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Chapter 1651 No Standard

“I understand,” agreed Augustus instantly. Jared glanced at Flaxseed and asked, “Mr. Flaxseed, shall we go in and take a look?”

Flaxseed took a look at the dark entrance before he sighed. “We shall. Let’s leave our lives to fate.”

“Don’t worry. The moment things go awry, we will evacuate. This time around, we are just scouting. That’s all.”

Jared then smiled casually before going in ahead of everyone else.

The instant he stepped in, he adjusted his aura to the maximum. Jared dared not take things lightly there.

Afterward, he wanted to use his spiritual sense to scout around. However, he realized he could not utilize his spiritual sense at all.

Both Jared and Flaxseed were on the alert as they took careful steps forward.

“Mr. Flaxseed, do you think there is anyone who is still alive in this ancient ruin?”

All of a sudden, Jared blurted out such a query.

“It’s possible...”

Flaxseed nodded.

Hearing his response, Jared was stunned. He looked at Flaxseed in disbelief.

“Mr. Flaxseed, this sect was around several thousand years ago. How can anyone live that long?”

“Charm spells are ever-changing and full of secrets. They work the same as pills. Once you eat a pill, you will never grow old and die. What makes you think there isn’t a charm that can do the same?” replied Flaxseed with a small smile.

Jared was curious and asked, "What do those charms look like? Do they resemble the ones you draw? Does one require a yellow paper?"

"Please stop comparing me with everything. Compared to a charm master, what I do is nothing. A real charm can appear in any manner. It can also be an object. In fact, it can be written in the air. A charm can also be planted in a person's mind. All of the above are charm spells. How should I answer your question when you ask what the charm spells look like?" Flaxseed responded.

Jared was rendered speechless. His understanding of charm was limited only to the basics. That was why he asked such a sub-standard question.

The two men continued to forge ahead. After a few careful steps, the entire ancient ruin started to shake all of a sudden.

"Holy crap! Is it going to collapse?"

A curse escaped the mouth of Flaxseed.

Just then, a wave of heat rushed at them. The very next moment, there was a raging fire.

With the light from the fire, it was only then the men noticed the few corpses lying on the ground. They belonged to the Black Copper Robe warriors and members of the Gutwrencher Sect!

"Retreat!"

Jared held on to Flaxseed, and the two of them retreated swiftly.

However, in the midst of their evacuation, the walls on either side started to catch on fire too. The entire entrance had turned into a raging inferno!

Jared's expression changed drastically. Even their only way out was blazing with flames.

The fire had them completely surrounded!

"Sh*t! I can't believe that this Fire Charm can be so powerful. Looks like the people who cast this charm are charm masters," uttered Flaxseed with a grim expression.

"What should we do now?" asked Jared.

In a place like that, he had no other option but to ask Flaxseed for a solution.

“Let me try to use the Fire-Evading Charm and see if we can get out.”

With that, Flaxseed took out a calligraphy brush, bit his fingertip, and wet the brush with his blood.

Next, Flaxseed started waving his calligraphy brush in the air.

Very soon, a charm appeared in the air. Its red shimmer enveloped both Jared and Flaxseed.

“Let’s go.”

Flaxseed then pulled Jared and rushed forward.

Jared looked at Flaxseed in astonishment. “I didn’t realize that you don’t require a piece of paper to write charms.”

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Chapter 1652 Humility

“What the hell! I’ve always been humble, but it doesn’t mean that you can look down on me!” Flaxseed snapped as he rolled his eyes at Jared.

Since the Fire-Evading Charm could protect them from the heat of the burning flames, the duo quickly made their way forward.

As the air around them was heated up, they heard a loud hissing noise along the way.

Boom! All of a sudden, the Fire-Evading Charm was destroyed. The flames started surrounding them again, and a powerful wave of energy charged toward them in the next instant.

It happened so quickly that before Jared and Flaxseed could even react, the powerful force had already sent them flying.

“Golem Body!”

As Jared activated Golem Body, he began glowing, and glittering scales enveloped his entire body right after.

Meanwhile, when Flaxseed was thrown into the air, he speedily withdrew a charm and stuck it on his body.

As gusts of hot air continuously assaulted the duo, their bodies spun in mid-air before they were slammed against a wall. Unfortunately, another wave of hot air came right after, sending them flying backward.

About a couple of minutes later, the fire was finally extinguished. It was also then that the wave of heat dissipated.

After the terrible torment, Jared could not help but cough violently. As a Greater Martial Arts Marquis, he never thought he would be in such a wretched state.

