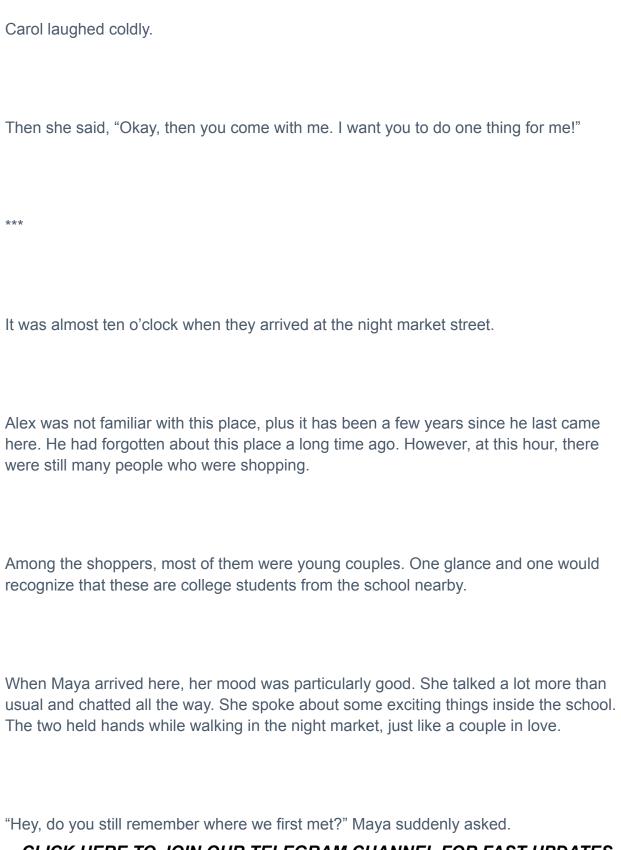
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Paige was shaken, and fear filled her eyes. "Yes, yes! But I couldn't help it. If I disagreed to that, I'd be taken away to jail by the police."
Slap!
Carol slapped her face.
She viciously said, "What does it matter to me if you go to jail or not? What I care about is my fifty billion! Now, you have messed it all up. What will you compensate me with? With your life?"
Paige trembled while looking at her husband's corpse.
She then kneeled heavily on the ground. "No, no! Carol, I'm your aunt. I'm your aunt. There are not many people left in our family. Please, don't kill me! Don't you forget, when you were small, I loved you very much."



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"The first time we met?" Alex scratched his head. "The library?"
Maya shook her head and laughed lightly. "Try again."
"The student union meeting room?"
"Nope."
"Basketball court?"
"Nope."
"Female bathroom?"
"Screw you!" Maya rolled her eyes and gave him a pinch. "I knew you wouldn't remember. It was here!"

Alex froze. "Here? At night market street?"
He really didn't remember anything.
Maya then pulled him toward the south side of the night market and stopped in front of a noodle shop called 'Quois Haven'. Pointing to the plaque, she said, "Here! This is where we first met."
Alex was stunned. This was because he still could not recall anything at all.
"Did I come here before?"
This time, Maya gave him a hard blank stare. Immediately after that, she dragged him into Quois Haven!
"Daddy, I am here to see you!"
As soon as Maya entered, she shouted in a delicate voice.

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Alex became even more surpris	sed. Maya's father couldn't be	e here, right?
He saw that the store's decorat shades of bamboo everywhere bamboo, and the environment i idyllic.	. It seemed that the owner of	this store had a love for
Until this moment. Alex finally re	emembered that he seemed t	to have been here before.
Just at this moment.		
Several customers in the store	stood up and greeted Maya v	with enthusiasm.
"Maya, you're finally here!"		

"We've been waiting for you for a long time. If you didn't come sooner, we would have thought that you're not coming at all!"

"Happy birthday, Maya!"

Chapter 1266

When Alex Rockefeller witnessed this scene, he was a little dumbfounded. His mouth opened even wider when he heard the final sentence. "Maya, is it your birthday today?" Alex asked.
Despite knowing each other for many years, Alex actually didn't know which day was Maya Howards' birthday.
Before Maya answered, a middle-aged person wearing a chef 's hat walked out from the kitchen. He seemed elegant, and he looked rather good too. When he smiled, he even had dimples Alex suddenly thought of a male celebrity, Tom Cruise. This person did look somewhat like Tom Cruise.
However, right then, Alex's mysterious pearl in his energy core suddenly vibrated profusely.
It gave Alex a fright.
'What's going on?' he wondered.

