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Bam!

Andrius did not back down and confronted Norvin with a palm strike as well.

"Pfft..."

Norvin's strength was overwhelming. It was far beyond what Andrius, a pseudo–Martial King, could compare with. With just one strike, Andrius was sent flying and coughing up blood.

All this happened in the blink of an eye.

Even Kate could not react in time to stop it. Andrius had already fallen to the ground.

"Wolf King!"

Seeing Norvin preparing for another strike, the Black Hawk's expression changed dramatically, and he immediately stood in front of Andrius.

"Stop!"

Wade finally reacted at that moment. He blocked Norvin's path and said coldly, "Don't go too far, Norvin."

"Heh..."

Norvin's mouth curled down, radiating a chilling intent, and he lunged forward again.

Seeing his persistence, Wade stopped retreating and met the attack with a palm as well.

Rumble...

The moment the two palms collided, a strong shockwave scattered in all directions, almost lifting the tent. The furnishings inside the tent were sent flying in an instant.

Wade's figure flickered, and he retreated three steps before stabilizing himself.

Norvin frowned and also retreated three steps before regaining his stance.

This exchange of blows demonstrated that the two were evenly matched.

Whoosh, whoosh!

Swoosh!

Then, the experts from the Medicine Sect quickly gathered behind Wade, watching Norvin warily

The elites of the Swallow family also gathered around Norvin and glared back.

Tension hung in the air. A full-scale battle could break out at any moment

"Wade Klein!"

Norvin stated at Wade and steered "I knew it Andrius blood is ultimately from the Kleins, so you people from the Medicine Sect are bound to have some sentimental attachment to this kid

"Unfortunately, today's matter isa't just about the Swallows. I concerns the four great ancient martial families.

"Andrius has no choice but to give his blood and extract the final map. If you stop me from dealing with Andrius, you'll be going against all four families.

"Have you thought carefully about that?"

Norvin's words made Wade's expression change slightly.

He wanted to unite the four families on the same boat and exert pressure on the Medicine Sect

to deal with Andrius. More accurately, they wanted to fulfill the ambition of the Swallows.

However, Wade had been in charge of the Medicine Sect for many years and was not a pushover

Wade also sneered. "Norvin Swallow, Andrius' blood can unlock the mystery of the map while he's alive, but can you guarantee that his blood will still work after his death?"

Norvin dared to confront Andrius openly because he wanted to use his blood.

However, the situation would become chaotic if Andrius died and his blood became

ineffective. It was not impossible.

After all, the blood of a living person was different from a dead person.

The three family leaders, who had been eager to act, fell silent upon hearing Wade's words.

"Norvin Swallow."

At that moment, a cold voice rang out.

It was Andrius.

Everyone turned to look and were shocked.

While the Swallows and the Medicine Sect were in a standoff, Andrius had brought the a nearby torch.

map to

"If you dare to mess around..." Andrius had a smile on his face, appearing very relaxed. "Then, I'll just set the map on fire. I'm already a dead man, so what do I have to fear?"

As he spoke, he moved the map toward the torch.

Thick black smoke billowed up, and the map was partially charred in an instant. "No!"

"Andrius, stop!"

"Don't! The map must not be destroyed-"

Damian, Ronald, and Tyrell saw this and were instantly frightened. They quickly shouted at him to stop him.

Norvin's expression also suddenly changed.

Killing Andrius would mean nothing to the Swallows. There would be no impact.

However, destroying the treasure map would ruin their ambitions and efforts over many years, turning them all to ashes!

Tyrell was the first to step forward, leading the members of the Anders to stand with the Medicine Sect. He frowned and advised Norvin, "Norvin, since Andrius is injured, let's do it his way."

"Norvin, we've waited for twenty years. What's the harm in waiting for a few more days?"

Ronald also stepped forward and followed Tyrell's steps, leading the Fullers to align with the Medicine Sect.

