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Although Austin's halberd was a sacred martial arts relic, it felt like a children's toy when compared with Kai's Dragonslayer Sword. Patrick narrowed his eyes slightly as they twitched slightly. While Skylar was envious of Kai's power, he also got anxious as it would be incredibly difficult for him to outperform Kai.

"What's the matter? Are you afraid?" the spirit inside Skylar's body asked when it detected the fluctuations in his mental state. "N-No, I'm not!" Skylar replied as he frantically tried to calm himself down.

"You can't lie to me. There's no need for you to worry, though. The stronger Kai gets, the more benefits we will be able to get out of him. Once he gets strong enough, Lord Tanner will be able to use his body to return to the Ethereal Realm. You might even be lucky enough to see him in person!" the spirit said excitedly.

Skylar had wanted to ask what the Ethereal Realm was, but he figured the spirit wouldn't tell him about it. Besides, he probably wouldn't understand even if the spirit did tell him, so he didn't bother asking.

"Now that you've obtained the ten-thousand-year-old tuber fleeceflower, let's get out of here!" Flaxseed called out to Kai. He knew that having that rare herb in one's possession would surely paint a target on one's back.

No deal or partnership was safe from betrayal when faced with something that tempting. Kai nodded and thanked Austin and Patrick before heading back to the hotel with Verner's men.

He didn't dare head over to the Zagorski residence with the ten-thousand-year-old-tuber fleeceflower in his possession, and he absolutely refused to go anywhere near Demon Sect. However, he did trust Verner as Wayne from The Adamantine had personally ordered the Gingerich family to help him out..

Kai believed that the Gingerich family wouldn't dare disobey a direct order from Wayne.

With the ten-thousand-year-old tuber fleeceflower in his hands, Kai was planning on refining it into a pill while he was staying in the hotel. That way, he wouldn't have to worry about others trying to take it from him.

However, an ordinary cauldron would not suffice for a rare herb of such level. That was when Kai recalled the Divine Cauldron from Medicine God Sect.

He quickly contacted Axton and had him bring the Divine Cauldron over to the hotel. "You must be tired, Mr. Chance. How about I make you some coffee?" Jessica asked when they arrived at the hotel.

"Thank you for helping out today, Ms. Zimmerman. You should get some rest as well. I'll have the hotel staff bring me some coffee instead, Kai replied politely.

"Oh, don't worry about it! I can get it for you!" Jessica said with a smile and left the hotel room. However, she found herself hesitating when she whipped out the Cultivation Reversal Potion and prepared to pour it into the coffee pot.

Kai had left a good impression on her all this while, so Jessica didn't want to harm him like this. However, she was a member of Demon Sect, so she had to follow Patrick's orders unconditionally.

After what seemed like forever, Jessica clenched her teeth and poured the Cultivation Reversal Potion into the coffee pot. She then gave it a good shake and brought it into the hotel room.

Jessica had a gloomy look on her face and didn't dare look at Kai while she poured him and Flaxseed a cup of coffee each. As Jessica would never pour Flaxseed coffee, he was a little surprised by her actions.

Even so, he wasn't planning on using women to numb himself. "You seem unwell, Ms. Zimmerman. Are you tired?" Kai asked when he noticed the strange look on her face.

"Oh, I'm fine! I probably just need a little bit of rest!" Jessica replied with a forced smile. "All right, then: You should go ahead and get some rest. We can take care of things here on our own," Kai urged her.

"I think I should at least stay until you two finish your coffee so I can clean up before going to bed," Jessica insisted. She wanted to personally watch them drink the coffee before leaving the room.

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Kai didn't bother arguing any further when he heard that. "It would be rude to turn Ms. Zimmerman away before finishing the drink she brought us. Cheers, Mr. Flaxseed."

Flaxseed raised his cup in response. The two of them were about to down their coffee when Jessica called out to them anxiously, "W-Wait!"

She was still feeling conflicted about this as she had no idea what would happen to Kai and Flaxseed afterward. It was possible that Patrick would have them both killed later. "What's wrong, Ms. Zimmerman?" Kai asked in confusion.

"I-I was just worried that the coffee might be a little too hot for you guys. W-Wouldn't want you two burning your tongues now, would we?" Jessica stammered nervously. Kai let out a faint chuckle. "It's fine."

He then chugged his coffee down in one go, prompting Flaxseed to do the same. Jessica had an inexplicable feeling in her heart when she saw them finish their coffee.