The last time the mysterious pearl vibrated was back in Michigan's House of Treasures
when he found the core of an Ancient Thunderclap Wood. Ever since then, it never
vibrated again to warn Alex of anything. He didn't expect it to start vibrating here.
Moreover, as the man got closer, the pearl's vibration grew even more intense. It felt as
if it was about to leap out of Alex's energy core.

'Hold still!' Alex cursed in his heart.

Right then, the elegant, middle-aged chef walked over to Maya as he chuckled. "Maya, I'm so happy to see you! Hurry up and sit down. These fellows heard you were coming and insisted on waiting for you to celebrate your birthday with you. I couldn't get them to leave even if I tried!"

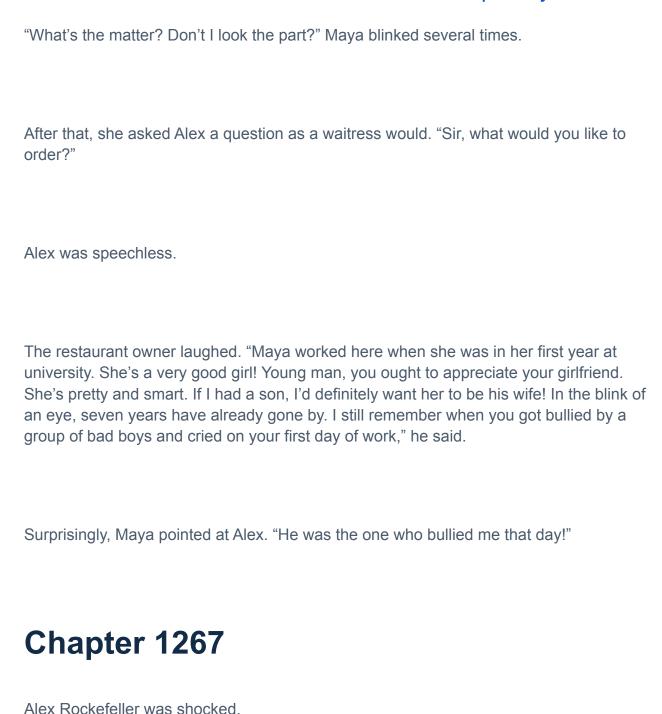
After that, he turned to look at Alex. That was because Maya was still holding Alex's hand with their fingers interlocked tightly. The way they held each other's hand could only mean that they were in a relationship.

The middle-aged chef smiled. "Maya, why don't you introduce him to everyone? He must be your boyfriend, right?"

Suddenly, Alex noticed a few of these people glaring at him hostilely. These were the youngsters standing around them who



The young man named Liam Lockher instantly appeared like a deflated balloon.
"In that case, I don't stand a chance. I'm bound to bring all this fat with me into my coffin!" Liam said.
Everyone suddenly started laughing out loudly.
Maya then started introducing everyone to Alex. "This is Papa. He's the owner of Quois Haven. His surname is Hanson. You can call him Papa like I do. Every bowl of noodle he makes tastes different. That's why people call this place Quois Haven!"
After that, Maya introduced the others to Alex.
Apart from the fat youngster named Liam, there were also others named Juniper Zaddock, Shawn Mandela, Fred Tames, and Murphy Durand respectively. These were all friends Maya had made when she worked here as a waitress.
Alex was stunned. He looked at Maya in disbelief. "Did you work here as a waitress before?" he asked.



He looked at Maya Howards with a stunned expression. "Was it me? Did I bully you? Are... Are you sure?"

Maya wrinkled her nose and looked at him. "Yes, it was you! On the first day I worked in Papa's restaurant, you called me out for being clumsy. You said I carried bowls too slowly and even served food to the wrong customers. You also said that someone like me isn't suited to work as a waitress. Do you know how upset I was because of you on that day? I cried for two hours. After that, I secretly vowed that I'd be the best waitress possible."

Alex felt his	tongue-tied.	After that,	he finally	/ recalled t	he incident

It really did seem to have happened. However, he wasn't a university student yet at the time. Instead, he was in his third year of senior high at a high school in California. That day, he came to meet some friends who were slightly older than him. After that, he ended up on a particular street in the night market.

Back then, Alex had ordered a bowl of noodles. In the end, he was served the wrong bowl of noodles. Coupled with the fact that he was in a bad mood due to a problem related to his friend, Alex ended up yelling at a pretty and proper looking waitress.

