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Just then, Vania suddenly spoke up. "I heard that a girl went to see Master Gordon more than 20 years ago. Master Gordon never mentioned to anyone about The Great Chemist's whereabouts, but he actually told this girl that The Great Chemist had gone into the mountains. Today, this very girl is now the boss of a hotel."

"He was exceedingly famous then, but I was just a nobody." Old Mr. Bamboo's tone was a little regretful.

"Could it be that the girl from 20 years ago was actually a descendant of the junior?" Vania was suddenly surprised.

So that was what happened.

"The junior never found The Great Chemist, and she still hoped that she could see him one last time in the end. This was why she asked her descendant to look for him. However, her dreams didn't come true." There was an unstoppable sorrow in Old Mr. Bamboo's eyes. "What a pity."

If he wasn't a nobody back then, then perhaps he could've met the junior's descendant. He would have resolved this regret if he had met the woman he loved again.

"All because of Master Gordon's words, many people sacrificed their lives in search of The Great Chemist. Ever since then, he stopped seeing visitors."

When Vania heard that reasoning, she understood everything immediately.

Just then, Old Mr. Bamboo stood up, a never-before-seen look of relaxation on his face. "I'm very grateful to have met you all. If you visited me decades earlier, I would definitely go with you and have a look outside."

"It's not too late even now," said Hanson. "In 3 days, I can make Bamboo Pavilion the talk of the town."

"I do believe in your capabilities." Old Mr. Bamboo shook his head. "However, there really is no need for that now."

He hadn't given up before this, but now that he had met these people and conversed with them, he had gracefully let everything go. It was definitely a fateful meeting. When she saw Old Mr. Bamboo getting up to leave, she immediately said in a panic, "Sir, can you help me? I want to know if my son's illness can be cured."

Since Old Mr. Bamboo had grown up with The Great Chemist, he might know a thing or two about medicine. As he looked at Vania's face, he simply couldn't decline. "Tell me about it."

Elated, Vania immediately told him everything about Jude's condition.

Old Mr. Bamboo frowned deeply. "This is a poison without an antidote."

Vania's eyes turned red in an instant. "Does this mean that even The Great Chemist cannot save him?"

She really couldn't come to terms with this ending.

"He is able to, but now no one knows where he went." Old Mr. Bamboo was telling Vania the truth because there had been no news from The Great Chemist ever since that day.

"I'll go look for him in The Broad Peaks. Even if I have to raze the entire mountain into the ground, I'll find him."

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Within three hours after Hanson and the others left, numerous visitors immediately flocked to Bamboo Pavilion to attend the storytelling sessions. In an instant, Bamboo Pavilion gained great fame.

Old Mr. Bamboo finally smiled in the direction they had left. That smile signified that he had truly let go of everything, and it was a radiant smile.

After more than 3 hours of flight, the helicopter finally arrived at The Broad Peaks. There was a stone tablet that indicated the name of the place, and not even a house was in sight. Past the stone tablet was a winding path that led to the huge mountain in front of them.

The mountain was shrouded in fog, making it impossible to judge its size and height. The clouds also changed constantly around the mountain, making everything look unreal.

Vania and the others checked their equipment. "Let's go up right now."

Hanson took out the map drawn by the children, then pointed at a peak. "We're going there."

That peak was at the top of the mountain, and the path there was also the most dangerous.

"Okay."

The land was still easily traversable at the foot of the mountain, but it was apparent that none had walked through here before. There was no sign of the grass on the hill being stepped on. Vania left signs throughout their journey so the rescue team could find them if something happened.

"Boss, the equipment is malfunctioning!" Linda shouted in fright.

Vania wasn't surprised at all. Instead, she took out the way-finding equipment her babies designed. "Try this."

She never thought this would happen as soon as they entered the mountain. She had no idea what would happen when they went further in.

"The gadgets I have in my hand are malfunctioning too." Exasperated, Larry could only put away the things in his hand.

After another two hours or so, they finally realized that something was off. "We were walking in circles." It was a vast circle too, and this circle took more than two hours to complete.

Hanson looked at their surroundings, then said in a low voice, "This doesn't look like a man-made illusion. We can't depend on the GPS equipment anymore."

No matter how advanced their equipment was, in such complicated situations, it would malfunction too.

"We have to get out of this circle before it gets dark."

Their gadgets weren't functioning properly here, so they were in extreme danger.

