

Strongest Mage with the Lust system

Chapter 361: Fighting two three-star mages[1]

"Maybe. They are." Max nodded and then turned to Belen and sternly said, "Belen, we will have to use the sparrow if we want to avoid unnecessary trouble."

They should've used the sparrow after reaching the periphery of the forest to travel ahead, but Belen requested to wait until tomorrow morning because it hadn't recovered enough to fly after burning its blood essence to resist the slave seal yesterday.

Belen sighed and nodded, "Alright." She also knew they had to use the sparrow if they wanted to 'bandits' laying in wait in the valley.

Although she hadn't noticed them herself, she had no doubt that they were indeed there. Why was she sure, you ask? It's because she trusted Max wholeheartedly and knew he wouldn't speak carelessly.

She sent a strand of Mana into her pet storage ring and took out the crimson colour sparrow that had its eyes closed, seemingly asleep.

Feeling that it was out of its 'home', it opened its eyes. Seeing Max and Leticia staring at it, the sparrow panicked and hurriedly hid behind Belen.

Belen glanced at Max and said, "Please let me talk to it for a moment."

"Hmm. Try to hurry. We just need to cross this valley. You can let it rest until tomorrow morning." Max nodded. He could also see the bird wasn't in condition to fly right now so he didn't want to force it since Belen cared for it.

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"They are here, young master." As soon as Max's group entered the valley, one of the two Elders, who was a thin, wrinkled old man, immediately notified Jack.

"Elders, get ready. As long as they enter your hundred meters' range, attack that bastard with all of your might. Even if he is a three-star mage, after getting hit by your attacks unprepared, he should be severely injured if not dead outright. Not to mention he might not be a three-star mage." Jack ruthlessly ordered.

Then a lecherous glint flashed in his eyes as he ordered, "As for the two girls with him, don't kill them. I'll have some fun before killing them. Unfortunately, that seductive beauty isn't with them or it would've even more amazing."

"Yes, young master." The Elders nodded. Their eyes also flashed with lustful light and after they exchanged glances with each other, they turned to Jack.

However, before they could say anything, Jack scoffed, "What? You also want to play with them?" He knew these two old men, despite being more than sixty years old, were very perverted.

The Elders coughed dryly before shamelessly nodding, "We old men will be grateful if young master can give them to us after you are done with them."

Jack felt disgusted inwardly, but didn't show it on his. No matter what, they were his protectors and his only support until he became the three-star mage himself. Until then, he had to indulge them.

Moreover, he didn't really care what happened to the girls after he tasted them so he nodded, "Alright. You can have them after I'm done with them."

"Hehe, thank you, young master." The Elders licked their lips evilly and laughed.

"Hm?" Suddenly, the thin old man narrowed his eyes toward the entrance of the valley.

"What is it?" Jack asked.

"They have stopped at the entrance." The elder said. A moment later, he saw Belen take out red sparrow which caused him to frown.

"Young master, it seems they knew that we are waiting for them and trying to fly over the valley on their flying mount."

"That's not possible! There is no way they know this." Jack resolutely shook his head.

"Perhaps they are wary of the bandits." He guessed.

"Young master, what should we do now?" The second old man asked.

"Do what? Let's go and kill him." Jack snickered and waved his hand.

Whoosh!

A black winged hawk appeared in front of them with a whooshing sound. It was his slave beast. However, because it was stronger than him, he wasn't able to perfectly control it. So, if there was no need, they usually refrained from using it.

"Let's go." He jumped on its back before indicating them to climb up too.

After that, they flew toward Max's group, which was only ten or so miles away from their current location.

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While Belen was communicating with the red sparrow, the system's voice rang in Max's ears, [Be careful, kid. They have noticed you guys and heading towards you.]

"Damn it!" Max cursed silently and then forced himself to calm down and asked in a low voice, "Can you tell how strong they are?"

[Two are mid-stage three-star mages, while the other one is only a high-stage two-star mage. As for their flying mount, it seems to be a peak two-star beast.] The system answered.

Hearing this, Max's expression became ugly.

Boom!

His three-star Mana surged out and enveloped his feet. Grabbing Belen and Leticia by their waist, he hastily said, "The enemy is here. Hurry and put away the beast."

Saying this, he didn't wait a second more and charged out of the valley. Fortunately, as soon as Belen noticed him releasing his aura, Belen knew they were in trouble and didn't have time to convince the bird, so she had already moved to store it in the spatial ring.

Whoosh!

Within a few seconds, Max had charged out of the valley since they were only at the entrance.

Although he knew he wouldn't be able to escape their pursuers since the enemies were on a flying beast while he was on foot, he didn't want to be ambushed in the narrow valley where his maneuverability would be restricted quite a lot. That's why he charged out of the valley and came into the open ground.

He glanced ahead and saw the forest. He wanted to go back there so he could use the forested terrain to make it difficult for the pursuers to chase them on their flying mount.

Chii!

However, he had barely run for five miles when he heard a piercing noise coming from behind his back.

Reflexively, he jumped to the side, barely dodging the projectile, which struck the ground and created a two feet deep hole.

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Beads of sweat formed on his forehead as he glanced at the hole where a Mana dagger was vanishing.

Shing! Shing!

Before he could stabilize his footing, two more daggers flew toward him at breakneck speed.

Whoosh!

Mana surged out of him and converged below his feet before he shot to the side like a bullet, dodging the Mana daggers once again.

Just as he was preparing to dodge the following attacks, the attacks paused before a peal of arrogant laughter rang out in the air.

"Hahaha! I didn't expect elves' high and mighty honoured guest to run around like a witless mouse. Why aren't you pretending to be calm now? Hahaha!"

"Hm?" Max, Belen and Leticia turned around and looked up to witness a large black-winged hawk with glittering red eyes slowly descending to the ground.

Three people stood on it. Two were old men, while the other one was younger, who seemed to be in his early thirties. His expression was the epitome of arrogance as he looked down at Max as if he was looking at some disgusting worm.

Although his disdainful expression immediately incensed Max, he was more surprised right now because he recognised the trio, especially the leader.

He was the guy who came with miss Janice and competed against him for the beauty pill. Belen and Leticia also remembered him immediately because he was too arrogant and left quite an impression on them.

However, they couldn't understand why these people were suddenly attacking them now. Were they here because of the beauty pill?

Seeing their expression, Jack laughed darkly, "So, it seems you guys remember me. Good. Good. So, you should also know why I'm going to kill you, right?"

Max furrowed his brows. He hadn't thought this guy would try to kill him just because he competed against him to buy the beauty pill.

Suddenly, he realized something which he already knew but hadn't experienced before.

'So, this is what they mean by 'as long as one is strong, one can do anything.' He sighed.

Belen and Leticia struggled free from his hands and stood beside him. Leticia pointed her finger at Jack and mocked, "You want to kill us just because we bought that pill. How petty?"

She was furious right now. How could he want to kill them just because of a pill? Were human lives worth less than a pill in these people's eyes?

However, what she didn't know was that Jack wasn't here just because of the pill, but because he hated Max to the guts and wanted nothing more than to kill him.

However, why? Just because Max competed against him in the auction? Because Janice was romantically attracted to him and he felt jealous or because of the humiliation he suffered in the beauty pill shop?

If one thought clearly, Max did nothing wrong in any of these situations.

Auctions were there for everyone to compete against each other. In Janice's case, he did nothing. It was Janice who approached him. As for the humiliation in the pill shop, it was something he asked for himself. Moreover, throughout the entire exchange, Max didn't do or say anything that might earn his animosity.

However, because of his petty and inferior personality, he blamed all this on Max and formed a death grudge.

"Haha! Because of the pill? You can say that. However, don't worry young lady. I'll only kill him for now. You pretty girls are still of some use to me and my men. Hahaha!" Jack laughed recklessly.

A moment later, he stopped laughing and coldly barked, "Kill him, elders!"

The two old men nodded and immediately cast their respective spells.

A dozen Mana daggers, knives, arrows appeared in front of the thin old man while the other old man conjured thick Mana chains and flailed around him like agile snakes.

Although these two old men didn't have any awakened element, which was quite a relief for Max, as mid-stage three-star mages, they were still many times stronger than him.

Max felt a life-threatening danger and his expression turned grim. Wasting no time, he shoved two defensive talismans each in Belen's and Leticia's hands and ordered, "Use these to defend yourselves well. If you can, don't let this crazed guy join when they attack me."

Seeing that Max was acting calm, Leticia felt relieved.

However, the same wasn't the case for Belen.

Although she was only slightly stronger than Leticia, she was quite experienced and could discern that these two old men were most likely three-star mages and Max couldn't be able to handle them. He was only acting calm because he didn't want them to panic.

Belen worried about his safety. Although he had killed a three-star mage previously, that guy had barely broken through and his cultivation hadn't stabilized yet. Even then, Max almost crippled himself to conjure enough power to kill him.

However, the current situation was entirely different from before. These two old men were experienced three-star mages and they might be above the early-stage three-star realm, making them even more hard to deal with.

So, even if Max used the power which was beyond the limits of his body like last time, there weren't many chances of him killing them.

However, despite knowing all this, Belen could do nothing but wish him good luck since fighting a three-star mage was beyond her limits and even if she tried, she would only lower Max's already low chances of winning against them since he would have to worry about her while fighting.

Thinking this, after she told him to be careful, she grabbed Leticia's hand dashed in another direction.

Her actions surprised Leticia, who immediately grew angry and shouted, "Belen, what the hell are you doing? Why are you running away? We can't leave Max to fight those people alone."

She tried to struggle free, but Belen used her vines to restrain her as she continued running. No matter how hard Leticia tried, she couldn't break free from the vines with her physical strength.

"BELEN! Stop this instant. If you want to escape, go alone. I'm not leaving him behind, even if I have to die here." She shouted and her eyes went red. Mana burst out of her that turned into wind blades, ready to cut the vines into pieces.

Seeing this, Belen sighed and coldly said, "If you go, you'll only be a burden on him. Those two old men are three-star mages. There is nothing we can do with our current strength if we stay. Moreover, Max will have to divert his attention to protect us and that would be fatal, you know this. So, the least we can do is stay away from him and not be a burden."

Hearing that their opponents were three-star mages, Leticia's felt chills run down her spine and face went pale. How was Max supposed to fight two three-star mages alone?

The only thought in her mind was to go back and help him however much she could. But as she heard Belen's analysis, she realized she would indeed only be a burden on him. Maybe if he didn't have to worry about them, he could escape. As she realized this, she stopped struggling.

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After she calmed down, she couldn't help but ask, "Didn't Max ask us to prevent that crazy guy from joining the fight? How can we do that if we run away?"

"You don't need to worry about it. We've already accomplished our task. Look behind you." Belen calmly replied as she increased her speed.

Hearing her, Leticia confusedly turned her head around and saw Jack on his flying beast chasing after them. There was a disgusting smile on his face.

"Belen, is he also a three-star mage?" Leticia suddenly asked.

"No. If he was, Max wouldn't have asked us to keep him busy." Belen shook her head.

"Very good!" Leticia nodded and a ruthless expression appeared on her face. She took a deep breath and coldly said, "Let's kill him when we are some more distance away."

"That was my plan."

"Hmm. Release these bindings. I'll carry you." Since Belen wasn't an agility type mage, her top speed was only comparable to Leticia's normal speed.

Seeing that Leticia had calmed down, Belen released the vines.

Whoosh!

As soon as vines vanished, Leticia grabbed Belen's hand, used her wind elemental Mana to boost her speed, and zoomed away. The distance that was shortening between them and Jack increased again.

Jack sneered upon seeing this. Lazily, he patted the black-winged hawk, who increased its flying speed to keep up with the ladies. He wasn't going to try to capture them since he wasn't sure if he was stronger than the duo. So, he was chasing them just so they wouldn't hide somewhere and escape.

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Max wasn't surprised when Belen chose to run away with Leticia. Among all his women, Belen was the smartest one and she could keep her calm, even in the direst situation.

With her smarts, seeing through Jack's intentions wasn't too difficult for her. He wanted to kill Max and capture them for whatever nasty purpose he had. She easily saw through it and knew if they chose to run away, he would definitely chase after them, leaving Max to his two three-star companions.

Max wasn't worried about them as long as they weren't up against a three-star mage.

He turned his attention to the three-star mages' who were about to attack him. Before they could completely cast their spells, Max took out two grade-three talismans; one defensive and one offensive.

He crushed the offensive talisman and threw it toward the two old men while keeping the defensive one in his hand.

Boom!

A boom resounded in the air as a peak three-star mage's full-fledged attack flew toward the duo in the shape of a punch.

"Damn it. This kid has an offensive talisman." The thin old man cursed before he sent his Mana weapons flying toward the incoming attack. The other old man also sent his Mana chains at it.

At the same time, both of them deployed some Mana shields in front of them to brace for the impact. They knew their attacks weren't strong enough to cancel out the incoming attack.

Boom!!

As expected, the punch attack collided into the Mana weapons and chains, destroying them with ease before heading toward the duo.

Boom!

Another boom resounded as their defensive shields were destroyed one by one and they were thrown back tens of meters back, blood dripping from the corner of their mouths.

Max, however, could see that their injuries weren't anything serious. So, without delay, he took out another offensive talisman. Crushing it, he threw it toward them once again.

Boom!

The duo had yet to recover from the previous attack and neither of them expected Max to throw one grade three talisman after another as if they were some worthless pieces of paper. Therefore, they were caught off guard and the offensive talisman's attack had already arrived in front of them.

They didn't have enough time to cast any defensive spells now. They gritted their teeth and took out their respective grade three defensive talismans before crushing them.

Immediately, a bright barrier enveloped them.

