In an instant, a few guards pinned Ian to the ground and tied him up.

'What? I slept with lan?' At that scene, Monica was embarrassed and furious. She looked at Denise and said, "Lady Denise, please do not slander me with those vicious words of yours. What happened to lan and me was not as you described and I had also just woke up."

"I'm slandering? Vicious words?" Denise sneered. She looked at the bare-chested Ian and said, "I've caught you red-handed in this house with him barely has his clothes on. How dare you still defend yourself, b*tch!"

Denise then yelled at Ian, "Ian, tell us. What happened between you and this b*tch last night?"

Gasp!

Instantly, everyone's eyes, especially the guards of the Guang Ping Palace were on Ian as Lord Kenny Bred had treated them well. At that moment, their eyes were filled with murderous intent. How could a mere lowly stableman defile Lord Kenny Bred's woman? It was unforgivable! In their hearts, they have determined Ian was the one with malicious intentions toward Monica Vaughn.

Monica also bit her lip hard and looked at lan. It did not matter how he came in. Her name would be cleared so long he told the truth.

Under everyone's scrutiny, lan sweated profusely and timidly said, "Lady Denise! L-last night, Mistress got drunk, s-so she called me into her room to a-accompany her..."

He did not dare look at Monica as he said these as they were the words Denise had ordered him to say. Ian felt this was going against his guilty conscience so he did not dare look at Monica.

'What? It was Monica who called for him?' Instantly, there was an uproar among the crowd with the maidservants secretly pursing their lips. They were unspeakably stunned!

Who knew the kind-hearted Mistress was such a woman? How shameless!

At the same time, the guards were baffled as well! In their hearts, never in their lives could they have expected Lord Kenny Bred's beloved would do such a thing behind his back!

'What?' Monica shuddered as her mind was buzzing. She pointed at Ian and said with a trembling voice, "Y-you're lying! I didn't even call for you! You're the one that sneaks into my room."

At that moment, Monica was so furious she could almost pass out.

"That's it!" Right at this moment, Denise looked at Monica maliciously with a cold

expression. "Ian already admitted. What else do you have to say? Just because you got lonely, how dare you seduce the stableman! You're cheap and disgraceful!"

Denise's eyes flashed a hint of delight when she said this. Her plan was going too well! As long as she got rid of this woman, Lord Kenny Bred's heart would quickly return to her. She would not have to be so worried anymore and could finally sleep in peace.

At her words, Monica came to her senses and bit her lips tightly as her body trembled. "Nothing happened between lan and me! It's him who came into my room..."

"Nothing?" Denise sneered, "Ian has already admitted himself yet you're still denying it despite the overwhelming evidence? What a thick-skinned b*tch!"

Denise then waved her hands and said with a cold voice, "April, teach this degrading cheap b*tch a lesson!"

"Yes, Lady Denise!" At Denise's orders, a maidservant behind her walked forward. It was Denise's reliable confidant, April.

April's eyes flashed with cruelty as she held a whip tightly in her hands and walked straight toward Monica!

April was well aware Lady Denise had deliberately set Monica up.

As her confidant, April would of course support Denise, so there was not a slight bit of soft-heartedness in her for Monica.

"W-what are you trying to do?" Monica was frightened and furious at the same time upon looking at April approaching her with the whip!

April said with a condescending look, "Lord Kenny Bred treated you well. How dare you do such degrading things! Thank goodness Lady Denise realized it in time. Otherwise, we won't know what other degrading things you will do!"

Whip!

At her words, April brutally whipped Monica. Although the whip was not barbed, it was soaked in saltwater. The areas where the whip landed instantly caused Monica's flesh to open as blood gushed out and soaked her long dress!

Her wounds were further aggravated by the saltwater causing Monica could not help but yelled out in pain while her body trembled furiously.

The next second, Monica looked at lan and yelled, "lan, why are you slandering me? Why are you not telling the truth..."

However, Ian knelt there timidly with his head down without any reaction. It was as though he did not hear Monica's yells.

This was all Lady Denise's plan, he would not dare to defy her.

Monica was about to rush at him seeing that he was still conscious.

"Tie her up!" Denise ordered coldly right at that moment.

"Woola!" At her words, a few guards immediately tied Monica up.

