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Magic Spring Gone

Meanwhile, in Carlos' room, he was euphoric when he saw how the negative energy from Lyanna was constantly getting sucked into the vortex. Soon, I'll be the youngest Martial Arts Grandmaster in the martial arts world! Everyone's going to be so envious of me by then.

In exchange for a faster way to increase his ability, Carlos had to give up his manhood. However, it was deemed a worthy trade by him. In the martial arts world, only personal abilities matter! Women are irrelevant.

Right then, someone pushed his room door open.

Upon seeing that, Carlos hurriedly kept the vortex away with a wave of his hand before glaring at the intruder.

"Hey, b*stard! Don't you know how to knock?" Carlos roared.

"Mr. Xuereb, something happened to our magic spring! It has dried up!" the person said anxiously.

"What?" Carlos was stumped. "What happened? How could that be?"

The person shook his head and answered, "I haven't the slightest idea. I rushed over to check when I heard a loud explosion earlier on. When I got there, the water was already gone."

Carlos threw Lyanna a glance before shifting his gaze toward the person and said, "Bring me there. How could such a thing happen?"

The magic spring was a vital part of the Empyrean Sect. Without it, the members of the Empyrean Sect wouldn't have gotten so strong. In other words, the magic spring was the sole reason why the Empyrean Sect could overtake all the other clans in the southwest region.

Hence, Carlos was in utter shock when he heard the news. What do I tell Father when he comes back?

The moment Carlos left the room, someone sneaked in through the window.

It was Jared.

At that point, Lyanna was so weak she couldn't even utter a word. When she saw Jared appearing before her eyes, she was infuriated.

Upon seeing how weak Lyanna was, Jared instantly infused her with a shot of spiritual energy.

Lyanna recovered immediately. "Jared, You b*stard!"

She threw Jared a punch the second she regained her energy.

Jared backed away hastily and grumbled, "Hey! I just saved you! Why are you punching me? Is this how you repay me?"

"You b*stard! Where have you been? Where were you? Didn't you say I was going to be fine? I almost died!" Lyanna glared at Jared, livid.

"Well, aren't you all right now? I know Carlos had already lost his manhood, so he can't do anything bad to you. Now, let's get you out and seek revenge!" Jared smiled gleefully. He wasn't mad at all because he could understand Lyanna's anger.

Lyanna gritted her teeth and said, "You must kill him! I want to watch him die!"

"Sure, no problem." Jared nodded.

Behind the grand hall of Empyrean Sect, there used to be a stream of water flowing endlessly. However, everything had changed. The spring had completely dried up, and it was as if there had never been water there in the first place.

Carlos' expression turned grim at the sight. Gradually, he turned his gaze toward the source of the spring. He couldn't see anything but darkness inside.

He then picked up and threw a huge rock down the source to see if there was any water left at the bottom of it. To his dismay, all he heard was the sounds of the rock colliding with dry land.

"How did this happen? How did this happen?" Carlos thundered.

Right then, a Senior Grandmaster walked over and suggested, "Someone heard an explosion earlier, Mr. Xuereb. Could it be that someone blew a hole in the spring, causing the spring water to leak underground?"

"Who did it, then? Who?" Carlos glared at the members of the Empyrean Sect and fumed, "What have all of you been doing? You incompetent fools!"

What's going to happen to Empyrean Sect now that the magic spring is gone? Carlos was starting to panic.

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Teach You A Lesson

"It was me." At that moment, a calm voice sounded.

Everyone turned to look in the direction of the voice and saw Jared standing on a rock, staring back at them.

Lyanna was also there, standing right next to Jared. At that moment, she was glaring at Carlos with her wrathful eyes.

Standing behind Jared were the people from Mapleton whom he had rescued.

Carlos was baffled when he saw that someone had rescued Lyanna and the people from Mapleton. He looked at Jared and queried, "Who are you, kid? Why did you destroy the Empyrean Sect's magic spring? Also, why did you rescue the people from Mapleton?"

"I'm a nobody. I just feel annoyed looking at you." Jared's lips curled into a smile.

Upon hearing that, Carlos was briefly stunned. I've seen him before. Poison King said this guy's a lunatic! He looked so miserable when he was dragged away. How dare a lunatic speak to me in such a disrespectful tone?