Gosh! If I hadn't activated Golem Body in time, my clothes would've been burned to ashes, and I would be stark naked by now!

"Mr. Flaxseed!" Jared called out as he looked over to where Flaxseed was.

Not far away, the latter was lying on his front. Seeing that he remained motionless, Jared quickly rushed over to help him get to his feet.

As Flaxseed's face was blackened with soot, Jared could not help but burst out laughing.

"What the hell! How can you still laugh when we almost died!"

Flaxseed shot Jared a glare as he spoke.

The charm on Flaxseed's body had been burned into ashes. Even though the flames had caused a few holes in his clothes, it was fortunate for him that they were still wearable.

"Luckily, I protected my clothes in the nick of time. Otherwise, you would've had to face my naked body," said Flaxseed.

He heaved a sigh of relief silently when he noticed that his clothes remained intact.

It'll be so embarrassing if I'm buck-naked!

“This is just the entrance... We’ve yet to reach Skywrath Sect, but we have already encountered such an impressive charm. Doesn’t this mean that our journey ahead is even more dangerous?” Jared uttered with a frown.

“That’s for sure! I think we should leave.”

Flaxseed immediately thought of quitting halfway.

“Since we’re already here, we should at least go and take a look at Skywrath Sect.”

With that said, Jared activated Golem Body and stepped forward steadily.

Seeing that, Flaxseed could only fish out a few charms from his pocket and stick them on his body.

“Please! We have no ill intentions. We’re just coming here to have a look. Please don’t make things difficult for us again...” Flaxseed murmured repeatedly.

Surprisingly, they did not encounter any danger on their journey afterward. Perhaps Flaxseed’s prayers had really come true.

Soon, they arrived at a broad plain, and all they could see were rubble and ruins.

One glance was all it took to know that the place was once a battlefield with heavy casualties.

Right in the center, there was a gigantic brick gateway standing upright. It seemed to indicate that this place was once a glorious and prosperous sect.

“Skywrath Sect! This place is the Skywrath Sect!” Flaxseed voiced excitedly as he gazed at the name on the gateway.

Filled with excitement, Jared ran straight toward the gateway without hesitation.

At that moment, Flaxseed wanted to remind Jared not to do anything rash. Nevertheless, before the former could say anything, he noticed that Jared had suddenly stopped moving.

Soon after, an overwhelming wave of martial energy hit Jared, and he was sent flying before crashing to the ground.

“Hey, I was about to remind you! How could you be so impulsive? There must be some hidden mechanisms in Skywrath Sect. You’re digging your own grave for barging in like that!”

Flaxseed immediately reached out to help Jared up from the ground as he spoke.

After wiping the blood from the corner of his mouth, Jared exclaimed, “That wave of energy is so terrifying!” He could not help but furrow his brows at the same time.

It’s so powerful... Its power is comparable to the capability of a Top Level Greater Martial Arts Marquis, I suppose.

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Chapter 1653 Leave Now

“Perhaps we should leave now. We’re totally unprepared. I’m afraid barging in like that isn’t the way to go,” Flaxseed said, trying to persuade Jared to leave.

“Let me try again. We’ll retreat if I fail to enter this time.” Jared was not ready to give up as he slowly walked toward the brick gateway of Skywrath Sect.

This time, Jared took a very cautious approach. He activated his spiritual energy and pushed it to the extreme before taking each step.

Buzz! Just when he was about to set foot into Skywrath Sect, the air trembled all of a sudden.

Jared was promptly startled, and he backed away almost immediately.

Following that, a white-haired elderly appeared in the air, as if his image had been projected by a screen projector.

“Who dares to trespass upon this place? Leave now!” the elderly roared with a stern expression, and his tone was downright glacial.

Stunned, Jared was at a loss as he stared at the elderly floating in mid-air.

As for Flaxseed, he fell to his knees with a loud thud and greeted the elderly politely, "Sincerest greetings from a humble disciple, Elder."

"Who are you? Leave now!" the elderly reiterated. His voice was still icy cold.

"Sir! We have great admiration for the charm spells of Skywrath Sect! We are here to seek guidance!" Jared expounded as he gazed at the elderly.

"You imbecile! Skywrath Sect is not somewhere you can wander in and out freely. It's best if you two leave the place now. Otherwise, don't blame me for being ruthless!"

Having said that, the elderly abruptly disappeared.

Subsequently, another overwhelming wave of energy shot out from the depths of Skywrath Sect.

Nevertheless, Jared was well-prepared this time. He immediately swung a punch when the wave of energy shot out.

His golden fist shone brilliantly as it intercepted the wave of energy.