Although they were mid-stage three-star elders in the Dalton family, their monthly pay didn't exceed 10,000 Mana stones because they were already very old and had no hope of further improvement.

So, with their meagre pay, they couldn't afford to buy a grade three defensive talisman since the cheapest one cost over 20,000 low grade Mana stones, while the offensive ones cost even more.

These defensive talismans they just used were given to them by their young master Jack's father and were high in quality.

However, because he only gave one to each of them, they always cherished it and were unwilling to use it. That's why they felt their heart bleed when they used it to defend against a two-star mage no less.

Boom!

Boom!

Two booms resounded as the offensive talisman's attack landed on them, again throwing them over two hundred meters back.

This time, however, they weren't injured at all thanks to their defensive talismans. As soon as their feet touched the ground, they immediately recoiled toward Max at full speed, their attack spell already ready.

As soon as they neared Max, they launched their spells mercilessly.

Shing! Shing!

Many sharp Mana weapons and snake-like chains flew toward him, intent to strangle or heck him into pieces.

Max, however, didn't try to dodge them this time. Crushing the defensive talisman in his hand, he charged head on into the incoming barrage of attacks.

"Has that brat gone insane?" The duo didn't notice him using the defensive talisman. So they thought he must be having suicidal thought since he was daring enough to charge into their attacks.

Whoosh!

Just when the duo's attacks were five meters away from Max, his speed suddenly increased by a few folds. He twisted and turned his body, making many nimble movements, he dodged the chains and sharp Mana weapons with skilful accuracy before charging toward the thin old man.

"What?" The duo was taken aback by his daring show of skill.

With his speed boosted by his three-star mana, Max immediately appeared in front of the thin man, and before the old man could react, Max punched toward his head with his burning fist.

He had started casting [Calidus Brachium] the moment he used his first offensive talisman.

Because only a short time had passed since then, he could only inject around 1000-units of three-star Mana. However, even with this much, he was confident that he could blow his head off since humans weren't like beast who had incredibly strong defence.

A look of terror appeared on the old man's face as Max's punched inched closer to his head. He wanted to dodge but there wasn't enough time for him to do so. He was sure to be hit by this horrendous punch.

He growled defiantly and hastily deployed a few Mana shields in front of him before crossing his hands in front of his face.

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Bang!!

As Max's fist collided against the old man's Mana shields, a loud bang resounded before the shield broke into pieces. However, this exhausted around half of the [Calidus Brachium]'s power. But Max was uncaring as his fist continued on its way.

The old man was astonished at seeing his shields break so easily. Although he didn't use any spell to cast them, they were still formed from three-star Mana and therefore, were quite sturdy.

It should've taken quite some effort for a two-star mage to destroy them, but this boy did this without breaking any sweat, and his spell still seemed to have more than half of its power remaining.

Now, seeing his fist grow bigger in front of his eyes, he could do nothing but to clench his hand muscles to bear the strike. However, he overestimated his physical defence and underestimated the destructive power of [Calidus Brachium].

Bang!

Crack!

Just as Max's punch crashed into his arms, his bones broke into pieces before he was hit square in the face. The fire burned his face and the force behind the punch, although didn't break his skull, it sent him reeling backward and made him disoriented.

Max was surprised that he couldn't kill the man and realized that he underestimated the prowess of a three-star mage.

However, in the next moment, another grade three offensive talisman appeared in hand, which he threw toward the now disoriented old man before jumping backwards.

Bang!

Bang!

Two bangs resounded in succession. The first bang was the thin man's companion hitting the ground where Max stood a moment before with his chains, while the second bang was caused by the attack unleashed by the offensive talisman.

Ahh-!

As the old man was engulfed by the attack, his despairing scream briefly filled the air before being snuffed out along with his life. Hit by an attack comparable to a peak three-star mage's full-fledged attack, there was no doubt he would be killed.

"Nooo brother!" The other old man let out a shrill scream and his eyes went blood red.

Although the thin old man wasn't his blood relative, after serving Jack together for more than a decade together, they had become as close as actual brothers. So, seeing him being killed in front of his eyes was heartbreaking for him.

"Don't be sad, old man. I'll send you to accompany him in a moment." Max mocked coldly before taking out another two grade three talismans; one defensive and one offensive.

Since these bastards wanted to kill him and held nasty intentions toward his women, he felt no pity for them and was set on killing them, even if he had to use all of his talisman that he bought for the demon continent.

Hearing Max's words, the old man became furious. However, there was also a hint of dread in his red eyes.

Seeing him take out more talismans, the old man suppressed his anger and jumped a few meters back.

He then hurriedly recited a spell and cast a defensive barrier around him. At the same time, his long Mana chains shot toward Max. He didn't want to give Max any time to use any more talismans.

Max easily saw through his intentions. Sneering, he used his three-star Mana and enhanced his speed by several folds. Thanks to his heightened senses, his reflexes were very sharp. So, it wasn't too difficult for him to dodge his strikes.

While dodging, he crushed the offensive talisman and threw it toward him.

Rumble!

Immediately, the thunder rumbled before a two-meter-long lightning spear materialised from the talisman's energy, which shot toward the old man with incomparable speed.

"What? A thunder elemental talisman?" Old man cried out in horror and his instinct screamed him to flee. However, he knew he wasn't fast enough to outrun a thunder attack of this caliber.

He gave out a loud shout to gather his courage and used every bit of his Mana to reinforce his defensive. Still not assured, he deployed more than a dozen ordinary Mana shields in front of the barrier.

Bang! Bang! Bang!...

While the old man was adding layer upon layer of Mana shields, the lightning spear arrived and destroyed all the shields one by one before crashing into his defensive barrier.

Bang!!!

Because the barrier was cast from a three-star spell, the lightning spear paused a split moment before shattering it too and continued toward a horrified old man.

"Nooooo...!" The old man gave out a shrill scream before the spear crashed into him.

Boom!

The old man exploded like a water balloon, his flesh and blood obliterated by the overbearing lightning. After the dust subsided, there was no sign left of the old man.

Seeing this, Max shivered involuntarily before he exclaimed, "Such a powerful attack! It was definitely worth spending half a million Mana stones on this talisman."

This thunder elemental talisman was the most powerful peak grade three talisman he managed to buy in the Ninam city. Since it was the most powerful, it naturally was very expensive.

When the shopkeeper had told him that this talisman was a few times stronger and more deadly than other peak grade three elemental talisman he bought, he was suspicious of his claim and thought that he was saying this to hike its price.

But after seeing its might, his suspicion vanished. Even though he hadn't used any other elemental talisman in the fight just now, he was sure that none could compare it in terms of raw destructive power.

Phew!

Exhaling in relief, Max walked toward the thin old man's corpse and took away his spatial bag. As for the other old man's spatial bag, it was destroyed along with his corpse.

After that, he ran in the direction where Belen and Leticia had ran off to.

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Twenty miles away from the place Max was fighting...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Leticia was moving like wind, dodging and attacking the black-winged hawk with her crescent wind blades while Belen was busy fighting Jack.

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

Jack was throwing punch after punch with his rocky hands on the vine shield Belen had conjured in front of her as he laughed,

"Beauty, you're quite strong. Why don't you join me and become my servant? It'll save you from the gruesome fate about to befall you when those two old codgers return after killing that bastard."

Belen's face become colder when she heard this.

Boom!

Mana burst out of her unceasingly and a moment later, several dozen vines suddenly sprouted out of the earth before shooting out toward Jack like poisonous snakes.

Bang! Bang!

Jack was frightened by her sudden outburst. He punched a few vines away before retreating a few tens of meters back.

"You stupid woman! I'll make you regret this after I catch-"

Shuu!

Before he could complete his threatening words, a pointed vine shot out from under his feet, heading toward his head at breakneck speed.

Bang! Crack!

Jack's face went pale seeing the vine coming up toward his face. Frightened, he tried to smack the pointy vine away but as soon as the vine touched his palm, it easily pierced it, cracking the rocky layers.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

He hurriedly retreated further, his feet heavily hitting the ground. Blood was unceasingly pouring out from the centre of his palm, dying his whole palm red.

Holding his injured hand with another, he shrieked, "Ahhh! You stupid bitch. You dare injure-"

Whoosh!

Just like before, he couldn't complete his sentence before more pointy and thorny vines shot out from the ground and grazed past his feet leaving many bloody wounds and causing him to shriek in pain.

His eyes become bloodshot. He never felt so humiliated and angry. However, after his experience earlier, he wasn't going to talk nonsense.

Immediately, he took out a talisman and crushed it without wasting any time.

Weng!

The talisman's energy turned into metal elemental Mana and shrouded his entire being.

Clank! Clank!

Just then, more vines sprouted out of the ground and tried to pierce him, but this time, apart from ripping his clothes and making a clanking sound, they couldn't harm him at all.

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Meanwhile, as Max left the battle site, a hooded figure hiding a few hundred meters away gulped in terror and murmured, "Fortunately, I didn't attack him or I might've died with them too."

He was the three-star mage that Dalton sent to kill Max. After finding out that he had gone to the Ninam city, he had been waiting there for a few days outside the city since he wasn't allowed to enter.

When Max and others left the city, he was finally relieved. Seeing that the Elvin guard captain was escorting them, he didn't dare attack and waited for him to return.

However, after the guard captain left and just as he was about to strike, he noticed Jack and the other two elders chasing after Max's group, which stopped him in his tracks.

Although they had disguised themselves, he easily identified them from their body language. Seeing them chasing after the same people with obvious murderous intentions, he was pleasantly surprised and quietly chased them.

He planned to report to young master Dalton about the success of the mission after they killed Max. So, he could enjoy the benefits without doing any actual work.

However, he didn't expect that he would witness his fellow elders' death instead. This shook him to his core, and he thanked his lucky stars that he didn't try to kill him himself.

After calming down his nerves, he took out his communication crystal, injected his Mana and spoke, "Young master, this kid has many peak tier grade three offensive and defensive talismans. Young master Jack's two protectors tried to kill me, only to be killed by him instead. I don't think I can kill him."

After a while, Dalton's surprised response came, [What? Why would they try to kill him?]

"I don't know the reason, but something must have happened between those two when they were in the Ninam city?..." The man quickly narrated everything he saw.

A moment later, Dalton's reply came, [See if you can save Jack. He is my cousin after all.]

"I-I'll try, but I'm not sure if I can do that." The man hesitantly answered. He didn't have any confidence to face Max, since he was even weaker than the two old men Max felled just now. However, he couldn't directly say no to his superior.

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While the man was communicating with Dalton, there were another two figures standing on a tree in some distance. They also watched Max's fight against the old men from start to finish. These two were Janice and the old woman.

Janice's eyes were shining as she murmured, "This man is perfect for me."

Hearing her, the old lady smiled wryly. She wanted to say that he wasn't anything special and could kill them only because he used many grade-three talismans.

However, she didn't because without skills, killing two mid-star three-star mages would've been almost impossible for him.

Looking in the direction Max had gone, she asked, "Young miss, what about your plan?"

Janice was offended by Leticia's comments when she met them in front of the pill shop and, just like Jack, she was also a very vengeful person and had planned to kill her.

However, after seeing that Max was fighting against two three-star mages, she didn't go after Leticia since he was more important to her. She wanted to save him when he was about to die and win his heart.

However, she hadn't expected Max to possess so many grade-three talismans and use them to kill the three-star duo, giving her no opportunity to execute her plan.

Hearing the old woman's words, Janice shook her head and sighed, "Let's forget about it."

"Mm." The old woman nodded before she asked, "Young miss, do you think he will also kill young master Jack?"

Janice's eyes shone, and a smile appeared on her face as she said, "It'll be best if he kills him."

She then took off in the direction Max had gone with the old woman.

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With his speed, it didn't take long for Max to arrive where Belen and Leticia were fighting.

Seeing that both girls were safe and sound, he heaved a sigh of relief.

After watching their fight and noticing that neither of the girls were in too much of a disadvantageous position, he decided to wait for a while and give them some more time to increase their real battle experience.

Meanwhile, he started casting [Calidus Brachium] using 2000 units of three-star Mana.

He could see Jack had used a lasting defensive talisman that increased his defense by many folds. Now only his [Calidus Brachium] charged with 2000 units of three-star Mana or a peak grade three offensive could take him out.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The fight continued. Attacks kept flying around.

Although Leticia and Belen weren't taking any injuries thanks to their agility and defense respectively, they also weren't able to deal any damage to their opponents.

"Surrender while I'm asking you politely. If you keep being stupid, I'll forced to use force and I don't really want to harm a beauty like you." Jack said in an annoyed tone as he kept dodging her vine that were trying to tie him to one place.

Belen scoffed, completely ignoring his words. She continued trying to restrict his movements so she could easily kill him after the defensive talisman's effects subsided.

"You don't believe my words? So be it." Seeing that she wasn't stopping, Jack took out an offensive talisman from his spatial ring and coldly said, "This is a fire elemental mid-tier grade three talisman. If you still don't surrender within three breaths, ready to die."

"Hm?" Belen narrowed her eyes at the talisman in his hand and after taking a good look at it, her heartbeat quickened and she immediately started to form multiple vine shield around her.

"Hahaha...! Do you really think your shields can block the attack from this talisman? You're too naïve." Jack laughed.

Belen's heart lurched at his words. She knew her shields could do nothing against the full-fledged attack of a mid-stage three-star mage.

She took a deep breath and coldly laughed, "Do you think only you have a grade three talisman?" Saying this, she took out a high tier grade three defensive talisman and gripped it in her hand.

Chapter 366: Isn't he an interesting fellow?

When Max bought talismans, he also gave some Rima, Belen and Leticia to use in times of need.

