

EMPEROR 1431

Chapter 1431 - Real Cultivator

"Indeed..." Davis nodded his head to Nadia, "This is rather incredible. I did expect it to happen, but the chances were very less. I mean, it took me a heavenly resource to get you to King-Tier, to have that kind of prowess, and even that was only possible due to your low cultivation at that time. So what kind of purity would it take for this already overpowered Lightning Elemental to increase its prowess?"

Davis couldn't help but chuckle, "The answer is clear..."

"I'm glad that master's faith in her hadn't gone to waste..." Nadia smiled as she turned to look back at him.

Davis's focus switched to Nadia as he looked at her face. Her rosy lips became a bit more relevant to him that he almost felt like plucking them with his lips. Nevertheless, with their soul connection, Nadia quickly became aware of his intent and blushed slightly as her smile faded. She avoided his gaze, making him smile before he turned to look at the incoming figure.

"Master, I could already cross a level to fight against other beings. It was just that I got suppressed badly and hungry that I was unable to muster much prowess when you made me submit."

Eldia, who couldn't read the atmosphere, joyfully spoke as she replied to them.

Davis couldn't help but laugh.

"Haha, you wouldn't be ranked third if you couldn't at least do that, Eldia. You're one of the grand Lightning Elementals that people would give up their souls to obtain. Refining a Purgatory Extinction Lightning will aid Eighth Stage or Ninth Stage lightning-attributed cultivators in increasing their prowess and destructive powers to a tremendous degree."

Eldia danced around Davis, looking happier than ever as she heard him speak.

"What other change have you noticed?" Davis curiously asked.

Eldia stopped in front of him. Her humanoid figure stopped crackling before she raised her head as if she was thinking.

"I... Other than feeling that my extinction lightning has become extremely powerful, I think I will be able to reach a breakthrough to the next stage within... a year or two..."

Davis nodded his head. In fact, it was even better than his expectations. He felt a few years was in store, but one or two years were way better. Nevertheless, he had the confidence to shorten that as long as he could grow in cultivation, superseding her cultivation, but then she would become weaker than him at that point.

'Where can I obtain more extinction lightning resources...?'

Davis's gaze became sharp as he turned to look towards the core region of the Dark Thunder Island.

'Ninth stage lightning...? I'm rather courting death for thinking that I could even try to enter...'

Davis inwardly chuckled before he looked at Eldia.

"Eldia, have you ever seen people in red robes...?" Then, he suddenly asked, "They have this ability to use this red-lightning which is called infernal lightning..."

Eldia's lightning eyes flashed with a dark black hue as if she blinked.

"Oh them... Whenever I see those red-robed people with patterns of lightning, I always hide on that island because I know that I could not match their prowess. They always appear to hunt beings similar to me and search for resources. I also know that they would appear in a particular time frame, so it was easier for me to hide at that time, running off to that island, but I didn't expect that I would get caught by that fox-human..."

Her tone became sad by the end that Davis couldn't help but purse his lips.

"Come on, Eldia. Do you still hold it against them? You said you would forget about that if I let you come here for some time, no? It was your words..."

"Master, it isn't like that..." Eldia shook her head, "I don't want to kill them anymore. It is just... when I think that I would've been a peak-level existence by now, I couldn't help but get angered at them..."

Davis's heart trembled as he heard her statement.

She could even worry about her future!?

The more he conversed, the more he felt like he didn't know about her.

Just because she had emotions doesn't mean that she could think for the future and have past regrets as well! So she was really overturning Davis's views on elementals or spiritual beings even though he may have had already considered the possibility of them being this rational.

However, a possibility was just a possibility.

Davis really didn't think she would consider her past and future.

Even when she said that she would forget about the Silverwinds, he felt that it was merely a logical conclusion derived from emotional inclinations, such as she wanted to stick to him to be provided with the energy she wanted or search for some treasure back in the Dark Thunder Island.

He was proved he was wrong at this moment when she actually didn't find any and looked like she enjoyed feeling nostalgic, having lingering feelings towards this place where it could be seen that she held on to her past dearly as she cared about her future now.

Nevertheless, seeing that she could hold up her own words, he felt heartened because he didn't want anyone who could easily go against their words near him. If they don't protect their own words, how could he possibly expect them to listen to his?

He would've been the biggest fool or had some other reason if he did, but the latter were outliers that might fit in this situation because this was a strange case of communicating with an elemental.

"Eldia, I changed my mind. I'm not going to have you with me all the time. You're free to do as you please until I return again..."

"Master...?"

Eldia's voice sounded confused, even a bit apprehensive.

Davis shook his head.

"This place is more suitable for you than being with me at this moment, not to mention that my plans have changed. Originally, I felt doubtful of leaving you here, and with the threat of those red-robed men, I was even more inclined to not leave you here, but then, those red-robed men wouldn't come here until centuries later, so I felt that it would be safe if you stayed and ate, growing in this place you like until I come back. You have proved yourself to me, Eldia..."

Davis possessed a heartened smile.

However, in truth, he just didn't want to waste Eldia's potential.

The heaven and earth energy back in the Grand Sea Continent is so scarce that it would probably not be able to support her growth or make him be able to replenish his soul force or other types of energy with endless reserve.

It was more like he would be creating a void, making the place he was in devoid of heaven and earth energy for some time. It would be the same, or perhaps even more, if Eldia returned with him. After all, she would be passively absorbing all the heaven and earthy energy in the atmosphere that she would've pulled in all the energy into her body, emptying out an entire city in a day or two to cultivate.

If the Grand Sea Continent could actually support their existences, Spirit Stones wouldn't have gone extinct either.

Nevertheless, feeling like his decision was apt, Davis turned around and left. However, after moving ten meters along with Nadia, he stopped and turned to look.

"Eldia, why are you following me...?"

"Master, why are you leaving me...?" Eldia sounded confused again, "Did I do something wrong...?"

"Didn't I just explain...?" Davis became flabbergasted.

Could it be that his explanation fell on deaf ears...?

"But..." Eldia shook her head, "I don't understand... I don't know what I did wrong?"

Davis's lips twitched.

What part of the explanation did she not understand? But he felt like he vaguely understood.

"Eldia, I'm telling you that I don't have another treat like the heavenly lightning with me and that it is better for you to grow here until I come back. Don't worry. I believe that you won't betray, so you can stay here as long as you want until I come back to take you back."

Davis repeated twice, having a genial smile on his face before he waved.

"Take care then..."

He turned around and left as he flew.

However, the sound of crackling lightning still echoed behind him without a change in the distance, making his brows twitch. He turned around, looking as if he didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

'She seriously became attached to me for a treat...?'

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Three hours later

Davis was in the Purple Guest Palace.

There were a few places reserved for herb gardens to grow for decorative purposes. He took out the plants and other unneeded beautiful flowers surrounding the place and neatly made a four-meter square space free on the spirit soil.

He made the spirit soil highly enriched by throwing in some eighth stage magical beast manure and a few other enrichers before he took out the viridian fruit from the jade container, garnering its overexcited intent over the highly enriched spirit soil it senses and also because of his touch.

"You're so impatient..."

Davis chuckled as he patiently extracted the seed from the root. Its intent actually became clearer to him before he found himself influenced by its ecstatic emotions that he had to stop passively using his Heart Intent.

He shook his head, feeling that it good that he didn't leave this poor fruit spirit out there all alone. It was in the advanced stages of forming its own consciousness and just lacked the ability to talk. It was just like a baby.

This situation actually made him recall the Sage Tree. He had its pill essence derived from it, and the tree seemed like an actual sage from the descriptions, so he was convinced that trees or even plants could grow to have their own consciousness in this world of cultivators after seeing this viridian fruit's growth process.

"Sigh... seems like I'm a real cultivator now..."

Davis planted the seed with care on the spirit soil and placed a few display cases around that housed... strands of viridian lightning.

Yes!

He had gone to plunder that viridian lightning from the hidden island with Eldia's help and collected them inside these display cases. That was why it took him a few hours.

These display cases had a unique glass material where they were able to reflect the energy from inside to outside, so it made it suitable for the seed. He also kept the fruit on a display case so that it would provide the energy radiating from it back to its spirit new form.

Davis looked around and saw that everything perfectly fit into place.

The environment was artificially made suitable, and the seed of the viridian fruit was now good to grow!

Davis extended his hand and declared to his two followers.

"Nadia! Eldia! Witness the heavenly miracle I'm going to perform...!"

Pure white energy surged out of his palms as it descended on the spirit soul, seeping into the seed that was buried a bit deep.

Pop!~

The seed actually broke through the soil surface at this moment, enlarging into a tree sap!

Nadia and Eldia blinked as they witnessed this shocking sight. It was not new to them but to think that their master actually mastered the art of this miracle but never did they know that he did not rely on a mere stone in the first place. Even Nadia had been more or less fooled at that time.

However, it did not stop but continued to grow as the surrounding viridian lightning trembled as they ran out of energy, and before long, Davis took out a few more display cases that contained the viridian lightning and enriched the tree sap that had already grown a meter tall!

At this point, a voice echoed.

"Ahhh~"

Davis, Nadia, and Eldia's eyes widened. Then, all three of their expressions froze as they felt that the voice undoubtedly came from this growing tree!

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"Aww~ Wuuu~ Heyaa~"

Strange noises could be heard from the growing tree again, causing all three of them, Davis, Nadia, and Eldia, to come out of their trance.

Davis was deeply taken aback by this marvel that a smile couldn't help but foolishly stay on his face. He was like a kid who had found something new. Still, even though it was apparent that it could not talk, he wanted to know more.

"Can you understand me?"

"Aawaa~ Aawaa~"

A voice that sounded like a nod could be heard.

Davis immediately understood that even though it could not articulate its thoughts, it could still understand them.

'Does this have anything to do with the Sky Word Language becoming universal because of the Sky Word Immortal's final sacrifice...?'

Davis shook his head as if he had no freaking idea, nor did he feel like finding out the truth.

It wasn't like he was going to find the truth of the world because most of the time, only questions remained with more things he found, and he couldn't be baffled every time or become stopped by it. However, he was aware that he would have to strive to know the answers, except he wouldn't bring himself a headache by actively searching for it.

After coming this far, he knew the truth would reveal itself as long as he got stronger and entered the fabled Immortal Realm where Immortals ascend. Unfortunately, if he were trying to search for the answers here, it would be like finding a needle in a haystack, only resulting in wasting his time.

He'd rather use the time he possessed for cultivation or enjoying life with his understanding, loyal and beautiful wives. He didn't have a grand ambition. The former was a necessity to survive, and the latter was a way to live his life joyfully. The two could never be compared, just like how he was convinced that they wouldn't choose cultivation over him.

