rhino City. The man standing before them was none other than the father of Rainah and Bastian.

“Oh! It’s you, Lord Maceo! My apologies for the oversight...” Jared hastily greeted.

“Boss, just call me Maceo,” Maceo humbly said. “I’ve already prepared a banquet at the city lord mansion. You’ve worked hard undergoing your trial at the purgatory. I hope you’ll do me the honor of taking some time to rest.”

“I-Is that okay?” Jared looked at Eason, somewhat at a loss. After all, Eason was familiar with that place and knew the character of the city lord well, while Jared didn’t know Maceo.

“Since the city lord has extended such a warm invitation, let’s go, then,” Eason said.

Having the chance to build a good relationship with Maceo was a rare opportunity. One couldn’t possibly miss it.

“All right. Lead the way, then...” Jared gave a nod.

Maceo led Jared and the others back to the city lord mansion. They used the Teleportation Array, so they returned instantly, leaving Jared deeply moved.

When and Eason first arrived, they had to fly for a long time to get there. Surprisingly, with the Teleportation Array, they could arrive instantly. However, that Teleportation Array was located within the city lord mansion and virtually inaccessible to the average person.

Maceo was warmly welcoming Jared and his companions. As they were exchanging toasts, Maceo turned to Jared and asked, "Boss, I was wondering if you might have some time to let me cultivate in your tower..."

"How did you know about my tower?" Jared was taken aback.

It seemed like had never mentioned it to anyone else. Only Eason and Madman knew about his Pentacarna Tower. He had never brought it up with Maceo, either.

Maceo confessed, "To be honest, Boss, once you entered the purgatory, I could observe everything through a bronze mirror."

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"Upon hearing that, Jared was taken aback.

Luckily, I didn't reveal too much in the purgatory, only exposing the Pentacarna Tower...

He didn't bring out items like the Divine Bow, the Dragon Bell, or the Demon Flogger. Moreover, also didn't reveal the fire unicorn and Celestial Devourer. If those were all exposed, it would be unimaginable.

"You could cultivate inside the tower, but bear in mind that it lacks resources. So, if you're planning to cultivate there, you must ensure that you bring enough resources with you," Jared said.

Although a year outside the tower equated to a hundred years inside, it was necessary to bring resources sufficient for a century. Otherwise, spending a hundred years inside the tower would be utterly pointless.

“In terms of resources, don’t worry, Boss. You’re free to use any resources from Rhino City. I’ll also ensure I bring enough resources myself.”

As the city lord, Maceo naturally possessed resources that others simply couldn’t compare to.

“As long as you have the resources, I don’t mind!” Jared stated nonchalantly.

“Thank you, Boss! Here’s a toast to you!” Maceo picked up his glass and drained it in one gulp.

Upon seeing the situation, Eason said to Maceo, “Lord, I have a request. May I proceed?”

“Go ahead!” Maceo replied.

Eason told Maceo about the situation of Rhino City’s black market. At that moment, Eason intended to consolidate the black market, aiming to bring all of them under his control.

Upon hearing that, Maceo nodded in agreement and said, “No problem! I’ll assign you an additional squad of soldiers. Feel free to deal with anyone directly if anyone steps out of line. When the time comes, I’ll make the black market legal so that you all won’t have to sneak around anymore.”

Upon hearing that, Eason quickly rose to his feet to toast Maceo. “Thank you, Lord Maceo!”

“Sir, you’re Boss’ father-in-law, and Maceo is an underling. He should be addressing you respectfully and offering you a toast as a sign of respect.” Madman gave Eason a reminder.

Upon hearing that Eason was actually Jared’s father-in-law, Maceo quickly stood up and said, “Sir, here’s a toast to you! From now on, only you will be allowed in the black market of Rhino City!”

The night of drinking was truly enjoyable, and Maceo insisted that Jared stay over at the city lord mansion. After all, the conditions at the city lord mansion were far superior to those outside.

In the evening, Maceo, laden with a wealth of resources, followed Jared into the Pentacarna Tower.

Cultivating within the Pentacarna Tower for just one night was equivalent to cultivating for dozens of days. It was simply exhilarating.

While Jared and Maceo were cultivating inside the Pentacarna Tower, dozens of people dressed in grey had gathered inside Rhino City's Heavenly Treasure Pavilion.

