

# The Pinnacle of Life – Chapter 601 - 610

“Who did this?”

“Who the f\*ck did this?”

Bunty was exploding in Zendaya’s villa in Golden Manor. In just a single night, this scandal had spread all over the internet, taking up the headlines of every magazine. Twitter, Reddit, even official news broadcasts were talking about this incident.

To be viewed as a homewrecker, this was indeed the greatest scandal Zendaya had ever got into.

Moreover, this scandal had spread across the country. Even if they were to use their strongest connections, it would be impossible to find a way out of this.

Missy said, “Someone must be pulling some strings to ruin Zendaya’s image.”

Autumn added. “If I were to find out who it was, I’ll kill them!”

Zendaya, on the other hand, sat on the bench near the window. Holding her music sheets, she looked oddly calm with her eyes closed. She didn't seem to be bothered by this scandal.

In actuality, she was training her mental power according to the methods Alex had given her.

It was very interesting and mystical. She felt like she was able to learn all of the methods easily. She secretly released a small flow of mental power towards Missy.

Just then, Missy shouted in pain and fell to the ground, holding onto her head.

Zendaya was surprised, she immediately stopped the release of her mental power.

"Missy, what's wrong?" she asked as she rushed up to her.

Missy stood up, face pale. "... I don't know. My head just hurt really bad all of sudden. Really really bad! But then it just stopped."

Bunty replied, "That must be nothing. I get headaches all the time too. You just have to sleep it off. If you're really that worried, go get a CT scan!"

She then turned to Zendaya. “Oh my dear, why do you not look concerned at all? This is a scandal! Someone is trying to ruin your reputation! Someone in our company must’ve sent that video out. I’m guessing it’s Elena, she was there too that day.”

Zendaya said calmly. “Don’t panic. So what if it’s a scandal? It’s not like I’ve done anything wrong, I won’t go to jail.”

Bunty replied. “You may not have to go to jail, but your future is ruined! Think about it, you’d be made redundant.”

“Then so be it, I have to retire anyway.”

“What?!”

The color drained from Bunty’s face. ‘How could she think this way? I still need her to help me earn more money for a few

years!’

Zendaya said, “It’s not necessarily a bad thing.”

Missy was shocked as well. “Not a bad thing? Then what is a bad thing then? I’d say that Mr. Rockefeller is the worst. How could he just hide away and not speak up after this? He has damned us all!”

Zendaya’s expression was cold. “I won’t let you talk about him like that! I was the one who got him involved when I used him as a shield.”

She then continued. “Actually, I’ve never told you guys but even if this scandal didn’t happen, I would be retiring soon regardless. My family is arranging a marriage for me. Once that’s settled, I wouldn’t be able to continue singing or acting.”

The others screamed in shock.

Bunty said, “No way, you should be able to continue to work in the entertainment industry even after marriage! Look at the top celebrities now, they’re all married!”

Zendaya shook his head. “I’m different.”

“How so?”

“I’m from the Stoermer family of Michigan!”

Women of the Stoermer family do not get to have true love. Many of them become sacrifices for arranged marriages.

Zendaya was a beauty who had a voice who could swoon the whole world, hence she was the best tool for arranged marriages... She would either be married into a rich family or to a powerful martial artist.

Finding true love was a luxury to her.

She thought, 'With this scandal, could I escape the fate of an arranged marriage then?'

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“Stoermer family of Michigan? Is your family really powerful?” Bunty had no idea about Zendaya’s true identity.”

Autumn said, “The Stoermer family is a family of martial artists. Back in ancient times, they were royalty. Even now, they’re as powerful as the families in Alaska.”

Bunty’s eyes widened in shock.

Just then, Zendaya received a call. It was a call from her father, Kazim Stoermer.

After answering, Kazim sounded very stern. “Where are you? Send your location, your mom and I are in California now.”

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At the same time, Beatrice woke up and found that her world had changed completely. Her group chat was filled with messages of Zendaya being a homewrecker. She immediately searched online and found the footage.

“Alex?!”

“Oh my god!”

Claire noticed that her younger daughter was freaking out and rushed over. “Beatrice, what on earth? Why are you screaming for Alex?”

Beatrice immediately hid her phone away. “No, no, you misheard me, Mom. I was talking about a Korean celebrity whose nickname is Alex!”

Claire immediately huffed. “What in god’s name? You’re going back to school tomorrow! Don’t focus on the wrong things like your idols. Look at your sister, her business is doing great! You have to learn from her, maybe help her out too! From now on, we’re going to become rich!”