"You b*stard! How dare you speak to Mr. Xuereb so rudely?"

"This is Empyrean Sect! Show Mr. Xuereb respect!"

"You must have a death wish, don't you? You deserve to die for the way you talked to Mr. Xuereb!"

One by one, the members of the Empyrean Sect drew their weapons, defending Carlos and flattering him at the same time.

Jared couldn't help but smile when he looked at those bootlickers. "Mr. Xuereb, you guys said? Do you guys know he's not even a man anymore? He's nothing but a eunuch now! If you don't believe me, just ask him to take off his pants and see for yourselves!"

The members of the Empyrean Sect were taken aback upon hearing that because most of them didn't know Carlos had been practicing black magic.

Feeling utterly embarrassed when everyone in the Empyrean Sect stared at him, Carlos bellowed, "You imbecile! Seems like you really want to die, huh?"

"You're the one who's going to die!" After saying that, Jared leaped and dashed toward Carlos to punch him.

Carlos was petrified when he felt the strong gust of wind produced by Jared. How could a lunatic have such a high level of martial energy?

He frantically dodged and backed away in a rather pathetic-looking manner.

"Who the hell are you, kid? What's your relationship with the people from Mapleton?" Carlos questioned. When did such a young and powerful fighter pop up in Mapleton?

"I have nothing to do with Mapleton. You disgust me because you're neither a man nor a woman! I simply wanted to teach you a lesson," Jared spat with disdain.

Instead of attacking Jared right away, Carlos merely narrowed his eyes. He's too young and powerful to be just a commoner. He must be someone influential from some other clans. Since the Empyrean Sect is still growing, this is not the time to make enemies.

"Are you here for Lyanna, then?" He threw Lyanna a glance and continued, "I'm telling you, this girl is born with an aptitude to bewitch. Besides, she knows Seduction Technique. I'd advise you to not fall for her tricks!"

"Cut the crap! I'm willingly getting tricked by her! Are you not going to attack me? Are you just going to stand idly by after I told you I've destroyed the Empyrean Sect's magic spring? You're such a coward! If you're not going to attack me, then kneel before me! I might just let you live." Jared's patience had run out.

Carlos' expression turned grim, and he said, "You're trying to get yourself killed, kid."

With that, he dashed toward Jared and aimed a punch at the latter's chest.

At that instant, there was a faint red light flickering around his fist. It was obvious he was using black magic.

Jared grinned and stood steadily still. There's no way a Senior Grandmaster such as Carlos could ever hurt me.

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Unworthy

Thud! Carlos' punch landed squarely on Jared's chest. The next second, he was bewildered when he saw nothing happened to Jared. In fact, Jared didn't even move an inch upon receiving that punch.

Shocked, Carlos anxiously took a few steps backward. "Who the hell are you? How is your body so strong?"

"I already told you, you're not worthy to know any of it!" Disdain was written all over Jared's face.

Carlos was getting more and more upset. The corners of his eyes twitched when he said, "Do you think you've already beaten me? Have you forgotten this is Empyrean Sect?" His voice was ice-cold and intimidating.

He was starting to lose his cool because Jared kept humiliating him relentlessly.

"I know you've been relying on women's negative energy to strengthen yourself. To be honest, I'm very disgusted with you! I'm afraid I might dirty my hands if I kill you myself." Upon saying that, Jared then acted like he was gagging.

"How did you know about that?" Carlos was aghast.

He knew that the martial arts world would strongly disapprove of his way of cultivating. If this information gets out, how am I supposed to stay in the martial arts world? How is Empyrean Sect going to be seen in the martial arts world?

Jared's eyes narrowed. "That's not all I know! I also know you've used the spring water to lure women here to bathe! Then, you'd take the opportunity to absorb all their negative energy to cultivate on your own."

Upon hearing that, Carlos began to exude a murderous aura.

"Members of the Empyrean Sect, guard all the exits! None of these people is allowed to leave," he commanded.

He was ready to kill. If I don't kill all of them, my secret is going to get exposed!

"Save your energy. There's no way they could possibly stop me from leaving. I suggest that you show your trump card already. I'd like to see what sort of black magic you exchanged your manhood for!" Jared flashed a faint smile.

"Fine. I'll show you!"

