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All the frosty energy from the Starry Compass was absorbed from Renee's body. At that moment, it was all released and engulfed Kai. With an imperceptible smile on his face, Kai culminated Focus Technique to its maximum potential, cultivating the frosty energy entering his body. As he had attained Level Six Energy Cultivation, his speed had evidently skyrocketed.

Even until all the frosty energy from the Starry Compass vanished, he was never once frozen again. Instead, his capabilities further improved significantly. "This Starry Compass is indeed a great item! I must get my hands on it today!"

Undisguised greed gleamed in Kai's eyes as he stared at the Starry Compass in Falcon's hand.

If I have the Starry Compass, my cultivation will double with half the effort!

Meanwhile, a glimmer of panic flittered across Falcon's eyes.

That was a ton of frosty energy, yet he's unscathed? Could it be that he also has some magical item on him?

He suspected that Kai had a magical item in his possession since no one would dare absorb so much frosty energy with one's own capabilities, not even his grandmaster, Dorieus.

"Kid, don't you rely on a magical item as well? Otherwise, how could you possibly withstand such copious amounts of frosty energy?" he asserted while scrutinizing Kai intently, his eyes narrowed into slits.

He wanted to locate the magical item on the man's body, but he couldn't figure out where it was hidden even after studying the man for a long while.

As soon as Kai heard that, he sneered, "As I said, I'm a magical item myself. Well, continue unleashing whatever capabilities you've got!"

"Kid, don't think that you're invincible just because you're impervious to frosty energy. I'll have you know how powerful I am today!"

While saying that, Falcon moved the seven stars on the Starry Compass and shifted their positions a fraction.

That simple movement had sweat dotting his forehead, and he seemed to be on the verge of collapse.

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Sharp whistling sounds pierced the air, and clouds of black mist soon drifted out of the Starry Compass before hurtling toward Kai like rolling thunderclouds. At that sight, both William and Josephine almost had a heart attack. Walter and Tommy reacted much better since they had seen the vengeful dragons on the Dragon Throne in the former's courtyard. It was a similar scene, but their expressions still turned dreadfully grim despite having seen it before.

"Sinister spirits! They're sinister spirits! Watch out, Mr. Chance!" Erasmus

bellowed.

He swiftly gestured with his hands while muttering something.

Leonidas, on the other hand, instantly placed a hand on Erasmus' shoulder. After all, the latter was currently injured heavily and hadn't sufficient energy to banish those spirits, so he wanted to give him a boost.

However, no matter how much Erasmus recited the exorcism spell, those sinister spirits didn't seem the least bit afraid.

Soon, clouds of black mist filled the entire room. Wails, screams, and shrieks echoed from every nook and cranny. On the whole, it was very much petrifying.

At that precise moment, the black mist rapidly condensed and became monsters with fangs and claws. They charged toward Kai.

"Such measly sinister spirits can't possibly hurt me!"

The corners of Kai's mouth lifted slightly, curving into a contemptuous smile.

Now that I've attained Level Six Energy Cultivation, I'm a veritable energy cultivator! As such, I would never be afraid of such paltry sinister spirits!

He flicked his finger, upon which several beams of golden light materialized and hit the black mist. In a heartbeat, the black mist dissipated.

Seeing that, Falcon suddenly bit his middle finger and dripped a drop of his blood onto the Starry Compass. The Starry Compass promptly started whirring and kept churning out a black mist that was shockingly tinged with a faint trace of blood red.

"It looks like the lot of you aren't going to understand how delusional you are to go up against me if I don't show you my capabilities!"

In the face of the black mist tinged with a faint shade of red, Kai abruptly shot his palms out.

A beam of golden light gradually appeared in his palms.

The light started glowing all the brighter until it was so dazzling in the end that it resembled the blinding sun during midday.

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"In the name of all that's holy, the light shall banish all evil!"

Following that incantation by Kai, the ball of light gave out infinite pressure at once. In the same manner as the radiant sun, beams of golden light shot right at that cloud of black mist.

Like a rat at the sight of a cat and snow in the presence of the sun, the black mist was quickly devoured at the illumination of the light. Then, Kai absorbed everything since it was all beneficial to his cultivation. The Focus Technique could devour and cultivate everything; that was its uniqueness.

Subsequently, the light faded, and everything was peaceful once more.

The entire room went as silent as the grave, and everyone gaped at Kai. Leonidas, in particular, flushed bright red. Recalling his scorn toward the man back then, he felt his face flaming hotly, and mortification flooded him. With the Starry Compass in hand, Falcon gawped at Kai, his eyes as wide as saucers. "W-What kind of technique was that? Don't tell me it was an immortal technique?"

In a flash, a bone-deep chill permeated him, upon which he started trembling involuntarily.