Claire then left the room as soon as she was done lecturing her.

Beatrice let out a deep sigh.

She had hoped that Alex and Zendaya would get together back at the concert. She had also seen what Alex could do, proving that he wasn’t a loser. Without the influence of the mental power, she was definitely on her sister’s side.

“Alex, you’re playing with fire here!”

She looked up, realizing that her sister wasn’t out of her room yet. She wondered if Dorothy had found out about this and was upset.

She called Alex secretly only to find that Alex had switched his phone off.

Beatrice rushed up to see Dorothy and saw her lying on the bed. She seemed stressed out as tears streamed down her face.

“Sis...”

“Alex, he... He’s crossed the line. How could he kiss Zendaya in public?”

Dorothy raised her head, shocked. “How... how did you know?”

Beatrice’s eyes widened. “I think every American would know about this by now. It’s all over the news!”

Dorothy felt her ears ringing and fell in a daze. She turned on her phone and saw the scandals and rumors about the two. More importantly, she found the video as well.

Her heart dropped to her stomach once more.

Beatrice asked, “Sis, what are you going to do?”

“Does Mom know about this?”

“Not yet...”

Just then, Claire barged into Dorothy's room, seemingly pissed off. She was holding her phone, calling Adrianna at the same time.

Adrianna said in mockery. "What did I tell you? How could that Rockefeller be a good husband? First he was your daughter's sugar baby, and now he has the money, he's screwing other women..."

The two Assex sisters felt their blood run cold.

Claire yelled. "Divorce, you must divorce him! Dorothy, you have to listen to me this time. Believe me, I'll find someone better for you! Thank god I was right to not let you two sleep together! Do you see how wise I am now?"

"Now that we have taken over Assex Constructions, it's better to get a divorce. Well, you know, your husband is dead to you once you're rich! You don't need him! Since he cheated, you can divorce him and take everything he has too! Ah, how nice would that be?"

Claire then dragged Dorothy and Beatrice out of their house and headed towards Maple Villa.

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Bam!

A loud explosion came from the basement of Maple Villa 8.

A gust of thick smoke flowed out of the ventilation system in the basement. The whole villa trembled for a brief while.

Waltz and Michelle were currently sitting together in the living room, worried sick.

Waltz asked, "How many times has it exploded now?"

Michelle raised all five white fingers from one of her hands. "Five, I think."

Waltz stood up abruptly. "I can't let him continue doing this. It's obvious that something is wrong. I'm worried that he'd put his life in danger if he continues."

Michelle sighed. "That damned idol must've done something to affect his mood! Now that the scandal has spread across the whole country, Assex must have found out by now! They even have such clear footage of them kissing!"

Waltz sighed as well. "That's the thing! I don't know what Assex had seduced our man with, but he's just so head over heels for her! It's not like she had ever treated him like a real husband though... God..."

Waltz then walked towards the basement door, ready to barge in. However, Alex opened the door himself and walked out

He was a complete mess with ashes all over his tired face. There was even blood on the corner of his mouth. He looked completely different from how he looked before.

"Alex!" Waltz called out to him worriedly.

Alex's eyes were gloomy, he seemed exhausted as he waved to her. "I'm alright!"

Waltz flung herself onto him and hugged him tightly. "I know, I know everything that has happened."

Michelle stared at them from behind and sat back down on the sofa,

"What do you know?" Alex smiled sadly.

“I know that Assex must’ve given you a hard time, right? Why else would your pill making end up in explosions over and over again. Your skills should be more than enough for that! Your mind is just somewhere else.”

Upon listening to what Waltz said, Alex let out a deep sigh and fell silent.

Since he didn’t deny this, it would mean that everything was true.

He was indeed unfocused and couldn’t stay calm while making pills. He kept making mistakes due to this, causing explosion after explosion, wasting a whole stove of traditional herbs. It was fortunate that the stove with a missing leg piece

was sturdy enough to handle all this. Even after so many explosions, it was still functioning just fine.

Waltz dragged Alex to the sofa and sat him down.

Michelle sat down on his left while she sat on his right, leaning in as they comforted him.

Michelle added. “I think you and Dorothy aren’t suited for each other too. You two are from completely different worlds! You had to hide a lot of secrets from her too. I know you don’t want her to worry, but women can just somehow tell if their man is hiding

something from them! Even without this scandal with Zendaya, you're still going to break up because of countless conflicts."