Monica was instantly tied up until she could not move!

At this moment, Denise had a satisfied expression. She sat on the chair beside and slowly said, "Monica Vaughn, Lord Kenny Bred treated you well. Although you don't have a status or name, he cared for you. He even cared for the bastard child of yours as his own yet this is how you repay him! Don't you feel guilty?"

Denise then signaled toward April.

April acknowledged her and passed a pre-prepared confessional piece to Monica.

At that instant, Monica's face turned white upon reading the words written on that piece of confession. She trembled and was unspeakably seething with loathing.

Monica saw that confession describing how she and lan had met up privately.

"We are all women, so I'm not going to make it hard for you." Denise smiled maliciously.
"I will let you go as long as you stamp your handprint on this piece of confession,
confessing that you did do all those degrading things and letting you leave this place
together with your child. How about that?"

'She wants to chase me away?' Monica was stunned by Denise's remarks.

Truth be told, Monica could not wait to leave Guang Ping Palace upon knowing that Darryl did not die.

However, even if she was planning to leave, she wanted to leave proudly and honestly instead of leaving in such a humiliating way!

More importantly, nothing happened between her and lan hence she could not accept being slandered just like that!

As she thought, Monica took in a deep breath and looked at Denise without any fear before firmly saying, "I'm going to say it once more. Nothing happened between me and Ian. I'm innocent. Don't slander me!"

At that very moment, Monica could see that these were all Denise's works. Otherwise, she could not have prepared the confession beforehand!

Monica had also treated the servants well all the while and lan was famous for being honest so he would not dare enter her room.

"Ok! Great! This b*tch is still pretty defiant!" Denise was furious before pointing at Monica and said, "You still won't admit your wrongdoings up until this point, you b*tch! Continue hitting her until she admits her wrongdoings!"

At those words, April started whipping Monica again.

Whip! Whip! Whip!

The sounds of the whipping made the crowd jump in fear.

Monica gritted her teeth hard while bearing with the pain. Her expression was extremely firm as she was a woman with principles. She would rather die than admit matters that she did not do!

Not long after, Monica's long dress was dyed with fresh blood. She was extremely weak and feeble as well. However, her eyes were still full of determination.

"Mom..."

At this moment, a toddler's cry could be heard and those who heard it were heartbroken. It was Ambrose Darby.

Ambrose was in tears at that moment. He cried out loud, "You bad people! Stop hitting my mom!"

At the same time, he attempted to rush over toward Monica but was stopped firmly by the maidservants.

"Ambrose..."

At the moment, Monica could not explain what she was feeling upon seeing her child. She felt as though her heart was shattered into pieces as she weakly yelled for him.

At that moment, Denise waved at the maidservants—signaling them to bring the child to her.

The next second, Denise smiled at Ambrose and said, "Ambrose, be a good boy. Your mother did something wrong by being with another man. I'm teaching her a lesson. Please don't cause trouble, okay?"

Denise smiled with hints of malevolent when she said these.

In Denise's heart, Ambrose was a b*stard. However, Denise had to pretend in front of so many house staff.

"My mom will never do wrong things." Ambrose pointed at Denise and angrily said, "She will never be with another man! You're the bad person! The bad person..."

Gasp!

At those words, Denise's expressions darkened and were aggravated. "You b*stard. You dare yell at me?"

Slap!

Denise did not bother anymore at that and violently slapped Ambrose. Ambrose was slapped onto the floor before started wailing out loud, "Bad person! You're a bad person ..."

The crowd's expressions changed upon witnessing this scene. They thought it was inappropriate for Lady Denise to hit a small child. However, no one dared to say anything.

After all, it was the child's mother that damaged the family's reputation first. Although Monica usually treated the servants well, they were the people of the New World with a somewhat old-fashioned mindset. They believed a woman should be virtuous and being together with another man was absolutely against their belief.

"Denise!" Monica's heart was broken upon seeing her child being hit. She frowned and glared at Denise. "If you want to deal with me, bring it on! The child is still so young, yet you still hit him. Are you even human?"

Monica's eyes were filled with rage when she said these. She was in so much rage that her body trembled.

Denise condescendingly said, "This b*stard is being rude, so I'm helping you to educate him, b*tch. I'm going to give you the last chance. Are you going to admit your wrongdoings or not?"

