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Unbeknownst to Atlas, Hyrum had already broken out in a cold sweat. Nevertheless, he suppressed his panic and forced a smile. “Who’s this person? I can’t believe they said I’m a Demonic Cultivator.

What a joke...”

“Oh, one of my brothers brought him over. From what I heard, that young man’s on the same team as Mr. Chevalier, but I didn’t bother asking for more details,” Atlas casually replied.

Hyrum instantly froze as his gaze darkened. “Does that young man go by the last name Chance?”

Atlas nodded. “Yes. I heard Mr. Chevalier addressing him as Mr. Chance...”

“Oh my! That’s Kai Chance. He’s the man I told you to help me capture, Mr. Jablonski!” Hyrum hastily answered.

“What? That’s the guy?” Atlas blurted out, a confused look on his face. “He’s just a Body Fusion Realm cultivator, though. Besides, his medical skills aren’t any good. Why would you have a grudge against him, Mr. Goeckner?”

I don’t get it... Mr. Goeckner is an advanced alchemist, for goodness’ sake. Why would he hold a grudge against someone as insignificant as Kai Chance?

“Please don’t ask any more questions, Mr. Jablonski. As long as you help me capture Kai, I promise to cure Ms. Jablonski’s illness,” Hyrum retorted.

Atlas gave a quick nod. "All right, then. I'll lead my men over this instant. They're staying right next door!"

Soon, Atlas left with a team of subordinates to Victor's yard, leaving Hyrum to wait in anticipation.

Hah! Once Kai is captured, I'll leave with the punk! Who cares about the poison in Effie's body?

Upon seeing Atlas marching into his yard with a group of men, Victor became bewildered. "Atlas, why have you suddenly come here?"

This is odd... Even though we live side by side, Atlas seldom comes here!

"Victor, is the young alchemist you brought to me yesterday called Kai Chance?"

Victor nodded. "Yes. He's Kai Chance. I heard him introduce himself yesterday."

"Good. I'm here to capture him. Where's he staying?"

"He's in the innermost room on the east wing." Victor replied.

With that, Atlas hurriedly left for the room.

Meanwhile, Kai had busied himself with his cultivation. Even though there was very little celestial energy in the yard, it was still better than nothing, so he took the opportunity to strengthen his cultivation level.

Just as Atlas and his men reached Kai's room and were about to barge in, Feenix and Cloud rushed forward to block them.

"Who are you guys? How can you barge into other people's rooms?"

Neither Feenix nor Cloud knew who Atlas was, so how could they let him intrude on Kai's privacy?

By then, the others had also heard the commotion and stepped out of their rooms. Needless to say, Hamish was shocked when he realized Atlas had shown up with a group of men in tow.

“What’s this about, Mr. Jablonski?” Hamish asked.

“I’m here to capture Kai Chance. Is he inside this room?”

“Mr. Jablonski, why do you want to capture Mr. Chance?” Hamish answered, feeling even more perplexed than before. “Has something happened?”

“Stop asking questions. I want everyone to step aside this instant. Otherwise, don’t blame me for taking strict action!” Atlas replied coldly.

Hamish immediately looked at Victor, hoping the latter could help speak up for Kai. To his dismay, the man pretended not to have seen anything.

Since Atlas had mobilized his men to apprehend Kai, Victor knew there must be a reason behind it. Why, then, would he want to interfere?

Annoyed that no one was making way for him, Atlas shuddered and unleashed a shockwave that sent everyone flying to the ground.

“Hmph! A bunch of insolent fools...” he scoffed. However, just as he was about to open Kai’s room door, Misho suddenly appeared before him.

“Hold on! No one is allowed to take Mr. Chance away...”

After all, Misho was saved by Kai, so how could he sit idly by and allow the latter to be taken away?



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“You dare stop me?”

Atlas flew into a towering rage, for they were in Salinsburgh City, and he was the mayor. As such, his words were the law. Yet, someone actually dared to stop him right then.

What audacity!

Lifting a hand, he swung it at Misho. It was a casual move, but it blotted out the sun as infinite force came rushing down from the sky.

In the face of the attack, a sword promptly materialized in Misho's hand. On the heels of that, a number of sword flowers manifested with a single slash of it.

Each sword flower was beyond powerful. As they took shape, countless rays of light shot into the air and collided with Atlas' blow.