"Norvin, Ronald and Tyrell are right. Our four families have gone through so much in pursuit of the Klein family treasure. Why force Andrius at this critical moment and risk everything we've achieved so far?"

Damian also made the same choice as Ronald and Tyrell.

Norvin's expression instantly turned ugly.

"Hmph..."

He snorted twice and glared at Andrius, then said coldly, "Fine. We'll do it your way, Andrius.

"However, if I find out you're deliberately dragging your feet with ulterior motives, don't blame me for not showing any mercy!"

Andrius was not afraid of that threat at all. He stared straight at Norvin, then at the three family heads, and said calmly, "I can use my blood to deal with the map, but I'm seriously injured. That's an undeniable fact."

The family leaders did not comment. Andrius' words seemed to lead to something, so they

turned to him to hear what he wanted to say next.

Andrius said slowly, "Thus, after each bloodletting session, I'll need the heads of each family and the Medicine Sect Master to continuously use silver needles to infuse me with their inner energy to help me recover."

That was Andrius' decision after careful consideration.

Thanks to Kate's inner energy, his meridians had already been somewhat restored. However, it could not be taken unless someone checked his pulse.

Therefore, infusing inner energy into him using silver needles would help his recovery and cultivation was an exquisite technique that would not be detected.

"Heh"

Unexpectedly, before Andrius finished speaking, Norvin mocked expressionlessly, "Andrius, you're too arrogant.

"We're all in the late stage of Martial Emperor and are many times stronger than a Martial Lord like you. Our inner energy is incredibly powerful and violent. Can you handle it?"

Damian, Ronald, and Tyrell exchanged glances and said, "Andrius, we're saving you to prevent you from dying from excessive blood loss, but my abusing your body like this and trying to withstand our Martial Emperor's inner energy with your weak Martial Lord physique, isn't that a bit of a joke?"

It was natural for the four family heads to feel that way.

Higher–level experts infusing their inner energy into someone else's body without caution could often result in the person's body bursting apart rather than helping them.

It was a common occurrence.

"You don't have to worry about that." Andrius said calmly, "I won't seek death on my own. As long as you transfer your inner energy to Kate, and she uses acupuncture to pass it on to me, everything will be fine."

Kate was the only person Andrius trusted.

Moreover, they had experienced it together, Kate understood the intricacies and tasted the benefits, so she was naturally willing to help.

The four family heads exchanged glances, feeling that the matter was not so simple. However, they could not pinpoint exactly what was wrong.

"In that case, let's start." Norvin was silent for a moment before agreeing to Andrius' request. "Bring the map over, Andrius."

"There's no rush." Andrius smiled and said leisurely, "I still don't really trust you four, so make an oath."

A cold glint flashed in Norvin's expression.

However, he did as Andrius requested. Making an oath was not a big deal.

"I, Norvin Swallow, the head of the Swallow family, swear that I will not harm Andrius Moonshade to obtain the Klein family's treasure. I will use my inner energy to help him recover his vitality.

"If anyone dares to sabotage this, they will be my enemy! If I violate this oath, my Swallow family will be exterminated."

With Norvin taking the lead, Damian, Ronald, and Tyrell all made similar oaths.

"There's one last thing." Andrius added, "During the acupuncture treatment later, when you transfer inner energy to Kate, you need to do it outside the tent and must not peek at my acupuncture technique."

This was a unique technique he learned from the 'Hades' Axiom' and had incredible effects. He naturally had to prevent it from being exposed.

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"Andrius, just perform your technique with ease. Don't worry about anything else."

The other three also spoke up.

Acupuncture techniques...

They were not skilled in the field, so they had no interest.

Seeing this, Andrius was relieved and spread the map on the ground. Then, he crossed his legs and began to spill his blood.

Platter!

Plop!

Drip!

As drops of blood fell onto the map, it quickly underwent a very noticeable transformation. Mountains turned into streams, and Yin and Yang inverted.