"But which direction should we go now?" Seeing that there were similar trees everywhere, Linda found it a little challenging to find the way. Just then, a dark shadow flew past in front of them. Hanson immediately pulled Vania into his embrace.

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Linda took out a marking spray and made a mark on the tree they chose.

An hour later, Larry said in wonder, "Look, the road ahead of us is flat now."

There were no huge trees here, and only some small tufts of grass grew on the ground. The grass curved its way upward, and it looked like a path.

"The equipment seems to be working now." Linda looked at the gadget and the GPS equipment in her hand, both of which were pointing in the same direction. "We should go right up."

"Okay."

The five children at home were staring at the computer screen together.

"James, why can't we see Mommy's location?" Jack asked in an anxious tone.

"I didn't expect the situation in the mountain to be a hundred times more complicated than I imagined." James never stopped laboring at the controls. However, the positioning signal still flickered on and off.

Even if it appeared, it would disappear again within seconds.

All five children kept a firm stare at the computer, fearing that they might miss any message Vania sent them.

Meanwhile, the party of four had been following the path for more than an hour. Just then, Linda suddenly exclaimed, "Boss, we hit a dead end."

They looked and saw a cliff standing in front of them, blocking their way. The sun gradually went down, bringing the temperature in the mountains down with it.

"We'll set up our camp here for now. We'll continue in the morning." Hanson observed their surroundings. There was a cave at the foot of the cliff, which was the ideal place to spend the night.

"Awoo!"

As soon as Hanson finished speaking, the cries of beasts immediately sounded around them. The party immediately prepared themselves for battle, scanning their surroundings.

"It might be a group of beasts. We have to get across the cliff ahead of us."

According to Hanson's calm analysis, they mustn't stay here for long. The party immediately pulled out weapons for self-defense and also some lighting devices, then strode forward.

"Ah—"

"Darling—" Hanson exclaimed in a low voice.

They had just taken a few steps when a dark shadow leaped from the bushes. Without another thought, Vania stood in front of Hanson to protect him.

Hanson grabbed her and pulled her into his safe embrace. He looked at her with a complicated gaze, saying, "Remember, I'll always protect you."

As soon as he finished speaking, he swiftly leaped into the air and delivered a lethal kick to the dark shadow hiding in the bushes beside them.

The dagger in his hand struck forward, and the monster instantly died.

"It's a stone beast."

This type of beast normally roamed the primordial forests, and they liked to live in groups. They also moved around in packs as well.

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However, the roars of the stone beasts behind them seemed to grow closer and fiercer. They had probably found their dead friend and were now getting revenge.

"Oh no, they're catching up."

Larry glanced down the mountain to see the stone beasts with glowing green eyes running in their direction. The four-legged beasts could run much faster than the human party.

His words startled Linda, who accidentally slipped and began to slide downward. "Ah—"

Fortunately, Vania acted quickly as she grabbed Linda. "Hold on."

Because of gravity, Linda's entire body was dangling in the air. Just then, Larry and Hanson came over together and grabbed her. "Hold on. Don't move. We'll pull you up."

Luckily, Linda wasn't too heavy, so they heaved her up within minutes.

"Did you hurt yourself?" With a torch in hand, Vania began checking up on Linda.

Despite the cover of her clothes, her arm was grazed, and her skin began peeling. "I'm fine, Boss. Let's keep going."

She could feel that it was just minor injuries, and none of her insides were damaged.

"Awoo!"

However, at that moment, an abrupt howl sounded behind them. It was as if the beasts were saying, 'Want to leave? Not so fast.'

Hanson and Larry immediately stood in front of Vania and Linda. "Don't panic. Hold on to your belongings."

They could still fend off the beasts with their weapons, and it would be ideal if they could scare the beasts off.

"The one at the front is their leader. We'll be safe once we overpower it."

As soon as the leader succumbed, their subordinates definitely wouldn't dare to come forward. At that moment, they were already aiming all their weapons at the leader.

"Awoo!"

With another howl, the stone beast began to slowly advance on Hanson and the others. Hanson planted his feet on the ground. When he caught the timing, he whispered, "Ready... fire."

Under his command, the four of them began throwing daggers and spraying anti-beast sprays, among other weapons, all at the pack of stone beasts.

At the sudden attack, the pack of stone beasts froze on the spot for a while, their glowing green eyes trained on Vania and the others.

If this had happened in broad daylight, Hanson would definitely have had a chance to escape. Because it was pitch black right now, they could only fight.