With that, Carlos' aura changed dramatically. Suddenly, he had a terrifying look on his face, and his body started to expand.

As his body was expanding, Carlos' martial energy was constantly increasing. The intimidating aura suddenly enveloped the surroundings.

"Back away!" one of Empyrean Sect's Senior Grandmasters warned anxiously before bringing the other members away.

He told the members of the Empyrean Sect to run because he was well aware of Carlos' black magic. Hence, he knew how scary and gory everything could turn out.

The terrifying aura was so tense that the people from Mapleton were gasping for air. Even the five leaders of Mapleton, who were Senior Grandmasters, felt pressured by Carlos' aura.

"You know too much, kid. And for that, you must die!" After saying that, Carlos lunged at Jared with his humongous body.

At the same time, waves of negative energy could be seen emitting into the air from Carlos' body. The moment the energy reached the air, it formed into creatures with claws and fangs. They, too, dashed toward Jared.

Seeing that, Lyanna's face instantly went pale. As for the rest of the people from Mapleton, they had their eyes shut because they had been scared witless.

Even though they always came across poisonous creatures, they had never seen anything as horrifying in their lives.

Those creatures charged at Jared and clawed their way into his body.

At the same time, Carlos had already arrived in front of Jared. He raised his hand, preparing to give Jared a slap across his face.

"You are now under my spell. Only death awaits you!" Carlos was very confident that Jared was done for. As such, he didn't bother to slap Jared with much of his force. You're dead meat anyway. There's no way you can survive my spell.

Jared scoffed and mocked, "What spell?" He then lifted his leg and kicked at Carlos.

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I Am Not Leaving

Carlos had absolutely no time to react. Before he knew it, his huge body had been sent flying a few dozens of meters away before crashing to the ground.

He got up and spat a mouthful of blood instantly.

With a grim look on his face, he said, "It seems like even under my spell, you could still use your internal energy. I've underestimated you, then. However, you'll feel death creeping in on you soon enough."

Glaring at him coldly, Carlos waited with bated breath for Jared to die. No one has escaped my spell before! His body's going to rot and crumble at any time now!

To his disappointment, Jared was still fine after a few minutes. By then, Carlos had started to panic.

"There's no need to wait any longer. I've already digested your spell! What else do you have under your sleeves? If you've run out of tricks, then it's about time I end your life," Jared said nonchalantly.

"That's impossible!" Carlos widened his eyes in utter shock. How is he still okay after the amount of negative energy I've used?

"What's impossible? I'll have you know that none of the poisonous creatures in Mapleton posed a threat to Jared. So why would you think your puny spell could harm him?" Lyanna mocked while laughing gleefully. Jared is impenetrable. Even the poisonous wasps couldn't harm him. So how could Carlos' negative energy do anything?

"Jared?" Carlos frowned. Why does that name sound so familiar?

Right then, a Senior Grandmaster from Empyrean Sect walked up to Carlos and whispered something next to his ear.

Suddenly, Carlos' expression changed dramatically. He gaped at Jared.

"Y-You're Jared? You're the one who killed Xander, the Martial Arts Grandmaster?" he asked in bewilderment.

"Correct! That's me!" Jared nodded.

Upon hearing that, Carlos' expression soured and he unclenched his fists.

Even though I have black magic, I'm still just a Seventh Level Senior Grandmaster. I'll only be able to reach Martial Arts Grandmaster once I've absorbed Lyanna's negative energy. Jared, on the other hand, has already killed a Level 1 Martial Arts Grandmaster despite the fact that he's roughly my age. How am I supposed to fight him? It has always been my dream to become the youngest Martial Arts Grandmaster in the martial arts world. So how could I accept the fact that Jared is already so far ahead of me? I've already given up my manhood in exchange for the abilities I have now. Yet, I'm still no match for him? Carlos' mind was filled with complicated thoughts as feelings of self-pity welled up within him.

"I'm no match for you. Empyrean Sect will not stop you and the others from leaving." Carlos knew even if they wanted to, they couldn't stop Jared from leaving. If Father was here, maybe he could still put up a fight against Jared. But, not only is he not here, all the elders of the Empyrean Sect have been isolating themselves for so many years as well. I doubt they'll return just because of Jared.

"Did I say anything about leaving?" Jared shot Carlos a cold stare. "The negative energy within you is a rare resource to come by."

