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Carlene's audition was a huge success. She was much more talented than Jansen expected, and she could figure out the details in no time. Besides that, she was very gifted in singing and dancing as well.

Originally, Jansen thought that he was obligated to nurture her because she was Alex's female partner.

That was why he had never expected Carlene to be actually talented.

After a few hours of training, Jansen went to look for Alex personally in his office.

Jansen excitedly praised Carlene, saying that she was even better than Madison Zucker. He also said

that she suited Galaxy Girls the best.

However, he was partially trying to flatter Alex because he had already deemed Carlene as 'Alex's lady'.

He showed Alex a few clips from the audition, and the latter nodded in approval. He then gave the green light for the filming of the Galaxy Girls.

After Jansen took his leave, he called Jack to inform him that he already found the woman for the job. They could start putting out advertisements again.

Besides that, Alex also instructed Jack to terminate all contracts of the businesses working with them and disqualify them from the auction.

Even though Evans asked me to help out local businesses, they've really disappointed me with their

performance. I can't continue working with them anymore.

This time, Alex planned to loosen the auction's requirements to include overseas businesses as well.

When this piece of news got out, the local businesses that had previously successfully bid for a chance to put up their advertisements were devastated with regret.

They thought Ivy Media could easily defeat Four Seas Corporation, so they never expected Four Seas Corporation to find a suitable actress in such a short time. While Four Seas Corporation was already planning to start filming Galaxy Girls, Ivy Media's management was in shambles.

They deeply regretted their actions, but it was already too late. Four Seas Corporation already declared that

they wouldn't be working with them anymore, and they couldn't do anything about it.

A few more prominent businesses wanted Evans to pressure the Four Seas Corporation into compliance, but Evans rejected them without any hesitation.

Evans said very bluntly, "Four Seas Corporation can't trust you, so why would they want to work with you?"

They were extremely embarrassed when they heard that.

On the other hand, Jolene, who had been fired by Four Seas Corporation, heard that Ivy Media was planning to film a large-scale variety show similar to Galaxy Girls, so she headed there instead. Incidentally, Madison Zucker was out of the picture, that was why Ivy Media was also looking for a lead actress.

Jolene was perfect for that role, so they signed a contract in no time.

The new person in charge of Ivy Media was Stuart Nixon, Simon Nixon's older brother.

He was thirty years old, and he was just as handsome as his younger brother. He was tall and imposing, and he had all the makings of a domineering yet sophisticated president.

He usually kept a low profile, and the first thing he did when he took over Ivy Media was to declare a ceasefire with Four Seas Corporation. He then deflected all the blame to Simon and proclaimed that they wanted to cooperate with Four Seas Corporation so that both companies would benefit from it in the long term. At the same time, they could work together to raise the bar of the entertainment industry.

Stuart's declaration appeased most employees from Four Seas Corporation, but Alex and Jack knew that it was just an elaborate ruse.

They knew that disaster was imminent.

"Mr. Nixon, we found out that Jennings Corporation is the only one that does not completely belong to Four Seas Corporation among all the other businesses. The person in charge of Jennings Corporation is a lady named Heather Jenning. According to our reports, her relationship with the president of Four Seas Corporation is out of the ordinary. Jennings Corporation almost went bankrupt, but the president of Four Seas Corporation gave Heather thirty million to keep the company afloat. Besides that, Four Seas Corporation's president acquired more than sixty percent of the Jennings Corporation's shares when Heather was oppressed by the Jenningses and then

transferred the right to run the business to Heather."

In Stuart's office, his secretary was reporting to him the results of their investigation.

The reason why the man kept a low profile was to make Four Seas Corporation let their guard down. He wanted to give the chairman of Four Seas Corporation a single, decisive blow.

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Stuart nodded and beckoned for the secretary to continue.

"I think that if you target Heather, you will definitely be able to find out who Four Seas Corporation's chairman is."

From an outsider's point of view, the chairman of Four Seas Corporation never made a public appearance - very few people knew who he was.

Most employees in Four Seas Corporation didn't even know Alex's true identity. This made it hard for Stuart to investigate it.

"Alright."

Stuart nodded and instructed, "Contact Jennings Corporation and offer them a chance to work together with us.

To him, Heather would definitely be grateful because

he was offering her a business opportunity.

At the same time, he was curious as to how Four Seas Corporation's chairman's lady would look like.

"Alright," The secretary replied before heading off.

Stuart then went to the hospital.