However, before they could fire their second wave, a stone beast suddenly went berserk and pounced toward Hanson, ignoring its leader's commands.

"Awoo!"

The four aimed their attacks at it, but this stone beast ignored them, bent on bringing at least one of them down with it. Enduring the pain, it closed its jaws firmly on Hanson's clothes.

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"You're really awake?" The girl's voice sounded elated.

"Hanson... Hanson..." Vania's voice was weak and hoarse as she struggled to get up.

"Don't move. You're still injured." The girl stopped him, and it was only then that Vania saw things clearly.

In front of Vania stood a fairy, a little girl with a blooming smile. She looked to be about the same age as Vania's babies.

"Who are you? Where is this place?"

Despite knowing that it sounded cliché, Vania still asked in surprise as she looked at the person in front of her.

The little girl blinked, studying her in elation. "My name is Lily."

"Lily?" Vania softly repeated her name, but her voice was extremely hoarse.

The name seemed to have struck a chord within her, and she seemed to recall that dream in an instant.

Vania expressed confusion in her eyes as she saw the girl smiling and looking at her in joy. The smile was so familiar, and its owner resembled a little angel.

Excited, Vania struggled and got up from the bed, inspecting the girl in front of her. "Is this the place where The Great Chemist lives?"

Her voice was still trembling. Please say yes! Please!

Lily nodded innocently. "That's right."

Vania's mind seemed to have exploded as her eyes widened in surprise.

Had my dreams really come true?

Vania pinched herself lightly. Ouch! Okay, I'm awake!

The stone beasts had pursued them, and they had fallen off the cliff. How did we end up at The Great Chemist's place? What about everyone else?

Vania didn't have time to analyze too much as she immediately grabbed Lily's hand and asked anxiously, "Where are my friends?"

She was the only one in this room. However, Lily seemed a little dumbfounded when Vania suddenly gripped her hand.

She had never experienced this feeling before. At first sight, she knew Vania was special, and she took a liking to the latter. This was why she let Vania stay in her room.

Now that Vania was taking her hand, she felt the blood in her body heating up.

Even though she knew Vania wasn't worried about her, Lily still allowed herself to be affected by the anxiety.

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Hearing Lily's words, Vania nodded. "Okay."

When she moved just now, she still felt immense pain, so she sat there obediently.

Hanson, Larry, and Linda also just woke up this morning. Just like Vania, right after waking up, they had to confirm that everyone was safe before they relaxed. Since their injuries had to be checked thoroughly, they were asked to sit still and undergo examination without moving.

"Can I see my wife now?" Hanson's voice was anxious, streaked with hints of anticipation.

He was already fine, but Vania was still in a coma, so he couldn't rest easy.

Linda nodded sincerely as well. "Where is she now? How is she?"

The ones who were giving them treatment were The Great Chemist's disciples. At their query, the disciples had complicated expressions on their faces.

Should they come clean and say that the youngest disciple was particular about cleanliness and didn't want anyone to enter her room?

That didn't seem appropriate. Hence, they could only scratch their heads awkwardly and open their mouths to explain, "Um..."

Before they began speaking, footsteps sounded outside. It was none other than the youngest disciple, Lily.

Noticing that everyone's eyes were focused outside the door, Hanson also looked subconsciously in that direction. Even though there was a door between them, he felt his heartbeat quicken.

It was a little girl, and for some reason, he wanted to see her.

At that moment, Lily opened the door and greeted politely, "Hello, seniors."

"Hello, Lily."

She was still very young, so the other disciples of The Great Chemist treated her like their own daughter and pampered her greatly.

Also, Lily was pretty and kind-hearted and also intelligent to boot. Even at her young age, her skills in the medical field were outstanding, so the other disciples loved and respected her even more.

Ever since she went in, Hanson kept a steady and straight gaze on her.

Oh, my! She looks so much like Vania! Is this girl the descendant of The Great Chemist's junior? Or is she...?

Suppressing the suspicion in his heart, Hanson stared intently at the little girl who seemed to demand his attention.

Lily looked over at him and froze when their gazes met.

"The beautiful lady is awake now, and she wants to see you."

She stated her intentions, but still, she couldn't help examining Hanson.

When Hanson heard her speak, he instantly regained his senses and covered his mouth with a fist,

coughing to hide his gaffe.

"How is she now? Please take me to her." With a quick stride, Hanson stood in front of Lily.

"Come with me."

The couple looked very similar when they were panicking. Soon, the three followed her out of the room.

