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### Chapter 891

Dustin jumped to his feet when he heard what Florence said. “How did that happen?”

“You beast! How dare you ask me how that happened? It’s all because of you, of course!” Florence shouted.

“After she met you the other night, Dahlia seemed to have lost her soul! She refused to eat or drink, and she cried endless nights! Then, this morning, she attempted suicide by jumping off the building!”

Dustin felt like he’d been struck by lightning. His mind went completely blank. Never in his wildest dreams had he ever thought that Dahlia would act so rashly!

How could she attempt suicide by jumping off a building without saying anything to anyone at all? Had she lost her mind?

“She... How is she now?” There was a tremble in Dustin’s voice.

“She’s still in a critical condition and doing horribly! Her life is in danger!

“And this is all because of you! You beast! You’re the reason Dahlia threw herself off the building!

“I’m warning you, Rhys! If anything happens to Dahlia, I’ll make you pay with your life!”

Florence swiftly ended the call after spewing threats at him.

Dustin sat there idly with his phone in his hand. When he finally snapped out of it, he dashed out the door instantly.

He got into his car and sped to the hospital within 30 minutes. He quickly found Dahlia’s ward after asking around for a bit.

When he entered the room, he saw Dahlia lying unconscious on the bed. She was wrapped up in bandages and was unusually pale. She looked very weak.

Florence and several others stood by her bedside, looking helpless.

“How dare you show your face here, Rhys!” At the sight of Dustin, Florence’s anger flared again.

“Look at her! Look what a state you’ve gotten Dahlia into! You heartless bastard! How did she fall for a scumbag like you?”

After screaming at him, she began punching and kicking at him to let out her anger.

“Dustin Rhys! I’ve always thought that you were an honest man. Who would have thought that you were such a jerk?” Julie began berating him, too.

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“Dahlia didn’t hold onto your past mistakes and went out of her way to defend you. But you had the heart to hurt her so much that you drove her to despair.

“You even hurt her to the point that she would attempt suicide! You truly are a scumbag!”

Dustin couldn’t be bothered to waste words on them. Pushing both of them aside, he quickly checked Dahlia’s pulse. His expression darkened.

Dahlia’s pulse was weak, and her breathing was so faint it felt like it could disappear at any

moment.

“Get the hell out of here, Rhys! Get your filthy hands off my daughter!” Florence roared, trying to push Dustin away.

But Dustin glared at her and said, “If you do not wish for anything bad on Dahlia, you better shut the hell up.”

“You-!” Seeing Dustin’s change in attitude, they were all shocked. None of them dared to approach him.

After he shouted at them, Dustin took out several silver needles and began treating Dahlia.

Her vital energy was weak, so he needed to use his true energy to supply and extend her life. Though it would cause side effects on him, it was the simplest and most effective method.

Dustin was soaked in sweat an hour later as he pulled out the silver needles. Black blood trickled out from his nose.

Treating Edith earlier had already consumed much of his true energy. Now that he had given his all to save Dahlia, he had drained all his true energy.

Hence, the toxin from Septemortis began acting up again. Fortunately, he was strong enough to endure it for now.

“If anything happens to my daughter, Rhys, I’ll make sure you pay for it!” Florence shouted- her glare was like a feral beast.

Just as she finished her words, Dahlia’s eyelids twitched. Seconds later, her eyes slowly opened.

“Dahlia’s awake! She’s woken up!” Julie was delighted.

“How are you feeling, Dahlia? Are you feeling uncomfortable anywhere?” Dustin bent down, closer to her and asked gently.

Dahlia groaned with her brows furrowed. Her gaze was a little unfocused before it quickly turned wary.

She looked at Dustin cautiously. “Who are you? Do I know you?”

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“Who are you? Do I know you?”

Her words shocked Dustin.

Florence and the rest of them exchanged bewildered looks.

“You... you don’t recognize me?” Dustin was stunned.

“Should I know you?” Dahlia looked at him coldly.

It was like she was looking at a stranger. She looked at him warily as if she wanted Dustin to stay away from her.

“Is something wrong? Let me have a look.” Dustin went forward to check on her pulse.

But the moment he touched her, she recoiled instantly, as if his touch burned her.

“What are you doing?” Dahlia looked at him frostily, caution in her eyes.