"Huh? Wait, are you cultivating using—" Carlos stopped his speech when he realized he had almost given himself away. He then added, "I mean, you're cultivating other forms of magecrafts as well?"

"Nonsense! Why would I cultivate that sort of rubbish? I'm a proper man, got that? It's just that negative energy does come in handy for me to train my techniques!" Jared snorted coldly.

In response, Carlos simply stared at him. I can't give him my negative energy because that's all I have left! What would I become if I give away all the negative energy I've worked so hard to absorb?

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Debut

Thinking that he would be reduced to a useless person should he lose his negative energy, Carlos ordered, "Members of Empyrean Sect, stop him no matter what!" He then leaped to his feet abruptly before running toward the woods. I need to get away from him now! When Father comes back, we'll take revenge together.

Unfortunately for him, Jared saw it coming. As soon as Carlos started running, Jared took a leap toward him. Landing right in front of Carlos, Jared swiftly kicked him to the ground.

Clouds of dust rose, and a loud thud followed when Carlos' body crashed heavily onto the ground. There was so much force packed behind the kick that he was sent a meter deep into the ground upon impact.

"Mr. Xuereb!" the members of the Empyrean Sect yelled.

Seeing that, they all ran toward Carlos to dig him out. By the time they got him out, all the bones in his body had already been shattered. He was so gravely injured that he needed his members to hold him because he could no longer stand on his own.

"How dare you try to run away from me?" Jared stared at him coldly.

"Please let me live, Jared. You can take everything from the Empyrean Sect. All you have to do is let me go," Carlos begged.

He reckoned it was never too late for revenge. Should Jared agree to let him live, he would become a Martial Arts Grandmaster and seek revenge alongside his father.

"Let you live?" Jared grinned and added, "If I let you go now, you'd surely come back for me in the future."

With that, he dashed toward Carlos.

Seeing that, the members of the Empyrean Sect who were supporting Carlos tried to stop Jared. However, they were all sent flying in the air when Jared released a wave of martial energy.

Without the support from his members, Carlos started falling to the ground again. Before he could reach the ground, however, Jared reached out his hand and grabbed his head.

At that moment, Carlos felt an enormous pulling force on his head. Just like that, all the negative energy in his elixir field was absorbed by Jared.

"Y-You've learned Astral Attraction?" As Carlos widened his eyes in fear, he desperately tried to struggle free. Unfortunately, his efforts were futile.

Everyone at the scene froze when they saw Jared absorbing Carlos' negative energy.

Before long, Jared had taken away every ounce of negative energy in Carlos. When he eventually let go of Carlos' head, the latter fell heavily onto the ground again.

Without negative energy, Carlos was nothing more than a commoner. Since all the bones in his body had been shattered, it would be almost impossible for him to cultivate again.

"Now that you've taken my negative energy, will you leave?" Carlos murmured while lying flat on the ground.

Even though he was drained of negative energy and had all his bones broken, he was still determined to take revenge.

"Leave?" Jared chuckled coldly. "Did I say I was leaving? If I don't kill you, how would those hundreds of girls ever get their justice? Do you even know the pain they had to go through because you've taken their negative energy?"

While he was saying that, he suddenly reached out his right hand. Gradually, a shimmering sword started to show itself in Jared's grip. The color of the sword then slowly changed from the initial bright white to red. A blood-like liquid could be seen flowing within the sword.

"I've just gotten this Dragonslayer Sword today. I'll debut it with your blood!" A red gleam from the blade whizzed through the air when Jared took a swing with it.

Carlos was terrified as he screamed, "No! Please don't!"

A loud bang was heard the next second. When the red gleam disappeared, so did Carlos' body. His body had been vaporized by the red gleam emitted by the sword.

"Wow! This Dragonslayer Sword is powerful!" Since Jared had never used the Dragonslayer Sword before, he was surprised to see how strong it was.

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Alone

Everyone from the Empyrean Sect was stunned when they saw Carlos vanish before their eyes.

They were so terrified they didn't even feel anger anymore. At that moment, they felt as though Jared was a deity from heaven. It was undeniably a mind-blowing sight.

Lyanna gaped in disbelief as well when she saw even the bones had vanished into thin air. How is that sword so powerful?