Suddenly, Claire barged into the villa with the two Assex sisters.

Dorothy still had the keycard to Maple Villa 8, which was why they could get in so easily.

However, as soon as they barged in, they found Alex hugging two women, acting as if he was a king on the sofa.

More importantly, both Waltz and Michelle had pressed their bodies against him, as if they wished they could glue themselves to him.

Both sides were extremely shocked to see each other.

Alex jumped up from his seat, staring back at Dorothy.

Dorothy looked frightfully gloomy.

Seeing her like this made Alex want... To die!

“Alex Rockefeller, you really opened my eyes. The news said that Zendaya was chasing after you and wanted to be a homewrecker herself. But now I can see that she’s not the only one! You have multiple mistresses waiting to jump on you!” Claire screamed as she pointed at Alex.

She then pulled Dorothy closer. “My dear daughter, open your eyes wide and see for yourself. This man who you love so much is no human, he’s just a heartless monster! He’s kept his mistresses here, living with them! Two of them too! They must be doing lots of indecent stuff in private!”

Waltz got up from her seat as well. “Hey b\*tch, watch your mouth. If it weren’t for Alex’s sake, I would’ve killed you ages ago.”

“What?!”

Claire was very hot tempered. She exploded when Waltz insulted her, swinging her hand towards Waltz.

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But as a normal woman, she would never be able to slap Waltz, a Mystic rank fighter. Waltz grabbed her by the wrist and swung her other hand towards Claire.

Smack!

The slap was loud and harsh.

However, Claire was not the one who had been slapped, Alex had gotten in between them with lightning speed.

Waltz froze and stomped her feet. "Alex, what are you doing?"

Alex said, "Get back to your room. Michelle, you too!"

The two women didn't want to listen, but they couldn't do anything but nod and go back to their rooms after Alex shot them an angry glare.

Before Waltz went upstairs, she intentionally said, "Should I go back to your room or mine? Hmm, I guess I'll go to yours. I left my pants on your bed last night."

Alex could feel his mind exploding.

Waltz, however, had already rushed upstairs to his room before he could react.

“Rockefeller, my sister has been nothing but good to you! She let you stay with us when you were at your lowest. She even gave you money to help pay for your mother’s hospital bills! I didn’t expect you to be such a scum, you trash! I’ve misjudged you, scum like you don’t deserve to be with my sister!” Beatrice shouted angrily.

Alex wanted to explain, but he felt extremely exhausted. He somehow caught feelings for Zendaya out of nowhere. He even caught feelings for Waltz before he met Zendaya too.

The two had been sleeping in the same bed multiple times. He can’t say that Waltz was the one who forced herself on him since he definitely had the power to push her away after all.

Hence, he had nothing to say to Dorothy, all her doubts were true.

“See? He’s admitting to it!” Claire said with a big smile on her face.

“Well thank the heavens, you can finally move on from him and get a divorce! I never thought this bastard was any good for you from the start! I saw through him, he’s just trash! Back then he relied on you, and now he’s out here sleeping with other women! If you really became a true married couple, you would be the one to suffer, my daughter!”

Pausing for a brief while, Claire turned to Alex and yelled. “Rockefeller, I want you to get a divorce with my daughter with no other conditions! Do you agree?”

Alex turned to look at Dorothy, his eyes were filled with pain.

In the end, he nodded slowly.

He knew he had to accept any punishment for what he did after all. His heart was shattered just from seeing Dorothy being

upset.

“Dream on! ” Dorothy yelled out loud, her expression was cold and stern. “Do you want to get a divorce and get together with that Zendaya girl? I won’t get a divorce with you so you can continue living your happy life! I’ll pester and hog you till death!”

She then spat a mouthful of blood due to her pent up anger.

Alex felt his heart ache, he rushed up to hug her.

Dorothy, however, pushed him away. "You don't deserve to touch me. You're too filthy!"

Claire was panicking. "Dorothy, what are you doing? Are you really planning on clinging on to his unfaithful and insignificant \*ss?"

Dorothy just turned around and left, not turning back once.

Beatrice yelled. "You're inhumane, Rockefeller!"

She chased after her sister.

Claire's expression was twisted. "I won't let you off this easily, Rockefeller. Remember this! I will never forgive you!"

Alex sat down on the floor, he was still in a daze.

The Assex family then drove out of Maple Villa.