“Hmph! You're merely a Sixth Level Tribulator, but you dared act insolent with me!”

Snorting coldly, Atlas shattered the rays of light effortlessly before striking Misho on the shoulder, making the latter stumble back several steps.

He had held back while making that move, evidence that he did not want to kill Misho. However, it was also clear that there was a gap between the two men's capabilities.

“Are you okay, Grandpa?”

When Izolda saw that Misho had suffered a blow, she hastily rushed forward and put that question forth in concern. Misho said nothing, fixing his eyes on Atlas solemnly.

“You’d best get out of the way, buddy. Mr. Jablonski has no intention of killing you. Otherwise, you would’ve been long since dead,” Victor said to Misho.

Unexpectedly, Misho countered coldly, “I’m alive today because of Mr. Chance. Therefore, no one is allowed to take him away before my eyes unless I’m dead.”

Righteous by nature, he never threw his weight around despite being the strongest person on the team. Besides, he attached great importance to loyalty and honor. Kai helped to neutralize his poison, so it was akin to saving his life.

Now that Kai was in trouble, he would never sit back and do nothing. It was also because of such a personality of his that he had always been respected. Even if Izolda created trouble out there, people would let things slide because of him.

“I initially didn’t want to kill you. Regretfully, you’re simply asking for it. In that case, don’t blame me for showing you no mercy.”

Atlas’ eyes narrowed a fraction. In the next second, his body trembled slightly. His Eighth Level Tribulator cultivation instantly made the sky darken. It was as though it was the end of the world.

Both Feenix and Cloud wanted to step forward to intervene. Alas, the aura emanating from him made it impossible for them to even raise their heads.

Gritting his teeth, Misho desperately stood his ground against the powerful aura.

“If you want to apprehend me, I’ll just go with you. There’s no need to hurt others.”

At that precise moment, Kai’s voice drifted out of the room. As soon as Atlas heard that, his aura waned. Consequently, the initially dim sky likewise reverted to normal.

Kai slowly opened the door and stepped out.

“Mr. Chance!”

“Master!”

Feenix, Cloud, and the others immediately rushed up to him.

“You can’t go with him, Master. Otherwise, you’ll be in great danger,” Feenix dissuaded.

“Exactly! You definitely can’t leave with him, Mr. Chance. Otherwise, you won’t be able to return,”

Cloud echoed anxiously.

“Mr. Chance, although I’m no match for Mr. Jablonski, I can still hold him off for a while. You can use that time to flee.”

Misho was determined to fight to the death.

His attitude moved Kai greatly.

“What must be, must be. It doesn’t matter for me to go with him. Even if we were to resist, none of us are his match, and all casualties would only be in vain,” Kai murmured calmly.

“If you want to make a run for it, Master, I’m willing to give my life up to buy you time.”

Worry was written all over Feenix’s face.

“So am I, Mr. Chance. So long as you’re safe and sound, I don’t mind dying for you!” Cloud declared without a shred of hesitation.

Atlas stood at the side, his curiosity inexorably piqued when he saw so many people willing to give their lives for Kai.

He could not fathom the latter's charm when he was only a young alchemist and a Body Fusion Realm cultivator.

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“Step aside, everyone. I’m leaving with him.”

After Kai had said that, he walked right up to Atlas. “May I know why you want to apprehend me?”

“I’m only keeping my promise to someone. I’ve said I’ll agree to a term of whoever saves my daughter. The term proposed is to apprehend you,” Atlas revealed openly.

Hearing that, Kai grew all the more convinced of his postulation. The corners of his mouth turned up uncontrollably, and he agreed with a smile, “Sure, I’ll go with you!”

Atlas’ subordinates stepped forward to tie the man up, but Atlas stopped them with a wave of his hand.

“There’s no need to tie him up. He won’t take off.”

Atlas knew that Kai would not make a break for it since he had not done so even when so many people offered to buy him time earlier.

“Let’s go!” he said to Kai icily.

Smiling, Kai headed out. When Feenix and Cloud saw that, they wanted to tag along. But following a burst of aura from Atlas, they both collapsed on the ground.

Kai then entered the mayor’s residence with Atlas. At that moment, Hyrum was in Effie’s room, and the latter had already consumed the pill he refined.