By then, the initial imperiousness on his face was nowhere to be found. All that remained was terror.

Even my grandmaster might not be able to wield such an immortal technique! His hairs stood on end, and there was only one thought in his mind—flee!

Crap! I've got to flee as far as possible!

Unfortunately, no sooner had that thought occurred to him than Kai drawled coldly, "Are you thinking of taking to your heels? Alas, you don't have that opportunity anymore. If you give me the Starry Compass, I don't mind granting you a less painful death!"

Falcon's eyes kept darting around as though he was trying to come up with a countermeasure while also glancing at the Starry Compass in his hand every so often. An internal struggle raged within him as he tried to come to a decision.

"You only have ten seconds to consider it. Ten. Nine. Eight..."

And so, the countdown continued.

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While Falcon stared at Kai, who was counting indifferently, cold sweat beaded on his forehead.

Should I fight or not? But then, I can't just hand my Starry Compass over. Besides, even if I do so, he's not going to spare me but merely grant me a less painful death. I don't want to die! I've finally come to where I am today after much effort, and I haven't had my fill of lording it over others!

"One," Kai stated placidly.

"Here, the Starry Compass!"

Falcon didn't dare hesitate anymore and tossed the Starry Compass to the man. Leaping up, Kai caught it easily.

Falcon seized the opportunity while the man did so to spin on his heels and sprint out the door at lightning speed.

"Falcon has escaped, Mr. Chance!" Erasmus shouted frantically upon seeing that.

"Escape?"

The corners of Kai's mouth lifted, and he streaked out like a loaded cannonball. In mere seconds, he strolled back in with Falcon, who made a break for it, in his grasp.

At that very moment, the high and mighty Falcon was no more than a dead dog, caught by the neck and brought back.

Shock inundated everyone when they saw how easily Kai captured him.

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Crash!

Kai flung Falcon onto the ground and regarded him emotionlessly. The aura emanating from him had everyone in the entire room seized by the urge to fall to their knees and worship him.

Gasping for breath, Falcon looked at the man pleadingly. "P-Please spare me! I've already given you the Starry Compass. Won't you please have mercy on me?"

"Spare you?" Scoffing, Kai pulled Josephine, who was still in shock, over. "Did you ever think that such would be the consequence when you harassed my wife earlier? Everyone has a limit, and all who push it will die. My limit is my wife, so you must die today!"

Hearing that, Josephine gaped at him. One of her hands was in his, and the other flew up to her mouth. Her chest heaved as her emotions roiled.

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Although Josephine had never agreed to marry Kai and was naturally not his wife, her emotions went all over the place after he uttered those words earlier. That very moment, he was Prince Charming in her eyes, tall and handsome. If he were to propose to her then, she would say yes without the slightest hesitation.

"No! I can't die! You can't kill me! Dorieus is my grandmaster, and he'll avenge me if you kill me!"

Abject panic was written all over Falcon's face, and there was a puddle on the floor beneath him. It turned out that he had peed his pants.

"I'll be waiting!"

With a detached smile on his face, Kai brought his leg down right away.

Pop!

Like a ripe watermelon, Falcon's head exploded.

"Ahh!"

Horrified, Josephine jumped into Kai's arms.

As William watched the scene unfolding before him, a riot of feelings brewed within him. At the side, Walter and Tommy cast him envious glances.

According to status and position, William was still some distance away from Walter and Tommy. While he was the wealthiest man in Horington, the standing of a family that only did business wasn't all that high in this age of martial arts. Only when the family had a martial artist or an ancient martial artist among its ranks would its status be elevated.

Since William suddenly had a son-in-law like Kai, the standing of the Sullivan family was indisputable. Even Walter and Tommy would have to be courteous to him when they met him in the future.

"Congratulations, Mr. Sullivan!" Walter whispered to William.

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In response, William flashed him a modest smile. "It's still too early, Mr. Grange. It's uncertain yet with young people nowadays."

"Since you know that, Mr. Sullivan, you should pair them up as soon as possible, lest things change!"

Walter grinned at him, and William immediately understood the man's meaning.

Subsequently, Erasmus had someone clean the room. Only when that was done did Josephine move away from Kai's embrace.

"W-Was that deliberate? Did you do that intentionally to take advantage of me?" she questioned Kai.

"Who took advantage of you? You were the one who threw yourself into my arms," Kai countered with bewilderment written all over his face.

"That's not what I'm referring to! I mean, why did you say that I was your wife earlier? Wasn't that taking advantage of me?" Josephine huffed in feigned anger.

"Oh, I thought you were willing to be my wife, but it turned out to be wishful thinking on my part! In that case, I won't say that anymore!" Kai replied calmly.

After saying that, he whirled around and walked out of the room. As he turned around, the corners of his mouth lifted, and he furtively snickered.