Furthermore, he was a v.i.r.g.i.n for almost fifty years, and when he said goodbye to that single life and made love with Evelyn, he truly felt that he had become a man at that moment, feeling a side that he never knew that it existed. It wasn't because he lost his v.i.r.g.i.n.i.t.y but because he made love with the woman he loved, who loved and cared deeply about him, probably more than he ever could.

That was truly a life-changing point he would not experience if he had some one-night stand with a random woman found in the streets. He was glad that he didn't give in to the temptation of the modern world that mostly reeks of glamour and vices.

"It really is happy..."

Nadia echoed as her beautiful golden eyes blinked. She reached out her hand and touched the growing tree with her palm, feeling its intent spread to her. It made her confused, but then she realized when Davis spoke.

"It's curious about you..."

"Oh..." Nadia smiled, finding herself curious about this plant lifeform as well.

Davis looked behind and saw the floating globular black-lightning that didn't crackle much.

"Eldia, do you want to touch it...?"

"Master, I'm afraid that I would harm it..."

Davis chuckled as he knew that it was indeed the case, but it would be possible for her to touch the tree without harming it if she dispersed her globular black-lightning energy body, but he could see that she was disinclined to do it.

He didn't force her either, but he did command her not to use her powers here unless he told her to. After all, he didn't want her attacking someone who merely acted like they were hostile to him. Ezekiel Alstreim's family was just too embarrassed to accept that he had saved them from what he could tell with his Heart Intent, and he and Ancestor Dian Alstreim knew that just playing ignorant like bullies.

Nevertheless, the fruit spirit's happiness became more apparent to everyone here with it being able to emulate its voice.

However, Eldia suddenly voiced out her doubt.

"Master, thousands of years ago, when this fruit's tree hadn't withered yet, the tree had a spirit but wasn't capable of talking like I did, so how come this mere fruit is able to...?"

Davis smiled as he nodded, "You're right, Eldia."

"Many times, spirits are only able to talk after they had gained a form, no matter if they were humanoid or not. Even the Million Emerald Vines Calamity, a Mid-Level Emperor Grade Plant Lifeform that I hunted down, lacked the ability to articulate its thought with clear words like you even though it possessed a spirit with shape. Perhaps, this is a special part of my powers, the ability to not only make them grow faster but also make their spirits achieve rapid growth."

Davis looked at both of his palms, seemingly drunk in his imagination for the future.

"Master's powers are truly heavenly..."

Two melodious voices echoed out.

One was convinced that Davis deserved the entire world, while the other was deeply shocked and had her horizons widened, believing that her master was truly special. After all, he claimed that he had passed a heavenly tribulation, and looking at the evidence, which was the strand of heavenly lightning which she had later devoured, she had no choice but to believe.

Only their master was capable of this feat!

However, as soon as Nadia and Eldia said it, they turned to look at each other and glared as if they were hostile, dark magical beast undulations popping up while black-lightning crackled with greater intensity.

"Stop, you'll two unknowingly end up thrashing this spirit's new home with just a spark..."

Davis uttered as she shook his head while both Nadia and Eldia listened to him obediently, retracting their undulations.

Whoosh!~

Two silhouettes appeared outside the Purple Guest Palace, quickly entering the palace as they approached the place he was located. Davis took his hands off the tree he was growing and looked at the door that led to this garden room.

The door opened, revealing two people in luxurious white robes who looked anxious. It was a man and a woman, looking stunned the next second.

"A Mid-Level Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental...!" The white-robed man's eyes went wide.

"Davis, what is going on here...?" On the other hand, seeing that the situation was relatively calm, a white-robed, white-haired woman asked, her beautiful eyes looking shocked as the man.

These two were none other than Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Ancestor Tirea Snow.

Davis heaved a sigh, shooting a look at Eldia. Her aura at the Peak-Level of Eighth Stage and her undulations released from her crackling undulations have attracted these two people. But if it just were the case, he would be okay with it.

However, he looked at another figure emerging, looking at the room with worry.

"Davis!~"

Evelynn entered, her gaze falling on Eldia before she looked at him, "Are you fine!?"

"Evelynn, this is the lightning elemental I mentioned to you about. Her name is Eldia..." Davis wryly chuckled while Evelynn heaved a sigh of relief as she knew from his account. He seldom hid anything from her.

The two Ancestors didn't understand, but they came to know that the Lightning Elemental called Eldia didn't mean any harm as they looked at their reactions.

And then, one by one, his family that had already returned to their quarters in the Purple Guest Palace came to visit, looking shocked at his Eldia. This was why Davis became exasperated. They were all alarmed because of the foreign and strong aura present in their living space.

Except for Niera and Nora, who had gone to bond with their side of the family after the unexpected reunion, everyone here in the Purple Guest Palace arrived, even the secluded Sophie and the Stirlanders.

They looked at Eldia's globular black-lightning body in avid curiosity and trepidation, and some were also awed by the presence of two Ninth Stage Powerhouses.

On the other hand, the next-door Silverwinds didn't seem to come. Maybe they didn't sense, or they didn't bother because they already knew Eldia's aura and undulations.

"Everyone, there is nothing to be afraid of..." Davis addressed the crowd who arrived as he pointed towards the globular black-lightning floating beside him, "This is Eldia, and she's a Mid-Level Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental who has sworn loyalty to me. She won't attack you, not unless I say so. Does anyone one want to test?"

Ancestor Dian Alstreim's expression twitched, "I'll refrain... but I believe you..."

However, even while he said that, he still found it hard to believe, but he could only try to digest what he had seen with reality placed right in front of him. Even Ancestor Tirea Snow's expression was the same, not to mention everyone in the room except Evelynn, who possessed a proud look on her face while observing everyone's reaction to her husband's achievement.

However, that was the hard truth that everyone in the world had to digest, and he had digested that long ago. He shook his head, finding it hilarious that he finally got jealous because of a brat.

"So you two were passing by...?"

Davis asked the two Ancestors.

"Not really." Ancestor Dian Alstreim shook his head as he sent a soul transmission, "We partly came to see you... to plan ahead for the future."

"Then we'll have a talk, but if you'll excuse me, I have a crowd to receive." Davis awkwardly smiled as he looked at the others who were still viewing Eldia with intense curiosity.

"Take your time." Ancestor Dian Alstreim chuckled, "Meanwhile, we're going to meet Mival Silverwind to discuss some things."

"Sure..."

Davis smiled, imagining that these two had some things to talk about their marriage event or perhaps Ancestor Ezekiel Alstreim. Then, he walked them out as he exchanged a few words about the remarkable tree they noticed, giving them some information and respect as he felt bad for making them leave.

Once they left, looking rather proud of him, Davis turned to see the people who have gathered. However, his expression froze.

"Fiora, what are you waiting for? Come here since you're one of us..."

Everyone's expression froze, especially Davis's parents, and the Stirlander's expression became a sight to see.

'Evelynn, you set me up, didn't you...?'

Davis inwardly gnashed his teeth and growled. He was not at all prepared for this scenario!

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Fiora froze as she heard her big sister Evelynn call her out.

"...!"

She could feel many gazes fall on her, looking at her as if they measured her up that she couldn't help but lower her head in shame.

"Don't lower your head, Fiora. You are one of us now, and the only person you have to lower your head to is our man."

Evelynn's voice resounded with gentleness, causing Fiora to tremble. Not only did Fiora tremble, but everyone felt shook.

Evelynn's words... it was almost as if they were like Davis already loved Fiora and accepted her to become one of his women.

Sophie didn't understand what was going on as she just came out of seclusion. She viewed with curiosity and noticed that this new face was her second sister's little sister, making her understand. An imperceptible smile hung on her face as she knew what Davis might've done.

However, Natalya was quite panicky herself. She didn't expect Evelynn to call out her little sister at this moment, but believing her big sister's decision, she didn't say anything and looked at her father, mother, and grandfather, who looked stunned, to say the least.

Fiora raised her head at this moment, looking determined as she flew across and reached out her hands. She grasped her other sisters' hands, looking moved that they didn't outright reject her but instead held her back. Especially Evelynn. She had thought that she would be humiliated but hearing her speak that she had to bow to no one, not even them, she was convinced that Evelynn thought for her sake.

At this moment, everyone became aware that Fiora had become Davis's woman. Her actions spoke louder than words.

"You... Fiora... is it true...?"

However, Igor Stirlander, the father, seemed extremely shook, but the mother, on the other hand, possessed an imperceptible smile on her face. She knew that it was coming with the way her daughters behaved at that time.

"Father... I have chosen how to live my life... with Davis."

Fiora looked at her father as she replied. She didn't look away and appeared daring.

"Davis, what is the meaning of this...?"

At this moment, Claire's voice resounded out.

Davis smirked with confidence, not looking awkward, "It is what it is... Fiora has become mine. It won't change, no matter what you all say."

Fiora felt moved on hearing his words while Evelynn and Natalya nodded in approval.

Claire blinked, feeling that his meaning was that he already made Fiora his woman by taking her innocence. Honestly, she felt that it was heavily inappropriate without marriage, but what can she do? She was already baffled by Sophie and Niera's existence, and then, there was Natalya's little sister.

She couldn't help but place a hand on her forehead, feeling like he was becoming more and more like his father. And what she found bizarre was Evelynn was the one to open this up, making her feel that she was okay with it.

The way they held hands proved that they had accepted Fiora and Sophie.

On the other hand, Logan felt like bursting out laughing after hearing Davis's answer. He had just spoken about Niera to him, and here he was with two other women. However, he didn't burst out laughing because it would be heavily inappropriate to their in-laws. After all, he didn't know what they were feeling.

"I see... So you have already chosen..."

Igor Stirlander lowered his head as he nodded, feeling like he had lost something. However, he was not saddened because Fiora had chosen a better man than he could ever find for her. But he finally

understood that this was why she probably rejected the talks of marriage because she had fallen in love with her brother-in-law.

He turned to look at his wife Rosalia Stirlander and saw that she didn't comment.

"Aren't you going to say anything...?"

He sent a soul transmission, and Rosalia Stirlander smiled as she replied.

"I knew this would happen, and I didn't do anything to stop it, even wishing for it to happen. So what do you want me to ask?"

She then turned and looked at her daughters.

"You two... You both seduced him of your own volition, didn't you? Then live up to it..."

Both Natalya and Fiora's faces became filled with a red hue as they recalled what they did. However, their mother quickly turned around and looked at Claire.

"I apologize for my two daughters taking advantage of your son's kindness. Please forgive our transgression. My two daughters don't deserve such a capable man."

"Ahh... I..." Claire didn't know what to say as she shook her hands.

This was unexpected for her as well, but a voice suddenly resounded out.

"Mother-in-law don't need to uplift me for appearances. I am equally responsible for accepting their advances. It's not like I don't have intelligence in my brain or feelings in my heart. Moreover, it takes two hands to clap, so don't blame them alone. If they managed to seduce me, then I'm equally at fault for letting their seduction control me."