Boom!

The collision caused the ground to shake as if the whole world was trembling under the impact. A loud ringing noise reverberated incessantly at the same time.

At that moment, Jared could feel his chest tightening, and he was shoved backward uncontrollably.

"Let's leave now, Jared! We shouldn't be rash!"

Flaxseed rose to his feet and quickly grabbed hold of Jared's hand. The duo then retreated from the ancient ruins at a shockingly fast pace.

"I never expected that there would still be people living in the ancient ruins that date back thousands of years!" Jared exclaimed.

He was utterly bewildered to meet an old man at such a place.

"That's not a living person. It was just a hologram they retained by using charm spells. Yet, it's surprising how they had predicted that people would

come for their treasures. After all, that was thousands of years ago!” Flaxseed uttered with a frightened expression.

Noticing the look in Flaxseed’s eyes, Jared could tell that the former was incredibly afraid and nervous earlier.

“It looks like we’ve got to plan wisely before entering Skywrath Sect. Indeed, there was a reason why the ancient ruins of Skywrath Sect were written on the last few pages of that book...”

Jared let out a long sigh after saying that.

Alas, I can’t withstand the martial energy of the Skywrath Sect, even with my Golem Body and crazy physique... What lies ahead is beyond contemplation, I suppose.

Meanwhile, Augustus and his subordinates were still waiting for the duo outside the ancient ruins.

All of them were surprised to see Jared and Flaxseed get out alive. At that moment, all of their eyes gleamed with admiration.

Augustus, however, noticed that the duo’s expressions were dark, and their clothes were stained with dust and ashes.

With that, he suggested, “Mr. Chance, let’s return to the sect to get some rest, shall we?”

Jared merely nodded in response. He stole a glance at the entrance of the ancient ruins before leaving.

Despite being a Greater Martial Arts Marquis, Jared had encountered incident after incident of defeat. First, it was the unknown black-clad men chasing after Hailey. Then it was the men from Hailey’s family. Now, he could not even enter an ancient ruin as he wanted for an investigation or a search.

All these incidents were a major blow to his pride. It certainly made him realize that he still had much room for improvement.

Since becoming a Martial Arts Saint was nearly unheard of, a Martial Arts Marquis was said to be the most powerful individual in the martial arts world.

Yet, judging from recent happenings, it was clear that the martial arts world was truly incomparable to the heavenly realm.

If not for the exhaustion of spiritual energy in the mundane world, there would not have been any place for martial arts to flourish.

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Chapter 1654 Take Over

Jared instructed Augustus to guard the ancient ruins while he returned to Whitesea with Flaxseed. Meanwhile, the Simmonses were busy preparing for Megan and Tristan's upcoming wedding.

Jared had previously agreed to attend their wedding. Hence, he would have to stay at the Simmons residence for a few days. Moreover, he was planning to observe whether Megan's uncle, Tony Huxley, had ill intentions.

It was finally the wedding day, and the respected businessmen from different industries in Whitesea attended their wedding as scheduled. There were about hundreds of attendees there.

Tony was busy helping on the wedding day. Seeing how hard he worked, Megan felt relieved somehow.

Among the guests, a table of people in the corner carried blank looks on their faces. It seemed strange that they were completely disinterested in the wedding.

"Jared, did you notice that table over there? They are the Martial Arts Grandmasters. I don't think they've come to give their blessings," Flaxseed told Jared.

In fact, Jared had discovered them much earlier when he utilized his spiritual sense a while ago. As such, he was able to notice everything that was happening there.

"Let's wait for a while. We'll see their true colors soon."

Jared smiled faintly.

Soon, the wedding ceremony ended, and Tony went up the stage for a speech as Megan's elder. He spoke through the microphone. "First of all, thank you for taking the time to attend my niece's wedding. Now that Megan is married and pregnant, she should focus on taking care of her baby. As her uncle, I hope that she can live a happy and blessed life. Hence, I hereby announce that I will take over her position to manage the Simmonses' business after this. As for Megan, she will be moving to Jadeborough and never return again."

He continued, "I hope that all of you will still continue the existing collaboration with the Simmonses after my takeover!"

As soon as he finished his speech, murmurs arose from the crowd. The guests shared a startled expression and started to discuss among themselves.

Meanwhile, Megan was extremely furious upon hearing that. She roared, "Uncle Tony, what are you talking about? Who said that I'm going to Jadeborough and never returning again? Who gave you permission to take over our family?"

