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All right. I'll have my men take good care of the trees. Also, with regards to the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary, I'll help you find them too. I happen to know Abbot Erasmus of Lagrange Monastery very well and will get him to help," Walter offered.

"Thank you, Mr. Grange!" Kai nodded. "It's getting late, so I'll have to take my leave."

After checking his watch, Kai realized it was almost noon and time for him to go home for lunch.

"Mr. Chance, if you don't mind, why don't you have lunch here? I'll get someone to prepare it right away," Walter nervously invited.

Considering Walter's utmost admiration for Kai, he wanted to ingratiate himself at every available opportunity.

Looking at Walter, Kai nodded in agreement. "I hope I'm not imposing."

"Not at all, not at all."

Elated at Kai's response, Walter ordered his servants to prepare the food immediately.

Meanwhile, at Horington Hospital, Leyton's arm had been wrapped up in a sling while Sandy stayed by his side.

"Damn that Kai! Once I've recovered, I'll definitely kill him," Leyton bellowed out of frustration.

Kai had broken his arm, threw his wedding into chaos, and turned the Scott family into Horington's laughingstock. Consequently, there was no way Leyton would take all that lying down.

"Ley, don't be angry. I ordered Warrick to teach Kai a lesson by hiring professional fighters this time. He'll definitely have Kai beaten to a pulp," Sandy remarked while peeling an orange.

"If the Sullivan family hadn't gotten in the way, Kai would have been dead!" A cold glint flashed in Leyton's eyes.

Gritting his teeth, he grabbed the orange Sandy had peeled and threw it into his mouth.

Right at that moment, Sandy's phone rang. After answering it, her expression drastically changed before she ended the call at once.

"Who was it?" Leyton asked.

"It was Warrick. He said that they were beaten up by Kai. Not just that, but his arm was also broken!" Sandy frowned. "What in the world did Kai learn during his three years in prison? How did he become such a good fighter?"

"They're nothing but useless scum, especially your classmate. F*ck it, looks like I need to do it myself!"

With his rage intensifying, Leyton gave Sandy a look before pulling her over. Then he tore off her clothes without warning.

"Ah... Ley!" Sandy screamed out of embarrassment as they were inside the hospital.

However, Leyton couldn't care less because of the urge to vent his rage. Just when he was preparing to do so, he realized he couldn't get it up.

All at once, he was seized by panic since he didn't know what was wrong. Can my

broken arm affect the performance of other bodily functions?

"L-Ley, is it because you're too nervous?" Sandy asked meekly.

"Nervous your ass! Get in position for me..."

Pushing Sandy forcefully, he began to get it on again. Unfortunately, it was a futile effort no matter how hard he tried.

"Ahem!"

Suddenly, Yoel entered the room. When he saw his son trying to hump Sandy, he blushed instantly and coughed to announce his presence.

Both of them were given a fright. As for Sandy, she quickly put her clothes back on.

"This is ridiculous! With your hand broken, how can you still engage in such horseplay?" Yoel admonished Leyton.

Despite hanging his head, Leyton's eyes were burning with rage. "Dad, I want Kai dead. No matter what, he must die!"

At that moment, Leyton blamed his impotence on Kai. He assumed it was related to his broken arm.

In truth, Kai was responsible for it. However, it wasn't because he had broken Leyton's arm. Instead, he had crippled Leyton's manhood at the Gibson residence.

"Stay out of the matter, and just focus on your recovery. Since Tommy didn't take any action against him, I have to investigate and find out what sort of backing he has."

Although Yoel was furious, he didn't let his anger get to his head. He knew that there was a reason why Tommy didn't touch Kai.

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Dad, that bstard—" *"Shut up!" Before Leyton could finish, Yoel shot him a fearsome glare, frightening him into silence. "Mr. Scott, I know Kai very well because we were together in university. He doesn't have any sort of background or support. His dad used to be a government servant but became a street cleaner after he was sacked. So, don't let him frighten you," Sandy explained while straightening her clothes.*

*"You know sht!" Yoel shot her a cold glance. "You stupid b*tch! If not for you, Leyton wouldn't be in this condition. You're nothing but a jinx!"*

Yoel stormed off the moment he finished. In truth, he had objected to their wedding as he felt that Sandy's family wasn't up to his standards. Unfortunately, Sandy somehow managed to bewitch Leyton to the extent of getting him to marry her.

Sandy's face purpled in anger after being scolded by Yoel. Nonetheless, she didn't dare say a word of protest. This was the price she had to pay for marrying into a rich family.

"Damn that Kai! I'll never forgive him!" Sandy hissed through her clenched teeth after Yoel was gone.

She didn't dare offend Yoel or Leyton. Hence, her only option was to vent her frustrations on Kai.