"I'm not uplifting son-in-law for appearances, nor do I feel worried for Natalya or Fiora that you would not take care of them because I know for a fact that you would. I was merely telling them that they have chosen a life that they would not be able to afford, and so they should live up to it. Was I wrong?"

"You're not wrong, but mother-in-law looks as if have already accepted this fact? Or am I wrong?" Davis smiled with suspicion.

His Heart Intent made him feel her intent was not to put down or uplift anyone here but to create an atmosphere better for her daughters by chastising them so he would step in to defend them, making everyone know that her daughters rightfully deserved that place. She was cunning as he expected, but as their mother, she received full marks from him.

A mother should indeed be concerned for the best interest of their children, just like a parent should, but it was also up to them to discipline the children, but Natalya and Fiora had already grown up, so she could only go along with the flow.

"I was prepared for this when Natalya took Fiora out in the pretense of 'playing around', so I guessed that this should be Natalya's doing because she overly looks after her little sister after they had reunited when you first saved them. They're good sisters even now while sharing the same man, aren't they...?"

Davis's heart trembled as he heard his mother-in-law before he wryly smiled.

"Indeed, they are good sisters...."

If he was not crazy, he could tell that she might also know that he took both of them on the same bed.

"Then, as their mother, I hope you could take good care of them like you always did for Natalya. You've always treated her right from her account and loved her deeply, not to mention that she's now stronger than her father and me, and perhaps even her grandfather."

"Mother, Davis already gifted me a King Grade Wind Elemental while I made extraordinary improvements in my cultivation..."

Fiora interjected from the side, causing Rosalia Stirlander's eyes to widen in glee for them.

"See? I was not wrong about my son-in-law. I am not conflicting or unfavorable to them becoming your women, son-in-law. In fact, I'm glad that they managed to secure a man like yourself. As far as I'm concerned, they've won in life as long as they stay happily married with you."

Davis nodded, "I'm glad mother-in-law feels that way because I didn't want to offend anyone today. There's a lot that happened..."

Rosalia Stirlander nodded.

"Yes, I am aware that son-in-law is extremely busy, managing to lead the entire family by yourself, and that's why I'm thankful that you make time to look after your wives. That just does not happen in other households as they would just be decorations for their statuses..."

"Mother-in-law is placing me on a pedestal, but I thank you for your understanding."

Davis couldn't help but smile as he subconsciously offered a few words of modesty and thought.

'As expected, the mother who nurtured and taught Natalya and Fiora how to rile their men up with seductive words in bed is a seducer herself. She knows what to say to exactly make a man feel good about himself.'

"Is that enough?"

"It's enough. I now know where you all stand now, and it seems like I don't have a say in my second daughter's life."

"No, you have a say, but that would mean going against their wishes. Do you want to fight a battle that you know you would lose?"

"My wife is wise..." Igor Stirlander chuckled, "But I was not opposed to this either as I have the same opinion as you. As long as my daughters are happy and don't regret their decision, they've practically won life as we did. Is there anything else to say?"

Rosalia Stirlander happily smiled, "None..."

Igor Stirlander clasped his hand towards Davis, "I also ask that son-in-law takes good care of my two daughters."

"I will..."

Davis nodded to their worries as he made them assured with his words. He understood that they were careful not to offend him because of the difference in cultivation and statuses, but he wasn't bothered. He looked at his old friend and chuckled.

"Agis, you're still silent?"

"You lucky fellow...." Agis Stirlander shook his head, "You got my Stirlander Family's prized gems, so all I can say is what their parents said. Don't make them ever cry."

Davis abruptly looked taken aback, "That's kinda... impossible..."

Everyone's expression froze while Agis Stirlander narrowed his eyes.

"What do you mean?"

Davis's eyes began to turn dodgy.

"Well, it's impossible because... I'm always going to move them to tears with my care and love..."

"You...! This is not the time to make fun!"

"Ahahaha!~"

Agis Stirlander felt his face burn while everyone began to laugh. However, Natalya and Fiora were already moved to tears as their eyes turned moist, proving his statement.

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Davis laughed along with the crowd before he turned to look at his father and mother.

"What do you two think?"

They were smiling, influenced by the crowd, while Logan took this chance to burst out laughing. However, his laughter died down before he deeply grinned.

"Take responsibility, my son..."

Davis's brows twitched.

Ah, how soon the tables turn...

He could very well see his father thinking like that. Nevertheless, he looked for his mother's opinion and noticed that she was conflicted.

"I don't know what to feel, Davis. However, know that your mother will always be behind you even if you make some mistakes. Ah, I did not mean that you made a mistake, but I'm just saying that if you ever make one, I will always be on your side..."

Claire spoke, making Davis feel heartened. Before he could reply...

"What if I made some mistakes?" Logan couldn't help but interject.

"You get the death sentence...!"

Claire glared as she smiled while Logan cried foul of the unfairness, causing the people in the garden room to laugh again.

Davis also smiled, feeling that this matter that had on his mind had been finally taken down.

He didn't blame his mother for giving an 'I don't know how to feel' answer because, to Claire, it would've meant that he had accepted three women at once when in reality, he formed his relationship with them in these two years.

He had met Sophie two years ago, Niera, a year ago, and Fiora in this last month, out of which he had only made love with Fiora while he had only kissed the other two intimately. However, to his parents and others who came to know, it was no different than him bedding all of them at the same time.

That would make him a loose character with little to no self-discipline. His image probably took a huge hit in his mother's mind even though she was smiling at him even now.

As Nora always complained that Claire put him on a pedestal, he could see that it was real. She must be feeling disappointed, and Davis didn't want to feel that using his Heart Intent as he stopped using it. But, unfortunately, he did not get to know that Claire wasn't disappointed.

She was just confused, wondering why her son had taken so many women all of sudden. She was just worried for his future.

Nevertheless, Davis had another worry in his mind.

If he had said that he loved Nadia, would people begin to see him as a degenerate? They may even find it disgusting for all he knew! He didn't care about other people, but he didn't want his parents and wives to think like that. Sometimes, all it would take is a problem to destroy a happy family, and he didn't want to ignite the fuse at this point.

Shirley had accepted it somehow, but he wasn't foolish enough to believe that these people who hadn't seen the wider part of the world to accept that he loved Nadia. As far as they thought, magical beasts were no more than pets, mount, food, and resources. The concept of romantically loving magical beasts should be relatively unknown to them, especially to Logan and Evelyn, who had never seen a magical beast transform into a human for the most part of their life until they left the Grand Sea Continent.

Even the others were the same even if they were born here. After all, the only legend they had heard was Mival Silverwind's legend of loving a fox which is Zanna, but was that enough to change their minds?

Therefore, he promptly decided that this was not a matter to reveal at this occasion where every other person was present. He sent Nadia a soul transmission.

"Nadia, I'm sorry. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to reveal that I love you as well..."

Nadia, who was chilling near the viridian spirit tree, had her eyes blink before she smiled.

"No need to worry about that, Davis. I'm satisfied just being near you..."

"Nadia..."

Davis felt moved that his emotions almost took hold of him to reveal this matter. However, he kept his calm. There's a difference between revealing now and revealing later when everyone had a wide view of the world. The timing was important when confessing, and it was the same in business transactions and negotiations, so why would it be any different in this case?

It wasn't a matter of being courageous or not, as Davis never felt afraid to tell something that he thought was important. Nadia is important to him.

However, if he revealed now, he would be an unwise person, not to mention that he would definitely make people look down on him and lose trust, make them doubt his character. However, he didn't blame them because he understood that was how the world of cultivators is, highly judgemental, that they just might slit someone's throat if they didn't even like the face they were looking at.

"Alright then, I better go back to playing with my other grandson..." Edgar Alstreim, who was also silent all this while, spoke up.

Tia Alstreim and Lia Alstreim hadn't come. The undulations that erupted here made them aware that they could not possibly handle it. So instead, they stayed safe on the lower floors and were looking after the baby Evan for they had been mingling with Claire and Logan as a family.

"But before that, Davis, know that your grandfather approves of your action. I rather have you take many women as you please than see you be sad because you're a gift I gained from my precious daughter. However, don't overuse this perk because I will not be responsible if one of your women decides to kill you. Ahahaha!"

Davis couldn't help but chuckle while everyone turned to look at Evelyn, laughing at her. He understood that every action had its consequences, and it was just like his grandfather told. He would be careful not to cross the limit lest he destroys the happiness of his own family.

Nothing was promised in life. It was just a matter of choices, self-discipline, and effort. His grandfather funnily relayed an important message to him in his own way, making him inwardly nod his head, further making him convinced that it was best to have kept quiet about Nadia at this moment.

On the other hand...

"Why me...?"

Evelyn felt awkward as they were all looking at her.

Was it because she practiced Poison Laws that she was being pointed, or was it because everyone already knew that she declared that she would kill Davis if he left her?

"Big sister, you're the one with the most say in how our man should act..."

Sophie reminded, causing Evelyn to feel moved. She looked at Natalya and Fiora and saw them nod with smiles, making her feel moved to tears.

"You all... It's not like that... You have much say as I do..."

Evelyn uttered as she wiped her tears.

"Big sister, trust me... It is not we who decide that but Davis himself..." Natalya chuckled as she embraced Evelynn.

"Indeed, you deserve that for allowing us to enter and share your space, big sister..." Fiora uttered.

"You two... Are you taking revenge on me, making me cry?"

Davis was a bit dumbfounded as he looked at his women bond with each other.

How come they are all m.a.t.u.r.e all of a sudden?

Could it be that they understood what kind of sacrifices Evelynn made when she decided to accept them all, accept his selfishness? That was the foremost reason why he always loved her the best!

As for the other, they tacitly left one by one with smiling faces. Soon, the crowd cleared, leaving Davis with his four women, two other race women, and an unnamed viridian spirit tree.

Davis noticed his four women turn to look at him, but he noticed that Sophie hadn't entered Law Dominion Stage yet.

"Sophie, did Eldia disturb you?" Davis scratched his face as he looked at Eldia.

"Eldia, apologize..."

"Ah no... I reached Level Six Intent in Fire Laws, but I think I still lack the final bout of inspiration..." Sophie shook her head before she awkwardly bit her lips, "I apologize for taking so long. I wasn't working on creating a Superior Domain, but a Perfect Domain. I need that bout of inspiration to comprehend Level Seven Intent upon breakthrough."

Feeling her cheeks heat up, she lowered her head, "Davis, was I wrong for wanting to create a Perfect Domain? I don't think I have it in me..."

"What are you saying?"