When Jack first used his talisman to make his body invincible against her sharp vines, Belen had the thought of using a defensive talisman and kill this arrogant bastard.

But she suppressed this desire because this was a very good chance for her to increase her battle experience.

However, now that he took out an offensive talisman to threaten her life with, she could no longer think about getting more fighting experience and took out a higher tier defensive talisman that what he showed her.

Jack's expression stiffened when he saw this.

A moment later, he laughed, "If I'm not wrong, your talisman can defend you only for a short-few-seconds, right?"

"So what?" Belen smirked.

"So... I'm curious, you can defend against one attack with your defensive talisman, but how will you defend against these two?" Saying this, he took out another two mid-tier grade-three talismans and showed them to her with a playful expression on his face.

Belen didn't design to speak and just took out another two defensive talismans. Seeing them, Jack froze.

Belen couldn't help but smirk coldly and asked, "Anything else?"

Jack's expression turned ugly at her words. However, he couldn't retort, since he didn't have any more trump cards to rely on.

Whistle~

Suddenly, he glanced at his mount and whistled.

Whoosh!

The black-winged hawk swept Leticia away with its wing and flew to Jack, who jump atop it and sneered, "You just wait. When my companions arrive, I'll have you guys on knees."

Whoosh!

Just as he finished speaking and was about to order the hawk to take him into the air, the air whistled behind him and then a calm voice sounded in his ears.

"Those two old men? They will never come."

This voice sent chills down his spine and a strong sense of danger crept up in his heart.

He instinctively wanted to jump down from the hawk. However, before he could,

BANG!!

A blazing fist hit the back of his head with a bang, and his metallic head burst like a watermelon.

Scree~

As Jack died, the imprint of the slave seal vanished from the hawk's soul and the hawk screeched in glee.

It then shook its body and threw Jack on the ground before flying away.

Max could only watch it go since he didn't have any way to subjugate it.

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"Max! Are you alright?" Leticia ran up to him and worriedly asked for his wellbeing.

Belen also scanned him for any injury and was stunned when she didn't find any. There wasn't even any dust on his clothes.

'H-He is completely fine after fighting the three-star duo?'

Although she knew Max was quite strong and had many grade-three talismans, he should still have some signs of fighting on his person since his opponents were two three-star mages.

However, there wasn't any. So, she was naturally surprised but quickly adjusted her mentality.

"I'm alright." Max smiled and then took out a healing pill and gave it to her, "Here, eat it."

"These are just minor cuts and bruises." Leticia smiled sweetly seeing the concern in his eyes before eating the pill.

Then suddenly, she thought of something and curiously asked, "Max, you watching us fight, right?"

"Yeah." Max was startled by her question. "How did you know?"

Leticia's giggled, "Because you used your [Calidus Brachium] just now and it takes some time to fully cast it. So, I assumed you had arrived a while ago and were watching us fight while casting your spell."

"You are getting smarter, huh?" Max chuckled.

"You bet I am... hey! You are making fun of me." Leticia proudly nodded before realizing the other meaning of his words and pouted like a little yandere.

Seeing her act like this, both Max and Belen laughed.

Leticia stomped her foot on the ground, "I'm not talking to you guys."

She feigned anger and walked up to Jack's corpse and took his spatial ring away, murmuring, "He seemed to belong to some rich family. I wonder how rich he was."

"Why don't you take a look and see?" Belen smiled.

Leticia nodded and dropped a drop of blood on the ring. However, nothing happened, making her frown.

"You need to use your Mana and cleanse the already established connection with its previous owner." Belen advised.

While Leticia fiddled with the spatial ring, Max conjured a fireball and tossed it on Jack's headless corpse, burning it to ashes.

He then turned around and said to Leticia, "You can do it later." He then said to Belen, "Belen, you take out the sparrow. Let's first cross the valley and take shelter in the nearby town for the night."

Because the valley was very long and it was dark right now, chances were very high that they might encounter some bandits if they crossed the valley on foot. So, to avoid the unnecessary trouble, he decided to use the bird.

"Okay." Belen and Leticia nodded in agreement.

After Belen talked to the red sparrow for a while, they rode it and flew across the valley before travelling to the nearby town on foot.

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"That guy is quite daring. He really killed him without bothering to know who he was." The old lady, Janice's companion, murmured after Max and the group left.

"Hehe, isn't he an interesting fellow?" Janice giggled happily.

The old lady smiled wryly, "Young miss, you know he will be in trouble now, right?"

"Mm. I know." Janice nodded before smiling, "However, it'll be interesting to watch how he deals with them."

The old lady shook her head, not saying anything further.

"Let's depart." Janice waved her hand and summoned a white crane.

In another location, Dalton's assassin took out his communication crystal, "Young master, I apologise. I couldn't save young master Jack."

[It's alright. You keep an eye on that bastard. If there is an opportunity before he returns to the cloud academy, get rid of him.]

"Yes. Young master."

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After an hour, Max, Belen and Leticia reached the nearby town and after having dinner in a restaurant, they found an Inn.

"How many room would you like to book, sir?" The inn attendant asked with a polite smile on his face.

"One." Max answered.

The attendant glanced at Belen and Leticia and smiled. "Alright, sir. Please follow me."

He then led them to their designated room and asked, "Please check if the room is to your liking, sir."

"Hmm. It's alright. You can go now." Max waved his hand.

"Alright, sir. Please enjoy the night." The attendant bowed and walked away.

Max shut the door and looked at Belen and Leticia with an intense gaze, which made both of their heart beat faster. This was especially true for Belen.

He walked toward Belen, put one hand around her slim waist and pulled her into his chest. With his other hand, he raised her chin up and slowly leaned toward her face before pressing his lips on her soft cherry lips.

Belen closed her eyes and felt her body melt at this moment. Oh! How much she waited for this day!

After a moment, he broke the kiss and gently caressed her cheeks. Looking into her slightly misty eyes, he softly said, "I'm sorry. I couldn't be with you for the past few days."

Belen shook her head and gently smiled, "It's alright. I understand."

Max was mesmerised by her smile and couldn't help but plant another kiss on her lips. Just as he was about to start savoring the taste of her delicious lips, she broke the kiss and asked, "Can I take a bath first?"

Although Max very much wanted to just have her right then, he nodded after another peck on her lips, "Yes. Come quickly."

Belen nodded and went to the bathroom.

Max then fixed his burning gaze onto Leticia and asked, "You also want to take a bath first?"

"I... I don't." Leticia wanted to nod her head since she also sweated a lot when fighting against the hawk, seeing the look in his eyes, she ended up shaking her head.

Seeing her reaction, Max chuckled and shook his head, "It's alright. You can take one. There is no rush. We have all night before us."

After ten minutes, Belen came out of the bathroom, with only a white towel wrapped around her tantalizing body.

Chapter 367: Grinding lust points

Creak~

After a while, bathroom's door opened and Belen gracefully walked out.

Only a white towel was covering her alluring body from her breasts to knees and her slightly damp hair, her rosy cheeks, and delicate cherry lips made her even more captivating in Max's eyes.

As soon as his gaze fell on her, he fell into a short trance before an exclamation escaped his lips, "You look really beautiful!"

Hearing his compliment, Belen felt her heart flutter in happiness and a faint blush crept up on her already rosy cheeks, making her even more beautiful.

Sensing the situation heating up, Leticia smiled and, not wanting to interrupt them, she quietly went to the bathroom to take a bath.

"Come here." Max patted on the bed near him.

"Mm." Belen slowly walked up to him and gently sat down.

Max wrapped his around her shoulders and brought her into his embrace before gently kissing her lips.

Belen closed her eyes and reciprocated the kiss. The gentle kiss slowly turned into a passionate one where both were kissing and sucking on each other lips like hungry wolves.

Slowly, the fire of passion ignited inside them and their breathing turned hotter. Max took the initiative and forced his tongue into her oral cavity. A moment later, their tongues intertwined, fiercely sucking each other's sweet nectar.

After a while, Max broke the kiss and peered deep into her eyes. Belen did the same, and they both saw intense desire threatening to erupt.

"I really missed you." Belen softly said. Her words tugging on his heartstrings.

"I did too." Max replied and planted an affectionate kiss on her forehead.

Belen closed her eyes, a blissful smile on her face.

Max's lips slowly travelled downward as he kissed her nose, her lips, her cheeks and gently bit her earlobes before kissing her nape.

After that, he took off the towel, revealing her sexy naked body.

Impatient, he started caressing her body all over with his hands while his lips moved down from her slender neck and come onto her beautiful large breasts.

He kissed them one by one before he took her left nipples in his mouth and started playing it with his tongue.

He would flick it, suck on it and occasionally, he would bite it. Belen's body would shiver slightly, and she would let out a soft moan every time he did so.

Simultaneously, he started squeezing and kneading her right breast with his left hand and his right hand slowly caressed her belly before finding its way between her legs.

Mm~

Belen felt electricity course through her body when his fingers rubbed her lower lips and she couldn't help but moan in pleasure.

Muah~

He let go of her left nipple and started playing with the right one. His hands also changed positions. With his right hand, he started kneading her left breast while his left hand slowly started rubbing her puffed out labia and her clit.

Ahng~

After stimulating her pussy for a while, he plunged his middle finger inside her, which made Belen moan aloud, and an intoxicating expression appeared on her face.

Squelch! Squelch!

As Max moved his finger in and out of her pink pussy, Belen's moans became more rapid and, moments later, her pussy became wet with her juices. She was completely turned now.

"Mm~ Max, take off your ah~ clothes too." Belen spoke in between her moans.

Max stopped fingering her and smiled, "As you wish, my lady."

With a swift motion, he took off his clothes and threw them on the table beside the bed.

Swish!

Belen suddenly turned around and pushed him down on the bed and smiled, "Let me also make you feel good."

Saying this, she leaned down, grabbed his half erect cock with her soft hands and started to slowly stroke it up and down.

While stroking it, she brought her face near it and kissed the tip. After that, she opened her mouth and took half of his rod inside and started sucking it, her tongue skilfully around and licking under and above his glans.

"Ah! Nice!" As she serviced his cock, Max felt amazing and couldn't help but moan in pleasure. He put his hand on her hand and slowly pushed down.

Belen didn't resist and let him push his rod inside her mouth inside until his glans hit the back of her throat.

"Argh! Amazing! Keep doing this." Max's cock became fully erect, stretching the walls of her oral cavity.

"Mmff..." Belen choked a little due to the sudden increase in the size. A moment later, she nodded and started moving her head up and down while simultaneously sucking his rod.

Laying on the bed with his eyes closed, Max was fully enjoying Belen's masterful blowjob.

After a while, he was felt his balls heating up, preparing a thick load.

Swish!

He grabbed her head with his both hands and with a long groan, he shot his load down her throat.

Gulp!

Belen already knew of his habits. She happily gulped down all of spunk.

Puah!

After he was done pumping his spunk load, she took out his cock out of her mouth and with her tongue, she licked it clean.

"Ha! Belen. You were amazing!" Max complimented her.

Belen smiled merrily, "I'm happy you liked it."

"You bet I did. Now, let's proceed to the main event." Saying this, he stood up and pushed her down on the bed.

He spread her legs, lifted them before folding them on her chest, "Hold them here." He ordered.

Belen blushed at this shameful position but didn't complain.

Max grabbed already hard cock and slapped her pussy with it a few times.

Slap! Slap!

Mm~

Belen moaned and bit her lower lip.

Max didn't waste any more time. He put his thick veiny cock on her wet entrance, held her waist and,

Thwop!

With a thrust, he pushed it into the depths of her tight canal.

Ahnggg~

Belen's eyes widened due to his sudden and forceful intrusion and she let out a loud moan and tightly clasped the bedsheet, almost ripping it apart.

"Are you alright, babe?" Max stopped for a moment to ask.

"Mm. I'm alright." Belen nodded.

Seeing her nod, he tightened his grasp on her waist and started thumping her delicious pussy without caring about anything else.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Ahn~ Ngh~ Hahh~

The sound of flesh slapping and Belen's erotic moans resounded in the room for ten straight minutes before both of them climaxed at the same time.

Huff! Huff! Huff!

Both of them panted for breath. Belen's face had a very beautiful and satisfied smile. She had waited so long for this.

Max kissed her on the cheek and smiled, "After resting for a bit, sit down and digest the energy, alright."

He then turned around to see Leticia standing at the edge of the bed with an embarrassed expression and smiled, "Wait are you waiting for? Come on up. It's your turn."

"Mhm." Leticia nodded and climbed onto the bed.

Swoosh!

Max grabbed the towel she had wrapped around her naked body and threw it away.

He then pushed her down on the bed and spread her legs apart. Her pussy was already wet after watching the steamy session just now.

He rubbed his cock on her tiny pussy entrance and slowly pushed the tip inside her.

Ahngg~

Her body trembled slightly and she let out a loud moan.

Max glanced at her and seeing that she was comfortable, he pushed the rest of his cock inside her tight pussy.

He then grabbed her slim waist and slowly started moving his cock in and out of her and gradually he picked up the pace ramming her pussy with reprieve.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Ahn~ Ngh~ Hahh~

Once again, the room was filled with their erotic sex sounds.

After a while, when he filled her womb with his spunk, he found Belen ready and waiting for her turn.

Therefore, without wasting any time, he immediately put his mighty little dragon in her thirst cave.

This kept going until it was past midnight when both of the ladies had passed out from exhaustion.

"Ha~!" Max took a deep breath. He was also very exhausted now.

He glanced at the two sleeping beauties who were sleeping with happy and contented smiles on their faces and a smile unconsciously appeared on his face too.

He lay in between them and opened his status window to check today's harvest.