Back at Walter's villa, he, Tommy, and Kai were drinking happily together. They had enjoyed each other's company throughout the entire lunch.

Everyone present was envious of Kai for being able to share the table with such

illustrious men despite his young age.

"Mr. Chance, today's meal is just a casual one. But tomorrow, I plan to hold a feast at Glamor Hotel, where I'll be inviting distinguished guests from both the political and business establishments of Horington. During the dinner, I'll sing your praises!" Walter declared proudly.

Walter's intention was clear. He wanted to open doors for Kai in the city. After the banquet, no one in Horington would ever dare mess with Kai again.

Despite how generous the invitation was, Kai intended to reject it. He wanted to keep a low profile and focus on his training instead. After all, his aim was to wait for the fifteenth of July.

Before he could respond, Tommy preempted him, "In that case, I would like to thank you, Mr. Grange, on behalf of Mr. Chance. Your recommendation will be of significant assistance to Mr. Chance's affairs in Horington."

Since Tommy had taken the liberty of accepting the offer for him, Kai didn't say another word. Instead, he nodded slightly. "You flatter me, Mr. Grange."

After chatting a while longer, Kai and Tommy finally left.

"My Lord, please forgive me for accepting the invitation on your behalf. Although the Templar Regiment is expanding rapidly, we've hit a plateau outside of Horington. Moreover, many other factions are eyeing our turf. Therefore, we're left with no choice but to strengthen our network further," Tommy explained his actions softly in the car.

Kai was caught by surprise. "Aren't you the absolute authority in Horington? Is there someone out there trying to challenge you?"

Kai didn't understand why Tommy felt threatened. Based on his understanding, no one other than the political elite dared to touch him.

Tommy replied in an embarrassed tone, "My Lord, those are just the assumptions of ordinary folk. Other than us, there are other factions in Horington, such as the Crimson Dragon Gang and the Moon Sect. This doesn't even include the lesser factions around. The Crimson Dragon Gang and the Templar Regiment are mortal enemies. Every year, both sides will suffer casualties from their struggle against each other. However, their gang leader, Steven Fisher, managed to learn the Impenetrable Skill from somewhere. Hence, I'm afraid I'm no longer his match."

Staring at Tommy, Kai could see that times had been tough for him over the last few years. Despite how glamorous he looked in the eyes of others, it was nothing but appearances. In truth, people like him faced danger every single day of their lives.

"If anyone causes you trouble, just let me know," Kai stated.

Given that the Templar Regiment was subordinate to him, there was no way he would ignore their troubles.

Tommy was delighted. "Based on what you just said, I'm no longer afraid of anything. With you at the forefront, no one will dare stand in your way, let alone someone like Steven."

Having seen how Kai annihilated the nine vengeful dragons, Tommy was so impressed that he utterly worshipped Kai.

Surprised at how adept Tommy was at flattery, Kai broke into a smile.

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When Kai arrived home, his parents weren't around. He figured they were out for a stroll which he thought would do them good.

Without anyone to interrupt, he stayed in his room and continued his training. With no time to waste, he trained as hard as he could. After all, he wasn't sure what he was going to face on the fifteenth of July. Although Draco promised him a wonderful opportunity, he was worried that the opportunity could also be dangerous too.

Sitting with his legs folded, he chanted the mantra of the Focus Technique. As his abdomen began to move, the surrounding spiritual energy was gradually drawn into his body.

Kai continued training the entire night and even missed dinner.

Huff!

The moment he opened his eyes, he puffed out a ball of turbid air.

"I didn't expect the vengeful dragons to be so powerful."

Gently clenching his fist, Kai felt the power coursing through his veins. Evidently, he had made a breakthrough.

At that moment, Kai had reached Level Five Energy Cultivation. When he was in prison, he had only achieved Level Four under Draco's guidance. Hence, he was ecstatic and pleasantly surprised to have ascended to Level Five after absorbing the nine vengeful dragons' energy.

Kai felt as if he had found a shortcut for his training. As long as he absorbed the energy generated from hatred and vengeance, he was able to advance his training at exponential speeds.

Nevertheless, it was a shame that an encounter with such objects depended on luck, given how rare they were.

After exhaling gently, Kai got out of bed and straightened his clothing.

At that moment, Hannah's voice rang out. "Is that you, Ms. Sullivan? Although I can't see, I can recognize you from your footsteps."

"Mrs. Chance, you're really sharp!" Josephine replied with a smile. "Don't be a stranger. Just call me Josephine."

"You're right, you're right. Josephine it is!" Hannah's face lit up as she nodded repeatedly. "Are you here to see Kai? He's still holed up in his room."

Turning, she then yelled in the direction of Kai's room, "Kai, get up, quick!

Josephine is here to see you."