Davis smilingly narrowed his eyes, "Everyone of us knew that you were aiming to form a Perfect Domain since you took this long. You have Starcy aiding you, who is already an enormous help, so you would definitely be able to form a Perfect Domain as long as you spend more time. There's no need to rush."

"Davis..."

Sophie felt moved as her purple pupils trembled.

She felt that trying to create a Perfect Domain was her getting overly prideful and arrogant, not knowing her limits. She wanted to be the first woman in the Alstreim Family who had congealed a Perfect Domain but was met with disappointment as she meditated and waited for the inspiration to descend. And then, the sudden foreign undulations freaked her out as everyone else did, and she came to see if everything was okay.

If they hadn't seen two Ancestors enter, they wouldn't have entered either for fear of getting killed.

"Actually, I feel that it is fate that you are here. Take this..."

Davis smiled as he reached out his hand. A jade container appeared as she sent it towards Sophie.

Sophie subconsciously grasped the jade container, blinking her eyes, "What is this...?"

The jade container was sealed tightly. No undulations leaked, so she could not even guess what was in there while the other ladies also curiously looked at it. However, they knew that it was going to be something that immensely benefitted Sophie if Davis had brought it out at this time.

"This is the Golden Asparagus Flame Shoot that is capable of vastly increasing your Fire Law Comprehension. At this point, this is a decisive factor that would help you comprehend Level Seven Intent upon breakthrough, and perhaps even Level Eight Intent depending upon your comprehension speed."

"Nevertheless, you might want to take a water or ice-attributed medicinal pill to counter its side effects, but with Natalya additionally helping you circulate the ice energy inside you so that the incompatible energy would not affect the breakthrough and comprehension state, it'll be more efficient."

Davis spoke his thoughts all at once, causing Sophie to stand there rooted in front of him, looking pretty dumbfounded.

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"Just leave it to me! I will help Sophie without fail!" Natalya smiled as she uttered confidently.

Sophie still looked dumbfounded. She then shook her head and opened her mouth.

"No..."

Davis blinked, "What? You believe Natalya got your back, right?"

"I do... but, this...? This resource is too valuable. We wouldn't even find a resource like this in this place. I can't take it..." Sophie shook her head, walking towards him, intending to give it back.

"Stop, it's a gift from Shirley to you." Davis raised his hand, causing Sophie to stop.

"Shirley...?"

Davis's lips widened into a smile, "For those of you who don't know her, she is-"

"She would've been his first wife if I hadn't taken him from her..." Evelynn shortened it as she spoke with a red hue on her cheeks.

"False," Davis shook his head, "We mutually severed our marriage agreement made by our parents years ago, but we later made up like a month ago in the Burning Phoenix Ridge Territory. Even I tore the marriage agreement that I had with Evelynn in front of her entire family and took her away because I didn't particularly appreciate having relations with those opportunistic and greedy people. Hehe..."

"Waaa~"

The other three were taken over by curiosity to hear their past and felt a bit awed even.

Tore the marriage agreement both times made between two families, but he still had the women to himself?

'What a man...!'

They couldn't help but inwardly scream at his savageness.

"Still, I have never met Shirley before..."

Sophie looked reluctant. This resource was not even Davis's, so she felt even more disinclined to take it.

"How could I-"

"I said the same thing to Shirley, that she did not owe you all anything, and she said that she is going to be sisters with you all but couldn't come because she is a bit busy in the Burning Phoenix Ridge. So now, if you reject this gift, it means that you reject her goodwill and her position in our family..." Davis deeply smiled as he shrugged.

"..."

"Well, if you still don't want it, I will be sure to tell Shirley that Sophie decli-"

"Ahh! I understand...! I won't refuse the gift anymore...!"

"Obediently take what our man gives you, or he will bully you into taking it~" Natalya giggled.

"That's right." Fiora giggled as she spoke about her experience, "Davis keeps moving us to tears like this, as he just said a while ago, so be prepared to shed a river of joyful tears since you decided to become his woman..."

"It doesn't matter if you aren't able to create a Perfect Domain. Husband's love towards you wouldn't change just because you achieved something greater or lesser because Isabella and Shirley are definitely capable of achieving more than us, but they are still given the same importance as us...!"

Evelynn patted Sophie's back, cheering her up.

"Sisters..."

Sophie called out with emotion, her glazed purple eyes looking like it would shed even more tears.

She had imagined that she would face so many challenges to be accepted by his other women, but they readily accepted her, even treating her with respect instead of looking at her with animosity like she initially expected.

Davis also couldn't help but feel moved. His women sure did understand him, and even more, as they acted according to his likings. It was probably done from a subconscious level to attract him as he couldn't find any other ulterior feelings with his Heart Intent.

They were just pure flowers in his eyes, looking extremely beautiful while smiling at each other.

He walked forwards and embraced the silent Sophie, feeling her warmth spread through him. Evelynn sneakily took the jade container from Sophie's hands with concern to let them feel comfortable, and Sophie instantly wrapped her delicate arms around Davis, tightly embracing him as she hid her face in his c.h.e.s.t, lightly sobbing from being emotionally moved.

"Sisters, I think we should leave since we had our time with husband..."

Evelynn sent a soul transmission to Natalya and Fiora.

"I feel the same way..."

"I agree..."

Natalya and Fiora replied to Evelynn as they smiled again at each other.

They turned around and walked. However, Evelynn stopped halfway, gave the jade container to Natalya, and sent a soul transmission to Davis.

"Remember to not take her innocence, or Isabella would become sad, perhaps enraged..."

"I won't..."

Davis smiled as he replied and watched them leave. The big sister was always looking after the sisters, making sure that they aren't hurt by the actions he took.

It wasn't long before the doors to the garden room shut. He locked it up with his soul force, lifting up Sophie's face as he held her chin with his fingers.

He could see her trembling purple eyes looking at him, knowing what he was going to do. Her small nose was red with all that crying, and her rosy lips that were pursed into an artistic shape made her appear gorgeous. When he used his hands to hold her slim waist and brush her silky blonde hair with his finger, she was soft to the touch, even looking melted by his embrace while all being red-faced.

"Sophie, you're so beautiful..."

Davis could no longer hold back as he leaned and took her lips, parted it open, and kissed softly, relishing her taste that he hadn't for a year. Her sweet lips moved, beginning to reciprocate his advances as she held him tightly, pasting herself over him as she kissed.

Their love was passionate, and it was getting hotter by the second.

Both Nadia and Eldia watched from a bit of a distance. However, no human ever bothered if a magical beast viewed them kiss their partner, at least not men. It was even less when it was a Spirit Attribute Source viewing them. Humans wouldn't probably mind being n.a.k.e.d around Spirit Attribute Sources as it would better help them in cultivation.

After all, there was always this belief that the millions of pores in their bodies absorbing the energy around them given by elementals and essences would better help them comprehend laws.

At this point, Sophie had already bent a bit backward as Davis held her from falling while still kissing. He left her heaving for breath as her bosoms heaved, but as if she was thirsty, she held him tightly and badly sought out his lips, finding herself sharing love in a trance.

It was already three minutes since they started kissing, and finally, Davis left her lips, looking at her open her eyes as they quivered, looking glazed and blurred with love as she looked at him.

Davis had stopped because he was thick hard down there, and if he further agitated Sophie, she would become wet as well. He promptly stopped as he straightened her up as he stood straight, still holding her in an embrace.

He couldn't help but poke her nose as he found her endearing.

"Don't worry. I'm not going to take you now..."

Sophie let out a giggle, "I'm not worried. You can make me yours anytime..."

Davis blinked, "Are you not going to ask me to marry you...?"

"You will... I know it's just not now, but it would be later... Besides, you have so many women to marry that I understand you have your own troubles..."

Davis blinked, but he smiled, looking satisfied with her reply.

It was just like the matter with Niera, not to mention Fiora.

Fiora's parents didn't even ask him to marry her, but perhaps, they would ask later. It was just, they were expecting him to say it from his side, but then, he possibly couldn't at this moment as he already had his determination to go back and marry Isabella. So, they all didn't know that he kept her waiting for far too long.

Therefore, he felt that even fixing dates for marriage with other women was inappropriate, which was also why he hadn't spoken about it with them.

Davis separated from her as he patted her head, "Well, you're right about that. I have my own troubles, like now where I would should probably go meet Ancestor Dian Alstreim. But, I shouldn't probably keep them waiting for too long, lest they think that I'm intentionally disrespectful again."

"What!? Then you should go...!" Sophie panicked, "Don't care about me...!"

Davis chuckled, "Sophie, I didn't say this for you to send me off..."

"No...!" Sophie ran around and began to push him towards the exit, "Off you go...! You have more important matters to attend...!"

"Sophie, you're already bossing me around...?"

"Ah... I didn't mean to...!"

Sophie took her hands away, still panicking, except now she felt that she had done something terrible.

Davis turned around and looked at her face. Her innocent reaction was all the more something that made it worthwhile for him to love her. She was just too cute!

He reached out his hands and pulled her into an embrace before he kissed her once again. Again, it was a gentle kiss.

"You're more important to me, though..." Davis smiled as he hit forehead with his, looking into her eyes, "However, I'll listen to my good wife, no?"

Sophie's face turned beet red from all his teasing. However, she still nodded her head, wanting him to go.

Davis widely smiled as he shook her hair, "Then take care! I'll be off!"

"Mhm..."

Davis and Sophie exited the garden room while Nadia and Eldia entered his soul sea and dantian respectfully. He made his way towards Silverwind's Palace but noticing that Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Ancestor Tirea Snow were not there, he headed towards the Ancestral Hall where he found them.

"Ancestor, so what's on the table?"

Davis asked with curiosity. It was rather rare that they would come to his place together to talk about something.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim pondered for a moment before he narrowed his eyes.

"To start, the Forsaken Phoenix Realm's secret entrance is opening next year. Do you want me to send young ones to vainly die in your people's hands or have them pull back altogether? But the latter might invite suspicion if we suddenly pull back..."

Davis blinked.

Was it already going to be fifteen years since he first entered the Fifty-Two Territories?

'Woah, time sure does fly fast...'

Numerous memories rushed back to this mind, making him feel nostalgic. He was nothing but an eleven-year-old when he had entered, but he was now twenty-five and a half! It was almost going to be fifteen years from that time!

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"I think..."

Davis came out of his reverie as he pondered for a second. His chin was up, his expression looking solemn before he smiled.

"It's better to let it be as it is..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim blinked before he turned to look at Ancestor Tirea Snow, who slightly had her brows creased, appearing as if she was frowning.

"Your meaning is that we have both sides fight while sustaining casualties?"

"No, the reason you send your elites to that place is to temper them, and not because you actually seek to enter the other side as it was already deemed hopeless by the world, even the Burning Phoenix Ridge if I'm right."