He had arrived at Nebula City for two days already, yet this was his first time visiting his brother, Simon.

"Stuart, you must avenge me! Four Seas Corporation really is nasty! Not only do I want them to go bankrupt, but I also want all their executives to kneel and beg me for mercy!" Simon snarled menacingly to Stuart.

Stuart patted Simon's back and consoled him, "Just focus on getting well. I will help you get your revenge

on them. No one gets away scot-free after they beat up someone from the Nixon family! I will make sure they pay the price for their actions!"

As he spoke, a ferocious glint flashed in his eyes.

Meanwhile, Tyrael's clinic in Nebula City officially opened today, and the man invited his friends and some of Nebula City's prominent figures, including Alex, to the opening ceremony.

Alex promised to teach the Sanyang Method to Auriel - that prospect excited Tyrael and his granddaughter.

In return, Alex wanted Tyrael to open a clinic in Nebula City since he was a divine physician himself.

The Sanyang Method was a technique passed down in the Skyworth family, but some parts of it had been lost over time. As a result of that, the Skyworth family

couldn't utilize the Sanyang Method to its full potential.

That was the reason why Tyrael thought Alex's proposition to be a good deal.

After Tyrael gave Alex a toast, Auriel also toasted to Alex even though she disliked drinking.

"Dr. Jefferson, perhaps you can take on Auriel as your apprentice," Tyrael suddenly suggested.

At that moment, Auriel immediately saluted Alex in recognition of him as her mentor. "Master, please allow me to salute you."

Auriel's impression of Alex had changed drastically over the past few months. Originally, she looked down on him, but she grew to admire him after he displayed his skills. In the end, she looked up to him so much

she decided to be his apprentice.

Alex knew Auriel was talented in Traditional Chinese Medicine, and he intended to teach her the contents of the Nine Heaven Scrolls, yet he was still reluctant to take her in as a disciple.

That was because he didn't know Tyrael and Auriel well enough to judge their personalities, so he was afraid that Auriel might turn to the dark side and harm others.

"Dr. Jefferson, Auriel is very bright and talented in Traditional Chinese Medicine. She definitely won't let you down if you take her in as your disciple." Maggie tried to convince Alex too.

Maggie genuinely admired Auriel's prowess in medicine, so she wanted to befriend her.

After all, someone as powerful as Auriel might save Maggie's life someday if she managed to befriend her.

As he stared at Auriel, who was still kneeling in front of him, Alex nodded and declared, "Alright. I will formally accept you as my disciple today."

With an excited grin, Auriel bowed down even further. "Thank you so much, master!"

Alex continued his speech, "However, being my disciple entails some rules. Firstly, you're not allowed to harm anyone with your skills. Secondly, you're not allowed to disobey me. Are you able to abide by these rules?"

"Yes. Don't worry, master. I lost my parents since I was young, so I'll treat you like a father figure. I will definitely not dare to disobey you!" Auriel proclaimed

hastily.

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Alex nodded and helped Auriel up, formally accepting her as his disciple.

Even so, he wasn't free to teach her any medicine as of now; they would have to wait a while longer.

"I'm not free to teach you any medicine now. But, I think you've learned martial arts before, so I can ask a senior of mine to teach you that if you're interested. He's probably the strongest martial artist below the

Master rank," Alex said to Auriel.

If Auriel is willing, I'll send her to Charlie.

Charlie had returned to the peak of his power after he used the Pill of Vitality to restore his Energy Field.

The Pill of Vitality had increased his efficiency in training as well.

At present, he was the most powerful martial artist below the Master rank.

Besides that, he was skilled in medicine, and his Mortal Force was strong. That was why Alex wanted him to teach Auriel martial arts instead.

"Really? That's great! Thank you, master! I will learn martial arts first then!" Auriel exclaimed excitedly.

Actually, she was most interested in learning martial

arts; her talent in medicine was just her natural gift.

Despite her interest, the Skyworth family, including her grandfather, was generally not that skilled in martial arts. If she were to learn martial arts from her grandfather, she would never reach the Master rank.

"Alright. I'll bring you to him later." Alex nodded in acknowledgment.

"Dr. Jefferson, let me dedicate a toast to you! From today onwards, please don't hesitate to ask for my help if you ever need me!" Tyrael toasted Alex.

Tyrael was very pleased that Alex accepted his granddaughter as a disciple because Alex's medicinal prowess and skill in martial arts were of the Master rank.