He didn't think that the waitress at the time was Maya.

Alex looked at Maya for a long while. "Why didn't you tell me sooner?"

A complicated look appeared upon Maya's pretty face, and her eyes filled with emotions. "I was hoping you'd come to Papa's noodle restaurant again. I wanted to tell you I'd become an excellent waitress. I waited for a long time, but you never showed up again. When I was in my second year of university, you actually appeared in my life as my junior. You even became my subordinate in the students' society. To my greater surprise, you actually didn't recognize me at all. After that, I thought I might as well not tell you. In that way, I could abuse my powers in the students' society to exact revenge on you," Maya said softly.

Alex suddenly understood everything.
"Oh"
"That explains why I was always sent to carry out the dirtiest and most tiring tasks when I first joined the students' society!"
"You did it on purpose."
Maya snorted softly. "That's right. I did it on purpose. I didn't think you'd actually be quite as dumb and easy to bully! You didn't sense anything fishy about it at all," she said.

Meanwhile, someone slapped his thigh nearby. "Beautiful Maya, did you unknowingly
start to fall for him ever since then? Oh my god! I can't believe such karma exists If I
had yelled at you back then, would I be the one holding your hand now?"

The person who spoke was the fat guy, Liam Lockher.

However, Maya didn't even look at him. She continued to stare at Alex foolishly. "Yeah. It's a truly strange feeling. Without realizing it, his face would pop up in my mind now and then. Whenever I saw him frowning unhappily, I'd feel both overjoyed and hurt at the same time."

"Back then, this fellow found himself a girlfriend by the name of Chloe Marionette. This idiot actually didn't know about that girl's dark past. She was the most sl*tty girl in the school. The men who surrounded her could form a soccer team. In the end, I was the one who had to break it to him secretly. Only after he caught that girl in action did he realize what was going on," Maya added.

At this point, Maya's eyes had turned red. "But this guy never even cared about my existence!" she cried out.

"Soon, he found a new girlfriend and always showed off their affection in front of me all day long. He frequently asked me to take photos for them. Did you have any idea? This was something I disliked doing the most. Do you know how sad I felt..." Maya added.

Alex quietly looked at Maya before him. Scenes of them back in school replayed in Alex's mind like a movie.
Suddenly, his heart began to throb.
When he got into a relationship with Lady Dorothy Assex, he was already in his third year at university. However, he got to know Maya one month after he entered university. After that, they were together a lot of the time. In all honesty, the time Maya accompanied him was probably several times greater than Lady Dorothy's.
Right then, Mr. Hanson started clapping loudly. "There's a saying that the longest lasting love involves silent companionship! Young man, you're a lucky fellow. I hope the two of you will end up happily ever after as lovers! Come, now. On this special day, I'd like to give Maya a special birthday celebration."
Maya secretly sighed.
'Lovers?'
'Perhaps!'

'But this fellow had had quite a number of lovers!' Maya thought.

Right then, Liam started making a fuss. "Alex Rockefeller, right? You heard her. Back then, you made our beautiful Maya cry a lot. You must compensate her! It's her birthday today. Have you prepared any special gifts for her?" he asked.

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Alex Rockefeller immediately felt awkward. He had no idea it was Maya Howards' birthday today. How could he have prepared a gift?

Maya knew that he must not have known. That was because she had never mentioned it to him after all these years. Besides, Alex had always been thinking about Lady Dorothy Assex. How would he have known about Maya's birthday?

However, to avoid embarrassing Alex any further, Maya started to speak. "If it's not a special gift, don't bother saying it out loud. I want a very special gift."

"What is it?" Alex was stunned for a moment.

Maya pointed at the tears that had silently rolled down her cheeks. "Kiss my tears dry. That's because you caused these tears."
As soon as she said this, not only was Alex stunned but everyone else around them was also stunned. The old, handsome Mr. Hanson, especially, had a brief glimmer in his eyes.
Meanwhile, Alex sensed the mysterious pearl in his upper energy core vibrating even more intensely. He felt as if it would soon leap out from him.
However, Alex didn't care too much about all these things. Instead, he felt slightly overwhelmed by Maya's sudden confession.
While everyone around them began making noises, Alex gently hugged Maya. After that, he started kissing her softly.
To his surprise, his kiss ended up making Maya's tears fall even more. He couldn't dry her tears up at all. As soon as he kissed some of her tears away, more would follow.
Maya had waited for this kiss for far too long!

