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“Diane, did you see that? They raised the bid to 2 billion spiritual stones now! It won’t work if we raise the price by a little. Th others must know the value of this item too! But 1 mow Severin is going to be the last one laughing!” Megan giggled.

Meanwhile, Caroline was stunned. Normally, she would be in charge of controlling the flow of the auction and also lit up everyone’s enthusiasm. Before she could do her job today, the bidders from VIP Room One and VIP Room Three had already started increasing the price to 2.5 billion spiritual stones.

3 billion!” Stephanie yelled out while staring at Severin.

Once again, the price shocked everyone.

“Oh, my god! 3 billion spiritual stones! This is crazy! Who is in VIP Room Three? I don’t think I have ever seen them before.

“Totally crazy. They didn’t participate in any bidding before this and I thought they were only acting posh and wanted to show off their wealth. But I’m so wrong!”

The crowd had gone crazy. They did not think they could witness this before, a scene that had never happened in the auction

center.

“Wow, damn, That babe in VIP room three is so damn spicy!” Jeremy said.

Stephanie’s action had stirred up everyone’s mood, especially Jeremy. He even rooted for her. “You go, girl! I know you’ve got more!”

The rest of the people in the VIP Room were shocked too.

“3.5 billion spiritual stones!”

After thinking for a while, Severin made the call and increased the bet by another 500 million spiritual stones.

“Damn it! What should we do? We only have 4 billion spiritual stones. Are we seriously going to let that guy outbid us?” Stephanie said with resentment.

This was the first time she faced this situation so she was feeling a little anxious which could be seen from her face.

Severin looked over and saw Stephanie’s expression. From there, he figured out the price was almost reaching her limit and felt happy about it.

“Other than calling billion spiritual stones to outbid him. That’s the only thing we could do Maybe he’s at his limit too,” Musa said while having a bitter smile on his face.

Feeling helpless and despairing Stephanie forced a smile on her smile to make herself look calm and exclaimed, “4 billion high -grade spiritual stones!”

In order to confuse and scare Severin by acting as if she had a lot of spiritual stones to enter a war with Severin. “Hey, do you really think you can win? Increase all you want. I’ll outbid you every time!”

Too bad, Severin was not falling for it because he had figured out Stephanie was bluffing. He smiled and cupped his hand. “Miss, I’m really sorry but I’m an alchemist and this is really important and precious to me so I can’t let you win the bid.”

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After that, he called gently, “Four billion!”

He estimated Stephanie was almost reaching her limit so he only increased two million from Stephanie’s previous offering.

At that moment, Stephanie’s smile froze and her mouth was twitching

“Four billion! Mister Severin just called four billion. Miss, are you planning to increase the bid?” Caroline shouted out excitedly.

As of this moment, only two people were bidding against each other. Thus, she just asked Stephanie directly.

Stephanie’s face looked terrible because everyone was watching her and waiting for her to increase the bid, especially after what she said just now. Yet, the price had already reached her limit.

With an embarrassing smile, she said, “You win. I didn’t bring enough spiritual stones to continue. I can see how much you like this cauldron and you also mentioned that you are an alchemist so I’ll just give up on it.”

The situation was too embarrassing for Stephanie to continue staying in the auction center. After finishing her sentence, she left the place and went back into the VIP Room.

“Damn it! The girl didn’t win. Ugh! I’m so angry! He actually brought so many spiritual stones with him!”

At first, he was hoping he could have the chance to mock Severin after Severin lost the bid. Thus, he was not happy to see Severin win.

“Gosh, he’s so rich. Could he know in advance about this auction item and prepare a lot of spiritual stones? What are we going to tell your father when we go back?” Musa sighed.

He followed Stephanie back to the room and sat down.

Meanwhile, Stephanie poured a glass of red wine for herself and finished it in one go.

“I think he’s probably at his limit too. He was really calling a lot in the beginning but he only increased it by two hundred million in the last increment. Maybe that’s all he got. Even if he has more, I don’t think it’s a lot. It’s all my Dad’s fault. I told him to give me more spiritual stones when I came out. But he refused. We don’t often see a powerful alchemist in the mundane world, though and it was just a coincidence that he participated in this bidding.” Stephanie said.

Musa smiled bitterly. “You’re damn right. What a coincidence to have this guy participating in this auction with us. We can only go home empty-handed then.”

Then again, Stephanie could not accept her fallure after how she confidently vouched to bring the cauldron back. She said angrily, "Who said we're going home empty-handed? I'm not giving up yet. I must bring the cauldron because this is going to affect the future development of the sect!"