If my granddaughter can learn a thing or two from the

divine physician, she will definitely be the pride of the Skyworth family!

"Cheers." Alex clinked his glass against Tyrael's.

After that, Auriel toasted to Alex and her grandfather as well.

"Mr. Jefferson, congratulations on taking in a disciple! Let me toast you too." Maggie toasted to Alex shortly afterward.

Alex could tell that Maggie's alcohol tolerance was low because of her flushed face. He smiled and said, "You can just take a sip of that. I appreciate your sincerity."

Upon hearing that, Maggie felt touched. She had drunk with many men before - Alex was the first one who didn't want her to get drunk.

"I'm alright. I can take it." Maggie smiled cheekily, clinked her glass against Alex's, and downed the entire glass in one go.

Alex smiled as he downed his entire glass too.

"I'm so honored to in the presence of amazing people like you. Come, Mr. Jefferson. Let me congratulate you for accepting a disciple as well." Stefan chuckled and toasted to Alex too.

Alex accepted the toast graciously because he was quite comfortable around them.

After the toast, Alex suddenly thought of something and handed Auriel a bottle of medicine as he said, "I didn't prepare a gift, so please don't mind this bottle of Small Pills of Cultivation."

That was the only thing he had at present; he had originally wanted to use it to increase his Mortal Force.

However, he had already reached the Master rank, so the Small Pills of Cultivation was of no use to him anymore. On the other hand, the Small Pill of Cultivation could bring miraculous effects to Auriel.

"Thank you, Master!"

Auriel took the bottle, opened it, and smelt the fragrance from the Pills. She was a little enthralled by the smell, so she couldn't help but ask, "Master, what effects does the Small Pill of Cultivation have?"

Everyone stared at the yellow Pills in Auriel's hands out of curiosity at well. The fragrance of the Pills wasn't too strong, but just a whiff of it would be able to soothe the soul.

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Alex explained, "The Small Pill of Cultivation is mainly used to fortify one's inner strength. Only one Pill is required to align a normal person to the path of a martial artist because it can draw out their Mortal Force in a short time. At the same time, it improves one's general health and could increase one's Mortal Force. This small bottle is more than necessary for you to reach new heights."

"Thank you, Master! You're amazing!" Auriel stared at Alex gratefully. She would've kissed him on the

cheeks if not for the public setting they were in.

She had always wanted to be a skilled martial artist, so naturally, she was excited because Alex accepted her as his disciple and gave her a bottle of Small Pills of Cultivation as well.

Maggie, Stefan, and the rest envied Auriel for that. Even though the Small Pill of Cultivation was meant for martial artists, normal people could still use it to improve their health, so Maggie and Stefan wanted one of those pills too.

On the other hand, Tyrael beamed brightly, feeling very grateful for Alex.

"By the way, I'm almost done procuring the herbs. I will make the Pill of Vitality and Pill of Longevity for your grandfather and uncle over the next few days," Alex said to Maggie.

"Really! Thanks so much!" Maggie cried excitedly.

Recently, her uncle had called her to ask when Dr. Jefferson was going to give them the pills. She had waved him off by saying that the doctor was busy.

Despite her dismissiveness, Alex was indeed quite busy.

Ever since he came back from Lumenopolis, he was busy with handling the tech dome's affairs along with the two shareholders, Maggie and Stefan. That was why he didn't have the time to make the elixirs.

Through their efforts, they managed to come out with a building plan for the tech dome, and they were now waiting for Evans' approval to use the land.

"Mr. Jefferson, you're gonna make the pills, right?

Can I buy one from you?" Stefan asked somewhat expectantly.

He knew that Alex was a Master in Geomancy and Metaphysics and a divine physician that was even more skilled than Tyrael, who was famed for his prowess in medicine as well.

That was why he had high hopes for the pills Alex was going to make.

"No need for any payment. You can just help me procure some high-quality herbs," Alex said.

Stefan was his business partner, and the fact that the man was willing to invest five billion in the tech dome - a very high-risk investment - was a testament to how much he trusted him. That was why Alex was very generous to give the pills to him.

Besides that, Flynn and his men were a little slow in procuring high-quality herbs. I asked Flynn to procure some of those top-grade herbs a while back, but he still hasn't done it.

When Tyrael heard what Alex said, his eyes lit up in excitement. Being in the medical field for a few decades, he was well-stocked with high-quality herbs, so he could easily ask someone to send the herbs over from Lumenopolis.