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[Lust Points: 50,000]

'So, I earned 46,000 tonight, huh? Not bad, I guess. Now, I only need to earn 100,000 more in the next two days.' Max surmised.

After that, he closed the status window, hugged Belen's curvy body, and quickly fell asleep.

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Due to last night's intense 'workout', the trio woke up a little late in the morning the next day.

After they had a bath, wore clean clothing, they headed to the nearby restaurant for the breakfast.

After they were done eating and paid the bill. They strolled out of the town. After reaching the entrance, Max asked Belen, "Has the bird recovered yet?"

"Although it hasn't made a complete recovery, it shouldn't be a problem for it to take us to the academy." Belen replied.

"How much time do you think it will take us to reach the academy?" Max asked.

He only had two more days before he needed to go to the demon continent. In these two days, he had to rush back to the academy, 'work hard with his women to earn the rest of the required LPs needed for teleportation, spend some time with his lovely half-sister Anna and meet Flavia.

Belen thought for a moment before she replied, "According to the trader, this red sparrow is a peak two-star beast and its speed is almost comparable to an early-star flying beast's speed. However, because it still hasn't completely recovered yet, it should take us a full day (12 hours) given the distance to the academy from here."

"Mhm." Max nodded. He still would have one and half day to do the things he wanted before departing for the demon continent.

Suddenly, system's voice sounded in his ears, [Kid, give some of the beast essence to the sparrow. Not only it will recover the bird within minutes, it might even push it toward the breakthrough to the three-star realm.]

Hearing this, Max's eyes sparkled, and he immediately took out of the jars containing the beast's blood essence.

"Belen, take out the sparrow and let it consume this beast's blood essence."

Belen became happy after hearing his words. She also wanted to ask him for some beast's blood essence to give the red sparrow, but thinking that he might have some other use for it, she didn't.

She immediately took out the sparrow from her storage ring.

Whoosh!

Chirp~ Chirp~

The red sparrow had recovered quite a bit after the night's rest. As soon as it appeared outside, it opened its wings and took to the sky, chirping happily.

After the Elvin beast traders captured it, it had been living in the cage, its freedom restricted. Now that it was out in open and wasn't as weak as it was yesterday, its first instinct was to fly in sky and express its happiness.

Belen glanced at the bird flying happily, and a smile appeared on her beautiful face.

Max and Leticia also found the scenery of the beautiful red fowl flying around in glee strangely emotional and pleasing to the eyes. So, they let it went its emotions for a while.

After a few minutes, Belen ordered the bird to come down, to which it reluctantly complied.

It landed next to Belen and affectionately rubbed its head against her legs.

Belen patted bird's feathered head and pointed to the jar of beast's blood essence in Max's hand and asked, "Do you want to drink it, little Scarlet?"

Little Scarlet was the name Belen gave the sparrow.

Little Scarlet glanced at the jar for a moment and tried to examine what it was. However, because the jar was tightly sealed, it couldn't sense the blood essence contained within and ended up shaking its head, clearly disinterested.

Max chuckled and pulled out the cork. As he did so, the scent of blood essence permeated the air.

Little Scarlet's eyes shone with desire when it sniffed the blood essence's scent.

Its first instinct was to snatch the jar from Max and consume it immediately. However, it was intelligent enough to see that Max was her master's friend and they might punish it for doing so.

Therefore, it contained its impulse, but the desire to consume whatever was inside the jar was evident in eyes fiery red eyes.

This slightly surprised Max. From what he knew, before breaking past the mortal boundary, beasts usually acted according to their instinct because their intelligence was too low to think or comprehend anything properly.

Seeing the surprise on his face, Belen smiled, "My previous guess was correct. Little Scarlet is a hybrid of a scarlet sparrow and a powerful fire elemental beast that must have already broken past the mortal boundary and gained human-like intelligence. Little Scarlet seemed to have inherited its intelligence to some extent."

"Oh?" Max and Leticia were surprised by this revelation.

Leticia suddenly clapped her hands and giggled, "Hehe, it means we've profited a lot since we only paid a million Mana stones for it."

"That's correct." Belen nodded, a smile on her face as she glanced at the little Scarlet.

Excited, Leticia asked, "Belen, didn't you tell us that the scarlet sparrows have the potential to break past the mortal boundary when they become mature? And since you suspect that its other parent was already a beast above mortal boundary, does that mean little Scarlet can also break past the mortal boundary in the future?"

"Yes. She can." Belen nodded. (Yes guys, the bird is a female.)

"Great!" Leticia exclaimed. "It means we will have a five-star or above companion in the future. Maybe we can visit the central plains under its protection."

As Leticia mentioned the central plains, the excitement was palpable on her cute face. Belen's eyes also shone when she heard this.

Max was slightly surprised and asked, "You guys want to go to the central plains?"

Leticia nodded her head and with a dreamy look in her eyes, she spoke, "I can't speak for Belen, but I sure do. I have heard that there are many opportunities for the people like us to increase our strength. If your talent is decent enough, you can easily reach the

four-star realm and there are high chances to break past the mortal boundary and reach the five-star realm."

After saying this, she sighed dejectedly, "Unfortunately, it's quite far from here and the road is riddled with countless dangers. If one isn't a five-star mage at the very least, the chances are very high that one will drop dead even before reaching the outskirts of the central plains."

Belen also sighed at this.

"Don't worry. Maybe the opportunity to go there will present itself to you guys in the near future." Max smiled calmly.

He then handed the beast's blood essence jar to Belen, "Here, have little Scarlet drink this."

Belen took it and placed it in front of little Scarlet's beak, "Drink it, little Scarlet."

Chirp~

Seeing Belen's gesture, Little Scarlet chirped in excitement before she grabbed the jar with her beak and emptied the contents in one big gulp.

Burp!

After drinking it, she burped in satisfaction, rubbing her round with her wings.

The trio was amused by her human like gestures.

"She is so cute." Leticia exclaimed and took a step toward the bird to caress its head. When suddenly,

Scree~!

The bird let out a loud, painful screech. A blood red mist slowly seeped out of its body and covered it completely.

"Wh-What's happening?" Leticia halted in her tracks and seeing the bird in pain, she worriedly asked.

"Don't worry about it. It's the effects of the beasts' blood essence she consumed just now." Max calmly said.

For the following fifteen minutes, the bird kept screeching in pain as she rolled around on the ground.

Hearing the bird's cries, a few people came running to see what was happening.

Leticia became displeased by their presence and shooed them away.

After fifteen minutes, the bird gradually calm down and the blood red mist slowly started receding into her skin.

After another half an hour, the blood mist vanished without trace.

Swoosh!

Chirp~!

With a flap of her wings, the bird took to the sky and let out a deafening chirp that forced the trio to cover their ears.

Swoosh!

After a while, it nosedived toward the ground and landed in front of the trio and chirped as if asking them to climb on top of her.

Chapter 369: Returning to the academy

"Let's go. She is asking us to ride her." Belen smiled and gracefully jumped onto little Scarlet's back.

"Alright." Max nodded and also climbed onto her back, along with Leticia.

"Let's go, little Scarlet." Belen directed the fowl to fly in academy's direction.

Swoosh!

Little Scarlet chirped happily and with a flap of her wings, she flew many meters above ground. Then with another flap, she shot in academy's direction like a jet. Because of the sudden acceleration, the trio almost lost their footing on her back for a second.

Belen glanced at Max and smiled wryly, "She is a little too excited. Should I tell her to slow down a bit?"

Max shook his head, "No, it's alright. Let her fly at her top speed. It would be good if we can reach the academy as soon as possible."

"Hehe! Let me be useful here." Giggling, Leticia suddenly waved her hand. Wind elemental Mana surged out and formed a barrier around them, blocking the fierce wind.

"Thank you." Max smiled. After watching the fleeting scenery below for a while, he became bored. He lay down, his head resting on Belen's lap, and closed his eyes.

A beautiful and loving smile appeared on Belen's face and her heart felt sweet. After some hesitation, she started running her fingers through his hair.

Seeing that he chose Belen's lap instead of hers to lie down, Leticia pouted a little. However, unlike before, there was no sign of envy on her face. Smiling slightly, she scooted near Max and held his hand.

Feeling this, a small smile appeared on Max's face.

A middle-aged man standing near the town's entrance watched as Max's group flew away. After they disappeared on the horizon, he sighed and took out his communication crystal, "I apologise young master. I didn't get any chance to kill the target."

He was Dalton's assassin and had been tailing the trio from the valley because Dalton had ordered him to find an opportunity to kill Max.

[Where is he now?] Dalton's angry voice sounded in his ears.

"H-He has left for the academy on a three-star flying mount, young master." The man hurriedly answered.

[Trash! Scram back to the family then.]

The man's face scrunched up because of the insult. Clenching his teeth, he nodded, "Yes, young master."

...Royal Academy...

Bang!

Dalton threw his communication crystal at the wall in anger and cursed, "This bastard! Where did he find so many grade-three talismans?"

After a while, he calmed down and murmured, "Do I have to request a peak three-star elder to kill him now?"

...Royal Academy...

Two graceful figures walked out of a restaurant. Academy's disciple couldn't help but turn their heads to take another look at them. These two were Anna and Flavia.

Anna's face was now paler and a perpetually worried expression could be seen on her face. Flavia wore a veil on her face, which masked her expression, but her eyes also held hints of worry.

After finding out that Max had gone to find his friend who was claimed to be lost in the wilderness, both ladies had been worried about his wellbeing.

Flavia had thought that she was worried about him because he was her only friend. However, as days passed without his news, she realized that he had taken a special place in her heart.

A week ago, she came to Max's dorm room to check if he had returned and ran into Anna.

Initially, she had misunderstood the relationship between Max and Anna since Anna was living in his dorm room and her heart had become heavy because of it.

However, after talking with her, she found out that Anna was his sister, relieving her worries.

Because Anna was his sister and had been worrying about him, she started spending some time with her so she wouldn't feel lonely.

As they slowly came to know more things about each other, they became friends.

"Flavia, it'll be two weeks in a few days since he went out. Shouldn't he have returned by now? Maybe we should visit elder's hall for help?" Anna asked, distressed.

Flavia glanced at her and sighed inwardly. She then shook her head, "No. You know Max had accepted the search mission for his friend on behalf of the search department and since he is on a mission, according to the rules, the academy wouldn't do anything about it before the mission's duration has passed."

"I... I know, but I'm worried." Anna sighed. "You know how dangerous it is outside for a two-star mage."

"You know he isn't alone, right?" Flavia smiled reassuringly, "Don't worry, he will be fine."

"Mhm. I hope so."

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The sun had yet to set and people could be seen going up and down the cloud mountain range on the flying beasts.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, a magnificent scarlet coloured sparrow streaked across the sky like a bolt of lightning and headed to the main mountain peak of the cloud academy, attracting many people's attention.

"Such a beautiful mount!" A few female disciples couldn't help but exclaim after seeing little Scarlet.

Whoosh!

A short while later, little scarlet pierced through the clouds and landed in front of the academy's gate.

After they jumped down, Belen stroked the bird's head and praised. "Well done, little Scarlet. You saved us a lot of time. Now come and rest."

Chirp~

Little Scarlet chirped and rubbed her head on Belen's abdomen before vanishing into her beast storage ring.

Leticia took a deep breath and commented, "Ha! We are finally back."

"Hmm. Let's go." Max nodded and walked toward the gate. Belen and Leticia followed.

After they showed their identity tokens, they were granted entry.

Although he wanted to return to his dorm as soon as possible and meet Anna to let her know he was back, so she wouldn't worry anymore, they first had to go to the mission hall to report about their mission.

After a while, the trio walked out of the mission hall.

Leticia looked a little worried and asked, "Max, was it okay to report that we didn't find Rima?"

Chapter 370: Coaxing Anna with a gift

Max had reported that they couldn't find Rima. This worried her because she knew if the academy were to send more search parties for her, their lie might be found out, and if that happened, the academy would surely punish them for their transgression.

Seeing Leticia's worried look, Max lightly sighed before he said, "Don't worry about it. This was the best choice."

"How?"

"Because Rima had told me she doesn't want to lose her cloud academy's disciple identity just yet."

"Hm?" Leticia raised her thin brows in confusion, but after thinking for a moment, she understood what he meant.

Every academy or institution had a rule which said that the disciples weren't allowed to stay outside of the academy for more than a day without academy's permission.

If anyone were to break this rule without a good enough reason, the academy would punish them by cutting their resources or fining Mana stones or, in worse cases, it would kick them out.

Therefore, if they had reported that Rima wouldn't be returning to the academy for months, there was a high chance that the academy would've revoked her disciple's status.

"If that's the case, wouldn't it have been better if we had just reported that a king ranked mage has taken her to be her disciple? I don't think the academy would dare to expel her then. They might have even tried to use her to curry favour with her master." Leticia asked.

"This is precisely why we didn't report it." Max smiled.

"Hm? What do you mean?" Leticia asked, puzzled by his response.

Belen, walking on Max's other side, couldn't help but shake her head and explained, "Just think about it. If we reported as you said, the academy would have done everything to curry favour with Rima's master, right?"

"Yes."

"Wouldn't Rima's peaceful life and her training have been affected by their efforts?" Belen asked again.

Hearing this, Leticia's eyes shone in understanding and she nodded. "You are right. It would have. Why didn't I think this?"

Belen chuckled lightly at her response and continued, "Not only that, because her master doesn't like humans as you also witnessed it, the academy's efforts would've

only annoyed her and this could've also affected her relationship with Rima which is already very fragile to being with."

"Oh! I understand." Leticia nodded.