Dustin wasn't used to how she was treating him like a total stranger. Could she be suffering from... amnesia?

“Dahlia, what's wrong? Don't scare me!” Florence was flustered.

Looking close to tears, she approached Dahlia and asked, “You can't have forgotten everything, can you? Don't you remember me?”

“Mom, what are you saying? Of course, I remember you!” Dahlia looked at her, confused.

“You do? Oh, that's great! That's great! It seems like you haven't lost your memories.”

Florence was overjoyed. “I was worried that you'd forget everything after suffering an impact to the head. That always happens in movies!”

“Dahlia, do you recognize me, then?” Julie asked tentatively.

“Of course I do.” Dahlia nodded.

“And me?” Victoria asked, too.

“Aunt Victoria, what's up with all of you? You're all behaving weirdly.” Dahlia looked at them.

curiously.

“Alright, alright. It's good that you still remember us. Seems like you're fine now.”

The three of them heaved a sigh of relief. It seemed like Dahlia wasn't suffering from anything major.

“You remember all of them but not me?” Dustin’s brows furrowed.

Something seemed off. Dahlia didn’t appear to have hurt her head.

“Are you mistaken? I don’t know you.” Dahlia turned to look at Dustin. She looked at him coldly, like she was wary of him.

Dustin’s face fell. For a moment, he was speechless.”

It was obvious that Dahlia had suffered partial memory loss.

But it didn’t look like she had hurt herself. It looked more like she had closed off her memories of Dustin.

In a way, that was one of the body’s defense mechanisms. When a person has experienced something too unbearable, the body would choose to forget about it.

That was a body’s instinct and a way of coping. There was no treatment for that. Whether or not the patient regains their memory depends on themselves.

“Mom, who’s this? Should I know him?” Dahlia looked at Florence.

“N–no.” An idea struck Florence, and she quickly shook her head.

“He’s an insurance agent. He barged in and insisted on promoting his insurance package. I can’t seem to drive him away. How annoying!”

Then, she shooed Dustin out. “Hey! Why are you still standing here? Go on, get out. Don’t be a nuisance here, or I’ll call the cops!”

She eagerly wished for Dahlia to forget about Dustin so she could start afresh. With her daughter’s looks and assets, it wouldn’t be a stretch for her to marry into royalty.

“You don’t remember me. I guess... it’s a good thing, too.” Dustin forced a smile. He was unsure how to feel about this turn of events.

He and Dahlia had agreed to part on good terms. He had only rushed to the hospital because he had heard she was in a life–threatening condition.

Now that he saw that she was fine, he was at ease.

As for her selective amnesia, he thought it was quite a good thing for both of them. They no longer had to suffer and could live peacefully.

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“Take care, and don’t do anything reckless anymore. We’ll meet again in the future.”

Dustin turned to leave after saying farewell. It seemed like things were fated to end between them. “Mom, that man was weird. Have I met him before?” Dahlia frowned as she watched Dustin leave. Somehow, he made her feel nostalgic. But she couldn’t recall who he was.

“No, of course, you haven’t met him before. He’s just an insurance agent. Why would you be concerned about him?”

“Here, lie down and have a good rest.” Florence was overjoyed.

“That’s right, Dahlia. You’ve just had a traffic accident and barely survived. Don’t overthink things,

Julie chimed in.

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To them, Dahlia forgetting about Dustin was a good thing.

“Okay.” Dahlia nodded. Though things seemed weird to her, she didn’t give them further thought.

Dustin’s emotions were a mess on his way back.

The current outcome was a relatively good ending for both of them. But somehow, Dustin couldn’t find it within him to feel happy.

Maybe he still had some lingering feelings for Dahlia. But he was sure that it would fade away with time.

That evening, when Dustin arrived at Zephyr Lodge, a flustered Cornelius met him at the door.

“Sir Rhys! You’ve come back at the right time! Those Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples are giving us trouble again!”

Cornelius quickly rushed up to Dustin.

“What’s wrong?” Dustin asked.

“Some of our men had a conflict with them, and they broke all our men’s legs! Those women are going out of hand!” Cornelius was furious.

“How dare they go around beating people up on my territory? Let’s go. I’d like to see the situation.”

Dustin frowned and headed straight for the infirmary. Cornelius followed right behind him.