"Don't be angry, Megan. I'm only doing this for you. You're a woman, after all. Shouldn't you be staying home and taking care of your family instead? I've been managing the Simmonses' affairs for about a year, and my ability is evident to all. I'm the most suitable person to take over this from you. Otherwise, I'm worried that you might ruin the Simmonses soon."

Hearing that, she continued, "You should know your position. You're merely working for the Simmonses. I can kick you out anytime, and you'll have nothing to do with our family!"

"Don't be mad, Megan. It's not good for the baby," comforted Tristan at the side. He looked at Tony with an icy gaze and said, "Who do you think you are to take over the Simmonses?"

"I might be a nobody, but I think you should know those guys over there."

As soon as Tony said that, the table of guests in the corner leaped and landed on the stage.

All of them exuded the aura of a Martial Arts Grandmaster, causing the atmosphere in the banquet hall to become increasingly tense. Their domineering aura was sufficient to cause one to shudder.

However, Tristan merely stared at the Martial Arts Grandmasters and did not seem frightened.

He was aware that he was no match for them. Nevertheless, knowing that he had Jared to back him up, he was not afraid of them.

“Are you relying on these people to snatch over the Simmonses’ properties?” Tristan questioned Tony.

“Yes, indeed. I wonder if anyone in Whitesea can defeat these guys? Not only do I want everything that belonged to the Simmonses, but I will also take a share of all the prestigious families in Whitesea!”

Tony swept a glance at the crowd as he voiced.

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Chapter 1655 Flaunt

The crowd was offended to hear that Tony wanted to interfere in other families’ businesses. “Who do you think you are? How dare you have the audacity to get involved in other families’ businesses?”

A tall and slender middle-aged man was so displeased that he started reprimanding Tony.

As soon as he finished speaking, Tony leaped into the air abruptly and appeared right in front of that man.

Pfft! Without the slightest hesitation, Tony pierced through the man’s chest and dug out his heart ruthlessly.

The unexpected bloody scene shocked everyone present, and no one dared to make a sound.

Meanwhile, Tony smirked maliciously upon witnessing the crowd’s reaction.

He raised the crimson heart and yelled at the crowd, "This is the consequence for anyone who tries to make further comments!"

At that moment, Megan's expression turned grim. Beside her, Tristan held her in his arms tightly while staring at Tony indifferently.

"Tony, don't even think about taking over the Simmonses. Over my dead body! Do you think you're invincible with that ability of yours? If you're in Jadeborough, you're just a nobody!"

Anger flooded Megan's veins as she reprimanded him.

He let out a chuckle and responded, "You're right. I'm considered weak in Jadeborough. However, this is not Jadeborough. Who can stop me here?"

With that, Tony let out a bark of arrogant laughter.

"I can."

Suddenly, Jared stood up and walked to the stage slowly.

Seeing Jared stand up, Tristan hurriedly stepped forward and yelled, "Mr. Chance..."

With Jared there, those people were nothing but clowns.

"You?" Tony scrutinized Jared from head to toe before saying, "Are you trying to get in my way? Get lost if you don't wish to die!"

Jared gazed at him and said with a smile, "What if I want to die?"

"If that's the case, I'll fulfill your wish!"

As Tony said that, the aura around him began to rage, and he aimed a palm strike at Jared.

Jared remained still with his hands behind his back while his eyes were filled with pure disdain.

Seeing that, Tony instantly felt a flash of irritation.

Bang!

Tony raised his palm and aimed an attack right on Jared's chest.

Jared, however, was still fixated on his spot, and the expression on his face remained the same. On the other hand, Tony had his wrist broken from the impact.

"T-This..."

Shock and astonishment were written on Tony's face. The crowd all shifted their attention to Jared in disbelief.

Meanwhile, Jared stared at the aghast Tony and smirked slightly. "I want to die. How about you try again?"

Tony's face fell as he gritted his teeth.

"I want to die too. Come at me!"

At that precise moment, Flaxseed leaped to the stage and said to Jared, "That's enough. You have shown them your skills. Let me flaunt mine this time! We rarely have a chance like this to show off..."

Inwardly, Flaxseed got all excited thinking about flaunting his skills in front of hundreds of people there.

Jared looked at Flaxseed, clearly rendered speechless by him. He then stepped aside, leaving space for Flaxseed to stand facing Tony.

Flaxseed put his hands behind his back and said to Tony, "Hey, I'm old enough to die, but I just couldn't. Can you fulfill my wish? I promise not to fight back."

Tony was so infuriated that his face turned purple. It was just a while ago that he boasted about his abilities in front of the crowd, and now, he felt like he had just shot himself in the foot.