After keeping his sword, Jared looked at Lyanna and said, "All right, Carlos is dead. It's time for us to go."

Lyanna nodded and followed Jared out of the Empyrean Sect. The people from Mapleton were following close behind as well.

As he was walking past the members of the Empyrean Sect, Jared didn't forget to throw them a glance. Upon seeing that, they all scrambled away in fear. Not only did they not stop him from leaving, but none of them dared to even look Jared in the eyes.

After leaving the Empyrean Sect's vicinity, the five leaders and the people of Mapleton tried to keep Jared and Lyanna with them, but the duo had no desire to go back to Mapleton.

After all, Jared only agreed to go to the Empyrean Sect for the spirit spring. He had no interest in the well-being of the people in Mapleton.

Although Jared knew the Empyrean Sect would definitely go after Mapleton again should they fail to seek revenge on him, he had no obligation to keep the people of Mapleton safe.

That was the reality of the feuds between those clans. The weak ones would always get pushed around. The only way to survive was to strengthen oneself instead of relying on others to offer protection.

The two of them got on a plane and headed for Horington. After a few days apart, Jared was starting to miss Josephine and the others. Especially now that he had found out Josephine was of fiery constituent. I wonder what she could achieve after cultivating.

However, Josephine and Lizbeth were nowhere to be seen when Jared and Lyanna arrived at the mansion at Dragon Bay.

Jared tried calling, but he couldn't reach either of them.

After that, Jared called William and Walter to see if they knew where Josephine and Lizbeth were. He was starting to get worried when neither of them knew where the girls were.

Right then, Jared remembered Rayleigh was with them when he left. They should be fine. After all, not a lot of people in the martial arts world can take Rayleigh on.

After a whole day of searching, Jared still couldn't find them. His calls to Rayleigh were to no avail as well. In the end, he decided not to search for them anymore. Since they're all together. I guess nothing bad can happen.

With July 15th fast approaching, Jared decided to start his cultivation. Coincidentally, that was when Tessa arrived with a carload of spiritual stones.

Tessa was surprised when she saw Lyanna in the mansion with Jared. Although she had already seen Josephine and Lizbeth around, she still couldn't help but feel upset when she saw another pretty lady with him.

"I never knew you kept so many women by your side, Mr. Chance. It seems like you're getting an endless stream of beauties." A hint of jealousy could be heard in Tessa's voice.

"You've mistaken, Ms. Snyder. She's just a friend of mine," Jared answered helplessly.

"Just a friend? Yet, the two of you are staying alone together. Where are Ms. Sullivan and the rest?" Tessa took a cursory glance at the mansion and asked.

"They've gone out. By the way, perhaps you should just get someone else to send these spiritual stones in the future. I mean, isn't it a bit weird for you, a superstar, to do it by yourself?" Jared didn't want Tessa to send those spiritual stones because he could tell that she had feelings for him. Since he didn't feel the same toward her, he would rather not lead her on.

"Why? Is it because you don't wish to see me?" Tessa's expression suddenly turned grim. "I know you have an abundance of stunning ladies around you. However, am I worse than any of them in terms of looks and status?"

"This is a misunderstanding, Ms. Snyder! That's not what I meant!" It was an awkward moment, and Jared was having trouble trying to explain himself.

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Too Much

Right at that moment, Tessa felt a strong gust of wind blowing toward her.

Frightened, Tessa stumbled backward and fell to the floor.

"Do you know what you lack compared to the women by Jared's side now?" Lyanna shot Tessa a smug smile. "How can you be of use to Jared when you're nothing but a pretty face? As for us, not only are we pretty, but we also know martial arts."

The wind Tessa felt earlier was the result of Lyanna swinging a punch at her from a distance. Lyanna was sick of watching the woman clinging onto Jared.

In truth, Lyanna had fallen head over heels for Jared after spending a few days with him in Mapleton. Hence, she was jealous when she saw how Tessa acted in front of him.

"Are you all right, Ms. Snyder?" Jared asked hurriedly before helping her up.

Tessa was enraged. She gritted her teeth and glared at Lyanna. "I can learn martial arts as well! Sooner or later, I'll be better than all of you. When the time comes, I'll show you that I'm not just a pretty face. "

With that, Tessa left the mansion in tears. Being a superstar, she had never been through such a humiliation.