"Furthermore, the people in the Forsaken Phoenix Realm are not all on our side. They belong to other empires, but that doesn't matter anymore with how strong I've become; my family has become. What matters is that you two Ancestors keep that as a tempering site as it has always been in order to outwit the others from catching on to our relationship while we slowly develop and strengthen ourselves."

"Meanwhile, you two can inform your young elites that they need not battle with the other side to the death, nor do they have to do anything after entering like trying to be adventurous for that matter, as I obviously would not allow them to step inside."

Davis pursed his lips and stopped talking, indicating that he had finished.

"Davis, I understand that our sides can come to a consensus and not shed blood as a result, but what about the Towering Cloud Hall? Did you forget that they're part of the Tripartite Alliance and could enter the secret entrance as well?"

Ancestor Tirea Snow expressed her worry before Ancestor Dian Alstreim continued with the same tone.

"Furthermore, they might come to understand that we are in cahoots with the aboriginals of the Forsaken Phoenix Realm. Moreover, you must know that two women have already escaped because of the Tripartite Alliance's failure, so some people are already aware that it might be possible to enter the Forsaken Phoenix Realm..."

Davis looked at them with a focused gaze. They did not seem to care about him owning one or two Immortal Inheritances as far as their expressions went. Nevertheless, he couldn't help but chuckle at the mention of Ellia and Shirley, but he didn't comment on it. Instead, he shook his head.

"You don't need to worry about that, Ancestor Dian. If you ask me why it's probably because the Towering Cloud Hall wouldn't be present in the map of the Fifty-Two Territories by next year."

"...!"

Both Ancestor's eyes widened, looking at Davis with a bit of astonishment.

"We're going to attack them...?" Ancestor Tirea Snow couldn't help but ask.

"Of course not..." Davis smilingly shook his head, "I know about the interference of the other powers like the Nine Western Territories and the Four Great Righteous Sects. What I meant was that we're going to trap the Towering Cloud Hall and make a valid and righteous reason for us to oust them out of existence."

"Oh, Davis... you're full of schemes..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim couldn't help but smilingly shake his head before his eyes flashed with interest, "What do you have for us?"

"Ancestor is okay with following my orders?"

Davis blinked in surprise.

"What do you think that I've been doing all this time, swallowing my pride and ego to do as you say?"

Ancestor Dian Alstreim almost gawked as he had his eyes wide as if asking if he was kidding that Davis couldn't help but scratch his head in awkwardness.

"Nevertheless, with your backing, scheming, and talent, you have earned my respect, not to mention my gratitude when you saw through my Tirea's actions and made me understand. Even Mival Silverwind wants to protect you so that he could get benefits from you later. I'm the same, but my intent relies on the fact that you would take better care of the Alstreim Family if I take care of you better."

"Please don't... I don't want to take care of millions of people..."

Davis looked as if he was going to cry as he smiled, but before Ancestor Dian Alstreim could say anything, he added.

"However, Ancestor can rely on me if the Alstreim Family faces any calamities. Even the Aqua Flood Dragon should think twice, no, thrice before invading, not because of Isabella but because of me."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim's lips twitched, thinking that Davis was getting ahead of himself, but he didn't comment on it as he knew Davis didn't know of its current strength or past strength, to be exact.

"I forgot to mention this, but that Aqua Flood Dragon has been hunted down, its horn, scales, and flesh butchered as the Four Great Dragon Families split the spoils amongst themselves."

"...! So they were busy hunting down the Aqua Flood Dragon..."

Davis finally understood why the Four Dragon Families were biding their time. However, he still wasn't convinced. Surely, they had enough powerhouses to hunt it down while also being able to focus on Isabella, no?

And why now when it was possible that they've could've hunted it down long ago when it was living in the Grand Alstreim Ocean in a carefree manner?

"Yes, I was feeling uncomfortable when surrounded by their spies, so I used the All-Seeing Tower to know their tracks and movements. It seemed that the Aqua Flood Dragon broke through to the High-Level of Emperor Beast Stage, just a bit away from Peak-Level, so they hunted it down before it could reach the peak..."

Davis blinked, not able to believe what he heard, "Wasn't the Aqua Flood Dragon just at the Low-Level Emperor Beast Stage...?"

"It seems like it amassed a lot of energy before breaking through twice. On Elise Alstreim's account, it seemed like it had access to two or three Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Source, some or one of it water-attributed, which was extremely valuable to the world and invaluable to it."

Davis blinked again, but thrice in shock, "Peak-Level Water-Attributed Spirit Stone Vein Sources?"

Ancestor Dian Alstreim nodded his head as he sent a soul transmission.

"Elise Alstreim had looted a Peak-Level Water-Attributed Spirit Stone Vein Source from the Aqua Flood Dragon, and that's why it had followed her all the way to the Alstreim Family to kill her. Nevertheless, don't say about the loot to Tirea because I wanted it to be a surprise for her."

Davis was pretty much dumbfounded again. So the Peak-Level Water-Attributed Spirit Stone Vein Source was the spoil they had talked about earlier?

He finally understood why Ancestor Dian Alstreim didn't pursue Grand Elder Elise Alstreim to bring justice to Claire at that time. It was because of bringing something so invaluable to the benefit of the family.

Nevertheless, because of Isabella's achievement, he had an equal share in that Peak-Level Water-Attributed Spirit Stone Vein Source. However, discerning Ancestor Dian Alstreim's request, he instantly understood that he was planning on gifting it to Ancestor Tirea Snow, probably during their wedding.

'Ah... so the big guy knows how to woo...'

Davis felt that the person he had trained was now improving leaps and bounds. He felt that this gift would surely move Ancestor Tirea Snow, and he didn't wish to be a spoilsport, especially to a person who had been so understanding all this while.

"It's a pity that the Aqua Flood Dragon died after becoming powerful..." Ancestor Tirea Snow suddenly uttered, not seeming to bother about the soul transmission that Davis and Dian had exchanged.

"But if I'm not wrong, the four Dragon Families waited all this time to hunt it down because they would stand to gain more from it after it grew more powerful. If they had hunted it down when it was at Low-Level Ninth Stage, its value would've been way lesser."

"Makes sense..."

"Indeed..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Davis uttered. The latter felt that it made a little sense for the erratic behavior of the Dragon Families before the former continued to change the topic as quickly as possible.

"Although not much, I also learned that some people had unearthed a Peak-Level Emperor Grade Artifact made from dragon bones and flesh at the Grand Viridian Beast Mountain Range. Furthermore-"

"...!"

"Ancestor, you're so awesome! You're the best! I'll compensate the wealth lost for this matter as we brought this trouble..."

Davis couldn't help but spit out praises in an instant as he smiled, causing Ancestor Dian Alstreim to smile as well, not expecting Davis to be this excited. Likely, Davis was also uncomfortable and wanted to know the movements of the dragon family. Nevertheless, he shook his head.

"No need, two million Peak-Level Spirit Stones is nothing but a small change..."

As he said that, his heart bled while he inwardly cried. He had done this not only for his own sanity but to protect Davis from sudden attacks from the Dragon Families, especially the Zlatan Family, but the information he received was totally different.

Davis absentmindedly and cruelly nodded to Ancestor Dian Alstreim's bleeding heart as he thought.

'So that's why they've been hesitant all this time to make a move on Isabella. It's not like they consider it beneath them, but those four dragon families already have their hands full with that powerful dragon artifact. They couldn't afford to concentrate on another battlefield, which is recruiting the Dragon Queen Isabella to their family. No wonder they are not domineering but waiting...'

Davis felt like he finally understood their actions. It had always been on his mind that the Dragon Families didn't seem domineering and overbearing as everyone made them up to be, and it turns out that they had their firepower concentrated over another territory, fighting against each other for the ownership of the artifact!

And unlike the living Isabella, an artifact could always be conquered without being criticized by the righteous world. It was rather clear where they choose to put their focus, at least for the moment.

However, it seemed like the Zlatan Family wanted to cheat.

'Damn it, why didn't those two bastards talk about this when I listened to them secretly...? Instead, they had to talk about some random Zlatan woman I don't even care about...' Davis inwardly cursed Raeburn Zlatan and Farus Zlatan.

If they did, he would be more sure of his plans. Fortunately, this information made him aware that he was probably going on the right track.

'Nevertheless, talk about being lucky... Could it be that my luck streak still hasn't ended? Wait, this matter has already started way back from before they could completely concentrate on Isabella, so it couldn't be considered as my luck still being here, but are they still after the artifact all this time...? It does not seem like they're coming to get Isabella as they rather seem like they choose to wait for the six months I made the spies spread without them even knowing that it was intentional...'

Davis felt confused again after the understanding. He couldn't help but raise his head and ask.

"Did someone get that artifact yet?"

"No, they still seemed to be engaged in breaking down the powerful killing formation sealing the artifact." Ancestor Dian Alstreim's expression went solemn, "Once they have cleared it and decided who that artifact belongs to through some battle format, we can be sure that they would come to disturb your Isabella again, possibly even to finish you off since you have humiliated one of them, so what I propose that you escape from this place along with her to anywhere you seem fit when that happens...!"

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Davis blinked, finding it hard to comprehend this kind of compassion.

Even if he left, so what? There were always the chances of the Alstreim Family taking the backlash, the anger of the four Dragon Families. They could come up with any reason and stomp them, and the Four Great Righteous Sects would be hard-pressed to do anything against it.

At best, they would only be able to condemn their actions, fight a few battles to maintain appearances, swaying the common people's opinions.

But in the long run, who would care about a mere Alstreim Family?

It would just fade away like a passing cloud. The world was just that cruel, and the one who understood that and did not go against the ways of the world would have the perk of not dying anytime soon.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim paused for a moment before he continued, seeing that Davis hesitated for some reason.

"Of course, you could also take your family with you. I wouldn't stop them, but once you're powerful enough, I'll be expecting you to come back and take care of Alstreim Family in case I died..."

"Dian...!"

Ancestor Tirea Snow turned to look at him, her eyes looking angered.

"I'm just saying one of the possibilities..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim majestically raised his hand to not make her misunderstand.

"It wouldn't happen...!" Ancestor Tirea Snow's expression trembled, "If you die, we die together..."

"Tirea..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim felt moved as he reached out his hand to grasp her soft cheek. She didn't say anything against his decision but instead supported him. He took his hand away and turned to look at Davis.

"You do understand that there's no leeway after you took down that Zlatan youth called as Raeburn Zlatan, right? Don't misunderstand. I'm not blaming you. I figure that you have never faced any defeat, and you wanted to keep it that way, and for a talented elite genius like you, it is all the better that you keep it that way to maintain your law heart."

"Furthermore, I savored you beating that Raeburn Zlatan black and blue and enjoyed it as much as you did, probably..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim grinned before Davis revealed an amused expression on his face.