The one leading the group turned out to be none other than the owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion from the other day.

The owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion was seen holding a token, which was indeed the token Jared had pawned.

"Tonight, failure is not an option. Only success is allowed. With this token, we can easily gain entry into the city lord mansion. We can force Maceo into submission as long as we can find a way to capture the princess and Prince Bastian of Rhino City!"

"If we succeed this time, each one of us will be a meritorious retainer. The city lord will not forget our contributions. For so many years, Rhino City has controlled the purgatory, amassing a large amount of celestial coins. Moreover, Rhino City has more resource areas than we do. Our Winged Tiger City is on the brink of collapse, so our success or failure hinges on this moment."

The owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion was rallying everyone. As it turned out, the owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion was actually the spy leader from Winged Tiger City.

This man had been undercover in Rhino City for many years and had even managed to rise to the position held at that time.

No one would have suspected that was a spy from Winged Tiger City. That was why he was willing to exchange ten thousand celestial coins for the token in Jared's possession and then store it away, ensuring that Rainah remained oblivious.

"Kill! Kill! Kill!"

There were dozens of spies from Winged Tiger City, and each one had a gleam of murderous intent in their eyes.

Winged Tiger City and Rhino City had been in constant conflict due to the struggle for resources over the years.

It wasn't just amongst the three races that conflict arose, but also within each individual race. From ancient times till then, these disputes had always been driven by self-interest. Even when one ascended to the celestial realm and became immortal, that state of affairs remained unchanged.

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Dozens of spies from Winged Tiger City had traded their cloaks for the soldiers' armor. Then, in a neat formation, they headed toward the city lord mansion.

Since Rhino City had intensified its patrols, the streets were filled with squads of soldiers. Therefore, no one questioned the identity of those soldiers.

Upon reaching the entrance of the city lord mansion, that group of people was stopped.

A guard addressed the leader, saying, "Show your token..."

The leader of the group was none other than the owner of Heavenly Treasure Pavilion. With a cheerful demeanor, promptly produced a token and passed it over.

The guard held the token in his hand, accompanied by a flickering white light, verifying its authenticity and proving it wasn't a forgery.

Upon recognizing the token's authenticity, the guard returned it, saying, "You may enter now..."

Soon, the owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion, along with his entourage, entered the city lord mansion.

Once they had entered the city lord mansion, the owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion whispered, "We should split up into two teams now, try to avoid any conflicts, and find where the city lord's son and daughter reside."

Everyone nodded in agreement and then split into two groups to start searching for Rainah and Bastian.

Since the city lord mansion was vast, those individuals had no idea where exactly Rainah and Bastian resided. They dared not use their spiritual sense to investigate, as it could easily expose them. Therefore, they had no choice but to search slowly.

However, these spies from Winged Tiger City were oblivious at the moment. They failed to notice that beneath their feet, every single cobblestone they tread upon was faintly shimmering with a green glow.

In order to prevent anyone from sneaking into the city lord mansion, Maceo had already spent a fortune to lay down an arcane array around the mansion.

Although those individuals possessed a token and wore soldiers' armor, their aura was not registered within the arcane array. Therefore, when they entered the city lord mansion, the arcane array slowly began to activate.

At that moment, Maceo, who was cultivating within the Pentacarna Tower, suddenly opened his eyes, his brows knitted tightly together.

"What's wrong?" Jared asked, noticing the situation.

"Strangers have trespassed into the city lord mansion. I need to go check it out..." Maceo rose to his feet and left the Pentacarna Tower.

Upon witnessing the situation, Jared also followed Maceo, leaving the Pentacarna Tower. Subsequently, the two of them found themselves in the courtyard.

Before long, the two of them discovered a suspicious-looking squadron of soldiers within the courtyard of the city lord mansion.

"There's never been a schedule for a troop patrol within the mansion at night..." Maceo said in a soft voice.

"It's quite possible that these soldiers could just be others in disguise," Jared remarked.

Maceo gave a slight nod, revealing a dark stone from within his robe. The stone was marked with cryptic, hard-to-decipher symbols.

As Maceo imbued the stone with strands of the Power of Immortals, sudden beams of white light burst forth from around the city lord mansion.

These beams of white light intertwined, astonishingly enveloping the entire city lord mansion.

