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Thousand Crane Shrine not only housed many experts but also a few hidden organizations. The Watanabe family was merely Thousand Crane Shrine's subordinate family, responsible for providing resources and funding.

Jared frowned when he heard what Fandor said. If what he said was indeed true, it would be difficult for Jared to eliminate the Watanabe family-even if it was just Asuka's line of descent.

Furthermore, Kazuo did not even mention the Thousand Crane Shrine when introducing the Watanabe family to Jared. Evidently, Kazuo was deliberately concealing this from Jared-he had not truly pledged allegiance to Jared.

"In that case, it won't be that easy to eliminate the Watanabe family," said Flaxseed solemnly. "Everything's in your hands..." commented Fandor before grabbing the glass of alcohol and drinking.

Since things had turned out this way, Jared decided to follow his initial plan. Instead of letting his mind run wild, he drank together with Fandor.

Back in his mansion, Ryosuke was filled with shock when he heard what his two subordinates reported to him. "Who's that young man? Is he Fandor's friend? Looks like I should meet him personally!" Filled with curiosity toward Jared, Ryosuke instructed his subordinate, "Ask Yuri to come here."

Soon, Yuri was summoned over. Ryosuke quickly asked, "Yuri, be honest with me. What's the name of the person who saved you? How did you know him?"

"Why are you asking that, Dad?" Yuri stared at him warily. She knew that her father was a suspicious and cunning man. If she revealed anything about Jared, she was afraid that Ryosuke would do something bad to him..

"Since I'd like to thank him properly, I need to know more about him. Tell me..." urged Ryosuke anxiously. Yuri was left with no choice but to reveal everything honestly. After Ryosuke heard that she met Jared on the plane, his expression changed slightly.

He could not be certain that Jared's meeting with Yuri was purely coincidental and that it was not part of an intricate plan. "Do you know his name?" asked Ryosuke again.

"He said he's called Jared, but it doesn't seem like he's lying..." replied Yuri. "Jared?" Stunned, Ryosuke frowned. "Why does that name sound so familiar? I've heard that before somewhere..."

At that moment, a subordinate stepped forward and whispered softly beside Ryosuke's ear. His eyes immediately widened as a look of astonishment filled his face. "It can't possibly be him, right? How dare he come to Jetroina?"

Ryosuke could barely believe his ears. "What are you talking about, Dad?" asked Yuri in a confused tone, having seen his reaction. "Oh, it's nothing. Go back and rest."

After Ryosuke sent his daughter away, anxiety started to invade him. If that Jared was the same man who murdered Ichiro, it would definitely be inappropriate for Ryosuke to meet him. Furthermore, it was evident that the target of Jared's trip to Jetroina was the Watanabe family.

In that case, his encounter with Yuri was probably planned beforehand. The fact that he managed to save Yuri was probably just an act to gain her trust.

Ryosuke, who initially planned to meet Jared, was now at a loss for what to do. After all, since Jared did not know the real situation with the Watanabe family, he would definitely blame the entire family for hunting him down.

As the head of the Watanabe family, Ryosuke would be Jared's first target for revenge. Yet, unbeknownst to Ryosuke, Jared knew everything about the Watanabe family like the back of his hand.

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"Mr. Watanabe, if Jared has come to Jetroina to take revenge, you'll be in danger. I heard that he's the most powerful person in Jadeborough, Chanaea. Furthermore, he eliminated the Warriors Alliance in Jadeborough and founded the Deragon Sect. It's grown to be the largest clan there! Now that the election is coming, there are already a lot of internal and

external threats to deal with. If Jared intends to create mess things up here, we'd be in trouble," said a worried subordinate to Ryosuke.

Naturally, Ryosuke knew that well. However, there was nothing that he could do. "Asuka could've provoked anyone but Jared! Now, that man's probably going to settle the score with me!" Ryosuke cursed angrily at his younger brother.

If Asuka had not kept going to Chanaea to take revenge on Jared, Jared would not have come to Jetroina. Didn't he only lose a son? Since he already has three, losing one doesn't make a huge difference at all!