After the banquet, Alex brought Auriel to the Sakura Club so that Charlie could teach her some martial arts.

On the other hand, Stefan went back home with visible excitement on his face.

His beautiful yet a little short-tempered daughter, Autumn, gaped in surprise because she saw how ecstatic her father was. "Dad, why do you seem so happy?"

Stefan broke into a hearty guffaw. "Something amazing happened!"

"What?"

"Mr. Jefferson..." Stefan was so excited he needed to catch his breath.

"Mr. Jefferson?"

Autumn's heart skipped a beat. The legendary Mr. Jefferson?

She asked anxiously, "What about him?"

Stefan exclaimed animatedly, "Mr. Jefferson is about to make some powerful pills! He asked me to procure

some top-notch herbs for him in return of giving me one of those pills!"

The pills made by Mr. Jefferson definitely has some sort of miraculous quality!

Stefan could barely calm himself down when he thought about that.

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Autumn had personally witnessed Alex's skills. His fighting skills, as well as his knowledge in Geomancy and Metaphysics, were almost God-like; she

respected him a great deal because of it.

She hadn't imagined that he would be able to brew elixirs, too. This made her respect for him grow on another level.

After knowing Alex was so skilled, she highly respected him. In fact, she even started feeling a little ashamed.

She was ashamed about how she had even thought about doubting Mr. Jefferson's abilities.

Of course, the more passionate and gorgeous a young lady was, the stronger the man she would fall for. Only then would she willingly belong to him and him only.

That was why Autumn had always idolized Alex.

When she heard that Alex wanted to create an elixir, she couldn't help but gasp in admiration. "I didn't know Mr. Jefferson could create elixirs!"

Stefan nodded in amazement. "We haven't even witnessed all of what Mr. Jefferson can do. I heard that even the Divine Physician himself, Tyrael Skyworth, bowed to Mr. Jefferson's skills a few days ago. Today, he even made his own granddaughter become an apprentice to Mr. Jefferson!"

"Wow!"

Autumn was completely taken aback.

She enjoyed learning about Traditional Chinese Medicine and actually knew quite a lot about it.

Tyrael was a very well-known practitioner of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He was practically a pioneer of the whole trade. Even some of the most well-known people in the country failed to invite him out of the mountain in which he resided. However, even he failed to measure up to the much younger Mr. Jefferson!

It was obvious how skilled Mr. Jefferson was in this field.

Autumn became even more infatuated with him.

Any woman would fall for a man like that!

He was the real-life embodiment of a knight in shining armor.

To a woman like her, especially, who wanted to be powerful and strong, a man like that was probably the only person she'd ever bow down to. At that very moment, she felt as if there were butterflies in her

stomach.

When Stefan caught sight of his daughter's face slowly reddening, he was surprised before realizing how his daughter probably truly felt toward Mr. Jefferson.

The cogs in his brain started turning. He knew that this was a good thing and started subtly encouraging his daughter's feelings. "Autumn, there's something I have to tell you."

Autumn was rather surprised by his sudden statement. "Dad, what's up?"

Stefan continued, "Actually, Mr. Jefferson is also the chairman of Four Seas Corporation."

Autumn was taken aback before she began nodding. No wonder Mr. Jefferson spent money like water. It

made sense that he was the chairman of Four Seas Corporation!

With that, the feelings Autumn had for Alex grew another inch.

"Mr. Jefferson is also preparing to build a tech dome worth a hundred billion. In fact, I'm planning to invest five billion myself. Once they start, I'll be putting you in charge of the project. If you have anything you're unsure about, please go ahead and ask Mr. Jefferson, okay? He'll personally be in charge of the project," Stefan said.

"Me?" Autumn exclaimed in shock. "Dad, why don't you take charge? It's a huge project, after all!"

Stefan chuckled. "You're a girl who's close to Mr. Jefferson's age. You'll both have more in common."

He then continued, "Actually, there's something else I want to tell you. Even though Mr. Jefferson seems super powerful and skilled, he's actually a very low-key person. He was a live-in son-in-law for the Jenningses for a long time."

Autumn nodded. "I knew that. I just don't understand why he had to marry into a family as a live-in son-in-law when he's so powerful. Even if he loved that Jennings woman, he could have just married her instead of marrying into her family. Why did he have to go through all that?"