"Shoot! We've been spotted! Let's get out of here!" The owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion hadn't anticipated that they would be discovered as soon as they stepped into the city lord mansion.

At the same time, a grating alarm echoed around the city lord mansion, and countless guards swarmed out. Eason and Madman had also rushed out, their faces full of anxiety.

"What's going on?"

“No worries! We have intruders. They’re likely spies from Winged Tiger City, but they will be dealt with swiftly.” Maceo was comforting the two.

Upon hearing that, Eason immediately responded in anger, “F*ck! When will Winged Tiger City stop stirring up trouble? Must they fight others to the death?”

Upon hearing Eason’s words, it was clear to Jared that such an incident was a regular occurrence between the two parties. “Does Rhino City have some sort of grudge with Winged Tiger City?”

“There aren’t any real grudges. It’s just that Winged Tiger City has limited resources, so they often come to our territory to compete for them. Also, Winged Tiger City is jealous about the purgatory...”

“They want to dominate it, which is why conflicts often arise. It’s only natural for conflicts to arise, given that our city is just a stone’s throw away from Winged Tiger City. We’re the closest to each other.”

Maceo had come to terms with it, understanding that disputes were quite common in the pursuit of resources.

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“I believe they’re after the Treasure Land. That place has always been under Rhino City’s control, and Winged Tiger City just can’t accept it,” Eason said.

“Treasure Land?” Jared was taken aback, his face full of confusion.

“Boss, let’s talk about it later. We need to deal with these people first.” With that, Maceo vanished in a flash, heading straight for those spies from the western region.

Upon seeing the situation, Jared turned to Eason and Madman, saying, “Let’s lend a hand. We can’t just freeload off others!”

With that, Jared, with the Dragonslayer Sword in hand, also rushed over in an instant.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Jared made his move, consecutively slashing his sword thrice. Just like that, had claimed the lives of three spies from the western region.

It was important to note that the spies from the western region were all clad in specially made soldiers’ armor. The armor was incredibly sturdy and soaked in turtle blood.

When Jared made his move, astonishingly shattered the armor and killed the men, which left the spies from the western region utterly astounded.

Their numbers were already few, and when they faced an expert like Jared, their fighting spirit evaporated instantly.

“Courting death!” Seeing the situation, the owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion instantly swung his knife down at Jared.

A crimson long sword soared into the sky, descending with an endless aura of death.

Upon seeing the situation, Jared swung the Dragonslayer Sword in his hand, intending to block the incoming attack.

“F*ck you! How dare you attack my boss?!” Upon seeing someone attacking Jared, Madman immediately became furious.

In an instant, positioned himself in front of Jared, swiftly launching an attack with both palms.

Madman struck out with both palms, from which two clusters of crimson flames surged forth, clashing dramatically against the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion’s owner’s crimson long sword.

In the midst of a fierce explosion, the crimson long sword shattered inch by inch. The owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion was flung backward like a kite with its string cut, crashing heavily against a column. His helmet fell off, and a spurt of fresh blood sprayed out, staining the soldier’s armor on his chest a vivid red.

“How could this be possible?” The owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion looked at Madman with fear, his eyes filled with disbelief. “Y-You’re Madman?”

The owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion wore a look of utter shock on his face.

Madman, who was believed to have entered the purgatory centuries ago and presumed dead, had astonishingly shown up that day.

What shocked the owner of Heavenly Treasure Pavilion even more was that Madman was actually addressing Jared as his boss.

He wasn’t aware of Jared’s identity, but the fact that had received the token from Jared indicated that Jared’s relationship with the city lord mansion was not ordinary. Otherwise, it wouldn’t have been possible for to possess such a token.

"It's you!" Jared was quite taken aback when saw the owner of Heavenly Treasure Pavilion.

Maceo also walked over, taking a good look at the other party's face.

The sight caused Maceo's pupils to constrict sharply, his face revealing a look of shock.

"It's you! Troah!" Maceo's voice was filled with anger and disappointment. "I trusted you so deeply, handing over the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion to you to manage. I never imagined you'd turn out to be a spy from Winged Tiger City!"

Troah struggled to rise from the ground.