"Mr. Watanabe, since Ms. Yuri knows Jared, why don't we ask her to explain everything to him? She can make it clear to him that we aren't the ones trying to kill him. If she can secure Jared's help, we'd have a decent shot at winning the election! I've already heard that Asuka's trying to contact Old Mr. Watanabe..."

reported his subordinate in a low voice. "What? Asuka has already contacted Grandpa? He is already over ninety years old! It's been a long time since he stopped caring about family affairs. Could it be that he managed to convince Grandpa otherwise?"

Ryosuke was filled with shock. The "Grandpa" whom he was referring to was Masato Watanabe. He was actually not his and Asuka's real grandfather. Instead, he was their grandfather's brother.

Since Masato was already over ninety years old, he had stopped managing family affairs for a long time. However, as the eldest member of the Watanabe family with the highest seniority, he was considered an extremely important person in the family.

Hence, Masato's words held considerable power over the family. The branch family members of the Watanabe family would definitely obey his every sentence.

If Asuka managed to secure Masato's help, it would be impossible for Ryosuke to remain the head of the family. More importantly, Masato was able to directly contact the Thousand Crane Shrine that was backing the Watanabe family.

Although the Watanabe family was considered to be the subordinate family of the Thousand Crane Shrine, it was almost impossible for Ryosuke to even step into the shrine despite being the head of the family.

On the other hand, Masato was different. He could pray at the shrine any time and even manage to get a few words in with the higher-ups there. "No, I can't wait any longer. Prepare the car. I'm heading to the ancestral home..."

Attacked by a strong sense of threat, Ryosuke decided to meet Masato, hoping that the old man would not intervene in family affairs. While Ryosuke was rushing to meet Masato, Haruto had already invited Kazuo to Asuka's villa.

"Please take a seat, Mr. Kawaguchi!" Asuka greeted Kazuo with extreme enthusiasm upon meeting him. Smiling slightly, Kazuo did not sit down. Instead, he asked Asuka, "Why did you invite me here, Mr. Asuka?"

"Since you've gone all the way to Chanaea and helped me with such a huge favor, I must thank you properly." With a smile, Asuka shot a look at his son.

Soon, Haruto brought a wooden box over. A snow lotus was nestled inside it. Although it was not big, it was evident that it was from Fujio Mountain.

Snow lotuses took an extremely long time to grow, especially those from Fujio Mountain. Even though this snow lotus was not big, it had probably been growing for over a hundred years.

Since possessing a snow lotus from Fujio Mountain was a source of pride amongst the famous samurais in Jetroina, it was considered a highly precious commodity.

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"Mr. Asuka, w-what are you doing?" Kazuo's eyes widened when he saw the snow lotus. He didn't understand what kind of scheme or trick Asuka was pulling.

"You helped me take revenge, so of course I want to repay you. Although some people were sacrificed, it's nothing," Asuka replied. Upon hearing this, Kazuo felt a bit ashamed. After all, he had not been able to kill Jared and had only deceived Asuka.

But looking at the snow lotus in front of him, Kazuo knew he couldn't just refuse it. "Thank you very much, Mr. Asuka." Kazuo quickly took the snow lotus from Haruto's hands.

As he looked at the snow-white lotus, Kazuo couldn't help but feel enamored with it. Asuka noticed this and curled the corners of his lips into a slight smile.

"Mr. Kawaguchi, I actually have one more thing I'd like to ask for your help with..." Asuka said. "Please, Mr. Asuka, just tell me." Kazuo's eyes were fixed on the snow lotus, and he would agree to anything at this point.

"I want you to capture Yuri and bring her here," uttered Asuka. When Kazuo heard this, his excitement vanished instantly, and he handed the snow lotus back to Haruto.

"Mr. Asuka, I don't want to get involved in the Watanabe family's affairs. I hope you can understand. I have things to do, so I'll take my leave now..." Kazuo said before running away.

Kazuo wasn't stupid. He knew he shouldn't get involved in the power struggles of such a large family because he knew that no matter who won in the end, he would become the sacrificial lamb. Upon seeing Kazuo run away in fear, Asuka couldn't help but curse, "Coward! He's just a coward..."