"Ancestor... I got my a.s.s kicked by my parents and made to rest for a week with injuries when I was a child for making fun of them... Do you think I didn't face any defeats...?"

"Pfft...!"

Ancestor Tirea Snow couldn't help but lightly chuckle while Ancestor Dian Alstreim's lips twitched.

"That's different... It's called disciplining a naughty child with a stick... but I can see that their disciplining didn't work with how arrogant you have grown to be..."

"Indeed..."

Davis grinned, smiling as if he had won that battle while Ancestor Dian Alstreim smilingly shook his head. The solemn atmosphere dropped, turning into an amicable one that of a family's. Ancestor Dian Alstreim knew Davis said this joke to cast away their worries, and he couldn't help but think that this arrogant brat was highly considerate as well.

Davis's amused expression faded as he adopted a normal one.

"I understand Ancestor's concern. You don't need to worry about me escaping because I have already planned for such a scenario, but I'm not abandoning you two. I'll still kill those who invade from the shadows, so you can be assured of that."

"I see... You're cautious as you've proven to be..." Ancestor nodded, taking Davis's word for it.

"Besides," Davis continued, "I know Ancestor already vaguely sensed that we're returning to the Forsaken Phoenix Realm."

"Indeed, you people have gotten your revenge, reunited with your family, and snuffed out any hostile intent with kindness and compassion by ingeniously having relations with the other party. Since I said that we'd be dealing with the Yantra Family later, I could tell that you'll all be returning to your true home sometime near..."

Davis smiled with a bit of awkwardness, not knowing what to say to Ancestor Dian Alstreim's wry smile. He didn't see them as fools, nor did he consider them to be overly smart, but when Ancestor Dian Alstreim said this clearly, he didn't even have a word to reply because this kind of deduction was spot on.

"Sometimes, I wish that you thought of the Alstreim Family as your true home, but I know that I'm rather wishful..."

"Ancestor doesn't need to worry over that matter." Davis smilingly shook his head, "Although this may not be my true home, it might eventually turn into one. But, even if it doesn't, it's still the birthplace of my mother and two of my women. Do you think I would abandon it to be destroyed by some hostile forces?"

"Your words allow me to feel assured and content."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim gratefully nodded his head, thankful that Davis was transparent. Or perhaps, since Davis was arrogant, he didn't bother hiding, but Ancestor Dian Alstreim felt thankful either way.

"That said... Would you also take your Isabella to the Forsaken Phoenix Realm when you escape? I'm worried that she might use her background to invade the secret entrance and take it for herself."

Davis smirked, "That won't happen, Ancestor. You probably already know where she came from if you could deduce all this..."

"Ah..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim heaved a sigh as he leaned back on his throne, looking exhausted.

"I knew it... I just knew it... With the way the Dragon Families acting like they don't know where she had come from, and with absolute zero credible information indicating her background, I just know that she was from the same place as you... It was just; I didn't dare to believe it...! You two acted so well that I almost fell for it...!"

'You did fall for that...'

Davis's brows twitched, but he didn't comment.

He wasn't surprised by Ancestor Dian Alstreim being able to find out because with more information becoming available, the truth would eventually reveal itself. No scheme was foolproof unless the party he was dealing with was basically a retard or a smart person who had no access to information because the smart person would end up fooling himself in the act of overthinking even if he did nothing.

After some time of silence, Ancestor Dian Alstreim sat back straight up before he sighed.

"Davis, don't be offended, but to see your Isabella grow this fast, even able to suppress that Aqua Flood Dragon, is there another Immortal Inheritance in the Forsaken Phoenix Realm?"

"Indeed, there is..."

Davis didn't hide as he answered without missing a beat.

If he said that there wasn't, it would be quite distrustful after all this understanding they had developed, and it wouldn't take a genius to figure out that he was lying as it wouldn't explain Isabella's mind-boggling prowess. Furthermore, if he said that he didn't wish to comment on it, it was basically saying that there was indeed another Immortal Inheritance.

"I see..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim's expression became complex as he saw that Davis didn't play a joke. He lowered his head as if he had descended into contemplation. On the other hand, Ancestor Tirea Snow looked pretty shook.

Did that mean that there were two Immortal Inheritances in the Forsaken Phoenix Realm? But little did they know that it was not two but three, with the Ice and Fire Phoenix being separate entities. It was basically an unearthed mini-realm that would make the world go crazy, much less the Dragon Families and the Burning Phoenix Ridge.

Davis sighed, feeling that the time has come.

"Empires stand at the apex of the world back in the Forsaken Phoenix Realm. As you could probably tell from the surname, I'm from the Imperial Loret Family, where my father is the reigning Emperor, and my mother's the Empress, which makes me the Crown Prince."

"We left such a high life to pursue justice for mother and her father, so you may understand our struggles but nevertheless, Isabella is from a family called the Imperial Ruth Family. They own an Empire like us, but way more powerful as they own the Immortal Inheritance from time immemorial, but don't get me wrong. We are not hostile but loosely allied at the moment."

"The Ruth Empire lacked a suitable inheritor all this time until Isabella proved herself to be one, and that same Isabella has agreed to marry me. So that's also a major reason for me to go back."

"Oh...!"

Ancestor Dian Alstreim stood up, looking overexcited as his expression beamed with joy.

"Good! Good! Good!"

"I was sad that we lost an Immortal Inheritance that I never knew that it existed, but if she's becoming yours, then I don't mind! Ahahaha!"

Davis smiled.

This was an expected reaction. He only had a problem if they started l.u.s.ting after the inheritance, but with their ages, they probably understood that they're way past the requirements as mentioned in the ancient records. With that, they wanted the opportunity to go the young ones of their powers, and he could see that they considered him as that young one.

He was their golden goose, and as Ancestor Dian Alstreim would like to say it, the Alstreim Family's hope.

Of course, it was a risk, but Ancestor Dian Alstreim was placing his faith on him, and it should be even more the case after seeing him passing a heavenly tribulation that shook his entire being and struck fear into his heart. Even Mival Silverwind, a stranger, was convinced that his gamble would pay off if he kept protecting him.

That was the status that Davis commanded. He was just too important for them to lose!

"Thank you for not being two-faced, Davis. I can now see the better at what you're planning, even though it affects the Alstreim Family a lot. However, I understand that it's an unavoidable risk. No power can become stronger without facing calamities. If such a power existed, you would only find that in fairytales written by cripples who lost their cultivations."

"Ancestor..."

Davis felt moved over Ancestor Dian Alstreim's understanding.

Instead of becoming angry or suspicious, Ancestor Dian Alstreim understood where he had come from and how he had to struggle to get justice for his mother and grandfather without a single frown on his face. Of course, it was thanks to their constant communication that led to an amicable relationship, but if the fooled party didn't understand enough, there could be no peace or reconciliation.

As expected, a person who could learn Heart Intent was sympathetic to other's troubles, and perhaps, that was why Ancestor Dian Alstreim wasn't overbearing as other Ancestors he had heard about, and also didn't bother to intrude on the internal affairs because that would mean that he would need to take a side, take the side of the victims, which would further weaken the family as victims were mostly weak.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim's goal was to protect and strengthen the Alstreim Family, but if he sided with the weak, the family would eventually die out. On the other hand, if he did side with the strong people, it would lead to an internal conflict within the strong and even himself, making him question his own law heart!

It just wasn't worth it to intrude upon giving up his cultivation, not after he had been deeply hurt after losing his woman to a granny who had misused or ingeniously used the Heart Intent and brainwashed his woman to forget him for the benefit of the Falling Snow Sect.

Nevertheless...

Davis clasped his hand and bowed as a sign of respect!

Chapter 1438 - Undercurrents?

Ancestor Dian Alstreim smiled as he saw Davis bow for the first time. He became deeply heartened as if he had achieved something great before he kept his calm.

"Then we'll get back to what we were talking about. Since we amassed three powerhouses, the Alstreim Family now unofficially has five powerhouses, excluding your magical beast mount. So all five of us, except Ezekiel Alstreim, who had just recently become a Law Rune Stage Powerhouse, have a chance to

break through to the next level. At least, I'm convinced that both Tirea and I are at the peak of the Low-Level, just missing a certain something..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim smiled at the end, making Davis aware that he was talking about the gift that could potentially make Ancestor Tirea Snow step into the Mid-Level Law Rune Stage.

Although consuming Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Sources remained banned, who would know unless someone spread the information to the world? Fortunately, Elise Alstreim and the ones in the know already swore not to leak the information. They wouldn't even dare to tell it to Ezekiel Alstreim because of the oath and their new life that they didn't want to mess up, much less to outsiders.

Nevertheless, Davis understood that finding a new Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Source means finding a lucky chance. No one would ever know that you found one, much less consumed one. The wicked path even openly consumed them and displayed the middle finger to the righteous path, then robbing them the next day of a similar resource.

"Speaking of which, can I know how many suspicious individuals are targeting me in the Grand Alstreim City?" Davis suddenly asked after remembering about the wicked path.

"Ah yes, after your fame shot through the skies when you displayed your strength while battling Raeburn Zlatan, there's an influx of experts gathering, some openly demanding that you fight them while some others secretly roam around, trying to find an entrance within the impeccable fortress of a guest palace that we built. There are not only some righteous path youngsters but also some wicked path individuals. The latter are more likely to attempt to kill you if they ever see you outside."

"Nevertheless, I had the Grand Elders deal with all of these suspicious people and executed them, so much that it wouldn't be strange if some random wicked path people invaded us for being overbearing."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim wryly smiled while Davis nodded.

Davis had all the floors locked except the last two floors, and that was where Nadia kept a watch, occasionally erupting with her aura to scare any people who thought they were sneaky enough to enter. Before they could even get near the entrance, they were scared off like a scaredy-cat.

He was too busy to bother about these people, and he didn't care if they were in the righteous path or the wicked path. He was disinclined to waste his time dealing with every single one of them when the Alstreim Family would help him take care of it.

If he did take care of them with his fists, his name would become more famous, which would, in turn, increase his reputation, proportionally increasing his headaches, but now it would just be the opposite.

People would start to think that this whole point of an Alchemist being terrifyingly powerful was a ruse that the Alstreim Family made up if he denied any challenges. But, of course, they never would've believed it in the first place if Dragon Queen Isabella's name wasn't stuck onto him for some credibility.

And for the same reason, he understood that they did not bring any prominent experts in the wicked path, perhaps a bit afraid of offending the Dragon Families who were said to be behind Dragon Queen Isabella. So right now, their level of targeting was nothing more than at the level of probing.

"Thank you, Ancestor. I apologize for changing the topic, but that's a matter settled, so what were you getting at?"