Wiping the trace of blood from the corner of his mouth, sneered, "Maceo, don't be so naive. It's the survival of the fittest, so who doesn't want more resources? Rhino City monopolizes the Treasure Land and hoards resources. Of course, Winged Tiger City won't just turn a blind eye to it."

"Shut up!" Maceo roared, and his aura surged all around him. "Today, none of you will leave here alive!"

As spoke, Maceo changed his hand seals. The glow from the arcane array above the city lord mansion surged tremendously.

Chains materialized from the void, flying toward the remaining spies from Winged Tiger City.

As the heated battle among the crowd was in full swing, a cry of surprise suddenly echoed from afar.

"Let go of me!"

Bastian was seen being held hostage by a spy from Winged Tiger City. The spy's hand was pressed against Bastian's throat, a precarious situation where a single misstep could cost Bastian his life.

"Father! Save me!" Bewildered and terrified, Bastian cried out for help.

Maceo's figure halted abruptly, and a flicker of panic flashed in his eyes.

"If you dare harm my son, I'll ensure you'd wish you were dead!" Maceo scowled, and was filled with murderous intent.

Seeing how things had turned out, Troah couldn't help but feel a surge of joy. Despite the pain wracking his body, forced himself to walk over to the spy holding Bastian hostage.

"Maceo, bet you didn't see this coming, huh? There's always a way out after all," Troah sneered darkly. "Get out of the way and let us go. Otherwise, your son's dead!"

Maceo's face shifted through a storm of emotions.

Looking into his son's frightened eyes, was torn. As the city lord, couldn't just let a spy from Winged Tiger City walk away freely.

But that was his son. How could stand by and let be harmed?

"Don't do anything rash," Jared stepped up and whispered. "Let them leave first. We'll deal with the rest afterward."

Grinding his teeth, Maceo finally relented, gradually pulling back the formation.

"You can go now," warned coldly. "But know this, everything Winged Tiger City did today, Rhino City has taken note. We'll settle this, one way or another!"

Troah chuckled with satisfaction, signaling his men to start pulling back. "Maceo, we'll meet again. I hope you'll still have this same fire in you!"

As the silhouettes of Winged Tiger City's spies faded into the distance, Maceo clenched his fists so tightly that his nails dug into his palms, blood trailing down his fingers.

"Father!" Rainah ran out of room. The sight of brother being held hostage brought tears to eyes. "We have to save Bastian!"

"Don't worry. I'll bring Bastian back," Maceo said, his eyes blazing with determination. "For Winged Tiger City to act this boldly in my city... They'll pay dearly for it!"

Then turned sharply to the guards, his voice thunderous. "Who was on guard today? How did these people get in?"

Access to the city lord mansion requires a token... So, how had a group of spies from Winged Tiger City gotten inside without interference?

Maceo was baffled. He began to suspect there might be a traitor inside the mansion. After all, even the owner of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion had turned out to be one of their spies. He was starting to doubt everyone.

“My lord, it was our shift today. The Winged Tiger City spies entered using a valid token. We verified it. That’s why we let them through,” one guard stepped forward and spoke nervously.

“How could they have a token?” Maceo’s face twisted in confusion.

At that moment, Jared seemed to realize something.

With a sheepish look, said, “I think... I might’ve been the one who gave it to them...” Jared remembered how had pawned the token at the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion.

“You?” Maceo stared in shock. “How’d you end up with a token to the city lord mansion?”

Before Jared could answer, Rainah looked at him, voice tinged with disbelief. “Wait, why is it you? Did you pawn my token?”

Jared nodded awkwardly. “I was strapped for celestial coins back then. I had no other choice. So yeah... I pawned the token at the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion...”

Maceo turned from Rainah to Jared, his confusion deepening. He couldn’t understand how his daughter even knew Jared.

“No wonder I couldn’t trace the token’s location after,” Rainah said bitterly.

“I’m really sorry...” Jared apologized again, then explained to Maceo how came to possess the token in the first place.

After hearing the whole story, Maceo didn’t press further. After all, Jared was now his boss, and didn’t dare push too hard.

“Jared, there’s no way you could’ve seen this coming. It’s not your fault. I messed up. I didn’t see Troah for who really was. I never imagined was a spy from Winged Tiger City...”

Thinking of Troah made Maceo boil with rage. If had the chance, he’d rip Troah to pieces.