"Dad, what should we do now? It's going to be difficult to capture Yuri, especially after this..." Haruto asked his father. After this failure, Ryosuke would certainly strengthen security measures around Yuri and might even prevent her from leaving her home..

"Hmph! Even without Yuri as a bargaining chip, I'll take the position of the head of the family. Follow me to the ancestral home..." Asuka demanded, his expression grim and menacing.

At the foot of Fujio Mountain in the Xendale suburbs, there was a simple wooden house that served as the ancestral home of the Watanabe family. Masato Watanabe, who lived there, was the most senior member of the family.

Ryosuke arrived at the wooden house with his men and got out of his car, walking toward the house after parking a few hundred meters away. Although he was the head of the Watanabe family, he still respected the elders and observed the necessary etiquette.

Upon reaching the front of the house, Ryosuke gently knocked on the door. It opened slowly, revealing a gathering of people inside who seemed to be discussing something. This caught Ryosuke off guard since Masato had long retired from family affairs and would not allow so

many people to disturb him. This situation was very unusual, and as the head of the Watanabe family, he was surprised that no one had notified him of it.

Seeing Ryosuke, many people stood up and bowed to him. After all, his status as the head of the family was higher than theirs. Only two people remained seated-Masato, who had thinning hair and missing teeth, and was seated at the top, and a middle-aged man in a samurai outfit sitting next to him.

The middle-aged man was kneeling next to Masato with an old katana placed in front of him. Although the man's eyes were cold and filled with disrespect, Ryosuke dared not show any resentment toward him.

This man was Kawano Chishima, a renowned sword master in Xendale whose skill with a katana was legendary, and whose true strength was unknown to anyone. Kawano had been guarding Masato's safety since he was young and was still doing so now with the utmost loyalty.

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This was why Masato, despite his advanced age and lack of involvement in Watanabe family affairs, remained the soul of the family. It was Kawano's presence that allowed Masato to enjoy his old age in peace..

As soon as Ryosuke had sat down, the door was knocked on, and then it opened again. Soon, Asuka walked in. Upon seeing the situation, Asuka was also taken aback, especially when he saw Ryosuke there, and conflicting emotions began to swell within him.

"You both arrived just in time. Please have at seat," Masato said, waving his hand. Everyone sat down and waited for Masato to speak. No one dared to show any signs of disrespect, knowing that even the slightest movement would be met with Kawano's sharp katana.

"I've received news from the Thousand Crane Shrine that we, the Watanabe family, need to deliver our resources and funds earlier this year," Masato spoke slowly.

"Grandpa, I've already prepared the resources and funds, and they can be delivered at any time," Ryosuke replied immediately. With the election approaching, Ryosuke needed to show off his capabilities.

"Good!" Masato nodded and continued, "I heard. that our samurais had clashed with the Chanaean government some time ago and killed many of their officials. Is that true?"

"Yes, I investigated this matter too. It was Asuka who ordered people to hunt down some enemies in Chanaea, which led to a conflict with the Chanaea authorities and resulted in at negative impact on our family. I have sent. someone to Chanaea to explain this matter."

Ryosuke immediately recounted everything he knew to Masato when the latter mentioned the incident. He wanted to use this matter to prevent Asuka from competing with him for the position of head of the family. At this moment, there was no brotherly relationship between them. Asuka glared at his older brother and began to explain, "Grandpa, I-"

However, Masato interrupted with a wave of his hand. "Asuka, you did well. The Watanabe family will not be bullied by anyone. We will seek revenge, especially when facing the people of Chanaea," Masato said, leaving Asuka stunned. The latter quickly nodded and said, "I will follow your advice, Grandpa."

Ryosuke was also taken aback because he had wanted to suppress Asuka with this matter, but his plan backfired. Masato then looked at Ryosuke coldly and said, "As the head of the Watanabe family, you even took the initiative to apologize, which has damaged our family's reputation. I also heard that you sent your daughter to study in Chanaea. You seem to have forgotten what blood flows in your veins."