Not only that, he was being challenged not once but twice.

The guests did not expect that to happen as they watched the scene excitedly below the stage.

"This is too much! You guys are going too far!"

Gritting his teeth, Tony released the increasingly intense aura in him.

Everyone could see a circle of light emitted from his palms as he concentrated all his martial energy on his palms.

Seeing that, Flaxseed could not help but frown. "D*mn. He didn't do that when he was dealing with you just now. Is he targeting me?"

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Chapter 1656 You Stole The Show

Flaxseed was at Top Level of Golden Core, which was also equivalent to Top Level Martial Arts Grandmaster. He might still be able to give Tony a run for his money even if he did not use his charm, but it would be a tough battle.

That was why Flaxseed threw a fit at Tony. He then dragged Jared over and said, "You come here and teach this crook a lesson."

Tony, too, exploded in rage. This isn't child's play. Every move we make kills!

Jared chuckled as he casually walked over and stood in front of Tony.

The latter had gathered his power and was ready to unleash it on Jared!

"Go to h*ll, you little brat!" he exclaimed.

He then did a palm strike and released the light beam encircling his palm at Jared's chest!

Jared stood still as he managed to withstand the attack, but the impact was so powerful that it threw Tony back a few feet away!

Tony fell heavily on the table, breaking it into pieces. Many guests immediately moved aside to dodge the attack.

Following that, Tony spat out a mouthful of blood. The aura he exuded had also weakened.

All the guests who had witnessed the fight started applauding Jared!

Upon noticing how everyone cheered and clapped for Jared, Flaxseed expressed his disappointment, "D*mn it, you stole the show again..."

Clearly, Flaxseed wished to be the focus of everyone's interest.

Meanwhile, Tony gnashed his teeth in anger and clenched his jaw. He looked at Jared and said, "You're dead, young man. I'm from Gutwrencher Sect, and my lord will kill you!"

Jared responded with a grin when he heard the mention of Gutwrencher Sect. "You're from Gutwrencher Sect?"

A corner of Tony's lips quirked up. "That's right! You're terrified now, aren't you?"

He thought everyone in Whitesea would tremble in fear when they heard the name "Gutwrencher Sect."

"I'm terrified?" Jared let out a cold snort before turning his attention to Flaxseed. "Mr. Flaxseed, it's your showtime now!"

That instantly put a smile on Flaxseed's face. He immediately walked up to Tony and stood before him.

"W-What do you want?" Tony asked anxiously while looking at the elderly man.

Flaxseed reached out his hand and slapped Tony on the cheek. "Contact your lord right now. Ask him to come and kill me."

Tony was stunned for a moment. Who on earth are these people? How come they don't seem to be afraid of Gutwrencher Sect?

While he was still hesitating, Flaxseed smacked him again. "I told you to f*cking call your lord. Did you not hear me?"

Flaxseed yelled at Tony like a father reprimanding a child.

At that point, Tony was on the verge of breaking down as he did not know how to handle them anymore.

With that, he contacted Augustus and told him about Flaxseed and Jared. Upon receiving his call, Augustus immediately departed with a group of men.

“Just you wait. My lord will be arriving with his men shortly...” Tony shot them a vicious glare.

Many guests started panicking and wanted to leave. They did not want to be dragged into the mess, especially when Augustus and his men were involved.

Flaxseed grew anxious when he noticed the guests were about to go. Who’s going to watch me perform if they’re gone?

“Guys, guys. Don’t go. Just sit and watch. Everything will be fine,” Flaxseed assured loudly.

However, none of the guests believed his words, and they were all determined to leave.

Seeing that, Flaxseed fished a pair of charms out of his pocket and stuck them to the door frame.

As a result, all the guests could not walk through the door, even though it was not shut!

“I told you not to leave. I wouldn’t have done this had all of you listened to me! Go back to your seats. Nothing bad will befall you, trust me!” Flaxseed reassured them confidently.

Left with no choice, the guests could only return to their seats while waiting for Augustus.

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Chapter 1657 Rode On His Coattails

Soon, Augustus and his men arrived. The former walked through the door and exclaimed, “Tony! Who dares to despise Gutwrencher Sect? Tell me!”

Immediately, Tony hurriedly dashed toward him. “My lord, these two men made me call you...”

With that, Augustus cast his gaze in the direction Tony was pointing. The color drained from his face when he saw Flaxseed and Jared.

“It’s me. I despise Gutwrencher Sect. What are you going to do to me?”
Flaxseed walked toward Augustus.