k	fter several kisses from Alex, Maya suddenly hugged him by his neck and fiercely issed him on the lips. It felt as if she was trying to make up for all the discomfort she ad suffered for the past few years through this kiss.
	iam Lockher and the rest who surrounded them started clapping after being stunned or a moment.
b W Ic	Ifter that, everyone celebrated Maya's birthday. They had even prepared a cake and a owl of noodles for her. Maya raised her glass to Mr. Hanson. "Papa, I'm an orphan. If it vasn't for your help, I might not even have gotten into university. You also taught me a of in Quois Haven. Here's a toast to you! Papa, in my heart, you are my family," Maya aid.
H	ler words touched Papa as well.
d	ears appeared in the corners of his eyes. "Alright, alright Maya is like my biological aughter. In that case, I am her family. Alex, you mustn't bully her. Otherwise, I'll fight gainst you with my life!"
"[Me too!"
"(Count me in!"

A few	of the	other	guys	also	expressed	their	thoughts.	Touched,	Maya	started	tearing	up
again												

Her birthday ended under such circumstances.

After bidding farewell to Papa, Liam, and others from Quois Haven, Alex and Maya left the night market street while holding each other's hand.

By the time, the night market had already gone quiet. Just as the two were about to head home, a person's figure suddenly descended from the sky. Wearing black clothes and a black ghost mask, the person stopped them in their tracks. The ghost mask man pointed at Alex. "You, get lost. Leave the woman behind!"

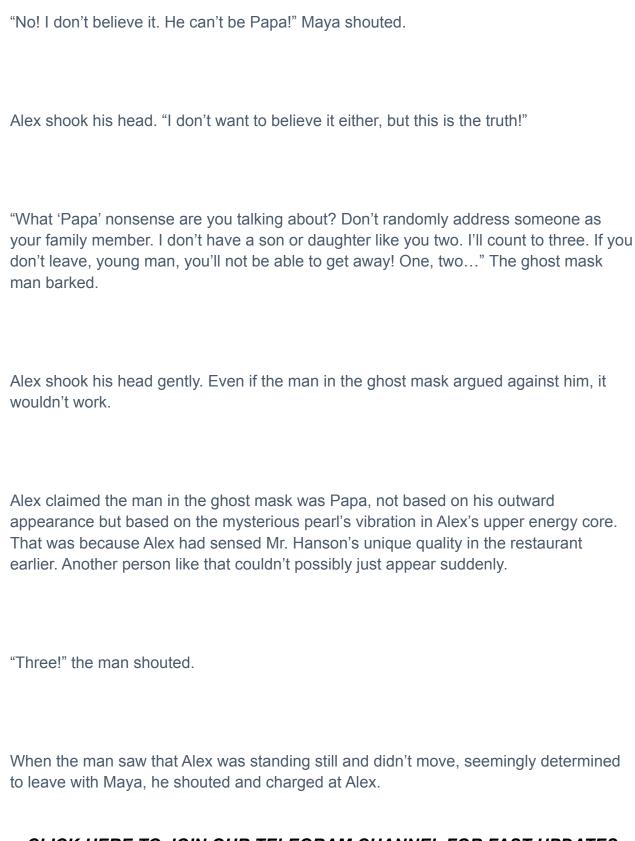
Alex looked at the person and shook his head. "You disappoint me greatly," Alex said.

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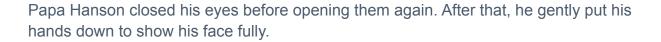
The man in the ghost mask was stunned for a moment. "What do you mean? Do you know who I am?" he asked in a spooky voice.

His voice sounded as if it came from beneath manholes. It was very uncomfortable to listen to.