After Tessa left, Jared shot Lyanna a helpless look. "Don't you think you've crossed the line?"

"What's wrong? Do you feel bad for her? What if the person who fell down was me? Will you be heartbroken as well?" Lyanna looked at Jared with hopeful eyes while anticipating a straight answer.

"Uh... I think I have something cooking in the kitchen. I better go check it out!" Jared lowered his head and ran toward the kitchen because he didn't know how to answer her.

In response, Lyanna pursed her lips and grumbled softly to herself, "I don't care how many women you have by your side. I'll get my hands on you eventually!"

After a simple dinner, Jared locked himself in his room and cultivated. He was hoping that with the help of those spiritual stones, he would be able to rise through a cultivation level.

While sitting on his bed with his legs folded, Jared began his Focus Technique. Immediately, the spiritual stones outside in the yard started to exude huge waves of spiritual energy. The spiritual energy then rushed into his body.

However, none of the spiritual energy went inside Jared's elixir field. Instead, it was all absorbed by the Dragonslayer Sword.

After a whole night of cultivating, Jared realized the spiritual energy in his body remained the same. At the same time, the whole carload of spiritual stones had vanished.

Jared furrowed his brows in distress. Does the Dragonslayer Sword need spiritual energy? I can't even replenish my own spiritual energy in time! Now I have to cultivate on behalf of the sword as well?

"It's time for breakfast!" Right then, Lyanna was done preparing breakfast for Jared.

The moment Jared walked out of his room, he saw a table full of sumptuous dishes. "Oh? I didn't know you can cook."

"I can do all the house chores! When I was at Mapleton, I used to do everything on my own." Lyanna smiled and added, "If you marry me, you'll get to have a sumptuous breakfast every day!"

Jared froze for a while upon hearing that. Why is she being so direct? I never thought she was such a blunt person!

As a matter of fact, Lyanna was actually a better cook compared to Josephine and Lizbeth.

"Oh, stop fooling around. I have a girlfriend." Jared smiled awkwardly and sat down at the table.

"So what if you have a girlfriend? Don't you know the martial arts world allows polygamy? In Mapleton, quite a few of the guys have a few wives!" Lyanna replied candidly.

"Well, that's Mapleton. Here, there's no such thing. We have monogamous relationships and we practice gender equality here," Jared said while he was eating.

"How about this then? I'll be your mistress. Am I not worthy to be your mistress?" While she was saying that, she pressed her body against Jared.

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Not Interested

Just when Jared was about to panic, someone pushed open the door to the mansion. Tommy and Phoenix walked in.

Upon seeing the scene inside the mansion, Tommy and Phoenix turned their heads away immediately. "We're sorry, Mr. Chance. We didn't know you have such a hobby early in the morning."

With that, the duo was about the leave when Jared stopped them and said, "Stop right there! I'm just having breakfast. Nothing's going on here!"

As he spoke, he took the opportunity to stand up and get away from Lyanna.

"How did you guys know that I'm back?" Jared asked.

Ever since he came back from Mapleton, he hadn't informed the two of them because he didn't want to disrupt their efforts to strengthen themselves. Seeing how our enemies are all getting stronger, there isn't much Tommy and Phoenix could do in the future if they stay at being Grandmasters.

In fact, Tommy and Phoenix were well aware of their limitations as well. If they didn't strengthen themselves, they might end up causing more trouble than they were to solve them. Hence, they had been working hard to cultivate with the help of Jared's boosting pills.

"Mr. Grange told us," Tommy answered hurriedly.

"So, what's up?" Jared knew Walter wouldn't have told them his whereabouts for no reason. They must've gone to find Walter to ask about me.

"You're the talk of the martial arts world after you defeated Xander, Mr. Chance. Now, the states of Jazona and Nuthana are going to form a Martial Alliance. They'd like you to be the leader," Phoenix explained.

"No. I'm not interested in being a leader of anything." Jared rejected the idea without any hesitation. I have too many things to deal with now. What do I care about some Martial Alliance? Let alone be the leader of it!

Upon hearing that, Tommy and Phoenix looked like they were caught in a tight spot.

Jared noticed it and asked coldly, "Did you guys promise someone otherwise to get some personal gains?"

Tommy and Phoenix were terrified upon hearing that.