However, the range was not large. It was not even one-tenth of the entire map.

On the other hand, Andrius was visibly pale due to the significant blood loss, resembling a white sheet of paper.

"Let's begin," Andrius said to the family heads and Wade outside the tent.

"I'll go first."

Wade came up behind Kate, closed his eyes, and extended his hand. Powerful inner energy flowed into Kate's body.

Kate immediately began using the acupuncture technique to transfer the inner energy into Andrius' body.

Whoosh.

A dramatic change occurred almost instantly inside Andrius' body.

It was like a withered tree sprouting new leaves, or land receiving rain after a long drought.

His shattered meridians rapidly recovered, and the accumulated inner energy inside surged

even more.

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Of course, it was just an impulse.

He quickly suppressed the thought. After all, he had sworn an oath. He had not reached the point where he could ignore such vows.

"Phew..."

After a moment, Andrius absorbed most of the inner energy and exhaled a long breath, saying, "That's enough for now."

Wade removed his hand from Kate's back, and Kate began to recover.

Andrius bled for the second time.

The process continued in cycles.

After several rounds, the map had transformed completely, revealing a new route, a new core location, and new geographical features.

Andrius' complexion fluctuated from pale to rosy several times. His meridians had mostly been repaired, with just one final connection missing.

Andrius estimated that he would fully recover with one final step.

Apart from this, Kate was the one who benefited the most after Andrius.

The powerful inner energy of the four family heads and her grandfather, along with Andrius' incredible acupuncture technique, had actually helped her break through to the realm of Martial King!

Seeing Kate's excited and uncontrollable expression directed at him, Andrius quickly gave her a meaningful look, indicating that she should not reveal this.

Kate nodded heavily, took a deep breath, and calmed her heart.

Then, Andrius began to recover as well.

The four family heads gathered around the map, watching closely as the Black Hawk confirmed the new map's route.

After a while, when Andrius emerged from the tent, the Black Hawk had already identified the location of the Klein family's treasure.

He pointed to the new core location on the map and said confidently, "This is the new location where the treasure is located."

The four family heads nodded silently

Andrius said, "Now that it's confirmed, we'll set off as soon as day breaks tomorrow to find the treasure"

The family heads found that feasible, so they each returned to their own families and left Andrius' tent.

Kate also returned to the Medicine Sect territory with Wade.

"Grandpa, I've broken through to the Martial King realm!"

There were no outsiders here, so Kate could not hold back any longer and blurted out the news to Wade.

Wade raised his brows and held Kate's wrist. He checked it and wore a pleased expression.

"It's true." Wade could not help but exclaim, "Andrius is truly exceptional. This technique is extraordinary. I wonder where he learned it from. If this child can safely overcome this ordeal, he will certainly achieve great success in the future!"

Kate agreed and nodded heavily. "Grandpa, how should we treat Andrius in the future?"

She had her own motivations.

Leaving everything aside, just this acupuncture technique alone was enough to astonish the world.

Who knew if Andrius possessed other incredible abilities?

Wade said slowly, "I observed Andrius' complexion. Although he has made some progress, I don't think his meridians are fully connected yet. We can discuss this matter further when he's completely recovered.

"The most pressing matter now is..."

Wade's gaze grew distant, and his expression was solemn. "We have to find the entrance to the Klein family's treasure tomorrow. There may be a bloody storm happening by then."

Kate shuddered and asked, "Grandpa, you mean..."

Wade's gaze became grim. "When Norvin and I clashed earlier, it appeared to be a draw, but in reality, his inner energy was profound and abundant. He's undoubtedly hiding something.

"I believe that he has likely already broken through the Martial Emperor stage and is now a Martial God!"

A Martial God!

Those two words made Kate unable to remain calm anymore.

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Although it was true that martial realm experts were divided into five major stages—Martial Lord, Martial King, Martial Emperor, Martial God, and Martial Saint—the most powerful person that Kate knew was her grandfather.