When they were driving on a slope, a truck abruptly crashed into their BMW M8, causing the latter to flip and crash onto the ground. A few minutes later, a few people got out of the car.

Claire and Beatrice had fainted from the impact and shock.

Although Dorothy's head was bleeding, she was still conscious. She noticed a woman walking in her direction, hence she called out for help.

Unexpectedly, the woman knocked her out.

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Barn!

Claire was thrown to the ground harshly and her nose bled as she fell face first. The impact woke her up instantly.

“A car crash! A car crash! Which bastards ran into our car...?”

Before Claire could understand her situation, she started screaming because she thought the car crash had just happened.

Suddenly, she was slapped across the face and a woman's voice said coldly, "Shut up and be quiet, or I'll kill you!"

This woman's accent seemed slightly off, she didn't sound American.

Claire's face was swollen from the slap, which also snapped her back to her senses. She realized that she was in an unfamiliar room and her daughters were lying on the ground unconscious.

Next to her were three other people in masks, hence she couldn't see who they were. However, the looks in their eyes were enough to strike fear in her heart.

"Who... who are you? What are you doing? Do you want money? I'll give you everything I have, just please don't hurt us." Claire's voice was trembling. As someone who had never experienced anything like this, she was extremely terrified.

She kept screaming at her daughters as well. "Dorothy, Beatrice! Wake up! Please wake up!"

Smack!

Just then, the masked woman slapped her across the face again.

“Like I said, shut up!”

Claire screamed as she fell to the ground.

Suddenly, she seemed to have figured something out. “I understand now, that scum Rockefeller must have hired you! That damn bastard! How dare he get mad when he was the one who was caught cheating? How dare he hire someone to run into our car and kidnap us? Tell that scum to come out, come out now!”

She screamed with all her might, as if her assumptions were true.

The masked woman shook her head, clearly running out of patience. She felt as if slapping wasn't effective, hence she took out a shiny dagger, waving it in front of Claire's eyes, filling her with more terror.

Slash...

The tip of the dagger flashed before her eyes. At that moment, she couldn't scream at all, as if her throat had been clogged up. Just then, she felt a sharp stinging pain on her face.

Touching her cheek gently, she realized that her hand was covered in blood.

The masked woman had slashed her face. Her face was ruined.

Claire's body trembled intensely. She covered her face as blood continued to flow out of her wound. She could feel her legs going weak, she was so terrified that she wanted to scream for help again.

However, she knew that if she screamed, she might die in a blink of an eye. She could only use her other hand to cover her mouth shut.

"That's more I like it. You were being quite a b\*tch, you know?" The masked woman seemed to be proud of her actions. "Call your son-in-law now!"

Claire immediately thought. 'So it really was that damn scum Alex who did this to us.'

She hated his guts, but she couldn't do anything but tremble in fear.

Claire could only listen to their orders and call Alex. However, she couldn't seem to get the call through for some reason.

The masked woman took a look at her phone and slammed it to the ground.

“Baka!”

“You were blocked! Looks like you're just a useless mother-in-law!”

“Take her away and kill her!”

With this, Claire started panicking even more.

She begged for her life. “No! Don't kill me! Don't! I am useful, I really am... What are you trying to do? I'll do my best to cooperate! Didn't Alex hire you to deal with me? What...business do you have with Alex? Did he offend you? We have nothing to do with him! My daughter had decided to divorce him!”

The masked woman's eyes turned cold. “What? Divorce? Then... We can't threaten him! Then why would we need you for? Kill her!”

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At this moment, another masked man chuckled and started speaking. “Envoy, this woman looks rather pretty. How about offering her to me as a reward? I’ll play with her for two days. It won’t be too late to kill her then,” he said.

“Do whatever you want with her!”

When Claire Assex heard this, her body trembled. In her heart, she was cursing Alex Rockefeller’s entire family repeatedly. Claire felt she had terrible luck for getting a son-in-law like Alex.

Now, their future had become uncertain because of him, and Claire might even end up sexually harassed by another man. This was worse than dying! Claire wouldn’t let Alex go even if she turned into a ghost!

Soon, Dorothy Assex and Beatrice Assex were woken up by splashes of cold water. When the two of them saw Claire’s face covered in bloody wounds, they were both stunned.

“Mom!”

“Mom, what happened to you? Are you alright? Who are these people?”

The sisters were panicking, and they quickly crawled over to Claire.