Subsequently, the old man added, "Now that your daughter has been contaminated, she must be sent to the shrine to be purified..." What Masato said shocked Ryosuke to the core. It felt as if he had been struck by lightning.

He could endure anything, including losing his position as head of the family, but he would never agree to send his only daughter to the shrine for purification. After all, he knew what would happen to her there. "Grandpa, I-"

Ryosuke wanted to argue and stop them from sending his daughter to the shrine, but Masato ignored his pleas and waved his hand, saying. "That's it. Everyone, please leave."

Everyone got up and left, and Ryosuke had no choice but to do the same. As soon as he stepped out, he saw Asuka looking at him with a mocking smile on his face.

"My dear brother Ryosuke, I warned you not to send Yuri to Chanaea, but you didn't listen. Now, Yuri will be sent to the shrine, and you may never see her again in this lifetime. My poor niece is still so young, lively, and beautiful..." Asuka said, grinning from ear to ear.

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Ryosuke glared at Asuka angrily but couldn't do anything to the latter. He could only leave in frustration. After all, he was still the head of the family and Asuka's brother, so he dared not hit Asuka in public.

He returned home fuming, and when Keika saw him, she hurriedly came up and helped him change his clothes. "What happened? What made you so angry, Ryosuke?" Keika asked.

Ryosuke explained everything that had happened today, leaving Keika stunned. After a while, Keika became emotional and exclaimed, "N-No... That's impossible. I will never send our daughter to the shrine. If you dare to do so, I'll die before your eyes..."

Hearing that, Ryosuke held his wife tightly, feeling sorry for her. "I don't want to either, but what can we do?" he replied. Ryosuke was reluctant to do so, but he had to follow Masato's orders. Besides, it might be an order from the shrine itself. What could he do. to resist?

"We can leave. Let's go as far away as possible, and you should step down from the position as the head of the family..." Keika suggested. "Go? Go where? Even if we flee to the ends of the earth, they will find us." Ryosuke shook his head, finding his wife's suggestion unfeasible.

"I don't care! I don't care! I won't let you send our daughter to the shrine!" Keika shouted like a mad woman. Ryosuke looked helpless, but fortunately, there was no time limit set. They could still stall for time and come up with a plan.

Three days had passed since then. Jared and Flaxseed spent their days drinking and snoring with Fandor, and it had been such a drink-sleep routine for the past three days.

"Jared, it's been three days already. Your scheme hasn't succeeded yet? Ryosuke hasn't come to see you at all," Flaxseed complained listlessly.

Although they drank and slept every day, the environment here was terrible, and more. importantly, there were no women. If Jessica were here, Flaxseed might not be so anxious. Jared furrowed his brow slightly. "It's strange. I saved his daughter's life. He should at least come and thank me, right?"

Jared also found it odd that Ryosuke hadn't shown up since sending people to investigate him last time. There was no news from the Watanabe family, nor had Ryosuke sent anyone to see him, and Jared found this extremely puzzling. "What are you two mumbling about? Come and drink!" Fandor beckoned to Jared and Flaxseed.

But neither of them moved this time. Seeing this, Fandor picked up the bottle and walked over. "Don't worry, he's coming. He'll be here within ten minutes," he said confidently, then started drinking by himself.

Jared and Flaxseed were surprised as they weren't quite sure whether Fandor was drunk or not. Sure enough, a few minutes later, Ryosuke arrived outside Fandor's dilapidated house, carrying a gift and accompanied by Yuri..

"Excuse me, I'm Ryosuke Watanabe. I've brought my daughter here to pay respects to Mr. Loufury, Ryosuke politely called out. "Come in," Fandor said flatly, with his eyes half- closed.

Jared and Flaxseed were both confused as to how Fandor knew Ryosuke would come. Ryosuke entered the run-down house with Yuri and placed a bottle of wine in front of Fandor, saying politely, "Mr. Loufury, this is for you."

But Fandor didn't even look at it. He slowly said, "I don't take gifts for no reason. If you want me to kill someone, just deposit the money into my account."

