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Matthew pondered for a while, then asked, "Uncle Ambrose, do you have any suspects?"

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Edmund looked embarrassed. "Come on, quit kidding me, Prince. This brat is but a kept man who lives off women in Eastcliff. What right does he have to be friends with you? You must be joking, right?"

However, upon hearing Edmund's words, the crown prince instantly flew into a rage and slapped him across the face. "F*ck you! Who the hell do you think you are, to think you're worthy of being on joking terms with me? Why don't you look at yourself in the mirror?"

Edmund's face turned deathly pale from being slapped. Clenching his teeth, he uttered, "Y-You better don't go too far, Prince!"

The crown prince kicked him in the stomach. "So what if I do? Even if I kill you here and now, will your family dare to say a word about that? F*cking schmuck. Have you forgotten how you knelt before me and begged for mercy in Stonedale back then? Think that you've become strong enough since we last met several years ago, huh? You've got quite a nerve, talking back to me like that!" he bellowed. As he spoke, he furiously rushed at Edmund, wanting to continue beating him up.

Edmund was stupefied at once. How could he expect the crown prince to have such a good rapport with Matthew? And besides, the crown prince was eccentric and volatile. Over so many years, Edmund had never heard of him having a friend, let alone a close buddy. But now, he was treating Matthew as his sworn brother. What's going on here?

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Chapter 1258

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Then, with a wave of his hand, someone next to him brought a wooden box over.

The wooden box was large, and it was wrapped in multiple layers of heat-insulation materials. Even so, everyone could sense a wave of scorching heat radiating from it as they sat here.

Inside the wooden box was the Seven-Leafed Lotus, the hottest and heatiest thing on earth.

Matthew clenched his fists. With the Seven-Leafed Lotus, he would be able to cure Crystal. Even if the Seven-Leafed Lotus couldn't force the Frost Charm out of her body, it would at least enable her to regain her ability to move!

Seeing Matthew's expression, the crown prince whispered to him, "What's the matter? You want the Seven-Leafed Lotus? Need my help?"

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The herb growers were led by a stocky middle-aged man who wore a cheerful smile all the time. "Hi, everyone. My surname's Peachy, but you guys can call me Silas," he said. After exchanging a few words of greeting with everyone, he got straight to the point, saying, "Everyone, I know you guys are here for the Seven-Leafed Lotus. Since everyone's here, I have to let you guys see the real thing, or else someone's gonna think that we're trying to get something without paying anything."

Then, with a wave of his hand, someone next to him brought a wooden box over.

The wooden box was large, and it was wrapped in multiple layers of heat-insulation materials. Even so, everyone could sense a wave of scorching heat radiating from it as they sat here.

Inside the wooden box was the Seven-Leafed Lotus, the hottest and heatiest thing on earth.

Matthew clenched his fists. With the Seven-Leafed Lotus, he would be able to cure Crystal. Even if the Seven-Leafed Lotus couldn't force the Frost Charm out of her body, it would at least enable her to regain her ability to move!

Seeing Matthew's expression, the crown prince whispered to him, "What's the matter? You want the Seven-Leafed Lotus? Need my help?"

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