After treating Edith, Dustin thought he would let her rest there for two more days. But now, barely half a day had passed, and they were already causing trouble.

Those women were a troublesome lot!

Outside the infirmary, several disciples of the Kirin Gang lay on the ground, wailing in pain. All of them had their legs broken.

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples stood around them arrogantly, looking down on them.

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“Hmph! How dare you provoke us when that’s all you got? You truly overestimate yourselves!”

“Ladies! Throw them out!”

Then, the Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples dragged those from the Kirin Gang by their broken legs. The screams and wails instantly got louder.

“Stop!” Dustin strode in and looked at them coldly.

“How dare you lot behave so unruly here!”

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples backed off when they saw Cornelius behind Dustin. They feared him

“Sir Rhys! You’ve finally come!”

“These women are so arrogant! They just beat us up because things didn’t go their way. They’re too much!”

The disciples of the Kirin Gang, who had their legs broken, immediately complained.

“What exactly happened?” Dustin demanded icily.

“A woman tried to force her way into the lodge, so we tried to stop her. But she was so unreasonable and broke our legs without any warning. She even humiliated us!” One of the disciples of the Kirin Gang huffed.

“Who was it? Who dares harm my men?” Dustin’s sharp gaze swept around the room.

“It was me!”

A pretty lady made her way out from the crowd. She had her head held high, and her eyes were arrogant. She looked like she thought she was better than everyone else.

It was Brittany who had been driven out of the sisterhood!

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Dustin frowned when he saw Brittany. “Why are you here? Haven’t you been kicked out of the sisterhood?”

“If Nikki can be reaccepted, then so can I! How’s that? Do you like the surprise?” Brittany taunted as she crossed her arms.

Dustin could plan all he wanted but could not go against Edith’s word.

“I need a reasonable explanation.” Dustin looked at Letitia.

“Young man, I must admit that you have cured Edith of her injuries. But we’ve paid you 50 billion as compensation.

“I think that’s more than enough. You should be appreciative,” Letitia said calmly.

She looked poised and showed no signs of remorse

“Money is one thing, but this is an entirely different matter. Since you promised me, then you should have kept it.

“The Jade Maiden Sisterhood is a decent guild. Are you going back on your word?” Dustin asked frostily.

“So what if we go back on our word? You have no place meddling in affairs of the sisterhood!” Brittany huffed.

“That’s right! We will do as we please. It has nothing to do with you,” the sisterhood disciples clamored.

They appeared so overbearing and had completely no respect for Dustin.

“I never expected the Jade Maiden Sisterhood to be like this. Inconsistent, no credibility, and shameless!” Dustin mocked.

“Young man, you better watch your words!” Letitia was angered.

She felt humiliated to be disgraced in front of so many people.

“Fine. I won’t waste any more words on you. If you choose to be like this, that’s on you. But I demand an apology for beating up my men!” Dustin said impassively.

He had been so kind to save Edith. But in the end, the disciples of the Jade Maiden Sisterhood repaid his kindness by breaking his men’s legs. He would not accept that without a fight.

“An apology? Hah! Who do you think you are? How dare you demand an apology from the Jade Maiden Sisterhood?”

Edith slowly walked out from the infirmary.

She looked better than before. The color had returned to her cheeks, and she looked much more energetic. Carrying herself like a queen, she looked at Dustin arrogantly.

“Madam Parker, your lead disciple is unbelievably arrogant. Do we not deserve an apology from her for hurting my men?” Dustin squinted his eyes.

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“Brittany must have her reasons for beating them up,” Edith said, unphased.

“Besides, even if she did not have a legitimate reason, so what?”

“Those men are just some low-lives. So what if she beat them up? What’s the big deal?”

“What?” Dustin frowned.

“Madam Parker, aren’t you being unreasonable?”

He thought that Edith would try to smooth things over in a nice manner or apologize.

But not only did she not yield, she even continued her arrogant and self-righteous attitude. She

even went so far as to pin the blame on the victims!

“Unreasonable?” Edith huffed.

“What I say goes! We have been merciful to have just beaten them up. You won’t be able to do

anything if we’d killed them all!”

“That’s right! It’s their honor to have been beaten up by me! Even if I’d killed them, they would have deserved it!” Brittany lifted her chin proudly.