“With this pill, Ms. Jablonski, you won’t suffer a recurrence in half a year. After taking it three times in succession, you’ll make a full recovery,” Hyrum said to Effie.

“Thank you, Mr. Goeckner!” Effie had elation etched across her features. Then, I’ll no longer have to be tied up or go mad from time to time like a nutcase!

Just then, Atlas came into the room with Kai.

The instant Hyrum caught sight of Kai, his eyes lit up. Meanwhile, Kai stared at him and drawled with a smirk, “Sure enough, it’s you. Looks like I hit the nail on the head.”

“You indeed hit the nail on the head. It’s me. Now that you’re in my hands, I’m going to have you experience a fate worse than death!”

Recalling his parasitic silkworms, Hyrum seethed inwardly.

“I’ve already brought him here, Mr. Goeckner, and you can deal with him as you please. How’s my daughter’s illness?”

“Don’t worry, Mr. Jablonski. I’ll continue refining pills when I get back. I assure you that Ms. Jablonski will remain hale and hearty,” Hyrum assured, patting himself on the chest. Subsequently, he added, “But please strip this kid of his capabilities first lest he escapes, Mr. Jablonski.”

“Why would you be afraid of him, a mere Body Fusion Realm cultivator, when you’re a Tribulator, Mr. Goeckner?”

Atlas could not figure out why Hyrum wanted him to go as far as destroying Kai’s cultivation.

“This kid is skilled at trickery. I’ve been fooled several times, so it’s safer to incapacitate him,” Hyrum replied.

“All right, then. If so, I’ll destroy his cultivation first.”

At that, Atlas decided to divest Kai of his cultivation.

Despite the turn of events, Kai uttered unhurriedly, “You’d better think twice, Mr. Jablonski. If you destroy my cultivation, your daughter will never recover. As I’ve said, she’s poisoned, not sick.

Worse still, the poison has already entered her blood. Other than me, I’m afraid no one can save her. This guy here is a Demonic Cultivator. He didn’t cure your daughter of her sickness but merely used a pill to temporarily suppress her condition. In a few days, she’ll suffer a recurrence.”

His words promptly made Atlas waver.

Contrarily, Hyrum immediately retorted, “Nonsense! You’re the Demonic Cultivator! Don’t slander me to save yourself. I can certainly cure Ms. Jablonski of her illness. Could my medical skills be inferior to those of a kid like you when I’ve lived much longer?”

Upon hearing that, Atlas found that it made sense. After all, Hyrum was already up in years while Kai was merely a kid. Even if the latter had started learning alchemy in the womb, he could not possibly have attained much.

“We’ll soon know whether you can cure her.”

With a light flick of Kai’s finger, an imperceptible wisp of aura entered Effie’s body.

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When that wisp of aura entered Effie's body, she was stunned briefly. On the heels of that, her eyes  
started glowing red.

“Don’t listen to this kid’s nonsense, Mr. Jablonski. I’ve already been fooled several times. It’s best that you incapacitate him.”

Hyrum urged Atlas to destroy Kai’s cultivation.

None of them noticed the change in Effie at the side. Atlas alternated his gaze between Hyrum and Kai. In the end, he still chose to believe the former. Thus, he shot his hand out at the latter.

However, Kai remained standing there motionlessly. In fact, not a hint of fear showed in his eyes. While Atlas was bewildered and wondered why the man was not afraid, a sudden roar split the air behind him.

Effie, who was perfectly fine earlier, was presently no different from a lunatic. With her eyes almost popping out of their sockets, she lunged at Hyrum.

The distance between them was the shortest, so she attacked the man first. The abrupt attack caught Hyrum off guard for a moment. He instinctively shot his hand out and sent her flying.

But right after doing so, he instantly froze on the spot, for the blow had leaked his aura in a heartbeat. Atlas was momentarily taken aback. Subsequently, he gaped at Hyrum in disbelief.

“You’re really a Demonic Cultivator?”

Without bothering to say anything, Hyrum spun around and leaped into the air, swiftly beating a hasty retreat. Since his identity had come to light, he had no choice but to flee quickly.

Atlas’ face contorted into a mask of fury, and he reflexively wanted to give chase. But after glancing at Effie, who had fallen to the ground, he was gripped by the urge to go over and check on her.

“Leave Ms. Jablonski to me, Mr. Jablonski. I’m definitely capable of curing her. Hurry up and give chase. Don’t let that Demonic Cultivator escape,” Kai said to Atlas.