Upon seeing his arrogant reaction, Tony bellowed, “How dare you speak like this to my lord? You just wait—”

Before he could finish his sentence, Augustus interrupted him and slapped him hard across his face! “A**hole! How dare you disrespect Mr. Flaxseed?”

After giving Tony a piece of his mind, he immediately put on a wry smile and apologized, “Mr. Flaxseed, I didn’t know you were here. I’m sorry that my subordinate disrespected you.”

Tony’s jaw dropped when he saw how courteous Augustus was when the latter was talking to Flaxseed!

All the guests, too, were stunned by the turn of events. Turning their attention to Flaxseed, they were in absolute awe of him.

Knowing everyone had started looking up to him, Flaxseed basked in his moment of glory.

Jared walked over and said, “It’s not a matter of respect. Your subordinate wanted to take over the Simmons family. I don’t care if that’s your or your subordinate’s idea, but listen carefully—the Simmonses and I go way back. If anything happens to them, you’ll be the first person I’ll look for.”

“I know nothing about this, Mr. Chance. But don’t worry, no one would lay a finger on the Simmonses as long as Gutwrencher Sect is around!” Augustus promised right away.

“Get your men out of here!” Jared waved a dismissive hand.

Augustus instantly instructed his subordinates to retreat.

After spending some time sprucing the place up, the wedding continued.

After the incident, Jared and Flaxseed stole the limelight from the newlyweds at the reception.

All the guests kept going over to their table to toast them in order to get in their good books.

Jared eventually found an opportunity to sneak out of the hall, but Flaxseed stayed back as he loved being the center of attention.

In the end, he got so drunk that he passed out!

When Flaxseed woke up the next day, he realized Jared had left for Jadeborough.

Jared had also written him a letter and told him to stay in Whitesea and study the ancient ruins of Skywrath Sect. He also promised Flaxseed that he would return to continue the exploration should an opportunity arise.

“Does he think I’m his lackey?” Flaxseed crumpled the letter into a ball, tossed it away, and fell into a deep slumber again.

Meanwhile, the Deragon residence had become more lively in just a few days.

Besides the Deragons, Leviathan’s Shadow Estate and The Villainous Four’s Village of Villains had also moved back to Jadeborough.

In the past, Leviathan had no choice but to team up with The Villainous Four and go to Medicine God Sect. They had to do that as they needed to slip under Warriors Alliance’s radar.

Now that Warriors Alliance’s influence had waned, more prestigious families started pledging their loyalty to Jared.

That was why they relocated back to Jadeborough.

The Deragons, Shadow Estate, and Village of Villains had worked closely with one another to keep the enemy at bay.

In addition, Jared’s position as Lord of Medicine God Sect and the support he received from the Dunns further strengthened his power in Jadeborough. In other words, he was the most powerful man in the capital city now!

Besides changes in Jadeborough, Tommy from Horington and Phoenix had also ridden on Jared’s coattails and became the most established clan in their city.

At this point, Jared’s influence was at its zenith. He had become the subject of people’s admiration.

He had never expected so many things to happen when he was gone in the last few days!

While most prestigious families started pledging their allegiance to Jared, Skylar from Warriors Alliance in Jadeborough had plunged into despair. How could all these happen when I've just taken over Warriors Alliance?

The glory and power Warriors Alliance enjoyed during its heyday had become a thing of the past.

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Chapter 1658 The Eight Secret Realms

Skylar roared, "I have to kill Jared! I have to!" His hatred for Jared was so bone-deep that he wished to end Jared's life immediately.

Just then, an elderly, raspy voice rang out in Skylar's head. "It's not impossible to kill him, but you would need to plan your steps carefully." "Sir, what should I do to kill him?" asked Skylar hastily.

The aged spirit replied, "You already have a sacred martial arts relic in hand. Gather some Black Copper Robe warriors and think of a way to lure Jared to Warriors Alliance, where you and your men will ambush him."

Doubting the spirit's suggestion, Skylar asked, "Would Jared show up at Warriors Alliance that easily? Why would he come now that we've burned bridges with each other?"

"Of course, he would! Did you forget that we have something precious to him?"

The spirit smirked.

Meanwhile, Skylar remembered the trapped Josephine and smiled sinisterly. "That's right. I can use his girlfriend as bait and lure him to Warriors Alliance! I will never let him out alive once he shows up. Warriors Alliance will never see a day of peace as long as Jared is still alive."

"That's not the scary part. Once Jared grows stronger, you would lose your value in Warriors Alliance, and Lord Tanner would kick you to the curb," explained the spirit.

“You’re right. I can’t afford to lose Lord Tanner’s regard. I must kill Jared...”