Then her face flushed red in embarrassment as she cursed herself in her mind, 'Damn it. Why am I such a slowpoke? Why couldn't I be smart like Belen? No wonder he seems to like her more than me.'

Max didn't notice her expression as he waved his hand, "Okay. You guys return to your dorms and rest." After a pause, he added, "I'll try to come visit you guys tonight. It will be better if you were together."

A tinge of crimson crept up on Belen's adorable cheeks for a split second when she heard this. Leticia reacted the same way before they nodded in unison, "Mhm."

Their expressions amused Max. He chuckled lightly before waving them goodbye and dashed toward his dorm. Belen and Leticia also returned to their respective dorms.

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A while later, Max arrived in front of his dorm room. The door was closed.

Phew~!

He took a deep breath to calm down his breathing and his excitement of meeting Anna again after so many days.

Knock! Knock!

After that, he walked up to the door, knocked on it two times, took a step back, and waited.

Creak~

A few seconds later, the door creaked open, and a pale faced Anna with a light smile plastered on her face appeared in front of him, saying, "You're early to—"

Mid-sentence, she came to a stop and her body trembled when she saw the figure which she longed to see for the past few days.

"Huh? Am I seeing things again?" For a moment, she couldn't help but rub her eyes to check whether she was hallucinating right now.

When even after rubbing her eyes, Max's figure didn't vanish, she knew it wasn't her imagination, and he was really standing in front of her.

She became emotional and crystal-like tears welled up in her eyes before,

Whoosh!

Like a bolt of lightning, her lithe body flew into his arms and embraced him tightly as she sobbed, "Y-You are ba..ck. You really are back. Sniff! Sniff! I missed you, little Max. I really missed you."

Max felt his heart clench when he heard her sobs and felt her body shivering in his embrace. He wrapped his arms around her back and hugged her tightly.

Anna kept sobbing for a while before eventually calming down. However, she didn't loosen her hold on Max, as if worried he would go away if she did that.

Seeing this, Max sighed inwardly and whispered in her ear, "Should we go inside?"

"Mhm." Anna hummed in agreement but didn't move away from him.

Max smiled wryly at this. He then leaned down a little and gently lifted her in the princess carry before walking into the room.

Anna blushed a little but didn't resist. In fact, she felt happy to be carried like this.

Max closed the door behind him and walked to the bed before gently laying on her on it and sat down beside her. Caressing her head lovingly, he muttered, "I'm sorry, I didn't leave a message for you before lea—"

Swish!

Before he could complete his sentence, Anna swatted his hand away angrily and sat up, her back facing him as she harrumphed, "Hmph! I don't need your sorry."

Max smiled wryly and sat there awkwardly. He could see she was genuinely angry at him, and he needed to appease her somehow.

However, the problem was, he didn't know how he was supposed to do that because this was the first time he faced this kind of situation.

Suddenly, he remembered his classmates back on earth saying that girls liked gifts. His eyes sparkled, and he hurriedly took out a small, beautifully decorated wooden box.

Cough!

He coughed to clear to throat and hugged her from behind that made her shiver for a moment.

Just as she was about to push him away, he raised the wooden box in front of her and said, "Look, I brought you a gift."

Seeing the box, Anna stopped in her tracks, and her eyes flashed.

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A/N: Sorry for the delayed update. I accidentally cut my finger so it was difficult to write.

Chapter 371: Flustered

She silently watched the wooden box for a moment. From the look in her eyes, one could tell that this potential gift tempted her.

However, she kept her emotions in check and snorted, "Hmph! You think I'll forgive you just because you brought me a gift? I won't."

"Oh? So, you don't want to see what is inside the box?" Max asked, chuckling.

"N-No. I don't want to." Anna shook her head. However, her eyes were still glued to the box.

Max let out an elongated sigh and said, "Ai... too bad. I was sure you would definitely like it, but what can we do since you don't even want to see it?"

Saying this, he prepared to put the box away when suddenly, Anna grabbed his hand.

A victorious smile appeared on his face. Just as he was about to say something, Anna turned around.

She looked into his eyes, her expression serious as she said, "Do you know how much I was worried when I didn't see you here upon returning from my monthly mission?"

"You didn't even leave any message. I thought... I thought something had happened to you." As she said this, tears welled up in her eyes once again.

Max pulled her into his chest and hugged her soft body tightly and said, "I'm sorry, I didn't leave any message when I left. However, at that time, I was—"

"You don't need to explain. I already know everything." Anna cut him off.

"You do?"

"Yes. Because I was worried, I went to the mission hall to check whether you had returned from the monthly mission and found out that you had indeed returned but went on a search mission."

She then raised her head to look at him and carefully asked, "So... did you find your friend?"

"Yes, we did." Max nodded and then told her about his experiences. Of course, he left out the part where he nearly died since he didn't want her to worry.

When Anna heard how Rima became a king mage's disciple, she was slightly envious of her amazing luck and couldn't help but mumble,

"She is very lucky. Thanks to her master's guidance, it wouldn't be difficult for her to break through to the three-star or maybe even to the higher realms."

Max could feel the envy and her desire to become strong in her words.

He suddenly cupped her beautiful face in his hands, looked into her eyes and softly asked, "Anna, do you remember the conversation we had that day?"

Given how close their faces were at this moment, Anna could feel his hot breath on her face. Because of this, her breathing and heart rate intensified. Her cheeks and ears turned crimson, making her look even more tempting to the opposite gender.

As she looked into his bewitching sapphire eyes, she fell into a daze for a while, unable to react to his words.

Looking at her current delicate and sexy appearance, Max felt his blood rush to his head and instinctively, he leaned his face toward her and gently kissed her soft and slightly moist pink lips.

Boom!

When Anna felt his lips touching hers, her mind went blank for a moment. Then her eyes widened in embarrassed panic and she retreated backward until she was at the edge of the bed.

"Hey, watch out." Seeing that she was about to fall down from the bed, Max called out before lunging toward her and pulling her toward the middle of the bed.

"Max... you... this..." She touched her lips with her slightly trembling hands as she tried to say something, but because her state of mind was a mess now, she couldn't find any words and could only fumble.

Seeing her so flustered and panicked, Max sighed and cursed himself inwardly for not being able to control his emotions.

He pulled her into his arms and hugged her tightly and whispered in her ear, "I'm sorry for kissing you so suddenly. However, I can't control myself when you look so beautiful."

Hearing these words, Anna's heart raced even faster and a slight smile appeared on her face.

After a while, she managed to calm down a little and with a red face, she spoke in a barely audible voice, "...I-I don't mind."

"What did you say?" Max asked as his lips curled up into a smile.

"N-Nothing." Shaking her head, Anna hurriedly buried her face into his chest.

Max chuckled, but didn't try to tease her further.

While hugging her tightly, he slowly laid back on the bed. He didn't try to do anything more to her even though he was slightly turned on right now because, for now, it was already enough that she wasn't rejecting him.

After a while, when he felt that Anna had calmed down, he curiously asked, "Who did you think I was when you opened the just now?"

Hearing his question, Anna raised head and grinned at him, "Your beloved Flavia."

"Hm? Flavia?" Max asked, surprised.

"Yes. Not long after I returned from my mission, she came to meet you. It seems she was also missing you." Anna smiled.

"Oh? She came, huh?" Max murmured and thought, 'She must have heard that I went to visit her.'

Seeing that he didn't show much reaction, Anna narrowed her eyes and said, "You know she likes you, right?"

Max was taken aback by her sudden words. Flavia liked him? Although he knew she thought of him as her friend, he wasn't sure if she liked him?

Seeing the change in his expression, a knowing smile appeared on Anna's face.

Cough!

Feeling her piercing gaze, Max coughed and asked, "Why would you think so?"

"Hehe. it's because when she came to meet you, she found me here and misunderstood that we were lovers. From her expressions at that time, it was obvious she likes you." Anna giggled.

"Are you sure?" Max involuntarily asked. It would make things easier with her if she also liked him.

"Oh? It seems you also like her?" Anna narrowed her eyes at him.

Seeing her expression, Max nervously gulped down his saliva. He knew there was a good chance she wouldn't like it if he said yes, however, he couldn't lie to her either. So, he nodded, "Yes, I like her too."

Chapter 372: Jealous?

After she heard his confession, Anna was silent for a while, a serious look on her face.

Seeing this, Max became even more nervous. He didn't want the fact that he liked Flavia to affect his budding relationship with Anna. However, what could he say now?

'Well, she already knows about Lilly, Belen and others, so it shouldn't be much of a problem.' Thinking this, he felt a little better.

Seeing that he grew nervous because she wasn't saying anything, Anna felt sweet in her heart because this showed that to him, her opinion mattered.

She curled her lips into a smile and giggled, "Hehe, I had already guessed this."

"You did?" Seeing that she didn't seem to mind it, Max took a breath of relief.

"Yeah. Given how much of a playboy you are, it would be a miracle if you weren't attracted to an outstanding lady like Flavia." Anna teasingly remarked.

Hearing her words, Max scratched his nose and smiled wryly, but didn't say anything in response. Even if he wanted, what was he supposed to say? Say that she was wrong?

Seeing his reaction, Anna let out a sigh inwardly and thought, 'Why am not feeling any anger or sadness about this?'

Shaking her head, she pushed these thoughts aside and then continued to tell him how she became friends with Flavia.

Max sighed in relief after finding out that Anna and Flavia were now friends and Anna seemed to like her.

Even after they were done talking, they continued to lie there, embracing each other.

Growl~

Suddenly, Max's stomach growled. He was hungry because he didn't have lunch in the afternoon because little Scarlet, after having the beast blood essence, was full of energy and didn't want to stop mid-way and because Max also wanted to return as soon as possible, they didn't stop mid-way for the lunch.

"You must be hungry after traveling all day, right? Let me prepare dinner for you." Anna said and reluctantly got out of his embrace.

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After an hour later, both Anna and Max were sitting across the small wooden table and were having their dinner.

Anna glanced at him and teasingly asked, "How is it? It must be bland for your taste after Elvin delicacies for days, right?"

"Nope." Max shook his head. Taking another bite of a piece of meat, he spoke with an intoxicated expression, "Although the Elvin food was pretty delicious, I like your cooking more. Ah... you don't know how much I missed your taste."

Hearing him praise his cooking, Anna felt happy. However, when she heard his last sentence, her expression froze.

She looked at Max stiffly. But seeing that he didn't seem to notice just what he had spoken and was immersed in enjoying his food, she thought she was reading too much into his words and mumbled under her breath, 'That's right. No way he meant t-that since we haven't done it yet.'

"Done what?" Max's voice suddenly sounded in her ears.

"Huh?" Anna's brain short-circuited when she realised, she had unconsciously blurted out what she was thinking, and he had heard it.

Flustered and embarrassed, she hurriedly shook her head, "N-Nothing. I was t-thinking about something e-else."

"Oh? It's alright. Let's eat before the food gets cold." Max calmly nodded.

Seeing that he didn't pay much attention to what she said, Anna sighed in relief and started eating after her nerves relaxed.

A playful smile played on Max's lips. Unlike what she thought, he had used 'your taste' instead of 'your food's taste' on purpose to rile up her emotions so her imagination would run wild and she wouldn't be as passive as she is now about their relationship.

After a while, they finished having dinner.

Max glanced at Anna, who was still silent. Just as he was about to say something, someone knocked on the door.

Knock! Knock!

"Hello, Anna. It's me." A soft, feminine voice travelled inside the room.

"It's Flavia." Anna's face brightened, and she hurriedly went to open the door.

Even without Anna telling him, Max had already identified her as Flavia. He also stood up and walked toward the door to greet her.

Whoosh!

Anna opened the door and saw Flavia. She wore academy's white uniform and a veil that covered her scarred face.

"You are late today." Anna said with a smile.

'Mm?' Flavia raised her delicate brows. She was surprised to see her in such a cheerful mood. Suddenly, she thought of something and her eyes flickered in pleasant surprise.

"It seems sir Max has returned." She gently said.

Anna pouted slightly, "Tsk, I was going to surprise you."

"You should've controlled your expressions, then." Max slowly walked over, chuckling.

Thump!

Flavia's heart thumped loudly when her eyes fell on Max. However, she quickly calmed down and lightly bowed in greeting, "Hello, sir Max. You've finally returned."

Max smiled and extended his hand toward her. As if on instinct, Flavia also extended her hand, which Max gently grasped by her fingers and kissed the back of her palm.

"Hello, miss Flavia. I seem to recall asking you to call me just Max." He smiled at her.

Anna raised a brow. Feelings of annoyance and displeasure crept over her heart as she watched the interaction between them.

'A-Am I feeling jealous of her right now?' Realization struck Anna, which left her flabbergasted. She had thought that she would be alright with their relationship since she was quite fond of Flavia and because even though she knew she loved Max, she didn't know if she wanted to become his woman.

She shook her head. She didn't want to feel jealous of Flavia at all.

"Mm." Flavia nodded and then asked, "So, ...Max, did you find your friend?"

"Yes. We did." Max nodded and then gestured her to enter the room, "Let's talk inside, shall we?"

Flavia hesitated a little and glanced at Anna, who had sorted out her emotions by now. She grabbed her hand and pulled her inside, "What are you hesitating for? Come inside."

Chapter 373: Related?

The trio comfortably sat on the bed as they conversed with one another. Anna and Flavia were sitting on the bottom half of the bed, and Max sat opposite to them.

After talking for a while, Anna's previous awkwardness vanished and Flavia, who tended to be reserved around Max, also relaxed considerably.

"Hm?" While talking, Flavia suddenly noticed the exquisite wooden box laying on the bed. For a moment, her eyes twinkled with curiosity before she shifted her attention to Anna and Max.