Ryosuke looked embarrassed all of a sudden; he didn't have billions of Anglanduran currency to hire Fandor to kill. "Jared, thank you so much for saving me from being kidnapped two days ago," Yuri said to Jared happily.

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"It was nothing," the man replied with a faint smile. "Mr. Chance, thank you for helping my daughter. I was busy these past few days, so forgive me for coming late to thank you," Ryosuke said politely as he came up to Jared.

"I already said it was no big deal," Jared uttered calmly with a serene expression on his face. This puzzled Ryosuke, who wondered why Jared was so calm toward him and not showing any sign of resentment or anger if he came to seek revenge.

"Aren't you all tired? Let's get to the point," Fandor impatiently interjected. "Ryosuke, I don't believe you came here just to thank Jared."

Ryosuke was caught off guard and hesitated for a moment before explaining. "Mr. Chance, I know your purpose for coming to Jetroina, but I want to explain that although the people who have been hunting you are from the Watanabe family, it was my younger brother Asuka who orchestrated it all."

He continued, "I had no idea about this, including the attack on Chanaean officials. He never told me about it. Once I found out, I immediately sent people to apologize and explain the situation. I have no intention of going against Chanaea or you, Mr. Chance. I hope you can understand..."

Ryosuke spoke with an earnest face, afraid that Jared wouldn't believe him. However, Jared replied with a faint smile, "Mr. Watanabe, I already know all of this. You're not responsible for your brother's actions, so I won't hold it against you."

"Mr. Chance, you already knew about it?" Ryosuke was surprised. He wondered how Jared knew because only the higher-ups of the Watanabe family were aware of the ordeal.

"Kazuo told me. I brought him back alive from Chanaea for a reason," Jared said nonchalantly. Ryosuke breathed a sigh of relief on hearing that; since Jared knew, he didn't have to worry anymore.

"I also know that the Watanabe family's election is coming up, and you are competing for the head of the family position with your brother. If I kill Asuka, wouldn't you be the biggest beneficiary?" Jared added.

Since Ryosuke chose to tell the truth, Jared also didn't intend to hide anything. He wanted to see if he could get some resources from the Watanabe family.

After all, now that Ryosuke also wanted Asuka dead, their goals were aligned. But unexpectedly, Ryosuke let out a mournful sigh after hearing Jared's words. "Actually, the position of head of the family is no longer important to me. I only want my daughter to live happily..."

Ryosuke then told Jared about Yuri's situation and how she was about to be sent to the shrine. Yuri listened in shock beside them. "So, Mr. Watanabe, are you saying that you want me to take Yuri away?" Jared asked, still confused.

Ryosuke nodded. "Yes, because only then can Yuri have a stable life. I know about your powerful influence in Chanaea, and as for killing Asuka, I will help you to complete the task."

"But if you do this, you won't be able to become head of the family, and your life will be in danger. After all, nobody would dare to disobey the shrine's orders, right?" Jared questioned.

"For Yuri's sake, this is the only way. As long as she can live happily, that's all that matters," Ryosuke replied with a determined and loving expression of a father.

Indeed, the love of a parent for their child knew no bounds. This decision was made after Ryosuke and Keika had discussed it, as it was the only way for Yuri to escape harm.

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"No... No..." Yuri cried and threw herself into Ryosuke's arms. "Dad, I don't want to go anywhere. I want to be with you and Mom..."

"Yuri, listen to me. We don't know what will happen to you if you are sent to the shrine. You're still young, but you'll understand later. Follow Mr. Chance, and with his character, I trust that he will protect you."

After speaking, Ryosuke turned to Jared and added, "Of course, I won't ask you to help us for nothing. The Watanabe family will offer a batch of resources to the shrine soon, which I intend to give to you as a reward, Mr. Chance."

This left Jared at a loss. He had originally come to destroy the Watanabe family, but now he found himself in this situation. Am I really going to take Yuri and the batch of resources back with me? Bringing back a beauty from Jetrouina all of a sudden like this would be hard to explain, wouldn't it?