Determination glinted in Skylar’s eyes. He immediately used his influence to summon Black Copper Robe warriors.

Oblivious to Skylar’s plot, Jared remained in Jadeborough, patiently awaiting Fernando’s return and news on Violet Cloud Palace.

That day, he received a call from Astrid.

Once he saw the caller ID, Jared jumped in excitement.

Fernando must be back if Astrid’s looking for me!

Just as he had guessed, Astrid asked Jared to visit the Gunderson residence as her father had returned.

Jared hurried to the Gunderson residence and found Fernando waiting for him in the living room.

When Fernando saw Jared, he hastily got to his feet and invited Jared to sit. “Please have a seat, Mr. Chance.”

“You’re far too kind, Mr. Gunderson. Just call me Jared.”

He was the one asking for a favor, after all.

His reply drew a guffaw from Fernando, who said, “Haha, so many things have happened in Jadeborough during my absence. I really shouldn’t be addressing you as anything but ‘Mr. Chance.’ Anyway, I heard from Astrid that you were looking for me. Is something the matter?”

Jared cut to the chase. “Mr. Gunderson, I’d like to ask you about Violet Cloud Palace. Do you know where it is?”

“Why are you asking about Violet Cloud Palace? You can’t get in even if you know where it is!”

“Why?” Jared’s confusion was palpable.

Fernando launched into a lengthy explanation. “Sects like Violet Cloud Palace exist in secret realms. You can’t find it in the physical realm. Take the Gunderson family, for example. Our true powers are hidden in a secret realm

too. Many families that practice spiritual energy cultivation remain hidden from the physical world in secret realms as well. I'm quite sure I've told you about this before. Energy cultivators who remain in the physical world tend to be relatively unsuccessful."

"If you're also staying in a secret realm like Violet Cloud Palace, could you bring me there, Mr. Gunderson?" asked Jared.

A wry smile graced Fernando's face. "We may both live in a secret realm, but they're not the same realm!"

He looked at Jared and continued, "After the Celestial Battle split the skies and the earth, the Eight Cuprum Guardians created eight secret realms. The energy cultivator families who survived the battle entered these realms and have lived there ever since. I'm sure you understand my explanation now, yes?"

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Jared nodded and asked Fernando, "Is it impossible to travel between the eight secret realms, Mr. Gunderson?"

"Well, not really. There are Teleportation Arrays that allow one to travel between the eight realms. But the same person can only use the array once every three days, so not many people use it," answered Fernando.

"Why?" Jared was confused. Why wouldn't you explore the other secret realms if the Teleportation Array exists?

Fernando asked, "Well, Mr. Chance, would you want to find yourself stranded in a completely foreign land? You'd have to stick around for three days, and I guarantee someone would rob you of all your belongings if you were even in a foreign realm for just three hours."

He smiled and continued, "Spiritual energy cultivators in secret realms share the same personalities as the mortals you see in this world."

Jared finally understood what Fernando was getting at. Even in secret realms, deception and scheming were common practices among the immortal families.

He suddenly remembered his earlier encounter with Hailey as well as a group of skilled men in black and servants.

“Mr. Gunderson, can the residents in secret realms come into the mundane world?” asked Jared.

Fernando said, “Of course. Didn’t I just come back from a secret realm myself? Still, it’s pretty uncommon for cultivators from secret realms to enter the mundane world. Being in this space for too long causes their abilities to remain stagnant and even deteriorate! That’s why they rarely come to the mundane world unless they have emergencies. In fact, they would turn their noses up at most things here.”

He added, “As the representative of the Gunderson family in the mundane world, I’ve spent a good amount of time in this realm, which is why my abilities have never improved!”

A wry smile curved his lips. It was clear that he wished to improve his abilities, yet he could only accept his fate of being chosen as the face of the Gunderson family in the mundane world.

Jared mulled over Fernando’s words. Indeed, the cultivators he met in the mundane world were generally weak, yet he was an exception.

Granted, he had no idea if he would eventually hit a bottleneck in his cultivation.

If the mundane world truly limited the extent of his cultivation progress, Jared had every intention to cultivate in a secret realm.

Sheepishly, Jared asked, “Mr. Gunderson, I have a favor to ask of you. I’m not sure if you’ll agree to my request.”

“Fire away, Mr. Chance.” Fernando smiled encouragingly at the young man.

Jared asked cautiously, “Could you bring me to the secret realm to see these cultivator families, Mr. Gunderson?”

He half-expected Fernando to shoot down his request.

After all, he was risking exposing Fernando’s family secret.