"Mrs. Chance, there's no need to shout. I'll go get him myself."

Upon saying that, Josephine headed toward Kai's bedroom.

When Hannah heard Josephine's footsteps walking toward her son's bedroom, she was so excited that she almost jumped for joy.

"That son of mine even lied to me about them just being ordinary friends! Do ordinary friends go straight to the bedroom? I'm dying to see how my future daughter-in-law looks like," Hannah mumbled to herself.

Walking up next to her, Gary whispered into her ear, "Darling, let me tell you, Ms. Sullivan is the prettiest girl in the city!"

"Really?" Hannah was surprised as she was aware of how high Gary's standards were. Back when Kai was still together with Sandy, Gary had objected to their relationship. Now that he had made an approving comment, Hannah was certain that Josephine was undoubtedly a great beauty.

"My son is really something. Despite having just been released from prison, he's found a girlfriend and even hid her from us!"

Hannah beamed with pride.

"That goes without saying, especially when you think about who he takes after. With my genes, there's no way he can go wrong."

At that moment, Gary was proud of his son. Instead of the gloomy expression he had in the past, he was now smiling all the time.

"Enough, stop boasting. Anyway, take me someplace else right now so that both

of them can have some privacy.”

As she spoke, Hannah pulled Gary out of the mansion.

Meanwhile, Josephine pushed Kai’s bedroom door open and entered.

When she saw Kai standing by his bed with his clothes smoothed out, she was stunned. “So you were already up?”

“Why? Do you not want me to get up? Or do you want to see me naked?” Kai teased.

“Pfft, no one wants to see you naked.” Josephine rolled her eyes. Nevertheless, she was slightly excited by his quip. The fact that he was joking with her meant that their relationship had improved significantly.

“There’s something I need your help with. Come with me!”

Without waiting for him to respond, Josephine pulled him along.

Before he could ask her where they were going, Josephine had led him into the car.

Checking his watch, he realized that he still had some time before the banquet Walter organized in his honor happened. Hence, he allowed Josephine to tow him wherever she wanted.

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Focal Mall was an exceedingly renowned shopping mall in Horington with almost all the major brands available.

Hence, Kai was a tad surprised that Josephine brought him there.

“Did you bring me here to accompany you shopping?” he inquired apprehensively.

After all, it was a vastly scary matter to accompany a female shopping, and he had personally experienced the horror of it. Back then, he once went shopping with Sandy, and she spent the entire day at the mall. Therefore, he was seriously traumatized.

“Why, are you not willing to do so?” Josephine countered, looking him straight in the eye.

“Of course not!” Kai shook his head in denial. If I’m honest, I’m pretty proud to accompany her shopping since her status and looks are top-notch. Innumerable men will envy me for getting to keep such a woman company while she shops! But then, I’ve got something to do at noon. I’ve already promised to meet Walter, so I can’t stand him up.

“I’ve got a prior appointment at noon, so I’m afraid that I might run late,” Kai answered honestly.

“I don’t care what appointment you have, but your main task now is to keep me company while I shop!”

After saying that, Josephine dragged him into the mall.

There was a dazzling array of products, but Josephine towed him over to the section selling men’s clothes before holding up shirt after shirt in front of him.

“Are you planning to buy me clothes?” Kai exclaimed in astonishment.

“Who else would I be buying clothes for? My closet at home is already bursting at the seams.” Josephine wasn’t idle as she spoke, her hands flipping through the clothes. In the end, she chose a suit and placed it in his hand. “Go and try it on!”

Kai stood rooted to the spot for a moment with the suit in his hand. Seeing that,

she remarked, "Hmm? Are you waiting for me to go into the fitting room with you and help you into it?"

"No, it's okay!" Kai shook his head frantically even as he hastened into the fitting room.

At the sight of his terrified expression, Josephine giggled, the tenderness in her eyes growing all the more pronounced.

When Kai walked out in the suit, her eyes lit up at once. She looked him up and down before commenting in surprise, "I didn't expect you to have such potential! You're much more handsome when you wear a suit!"

Noticing the admiration in her gaze, Kai couldn't resist looking at himself in the mirror, only to realize that he indeed appeared far more striking. Ever since he went to prison and started training with Draco, his desire for material things had faded over time.

Despite having some money after being released from prison, he was still wearing his old clothes from before. A wardrobe change had never crossed his mind as training was a better use of his time than shopping for clothes.

"What are you planning to have me do with you? Attend a wedding?" he asked.

"Never you mind! This is even more important than a wedding!"

Pulling him along, Josephine bought him shoes and a watch as well, transforming him into a dapper and handsome man.

Kai could only allow her to drag him around, going with the flow. As they continued shopping, the things on him increased.