“It’s all the fault of that jerk, Alex Rockefeller! I don’t know what he did, but now we’re in trouble because of him! I told you long ago that you should have gotten a divorce with him. If you did, something terrible like this wouldn’t have happened to us. I’ve been disfigured now. How will I ever go out and meet people? Now, this man even wants to sexually assault me before killing me.” Claire uttered through gritted teeth.

After speaking for a while, she broke down and cried.

The masked woman became impatient. “Stop making so much noise. Call Alex immediately. Otherwise, you can all just die.”

In the end, Dorothy was the one who called Alex. She had mixed emotions.

When the call was picked up, she didn’t know what to say either.

Finally, the masked woman snatched the phone from Dorothy and put the call on loudspeaker. “Mr. Rockefeller?” she said.

“Who are you? Where’s Dorothy?” Alex asked.

Alex was still feeling down after agreeing to get a divorce with Dorothy. Now, he suddenly became nervous.

The person's voice on the phone didn't sound right.

The woman chuckled softly. "Your wife and your mother-in-law are now in my hands. Oh, right. There's also your sister-in-law... I've already disfigured your mother-in-law's face, and I agreed to hand her over to one of my subordinates. If you don't want your wife to become my subordinate's toy too, bring the Holy Book to Baron Alley in half an hour," she said.

"What? Are you from Gokudo Soshiki?" Alex gasped in surprise.

Suddenly, he jumped up, and his body was filled with a killing intent that surged up to the roof.

"How dare you?" Alex exclaimed.

"Do you think I won't do it?" The woman walked over to Dorothy and slapped her twice directly.

Alex could hear Dorothy crying out in pain. At once, his heart started racing.

“Stop it! Don’t hurt them. I’ll do anything you ask me to!” Alex yelled.

“Wonderful!” the woman said.

“But if you touch them, you won’t get to see a single word from the Holy Book, ” Alex said before hanging up the phone.

He then ran out. of the villa. After channeling Chi energy of lightning attribute into his legs, he transformed into a gust of wind and rushed over to Baron Alley.

“Senior, Senior!” Waltz Fleur ran after him. But she was nowhere near as fast as Alex. She could only stomp her foot on the ground as she watched him disappear.

“I heard him saying Baron Alley or something just now!” Michelle caught up and said.

Waltz immediately hopped into her Lamborghini and turned on the engine.

“Get in the car. Let’s go!”

“Give Nathan Pattingson a call. Quickly!”

Meanwhile, the masked woman from Gokudo Soshiki tossed the phone back to Dorothy and chuckled. “Look, it’s such a simple matter. I really don’t know what Pepper Kimmich, that piece of trash, was doing.”

The masked man glorified her. “Envoy, you’re truly the smartest! Envoy, can I have fun with this mature lady over here?”

Claire’s beauty was too enticing, and her entire body emanated the smell of a mature woman. The masked man was already getting impatient, and he wanted to have fun with her before Alex arrived.

When Claire heard this, her body trembled. She nearly passed out.

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Wham!

The masked woman slapped the man.

At once, his cloth mask was knocked off.

If Alex Rockefeller was here, he would have recognized this man who was none other than Frank Accardo's son, Heath Accardo!

"Bastard, your head is filled with garbage!"

The masked woman was an envoy from Gokudo Soshiki. Her real name was Maiko Chiba. On the surface, it looked like Valtameri Co. of California was controlled by Frank, but in fact, Frank was also working for Gokudo Soshiki. When Gokudo Soshiki set up Valtameri Co. of California, it also placed a lot of its own people inside the organization...

When Alex killed Ono Yohei from Japan so cruelly, got rid of the best fighters in the organization and controlled Frank to work for him through a parasitic disease, Valtameri Co. of California was taken over, and most of its manufacturing facilities had been absorbed by Thousand Miles Conglomerate.

How could Gokudo Soshiki not receive such news?

Maiko was the expert Gokudo Soshiki sent to handle the matter, and the most important thing to Gokudo Soshiki was the Holy Book.

At this juncture, the slightest flaw was not permissible.

If Heath played with Claire Assex and resulted in them not being able to get the Holy Book, he would have to die ten thousand times over.

Soon, another Japanese man dressed like a ninja silently walked in.

“Ms. Chiba, Alex Rockefeller is here!” This man spoke in Japanese.

Although Claire and Beatrice Assex couldn't understand him, Dorothy did. That's because she took a course on Japanese when she was in university, and she learned it very well. When Dorothy heard that Alex was here, she felt both happy and worried.