Atlas took a long look at the man. Ultimately, he whirled around and gave chase. No sooner than he had done so than Kai locked the room door.

Like a wild beast, Effie launched herself at Kai. The girl who had been graceful and delicate a moment ago had turned into a beast presently, looking exceedingly terrifying.

As Kai regarded her in her manic state, he frowned slightly. Although she had lost all reason and her capabilities had weakened significantly, he still could not go all out since he could not hurt her.

Right then, he had to first restrain her before using silver needles to force the poison out. In Effie's current condition, he had no way of treating her. With a wave of his hand, he set up an arcane array around the room. Then, he engaged in battle with her.

In no time, crashes rang out in the room. If it weren't for Kai setting up an arcane array beforehand, the room would have been in ruins ages ago.

Effie attacked Kai madly while the latter used his skills to parry as he dodged. Gradually, Effie's frantic attacks drained her of energy. Sweat dotted her forehead.

However, her sweat turned out to be black in color, and it stained her entire face. As Kai stared at her in bafflement, she suddenly stopped attacking.

The crimson in her eyes slowly faded, and she regained her sanity once again. Effie swept her gaze over the messy room before pinning her eyes on Kai.

With perplexity written all over her face, she promptly asked, "What happened here? And where's my father? Why did I have a manic episode again? Weren't I already cured?"

Panic swamped her, for she could not figure out what exactly happened.

“Calm down first, Ms. Jablonski. It wasn’t a manic episode. You’ve been poisoned. I have a few questions for you now. You need to give truthful answers for me to help you,” Kai uttered cautiously upon seeing that she had regained her sanity.

Effie eyed the man. Realizing he harbored no hostility toward her, she nodded and replied, “Okay. Go ahead.”

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“Does black sweat always flow out of your body whenever you suffer from your poisoning?” Kai asked.

Effie nodded. “Yes, that’s right. I’ll wake up whenever my body releases black sweat.”

“You need to get that poison out of your body as soon as possible. Otherwise, you’ll lose more than your mind the next time it acts up. You could very well lose your life!” Kai said with a stern look on his face.

The poison in Effie’s body is worse than I thought!

“What should I do, then?” Effie was starting to panic.

“Calm down and do as I say. I’ll treat you with silver needles to force the poison out of your body.

Now, take off your clothes,” Kai said while retrieving a bag of silver needles from his pocket.

Effie froze. “What? Why do I have to take off my clothes?”

“How else would I apply the needles?” Kai retorted.

Effie shot Kai a cautious glare as she asked, “D-Do you actually know medicine? Or are you just trying to take advantage of me?”

“I’m the alchemist, and you’re my patient. To me, you’re nothing but a bunch of organs put together. Now, hurry up and take your clothes off. I may not be able to treat you if we delay this any longer,” Kai said, urging her.

“Oh, please! Don’t give me that cr\*p! You asked me to take off my clothes right off the bat! You’re just a pervert! I know what you’re scheming! I’ll go tell my dad that you’re a pervert!”

Effie was about to run out of the bedroom when Kai reached his arm out and stopped her.

“You can’t go out there! Take off your clothes now, or it will be too late!” he said sternly.

“No, I won’t! I would rather die than take off my clothes!”

“Then don’t blame me for what I’m about to do next,” Kai said, then reached out to rip Effie’s clothes off.

Effie struggled with all her might, and the two got into yet another fight. However, Effie was too weak, so it didn’t take long for Kai to overpower her and rip most of her clothes off.

“You f\*cking pervert! I’ll kill you!” Effie sobbed while punching and kicking at Kai. Kai maintained a neutral expression as he grabbed whatever clothing was left and ripped them off Effie’s body.

Effie froze on the spot. The fact that a princess like herself was forcefully stripped in her own house humiliated her to no end.

Ignoring the tears flowing down Effie’s cheeks, Kai grabbed the silver needles and started inserting them into her body.



Effie was so weak that she couldn't even resist. As Kai ran his hand over her body, he would stop at certain spots and jab a silver needle in it. By the end of the treatment, Kai had practically touched Effie's entire body.

With the insertion of the last silver needle, Effie felt as though a huge load had been lifted off her body, and the depressing feeling in her mind was also gone in an instant.