Musa frowned and was shocked after hearing that. He exclaimed, "Miss Stephanie, are you going to steal it? I don't think you should do that. We're members of a reputable and notable sect. How could we become thieves? This is going to be very embarrassing if words get out."

Stephante sneered. "What are you afraid of? He's the one who embarrassed us. Besides, I'm not stealing it. I'm taking it from him by paying him billion high-rank spiritual stones. It's a trade. What's wrong with that?"

Musa was stunned and speechless at Stephanie's suggestion.

Stephanie smiled and thought she was very stilart du come out with the idea. "Let's followy lit and see where he's staying. Then we're going to take the cauldron tonight. No one is going to law that it's you and me with our faces covered. He also has no idea which sect we are from So we're not embarrassing our sect, right?!"

Although Musa disagreed and condemned the action, le lanew low important the cauldron was to the sect, so he agreed.

"Okay. But you have to remember that we surely cannot reveal our true identity. Don't wear any token or anything that could relate to the sect. Do you understand?"

Stephanie looked at her waist and frowned. "I'm not wearing it. I already put it away when we left the sect!"

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Musa looked at his waist and smiled embarrassingly, "Hehe. Me too. Still, this is the first time to attempt something like this and I'm feeling guilty about it. I'm really scared we will accidentally get the sect involved."

Stephanie thought about it and said nonchalantly, "Nonsense! We just need to be careful about letting him know who we are. If he found out, we just have to kill him and that's the end of the story."

"Are you serious?" Musa smiled bitterly and thought it was a bad idea.

The look on Stephanie's face showed that she was quite shocked by Musa's reaction. "Musa, you're not you. Isn't this what you have been teaching us? Didn't you tell us it's normal for people like us to have blood on our hands? Didn't you tell us to be cruel? Didn't you tell us those are essential for our survival and avoid being killed by the others?"

Musa smiled bitterly. "That's necessary when we are in a secret realm. We shouldn't feel sorry for those monsters or people when we are on a treasure hunt. However, it's different here. This is the mundane world. We're not allowed to act recklessly or do anything we want here. It's the unwritten rules that have been going on for many years. Do you understand?"

That did not convince Stephanie. "I didn't say we must kill him. As long as we stay anonymous during the process of taking back the cauldron, I don't have to kill him. I just don't want him to talk badly and ruin our sect's reputation if he finds out

where we are from."

Musa nodded. "I know what you mean. Anyway, just try not to kill him unless the situation is bad for us. He's a genius, after all."

"What? Is he really bidding again? Let's see what's he bidding this time."

After the small chat, Stephanie heard Severin's voice again and felt shocked. "Spiritual herb! After spending four billion high- rank spiritual stones, he actually has more on him!"

"I can tell he's a very good alchemist. How nice it would be if he could join our sect. I'm sure it's going to bring prosperity to our sect if he joins. And he's also the owner of the cauldron," Musa said.

Stephanie replied with a bitter smile, "I don't think that's a good idea. We have already promised Samir that we're getting the cauldron for him. He's not going to be happy if he doesn't get the cauldron and we ended up inviting Severin who has the

cauldron to join our sect."

Then she continued, "He's going to know which sect we are from if we invite him. What if he refuses to join? Are we going to steal the cauldron or not? If we go on with our plan, that means we have to kill him."

After some deep thinking, Musa sighed helplessly. "Forget about that then. Let's do what you said. He's really very gifted in alchemy. Seeing how he remains in the mundane world, maybe that's enough to tell that he's a man who yearns for power and money in this mundane world. I don't think it's easy to convince him to join the sect."

After a while, the bidding went on very smoothly for Severin. He managed to get more than twenty third-grade spiritual herbs and also some fourth-grade low-rank and medium-rank spiritual herbs.

"Is he here to stock up his inventory?" Jeremy asked while feeling speechless.

The total amount of spiritual stones Severin had spent came up to about 6 billion spiritual stones. Other than the cauldron, he spent the rest of the spiritual stones on spiritual herbs.

"Alright. That's the end of today's auction. Thank you everyone for coming. Please have a nice day."

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As the auction ended, Severin stretched his back and went back into the room.

"Today is so awesome! We were the center of attention!" Megan giggled.

"I need to drink some before we go. After all those biddings, I'm so thirsty."

Severin quickly poured himself a glass of red wine and drank it before leaving

“We have obtained some fourth–grade spiritual herbs from this auction which is terrific! Do you think we can come here again when they have the next auction?” Sheila asked with a smile.

Seveien smiled bitterly and responded, “We have already wasted a lot of time coming here this time. I don’t think we should come soon. If I really need those spiritual herbs, I can ask Beryl or the others to help me. They can come over to get the alchemical pills from me and help me to auction them. Once the auction is done, all they need to do is send me those spiritual stones. I don’t need to come over myself.”