To his surprise, Fernando replied, “Of course. To tell you the truth, before I returned to the mundane world, the Gunderson family’s Great Elder even reminded me to bring you for a visit to the Gunderson family estate.”

Jared was stunned. “Mr. Gunderson, w-what’s going on? How does your family’s Great Elder know about me?”

“Of course! I’ve reported all your achievements in the mundane world to our Great Elder, and he’s very interested in meeting you!”

Jared never imagined Fernando would mention him to the Gunderson family’s Great Elder. After some thought, however, he realized Fernando’s actions made perfect sense. As the family’s representative in the mundane world, he had a clear responsibility to report all the major happenings there to his family in the secret realm.

“When should we set off then, Mr. Gunderson?” Jared grew excited at the thought of visiting a secret realm.

“There’s plenty of time, Mr. Chance. Why don’t you stay the night in the Gunderson residence? We can set off tomorrow!” Fernando said to Jared.

Jared could only nod and accept the other man’s suggestion.

He smiled at the young man before shooting Astrid a knowing look. The young woman blushed as red as a tomato.

The pair looked as though they were up to something.

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Fernando ordered someone to prepare a room for Jared. When Jared entered the room, he noticed that it was very clean, and there was a sweet amora lingering in the air. Moreover, the interior of the room was exquisitely decorated and equipped with all kinds of furniture. Clearly, it was a woman’s bedroom.

Jared was stunned and confused as to why Fernando had arranged for him to stay in that room. However, he did not think too much about it and slumped into bed immediately. He could not wait to enter the secret realm the next day!

After chatting with Fernando earlier that day, Jared realized that there was so much more to the world than just Warriors Alliance of Jadeborough.

Soon, the man fell into a deep sleep. In the middle of his sleep, Jared suddenly felt someone touching his body! Instinctively, he slapped the person's hand away.

He was jolted out of his sleep and had broken into a cold sweat. He had never been that careless before and was shocked that he had let someone get so close to him without him even realizing it. "Ahhh..."

Just as Jared was about to strike again, he heard a woman's shriek and stopped. He quickly turned on the lights, and to his surprise, he saw Astrid standing in front of him.

She was the one who was feeling him up earlier! The woman was only wearing a thin satin night dress that was almost transparent under the illumination of the lights.

"Ms. Gunderson, are you all right?" Jared asked after turning his head sideways as he did not dare to look at Astrid directly.

"That was harsh! How can you treat a woman this way!" Astrid pouted and seemed to be rather furious.

"Sorry. I didn't know it was you. What are you doing in my room at this hour?" Jared asked.

"This is my room. Why can't I be here?" Astrid questioned back.

Jared started to panic when he heard that and apologized immediately. "Ms. Gunderson, I'm so sorry. I must have entered the wrong room."

The man was feeling extremely awkward, thinking that he had gone to the wrong room by mistake!

He was just about to leave when Astrid stopped him and said, "Nope. You didn't. I wanted you to stay in my room."

Jared froze and looked toward Astrid in disbelief.

With a blush on her face, the woman said, "I really like you, so I wanted you to sleep in my room. I want to be your woman..."

Taken aback by Astrid's directness, Jared retreated a few steps and replied, "Ms. Gunderson, I'm afraid that's not possible. I... I already have a girlfriend."

"I know, but I don't care. I don't even need a proper title. I just want to be by your side!" Astrid said without much concern.

"Ms. Gunderson, I'm really sorry. I can't..."

After saying that, Jared turned to leave, still feeling extremely awkward.

However, Astrid suddenly hugged him from behind and said begrudgingly, "Is it because I'm not pretty enough? Or am I not capable enough? Or is my family's status not good enough for you? Why? Just tell me why."

Enveloped by the warmth from the woman's body, Jared chanted the calming incantation silently before saying, "Ms. Gunderson, you are very beautiful, and you are the most capable women I've ever met. Also, the Gunderson family is one of the most influential families in Jadeborough. It's just that my girlfriend is still detained at Warriors Alliance, and my priority is to get her out..."

Jared pried Astrid's hand away gently and tried to get away from her.

"I really don't need anything. I mean it. You can just use me for your physical needs. Why is it that your girlfriend can have you, but I can't? I like you so much. I really do. You're always in my thoughts... You are probably feeling sorry for me now, but I don't care. Although I have a lot of admirers in Jadeborough, I'm not interested in any of them. I'm a girl, and I've already taken the initiative to tell you how I feel. Why can't you take some pity on me?"

As Astrid spoke, tears started falling down her cheeks.