Stefan sighed. "That's exactly what's hard to grasp about him! If it really were for true love, it wouldn't be too strange of a circumstance. However, everyone's been talking about how he never got along with the Jennings family. That mother-in-law of his always talked about how he was the black sheep of the family. He was nothing more than a servant."

"What!" Autumn was shocked. "Calling Mr. Jefferson a servant? They really went overboard."

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Stefan continued, "They had no idea how powerful Mr. Jefferson was back then! To me, it might have been a way of Mr. Jefferson's training. There are plenty of people in this world who like to put themselves through hell and back in the name of training. The tougher their situation, the harder they train."

"I see." Autumn nodded and said in awe, "How impressive. Not many people could bear to put themselves through such things for training, let alone reach his level!"

Stefan nodded and said meaningfully, "Sweetheart, Mr. Jefferson is going to become a huge name very soon. By then, the whole of Nebula City and maybe even the whole country's well-known families will be clamoring over each other to have him on their side! By then, they'll practically be throwing their most beautiful daughters into his lap! You have to grab the opportunity to get close to him."

"Ah." Autumn's face started burning up. "Dad, what are you talking about? An o-opportunity?"

"Don't act clueless in front of me," Stefan said. "I can tell how much you admire Mr. Jefferson." Autumn squirmed in her seat for a while before shyly nodding.

Stefan said, "I have a feeling that the tech dome will really blow up under the supervision of someone like Mr. Jefferson. With our family following close under him, we'll be getting pretty big in the future, too. In fact, a big fish like Mr. Jefferson can't stay in a small pond like the Jeffersons family for much longer. He'll definitely leave them one day. By then, you'll have to be close to him and really make sure you two are close... romantically."

At that, Stefan marveled, "If the Jones family could bring in a son-in-law like Mr. Jefferson himself, we'll really be creating a legacy for ourselves. By then, we could grant the wishes of our ancestors and really make a name for ourselves in Eurasia. We'll become one of the most well-known families in the country! We'd really make our ancestors happy."

At this, Autumn calmed herself down and shook off her embarrassment.

Her father was right. This was much more than some simple love story.

This was a chance for their entire family to make a legacy and really put their name in the hall of fame.

It was an extremely rare opportunity.

Many families managed to build themselves up only to disappear and lose their fame after less than a hundred years. Some other families did manage to last a hundred years, but they never managed to truly make a name for themselves.

The Jones family belonged to the latter.

If the Jones family managed to grab the opportunity that was Alex, they'd definitely be able to create their legacy.

This was a truly rare opportunity.

The opportunity was right there, practically in their grasp. If they really managed to get Alex to marry into the Jones family, they'd be famous for the next century at least.

### Gosh!

The fate of their family's legacy pressed down on her, causing her heart to inch closer and closer toward Alex.

She instantly agreed. "Dad, prepare the herbs! Tomorrow morning, I'll send them to Mr. Jefferson!" Stefan nodded thankfully. "You have to dress up a bit more, okay? You may not be the most beautiful woman in the whole country, but you certainly are one of the top beauties here in Golden City. If you dressed up a little bit fancier, you'd definitely stun thousands!"

Autumn blushed, but she still nodded determinedly. "Dad, don't worry. I'll definitely make sure of that!"

"When you meet Mr. Jefferson tomorrow, remember to let him know how much we admire and respect him," Stefan reminded. "Tell him how we'd be happy to serve him throughout the rest of his days, and that we'll take care of his every need. Also let him know that if he ever needs any herbs, the Jones family will be extremely willing to search till the ends of the earth for that herb. After that, beg him for a divine pill. If he gives you one, that would mean he's interested in you as well. You two will be able to develop from there."

"Got it, dad." Autumn nodded, her mind already occupied with Alex.

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Alex's life was perfectly scheduled.

The next day, he sent his son to school the first thing in the morning before attending Sakura Club.

He still had to wait for Evans and the others to approve before he could start working on the tech dome, so there was no rush with that.

Flynn said he'd pretty much found all the herbs that Alex asked for, which was why Alex decided to start brewing some elixir today.

While he was in the car, though, he dialed Jack's number to ask about how Galaxy Girls' recording was going. Mostly, he wanted to get an update on Carlene's performance.

From Jack's excited tone, he figured that Carlene hadn't let him down.

When he reached Sakura Club, Alex was about to call Flynn and ask him to help portion the herbs. To his surprise, the man was already there.

He was mildly surprised to see Lexa there as well.