However, the things Maiko said next made Dorothy doubt if her Japanese was getting rusty. “Be careful. Make sure these hostages are kept under control. That fellow must not be simple if he managed to kill Ono Yohei.” Dorothy heard Maiko say in Japanese.

What?

Dorothy's eyes widened in disbelief.

Was Maiko talking about Alex?

In the next moment, the three women from the Assex family were dragged outside. Only then did they realize they were actually located on an old street that was going to be demolished. Most of the occupants in this area had already moved away, and only run-down houses were left behind.

Tap! Tap!

Alex walked over one step at a time. In fact, he had arrived long ago. He was circling the alley, finding a way to rescue the ladies secretly

However, he realized it would have been very difficult. Not only were the three women from the Assex family located very deep inside, Alex's opponents also far outnumbered him. The masked woman who led them gave off a dangerous aura. Through his Chi observational skill, he detected Chi waves from her body.

Indeed, she was also someone who practiced martial arts.

Alex saw the wounds on Claire's face. Her face and clothes were covered in blood. At this moment, Alex's killing intent gushed out of his body.

No matter what, Claire was still his mother-in-law, and she was pretty too.

Even if she had yelled at him in the worst manner a while ago, Alex still wanted these culprits dead!

“I’m here!” Alex stopped twenty meters away.

Since Heath had already covered his face with a cloth mask again, Alex didn’t recognize him.

“You shouldn’t have come. Hurry up and leave. These aren’t nice people,” Dorothy shouted with red eyes.

Although she didn’t know what was going on in the beginning, she understood now after seeing the whole setup. These people shouldn’t be messed with. They were assassins.

“Are you mad? If you ask him to leave, what will happen to us? We’re dragged into this mess because of that idiot!” Claire immediately shouted.

Alex nodded at Dorothy. “Don’t worry. I’ll rescue all of you from this place,” he said.

“Where’s the thing?” Maiko got straight to the point.

“Let them go first, and I will give it to you. There are so many of you. Surely, you’re not afraid I might escape?” Alex asked.

“Envoy, you mustn’t do so. He’s very strong,” Heath quickly said.

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Heath Accardo had been terrified of Alex Rockefeller since the first time they met. Heath had also witnessed the bloody scene in Valtameri Tower sensing that Alex was not a human, but a demon!

Clang!

Maiko Chiba directly tossed a knife over to Alex. “Stab this knife into your stomach, and I will let them go.”

What?

Not only Dorothy Assex was shocked, but Claire Assex and Beatrice Assex were equally shocked as well when they heard this.

The knife was at least thirty centimeters in length. Would Alex still live after stabbing it into his stomach?

“Are you crazy? Do you want him to kill himself?” Dorothy cried out loudly.

Maiko retrieved another knife and placed it against Dorothy’s neck with a playful look in her eyes. “Will you stab yourself or not? Don’t worry, I won’t let you die. My objective is the Holy Book.”

The Assex family didn’t know what the Holy Book was, and were confused when they heard this.

Beatrice didn’t believe that Alex would stab himself. What if he really turned around and left?

That meant her family would all die. No, they would go through much worse than being killed right away.

“Can’t you just take the Holy Book? Why must you make him kill himself?” Beatrice asked.

Maiko stared at Alex, ignoring Beatrice.

If Alex didn’t stab himself, Maiko didn’t feel safe.

“If you don’t stab yourself, I’ll stab her! If I do this, you might have to bid farewell to your wife forever,” Maiko said bluntly as she moved her hand gently.

Blood trickled down Dorothy’s fair neck

“Stop!” Alex shouted.

Claire felt hopeless when she saw this. “Hurry up and stab yourself! Why are you hesitating? You owe Dorothy, and you owe our family! Think about it. For the past year, who has been feeding you and providing you with a roof over your head? Dorothy loves you so much, but you messed with other women behind her back. You owe this to her. Stab yourself. Once you do so, everything you owe her will be forgiven,” Clare yelled at Alex.

Tears rolled down Dorothy's cheeks while she fervently shook her head. "No, you can't. Mom, shut up. How could you say that?"

Claire was furious. "What do you want me to do? Should we trade three of our lives for his? Does only his life matter, but not your mother's or sister's?"

Dorothy didn't have a comeback for this. All she could do was sob uncontrollably.

Alex looked at Dorothy gently. "Dorothy, your mother's right! I owe this to you. This matter has nothing to do with you anyway. If someone has to die, I'd rather it be me than the three of you!"