"You two carry on with your conversation. I'll go get some rest..." Flaxseed said as he got up and left the room. He hadn't even been staring at Jessica at all the entire time, much to her confusion.

"Did something happen to Mr. Flaxseed? I feel like he has become a completely different person," she asked curiously. Of course, Kai knew exactly what she was talking about. "Yes, he has changed quite a bit..."

Kai then told Jessica what happened to Flaxseed, shocking her to the core.

"What? I didn't know Mr. Flaxseed was such a spoony person! I always thought he was just an old pervert. I can't believe he went through something like that. That poor guy..."

Jessica found herself sympathizing with Flaxseed all of a sudden.

The woman he loved left him for another man on the night before their wedding, and she is now dead. Even so, Mr. Flaxseed still hasn't forgotten about her. That right there proves that he's a sentimental and loyal man.

"Everyone has their secrets that they keep from outsiders, Kai said with a faint smile. What Flaxseed experienced was nothing in comparison to what he went through a year ago.

Not only did he go to prison for his girlfriend, but she also left him for another man. However, Kai kept that part of his a secret from everyone else.

"Remember to lock your room door and window before going to bed, Mr. Chance. I'll get some rest now," Jessica reminded him as she cleaned up the table and left the room. Kai let out a sigh as he watched her leave. "You're a good girl. Let's just hope you appreciate the chance I have given you."

Those words had barely left Kai's mouth when Flaxseed returned to the room. "How did you know that Jessica was going to poison us, Kai?" he asked in confusion.

"I noticed a strange scent on her ever since she returned from Demon Sect. That scent was not there before, so I had my suspicions. On top of that, Patrick and his men showed up in the nick of time while we were fighting for the ten-thousand-year-old tuber fleeceflower today. There's no way it's a coincidence. He must've been watching us the entire time. I also caught a whiff of that strange scent in the coffee that Jessica had brought us earlier. Her facial expression was also extremely unnatural. Did you not notice that?" Kai replied with a faint smile.

Flaxseed shook his head. "No, I didn't. The coffee smelled just fine to me."

"Of course, you wouldn't be able to pick up on that scent. You'd have been an alchemist if you could. It's funny how they did so much planning but are unaware of the fact that my body is immune to such poisons. Whatever they gave me is only going to be converted into resources for my cultivation," Kai said.

His Focus Technique was able to refine anything, including poisons that entered his body and turn them into cultivation resources.

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"You're invulnerable, but what about me? Still, I don't feel anything strange going on in me.. Could it be that your guess was wrong?"

Flaxseed felt well, and he did not show any signs of poisoning. "The poisoning might not be fatal. They might be aiming for something else." With that, Kai turned to look at the ten-thousand-year-old tuber fleeceflower.

"Could the Demon Sect have poisoned us for the ten-thousand-year-old tuber fleeceflower? Why don't they get it themselves instead of stealing it from you?" Flaxseed wondered out loud.

"I'm not sure either, but the ten-thousand-year-old tuber fleeceflower mustn't be the only thing they're after. There's something odd about Patrick, but I can't tell what it is. Moreover, I've only seen the lord of the Demon Sect once. I'm starting to doubt the existence of the Demon Sect's lord. I think the one who's controlling Demon Sect is actually Patrick," Kai enunciated.

"What are these people trying to do? I'd say that the demon spirits aren't trustworthy," Flaxseed gritted out. "I don't think so. I doubt the members of Demon Sect know that their lord is gone and that

they've been heeding Patrick's orders instead. Moreover, the members of Demon Sect aren't the same as the other demon spirits as in they're not the murderous kind. They're only getting tricked by Patrick. As for what's going on right now, I'd say we'll find out

tonight. I have an antidote with me. Regardless of whether or not you feel unwell, you should take it first.”

Kai passed Flaxseed a pill. Although Flaxseed seemed fine, he might not actually be fine. Flaxseed took the pill and swallowed it before leaving Kai’s room. Jessica went back to Demon Sect to make her report.

“Jessica, have you made Kai take the Cultivation Reversal Potion?” Patrick asked. Jessica bobbed her head. “Yes, I have.”

“You’ve done well! You’ve done plentiful for our Demon Sect!” As Patrick spoke, he walked over to Jessica and gently caressed her cheek. Then, he kissed her.