Diane laughed and said, “I think you’re the only one who dared to ask Beryl and the other War Gods to help you run errands ”

Severin smiled. “Hahaha. They won’t be War Gods for too long. After Leslie’s death, there are only two commanders left. But not for long. Soon, there will be four new commanders because King Logan is promoting Berly and the others. Mast importantly, their attainments are much higher than the current two commanders.”

After a pause, he continued, “Now we have nothing to worry about the safety of our country because the country has many strong fighters protecting it.”

They continued chatting before they finally left the room and the auction center. When they left the auction center, there were still many people on the street. They were part of the crowd who witnessed Severin spending spiritual stones without even considering The way they looked Severin was filled with envious and admiration.

“Sheila, can you please book the flight ticket back to South Link City later? I want to go back tomorrow. And I have already arranged for people to pick us up at the airport tomorrow. Once you book the ticket, I’ll inform them of our arrival time,” Severin continued talking to Sheila.

On the other side, Musa and Stephanie carefully monitored and followed them.

“We need to do our best to hold our breath and keep a far distance away from him. Once we know where he stays, we can take action tonight,” Musa told Stephanie.

Stephante nodded. “Don’t worry, I won’t let him notice

On the way back to the villa, Severin had been busy talking to Diane and the others. Since Stephanie and Musa had been hiding their trace, Severin did not notice they were following him back to the villa

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“Alright, everyone! Dinner is ready. We can start to eat now!” Zeke said to everyone.

All of them went into the dining room and found themselves a place to sit to enjoy the dinner.

“Gosh. I never knew I could have the chance to drink and chat with the Four Great War Gods and the Province Governor. I feel like I’m dreaming! I probably have no regrets in my life now,” Felicia shared her feelings after drinking a little.

“Missus Felicia, don’t say that. It’s destiny that brings us here together.” Beryl smiled and continued, “We owe it to our master for teaching us so many, especially with our attainment. Without him, we won’t be where we are today.”

At that time, Horace stood up and looked at Calum and Warren “Come, we must raise our glass in a toast to our master!”

The Four Great War Gods stood up and raised their glasses with much respect toward their master.

However, Severin asked them to sit down. “Sit back down, you’re making me very embarrassed. I can only help so much. You guys are on your own after this. I think I’m going to Mount Ermonie to look for my uncle—master to look for more opportunities. And I have no idea when I’ll be coming back”

It was in their expectation that one day Severin would leave the mundane world. What they did not expect was the alchemical pills Severin gave them recently. Those pills were enough to help them reach level five or six warrior emperor. That could place them as the strongest people in Dracodam

The mundane world can’t keep you for long. Sooner or later, you’re going to reach a higher level that all of us could only dream about. Just go and don’t worry about anything here. We will go visit your County Mansion when we are free. I can guarantee no one is going to bully anyone in your County Mansion when you are away!” Horace said.

Severin smiled. “You don’t have to worry about anything. By that time, your granddaughter and the other bodyguards would have become warrior emperors. No one will dare to come to mess with them even when you are not there.”

The news came as a surprise to Horace. He was so happy that he could not stop smiling “Haha I knew I made the right choice asking her to become your bodyguard.”

Suddenly, he thought of something and chuckled. “Wait. I don’t remember ever telling you that Wendy is my granddaughter. I hope you won’t be angry at me because of that.”

Severin laughed out loud. “Of course, I’m angry at you for lying to me. I must punish you. You have to continuously drink three glasses of alcohol now!”

“Not a problem! I accept the punishment!” Horace nodded and accepted it but the smile on his face never disappeared,

“Hey, get your ass out here now!

Suddenly, someone was yelling rudely and abruptly from outside and spoilt the fun for everyone.

Huh? Is he yelling at us?” Horace asked with an angry face while feeling stunned.

Beryl stood up and said, “Who the hell dared to disturb us from having a good time? Let me go out and take a look!”

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As it turned out, the one who yelled was Musa.

Earlier today, Stephanie had participated in the auction so she did not dare to say anything because she was afraid Severin could recognize her voice.

At that moment, Severin frowned and thought about it. Then he said, "I'll go too. If I guess it correctly, I don't think you guys are able to handle them."

By then, Severin had guessed it was the two people who tried to outbid him this morning. They must have come with the intention to take the cauldron away from him by force. Both of them had high attainment and should be members of some hidden sect. Without a doubt, Beryl and the others would not be able to handle them.

"What? No way! How could that be? We're already level two warrior emperor!"

Beryl was shocked and wondered if she heard it wrongly.