"Ptooey!" Monica did not say anything and just spat a mouthful of blood violently toward Denise.

Even though there was some distance between them, a few drops of blood still

splashed onto Denise's dress.

"Ok! Great!" Denise was livid as her eyes were filled with cruelty at that moment. "Order! Bring on the torturing device! Bring me the finger clamps!"

Gasp!

The crowd could not help but gasp at her words.

Monica's expressions changed too and her entire body could not help but tremble.

Although finger clamps were not a form of extreme torture, it was still cruel nonetheless. Ten fingers clamped between wooden sticks before quickly tightened. The lightest injuries would be injured tendons with the more serious ones being broken bones!

At that moment, the entire room was in dead silence with only Ambrose's cries ringing.

Those two guards soon brought the finger clamps while the other guards concurrently grabbed hold of Monica's hands tightly before inserting her fingers into the finger clamps.

At that moment, everyone's eyes were on Monica and they could barely say a word!

Denise smiled cruelly and glared at Monica. "B*tch, I'm going to ask you one last time. Do you admit your affair with Ian Maxwell?!"

Monica gritted her teeth and glared at Denise coldly.

She was sweating from her forehead while her ten fingers were held tightly by the finger clamps. She was slightly panicking in her heart. However, she had not done anything wrong, so why must she admit to it?

"I've done nothing. Even if you beat me to death, I won't confess! Do you want to slander me by forcing me to confess? Impossible!" Monica bit her lips hard with her determined eyes.

"You b*tch!"

April then walked forward and hardly slapped Monica. "You've done such shameful things but don't admit, yet still dare talk back to Lady Denise? Ian has long confessed, so how dare you not admit to your wrongdoings!"

Denise was furious and yelled, "Torture her! Torture her!"

She initially thought that after a few whips Monica would surrender to her will. Who knew she had such a strong personality.

The two guards were already prepared and upon her instructions, they strongly pulled on the finger clamps.

"Ah..."

Instantly, a throbbing pain came and made Monica shuddered.

The nerves of the ten fingers were connected to the heart after all! The heart!

Comment by Ryan Lee: a bit odd when they said ten fingers connected to the heart

Comment by Koay Yee Fei: hmm i think it's trying to say that the pain is excruciating?

perhaps add "The pain spread throughout her entire body"?

http://health.people.com.cn/n/2015/0418/c14739-26864893.html

Monica instantly felt as though her ten fingers were going to break. Her tears fell nonstop under the excruciating pain!

'Darryl, where are you? Where are you? Ever since I left you, I've gone through so much! A few years have passed. Darryl, do you miss me? I really missed you! I truly missed you! Do you know that?'

At that moment, Monica's mind was filled with Darryl. The pain she felt at that moment was too painful as she screamed and could no longer endure it. She finally shut her eyes and immediately passed out!

"Mom... Stop it, you bad people..." Ambrose's sobs turned hoarse upon looking at this scene.

Denise was annoyed by his cries and waved her hand to signal the maidservant to bring him away.

"Lady Denise, this b*tch has passed out. What should we do next?" April walked toward Denise and carefully asked for further instructions.

"Woo!" Denise took in a deep breath and looked at the unconscious Monica before condescendingly said, "Do you still need to ask me? Put her handprint on the confession then lock her up. We'll parade her to the public three days later."

When she said these, Denise was unspeakably furious. 'This b*tch took so much effort!'

"Yes!" April immediately responded and walked toward Monica. She picked up Monica's hand which was filled with fresh blood and pressed it onto the piece of confession.

Monica at that moment was still unconscious, so she was unable to resist.

The crowd looked at each other upon this scene, but no one dared to say anything.

A few guards soon dragged Monica away. At that instant, a smile appeared on Denise's face.

'B*tch, from now onwards your reputation has been utterly tarnished.'

"Lady Denise!" Right at this moment, Ian Maxwell who has been kneeling by the side slowly came to his senses and timidly asked, "C-can I go now?"

He could not hide the fear in his heart when he said that. Previously Denise promised him that as long as he successfully framed Monica, she would give him some money to return to the countryside.

Now that he had completed his mission and witnessed Denise's cruelty, he did not wish to stay there even a second longer.