At first, Alex had gotten rid of her martial skills because Lexa had been a part of the Mountain of the

Beasts. He had also stopped her from killing Damian.

Back at Happy Living, Alex offered a Pill of Vitality in exchange for Lexa's Light Moves. However, she had turned him down because she said she didn't trust him.

If she came today, that meant that Flynn had managed to convince her.

Lexa seemed a bit ill at ease at the sight of Alex.

Flynn explained, "She was willing to exchange Light Moves for the Pill of Vitality, so I brought her here."

"Okay."

Alex nodded before looking Lexa up and down.

After losing her martial skills, or rather, after

experiencing true human struggles, the sharpness in Lexa's face had dulled down considerably. She no longer seemed as cold and regal as before.

To put it another way, she had already lost her confidence.

When Lexa finally realized that Alex had no intention of mocking her, she sighed softly in relief.

After she had coldly turned him down last time, she had expected for him to hold that grudge against her.

Flynn had bought quite a lot of different herbs. Alex picked out the herbs he'd need first before picking up the main ingredient, the Wild Thousand-Year Ginseng, and prepared to start brewing the pill. He made Lexa and Flynn sort the rest of the herbs while he did so.

Right then, his phone rang. It was a phone call from Autumn.

"Mr. Jefferson, are you home right now?" Autumn asked, her sweet voice practically dripping honey through the phone.

Alex was surprised, but he didn't think much of it. "I'm at the Sakura Club. Are you sending herbs over?"

He recalled asking Stefan to bring him some top-tier herbs yesterday.

"Yes, my dad asked me to bring you some herbs. If you're free right now, I'll send them over," Autumn said.

"Come over then. I'm at Sakura Club. I'll get someone to pick you up at the gate," Alex replied.

"Okay, Mr. Jefferson. I'll be heading over right now," Autumn stated before hanging up.

After hanging up, Alex told Flynn, "Later on, Stefan's daughter is going to drop some herbs off. Send someone to pick her up at the gate."

Flynn made an 'OK' gesture and put down the herbs he was holding before walking out to do what Alex had asked.

Alex sat to one side, starting to put the herbs together.

Lexa was still sorting out the herbs and watched as Alex did his work. When she saw how serious Alex was while doing his job, the anger she held toward him got extinguished slightly.

If Alex really managed to brew the Pill of Vitality that

could help her repair the Energy Field, she would be extremely grateful.

After being a waitress at Happy Living for so long and meeting all kinds of different people, she realized how rare it was to find someone like Alex.

At least Alex and Flynn still defended her when she was being bullied despite their past differences.

Everyone else had just watched coldly from the sidelines.

Alex accidentally noticed Lexa staring at him and couldn't help but mock her, "What? Can't look away from my devilish good looks?"

Lexa instantly felt awkward and started to blush all the way down her neck.

There was probably nothing as awkward as someone

catching you in the act of staring at them.

Right as her awkwardness was starting to grow, Flynn brought Autumn in.

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Autumn had chosen to let her long, black hair down. She was dressed in an eggshell yellow dress and had on some light makeup that made her seem extra girly.

She was dragging a big box with her as she looked at Alex shyly.

"Mr. J-Jefferson, I'm Autumn. I'm not sure if you still remember me," Autumn said nervously.

After the conversation she had with her father yesterday night, she hadn't been able to sleep.

All she had kept thinking about was Alex.

After all, she was at the age where most girls started to become obsessed with romance.

Was there such a thing as a girl who didn't want to look for a rich, handsome and powerful husband?

There was no one else who could ever compare to Alex.

He was the best candidate for a husband.

Even if Stefan hadn't talked about how he had wished

for Alex and Autumn to improve their relationship, Autumn would still have fallen for Alex anyway.

Alex didn't know why Autumn was so anxious. She had been pretty standoffish and aloof the last time they had met.

Why did she suddenly become so different?

Alex asked curiously, "What's gotten into you? You seem pretty different from the last time we met."

Autumn was even more embarrassed. Mr. Jefferson is purposely laughing at me!

As for Flynn and Lexa, they were left speechless.

It was obvious to anyone with a working pair of eyes that Autumn liked Alex. In fact, even a blind man could sense the passion radiating from her eyes for

him.

Despite that, Alex was still acting all oblivious.

"Mr. Jefferson, I apologize for any rudeness on my part. I didn't know any better back then," Autumn said abashedly.

She honestly didn't think she'd done anything rude before. Maybe when she suspected his integrity while Damian was helping their family, but that was it.