"Master, are you saying it's not going to work even if all of us fight them together? Are you serious? Do you know that we are not afraid even if we have to fight the two commanders? Warren asked with a surprise.

Like Beryl, he could not believe his ears.

After feeling stunned, Felicia asked, "Severin, do you think it's the two people from this morning? The old man and the young girl? Didn't you say you can confirm they are members of a secluded sect? I also remember you said they are a level eight warrior emperor and a level nine warrior emperor."

After that, Beryl and the other war gods were shocked.

Warren was shocked. "Are you saying you have offended someone from a secluded sect?"

Sheila smiled bitterly. "Not really. There was a cauldron put on auction this morning and they were trying to win the action. The cauldron was a rare piece so Severin wanted it very badly so he kept on increasing the price and won the bid. Then we never expect them to be shameless."

Severin also smiled bitterly, "I'm not sure if it is them but I have a feeling that they must be outside now"

"Hey! What's wrong? Are you afraid of us? Get the hell out here now!!"

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Meanwhile, the old man shouted again.

Severin sneered. "Alright, let's go out now. He's getting impatient."

The Four Great War Gods nodded and followed behind Severin. At the same time, they were still in shock after hearing what Felicia said.

After knowing how strong the opponents were, Severin continued to remain calm. It meant Severin must be stronger than that which probably made Severin a saint. How insane was that? It was a stage that none of them even dared to think about

because no one had ever seen a saint before. Now they could actually be seeing a true saint with their own eyes.

Severin smiled as he led the others out and saw the ones who were shouting and disrupting their fun.

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Even though Musa and Stephanie changed their clothes and had a mask covering their faces, it was still easy to tell they were an old man and a young woman. Besides, Severin could easily tell their attainment through Mind's Eye. That was what made him confirm those two people were Musa and Stephanie.

Diane looked angry. "Miss, how shameless can you be? This is just outrageous, Just because you lost the bid this morning, do you think it was necessary to come here and take it from us?"

Sheila continued, "Ain't that right? I can't believe you guys would do such a thing when you guys have such high attainment." Stephanir's mouth twitched violently. This was not part of her plan to have Severin guess their identities before she even the chance to speak.

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On the other hand, Musa continued to act like they were not who Severin thought they were. "Miss, I have no idea what you two are talking about. It just happened we were passing by Oolong City this morning and overheard this man here has bought a cauldron from the auction center. We like the cauldron very much and that's why we intend to take it away from him."

After some thinking, he continued, "Kid, give me the cauldron now and we can spare you your life. Plus we can give you three or four billion high-rank spiritual stones for it."

Severin did not know how to react because the excuse was just too absurd and hard to believe. Nonetheless, he was glad that the opponent was unwilling to reveal their appearance and their identities. At least, they would not dare to bring more people from the sect to come to mess with him if they could not beat him tonight.

As such, Severin pretended to believe what Musa said and chuckled. "You got tricked. I have never been to any auction. I'm sure someone is trying to frame me. Please do tell me who told you. I'd like to go ask them why would they do such a thing to me. I'm telling you, you have got the wrong people. I'm not who you are looking for."

Musa and Stephanie exchanged looks with each other and felt speechless. This is totally not what we planned,' they thought. "Hey, kid! Stop acting dumb! You better hand over the cauldron now! Or I'm going to kill you!"

In fact, Musa was unwilling to take it by force. As a member of a sect, he always felt he was superior to the others. As such, he felt disgraced to do this shameful act.

If Severin was a member of another sect, Musa would actually feel better. Yet, Severin was someone from the mundane world. He would be laughed at if the others knew he needed to bully someone from the mundane world to get what he wanted.

Severin smiled. "I don't have it. How do I hand it over?"

Diane and the others exchanged looks with each other and felt weird. Obviously, Severin knew who they were but why did he pretend to not know them? Despite that, they did not say it out because they believed Severin did it for a reason.

Stephanie purposely tightened her vocal cords to make her voice sound hoarse. “Hey, let us take a look in your spatial ring to prove that you don’t have the cauldron! We won’t take the other things. All we want is the cauldron!”

Severin smiled. “I’m so sorry. I treat my spatial ring as my life. How could we simply let other people take a look inside our spatial ring?”

“Nonsense!”

By this time, Stephanie could not be bothered to talk anymore. She clenched her fist tightly and dashed toward Severin. She presumed Severin did not have a high attainment. Thus, she did not dare to use her full force. She controlled it and only used power and speed equivalent to a level seven warrior long.

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Severin smiled. He balled up his hand and threw a punch at Stephanie too.