With that, Alex slowly kneeled and picked up the knife. He turned it around and aimed it at his stomach.

At this moment, everyone fell silent.

Claire and Beatrice had their eyes wide open. If they put themselves in Alex's shoes, they definitely wouldn't be able to stab themselves. They'd be terrified to death. Dorothy's legs went weak, and tears filled her eyes.

Alex exerted force with his hand.

The thirty centimeters long knife entered his body clean, but emerged red.

It pierced right through Alex, and the tip of the knife appeared behind him.

“No!” Dorothy cried out in pain. She felt as if she had been stabbed was the one bleeding instead.

Claire’s eyes were wide with disbelief.

Beatrice pinched her own fingers forcefully, and her face turned pale. She was also crying.

Regardless of how much a jerk Alex was, this act of stabbing himself cleared him of all his past mistakes. Alex spat out a mouthful of blood. His body swayed as he looked at Maiko with the knife in his hands. “Now, can you let them go?”

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Blood the color of crimson kept dripping.

Soon, it formed a large pool on the ground.

The three women from the Assex family felt their legs shaking weakly, and they couldn't stand still. They were all ordinary women, and even observing serious car accidents would leave their heads dizzy, let alone something as tragic as one stabbing himself in the stomach.

Dorothy Assex nearly passed out a few times. "Why are you so foolish? Why are you so foolish? If you die, how will I live?" She cried out.

Heath Accardo was also stunned by Alex Rockefeller's act of stabbing himself. He was this cruel even to himself. It was far too horrifying.

People like Alex needed to die!

Maiko Chiba chuckled softly. "I can't believe you really do have deep feelings for her. You would even commit to such a request. Fine. I, Maiko Chiba, always fulfill my promises. As long as you give me the Holy Book now, I'll let them go," she said.

Alex spat out another mouthful of blood.

His body shook even more, and his face grew paler by the second. In fact, he could only stop himself from falling by kneeling on one side. He chuckled with difficulty. "You call this fulfilling your promise? Indeed, nobody from Japan is trustworthy. You're all scums."

“What?!” Maiko exclaimed angrily.

She was a royal member of Gokudo Soshiki, and she held a position of great importance. How could she be called a scum?

“I just wanted to make sure you have the Holy Book,” she uttered.

“Fine!” With trembling hands, Alex reached into his pocket and took something out.

He was glad that he kept this toy with him. Otherwise, it would’ve been difficult to fool his enemy. The item he took out was none other than the Stake of Exorcism from Hong Kong’s Serena Wai.

It was a toy that Serena used to pleasure herself daily.

This thing was made from the core of an old acacia tree that was struck by lightning. It was stained with countless demons’ blood, and it had acquired a spiritual property long ago. On top of that, Alex had been trying to modify it for the past few days... Using Chi energy of lightning attribute and his own blood, coupled with blood talismans, he managed to subdue its evil properties.

Now, this item possessed a spiritual property that, once imbued with Chi energy, could invoke worldly essence.

“What is this? Do you think I’m a fool? Do you think you can take out any random item and claim it as the Holy Book?” Maiko snorted.

“Looks like you’re quite new... Cough, cough!” Alex spat out another mouthful of blood which splattered on the Stake of Exorcism.

At once, the Stake of Exorcism invoked worldly essence, and an essence vortex began to form... Other people couldn’t see it, but Maiko was also a martial artist and was able to sense it very quickly.

Her spirit started to shake, and she believed Alex.

Maiko put her knife away and shoved Dorothy aside. “You can all leave!”

Dorothy nearly fell down, but she immediately ran over to Alex.

“Don’t come near me! Hurry up and leave. Don’t worry about me anymore... If you come any closer, I’ll stab myself again and die in front of you, ” Alex said cruelly.

He moved the knife a little, and he made a muffled sound before more blood began to drip from his wound.

Dorothy panicked when she saw this, and she quickly stopped moving forward. “Honey, don’t do this! No!”

“Why must you... Care about me? I’m not a good husband. I... I secretly fell in love with another woman. I deserve to die! Go away!” Alex then turned to look at Claire with red eyes. “Claire, do you want to die here? Get Dorothy to leave with you right now! Go!” He shouted.

Claire’s body sprang to life.

Although she was stunned by Alex’s behavior, she wouldn’t sacrifice her life for him. She quickly summoned Beatrice Assex and dragged Dorothy away from the alley.