Not only did Josephine buy him a tie and belt, but she even spent tens of thousands to buy him a small lighter.

On the whole, Kai's entire ensemble cost at least a few hundreds of thousands.

"Aren't you being a bit lavish here?"

Kai was even beginning to feel a touch nervous to walk around while wearing such an expensive outfit.

Ah, I really don't quite understand the mentality of rich people like her. What's the point of spending hundreds of thousands to buy a suit and tens of thousands on a lighter?

"Nope, not at all. You were dressed too shabbily in the past. I can't allow you to dress in such a manner anymore in the future, or people will be laughing at me," Josephine replied placidly.

But just after she finished speaking, she abruptly realized her slip of the tongue. At once, her face flushed bright red.

Meanwhile, Kai's lips curved into a smile when he heard that. "Why would people be laughing at you if I'm dressed shabbily?"

At that question, Josephine's face blazed hotter. Shooting him a glare, she snapped, "I've already asked to be your girlfriend in public, so people will naturally take me at my word. Aren't you just embarrassing me if you dress shabbily? Okay, this matter is now closed. I'm going to the washroom, so wait for me here."

She hurriedly left after making up an excuse.

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Chuckling, Kai stood there and waited for Josephine. Many ladies who spotted him when they walked past inexorably turned back and stole another glance at him. Several of them even came over to him and asked for his contact, but he turned them all down. Coincidentally, Sandy and Juliette were also shopping on the other side of the mall. Still seething after having been hauled over the coals the day before, Sandy planned to go on a shopping spree to cheer herself up. "Quick, look, Sandy! A handsome man is standing across from us! His back alone is mesmerizing!" Juliette said to Sandy in an excited voice. Hearing that, Sandy hastily lifted her head and cast her gaze over. Sure enough, she caught sight of a tall man in a suit standing ramrod straight opposite them. From his mere back, one could sense the noble aura he exuded. "Could it just be someone with an arresting figure but unsightly looks?" she wondered in a whisper. "No way! I can sense that he's definitely a handsome man! You've already got Mr. Scott, so leave this gorgeous specimen to me, Sandy!" No sooner had Juliette finished speaking than she eagerly rushed over. Sandy was also curious, so she promptly followed. "Are you waiting for someone, handsome?" Juliette questioned, moving forward and tapping the man's shoulder. But the instant the man turned around, both Juliette and Sandy were wholly confounded. "J-Kai? Why is it you?" Juliette exclaimed with surprise written all over her face. Sandy was staggered as well, for she had never seen this side of Kai despite having been with him for a few years. It looks like clothes really do make the man! "Why not?" Kai sneered when he saw that it was Juliette and Sandy. "How could you patronize this mall? The things here are extremely expensive!" Juliette demanded with a puzzled expression. The products in this mall were so expensive that ordinary people couldn't afford to shop here. In her eyes, his family background was far below average, so it made no sense that he'd appear in the mall. Besides, the clothes he was wearing seemed to have cost a fortune! "Is this your family's mall? I can patronize it anytime I want to do so!" Kai retorted unceremoniously, instantly leaving her speechless. "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, Kai! You can never become someone of high standing even if you dress the part. How shameful to buy some imitation suit somewhere and come here in hopes of hooking up! Bah!" Sandy proceeded to spit at the man. Before Kai could speak, Josephine strode over. "That's none of your business, you shrew! Wipe your filth off him!" Josephine ordered, pointing at the spit on his clothes with a frosty expression. When Sandy saw her, unease crept into her eyes. Crap! As the daughter of the richest man in Horington, I'm nothing when compared to her! Nonetheless, she was naturally chagrined to be rebuked in front of so many people in the mall. Not only that, but she was instructed to wipe Kai's clothes too. Thus, she still tried her best to maintain her composure. "Y-You'd better watch your tongue! Stop throwing your weight around just because you're the heiress of the Sullivan family!" "I told you to wipe it off. Are you deaf? Say, if I were to slap you across the face now, would Leyton dare seek me out to avenge you?" It was clear as day that Josephine's imposing aura intimidated Sandy, for the latter started trembling imperceptibly. She knew that she would only suffer the slap in vain because Leyton wouldn't make an enemy out of the Sullivan family for her sake.

Meanwhile, the corners of Kai's mouth turned up as he stared at her. He merely watched with a sneer without saying anything.

"I'll do it! I'll wipe it!"

Upon seeing that things were going downhill, Juliette quickly took out a piece of tissue to wipe the spit off Kai's clothes on Sandy's behalf.

"Who do you think you are? How dare you think that you're worthy of touching my boyfriend?"

Josephine pushed her away in short order.

Juliette felt so mortified that her face flushed bright red, but she didn't dare utter a single word of protest. Even Sandy didn't dare offend Josephine, much less her.