On top of that, black-colored blood continued oozing out of the silver needles. Although Effie knew that Kai was helping her force the poison out, the fact that he had touched a princess like her all over angered her to no end.

I can't believe he touched every single part of my virgin body, including my most private parts! Being violated like this is so humiliating that I would rather die from the poisoning instead!

As most of the poison had been removed, Effie regained most of her strength and could finally move freely. Not wanting to let Kai stare at her naked body any longer, she grabbed her clothes and tried to put them on.

"Don't move, and don't get dressed either! Just stand there and hold still!" Kai called out to her.

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Effie's expression slid into a frown as she asked, "You've seen my naked body, ran your hands all over it, and treated me with your silver needles. Why can't I get dressed?"

"Staying naked will help with removing the poison, Kai replied.

“Nonsense! I bet you just want to keep ogling me!” Effie’s face burned bright red with anger. Had Kai not treated her, she would have tried to hit him again.

“You’re a patient, so you need to do as I say. Otherwise, I’ll simply have to stop you by force. You’re no match for me anyway,” Kai said calmly.

“You...” Effie shot Kai a fierce glare but remained still nonetheless. After all, Kai was right about her being no match for him.

Ugh! I’ve reached Tribulation, so why is a Body Fusion Realm cultivator like Kai able to overpower me so easily? Is it really because of my poisoning?

While Effie held still, Kai walked up to her and observed the silver needles up close, his face almost touching Effie’s body. All Effie could do was close her eyes while blushing hard from embarrassment.

Once Kai removes these silver needles, I’ll get my revenge on him! Even if I don’t kill him, I’ll at least beat the living daylights out of him! I can’t let him get away with taking advantage of me!

Kai, however, was oblivious to Effie’s thoughts. His brow furrowed when he realized the silver needles were too slow at removing the poison.

For some reason, the poison was incredibly stubborn and refused to leave Effie’s body. Effie’s life will be in danger if we don’t get this poison out completely!

“Ms. Jablonski, the poison in your body is way too stubborn. At this rate, we won’t be able to clear it out completely even if you remain like this for three days. We’ll have to stimulate your nervous system to get your blood pumping. Not only will it speed up the process, but it will also ensure the poison is removed completely,” Kai said.

“Stimulate my nervous system? What do you mean by that?” Effie asked in confusion.

“Pardon me for asking, but are you married, Ms. Jablonski?” Kai asked. Effie shot Kai a glare and replied, “I don’t even have a boyfriend, so how could I possibly be married?”

“Then, do you...”

Kai paused and motioned at Effie. Effie’s face burned bright red instantly. “What are you talking about? I’m not that kind of woman!”

“In that case, I will have no choice but to do it for you,” Kai said and injected Effie’s body with a burst of aura. Before Effie even realized what was going on, her body had been completely immobilized.

“W-What are you doing?” Effie asked with panic written all over her face.

“Treating you, of course,” Kai replied and reached his hands out. Effie felt her body heating up on the spot as her nervous system was stimulated. The rate at which the black-colored blood flowed out of the silver needles increased as well.

As Kai was incredibly experienced with women, stimulating a virgin like Effie was a piece of cake for him.

It wasn’t long before Effie started moaning in pleasure. Meanwhile, outside of Effie’s room, Atlas had successfully caught Hyrum and Xanthus.

Xanthus looked daggers at Hyrum.








Despite having Atlas hot on his trail, Hyrum had run toward the Demonic Cultivators’ hiding spot, leading the former straight to them. That resulted in Atlas capturing all of them. As if that wasn’t bad enough, Hyrum even lost his cultivation in the process.

After capturing the two, Atlas went to check in on Effie to see how the treatment was going. He had just arrived outside her bedroom door when he heard questionable sounds coming from inside.

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Atlas froze in confusion when he heard that. However, his feelings of confusion were quickly replaced by rage. I can't believe Kai would take advantage of my daughter while I was away!

Atlas was about to kick the door open when Calliope stopped him. She had come to check in on Effie out of concern as well. Upon hearing the moans, however, she had chosen not to enter the room.

"What are you doing?" Calliope asked.

"That b\*stard is violating our daughter! I'm going to kill him!" Atlas exclaimed furiously.

"Think about how humiliating it'll be for Effie if you barge in there right now! Besides, that guy has nowhere to run anyway. We should wait until the sounds stop before entering. Also, it doesn't sound like Effie is resisting at all," Calliope said.