Anna noticed this and smiled. "This is a gift he brought from the Elvin city, Ninam, for me."

"Elvin city? No wonder it felt familiar." Flavia nodded lightly.

"Hm?" Anna was a little surprised but on further thought, she found it quite normal because given her background, it was really no big deal that she had seen other things from the Elvin cities.

She grabbed Flavia's hand and asked excitedly, "I haven't seen what is inside. Shall we open it?"

"This... Ah, alright." Flavia glanced at Max and hesitated a little. Despite being curious to see what was the gift he brought for Anna, she didn't want to seem overly eager. However, in the end, she nodded her head.

At the same time, she couldn't help but think, 'Since I'm also his friend, maybe he brought something for me too?'

'No, what am I thinking?' She immediately shook her head. 'It's no big deal even if didn't. We aren't t-that close after all.' As this thought arose in her mind, she felt sad.

Click!

Seeing her nod, Anna hurriedly opened the box. When she saw the light golden ring sitting inside the box, her eyes immediately widened in surprise.

Whoosh!

She turned her head toward Max and stuttered, "A-A spatial ring?"

Max chuckled lightly upon seeing the shocked expression on her face and nodded, "Yes."

However, contrary to what he expected, as soon as Anna saw him nod, she became angry and shouted, "You...! Why did you buy this?"

"Huh?" Her sudden outburst surprised Max.

Flavia was also shocked. Wasn't she supposed to be happy to receive such a gift?

Seeing his expression, Anna sighed and continued, "I don't know where you found enough Mana stones to buy this spatial ring, but it would've been countless times better if you had just used them for your own cultivation recourses. However, now you have wasted them on me."

Flavia nodded in understanding after she heard this. Although a spatial ring was quite handy to carry things, in the end it was only that, convenient. It didn't help you grow stronger.

Since inner disciple only get a 100 Mana stones per months and the mission also didn't give too many, it wasn't wise to spend thousands of Mana stones on the ring.

Max smiled wryly when he heard this. Without saying anything, he waved his hand.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, a small mountain of Mana stones appeared in the air.

Max pointed at it and winked at Anna, "I still have more than enough for other uses and I can earn more if I want to, so don't worry, alright?"

Both Anna and Flavia were too stunned to listen to what he said and were looking at the sparkling mountain of Mana stones hovering in the air with their mouth agape.

"This... little Max... how do you have so many Mana stones?" Anna asked in astonishment, still looking at the Mana stone mountain.

Whoosh!

Max smiled and with a wave of his hand, he stored them in his inventory and said, "I earned them in the Ninam city."

Anna suddenly leapt toward him and grabbed his hand. With twinkling eyes, she asked excitedly, "How many do you have? Can we send some back to our home?"

Max looked into her eyes and nodded, "Yes. We can. I've more than enough."

Anna's eyes teared up, and she fell on his chest and cried softly, "Thank you, thank you, Max."

Max hugged her and caressed her back. "Don't thank me. They are my family too."

"Mhm." Anna nodded and then sobbingly continued, "You know, ever since I joined the academy, I've been trying to earn some Mana stones to send back home so mother and everyone else could raise their strength too. However, I never had more than 20 Mana stones at one time."

"Hmm. You don't have to worry about that now. I'll take care of it." Max patted her back.

"Mhm. I know you will." Anna nodded. Wiping her tears, she broke the hug and after hesitating for a while, she asked, "Do you know why our family never had more than a handful of Mana stones even though our father is a viscount?"

"Yes, I know. It's because of that count Wiley." Max nodded, his eyes glinting with a murderous light.

"Yes, it's because of that bastard." Anna cursed through gritted teeth. She wasn't surprised that Max knew about it because she had guessed that their father must have told him before he left to join the academy selection exam.

Max extended his hands and cupped her face. Looking into her eyes, he firmly spoke, "Don't worry, he'll pay very soon for what he did to our family."

"Mhm. He will." Anna nodded, calming down.

By their side, Flavia watched them silently as they conversed. However, when Max mentioned count Wiley, her expression changed.

After both of them calmed down, she asked, "Anna, the count Wiley, you just mentioned. Is he the one from Vista city?"

"Huh? Yeah. He is. Do you know him?" Anna raised her brows.

"Yes." Flavia nodded. Sighing, she looked at Max and asked, "You remember Dalton from selection exams, right?"

"Huh. How can I forget him?" Max chuckled, a bit of killing intent leaking out from him, which surprised Flavia. A moment later, however, she understood and a guilty expression appeared on her face.

"I'm sorry, Max. It's because I talked to you—" she apologized.

"Nah. It's alright." Shaking his head, Max cut her off and asked, "How is he related to count Wiley?"

Chapter 374: Dalton family's strength

"Count Wiley... he is Dalton's maternal uncle." Flavia answered.

"Oh?" The revelation surprised Max. A moment later, however, he coldly laughed, "No wonder Dalton is so despicable. It turns out that it runs in their blood, huh?"

Seeing his reaction, Flavia panicked and hurriedly added, "Max, you can't take this lightly. Not only is count Wiley Dalton's uncle, he is also married to one of the royal princesses and thus, he is very close to both the Dalton and the Royal family. So, I'm afraid it won't be easy if you want to kill him."

Max frowned when he heard this and looked at Anna, who nodded at him, her expression grave, "Yes. If it wasn't for the Royal family's support, how could he have become a four-star mage before our father?"

Max went silent for a while and recalled what butler George had told him, how count Wiley had tried to kidnap his mother with two four-star mages and ten three-star mages.

'Butler George said that mother had killed 8 of the ten three-star mages and severely injured one four-star one. Where did he find two four-star mages and so many three-star ones to help him? Not to mention, he had more three-star mages to help him when father attacked him.

Did he get them from Dalton family or the Royal family? However, why would they give them to him without a reason? Moreover, how come he tried to steal the sword so many

years after father and mother got married? He should've seen the mother using the sword before, right?'

Max furrowed his brows. He felt as if the whole count Wiley trying to steal his mother's sword thing wasn't as simple as it seemed.

'Could it be that it was Dalton or maybe the Royal family who wanted the sword and not count Wiley? Or maybe I am overthinking things? If it was Dalton or the Royal family, with their strength, they could've raged the Garfield family to the ground and could've easily gotten the sword?' He thought.

He glanced at Flavia and asked, "You told me that the Dalton family was one of the richest families of the Green leaf kingdom, right? How strong they are in terms of power? How many experts they have?"

Flavia nodded, "Yeah. Although the Dalton family is known for the financial strength, they aren't weak in terms of the strength. At the helm, they have a five-star mage who is Dalton's grandmother. She was rumored to have broken through almost a decade ago."

After a pause, she continued, "Apart from her, they have 7-8 people in the four-star realm if I'm not wrong. As for the three-star realm, there should be a few dozen. Apart from this, they also have some contracted mages."

"They... they are strong." Anna's complexion changed when she heard this. Gulping down her saliva in nervousness, she glanced at Max and opened her mouth to advise him against provoking them.

From the conversation earlier, she had realized that this Dalton guy was Max's enemy and Flavia seemed to have something to do with it.

But she wasn't too worried about it since Max was already very strong and from what she could gather, almost no one in the two-star realm could pose any threat to him. But after knowing Dalton's background, she became worried.

Sensing her worries, Max smiled reassuringly at her and held her hand, "Don't worry about it."

Flavia glanced at them locking their hands and felt the desire to do the same with him. When she realized this, she blushed.

Shaking her head, she took a deep breath, pushed the thought away and said, "Max, I won't say that you should forget your enmity with them no matter if it's Dalton or count Wiley but it would be best if you became a five-star mage first."

"That's right, Max. You should focus on becoming stronger first." Anna also nodded in agreement. In truth, after hearing about the prowess of the Dalton family, she thought it would be best if he forgot about their enmity completely.

Seeing the worry and concern in their eyes, Max chuckled, "Don't worry, I won't try my luck before I'm strong enough to uproot them completely."

"Mhm." Both girls nodded, feeling relieved.

After that, Anna told Flavia to wait for a while and started to prepare dinner for her.

"Um... Anna, it's alright, don't trouble yourself. I can eat out." Flavia said and stood up, intending to go out.

Whoosh!

But before she could take even a step away from the bed, Max grabbed her hand and made her sit again. He then gave her a charming smile. "There is no need to eat out. Anna has already prepared dinner for you."

Flavia glanced at her hand which he was holding and quietly nodded, "Okay."

Max didn't let go and instead, he started rubbing the back of her hand with his thumb. Instinctively, Flavia tried to move her hand away but Max didn't let her. He then leaned toward her and whispered in her ear, "Should I let go?"

"W-What?" Flavia became flustered when she felt his hot breathing on her neck and her heart started to beat faster.

"Your hand? Or can I keep holding it?" Max asked, smiling.

Gulp!

Flavia gulped down hard and nodded shyly, "Y-You can keep holding it if you want." As soon as she said this, she lowered her head and her face, the visible portion, ear and neck turned a tantalizing shade of red.

"That's good then." Max chuckled and locked his fingers with hers. Feeling her baby-like tender skin, he couldn't help but give her hand a gentle squeeze. It was as if this light squeeze sent an electric current rippling through her body, she trembled and her mind went blank.

Just a little while ago, she wanted him to hold her hand but now that he was holding it; she didn't know what to think or what to feel right now.

So, she panicked and hastily pulled her hand away. For a moment, Max didn't want to let go as the feeling of holding her hand was just too good but seeing how flustered she was, he reluctantly let go.

A moment later, Anna served Flavia dinner. Max sat back watched her eat which made her self-conscious and she couldn't help but squirm a little.

Seeing this, Anna frowned and angrily chided him, "Stop staring at her. You are making her nervous."

She didn't realize that her words made Flavia want to dig a hole and hide out of embarrassment.

Max couldn't help but smile awkwardly at this. Just as he was about to say something to relieve the awkward atmosphere, someone knocked on the door.

Knock! Knock!

Whoosh!

He immediately jumped down the bed and went to open the door and found a familiar lady in maid's uniform standing there.

"Hello, young master." The girl said. She was Jasmine's maid.

"Hello." Max nodded.

"My... my mistress heard you had returned. So, she wanted you to visit her if you have time." The maid informed.

'Oh, yeah. How could I forget that horny women?' Max almost wanted to facepalm himself. He had completely forgotten about her. That's why he told Belen and Leticia to wait for him tonight.

"Who is it, Max?" Anna walked out at this moment.

"Oh, it's nothing. An Elder wants to see me to discuss some things." Max said and then glanced at the maid, "I'll be there in a while. You can go."

"Yes." The maid promptly nodded, turned around and left.

Chapter 375: Budding feelings

Anna furrowed her brows and asked, "Why would an Elder want to talk to you? Is it related to the search mission?"

"Uh, it may be." Max shrugged before closing the door and walked inside, not waiting for her to ask anything more.

Anna stood there looking at his back with a strange expression on her face. For some reason, she felt that he was hiding something, and it made her feel a bit uneasy in her heart.

'Forget it. If it's something I should know, he will tell me himself.' She sighed and shook her head, not bothering to think too much about it, and followed after him.

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Flavia had finished eating her food by now. Seeing Max and Anna come back, she stood up, smiled at Anna and spoke in her sweet voice. "Thanks for the food. It was very delicious."

Hearing her compliment, Anna happily giggled, "Hehe, I'm happy you liked it. If you don't mind, you can have dinner with us from now on."

Flavia's heart stirred when she heard her suggestion and looked toward Max, who was looking at her with a smile.

Although she wanted to agree very much to it, thinking about her current appearance, she felt insecure and opened her mouth to decline her offer. "No, it's alright. I don't want to trouble—"

However, before she could finish her sentence, Anna hurried to her side and whispered in her ear, "You stupid girl, don't be in such a hurry to decline. I'm doing it for you, so you have an excuse to meet him and deepen your relationship with him. If you don't stop being so shy and take a step forward, you might lose him to someone else."

Flavia's expression changed, and she panicked when she heard this. "You... what are you saying? I don't..."

"Don't bother denying it. Do you think I can't see your feelings for him?" Anna cut her off once again.

"I'm telling you the truth. If you like him and don't want to lose him, you should be a little more open about your feelings for him." Saying this, Anna sighed and a complicated expression appeared on her face.

Flavia went silent when she heard this and lamented in her heart, 'Do you think I don't want that? But how can I do it with these?' She reflexively touched her face.

Noticing this, Anna understood her insecurities. She wanted to say something that it didn't matter but didn't in the end.

Max watched their interaction without saying anything. He also wanted Flavia to accept her offer. However, when he saw her hesitating and touch her face, he also understood what she was thinking and chuckled lightly, "What are you hesitating for? Hurry and agree. I'm sure you don't want to miss her delicious food."

Hearing him, Flavia stopped hesitating as a determined glint flashed in her eyes and nodded toward Anna, "Thank you. I would love to have dinner with you guys from now on.

"That's the way." Anna winked at her playfully.

Seeing this, Flavia blushed slightly and hurried to bid farewell to them.

"Let me accompany you to your dorm." Max offered with a smile.

'Hm?' Reflexively, Anna narrowed her eyes at Max when she heard this and felt a bit irritated in her heart.

However, when she realized this, her feelings were a mess as she thought, 'What? Am I feeling jealous? Isn't she my friend who I was trying to create opportunities for so she could meet him daily a moment before? So, why am I feelings jealous now?'

Flavia felt her maiden heart throb when she heard his offer. However, out of embarrassment, she shook her head, "It's alright. I can go by myself. You should rest, as the past days must have been quite exhausting for you."

"Don't worry about it. I've to go and meet an Elder now, so I can conveniently accompany you."

"A-Alright then." Flavia relented after hearing this.