"We wouldn't dare, Mr. Chance! It's just that I think you should still go over even if you aren't interested in being the leader. The reason is that the Robinson family from Nuthana said they had prepared an exquisite gift for you. Apparently, the Robinsons' previous generations were grave looters. I think you might want to take a look at their collection of rare treasures," Tommy explained hastily.

"The Robinson family?" Jared frowned. He had never heard about them before. I don't think I've heard or met any Robinson when I was at Herb Palace in Tayhaven Town for the martial arts meet.

"Mr. Chance, the Robinson family isn't one of those martial arts families. However, they're quite famous in Nuthana because their ancestors used to be grave looters. Everyone tried to cozy up to them because they have plenty of expensive and rare treasures," Phoenix explained.

In response, Jared nodded. No wonder I've never heard about them before. So, they're not a martial arts family. On second thought, perhaps it's not a bad idea to follow Tommy and Phoenix. Since July 15th is only a few days from now, and I'm all out of spiritual stone, I might find something useful over there!

"All right, then. We'll go over after I get changed." With that, Jared went into his room.

Lyanna walked up to Tommy and Phoenix curiously. "Who is Jared to the two of you? Why are you guys so scared of him?"

She was curious because she could tell Tommy and Phoenix weren't commoners. In fact, they looked like they were quite capable. Why do they respect Jared so much?

Tommy and Phoenix looked at each other and were a little baffled. "Don't you remember us, Ms. Melanie?"

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Losing Control

Since Lyanna looked exactly like Melanie, Tommy and Phoenix thought she was Melanie.

In fact, Tommy and Phoenix were there when Melanie sent Jared the bronze breastplate. Besides, Melanie was present when Jared fought Xander in the arena. Since Tommy and Phoenix were the people guarding the arena, it was safe to assume Melanie would've seen both of them.

Just then, Jared walked out of his room and said, "She's not Melanie. She's Melanie's twin sister, Lyanna." Turning to look at Lyanna, he continued, "Lyanna, these two are my subordinates. So it's only natural they have to obey my orders."

"Oh? You have subordinates?" Lyanna looked at Jared in shock.

In response, Jared merely flashed a smile. Being the overlord of the Dragon Sect, he had thirteen regiments of subordinates at his disposal. Although he had thousands of subordinates, most of them were commoners. In terms of abilities, they were no match for Mapleton.

After they had gotten out of the mansion, a look of envy flashed across Tommy's eyes. He then whispered into Jared's ear, "Not bad, My Lord! You've got yourself a pair of twins!"

Jared glared at him and said, "Just get the car!"

Tommy laughed and did as told. When Phoenix saw that, she rushed toward the car and sat in the passenger seat. By doing so, Jared would have to sit with Lyanna at the back.

Since the seat that Jared wanted had been taken by Phoenix, he had no choice but to sit with Lyanna.

Tommy and Phoenix couldn't help but chuckle when they looked at each other after checking the rearview mirror.

As for Jared, he was exasperated because Lyanna wouldn't stop seducing him when they sat together. Not only was Lyanna born with the aptitude to bewitch, but she smelled amazingly good. So good that Jared almost lost control of himself. What if I can't help myself? No, I can't do this to Josephine! After all, I already told Josephine that I'd save my virginity for her!

"Why are you trying so hard to hold yourself back? Let loose, will you? I won't blame you if anything happens," Lyanna urged seductively.

At that moment, Jared kept his eyes shut and turned away. However, Lyanna's smell was too hard to resist.

"Stop the car!" He had had enough. If I don't change seats with Phoenix, I doubt I'd be able to control myself. Lyanna is too good at seduction!

In the end, Jared managed to switch seats with Pheonix with a command.

By evening, Tommy and the rest had arrived at Lightspring, Nuthana. Although the place wasn't as prosperous as Jazona, it had incredible scenery. The whole city was surrounded by mountains and rivers, making it a good place for vacations.

When Jared and the others arrived at the venue, they were greeted very enthusiastically. The people of Lightspring had even thrown a grand party to welcome him. So grand that Jared couldn't help but feel embarrassed.

"Wow! You're very popular, huh?" Lyanna was stunned when she saw how welcoming they were toward Jared.

"Hi, Mr. Chance! It's been a while!"