This place was a small piece of flatland in the mountains. Trees teemed all around them, and there was a winding brook a short distance away, with water so clear that one could see the riverbed.

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"The Great Chemist?"

The four were all in shock, and Lily answered, "That's correct. That day, we went out to forage for herbs together with our master, and we bumped into you. Our master rarely cared about other people, but for some reason, he decided to save you." It's odd, indeed.

"Can we see The Great Chemist?" Vania asked pleadingly.

"Since he saved you, of course, he'll meet you."

Vania's eyes lit up in joy. However, before she could celebrate, Lily continued, "But he's currently developing some medicine right now, and he'll only be available tomorrow."

"We don't have to rush things now, as long as we get to see him." Hanson comforted Vania, after which he looked at Lily and asked in a gentle voice, "May I know your name?"

Lily crossed her arms and humphed in her mind as she said stubbornly, "No, you may not."

You, my friend, have stolen the beautiful lady from me. Hmph!

They only met each other for three days, so there wasn't much interaction between Vania and Lily, but Lily already had the desire to occupy all of Vania's attention.

Seeing her stubborn behavior, Hanson raised an eyebrow. She reminded him of the babies at home. He was probably not suited to ask for anyone's name. He had asked for names just a few times but was rejected in every instant. Even a five-year-old had dismissed him.

Vania smiled and thought that Lily was adorable indeed, and she loved Lily to bits.

Seeing Vania's expression, Lily immediately spoke up. "Beautiful lady, you mustn't tell him my name, or I won't be friends with you either."

Vania smiled as she nodded, promising, "Okay, I won't tell him." Then, she was a little confused. "But what should I call you?"

Thinking for a bit, Lily said, "Since I call you 'beautiful lady', you can call me 'pretty girl'."

"All right, pretty girl." Vania could tell that Lily was one with a keen eye for aesthetics.

Just then, there was the sound of a door opening outside.

Lily said in surprise, "It's our master."

Without a second thought, Vania and Hanson immediately darted outside.

"Hm? So quick?" Realizing that they were gone, Lily followed them outside as well.

Meanwhile, The Great Chemist had emerged from his medicine-developing session and was standing upright at the entrance. Because of his old age, he had a long beard which made him look almost immortal.

"Mr. Great Chemist," Hanson and Vania said respectfully.

The Great Chemist studied Vania with a glance, then said to them, "Come with me."

After that, he pointed at Lily. "You wait outside."

"Oh?" She looked at Vania, a little reluctant to part from her.

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"I think you're fated to be..."

"No, I don't want to leave you, Master..." Before The Great Chemist finished talking, Lily barged in. She wrapped her arms tightly around The Great Chemist, tears streaming down her face. "Master..."

The Great Chemist caressed her hair lovingly. "Be a good child." Then, he looked at Vania. "You two are fated. As soon as I saw you, I knew it right away."

Vania stared at Lily. At the sight of the little girl crying, she felt her heart about to break as well. She stepped forth and pulled Lily into her embrace. She didn't say anything as she allowed Lily to cry, waiting for the latter to pour out all her feelings.

"Your wounds have healed considerably, and I'll have my disciples lead you out of the mountain tomorrow."

Then, he picked up the purse.

Vania spoke up again. "Old Mr. Bamboo wanted me to ask you some questions. He said—"

"No need. He'll understand when you return this purse to him after leaving the mountain."

Vania nodded. "Is there anything else you want us to do?"

The Great Chemist glanced at Lily, then shook his head. "I still have medicine to make, so make yourselves at home."

"Understood." Vania nodded, then turned to leave with Lily in her arms.

Just then, Lily got out of Vania's embrace and blocked The Great Chemist's path. "Master, allow me to bow down before you."

She knew that there was no changing The Great Chemist's mind.

"Please take care, Master."

Lily stopped crying and looked sincerely at The Great Chemist. After a long while, she got up and walked back to Vania's side, taking the latter's hand. "Let's go, beautiful lady."

Lily was quite mature for her age, and she knew that she was a homeless child. Now, she went with Vania also because The Great Chemist had helped her. So, she had to be extra careful in everything she did.

Aside from that, there was some sort of attraction pulling her close to Vania. If not, she would've insisted on staying behind.

Vania took Lily in her arms and wiped the tears off her face. "I once had a dream, and the angel in the dream looked exactly like you. You're a gift given to me by the heavens. Come with me, and I'll treat you like my own child."