When he was dashing out, he realized Stephanie’s speed was quite slow. That had him thought that Stephanie was not really going to kill him. He was relieved to figure that out because that meant Stephanie was not a bad person. All she wanted was the cauldron and not Severin’s life.

A rather dull sound appeared. Stephanie got blasted away. After stumbling for a few steps, she managed to stabilize her body and stood steadily. She gave Severin a surprise look because Severin’s ability had exceeded her expectations.

“What do you think now? It’s not that easy trying to take things from my brother-in-law,” Megan said proudly when she saw Severin had the upper hand.

Musa’s expression did not look good. “Miss, you have to be cautious. If I am not mistaken, those four people over there are the Four Great War Gods of Dracodom. It’s very rare to have them seen together in one place. It seems like this guy is not as

simple as we think he is and he’s quite powerful too.”

Stephanie nodded. “I was just testing him. Don’t worry.”

After that, she had no more fear and unleashed her true potential. Suddenly, an invisible strength was giving Severin a lot of pressure. Severin felt it and sneered. In fact, it did not bother him at all. With a thought, Severin also unleashed his power on Stephanie to fight back

“What is this?”

After a while, sweat started to fall off Stephanie’s forehead. The invisible power was so powerful that it was really hard for her

to deal with it.

“Damn it! What’s his attainment? Why is his telekinesis so strong?” Musa asked.

He too also felt the invisible power. Without any delay, he quickly unleashed his telekinesis to help Stephanie fight back. Only then, did the pressure they faced become less sufferable.

"I don't think his attainment is higher than us. But since he's an alchemist, It's normal that he has a strong telekinesis Let's attack him together. I'm sure he's not going to beat us if we do that," Stephanie shared her thoughts with Musa after thinking

deeply.

Before this, Musa was really scared they might accidentally kill Severin because Severin was too weak. He wanted to avoid letting people know that they were bullying a person from the mundane world that was so much weaker than they were. Inevitably, that was a disgraceful act

Musa and Stephanie exchanged looks with each other. Followingly, they unleashed their spiritual energy and threw their punches at Severin

Suddenly, they created a dragon each with their punches and spiritual energy. The spiritual energy dragons looked surreal. After the dragons let out a roar, it created a terrifying sensation.

"Haha. This is quite interesting."

In fact, this was the first time Severin faced stranger opponents. However, the attack was nothing to him because he was already a level two saint.

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In order to fight back, Severin gathered his spiritual energy to his palm and smacked it into the air. Suddenly, a giant palm made out of spiritual energy appeared and dashed out to the dragon quickly.

"He is not using any technique!

After taking a closer look, Musa discovered Severin did not use any technique. The palm was just a simple attack that Severin formed from his spiritual energy.

"Humph! He's going to know the consequences for underestimating us later!"

This was the first time someone looked down upon her and it felt very bad. Then again, she was confident their attack could easily defeat the palm Severin formed. Too bad, she was the one who underestimated Severin's ability.

When the two dragons clashed with the palm Severin formed with his spiritual energy, the dragons got crushed and vanished into thin air.

"How is that possible?" Musa and Stephanie exclaimed shockingly and wondered if what they saw was real.

They could not accept their technique was weaker than Severin's attack.

Meanwhile, Severin waved his hand and said, "Leave now. You can never defeat me. Don't force me to kill you."

Neither of them would believe that if Severin had said that earlier. After the fight, they believed Severin was capable of killing them and that he was not just bluffing-

"Fine! We'll leave!" Musa said with his gritted teeth and flew up into the sky.

Despite feeling unsatisfied, Stephanie quickly followed Musa.

“Severin, you’re so great! Why didn’t you kill them? They are so absurd!” Megan asked.

Severin replied with a smile, “They never have the intention to kill me so I don’t want to kill them too.”

After a slight pause, he continued, “Based on their attainment, I’m confident they are very important members of the sect. If I kill them, I will make the sect my enemy. It’s easy for me to kill but I have no idea if there are any people in the sect that are stronger than me. So it’s better to be careful than feeling sorry later.”

Diane thought of what Severin said and nodded. “They were wearing masks so they did not wish to let us know who they were. Is that why you didn’t expose them? All they wanted was the cauldron and not your life. You have done the right thing.”

“Come on, let’s go back to drinking. Don’t let them ruin our night!” Severin smiled and said to everyone.

“That was so fantastic! I mean a level eight and level nine warrior emperor could not even defeat you! Are you a saint? My god! I really can’t believe you are so strong!” Zeke gulped and looked astonished.

Meanwhile, Musa and Stephanie were back to the square near their Intel. They took off their masks. Stephanie said angrily, “Musa, I think he must be a saint. I guess we have to admit we lost this time.”