"Hi, Mr. Chance! How did you get so strong within such a short period of time? You're a genius!"

"Mr. Chance, you're the strongest youngster in both Jazona and Nuthana! You're such a role model for the younger generation!"

The moment Jared got out of the car, the crowd went up to him and greeted him.

As for Lyanna, who was standing next to Jared, she had attracted quite a bit of attention as well. The youngsters in the crowd couldn't help but spare her a few extra glances.

She was simply too beautiful.

However, they dared not stare too much. After all, she arrived with Jared. No one knew for sure what was his relationship with her.

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Old Acquaintances

Some of the youngsters were stunned by Lyanna's beauty and could not stop staring at her. They were chided by their family elders for doing that; some had even gotten a beating for that.

Staring at Jared's female companion was as good as courting death.

Jared had also spotted some familiar faces among the crowd, such as Luke and his son, Jesse, from the Wagner family from Summerbank of Jazona. There was also Lionel, the head of Extreme Fist Gym. Standing behind Lionel were his disciples Landon and Fred, whom Jared had seen at Tayhaven Town previously. Spencer, the chief of Herb Palace was also present.

As those people were long-time acquaintances of Jared, they approached him to catch up with him at once. However, with their statuses, Jesse, Landon, and Fred were not qualified to talk to Jared. As such, those three young men could only stand quietly by the side.

The three youngsters were filled with envy as they watched on. Even though they were of similar ages as Jared, they were miles away in terms of statuses and abilities as compared to the man.

"One day, Mr. Chance would definitely become the brightest star in the martial arts world..." Jesse commented in admiration.

This time, neither Landon nor Fred refuted his words.

Jared was still a Grandmaster at the previous martial arts meet. Even at that time, he already seemed extremely out of reach. However, at present, Jared had already progressed to a stage where he could even defeat a Martial Arts Grandmaster. It simply felt like a miracle!

"Jesse..."

After exchanging a few words with his acquaintances from the martial arts world, Jared noticed Jesse, who was standing behind, and he called out to him.

"Mr. Chance..."

Jesse, feeling excited that Jared had greeted him first, stepped forward immediately.

It was indeed a great honor to be able to speak with the man at such a time.

In the past, Tommy was merely a little-known leader of a gang in Horington and was a nobody. However, as he stood behind Jared that day, many heads of martial arts families were seen trying to strike up a conversation with him.

"Mr. Chance..."

Landon and Fred quickly rushed forward to greet Jared as well.

However, the two men had extremely awkward expressions on their faces, remembering how they had looked down on Jared at the previous martial arts meet, especially Fred. He had even attacked Jared during that time. At the recollection of that scene, Fred could feel his cheeks heating up in shame.

Jared nodded at the two men and acknowledged them with a slight smile. After that, he turned toward Jesse and patted the man's shoulder before saying, "Dude, it seems like your skills have gotten a lot better..."

Jesse chuckled and replied, "It's all because of the pointers you gave me, Mr. Chance. However, as compared to your skills, my improvement is nothing at all..."

"Work hard. There are no shortcuts when it comes to practicing martial arts. It is easy for us to go down the wrong path if we are too impatient..."

As Jared was not a martial artist, the progress of his cultivation depended entirely on techniques and the resources available to him. If he had ample spiritual energy, his progress would be even faster.

However, it was not the same for martial artists, who had to rely entirely on hard work with no shortcuts available to them. Even though using pills could aid in their cultivation, being diligent in their practice was of utmost importance. If they tried to take any shortcuts, they would probably end up like Carlos, who had landed himself in a miserable state after practicing sorcery and black magic.

"Mr. Chance, I really appreciate your guidance!" Jesse said sincerely.

"Shall we carry on the conversation inside? Mr. Chance, let's go in now..."

After Spencer made that suggestion, everyone followed closely behind Jared as they made their way into the hotel.

As it was a buffet banquet, everyone started eating after entering the hotel and did not talk to Jared about the Martial Alliance. After all, the man had been on the road the entire day, and it did not seem appropriate to start discussing work immediately upon his arrival.

It was a welcome banquet, specially organized to celebrate the arrival of Jared. As the man would be staying for some time, they could talk about the Martial Alliance after that. Guests who were present at the banquet were all members of the martial arts world, and ordinary people would not have the right to attend.