Atlas froze when he heard that. After he took a moment to listen carefully, his anger subsided significantly.

Just like that, Atlas and Calliope waited patiently outside the bedroom. Kai was so focused on removing the poison from Effie's body that he had no idea they were waiting outside.

There was a huge amount of black-colored blood on the floor. In the end, Effie spat out a huge mouthful of black-colored blood and fainted weakly on the spot.

Kai knew that the poison had been completely removed from Effie's body when he saw that. He then removed the silver needles from her body and woke her up by injecting some aura into her.

Upon regaining consciousness, Effie reached for her clothes. After getting dressed, she raised her hand, wanting to hit Kai.

"Hey! I just removed the poison from your body! Why are you attacking me?" Kai exclaimed while dodging her blow.

Upon feeling relief and seeing the black-colored blood on the floor, Effie knew that Kai had indeed saved her life by removing the poison. However, she couldn't bring herself to accept his methods.

"You don't have to thank me for saving your life, but I do have some conditions," Kai said.

"How dare you make demands after taking advantage of me?" Effie exploded with anger when she heard that

"How could you say I was taking advantage of you when I nearly died of exhaustion? If anything, you're the one who benefited the most from this!" Kai retorted.

Effie glared at Kai but didn't know what to say in response. "If anyone asks, you mustn't tell them what you did to save my life!"

"Don't worry! Your father will kill me if I say a word about this."

Naturally, Kai wasn't foolish enough to let Atlas know what he did to his daughter.

"You think that's going to keep me from finding out?" Atlas yelled as he kicked the door open and stormed into the bedroom. Calliope followed behind him and ran up to Effie. "Are you all right, Effie?"

Effie's face grew even redder when she found out that her parents had been outside the whole time.

"I'm fine, Mom. I'm all better now," Effie replied.

"That's good to hear!" Calliope eyed Effie from head to toe. "Did he force himself on you just now? Your father and I heard everything. Don't be afraid to tell us what happened. Your father will surely avenge you!"

"This is a misunderstanding, Mom! He didn't take advantage of me. He was just treating me!"

"Treating you? What kind of treatment requires you two to..."

Calliope didn't finish her sentence, but Effie knew exactly what she was going to say.

"Mrs. Jablonski, I think you and Mr. Jablonski have gotten the wrong idea. Ms. Jablonski is still a virgin. All I did was stimulate her nervous system to get her blood pumping to purge her body of the poison. Now that the poison has been completely removed from her body, she'll be all right," Kai explained.

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Calliope glanced at Effie and asked in confusion, “Is that true, Effie?”

“It’s true, Mom. I’m still a virgin!” Effie replied with her face all red.

"That doesn't make sense, though. I heard your voice from outside earlier. It didn't sound right at all!"

Calliope said.

Effie then leaned in close and whispered something into her ear. Calliope frowned upon hearing that and eyed Kai from head to toe.

"What's wrong, Calliope?" Atlas asked. Calliope then whispered something into Atlas' ear as well, causing his expression to turn gloomy instantly.

"What should we do?" Calliope asked, feeling a little lost.

Although this man did violate Effie, he only did it to treat her! She's still a virgin, so I can't hold a grudge against him! Even so, I can't just let him walk away like this either! Not only has he seen my precious daughter's naked body completely, but he also...

"You've seen my daughter's naked body, young man. If word were to get out about this, I would become the laughingstock of this town! Given what you've done to her, I will have no choice but to have you marry her. No one will say a word about this if you two are a married couple," Atlas said hesitantly.

"What are you saying, Dad?" Effie exclaimed with a look of disbelief on her face.

"Mr. Jablonski, I have only met your daughter a while ago. How can I possibly marry her? I don't agree to this!" Kai said, rejecting his request on the spot.

"You have to agree! Otherwise, I will have you killed!" Atlas yelled furiously. The look in Kai's eyes grew cold as he said, "I won't agree even if I die!"

This is so unreasonable! All I did was help remove the poison from Effie's body! Why should I marry her? If a man has to marry a woman simply because he saw her naked body, then all the male

gynecologists in the mundane world will have countless wives! I will never marry Effie! I've promised Josephine that she will be the first woman I marry, so I will not marry any other woman until Josephine and I are married!