Edith was unreasonable, while Brittany was arrogant. They were made for each other.

“I finally understand why the Jade Maiden disciples are so shameless. They have a rotten leader

who sets a horrible example for them!

“You’re all a bunch of heartless bastards!” Dustin’s gaze became freezingly cold.

“How dare you!”

“Insolent bastard!”

The disciples of the Jade Maiden Sisterhood were livid when they heard Dustin’s words. All of them were filled with righteous indignation as a killing intent fired up within each of them.

They had never been so embarrassed like this before! This was the same as disgracing the entire

sisterhood!

“You brat! Do you have a death wish?” A murderous glint flashed in Edith’s eyes.

“We don’t know who has a death wish yet. If you annoy me any further, none of you will leave this place in one piece!” Dustin declared coldly.

“You impudent scoundrel! Take him down!” Edith shouted.

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“Wait!”

Nikki came running out and stood between Dustin and Edith.

“Can we please sit down and talk things through calmly? There must be a misunderstanding. Please don’t fight.”

“Get lost! This is none of your business!” Edith glared at her fiercely.

“Madam Edith, Dustin saved your life today! You can’t repay his kindness with revenge!” Nikki was exasperated.

“Shut up! You’re in no place to speak here!” Edith lost her cool.

It was embarrassing for her to be lectured by her disciple.

“Madam Parker, I’m giving you a chance for Nikki’s sake.”

Dustin demanded coldly, “If you break Brittany’s leg, we can all pretend that nothing happened today.”

“Utter rubbish! Why should anyone do as you say? Who do you think you are?” Brittany glared at him.

“Have you gone mad, brat? What makes you think that I’ll take orders from you?” Edith looked at him condescendingly.

“Why?” Dustin stepped forward before confidently saying, “Because I have the original copy of the Jade Maiden Scripture! Is that enough?”

“The Jade Maiden Scripture?”

The crowd was in an uproar when they heard that. They all gaped with greed in their eyes.

The Jade Maiden Scripture was the treasure of their guild. Anyone who could master the moves in the Jade Maiden Scripture could advance at an alarming speed.

“Hey, brat! Is that true?” Edith’s eyes widened, both in anticipation and in doubt.

The Jade Maiden Scripture she had previously gotten her hands on wasn't complete, as only half of it existed. So, she ended up going to extremes when practicing the moves.

She desperately needed the other half of the scripture to complete her training and ultimately reach the level of grandmaster.

“Of course, I mean what I say. If you break her leg, I might consider letting you look at it,” Dustin

said.

“Don't listen to his nonsense, Madam Edith! He's trying to trick you!” Brittany panicked.

She was worried that Edith might act on the spur of the moment and break her leg.

“You can say anything you want, brat. But I won't believe you unless you show me the scripture.”

Edith's eyes narrowed. “As long as you can prove to me that you have the Jade Maiden Scripture, I will do as you say and break this wench's leg!”

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“You want proof? That's simple.” Dustin approached one of the Jade Maiden disciples and took her sword, fastened by her waist.

The sword was unsheathed, and Dustin grabbed at it. Then, he performed a set of sword techniques.

His moves were agile and graceful. The swordplay was fancy but lethal simultaneously.

Those who watched were impressed and shocked by it.

“Do you recognize it yet?”

After demonstrating the swordplay routine, he threw the sword into the air. It landed accurately into its sheath.

“It's the Jade Maiden sword technique! It really is!”

Edith's eyes lit up, and her breathing quickened.

The Jade Maiden sword technique was the ultimate move in the scripture. She had had the chance to see her teacher perform it once.

It was profound and unparalleled.

She had never thought that she'd be able to see it again at such a place. It proved that Dustin really had the Jade Maiden Scripture.

“Well, I see that you've recognized it. That's great then,” Dustin said frostily.

“Now, I want you to break her leg personally!”

Brittany paled at his words.

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For a moment, all eyes were on Brittany.

The Jade Maiden Scripture was important to the Jade Maiden Sisterhood.

But Dustin had made his condition known.

He demanded that Brittany's leg be broken. And most importantly, he wanted Edith to do it personally

“Dus- Nikki intended to speak for them, but Dustin cut her off by raising a hand.