But just as Jared was unsure of how to respond to Ryosuke, Fandor spoke up. "Ryosuke, stop playing the emotional card of fatherly love. Tell us about your other plans..."

When he heard this, Ryosuke's face turned red with embarrassment. "Mr. Loufury, I do have another plan..." Ryosuke could only flash them an awkward smile. "Let's hear it, Mr. Watanabe," Jared urged.

"My other plan is for you to take action and kill both Asuka and Masato, Mr. Chance. Once these people are dead, the entire Watanabe family will be under my control," Ryosuke said. He added, "Of course, you will be rewarded handsomely."

"But if so, you still have to follow the shrine's orders, and Yuri will still be sent away," Jared said, puzzled. Ryosuke shook his head. "Once the Watanabe family is under my complete control, the shrine won't abandon the entire family for just my daughter. Moreover, sending my daughter to the shrine may have been Masato's idea. Once he's dead, no one will pursue this matter."

Hearing this, Jared continued to ask, "You could do it yourself. After all, you are still the head of the Watanabe family. Why spend money to hire me?"

"Because he doesn't have the ability to. Even with all the high-level experts that Ryosuke can gather, they may not be a match for Kawano, the samurai by Masato's side," Fandor explained before Ryosuke could respond.

"Mr. Loufury is right. Kawano is a famous sword master, and nobody knows his true strength, so..." Ryosuke laughed awkwardly, his voice trailing off at the end of his sentence. "But are you sure that I can beat Kawano?"

Jared asked in confusion. After all, Ryosuke didn't know Jared's true strength, so how could he be sure that Jared could defeat Kawano? If Jared failed, wouldn't Ryosuke also suffer?

Ryosuke didn't say anything but looked at Fandor. The meaning was clear. If Jared wasn't a match for Kawano, then Fandor should take action. After all, Fandor was Jared's friend!

Jared instantly understood Ryosuke's intentions. Ryosuke was trying to get Fandor to take action through him. "For ten billion in Anglanduran currency, I'll kill whoever you want," Fandor said slowly as Ryosuke looked at him.

A troubled look then flitted across Ryosuke's visage. "Mr. Loufury, I really can't come up with ten billion, but I'll do my best to offer everything I can. You and Mr. Chance are friends, so I hope "Stop. Friends are friends, and business is business. They can't be mixed together. If

you can't produce the money, then there's no point discussing it." Fandor spoke candidly, which put Ryosuke in a difficult spot.

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After Fandor finished speaking, he quickly added, "But if you don't have money, there is another way..."

"What way?" Ryosuke asked, his voice laced with eagerness. He believed that Fandor was the only one who could defeat Kawano, and he was willing to do whatever it took to get Fandor on board with his plan.

"I heard that you have an ancient snow lotus from Fujio Mountain. If you hand it over, I can consider your request," Fandor said mildly.

Ryosuke was stunned when he heard that because no one knew about his possession of the snow lotus, not even the top brass of the Watanabe family or the shrine. Otherwise, the shrine would have requested it. How did Fandor find out about such a secret?

Ryosuke was puzzled, but Fandor must have known for certain to mention it. "Mr. Loufury, in fact, the snow lotus has already withered. It's just a specimen and has no value," Ryosuke explained.

"I don't care if it has value or not. I'm only asking if you're willing to give it up," Fandor asked firmly, staring at Ryosuke as he uttered each word.

"Um..." Ryosuke hesitated, but after a moment, he glanced at Yuri. Gritting his teeth, he finally made up his mind. "Okay, I'm willing to give it up as long as you can kill Kawano, Mr. Loufury."

Fandor laughed heartily when he heard that and uttered with utmost confidence, "Hahaha, don't worry, Kawano is as good as dead."

Jared and the others then followed Ryosuke to the Watanabe family's mansion. It was the residence of the head of the Watanabe family, so it was in a central location. Yet, Jared was brought here. If Asuka found out, he would be livid.

"Ryosuke, show us what you promised. If you're sincere, not only can we kill Masato, but we can also destroy the Thousand Crane Shrine," Fandor said in a serious manner.