Alex Rockefeller sighed softly. "I hoped it wasn't you!"
Maya Howards seemed a little surprised. "Do you know him?" she asked Alex.
The ghost mask man sneered. "Stop pretending. How could you know who I am? Cut the crap, young man. Will you get lost or not? If you don't leave, you can stay here forever. This time next year, it'll be your death anniversary," he said.
Unexpectedly, Alex also said something that greatly stunned Maya, "Who's pretending here? Do you think I can't recognize you just because you put on a ghost mask and modified your voice a little, Papa?"
"Ahh!" Maya immediately cried out. "H-he Is he Papa? How is that possible?"
Of course, Maya couldn't believe it. She also refused to believe it. In her heart, Papa was a significant person. She had said earlier that he was like her family.
On the other hand, Papa also said that he treated Maya like his own daughter, and he was her family. Moreover, how could such a jolly, handsome man who cooked delicious noodles be a bandit who blocked other people's paths?
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However, Alex was much faster than him.
Shuffle
It was almost as if Alex had teleported. His shadow flashed past the man. In the next moment, the man sensed a coolness upon his face. His ghost mask was gone.
"Ahh!" The man shouted in surprise. He completely didn't expect Alex to have such speed and powers. He could neither stop Alex nor dodge him.
Just as Alex passed him by, he quickly tried to cover his face with his hands.
However, it was already too late. His hands couldn't cover his face completely either.
Meanwhile, Maya was also a woman with strong cultivation. The moment Alex removed the man's mask, she had already seen his face clearly. Who else could he be if not Papa Hanson from the restaurant?
After seeing his face clearly, Maya's heart sank. Her eyes turned red once more. "Papa, it really is you! Why is it you? You Why are you doing this?" she asked sadly.



Indeed, it was Papa!

Since Papa Hanson had already been exposed, he decided not to pretend anymore. "Maya, don't blame in e! You can only blame yourself for having this unique bloodline! Most importantly, you even activated the bloodline in your body. I couldn't resist it! In the past, when you haven't activated it yet, I could still get over it after bearing with it for a while. But why did you activate it?" he asked.

Maya wiped away a drop of tear that was falling down her face. After that, she suddenly seemed determined.

"So, what were you planning to do to me after finding out that my unique bloodline had been activated?" she asked coldly.

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"Maya, don't blame me! When the time comes, I'll only absorb your blood essence, but I won't take your life! From then on, you'll live as a normal human being. I'll give you some money. You can leave California and make a living out there!" Papa Hanson said.

"Hahahahaha!" Maya Howards started laughing. However, her laughter was filled with desolation. Suddenly, she seemed imposing. She had fully revealed all her martial arts cultivation.
"Half-stepped Grandmaster!" Alex Rockefeller looked at Maya with an incredulous expression upon his face.
Alex was the one who introduced martial arts to Maya, and he was also the one who designed the cultivation techniques specifically for her. But within a short amount of time, she had actually managed to break through to half-stepped Grandmaster.
If Zayn Stoermer and the others found out, they might be so depressed that they'd jump into a river to cool off. This was way too unacceptable!
Despite working hard to cultivate all their lives, other people still needed Alex's help to become a Grandmaster with much difficulty.
Maya, a young lady, completed the journey that would take them all their lives within three to four months.
Papa Hanson was also shocked by Maya's level of cultivation.

However, he soon recovered from the shock In fact, he became excited.
"Maya, I didn't think you'd become a half-stepped Grandmaster so soon. That means your bloodline's capabilities are even more excellent than I had thought. It's really amazing! Maya, you're my lucky star! As long as I absorb your bloodline, my cultivation would definitely be able to get past its current bottleneck!" Papa Hanson exclaimed.
He was actually unafraid of a half-stepped Grandmaster. Moreover, he seemed even to be glad about it.
Shuffle
Maya dashed forward and charged at Papa.
Bang!
The two of their palms collided against each other. Papa Hanson's arm instantly became covered in frost. However, he was soon able to shake it off. Yet, Maya suffered greatly. She stumbled three steps back. A huge force had pushed her backward



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Papa Hanson seemed even more shocked. "Do you know about the Blood Cult?"
Alex nodded. "I do," he said.
"In that case, you can't be spared," Papa Hanson said. He seemed to be filled with bloodlust.
As he released energy wildly through his body, a bloody, demonic aura began to rumble around him. The mud surface beneath him was split apart by his demonic aura, which made an explosive, smacking sound.
"Die!" Papa Hanson yelled.
Alex's gaze turned cold. He also reached out with a punch.
"Dragon-Tusk Cloud Piercer!" Alex yelled.
Boom!

fist. Papa Hanson was immediately sent flying far away. He was in so much shock that his eyeballs nearly fell out of their sockets.
"Poof!"
Papa Hanson spat out a mouthful of blood.
"You're actually a martial arts cultivator! That's even better. I'll let you have a taste of my treasure!" Papa Hanson said as he flipped his hand around and retrieved a pearl.
Alex's eyes instantly lit up.