"Wow, you really did change a lot. Just place the herbs over there."

Alex smiled. He could definitely spot the passion and admiration Autumn had for him in her eyes.

He could only pretend as if he couldn't see a thing.

He was a married man, but even if he were single, he couldn't help the girl's reputation. He didn't want to waste her youth.

Even Maggie's gaze toward him had started becoming rather ambiguous, let alone Ginny and Jessica's.

He wasn't cocky, but as a man, he was still pretty confident about that kind of thing.

All he could do was continue to act clueless in front of these three people, and now Autumn, too.

"Mr. Jefferson, are you making an elixir?" Autumn asked, placing the box down.

"Yep." Alex nodded as he started to light the stove.

"M-may I watch you?" Autumn asked, looking at Alex

excitedly.

Alex glanced at her before chuckling. "If you really don't have anything better to do, you can help me arrange the herbs with the two of them over there."

"Okay! Thank you, Mr. Jefferson!" Autumn's heart leaped at the chance. Her true goal was never to watch him brew the elixir. It was to simply spend more time with him so they could get closer.

Autumn started asking Flynn how to arrange the herbs.

Flynn felt like laughing, but he still taught Autumn how to arrange everything properly.

Once she roughly understood what was needed, she opened the case that was filled to the brim with toptier herbs.

Flynn caught sight of them and said in surprise, "Does your family own a herbal pharmacy? These are all top-tier herbs."

Autumn laughed lightly. "Nope! My dad got these herbs through some connections he had. My dad got to know some people in the medicinal herb business who had quite the collection. They sold all these to my dad."

Alex nodded as he added, "Mr. Jones has pretty good connections in the industry. I asked him to get me these herbs because I was aware that he knows a few owners of herbal pharmacies."

"I see."

Autumn said, "Actually, my grandfather owns the largest herbal pharmacy. Most of these came from his

store."

"Who is this grandfather you're speaking of?" Alex asked curiously.

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"My grandfather's surname is Miles, of Miles Herbal Pharmacy. It's the largest herbal pharmacy in Nebula City. They've been in this industry for a long time. My mom told me that they'd been working in this business since the Middle Ages. They already had their own store back then and would roam the earth looking for the finest and rarest herbs which they

would then sell to the royalty of the Northern Territory and Lumenopolis, as well as the palace's chemists for a high price. They also kept plenty of high-quality herbs for themselves. They've been keeping the business going since then," Autumn said.

"Damn, that grandfather of yours is pretty wily with his business. I went to him plenty of times trying to ask for top-tier herbs and was even willing to pay twice the price for them. However, he'd always give me some plain old herbs instead," Flynn said with a chuckle.

Autumn felt a bit awkward at that and quickly said, "Ah, Mr. Jefferson, my father wanted me to tell you that if you ever needed any herbs, you can come to us. The Jones will do our best to help you find those herbs no matter what."

"Great. I won't let your kindness go to waste then."

Alex nodded and adjusted the intensity of the fire before walking over.

When Alex knelt in front of her to take a look at the herbs she brought, Autumn's heart started beating faster.

Alex picked up a 500-year-old stalk of polygonum multiflora in surprise. Stefan's pretty generous, isn't he?

He had asked Flynn to buy quite a lot of herbs for him, but most of them were pretty regular in terms of quality. He hadn't received even a 100-year-old herb before, let alone a 500 year old one.

Most of them were anywhere from 10 to 30 years old.

He couldn't even brew the simplest medicines with herbs of that caliber.

He started checking the herbs thoroughly. Two other herbs were over 500 years old - one of which was a celestial snow lotus, and the other was iron root. These were both herbs of the highest quality.

This breed of snow lotus and iron root were both extremely beneficial when creating the Pill of Cultivation.

Alex continued checking through the herbs. Over a hundred of the herbs that Autumn had brought were at least a hundred years old. If they were sold for the regular market price, they'd be worth at least 100 million.

"Not bad. Your dad is really generous. Can you ask him how much all of these costs?" Alex nodded and asked Autumn. These herbs were all pretty expensive. He didn't want to leech off of the Jones like that.

He only wanted the convenience that came with buying from the Jones family - not their money.

"Well, my father said that all these herbs are a gift to you, Mr. Jefferson. He did say that in the future, no matter how much you needed, we'd be more than happy to search for them for you," Autumn quickly stated.