Hearing this, Ryosuke nodded and had his ment bring out many resources. He then went to the bedroom and after a long time, he came out with a transparent glass box.

Inside the box was a snow lotus, but it was already withered and devoid of spiritual energy. Fandor took the snow lotus over, and his eyes widened. Then, he smiled mildly and said, "This is very precious..."

He carefully put the snow lotus away and said to Ryosuke, "All right, arrange a place for us to stay. You don't have to worry about the Watanabe family's affairs anymore."

Ryosuke quickly nodded and offered the largest mansion he owned for Fandor and Jared to stay in. "Fandor, why do you want a withered snow lotus?" Flaxseed asked, puzzled by the old man's intentions.

"You don't understand. I have a way to revive it, Fandor said. He then opened the glass box and poured some wine from a flask at his waist into it. Flaxseed and Jared were both befuddled, wondering if Fandor was planning to make liquor with the ancient snow lotus.

But something magical then happened. As the snow lotus was soaked in the liquor, it slowly came back to life and became more vibrant in color. Then, a large amount of spiritual energy began to spread throughout the room, and inhaling it made them feel refreshed and happy.

Seeing this, Flaxseed and Jared couldn't help but feel envious. If they could refine this ancient snow lotus into a pill, it could greatly enhance their strength. If it were Jared, he could probably break through to the level of Martial Arts Saint. However, since the snow lotus belonged to Fandor, they couldn't just take it without permission.

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"Fandor, now that you have taken the snow lotus, are you confident that you can kill Kawano?" Flaxseed asked him. However, Fandor shook his head. "I'm not..."

Flaxseed was taken aback. "You're not confident? Then how could you brag and even say you would destroy the shrine? Your boasting is too much!" "I'm not boasting. I'm not confident in myself, but I'm confident in someone else!" Fandor remarked.

"Who?" Flaxseed asked. Fandor pointed to Jared. "He can definitely beat Kawano, and with his strength, it shouldn't be a problem even if he attempts to destroy the shrine." "Me?" The latter was surprised to hear that. "I'm only at the level of Greater Martial Arts Marquis now. I'm not as strong as you say."

"You'll reach Martial Arts Saint soon," Fandor said, tossing the ancient snow lotus to Jared. "With this and other resources, I'm sure you can break through. Once you become a Martial Arts Saint, what's the Watanabe family or the Thousand Crane Shrine to you?"

"You're giving this to me?" Jared's eyes widened in disbelief. He never expected Fandor to give him such an expensive and precious item. "You paid for my drinks, so I'm giving this to you to even it out," Fandor said with a slight smile. "Besides, this thing is useless to me...."

Jared didn't understand Fandor's words, but he saw Fandor suddenly make a move toward him. He panicked and also made a move. When their palms met, Jared was surprised to find that Fandor had some restraining power inside him that seemed to be limiting his strength.

Moreover, Fandor's strength wasn't as great as he had imagined. At most, Fandor was a Sixth Level Greater Martial Arts Marquis. How could this level of strength induce fear in that many people?

Seeing Jared's reaction, Fandor smiled slightly and said, "When I killed all of the assassins in Xendale, it caused a stir. However, it also drew the attention of an expert from Jetroina, who destroyed my cultivation and only left me at the level of Greater Martial Arts Marquis. I also had a restraining power imposed on me."

He continued, "No matter how much I cultivate I cannot increase my power even a little bit. So, I could only increase my assassination fee to ten billion in Anglanduran currency, just to make sure people don't come and hire me. I can no longer take on assassination jobs with my current strength. I've been living off my reputation for these past years. The reason why I agreed to Ryosuke's request is that I know you can do it with your strength. Besides, Ryosuke's ancient snow lotus can provide you with great help."

Fandor's words made Jared feel a pang of sadness. From the beginning. Fandor had only dealt with Ryosuke because of him. "Don't worry, Fandor. I will find a way to break the restraining power that was imposed upon you," Jared said firmly.

But Fandor waved his hand dismissively. "No need. I'm fine with the way I am. I no longer pursue power. Drinking and having fun is more comfortable for me."