"I was getting at our prowess." Ancestor Dian Alstreim didn't seem to mind the interruption as he smiled satisfactorily, "We're now as strong as the Thousand Pill Palace on the surface, although I muse that they have more connections with individual powerhouses than us. So, once Tirea or I have a breakthrough, which should be possible in a few decades or less, we'll become the strongest in the Nine Western Territories. At that time, no one in the nine Territories will be able to stop us while we expand our influence together."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim turned to look at his beautiful white-haired woman, "Isn't that right, Tirea?"

"Yes, the Falling Snow Sect would officially be allying with the Alstreim Family when our wedding date is announced to the world."

Ancestor Tirea Snow smiled with a red hue on her face.

"Yes, what we two Ancestors are saying is that we're sufficiently powerful to keep ourselves alive with three more powerhouses, so I want you to know that you can rest assured as you return to the Forsaken Phoenix Realm."

"I understand..." Davis smiled, "When I come back, we'll be almost invincible for sure..."

"Oh? That's a pleasant surprise to hear..." Ancestor Dian Alstreim shook his head, "But, it can be for the second time. Just make sure you attend our wedding that would be dated within a year at max."

"Well, I did not mean-"

Davis abruptly shut up as he turned to look back at the entrance.

Three people entered with smiles. They wore white robes filled with dark-green veined patterns of lightning.

"Perfect timing..." Ancestor Dian Alstreim smiled as he looked at the arrival of the Silverwinds.

"Hehe... Ancestor Dian, you have some 'good' timing as well..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim chuckled.

"Excuse my rudeness if I have offended by disturbing..."

"Oh, it's nothing..."

Mival Silverwind shook his head, causing Ancestor Dian Alstreim to smile in relief. However, he still felt bad to have disturbed the Silverwinds during their intimate time. It wasn't like he had seen anything but with Mival Silverwind sending a message transmission that he would come to see him within a few minutes from within the palace; he understood and promptly left while Tirea Snow looked quite oblivious, even now.

Nevertheless, he felt strange.

Everyone suddenly had a woman they cared about? After all, all the male Ninth Stage Powerhouses of the Alstreim Family, or allied, were now occupied with their woman or women, even himself!

Could it be the fall of the Alstreim Family would be because of a woman? There was a saying that an empire-toppling beauty would be a cause for the fall of an empire, mostly because she inevitably attracts many powerful preys to conquer her. He hoped that it wasn't anything like he imagined in the case of his Alstreim Family.

"How was your time here so far?" Ancestor Dian Alstreim wryly smiled before he couldn't help but ask as the host.

"Oh, so far, so good. I'm enjoying life more than I expected. You all didn't come to disturb me one bit and even sent so many delicacies that I feel sorry for not being able to reciprocate." Mival Silverwind laughed as he turned to look at Davis.

"Young hero who saved the damsel in distress, I'm glad to see that you have recovered. That's some miraculous ability you have there to heal those terrifying injuries..." His eyes twitched.

"It was all thanks to that viridian fruit giving me insights along with that holy stone. Can I have someone investigate that viridian fruit's true effects when made into a pill for me?"

Davis pursed his lips and requested as he humbly smiled.

"Hehe, I'm rather disappointed to say that I have already checked long ago and returned with empty results. We only had Zanna's bloodline memories as a lead, so like her, some other powers might know but are secretive of that fruit's existence. You know how heaven-defying the fruit is... after all, it can actually allow a person to reincarnate as long they find the fruit tree's branch within their lifetime."

Mival Silverwind cast a glance at Alia Silverwind, who possessed a gentle smile on her face. He had actually made love with three different women who were comprised of the same soul in his lifetime. Of course, they were all Alia in different faces. Even he found it mind-boggling of the fruit's effect, and when made into an actual pill, he felt that the fruit should be even more miraculous.

However, he didn't dare investigate further for fear of repercussions, in other words, being hunted down for possessing a heavenly resource like the viridian fruit.

"Indeed..."

Davis sighed, feeling a bit disappointed before that feeling disappeared because, considering the rarity and the miraculous effect of the viridian fruit, it is indeed something that would not be publically known but kept within the confines of some power as a secret.

"Wait, you two are talking about that viridian fruit on Davis's garden room...?"

On the other hand, Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Ancestor Tirea Snow knew that viridian fruit they mentioned because it was placed on a display on Davis's garden room, but was that truly what they were talking about? Did it possess such an effect?

"Oh, he finally took it. I thought he was going to leave just it just like that..." Mival Silverwind chuckled while Davis nodded.

Both Ancestors were taken aback deeply. They had only focused on the growing tree with the new-born spirit and wasn't concerned over that strange viridian fruit because Davis hadn't said anything about it yet, but then, if the fruit itself was placed beside, there's a valid chance that the tree itself would bore the same fruits!!!

"Unfortunately, the tree that bore the fruit has already withered. There is no need for us to concentrate on it anymore unless we can grow the tree by using the fruit's seed, at least if it had one in the first place." Mival Silverwind sadly uttered as if it were unfortunate, "However, I muse that growing it is impossible unless we find a suitable environment for it. The last place just won't do because, by the time it grows, I muse that we'll all be dead even if we did somehow manage to grow one in that island..."

'That brat is already growing that tree, damn it...!'

Ancestor Dian Alstreim felt like screaming as he witnessed Davis imperceptibly smirk by the side. Honestly, he didn't know how many things he did not know about Davis, but he didn't say anything at the moment. Ancestor Tirea Snow also didn't say anything as she understood the implications.

However, the more outstanding Davis was, the more fortunate they felt because, in the end, they felt like he belonged to their power!

Chapter 1439 - A Few Matters

Davis, Dian Alstreim, Tirea Snow, and the Silverwinds had a long discussion of how to proceed with announcing their marriage, while Davis also shed a few details of his plan on dealing with the Towering Cloud Hall. Mival Silverwind was rather impressed with the plan as he praised Davis before they all concluded that they were alright with the things they have discussed.

Later, it was decided that the marriage between Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Ancestor Tirea Snow would be announced after the Dragon Queen came out of seclusion, which was six, no, five months later. Until then, Davis felt that he could relax a bit before he came back to cultivate and concentrate on matters like the Ancestors' wedding.

However, it wasn't just like he was just dropping all matters to enjoy carnal p.l.e.a.s.u.r.e and love.

Isabella is significant to him in his life, and it was even more so to his cultivation when he acknowledged that she held a massive boost to his physical might with her v.i.r.g.i.n yin essence. In reality, he was still going back to cultivate if he looked at this from a different perspective. However, he cared more about the woman with his character than some benefits he got from that woman. Otherwise, he wouldn't have married Evelyn or Natalya, for that matter, because they were weaker than him.

If he had concentrated on benefits, he would've purely gone after Shirley and Isabella, and perhaps even Sect Master Lea Weiss for the primal yin essence they all held. Other than the value they held as a person, the value they held in their purity was immense that most Ninth Stage Powerhouses would start a war for it if they said they were looking for a man or something similar.

A few minutes later, Davis returned to the Purple Guest Palace before he saw that Natalya and Sophie had already begun the process of absorbing the Golden Asparagus Flame Shoot, intending to have a breakthrough into the Law Dominion Stage while congealing a Perfect Domain.

He did not disturb them but instead went to meet his parents, who had gone to see Edgar Alstreim.

When he arrived, he saw that the door was open and entered after a knock. He saw the a.d.u.l.t.s discussing while Tia was playing with baby Evan as she made weird faces while he tried to reach out his hands, giggling with a cute smile.

"Oh? You're not busy with your women?"

"Unfortunately for me, they're cultivating, and while they would be glad to indulge in me, I don't want to disturb them either." Davis elegantly replied while walking towards them with his hands behind his back.

Everyone became a bit flabbergasted as it almost made him look like a different man, but Claire looked happy as this was how she imagined her son to be. Having women was all okay if his wives approved, but falling into depravity was not how she imagined him to be, and it seems that her thoughts were right.

He still had his conviction and character unchanged, although his values may have loosened a bit with how she could see him taking numerous women.

'I hope Edward and Evan would not follow their father's and elder brother's footsteps and marry only three or fewer women in their life...' She could only realistically wish.

On the other hand, she was worried about Clara and Diana as well. She felt that she had no need to worry about Clara because of her level-headedness and coldness, distancing people away even if her beauty immensely pulled them. However, Diana was the exact opposite. Her cheerfulness attracted everyone in the vicinity and made her a target, and worryingly enough, she had already liked a boy of similar age.

She could only wish that Diana hadn't done something foolish.

At this point, she was feeling regret for not looking after them, but if she hadn't left, she couldn't have saved anyone here with her son's help. It was either this or that, but she could wish for the better with her children with their elder sister looking after them, unlike her father's situation.

Clara may be cold, but she was a capable girl. Claire believed that their strict elder sister could take care of them.

"Davis, when are we leaving...?" She couldn't help but ask.

Their eyes were wide before they finally relaxed, hearing that both Ancestors didn't take it in a bad way.

"As for leaving, you all just be ready. It could be this day or a week later as I still have a few matters to take care of..."

"I see..." Claire smiled gently, "Take your time. Mother will wait, but I'm also bringing your grandfather, grandmother, my sister, and Nora back. Are you okay with that?"

"Fine with me..." Davis shrugged as he already expected this to happen.

"Davis, you're the best!~" Claire joyfully replied.

Davis smiled.

Even he was thinking of bringing Sophie, Niera, and Fiora back with him, but he mused Niera's family wouldn't allow him to take her to someplace they wouldn't be able to reach, same with Sophie, a bit unless he was forceful. So realistically, he could only take back Natalya and Fiora with him while leaving their family here because he had little to no obligation to take them unless they requested.

He abruptly turned to look at someone and saw that they instantly avoided his gaze, possessing a healthy blush on her face.

"Tia, are you having fun with your baby niece?" He walked towards her.

"Yes, Evan is so cute that I feel like I could hug him all day long...!"

"I see... So what about your comprehension of Karma Laws?"

"With my current cultivation..." Tia held her hands, feeling embarrassed, "It's not much, but I muse as soon as I reached the Law Seed Stage, my comprehension in Karma Laws would increase by leaps and bounds."

Davis nodded, "Indeed, you're restricted by your own cultivation. You have to cultivate hard, Tia. Otherwise, big brother saving you would have little meaning..."

"Yes..." Tia stood attentively as her body went stiff, "I will not betray big brother's expectations...!"

"Hehe..." Davis's solemn expression faded as he chuckled, reaching out his hands to stroke her blonde hair, "I was just joking. Don't batter yourself. When my little sister Clara battered herself by overcultivating, trying to catch up to me, I was very disappointed in myself for taking my eyes off of her. So don't you dare cultivate yourself to exhaustion. Big brother would feel sad if you fell sick because of my words."

"Ah... yes~"

Tia's face came to possess a crimson hue as she suddenly found herself melted by his sweet words of care. She bit her lips, raising her head to look at his sapphire eyes.