Complicated feelings washed over Jessica. She would have been delighted about it if it had been another day. However, that day, Jessica felt nothing for him. In fact, she even thought of moving away from him. After a while, Patrick realized that she was not responding to his kiss. Hence, he asked, “What’s wrong?”

“...” A worried look crept onto Jessica’s face. “Mr. Sullivan, are you going to kill Kai?” “What’s the matter? Are you worried about him?” Patrick asked, frowning.

“No, I just don’t think that there’s a need for us to kill someone if we can get what we want,” Jessica hastily replied. However, Patrick stared at her for a moment before abruptly slapping her.

Smack! Jessica fell to the ground from the force. Lifting Jessica, Patrick scrunched up his face and snarled, “B*tch, have you fallen for him? I can’t believe you’re worried about him now. Tell me, have you slept with him?”

Jessica was frightened out of her wits. She had never seen Patrick act so viciously. Patrick was usually a polite, mild-mannered person, and his sudden transformation took Jessica aback.

At her silence, Patrick shoved her onto the bed before tearing her clothes away. Jessica tried to fight back, but Patrick responded by beating her up. In the end, Jessica gave up. Her tears escaped her eyes in despair as Patrick ravished her.

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Jessica’s eyes were soulless. She could not fathom where the polite and gentle Patrick had gone to. Right in the middle of his assault, someone opened the door to the room.

Patrick was startled, and he turned to chide the one who had just barged in. However, he fell silent when he took in the appearance of the newcomer and quickly put on his clothes. "Mr. Malphas..." Patrick respectfully greeted.

Sure enough, the one who came was Skylar, who was wearing black. He briefly studied Jessica, who then hastily covered her body with the blanket.

Skylar sneered, and when he spoke, he had a raspy voice. "Patrick, I'm surprised that you still have the mood to have fun with a woman. How wonderful..."

The moment Jessica heard the voice, she instantly realized that there was a spirit within the man by the doorway. Only the members of the Evil Heart Sect could have possessions like that, for the act was forbidden in the Demon Sect.

Jessica stared at Skylar intently. The sudden appearance of an unfamiliar face at Demon Sect was making the alarm bells ring in Jessica's head. "Mr. Malphas, I—"

Patrick wanted to offer him an explanation, but he did not know where to start. "That's enough. I don't want your explanations. How goes the task I've assigned to you?" Skylar asked.

"Kai has taken the Cultivation Reversal Potion. I'm guessing that he has now turned into an ordinary man," Patrick answered.

"Good. Now that we've dealt with Kai, it's time for us to deal with those people on Encanta Island. After today, you will become the real vice president," Skylar said as he patted Patrick's shoulder.

"Thank you, Mr. Malphas. I'll work on it right away." With a nod, Patrick turned to glimpse Jessica before leaving the room. Soon, only Jessica and Skylar were left in the area.

Skylar narrowed his eyes. As he stared at Jessica's fair shoulders and skin, lust entered his eyes. "Do what you must do. There's no need for you to worry about the lack of women in the future," said the spirit within Skylar.

At that, Skylar hastily left the room. Jessica did not know who Skylar was, but she knew that Kai was going to be in danger. As a matter of fact, the entire Demon Sect was going to be in danger.

After hurriedly putting on her clothes, Jessica rushed toward the door, only to find that it was locked. There was even an arcane array set up to stop Jessica from escaping.

Meanwhile, many higher-ups of Demon Sect had been gathered in Demon Sect's hall. "Why did Mr. Sullivan summon us?"

"I don't know! I was already in bed."

"I fought earlier in the day, and my muscles are sore. I was about to sleep too!" "It's been such a long while since our sect has gone into a major conflict with someone."

The higher-ups were all discussing away, but Simon, unlike the rest, was frowning in silence.

"Simon, you weren't around today, so you won't know how Mr. Sullivan brought us to a fight where we crushed our opponents," one explained to Simon.

The latter nodded, but he still had a worried look on his face. It seemed like Simon had learned about something. Soon, Patrick arrived, and the rest quickly clamped their mouths shut and took their seats.

"Everyone, I have gathered you all here for an announcement. You must know about the restoration of spiritual energy and about the renewed strifes. The self-proclaimed righteous sects will certainly try to wipe us demon spirits out. Therefore, we will be joining forces with the Evil Heart Sect before the restoration of spiritual energy.

We originated from the same beings, so why should we be enemies? As long as we work together, those sects and prestigious families won't stand a chance. against us. They'll submit to us!" Patrick's words made the crowd go wild.