Bidding Anna farewell, who nodded to them absentmindedly, both went out and walked toward girls' dorms.

After walking silently for a while, just as Max was about to take out and give the beauty pill to her, Flavia spoke while looking ahead, "So you went to the Ninam city?"

"Yeah."

"I heard that there are many things that we can't easily find in our human kingdoms."

"That's right. There were indeed many things easily available there." Max nodded.

"So... did you bring something for... ahem, your friends?" Although she tried to sound casual, Max could notice the slight anticipation and embarrassment in her voice.

The corner of his lips curled upwards upon hearing this and he shook his head, "Nope, not for everyone."

"Not for everyone, huh?" She muttered in a low voice before falling silent. She wanted to ask if he brought something for her or not, but couldn't as she would sound greedy.

Seeing that she was too embarrassed to ask, Max smiled, "But I brought something for you."

"R-Really?" She turned toward him and exclaimed. Seeing that her reaction was out of ordinary, she embarrassedly coughed, "I mean, you did, huh?"

"Of course. How could I forget about you?" He chuckled lightly and stopped walking. Seeing him stop, Flavia also stopped in her tracks and looked at him in anticipation.

Not letting her wait anymore, he waved his hand and took out the small wooden box before he grabbed her soft hand and placed the box on top of her palm.

Flavia curiously looked at the box and found that it wasn't the same as the one Anna had and knew that it didn't have a spatial ring. However, she was still very happy as it didn't matter to her as long as he brought something for her since it showed that he really valued her as a friend and didn't forget her.

With her beautiful black eyes brimming with happiness, she asked, "W-what is in it?"

"Open and see for yourself." Max smiled.

Seeing that he wasn't willing to tell her, she slowly opened the box and just as she did, a strong medicinal fragrance hit her that seemed to have a calming effect on her.

Instinctively, she took a deep whiff of it before looking at the finger sized pill and glanced at Max in confusion and asked, "What kind of pill is it? It seems to be of the higher grade."

Chapter 376: Moving the beauty with a gift

Smiling gently at her, Max answered, "It's the beauty pill."

"Oh..." Flavia nodded without thinking. However, as her mind registered what he said, her beautiful eyes widened in shock and she hastily grabbed his hand with her trembling

hands close to her chest and asked while stuttering, "D-Did you say... it... it's T-The beauty pill?"

Max sighed inwardly upon seeing her reaction and pulled her into his embrace. "Yes. It is The beauty pill."

Hearing him confirm, crystalline beads of tears welled up in her eyes as she started to sob softly into his chest, wetting his shirt.

Max didn't say anything and just hugged her delicate body more tightly, letting her cry out her grievances.

Although she had tried to act as if the scars didn't bother her, it was only because she knew she couldn't find and afford the medicine required to heal them, so she could only act indifferently toward them when, in reality; they affected her a lot. After all, although more mature and sensible for her age, she was still a young maiden who wanted to look good.

If anyone passed by, they would see the beautiful scene of a handsome young man embracing a goddess in the middle of the road as they stood still under the cover of moonlight. Fortunately, it was night and there wasn't anyone to disturb them.

"..."

After a while, Flavia's sob gradually died down and her turbulent emotions also calmed down.

However, when she realised she was being hugged tightly in his embrace and as his masculine scent entered her nostrils, her face turned a charming shade of red, her body heated and her young maiden's heart started to beat wildly.

She squirmed in his embrace, trying to wiggle out, but couldn't since Max's hold around her was quite firm.

Defeated and embarrassed, she could only try to calm her thumping heart down and raise her head to look at him with a begging look in her eyes, so he would let her go.

Unfortunately for her, Max's eyes were shut, and he seemed to be in a trance and had no intention of letting go.

Seeing this, her face turned bright red, and she opened her mouth to call out to him, but in the end, she didn't. Following which, she also closed her eyes and rested her head on his chest.

Gradually, she calmed down and for some strange reason, all of her worries, hatred, anger and anxiety seemed to vanish at this moment as if his embrace was her safe

haven. Subconsciously, she snuggled deeper into his embrace, and a radiant smile bloomed on her face.

Suddenly, a thought appeared in her heart, 'How good it would be if we could stay like this for forever?'

Just as she was having these thoughts, she suddenly felt something hot and hard poke into her belly. Curious, she touched it to see what it was.

Ah~!

Feeling her soft hand over his shaft, Max involuntarily let out a soft moan of pleasure.

"Kyaa~!" Hearing him moan as she touched the hot and hard thing below, Flavia's mind short-circuited for a moment before she cried out in shame and embarrassment and pushed him away in panic.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

Max staggered a few steps backwards.

"Y-You... t-that..." With a flushed face, Flavia pointed at him with her finger and tried to say something, but because her mind was a mess right now, she couldn't form a coherent sentence.

Embarrassed, she hastily turned around and ran away like a frightened rabbit.

Max watched her run away, feeling awkward. Glancing at his boner, he cursed himself for not being able to control his desires.

Haa!

He then took a deep breath and greedily devoured Flavia's remaining scent and licked his lips as he murmured, "I hope that pill brings us closer, as I can't wait to have you, my princess."

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In Belen's room, Belen was sitting cross-legged on her bed with her eyes closed while Leticia was walking back and forth, occasionally throwing impatient glances toward the door.

Phew~!

Belen let out a long breath and opened her eyes. Seeing Leticia, she chuckled, "Hehe, don't be so impatient. Since he promised, he will definitely come."

Leticia's face reddened slightly when she heard her teasing tone. She then sighed and muttered, "I know he will, but I hope he can come a little earlier so we can spend a little more time with him."

Hearing this, a longing expression briefly flashed in Belen's eye before she also sighed. Just as she was about to say something, she felt her communication crystal in her spatial ring buzz.

She took it out and as she heard the message, her expression dimmed slightly.

Noticing this, Leticia hurriedly asked, "It was Max, right? What did he say?"

Smiling bitterly, Belen nodded, "Yes. It was him. He said that he had some urgent matter to attend to tonight so, he would be late and we are to rest or cultivate until he arrives."

"WHAT?" Leticia shouted in surprise and anger.

Gritting her teeth, she clenched her fists and spoke, "He must have gone to some other woman. He... he is infuriating."

Belen didn't say anything and just let her vent her frustration, as she was also feeling a little indignant.

After a while, she regained her calm expression and spoke in a low voice, "We can't do anything about it. If you don't want him to ignore you like this, you know what you should do." Saying this, she took out a few Mana stones and started cultivating again.

After fuming for a while, Leticia also calmed down. She knew being angry would do nothing good for her and if she wanted to be the priority woman on Max's list; she had to increase her strength as she had also noticed that he seemed to prefer stronger woman.

She then chose a corner and also started cultivating.

Meanwhile, in another section of the female dormitory, Flavia came rushing toward her room. If one paid attention, they could see the tips of her ears were red and her chest was violently moving up and down.

After she came to a stop in front of her room, she took deep breaths to calm down before she turned around and glanced toward a corner in the corridor and asked in an emotionless tone, "Why are you here? Did my loving mother send you to end my life?"

Chapter 377: Mad Slaughterer

After she spoke, the space fluctuated in the corner and a feminine figure in shiny pink robes materialized out of nowhere. Looking closely, one could see that the figure wasn't a female, but a very delicate-looking male.

Looking at Flavia up and down, he revealed his pearly white teeth and let out a strange laugh, "Hehe, as expected of my favourite young miss, I can't hide from your senses."

Flavia flinched upon hearing his creepy laughter, and her shapely brows wrinkled in disgust. Tonelessly, she asked again, "You still haven't told me, what's the purpose of your visit?"

The pink robed man's eyes flashed with a chilly light for a moment before he resumed his previous attitude and laughed again, "Hehe, rest assured, young miss. Your life is not in danger... yet."

Hearing this, Flavia visibly relaxed and only now she realised that her heart was beating wildly and her back was already drenched with her cold sweat.

From this, it could be seen that she was afraid, no, terrified of this womanish man. Not only she, but almost everyone who knew of him was afraid of him. Because despite his gentle and seemingly friendly appearance, he was a very ruthless man and cold-blooded man.

Once, he was annoyed by a peak three-star mage who was also a viscount of a small city. But he didn't care whether that viscount had several three-star and hundreds of two-star mages protecting his manor or he was the underling of one of the three strongest families of the kingdom. He went ahead and killed him. At that time, he was only a middle-stage three-star mage.

However, this wasn't the reason people dreaded him. They dreaded him because after killing the viscount; he didn't stop and killed every living soul in the viscount manor from newborn children to elderly and then proceeded to kill everyone he found in the city.

After the Royal family came to know of this tragedy, they sent several peak three-star mages to kill him, but he killed half of them instead and despite being severely injured, he still escaped. From then on, he was called "Crazy Slaughterer"

When people of the Royal family were hunting him down, Flavia's second mother, who is also Janice's blood mother, happened to come across him and saved him.

Because she had a close relationship with the 2nd imperial concubine, the royal family absolved Mad slaughterer of his crimes under the condition that she made sure he never harmed innocents again.

From then on, Mad Slaughterer became a pawn in her hands. Over the years, he had secretly killed many people who opposed her.

Taking a deep breath, Flavia coldly asked, "Why are you here, then?"

"I'm here to relay mistress' message to you, young miss." Mad Slaughterer said, amused at her reaction. He then coughed lightly and continued,

"I don't plan to punish you for going against my orders and not joining the Royal academy with young master Dalton. However, it is unacceptable for you to be close to another man when you already have a fiancée. It is a disgrace for our noble family. However, since you are 'my daughter', I forgive you once again. But remember, if after this, I hear you are still in contact with that boy in the academy, don't blame me if suddenly dies."

When Flavia heard this, her delicate body started trembling and her eyes turned blood red as if they will spit fire in the next instant.

Faint ripples of murderous aura started emitting from her. She clenched her fists so tight that the nails dug into her flesh and droplets of blood started dripping down.

Finally, unable to restrain herself, she raised her head and cursed loudly, "You dirty bitch! You dare threaten me. I'll kill—"

Whoosh!

Suddenly, Mad slaughterer moved toward her and gripped her by her throat. Looking into her eyes with a murderous look, he coldly said, "Young miss, be mindful of the words that come out of your mouth. If not, I don't mind digging your tongue out."

Sensing his murderous intent, Flavia shivered in terror, and her hair stood on ends.

However, despite being terrified, she put on a mocking expression and spoke with difficulty, "You dirty bas...tard. I dare... you to... kill me."

"Oh?" Mad slaughterer clenched her neck tighter and asked. "You think I dare not?"

Cough! Cough!

Flavia coughed and spoke with the same mocking expression, "Hehe... do you?"

Mad Slaughterer looked into her eyes for a second before he suddenly revealed a brilliant smile, "You are right. I dare not. However, that's only because you are of some use to my mistress."

Saying this, he released her neck and patted her cheek, "Take care, young miss." He then turned around and blended into the darkness.

Flavia looked toward his vanishing figure and said, "Tell that bitch if she dare to touch even a single hair of head, I'll do everything it takes to end her."

"Oh? I will tell her." Mad slaughterer sounded a bit surprised.

Flavia stared at the void in front of her, her eyes flashing with intense hatred and killing intent.

After a while, she calmed down and took the small wooden box Max gave her and stared at it, her eyes flickering with tender emotions.

In the end, she clenched the box tightly and murmured, "I can't put your life in danger. I hope you will not hate me."

...

Max, unaware of the fact that someone has just threatened Flavia to stay away from him, reached Elder Jasmine's place.

Seeing that it was him, the two female guards informed Jasmine's personal maid of his arrival. The maid came out to welcome him and directly led him to Jasmine's room.

Knock! Knock!

The maid knocked on the door and called out, "Mistress, young master, Max has arrived."

"Have him come in." Jasmine's voice sounded out from inside.

The maid glanced at Max with a bashful expression and gestured with her hands, "Young master, please."

"Mhm. Thank you." Max nodded, pushed open the door, and entered the room.

Chapter 378: Since you like it that much, I'll do it one last time*

Upon entering, a sensual scenery greeted his eyes. Jasmine, with a wineglass in her hand, was resting on a chair, her back leaned against it and one of her legs was resting upon her other thigh.

Why was this scene sensual, you ask?

It's because she wore a thin, almost transparent, purple nightgown which covered only a little below her mid-thighs, leaving the lower part of her sexy, long legs uncovered for him to admire.

Furthermore, because she was sitting in such a provocative pose, Max, who was right in front of her, could see the glimpse of her purple silk panties in between her enticing, smooth thighs. Moving his gaze up a little, he could see that she wasn't wearing any bra under her nightgown so, her melons were on full display. Not only that, the obstruction of her nightgown made them look even more captivating. For a second, he just wanted to jump her directly, but managed to hold himself back.

"Do you like what you see?" Jasmine asked with an amused and slightly expectant smile.

"Yeah, a lot." Max nodded and walked toward her after closing the door.

As Jasmine watched him walk toward her, she started imagining the things that will happen after a while and her body started reacting, her nipple became erect and she started to squirm and rub her thighs against each other.

Seeing this, Max curled his in a teasing smile and asked, "It seems you missed me a lot, huh?"

"Yeah. I did." Jasmine returned the smile and drank the remaining wine in one gulp before putting the wineglass down and waited for him to approach her.

Seeing her impatience, Max hurried toward her and leaned down and took her lips in his for a small kiss.

After kissing her, he licked the remaining traces of the wine she just drank on her lips and commented, "Mm, delicious!"

Jasmine revealed a radiant smile and extended her hands and circled around his neck.

Max understood what she wanted and took her in his arms, walked up to the bed and put her down before climbing on the bed.