A few of Maiko’s subordinates followed Claire and the others.

Alex’s grip tightened. “Get them to come back. Otherwise, I’ll crush this Legacy Stake.”

He came up with this name on the spot, but Maiko believed him even more.

That's because she had received an elder's Legacy before, and she knew what it meant.

She immediately called for her subordinates to return. Maiko believed that, based on her current capabilities, and the fact that Alex was even weaker than a normal human now, she had no reason to worry about him escaping.

"Can you give it to me now?" Maiko extended her hand.

Alex extended his hand too. "Come and get it yourself. I'm out of energy," he said.

Maiko's eyes turned cold, and she walked up to Alex.

"Mom, let go of me! I said, let go of me! I want to go to him. I want to go to him!" Dorothy screamed at the top of her lungs despite being dragged along by Claire and Beatrice.

Claire slapped her. "What are you screaming for? Do you want your mother and sister to die with Alex? He's already in such a bad state, and he won't lie. Just give up on him!"

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Beatrice Assex's eyes also turned red. "He... He did that to let us escape. If we go back again, he... He would have died in vain. Sister, for Alex's sake, we should leave," she said.

The group of people talked as they stumbled out of the alley.

At this moment, a Lamborghini stopped at the entrance to the alley. The alley was too small for the car to enter. Two women hopped out of the car, and they were none other than Waltz Fleur and Michelle Yowell.

They saw the women from the Assex family, and they also heard them speaking.

At once, Waltz felt a nervous tension in her heart. She ran over and grabbed Beatrice. "What did you just say? What happened to my senior?"

Beatrice was too frightened to speak.

"He's hurt. He stabbed himself in the stomach. Quick, quick... Call the police. Get someone right now," Dorothy Assex hurriedly said.

Waltz's eyes suddenly appeared bloody.

She violently pushed Beatrice away and grabbed Dorothy by her clothes. “Dorothy Assex, you did this to him! If anything happens to him, I want your family to go up in smoke! He stabbed himself for you. The relationship between the two of you is over!” Waltz uttered in a cold and rageful tone.

“Michelle, let’s go!” Waltz added.

Her body was filled with a murderous aura.

After leaving Dorothy, Waltz and Michelle charged into the alley like two leopards.

Claire Assex cursed at Waltz in her heart, but she didn’t dare to make a sound. Once Waltz and Michelle had gone far away, Claire grabbed her daughters’ hands. “Quick, let’s go. If they want to die, let them. They’re all b\*tches.”

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Alex Rockefeller reached out. He was holding the Stake of Exorcism as he sighed in relief. Appearing weak and exhausted, spitting blood out and claiming to be dying, it was all fake.

He was the inheritor of the Ultimate Book of Medicine, and he was a reputable doctor. His knowledge of the human body surpassed most people.

To be honest, the moment he stabbed himself, he had already chosen a specific angle. In fact, he used the Force to move his organs slightly away so that the knife wouldn't hurt his organs when he stabbed himself.

At most, there would only be injuries on the surface.

“Senior!”

“Alex!”

Waltz and Michelle made it there.

Maiko Chiba hastened her speed and instantly reached out to grab the Stake of Exorcism. She thought Alex would pull away, but he didn't do so at all.

In fact, he even rapidly tossed the Stake of Exorcism toward Maiko's hand. Just as Maiko was momentarily stunned as she caught it, Alex activated his mental power.

Maiko instantly felt as if she was struck by lightning. However, she was stunned for only half a second before she immediately reacted by striking Alex's throat with her knife.

'Indeed, she has mental power too!' Alex thought to himself.

This was why he didn't dare to use his mental power earlier, and he'd rather stab himself. If he used his mental power to disrupt Maiko from the beginning, she might have reacted in an extremely short amount of time by slitting Dorothy's throat.

Hence, Alex didn't have a choice. But now... Alex jerked his short knife out.

Slash.

He stabbed it into Maiko's stomach. It was the exact same location where he stabbed himself.

"Ahh!"

Maiko couldn't believe Alex was still able to move so quickly and with such force despite being so severely injured. Meanwhile, the Stake of Exorcism in her hand began to channel a ferocious Chi energy into her veins. It made her feel as if she was struck by lightning.

“It’s fake?!” Maiko exclaimed.

“You’re very smart!” Alex laughed.

After a pause, Alex’s face turned cold. “Kill without mercy!” He shouted at Waltz and Michelle who were charging forward.