"Ian!" Denise looked at him with an ambiguous smile. "What are you worried about? You did well. I haven't even rewarded you, yet you're anxious to leave?"

Denise then said to April, "You've been the stableman for Guang Ping Palace for so many years. I'll miss you if you leave so suddenly. Heed my orders! Come pour him a cup of tea. Ian, please accept this tea as I send you off."

Only Denise, April, and Ian left in the room at that moment.

There were hints of cruelty in her smiles when Denise said that.

April instantly understood her as she took up the teapot that was prepared beforehand and poured a cup for lan. She handed the cup to him and said, "lan, this is Lady Denise's

reward for you. Drink up. I'll go get your money once you finish drinking."

"Thank you, Lady Denise. Thank you..."

Ian nodded and bowed to thank Denise before accepting the cup and downed it. He felt relieved in his heart.

'After getting the money, I'll leave immediately in case there are any sudden changes.'

However, Ian saw that April did not leave to go get the money. Instead, she just glared at him coldly.

"Miss April!" Ian opened his mouth as he realized something bad was up. He just said a few words before he felt an excruciating pain in his stomach which caused his whole body to uncontrollably twitch.

The next second, he felt as if his throat was blocked and could not speak and could only grunt.

He finally realized Denise wanted to kill him. However, it was too late when he noticed it.

In a blink of an eye, lan stopped twitching and took his final breath with his eyes wide open. He died tragically.

"Woo!" Denise looked at him quietly and said, "lan, don't blame me for being cruel. If I didn't kill you, what would happen if Lord Kenny Bred came back and you told him the truth?"

Denise then flatly said to April, "Quickly deal with the body. If anyone asks, tell them that lan felt shameful and committed suicide."

"Don't worry, Lady Denise! I know what to do," said April respectfully as she coldly looked at lan's dead body.

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On the other side of Mistloren's Wanhai University.

Darryl was listlessly copying the history textbook in the office. Time passed by quickly that day. The school bell rang long ago, yet Darryl only barely copied half of the textbook and was almost in tears while looking at the history textbook in front of him.

'F*ck, my hand hurts yet I've only done half. Please don't tell me I'll have to stay overnight in school today?'

Squeak!

At this moment, the door of the office was pushed open before Alisha Walls slowly came in wearing a business outfit.

"You're only halfway through?" She reached in front of Darryl and frowned before waving her hand and said, "That's it, go home. You'll continue tomorrow."

She knew Darryl would not be able to finish within a day. The history textbook was rather thick after all and she was only doing this so that Darryl would work harder in the future

"Woo..." Darryl secretly let out a sigh of relief before he smiled and nodded, "Thank you, Miss Alisha."

He then quickly turned and left the office. At that moment, the school was over so those Box sisters were probably already home. Darryl quickly walked toward the school entrance. The most important thing to him now was to check out the Box family ancestral hall and see if he could get the Dragon Essence.

"Hold up!" Darryl just left when he heard Alisha exiting from the office and chased after him in her high heels.

Darryl stopped in his tracks, turned around, and smiled. "Miss Alisha, is there anything else?"

'F*ck! Don't tell me she wants me to copy the textbook throughout the night?'

Alisha looked at Darryl and lightly said, "It's dark. I'll send you home."

Even though Darryl's test results were catastrophically bad he was still her student after all. Not sending him back would be inappropriate since it was already late at night.

'What? Sending me home?'

At those words, Darryl was stunned for a while before he immediately replied, "Miss Alisha, i-it's fine."

He wants to explore the Box family's ancestral hall. How could he let her send him?

Furthermore, he had to keep the fact that he was staying with the Box sisters a secret and could not let Alisha know about this.

Alisha frowned. "What? Are you angry at me for asking you to copy the textbook?"

"No, no..." Darryl immediately waved his hands. He did not know whether to laugh or cry and said, "I deserve the punishment. How could I be angry?"

Alisha did not bother to say more as she waved her hand and said, "You should then sit in my car since you're not angry at me. The last bus at the school entrance has long left and it's also hard to get a cab so late at night."

Alisha then walked downstairs in her high heels.

Darryl had no way of refusing since she had said that so determinedly, hence he could only follow suit.

Darryl could not help but size her up while walking behind her.