"How dare you defy me? Die!" Atlas roared.

He was about to hit Kai when Effie rushed forward and stood in between them.

"Dad! Regardless of what he did, he is still my lifesaver. How would others view us if you killed him? What would they think of you?"

As much as Effie hated Kai for what he did, she wouldn't go as far as wanting him dead. She knew full well that Kai only did all that to help remove the poison from her body.

"Calm down, Atlas. He did save our daughter's life," Calliope added. Atlas' anger only subsided after he heard what they said.

Suddenly, Victor arrived with Hamish and the others.

"This may be a misunderstanding, Atlas. The alchemist who treated Effie may be a Demonic Cultivator."

Hamish had told Victor everything in detail after Kai was captured. That was why Victor had come rushing over with them. If that alchemist really was a Demonic Cultivator, then Effie's life could be in danger.

"I know, Victor. I've already captured that Demonic Cultivator," Atlas said. Victor froze in shock while Hamish and the others stepped forward to examine Kai.

"Are you all right, Mr. Chance?" Hamish asked.

Kai nodded. "I'm fine."

Effie flashed Victor a smile and said, "I'm all right now, Uncle Victor. It's all thanks to Mr. Chance."

"I'm so glad that you're all better now!" Victor exclaimed in joy when he saw that Effie was no longer pale and sickly.

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Seeing that a crowd had arrived, Atlas could not settle the score with Kai anymore and said, “I’m going to order for a banquet to be prepared as an apology to Mr. Chance. It was all on me for believing that Demonic Cultivator’s lies.”

Victor likewise turned his gaze to Kai. He uttered apologetically, “I didn’t expect your medical skills to be so incredible. I’m truly impressed.”

“I hope you don’t forget our deal, Mr. Victor,” Kai said.

“No, of course not,” Victor replied with a chuckle.

“This way, please, Mr. Chance.”

Atlas ushered Kai to attend the banquet.

“Mr. Jablonski, I only saved your daughter because I had a deal with Mr. Victor. So, you don’t need to stand on ceremony with me. I would like to see that Demonic Cultivator now. I have a few questions for him,” Kai said to Atlas.

He did not bother taking the latter up on it, for Atlas had wanted to kill him earlier yet was hosting a banquet to entertain him at present. He would never attend it.

If it were not for Victor's celestial tree, perhaps he would not have intervened in the matter either.

"All right, then. I'll bring you to him." Atlas nodded in assent.

Kai walked past Atlas, and the latter murmured, "I hope you'll forever keep your mouth zipped on my daughter's treatment process."

Kai merely glanced at him before ignoring him outright. They arrived at the main hall. Xanthus and Hyrum were kneeling on the ground with men standing guard on both sides. At the sight of Kai, Xanthus and Hyrum started trembling uncontrollably.

"Mr. Jablonski, do you mind handing these two men over to me to deal with?" Kai asked.

"Sure!" Atlas agreed with a wave of his hand. Kai walked up to Xanthus and Hyrum. At that moment, Hyrum's cultivation had been destroyed, and he was no different from an ordinary person.

"Don't kill me. I'm willing to acknowledge you as my master. Please spare me," Hyrum begged incessantly with his gaze fixed on Kai. Conversely, Xanthus gritted his teeth hard. His body trembled slightly, but he did not plead for mercy.

"Are you not going to beg me?" Kai asked, looking at Xanthus.

Xanthus said nothing, merely casting a cold glance at him.

Kai waved his hand casually with a chuckle.

Bam!

In a flash, Hyrum's head exploded like a watermelon, and blood splattered all over Xanthus.

"I don't fancy having someone who's been stripped of his cultivation by my side," Kai sneered. The sight of Hyrum's tragic death beside him and the coppery smell of blood had fear begin to grip Xanthus.

"P-Please don't kill me! I can tell you a secret!" Xanthus exclaimed.

"What secret?" Kai asked.

"Promise not to kill me, and I'll tell you the secret," Xanthus bargained. At once, displeasure showed on Kai's face, and he reached out to strike Xanthus. "I don't want to know the secret anymore. Just go and meet your maker."

"No! The son of the president of the Demon Seal Alliance, Xavion Lefterov, went with the alliance's elders to Demonica Mountain," Xanthus hastily revealed.

"This is no secret. What use is it to me?" Kai countered nonchalantly.