Just as he extended his hands to undo her nightgown, Jasmine sat on her knees and hurriedly took down his pants, revealing his flaccid rod, and looked at it with hungry eyes.

She then grabbed it and started stroking it to make it hard. However, even after she stroked it for a while, it didn't harden.

She frowned and looked at Max and asked, "Why is it not getting hard?"

Max smiled and rubbed her lower lips with his thumb before kissing her and said, "Maybe it needs some more stimulation."

Jasmine looked at him with an 'I know you're doing this on purpose' look and there was also anger in her eyes. However, despite feeling anger, she had no choice but to do what he wanted if she wanted to sate her lust.

Therefore, she kneeled in front of him and kissed his little brother's head with her soft lips and then took it inside her mouth and started sucking on it.

"Yeah... this is the way." Max patted her head and closed his eyes to enjoy the blowjob.

Slap!

Jasmine frowned, gave him an angry look and swatted his hand away from her head as being patted like that made her feel as if she was subservient to him and this infuriated her.

At this, Max merely frowned. He could understand her why she disliked being treated as such.

First, as a three-star mage, she was a lot stronger than and had her pride that a mere two-star nobody like him couldn't shake. Second, there were no feelings between them. They were just using each other for their benefit. So, how could she lower herself and act subserviently to him?

Splosh! Splosh!

Seeing him behave, she continued to stroke his shaft and licked and sucked on his glans. Feeling the stimuli, his cock twitched in joy and hardened. This made Jasmine nod in satisfaction and think that she was still very skilled in this department. After that, she stopped attending to his cock and stood to take off her nightgown.

Seeing that she didn't want to finish the blowjob, Max stopped her and offered, "How about you make cum with your mouth one time? If you do that, I promise to satisfy you thoroughly."

"Hehe..." Hearing this, Jasmine laughed in anger and asked, "So, you're saying that you won't satisfy me if I don't do it, is that right?"

Max was unruffled and really wanted to nod his head.

However, on a second note, he could ask for her help to exempt him of his compulsory monthly mission since he was going to the demon continent tomorrow and won't be able to complete the incoming mission and this might reflect negatively and affect his chances to pass the selection competition.

Although, now he cared little about it as he had already gotten Flavia the beauty pill. So, he didn't see any point which would compel him to take part.

Sure, he could get some 'lucrative reward' and become famous if he performed well enough. However, does he care about either of these two? Absolutely not.

Moreover, becoming famous would spell disaster for him as Dalton and that bastard Count Wiley would do everything to kill him after realising that he could become a huge threat for them in the future. He wasn't arrogant enough to think that he could deal with either of them before reaching the four-star realm at the very least, since they had tremendous support backing them.

Now back on topic, although he didn't want her help for himself, he could ask her to use her authority as an Elder in charge of the mission hall to exempt Anna, Belen, Leticia and Flavia from their monthly missions since he didn't want them to go on the missions alone and put their lives in danger.

Therefore, he shook his head and smiled, "Of course not. I'll satisfy you regardless. I asked you because I just love the feeling of your mouth on my cock." He then sighed, "Anyway, since you don't want to, I won't force you. Let's go to the main business, shall we?"

Jasmine didn't immediately reply and looked at him in silence for a few seconds before lowering her head toward his cock once again and coldly said, "Since you like it that much, I'll do it only this once. But if you don't satisfy me properly, I'll make you regret it. Understood?"

Max was surprised a little before he revealed a victorious grin and nodded, "Of course. Has there been a day when I left you unsatisfied?"

Chapter 379: Slapped

"Hmph!" Jasmine snorted but said nothing and began to move her head up and down on his rod.

Splosh! Splosh!

Mm~ Mn~ Mn~

The wet and her hard breathing sounds continued to ring out in the room for over 10 minutes.

"Don't forget to gulp it down. Hah~" After he had enjoyed enough, he suddenly grabbed her head and shoved his cock down her throat, shouted out his warning and filled her throat with his thick spunk.

Gulp~ Gulp~

His sudden attack caught her unawares and, although she reacted quick enough, she couldn't free herself from his demonic claws and before she could use her mana to free herself, his spunk had already filled her throat completely. So, although unwilling, she could only gulp it down.

Her gulping sound was music to his ears and he couldn't help but realise that he was somewhat sadistic as he always loved to force his partners to drink his cum-shot.

Shing~ Shing~

While happily unloading his milk inside her throat, he noticed that mana's concentration was rising around them quickly.

"Shit!" He cursed under his breath and hurriedly stopped forcing her head down and jumped backwards with all his might.

Whoosh!

However, it seemed he was still a bit too late because Jasmine had already slapped in his direction and a mana palm was speeding toward him at breakneck speed.

He wanted to dodge, but the palm had already arrived and he didn't even have time to conjure up any mana shield to offset some damage.

'Maybe I should've done that.' He cursed inwardly and decided to never force her to give him a blowjob, much less cumming inside her mouth. Seeing that the palm was only a few feet away, he hurriedly raised his hands and covered his head.

Slap!

Swoosh!

Boom!

The slap hit his left side, sending him flying. Max felt a stinging pain all over his body. However, he gritted his teeth and tried to use his mana to slow down his 'flying' speed. But even then, he still banged hard against the wall and some crackling sounds rang in his bones.

Cough! Splat!

Unable to handle the pain, he opened his mouth to cry out but ended up coughing out a mouthful of blood instead.

Seeing him spat out blood, Jasmine's eyes flashed with a trace of worry and she hurriedly flew toward him. After helping him stand up, she took out a grade three healing pill and fed him.

After eating the pill, Max looked at Jasmine, who was supporting him carefully, and smiled. "Thank you for holding back."

Seeing his bloody smile, Jasmine snorted and walked away from him, "Hmph! Next time I won't."

Losing her support, Max staggered and called out in a hurry, "Hey! Where are you going? I can't stand on my own yet."

Jasmine stopped in her tracks, turned around and looked at him up and down before shaking her head, "No, I believe you can." Saying this, she went and sat down on her head.

Max inspected his body and noticed that his body wasn't aching as much and the internal injuries had almost healed.

Flop!

'It must have been a grade three pill.' He determined. He then staggered toward her and flopped on the bed and closed his eyes to rest and let the medicinal energy to heal the remaining injuries.

Only a couple of minutes later, all the medicinal energy was digested, and every bruise and hidden injury were thoroughly healed.

When he opened his eyes, he found Jasmine staring at him with curious eyes, her previous anger had vanished.

"What?" He grumpily asked. Although it was his fault, he still didn't like getting beaten up and was obviously somewhat angry.

Seeing his grumpy look, Jasmine revealed an amused smile, "Feeling angry, huh? Unfortunately, you can't do anything about it."

Before Max could become angry at her words, she leaned toward him until her face was only half a foot away from his and intoned in a seductive voice, "How about I let you punish me however you like after you are stronger than me?"

When he heard her words, all the resentment he just felt toward her vanished in an instant, and he revealed a sadistic smile.

He then moved his hand and slapped her butt cheek and nodded, "It's a deal then. I'll make you regret hitting me today."

"We'll see." Jasmine smirked and then asked, "So, do you need more rest, or can we continue what we were doing?"

"Aren't you taking nonsense? Of course, I don't." Max immediately sat up, which made Jasmine smile in relief. She was worried that he might not want to continue after their small episode.

"Let me help you..." Jasmine extended her hands to take off his robes, but Max stopped her.

"What?" Jasmine frowned.

"I need your help with something."

"With what?"

"I'll be going away from the academy for some time. I need you to exempt me, Anna, Belen, Leticia and Flavia from the mandatory monthly missions. I believe you know all of them and I don't need to introduce them to you."

Hearing this, Jasmine raised her brows. "Where are going and how long will you be away?"

"Somewhere far. As for how long, I'm not exactly sure."

Jasmine didn't mind that he didn't clearly answer her and said, "You know you can't leave academy's territory if you are not on a mission or have permission from the academy, right?"

"Yeah. That's why I need you to give me permission to leave the academy." Max smiled.

Jasmine nodded. She had expected it already. She then asked with narrowed eyes, "So, these girls, are they also going with you or you are going alone? Don't misunderstand me. I'm only asking if I need to give them permission to leave too or not."

Max shook his head, "No. They aren't. They will stay here."

"So, why do you want to exempt their missions, too?"

"Simply because I don't want them to put their lives in danger." Max casually said.

"Oh?" Jasmine exclaimed lightly before shaking her head, "Alright. I'll do that. Now, can we stop wasting time?"

"Of course."

Chapter 380: Strange

Wasting no time, Max took off his robes and then helped her undress.

Jasmine proactively lay down in front of him and opened her legs, revealing her heavenly cave, and impatiently said, "Hurry and shove that inside me. I can't wait anymore."

Seeing this, Max's rod that had gone into the sleep mode due of the interruption earlier, started becoming hard once again.

Positioning himself between her legs, he grabbed his weapon and started rubbing it on her labia and clitoris to make her wet and his cock rock hard and smirked, "Don't be so impatient. In a moment, you'll be begging me to stop."

"Ha~ Just put it in." Jasmine moaned.

"Alright." Seeing that his rod was already bulging, he stopped rubbing it and pushed the tip in between her flower petals.

"Ahn~ Yes!" Feeling his thick cock entering, Jasmine bit her lower and moaned, her eyes rolling upwards in pleasure.

Max then put his hands below her plump ass and lifted it half a foot above the bed for convenience' sake and thrust his hips forward, impaling his cock until the base.

"Ahng~! Yesss... fuck me senseless tonight~!" Jasmine cried in ecstasy. When he heard her words, blood rushed to his head and his nether regions, putting him into a state of frenzy. He dug his fingers into her bouncy ass roughly and started thrusting his cock into her very welcoming pussy.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Ahn~ Ha~ Hngh~

For three hours straight, he fucked her in every position that came to his mind and the sounds of flesh slapping and Jasmine's moans continued to reverberate in the room.

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After three hours, Jasmine was lying on her belly with her legs spread apart. Her pussy was completely red and swollen and a lot of white stuff was dripping down from it, telling the tales of their intense sex session.

Phew~!

Max exhaled tiredly. After confirming that Jasmine had passed out, he went to the bathroom, cleaned himself, removing all of Jasmine's traces from his body before leaving the villa.

While walking toward the female dormitory, he opened his status window to check his accumulated lust points.

[Lust points: 105,250]

"Nice! Now I only need around 45,000 more." Max nodded in satisfaction after seeing his LP count.

However, a moment later, he became a little worried and thought, 'Although I got 55,000 from Jasmine, it is mainly because she is a three-star mage and has purer yin energy compared to Belen and Leticia. I'm not sure if I can get the remaining LPs from them.'

Thinking this, he asked to particularly no one, "Hey old man, how about I go there the day after tomorrow?"

A moment later, 'system's' voice sounded in his ears, [No. A deal is a deal. You have to depart tomorrow.]

"Why are you being so strict? Being late for a day won't change anything. How about I hunt down some extra demons for you?" Max tried coaxing.

The system didn't reply for a while. So, Max thought it was considering his offer and become a little hopeful.

But a moment later, he heard the system ask, [Do you not want my help anymore?]

Hearing this, Max frowned and spoke with displeasure, "How could I not?"

[Then do what I ask and prepare to set off tomorrow and for the rest of the night, don't call out to me.] Saying this, the system went silent.

Max felt that something was wrong from the system's tone. However, the system had already gone silent and no matter how many times he called out; it didn't respond.

"If it's something that I should know, it will tell me sooner or later. I should just focus on the current task.' Shrugging his shoulders, he stopped thinking about it and hurried toward Belen's room.

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In Belen's room, Belen was still cultivating with a serene expression on her face. Leticia, on the other hand, had already stopped cultivating and was nibbling on her nails, clearly frustrated.

"When will he come? It's been three hours already." She mumbled.

Knock! Knock!

Just then, she heard someone knock on the door and her face brightened. "It must be him."

Whoosh!

She turned into a gust of wind and dashed toward the door. However, she stopped in front of the door and put on a pitiful and somewhat grumpy expression before opening the door.

Max stood outside Belen's room and waited after knocking on the door, but even after a while, no one opened it.

'Strange. Since I told them to wait for me, both of them should be here and given Leticia's personality, she must have been waiting for me and wouldn't take more than a few seconds to open the door. Could it be that they are already asleep?' He thought.

He once again raised his hand to knock when the door finally opened and Leticia rushed into his arms and complained, wearing a pitiful yet cute expression that could melt any man's heart, "You've finally come. We've been waiting for you for so long."

Max hugged her and, while gently caressing her back, he spoke, "I'm sorry. I had something urgent to do."

Swoosh!

Suddenly, Leticia raised her head and with a suspicious look, she asked, "You were with a woman?"

'Mm?' Max raised her brow in surprise and asked, "Why do you ask?"

"You had a woman's scent on your clothes." She replied.

"What are you, a dog?" Chuckling, he pinched her nose and entered the room.

Seeing that he didn't answer her, Leticia ran after him, shouting. "Hey, you didn't tell me. Who were you with?"

Max massaged his forehead in frustration. Although they didn't mind him having other women, he knew they didn't really want that to happen as it was normal woman nature. So, he didn't want to tell them about Jasmine since she was only a random person who he has 'business' relationship with. So, telling them about her only made them sad.

Fortunately, there was Belen in the room who interrupted them before things could become awkward.

"Hey, what's with all these unnecessary questions?"

Leticia pouted and grumbled, "I was merely asking..."

"Stop that." Belen glared at her.

Seeing her stern expression, Leticia knew she should drop the topic. So, she immediately quietened down.

"Cough! Cough!" Max cleared his throat and said, "I need to tell you guys something."