It had to be said that Alisha was gorgeous from dressing up professionally in high heels. She looked like an intellectual beauty with those especially those long tight legs of hers.

Alisha's car was a pretty convertible. Just a glance and anyone would know that it was worth a lot.

In the car, Alisha turned to look at Darryl. "Where do you stay?"

"I..." At that moment, Darryl contemplated for a while before scratching his head and just simply mentioned the market's location.

The market was only one stop away from the Box sisters' mansion.

"You live in such a remote place?" Alisha muttered then looked at the time before dialing a phone number.

"Sister Serendipity, you've finished work right? I'm dropping off a student and so coincidentally will be passing by your place. Wait for me to go pick you up." Alisha then hung up and started her car.

'Sister Serendipity? What a unique name,' muttered Darryl secretly in his heart but did not give it much further thought.

A few minutes later, they reached a busy intersection where a gorgeous woman stood by the roadside.

Alisha quickly stopped by the side, rolled the window down, and greeted, "Sister Serendipity, here! Get in."

Darryl could not help but look at the person through the window and was completely baffled at that moment!

'F*ck!'

This Sister Serendipity was wearing tight black pants. Her body was extremely sexy not to mention gorgeous. However, why did she look so familiar?

Darryl's eyes widened. 'F*ck. Isn't this Abbess Mother Serendipity?!'

The Sister Serendipity that Alisha mentioned was indeed Abbess Mother Serendipity!

Previously, Abbess Mother Serendipity would either wear a long robe or a long dress in the World Universe. This was the first time Darryl saw her in tight pants. Her body was too seductive!

Darryl had not seen her in a few years and she had gotten even more attractive. However, Darryl did not think he would meet her here!

At this moment, Abbess Mother Serendipity got in the car. In a short while, she started trembling!

"D-Daryl Darby?"

Abbess Mother Serendipity gritted her teeth. At that moment, the atmosphere in the car was extremely strange!

Alisha was stunned as well upon looking at this scene. She looked toward Abbess Mother Serendipity before turning at Darryl. "Y-you two know each other?"

"Not only that!" At Alisha's question, Abbess Mother Serendipity nodded coldly.

At that moment, her heart was beating hard and she could not calm down!

Previously, when both of them were sent away by the Wonder Travel Amulet, Darryl was sent to the Great East while she was sent to Mistloren.

At that time, Abbess Mother Serendipity arrived at a faraway ancient forest.

She wandered in the forest for a few days in hunger and thirst. She mistakenly ate a strange fruit which caused all her internal energy to dissipate.

After many hardships, she finally came to Wanhai City where she met Alisha.

Abbess Mother Serendipity was embarrassed to mention her status as an Elder of the Emei Sect. An Elder without any internal energy was too humiliating so Abbess Mother Serendipity told Alisha that she wandered over from a foreign land and had lost her memories.

Alisha pitied her, so she let Abbess Mother Serendipity stay in her home and helped her find a job.

After that, Abbess Mother Serendipity searched for ways to regain her internal energy while working. However, she had tried many methods but still could not regain her internal energy.

Abbess Mother Serendipity was extremely depressed because of this as Wanhai City was miles away from the Emei Sect. It was extremely hard for a woman to return there without any internal energy!

Even though the enchanted barrier of the Nine Mainlands had vanished at that moment,

attempting to return to the Word Universe was extremely arduous! This was because there were no transportation means between the Nine Mainlands. If one wanted to go toward other mainlands, cultivators of Martial Saints and above could fly in the air whereas ordinary people could only walk.

It would take ages to walk from Mistloren to the World Universe as there would be so many challenges along the way. It was almost impossible to return to the World Universe!

"Sister Serendipity!" At that moment, Alisha suddenly realized something and curiously looked at Abbess Mother Serendipity. "I thought you lost your memory? You could recognize this person in front of you?"

This...

Abbess Mother Serendipity let out a long breath and suddenly did not know how to answer.

'Lost your memory?' At those words, Darryl suddenly understood and could not help but secretly laughed.

'This Abbess Mother Serendipity must have lied to Alisha.'

The next moment, Darryl could sense that Abbess Mother Serendipity had lost her internal energy and completely reverted to being an ordinary human being.

'Oh!'