Alex thought about that statement for a while before asking, "You said that most of these came from your grandfather, right? Have they been paid for?"

Autumn said slightly awkwardly, "About thirty, forty million."

Alex nodded. "Here, how about I give your family

some pills after I'm done brewing them? You can pass some to your grandfather's side of the family too. That way, next time you ask them for any herbs, they'll be obligated to help."

Alex was pretty confident in the quality of the pills he made.

A Pill of Cultivation would probably sell for at least ten million per pill.

As for a Pill of Vitality, it would probably still be wellreceived even if it were sold for forty or fifty thousand.

Those martial artists would certainly invest in a Pill of Vitality since it was practically a lifeline for someone like them.

Any other kind of pill would sell for just as much on the current market.

"Thank you, Mr. Jefferson! Thank you so much!" Autumn started bowing to Alex gratefully.

She wanted to ask for a pill in the first place, but she hadn't expected Alex to offer any to her family, let alone her grandfather.

Alex really was a kind and generous man.

"Don't worry about it. Of course, I'd give a pretty girl like yourself some more pills," Alex said in an attempt to calm Autumn's nerves.

Despite him sounding completely casual, those words sent Autumn's heart into overdrive.

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Alex double-checked the herbs that Autumn had brought and directed her to sort them out on their designated shelves before returning to watch over the Alchemy Pot.

The Alchemy Pot was already at the perfect temperature, so he placed the Wild Thousand-Year Ginseng into the pot.

The main ingredient of the Pill of Longevity was the Wild Thousand-Year Ginseng. It had to be over a hundred degrees before he could add in any side ingredients or add-ons, and only after that could he

begin to raise the temperature to combine them.

"Master, I got the herbs you sent me to get."

Right then, Auriel's chirpy voice rang out from outside.

Alex glanced in her direction, only to see Auriel carrying a case into the room.

She was dressed in her school pinafore and looked young and cheerful, resembling a bright oriole.

"What kind of herbs?" Alex asked, taken aback.

He hadn't asked Tyrael for any herbs.

"My grandfather heard that you needed herbs to create some pills, so he asked for them from Lumenopolis. Here, you can check if it's what you need," Auriel said with a smile, passing the case to

Alex.

There were only three herbs in the case, but Alex was already shocked by the very first glance at them.

All three of them were the best of the best quality.

Lotus Plumule, Procris, and Mountain Herb - all of them a thousand years old!

All of these were the absolute finest divine medicine available on the market right now. Any of them would sell for about a hundred million.

Tyrael is pretty generous too.

"How are they, Master? These are all from my grandfather's collection. Pretty good, huh?" Auriel exclaimed gleefully.

"They're not bad. Place them over there first. Later on, I'll create some more pills for you and your family," Alex said, patting Auriel's shoulders.

"Thank you, Master! You're the best," Auriel said with a happy nod. She carried the case over to where Alex had pointed.

"Master, what are you making?" Auriel asked.

"The Pill of Longevity," Alex replied.

"Is it for Richard?" Auriel asked.

"Yep." Alex nodded.

"Master, I want to learn how to make pills too," Auriel stated with a face full of excitement.

"I'll teach you, but not until you memorize all the

different usages and properties of each herb," Alex promised.

After all, she was his apprentice now. Of course, he would teach her how to make the pills.

Making pills had its own procedure. Before actually making anything, one had to master the hardest part - understanding the properties and usages of each herb. Most failed to master this without at least a few years of experience and learning under their belt.

However, Auriel was naturally gifted. Alex knew that she would get it all down in half a year if she put her mind to it.

"Okay, I'll start memorizing them once I get back," Auriel said with a bright smile.

"You shouldn't just blindly memorize. You have to

understand them. What happens when these herbs are mixed? Will something new happen? Once you get that down, you're good to go." Alex clarified.

"Got it, Master." Auriel nodded.

Autumn looked on enviously at Auriel and Alex, who were joking around lightheartedly. She did not dare go over and bother them.

Alex kept the temperature under control while explaining parts of the pill-making procedure to Auriel, such as why these ingredients could have such incredible properties when mixed.

Even Tyrael didn't know half the things Alex was teaching her right now. Auriel paid the utmost attention to what Alex was saying. She felt as if someone had just shown her a whole new world.

This was medical information her own grandfather had never taught her.

No.

This is alchemy. It's already at a different level from regular traditional Chinese medicine! Auriel thought excitedly. Her admiration for Alex increased yet again.

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