Wade had already been a late-stage Martial Emperor for many years.

If Norvin had truly broken through to Martial God, he would be the most dominating presence and disrupt the current balance of power!

This treasure—hunting journey would go from being ambiguous to clear: the Swallows would be in control!

This was definitely not good news for the Medicine Sect and might even bring more harm than good.

Kate shook her thoughts and asked seriously, "Grandpa, what stage are you in now?"

Wade sighed and smiled wryly. "I'm considered to be at the peak of the Martial Emperor stage, almost reaching the realm of Martial God, but I'm not quite there yet."

Kate frowned slightly.

Seeing her concerned expression, Wade added, "However, if Norvin has just entered the Martial God realm, I can still stand toe—to—toe with him if I use the exquisite techniques of the Medicine Sect."

Kate's expression improved slightly.

As long as they were not completely overpowered, there was still a chance.

"Now, it depends on how the Sheppard, Ander, and Fuller families align themselves."

Wade's gaze became more serious.

Kate nodded slowly.

The next day, after a night of rest and preparation, everyone woke up early.

The Black Hawk led the group to a valley based on the new map.

There was thick fog, and it was bone-chillingly cold. The visibility inside the valley was extremely limited.

However, they could see snowy white landscapes on both sides of the mountain peaks where the mountain wind blew like sharp knives cutting across their faces.

Even though everyone present was a martial arts expert, they all shivered in unison.

Crack!

Squeak!

In the silent wilderness, occasional sounds could still be heard. It was unclear whether it was the sound of snow pressing down on branches or wild animals hunting.

"Let's go. Don't dawdle," Norvin urged impatiently when he saw the Black Hawk hesitating

The Black Hawk frowned slightly but decided to enter the valley.

"Wait! There's something off." Wade suddenly stopped everyone. After sniffing the air a few times, he said with a serious expression, "There's a strong smell of blood here."

Andrius, the Black Hawk, Kate, and the other members of the Medicine Sect all paused.

However, Norvin snorted and said, "This is the wilderness. It's just the remains of animals after wild beasts finished hunting What's there to be afraid of?"

"Exactly. All of us here are martial realm experts. Besides, it's broad daylight The beasts in the mountains are not something to fear. Let's just go in," Tyrell also spoke without hesitation.

"We've already wasted too much time coming here. Let's move on quickly, find the treasure left by the Kleins, and return to Kiyoto as soon as possible." Ronald's opinion was almost

identical to theirs.

Damian snorted, "We've come all the way here. Are we going to turn back just because of a little smell of blood?"

After saying that, he led the Sheppards into the valley.

Seeing this, the Swallows, the Fullers, and the Anders also followed.

Wade frowned slightly.

However, he still led the experts of the Medicine Sect and followed behind.

"Be careful." Wade instructed in a low voice, "This valley is filled with strangeness. The smell of blood isn't as simple as it seems. There might be a bloody battle ahead."

Squeak, squeak, squeak...

Chitter, chitter.....

As soon as Wade finished speaking, there was a cacophony of noises. The sounds were very faint individually, but together, they sounded like a mighty river rushing into the sea, overwhelming and causing one's scalp to tingle.

"Everyone, watch out!"

"Stay vigilant!"

"Be on your guard!"

The family heads immediately looked around with vigilance.

However, the fog here was too deep, making it impossible to see the surroundings clearly.

"Up there!" someone suddenly shouted

Everyone looked up and was instantly filled with feat

Above their heads, a swarm of bats was capidly approaching

Each bat was the size of half a ineter to a meter Theil wide open mouths emitted a strong foul odor, accompanied by the scent of blood

They were Sanguis Bats!

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These bats were not only abnormally huge but also incredibly large in number. There were no less than ten thousand of them!

When they flew together, they completely covered the sky, obscuring the bright sun on the snow–covered mountain and plunging the area into darkness