"I would not disappoint big brother in both ways..."

"Good, it is important to balance between cultivation and maintaining your mental state. If you find yourself bored, read something, talk to some people or simply play around with something you like or want to increase your mental state. Entering meditation may be easy for us who have learned it from a very young age, but it is also important to not be bored or distracted while cultivating. Some thoughts may emerge to boost your cultivation as a part of motivation, but some others may try to interfere as negative thoughts. You just have to be careful not to let the latter take over."

Davis earnestly advised, causing everyone in the room to nod their heads in approval.

Of course, this was something basic, but many didn't know how to balance their mental states, resulting in them having poor cultivation experience and fewer breakthroughs. Moreover, when their mental state falls extremely low, they would likely incur a heart demon from a recent setback they faced.

For soul cultivators, mental states were extremely important!

However, Davis never had to worry about it because he did not see cultivation as a chore but fun and a necessary tool for survival, not to mention that his increase in Soul Forging Cultivation was mostly due to Fallen Heaven devouring soul essences and raising his soul prowess.

In terms of raising Soul Forging Cultivation, he probably had it easier than anyone in the world, but when comprehension over mysteries of the soul enters the comparison, he was severely lacking and needed to stop to comprehend. In that scenario, he felt that Ellia and her white-haired witch had beaten him in that regard because she was a reincarnator like himself, except the chances that she was a powerhouse or even an Immortal was way higher!

Suddenly, Tia raised her hands and grasped on his arm, pulling his sleeves.

"Big brother, I want to see the place you grew up in... I also want to see my nephews and niece I keep hearing about..."

"Haha, I want to see them too. Just wait for a bit until your big brother finishes a few things. Then, I'll take my leave..."

"Ah no... Don't leave already~"

"Sigh, this lass adores her big brother very much after that incident..." Edgar Alstreim smilingly shook his head.

Everyone smiled as they nodded, but they all inwardly thought.

'It wouldn't be strange even if she fell in love with Davis after all that...'

Tia, who waved goodbye to her big brother, didn't know that the people behind her already made her pure and affectionate feelings to be one of sweet, innocent love.

Chapter 1440 - Friend?

In an Empire that had just seemingly avoided a disaster a few years back, a person stood tall in the Emperor's Imperial Palace. He wore luxurious blue robes and looked into the horizon with two women standing behind him, both of them taking the personal space by his sides. They looked beautiful enough to attract the gazes of many men.

"My Emperor, who are you waiting for? You have already enjoyed the scenery for a few minutes. So it couldn't be that you were just sightseeing, right?"

"Sigh, Iona. It's time I left this place. Are you going to stay and plot to become another man's woman, or are you coming with me?"

"You...! Alexi! You doubt my allegiance and loyalty to you?"

"Well, you did switch from my bastard father to me when he died, so why wouldn't you switch from me to someone else?"

Iona Ethren looked angered, but she couldn't retort to that as it was nothing but the truth.

"Prove your allegiance by sticking with me, and perhaps one day, you'll earn my complete trust rather than a half-hearted one."

"How about you? Hyacinth? Do you wish to-"

"I'll follow wherever my Emperor, my Alexi goes~" The woman called Hyacinth gently uttered as she held him by the arm.

Iona Ethren looked extremely jealous as she looked at the two of them m.a.k.i.n.g. .l.o.v.e with just their words. She bit her lips, feeling wronged. Wasn't entertaining him with her body and other exotic things enough?

She had even birthed a daughter for him!!!

What did she have to do to prove her worth even after she tried so hard?

Tears fell from her eyes as she felt aggrieved and hurt.

She was no longer the scheming woman she once had been.

It wasn't like she wished to be scheming. On the contrary, she was nothing but a cheerful woman from a wealthy family, fantasizing about her future husband while cultivating. However, the previous Emperor, Kaiser Ethren, obtained her using vile means and r.a.p.ed her, making her give birth to her son Hadre Ethren. The latter had been executed by the Alstreim Family two years ago for the wrongs that the Ethren Empire had committed.

What could she have done other than scheme using her wits to survive in the Imperial Palace and make it to the level of Empress by pleasing the man she hated?

In fact, to humiliate Kaiser Ethren, she had seduced her son Hadre Ethren and made love with him because, within the Imperial Palace, the only man who could visit her was her son other than the Emperor. She had all the hate in her heart to make a cuckold out of the Emperor of the Ethren Empire at that time and succeeded.

It was just she didn't wish anyone to find out since her son would be executed, but still, he was executed by the Alstreim Family for a wrong he hadn't even committed. It was quite ironic because she had abandoned her sense of virtue to that bastard to please him and make her son the next Emperor, only to have both of them die in the end.

It was laughable till the point that she had almost gone insane.

Then, after losing the person she cared about most in this world, she had to give herself his exiled son, Alexi Ethren, or miserably die somewhere eventually in the worst-case scenario. She obviously chose the former as she didn't want to die, thinking it would be the same thing all over again.

However, after all those nights that he made gentle love with her and whispered words of love that she never experienced, even giving birth to a daughter, she had inevitably fallen in love with him, but he hadn't understood her feelings and took a woman named Hyacinth from a Peak-Level King Grade Power in the third level of the city a year ago, giving all his love to her and made her his Empress while she was still a concubine.

Even then, she had fought hard to keep his favor, but that still wasn't enough!? Why?

Alexi Ethren sighed as he looked at Iona Ethren, "You don't understand, do you? I love you more than you think, Iona. However, if you betray me, I would have no choice but to kill you. But, on the other hand, if you want to leave now, this is your chance. Remember, you stayed with me all this time when I just asked for you to become my woman only for a single night?"

Iona Ethren became taken aback before her body began to tremble.

That's right... She recalled that he had never forced her other than that one night when she became his woman. Afterward, she had stuck to him by her own volition after he gave her status as a concubine, thinking that she was gaining power but, in truth, slowly falling in love as she made love with him time after time.

"I... I want to go with you..."

Iona Ethren's lips trembled as she cried.

"Please don't leave my daughter and me..."

Alexi Ethren's pupils trembled before he smiled, "Come here..."

"Do you love me...?"

Alexi held Iona by her waist while Hyacinth teasingly smiled from the other side.

Iona Ethren's lips trembled as she resplendently smiled.

"I love you dearly, Alexi~"

All these years, she had never uttered those words to Alexi. She did not even want to lie about that. They leaned in for a passionate kiss again, deeply sharing the emotions they had suppressed all this long.

"Am I interrupting?"

"F.u.c.k!"

"Who...!?"

The three of them separated, instantly taking a battle pose as they summoned their weapons out and looked at the source of the voice before one of them sighed.

"Damn, you're so fast, Davis. Didn't you tell me that you just left the Alstreim Family?"

Davis smiled as he shrugged at Alexi Ethren.

"I tried to be as slow as I can since I know you would be doing something like this like the last time, but it seems that if I had come a bit late, you might already be back in bed at this rate..."

Alexi Ethren's brows twitched, but he didn't deny it. On the other hand, Iona Ethren and Hyacinth looked shocked at Davis's presence. For heaven's sake, they were inside a Low-Level Emperor Grade Formation that had both defenses to protect and illusions to curb others from looking at them!

How did he get inside!?

Alexi Ethren smiled and gestured.

"Go inside, my lovely ladies..."

They came out of their reverie and listened to his speech, finally realizing that their man had been waiting for this person out here. They went back to their rooms, feeling threatened because this man could easily enter here like it was nothing.

Davis and Alexi Ethren looked at each other before they grinned, gripping their hands as if testing their strength.

"Ahahah! I've been waiting for you to come, Davis. I heard of your achievements in the Alstreim Family. Your cultivation growth speed, it's terrifying that I almost began to think that you're a magical beast..."

Davis couldn't help but chuckle, "And you managed to enter Mid-Level Law Sea Stage within two years. That's wonderful."

"Thanks to that vial of nectar you gave us, I was able to vastly strengthen my Body Tempering Cultivation as well. I'm glad to see you again and heartened to know that you haven't changed. I thought you already forgot about me..."

"Ahaha... I only have three friends in my life, including you..."

"Hehe, that speaks volumes..."

Alexi Ethren grinned before he took a deep breath and loosened the grip before they took their hands back.

"So, have you managed to release the second parchment yet? I thought of leaving the Ethren Empire to pursue ancestor Garvin Woller's words, but I felt like I should give these to you before leaving for the wider world. Honestly, I don't care about the second parchment. It doesn't matter if you haven't been able to release it yet because I already saw that there were copies of some scrolls and understood that they should be given to you."

Alexi Ethren looked as if he was going to give him when Davis raised his hands.

"Don't. You'd be regretting your decision if the second parchment had something else written."

Alexi Ethren blinked, "It's just a bunch of scrolls with rare copies. Besides, I couldn't even read them until I reach the Soul King Stage, so who cares if you got it now or later?"

Davis sighed. He could see that Alexi Ethren really thought of him as a friend. He took out the second parchment and began to unravel it with his soul force, and the words written by Garvin Woller became revealed.

Ahahahah!

Congratulations, lad!

You've finally become a Soul King!

Ahaha! I feel so happy even though I might have begun a new life from reincarnating already! You have almost reached my level! Now, it's just a few steps to the peak, almost reaching the stage that I once failed to reach.

As my disciple, you must make sure you step into the Soul Emperor Stage, so I have prepared you a copy of Lesser Comprehensions of the Soul Emperor Stage that I complied with after years of comprehending. Unfortunately, the inheritance I found was incomplete even though it belonged to a High-Level Soul Emperor Stage Powerhouse, so you could only make do with this to stumble my way into the Soul Emperor Stage.

However, even though I was unable to, with your talent, I know that you will definitely become one.

Furthermore, I have included many Emperor Grade Pill Recipes and Spirit Formations in two other scrolls. I hope that you will become powerful and get revenge for me when you're powerful enough!

Nonetheless, live well, and don't die like me.

Oh, my chosen descendant. You should give the above things I have mentioned to your benefactor. I am sure that he has already led the Woller Family to supremacy, and even if he didn't, he deserves these rewards. Therefore, aid each other to the best of your abilities so that you could win in the end and become a grand power, perhaps, a hegemon of a Territory!

I believe that you will all respect my wishes and let me enjoy my next life peacefully.

-Garvin Woller

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'Man, I feel somewhat sad for not having life energy with me at that time...'

Davis became a bit nostalgic and emotional as he read the letter before he gave it to Alexi Ethren.

Alexi Ethren read, his eyes going wide in shock, but he continued to read till the end before he raised his head, his lips quivering in deep shock that made his body go numb.

He moved his lips, wanting to say something. It took him a while before he could finally say it.

"Davis, you're a... Soul King?"