It wasn't a bad idea to have two daughters. Moreover, she was deeply attracted to Lily.

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"Beautiful lady, are we leaving soon?" Lily asked when she woke up.

"Yup, is there anything else that you want to do?" Vania nodded.

"Nope. Let's go." Lily shook her head.

Before leaving, Vania wanted to bid goodbye to the others, but she didn't see a single soul as she walked around. Because of that, she realized it was probably what the Great Chemist wanted.

When Lily walked to the stone gate, she turned around and took a look around for the last time before telling Vania, "I know the way out. Please follow my lead."

After two hours, they managed to find their way out of the mountain while being guided by Lily. The route they took was different from the one they took to enter the mountain. When they turned around, they noticed that the winding paths that they took had disappeared. The place seemed to be magical, like Xanadu.

Vania was in awe of everything that had happened. Just then, Hanson carried Lily and asked softly, "Are you afraid of riding a chopper? We will be taking one later."

The moment Hanson carried Lily, she was stunned, but at the same time, felt especially at home. However, she pouted her lips and replied, "I'm not a scaredy-cat." She then tried to wiggle herself out of his arms and go to Vania, but Hanson refused to let go while he smiled at her.

By then, the helicopter was already hovering in mid-air. As it wasn't an ideal landing site, they could only get into the helicopter by climbing up the rope ladder.

"Darling, are you ok?" Hanson looked at Vania and Lily.

"I'll go first and carry Lily when I'm in."

When he saw that Vania had gotten into the cabin, he looked at Lily and said, "Hold on to me tightly."

"I can do it myself." She looked so confident, which resembled Vania. In the end, Lily managed to climb up all by herself.

Throughout the ride, Vania shared some knowledge with Lily so that she could know more about the outside world.

The first thing they did when they reached Gondalwelt was to go meet Old Mr. Bamboo. It seemed like more people had gathered at the Bamboo Pavilion to listen to his stories.

When one of the staff in the store saw Hanson entering, he walked over and said with a smile, "Sir, this way, please. Mr. Bamboo mentioned that you'll be back, but we never expected that it would be this soon."

As they entered the room, they saw Old Mr. Bamboo sitting by his desk and reading 'Legend of the Great Chemist' while reminiscing about the past.

"Old Mr. Bamboo." Hanson passed him the pouch.

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Vania couldn't hold in her happiness.

Hanson caressed his sons' head and announced, "This is Lily, who will be your sister from now on."

Five of the boys looked at her curiously, even though they had known about her earlier on. However, they were surprised to see her since it was their first time seeing her in person. They had a strong urge to protect their little sister.

After looking at her from head to toe, five of them greeted her simultaneously. "Hi, Lily."

When Lily, who was looking at them, heard their greeting, she replied politely, "Hello."

Five of the boys went up to her and told her as they held her hand, "We will protect you from now on."

Even though it was their first meeting, six of them seemed unusually close. Vania looked at them delightedly as she pondered when she would be able to find her daughter. Her family would have been complete if her daughter was with them.

"Let's go to the hospital now." Although it was already late at night, Vania couldn't wait any longer and eagerly wanted to see Jude wake up.

"Alright." All of them immediately headed for the hospital.

At the same time, April was looking after Jude. The child's vital signs were all normal. When April saw them coming in, he was stunned when he looked at all six children. They have good genes, he thought to himself.

"How is Jude?" Vania walked into the ward and asked impatiently.

Meanwhile, all of the children stood around the bed and looked at him concernedly. "Jude, I'm your little sister, Lily." She introduced herself before telling Vania, "Beautiful lady, I can save him."

Even though Lily was a five-year-old, she would instantly tell what disease he had with just a look. Although Vania was surprised to hear that, she trusted Lily.

"Are you going to treat him using this?" She showed her the Great Chemist's medicine.

"That's right. This is it." Lily nodded. "However, it needs to be taken with another medicine for it to be effective," she added.

She retrieved a pill from her pouch and showed it to Vania. "Here."

Lily was considered a child prodigy in the field of medicine as she could easily master the knowledge of pharmacology thoroughly. Although the medicine was developed by the Great Chemist, it wasn't as effective in treating the disease, and Lily was the only one who could rectify it.

This time around, Vania fully trusted her and passed her the Great Chemist's pill. She would have found it suspicious if it was someone else. After all, she couldn't just heedlessly decide on something that wasn't proven and relied solely based on her intuition.