His gaze was fixed on Edith. “What do you say, Madam Parker?”

“Brittany is my lead disciple. I can never hurt her as her mentor,” Edith said righteously.

“So I take it that you have no interest in the Jade Maiden Scripture?” Dustin raised a brow.

“Of course, I'm interested in it. But I do not plan to take orders from you.”

Edith lifted her chin and said, “I will have the scripture and protect my disciple.

“Pass me the Jade Maiden Scripture now. That is an order.

“If you do, I will forgive you for your rudeness earlier. Otherwise, do not be surprised if I attack you!

Dustin was so angered that he failed to hold back a laugh.

She had readily agreed, but she backed out on her word in the blink of an eye. She even dared to boss him around.

That was a straight-up threat! She was shameless and proudly so.

“I must admit, I’ve underestimated how shameless you can be. You’re on an entirely different level of shamelessness.” Dustin chuckled as he shook his head.

He had met his fair share of shameless people but never one as shameless as Edith.

“You insolent bastard! How dare you insult Madam Edith! You’ve got a lot of nerve!”

“How dare you disrespect Madam Edith! You must have a death wish!”

The disciples of the Jade Maiden Sisterhood roared angrily. Some even took out their sword, ready to attack.

“You bastard’ Do you have any idea what you’ve just said?” Edith looked at him with hatred in her

eyes

If it had not been for the Jade Maiden Scripture, she would have already killed him for what he’d just said.

“You were the one whose words cannot be trusted! Why do you care what I say since you’re already shameless?” Dustin mocked.

“You bastard! Do not test my patience! Give me the Jade Maiden Scripture, and I might spare you this once!” Edith gradually lost her cool.

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Dustin declared.

Ight before you!”

He had been too patient with them, resulting in them to cross the line. If that were the case, he would have to resort to using violence.

“You? Do you even have what it takes?” Edith looked at him in disdain.

“That’s right! Who are you to say that? How dare you speak so arrogantly?” Brittany challenged.

With Edith there to back her up, she had nothing to fear.

“Mr. Adler, break both her legs,” Dustin ordered. He couldn’t be bothered to waste any more words on them.

“Yes, sir!” Cornelius laughed sinisterly and leaped forward.

He couldn’t hold back any longer. Those wicked wenches had repaid their kindness with ingratitude.

They created many problems for them. They even threatened Dustin and were ready to take what didn’t belong to them!

He could not put up with them any longer.

“You’re asking for trouble!” Edith’s gaze turned cold when she saw Cornelius about to attack. She dashed forward and aimed to punch him..

For a moment, a fierce wind rose. Sand and dust were flying all over.

“Just the right timing!” Cornelius did not back off and sent a punch aimed straight at Edith.

Both fists collided.

With a loud bang, they were both sent flying in opposite directions.

Cornelius stumbled more than ten steps back. His heart raced, and his arm went numb..

But Edith was sent three steps back. Her face paled.

But in comparison to Cornelius, it seemed like Edith was the stronger one.

“All hail, Madam Edith!”

“You’re amazing, Madam Edith!”

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples were overjoyed.

“Hahaha! How dare you challenge Madam Edith, you old thing? You overestimate yourself!” Brittany laughed meanly.

But the moment her voice died down, Edith spat a mouthful of blood and nearly collapsed.

“Madam Edith!”

They were all shocked and quickly dashed forward to support her.

Edith was stronger than Cornelius but had yet to recover from her internal injuries. Now that she had suffered the impact of the punch, her injuries acted up again.

“Stop fighting!”

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Nikki rushed over to stop Edith. “Madam Edith, you haven’t recovered yet! Please stop!”

“Damn it, brat!”

Infuriated, Edith slapped Nikki across the face. “If it weren’t for the incomplete scripture you gave me, I wouldn’t have gone to extremes in training and gotten injured!”

“I-it wasn’t me... Nikki held her cheek and shook her head frantically.

“Stop lying!” Edith shouted.

“How did that bastard get his hands on the Jade Maiden Scripture? I’m sure you were the one who stole it and gave it to him. You ungrateful bitch!”

“I didn’t!” Nikki denied anxiously.

“I see what you’re up to, Nikki Horst. You gave Madam Edith the incomplete scripture and gave that bastard the real one. You’re such a bitch!”