At that moment, he knew that she no longer had any internal energy, so she naturally could not mention that she was an Elder of the Emei Sect. Otherwise, how could she explain being a sect elder without having any internal energy? It was embarrassing for her.

At that, Darryl smiled at Alisha and explained, "Perhaps she has a strong impression of me in her heart, so she recognized me."

"Yes..." Abbess Mother Serendipity was furious, but could only nod. "I have a strong impression of him, so I suddenly remembered."

"Strong impression?" Alisha was confused before looking at Darryl and said, "What's your relationship with Sister Serendipity?"

"Uh..." Darryl scratched his head before giving an embarrassing expression. "Uh... We have been promised to each other. She was once my fiance, so..."

As he said that, Darryl could not help but smile.

Bloody hell, it was because Abbess Mother Serendipity had gone missing that the Emei Sect Master—Aurora Hansen—blamed him for killing her junior sister and causing trouble to him every other day. Previously, she even pushed him into the volcano crater!

This incident infuriated Darryl to no end! At that moment, he had to take advantage to take out the anger on her since he finally met Abbess Mother Serendipity! Haha!

'What? They were both engaged previously?!' Alisha's mouth gaped open as her face was filled with disbelief.

Gasp!

At that moment, Abbess Mother Serendipity blushed as she angrily glared at Darryl and felt embarrassed. "D-don't talk nonsense! I'm not engaged to you!"

Darryl had really not changed one bit despite not seeing him for a long time. He was getting more and more terrible!

"Look at you getting angry again!" Darryl smiled and looked at Abbess Mother Serendipity. "Previously, you were always giving me the cold face when we were together. Although you ran away from our engagement and we did not become husband and wife, you had previously called me hubby. We shouldn't ruin our relationship even if we're no longer together. Can't you be more gentle to me?"

Darryl was technically not rambling nonsense. Previously, Darryl used the Obedient Amulet on Abbess Mother Serendipity before they were sent away by the Wonder Travel Amulet and made her call him 'Hubby'. Many people heard of it and Darryl even recorded a video of it on his phone.

"You..." At the mention of this, Abbess Mother Serendipity was livid, yet did not know how to retort!

She did not want to let Alisha know the truth because of Alisha's kindheartedness. Abbess Mother Serendipity did not want her to know that she had lied to her.

"O-oh, I get it!" Alisha nodded in realization and looked at Darryl before saying, "Sister Serendipity had run away from her engagement and lost her memory before coming here. In the end, it's because she didn't want to marry you."

Alisha then looked at Darryl meaningfully and said, "It's normal that Sister Serendipity doesn't want to marry you. You could even get negative marks on the history test. I don't hink any women will be willing to marry you."

'F*ck, how did she end up talking about my test results?' At her words, Darryl did not know whether to laugh or cry and became slightly depressed.

At that moment, they had reached close to the market that Darryl mentioned.

"Miss Alisha, you can drop me off here," said Darryl before getting out. "Thank you, Miss Alisha, and goodbye."

'F*ck, I better quick f*ck off. The most important matter now is to head toward the Box family's ancestral hall.'

Darryl entered the market before making a detour and headed toward the Box family's ancestral hall.

Meanwhile, in the car.

"Alisha!" Abbess Mother Serendipity could not help but gently asked, "Darryl called you Miss Alisha just now. Is he a student of yours?"

Abbess Mother Serendipity could not hide the curiosity in her heart when she said that.

Alisha nodded. "Yes. Sister Serendipity, let me tell you. Darryl received a negative one for his history test. No wonder you won't want to marry him."

Abbess Mother Serendipity frowned tightly. 'Why will Darryl come to this mainland? He even became a student.'

"Sister Serendipity!"

At the same moment, Alisa smiled and playfully asked, "Is Darryl really your former fiance?"

"I..." Abbess Mother Serendipity instantly felt embarrassed and angry at the same time, but still nodded her head. "Hmm!"

Truth be told, she did not want to say yes. However, she had no choice as she did not want to reveal her true identity, so she could only nod.

Abbess Mother Serendipity immediately said, "However, we no longer have any relations with each other now."

"I know!"

Alisha laughed and nodded before seriously saying, "If it's me, I won't ever marry a guy like him."

'He got a negative one on his history test! How is he worthy of being anyone's lifelong partner?'