Flaxseed looked at Fandor in surprise. He never imagined his old friend had such experiences. Then, Jared turned the ancient snow lotus and some of the resources into pills and swallowed them in one gulp.

At that moment, thick swirls of spiritual energy flowed within him. A week later, a large dark cloud suddenly appeared over Ryosuke's mansion, covering the entire sky. Many people stopped to watch this sudden phenomenon, and even Ryosuke looked up with a serious expression.

This sudden phenomenon in the sky could only mean trouble for his family. Only Flaxseed and Fandor were excited. "I never thought Jared could break through so fast..." Fandor said slowly.

"The Golden Dragon's True Form is not something to be taken lightly. Let's move away so we don't get struck by the heavenly thunder and die in an instant," Flaxseed said, quickly leaving the mansion. Fandor followed closely behind, keeping a safe distance from the mansion.

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Rumble... The rolling black clouds grew increasingly lower, accompanied by the deafening thunder that seemed to engulf Ryosuke's entire residence.

"Dad, what... is happening? I'm scared..." Yuri looked shocked as she subconsciously hid behind her father. Keika's face was pale as she also clutched onto Ryosuke's clothes tightly. Ryosuke himself was shocked, but because of his wife and daughter, he could only try to remain calm.

Crack! Suddenly, a bolt of lightning flashed, striking the mansion where Jared was located. Rumble.. After the lightning strike, the mansion collapsed in an instant! "Ah!" Yuri screamed in fear, constantly retreating backward.

Ryosuke also hurriedly pulled his wife back, looking at the once-intact mansion that had turned into ruins in the blink of an eye. Instantly, he felt uneasy at the sight..

At this moment, Ryosuke saw Fandor and Flaxseed running over and hurriedly asked, "Mr. Loufury, what's going on? How could this happen?"

"Ryosuke, your family is lucky now. The deity. has descended," Fandor said playfully. "The deity has descended?" Ryosuke was. stunned, but soon a look of joy flashed across his face.

Crack... Another bolt of lightning struck fiercely at the same spot! At the moment when the lightning struck down, Jared's body emitted a faint golden light and slowly rose up.

The lightning struck Jared's body, and his body convulsed as if he was receiving an electric shock, and then a smell of burning flesh wafted out. "Uh..." Ryosuke widened his eyes at the scene.

"Jared!" Yuri couldn't help but shout. But Jared seemed to be unaware. His eyes were tightly shut, and his body was emitting a golden light as he floated in the air motionlessly. Crack!

Rumble...

The heavenly thunder began to strike Jared's body continuously. Fandor looked at Jared, who was in midair and couldn't help but sigh. "I have never seen anyone causing such a commotion during their ascension to the Spirit Divider realm and suffering such a lightning tribulation..."

Flaxseed also couldn't help but exclaim, "With this ascension, Jared is probably unbeatable in. the entire mundane world now."

Ryosuke listened to their conversation, his face. at a loss because he had no idea what the Spirit Divider realm was, or what the mundane world was. To him, there was only the existence of the martial arts world, and he didn't know about spiritual energy cultivators or the existence of secret realms. Rumble...

The heavenly thunder continued to strike. Yuri watched nervously with sweat on her forehead, and she clenched her fists. She was probably worried about Jared!

After the ninth heavenly thunder struck, the black clouds in the sky began to disperse. Subsequently, the radiant sunlight shone back onto the earth, and Jared's body slowly descended. "Uh... is Jared the deity you were talking about, Mr. Loufury?"

Ryosuke looked up at Jared, his face full of disbelief. "Yes, go and welcome your deity." Fandor nodded. Ryosuke quickly led his wife and daughter toward Jared, while Flaxseed followed behind Fandor.

"Jared, y-you've broken through?" Flaxseed asked happily. Jared nodded, feeling the transformation of his energy in his body. He never expected that his strength would increase so much with just one increase in his cultivation level.

At this moment, Jared's body was like a gem as it emitted a faint light. Even without using his Golem Body, Jared could withstand the attacks of a Martial Arts Saint with just his physical body alone.