“I thought you were a loyal disciple. It turns out you’re just a backstabber who betrayed us!”

“Enough with the acting. You make me sick!”

Instantly, the Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples began cursing at Nikki.

They were sure Nikki must have conspired with Dustin and took the Jade Maiden Scripture for herself. It was a big crime.

“This is a misunderstanding!” Nikki tried to explain herself, but they refused to believe her.

Just like that, she became the prime suspect.

“Mr. Adler, hurry up and break that woman’s legs.”

Dustin pointed at Brittany, looking impassive.

“Yes, sir!” Cornelius jumped forward and swung his leg toward Brittany’s knee.

There was a crisp crack as Brittany’s knee bent backward, her bone fracturing from the impact.

“Aargh!” Brittany wailed as she fell to the ground in pain, sweating uncontrollably.

“Stop! If you hurt her again, I’ll make you pay with your life!” Edith snarled.

“An eye for an eye. She broke my men’s legs, so I should return the favor and break hers,” Dustin replied nonchalantly..

“Mr. Adler, her other leg as well.”

“Sure!” Cornelius sneered and raised his foot.

“I told you to stop!” Edith suddenly drew her sword and pressed the blade against Nikki’s neck.

“I’ll kill her if you do anything!”

Startled, Cornelius immediately stopped his attack.

“Madam Edith?” Nikki was stunned, looking in disbelief.

“Madam Parker, you’d kill your most faithful disciple?” Dustin narrowed his eyes.

“I’ve already kicked her out! She’s nothing to me now!” Edith retorted, lifting her sword.

The blade broke Nikki’s skin, causing blood to trickle out of the wound

“Why? What did I do wrong. Madam Edith? Why would you do this to me?” Nikki sobbed

She had remained loyal to Jade Maiden Sisterhood this entire time. She never imagined she would end up threatened by Edith

“Shut up Edith shouted

“Who the hell do you think you are? You’re nothing compared to Brittany!”

“So, you’re going to kill me because of Brittany?” Nikki’s voice trembled in shock

“Sacrificing you is nothing if it means saving Brittany. You’re just a pawn to me anyway” Edith snapped.

Nikki's legs went weak. She collapsed onto the ground with a pale face, utterly disappointed.

She never imagined that Edith would be ruthless enough to sacrifice her

Did her loyalty mean nothing to Edith?

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“I know the two of you are working together. If you don't want her to be killed, you better release Brittany!” Edith threatened, holding her sword at Nikki's neck.

She would have never resorted to such tactics if she hadn't been injured.

“Why? Why?” Nikki mumbled as she sat on the ground, tears dripping down her cheeks.

Dustin frowned and eventually nodded. “Fine, release Nikki, and I'll let go of your disciple.”

He gestured for Cornelius to step back.

“Take Brittany away first.” Edith signaled.

The Jade Maiden sisterhood disciples hurriedly dragged Brittany away.

Letitia remained by Edith's side to keep an eye on Cornelius in case he decided to do anything.

“Brat, I demand you to hand me the Jade Maiden Scripture!”

Although Brittany had been released, Edith did not lower her sword. Instead, she began to shout out her requests.

“I’ve already compromised once. You’d better not take things too far.” Dustin’s face hardened.

How dare that witch try to make another unreasonable request!

“The Jade Maiden Scripture belongs to us in the first place. It’s only natural that you return it to its rightful owner!” Edith demanded arrogantly.

“With

your attitude, do you think I’d hand it over?” Dustin retorted.

“Only women have use of the Jade Maiden Scripture. What would you do with it?

“I’ll forgive you for your rude actions toward me if you return it to me!” Edith continued her arrogant attitude.

“All of you are the same.” Dustin shook his head in annoyance.

“Even if it’s useless to me, I’d rather burn it to a crisp than hand it over to you!”

“You!” Edith’s face hardened.

“You better think this through, brat! I’ll kill her if you don’t give me the scripture!”

She pushed the sword harder at Nikki’s neck, causing Nikki’s wound to deepen and bleed more.

“I’ll destroy your entire group if she dies!”

Dustin immediately began releasing a murderous aura.

Knowing Edith's personality, the more he agreed to compromise, the more unreasonable her requests would be.

"Madam, why don't we fall back for now? I'm sure we'll get another chance." Letitia advised when she realized the situation was worsening.