Meanwhile, Josephine was stunned as bafflement swamped her. I was merely joking with him. Why couldn't he tell?

William was likewise stumped then. He hastened forward and pinched Josephine.

"Why did you make such a remark? If it weren't for him, we would've all perished. Look, he's crestfallen now. Go and mollify him, quick!"

Verily, Josephine was a touch embarrassed to do so. But still, she gritted her teeth and rushed out in the end.

"Mr. Grange, I'll go get the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary Mr. Chance wants right away!"

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As soon as Erasmus had said that, he pivoted and headed toward a room at the side. Shortly after, he returned with the items and handed them to Walter.

"Mr. Grange, I'd also like to ask you to convey a query on my behalf. Although the frosty energy in my daughter has all been absorbed, Mr. Chance said that a frosty constituent would automatically absorb frosty energy. Then, will she not suffer from the cold again in no time?" he proceeded to say to the man with a beseeching expression.

"Okay, I'll go and put this question to Mr. Chance at once," Walter promised with a nod as he took the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary from the man.

Just as he was about to go out and ask Kai that, Josephine's bellow abruptly rang out from outside. "How dare you dupe me, Kai? I'm going to kill you!"

In the next moment, Kai darted into the room while grinning from ear to ear.

Josephine chased after him from behind, but William stopped her.

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"This is a sacred place! Stop messing around!"

After chiding Josephine, William turned to Walter and Erasmus, flashing them a sheepish smile.

The few others smiled as well, envy shining brightly in their eyes.

"Mr. Chance, while all the frosty energy in Abbot Erasmus' daughter has been absorbed, you said that she has a frosty constituent and will still absorb frosty energy perpetually. As such, frosty energy will likely infiltrate her body again before long. Therefore--"

Before Walter could finish speaking, Kai waved a hand and cut him off.

"Abbot Erasmus, your daughter will be fine for the time being. Her frosty constituent is exceedingly rare. Considering my current capabilities, I can free her wholly from the frosty energy. However, I rather hope that she can embark on the path of cultivation. To that end, I'll naturally transform her constituent when my capabilities go up a notch. Let's just leave it as such for now. She'll be fine, and I'll come over regularly to absorb the frosty energy within her," he said to Erasmus.

With his capabilities at present, he had no problem helping to free Erasmus' daughter from the frosty energy completely and even keep her young forever. But then, she wouldn't be able to cultivate anymore, and that would be a total waste of her frosty constituent.

For that reason, he planned to wait until he had improved further before helping her to embark on the path to cultivation. Nevertheless, he actually had his own interests in doing so. The frosty energy was very much beneficial to his cultivation, so he could use the frosty energy he absorbed from her in his cultivation to boost his capabilities.

"Thank you, Mr. Chance! I owe you much!"

While saying that, Erasmus even wanted to fall to his knees before Kai.

Seeing that, Kai hastily held him up with both hands. "You don't need to stand on courtesy, Abbot Erasmus. I'm here for the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary, so this is just considered an exchange."

"The fact that you saved my daughter can never compare to the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary! Just say the word if you need my help in anything in the future, Mr. Chance!" Erasmus gushed with gratefulness etched on his face.

"Mr. Chance, I'm really sorry about offending you earlier with my ignorance. Please don't take offense at me!"

Right then, Leonidas came over and apologized to Kai in mortification.

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After all, the capabilities exhibited by the man had long since impressed him greatly.

"Don't worry about it. Since the matter has been resolved, I'll be taking my leave."

Kai was eager to return home and restore his mother's sight as he had the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary in his possession then.

When they came down from Lagrange Mountain, the sky had already gone dark. Yet, Luca was still waiting at the foot of the mountain.

Josephine volunteered to drive Kai back to Dragon Bay, so Walter and the others

could only cram into a single car.

"Why did you insist on driving me back at this hour instead of going home yourself when you're a girl?" Kai inquired, sitting in the passenger seat.

"I'm your wife, so who's going to drive you home if not me?"

Without anyone else there, Josephine no longer filtered her words.

"Huh?" Kai was rendered speechless for a while, only retorting after a brief pause, "We're neither engaged nor married, so how did you become my wife? Besides, I don't have the money to marry you right now!"

"You might not have money, but I do. I'll support you in the future. Anyway, I've decided on you!" Josephine proclaimed challengingly, staring straight at the man and quirking a brow.

At the sight of that, Kai chuckled. In truth, he had long since taken a fancy to her.

Regardless of whether it was her countenance, figure, family background, or personality, she was his cup of tea.

However, he had yet made up his mind to get together with her then. Ever since he embarked on the path to immortality, his mentality had changed. With the elevation of his capabilities, his lifespan could possibly be extended indefinitely. Conversely, Josephine was merely an ordinary girl.

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