"You can seize Xavion and use him to threaten the Demon Seal Alliance. Then, you won't be hunted down by the alliance anymore," Xanthus hurriedly explained.

"That's a good idea, but it seemingly has nothing to do with you, no?" Kai drawled.

"I can help you capture Xavion. Otherwise, you can't possibly achieve it with Mr. Cabeza there. The members of the Demon Seal Alliance won't suspect me. I can lend you a hand as long as you don't kill me."

Xanthus showcased his worth to the best of his ability to avoid having his head shattered by a blow from Kai. Kai retracted his hand at long last.

“That’s quite a good idea. But how can I believe you?” Kai asked Xanthus, staring straight at him.

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“I-H can hand you one of my bodily spirits. Then, I’ll be under your control, Xanthus offered.

Kai shook his head. “You’re a Sixth Level Tribulator cultivator. Even if you were to hand me one of your bodily spirits, I wouldn’t be able to control you. At that time, if I were to crush your bodily spirit, only your cultivation would be affected. Your life wouldn’t be at risk.”

“W-What do you want, then?” Xanthus had never expected the man to be so suspicious. Kai took out an orange pill from his pocket and tossed it at Xanthus. “This is a poison, and only I can make the antidote. Swallow it now, and I’ll let you go.”

With the poison in his hand, Xanthus threw it into his mouth without hesitation.

No matter the kind of poison, the most crucial thing right then was to safeguard his life. Seeing him swallow the pill without hesitation, Kai smiled and asked, “You think the poison is fake?”

“No, no, I’ve decided to collaborate with you, so there’s no point hesitating, Mr. Chance.”

Xanthus swiftly shook his head.

“All right, you may leave,” Kai said.

Xanthus was taken aback. “I can really leave?”

“Yes.” Kai nodded.

Xanthus got to his feet and headed out of the mayor's residence without anyone pursuing him.

The instant he stepped out of the mayor's residence, his gaze turned razor-sharp.

With a few leaps, he left Salinsburgh City.

"You really let that Demonic Cultivator leave, Mr. Chance? Someone like him never keeps his word,"

Hamish asked in bemusement upon seeing that Kai had truly allowed Xanthus to leave.

"It's okay. Since I dare let him go, I naturally have my own plan," Kai replied with a smile.

"Why is the Demon Seal Alliance following that Demonic Cultivator? And why is the Demon Seal Alliance hunting you down?" Atlas asked with puzzlement written all over his face.

Kai recounted the grudge between him and the Demon Seal Alliance briefly. It went without saying that he also brought the Demon Seal Alliance's secret to light.

As soon as Atlas heard that, he exclaimed in surprise, "I didn't expect the Demon Seal Alliance to collude with the Demonic Cultivators. We've all been fooled all these years. Fortunately, the Demon Seal Alliance doesn't have a branch in Salinsburgh City. Otherwise, I'd have wiped it out right away."

"Now that Ms. Jablonski is fully recovered, should be taking my leave."

Kai planned to leave the mayor's residence and go to Victor's place as soon as possible to absorb celestial energy.

"You saved my daughter, so feel free to propose any term you want, Mr. Chance. Or if you prefer spirit coins, you can also ask for however much you like," Atlas offered generously.

"I don't need anything. As I've said, I only saved your daughter because of my deal with Mr. Victor.

He has already given me the item I need."

After saying that, Kai turned to Victor and urged, "Let's go back, Mr. Victor."

"Let's go!" Victor bobbed his head. When they arrived back at his place, he unhesitatingly dismantled the arcane arrays around the celestial tree.

The moment the arcane arrays were dismantled, a gust of celestial energy hit them in the face.

"This tree is now yours."

Victor was not the least bit reluctant, for the celestial tree was nothing compared to Effie. Without saying anything further, Kai sat cross-legged under the tree and started cultivating.

Seeing that, everyone quickly left the backyard, locking the door behind them. On top of that, Hamish gathered everyone and started positioning them to guard over Kai.

Although Kai was only at Body Fusion Realm, everyone had witnessed his performance throughout the journey.

A giant among men like him was exceedingly rare, and they all believed that they would definitely gain something by following Kai to Demonica Mountain this time.

As Kai absorbed the celestial energy, Focus Technique within him circulated relentlessly. Soon, the day transitioned to night. He sat under the tree for two whole days and nights.