"You're still hurt, so you shouldn't be fighting. There's a chance we might lose if you fight now."

Kirin Gang had many skilled disciples and members, especially Cornelius. Both sides would suffer heavily if a fight were to break out.

"What?" Edith frowned. She looked around and saw more Kirin Gang members surrounding them.

She hesitated and decided it was best to retreat since fighting wouldn't work in her favor today. "I'll let you off the hook for today! You better hand over the scripture within the next three days or be prepared to face the consequences!" Edith spat before jumping over the wall with Letitia and disappearing.

Instead of going after them, Dustin walked over to Nikki's side and crouched down. "Are you still going to be loyal to someone like her?"

"I just don't get it. Why is she acting like this? Am I not good enough?" Nikki knelt on the ground, devastated.

"She's not acting any differently. It's you who never saw her for who she was.

Dustin explained before advising, "There's no need to look up to someone who tramples all over you.

"Your best bet would be to leave Jade Maiden Sisterhood as soon as possible."

“B-but where would I go?” Nikki cried.

She joined Jade Maiden Sisterhood when she was in her teens. After living with them for eight years, the Jade Maiden Sisterhood was like a second home to her.

“If you don’t have anywhere else to go, you can join us,” Dustin answered frankly.

“Your brother was the guildmaster of Flame Dragon Guild when he was still alive. You can take over his position.”

“C-can I?” Nikki was doubtful.

“Of course.” Dustin nodded.

“You’re talented and more than capable of leading the guild. I’ll also write the Jade Maiden Scripture as a gift to celebrate your promotion.”

For female martial artists, the Jade Maiden Scripture was a valuable martial arts asset to them..

Mastering the technique in the scripture would make it possible for them to reach the level of grandmaster.

“T-thank you...” Nikki sobbed gratefully.

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Everyone could tell that Dustin truly cared for Nikki.

“You should freshen up. I’ll be holding a banquet for you tonight.

“It’ll be a good opportunity for you to get closer to the gang’s members.” Dustin patted her shoulder and waved two female disciples over to help Nikki to her room.

“Aren’t you being too nice to her, sir?” Cornelius asked.

“I owe Nelson my life, so I should help her however I can.” Dustin’s eyes turned sad.

“I just hope she doesn’t disappoint you.” Cornelius was envious.

Dustin didn’t just save Nikki. He helped her escape from that hellhole and would give her the Jade Maiden Scripture.

He was even going as far as to pass her the position of guildmaster!

There was no one as lucky as Nikki. If Cornelius were a woman, he would be throwing himself at Dustin by now.

Night soon fell.

Kirin Gang’s executives sat together in Zephyr Lodge’s ballroom, enjoying their drinks. All five of Kirin Gang’s guildmasters were present.

They were Cornelius from Darklaws, Nikki from Flame Dragon Guild, Alec Blanton of Charging Tiger Guild, Jim Kirk of Stonefur, and Joseph Bates from Slythorn.

All five of them were now Dustin’s most trusted subordinates, and each had their strengths.

Cornelius was known for his fighting skills, Nikki for her abilities and potential, Alec for his brains, Jim for his honorable personality, and Joseph for his versatility.

“Dame Nikki, congratulations on joining Kirin Gang! I would like to offer you a toast.”

“Dame Nikki, I greatly respect your brother and hope Flame Dragon Guild flourishes under your lead!”

“I’m not good with words, Nikki. So, I’ll let my toast do the talking.”

The four guildmasters stood up and offered Nikki a toast.

They knew that Dustin valued Flame Dragon Guild the most out of the five guilds. So, they didn't dare to protest about Flame Dragon Guild's guildmaster being a woman.

"Thank you." Nikki forced a smile and lifted her glass in response.

The room became much more lively after food and drinks were served, and everyone started getting a little tipsy.

After drinking a few glasses, Joseph passed out and fell to the ground.

"Pfft! Oh, Joseph! You always boasted about how good you are at drinking.

"I didn't expect you to be such a lightweight," Jim teased before passing out and falling to the floor.

"Jeez, what are you guys doing? Don't stop now." Alec reached over and tried to shake them awake but soon fell unconscious.

Soon, most of Kirin Gang's guildmasters were knocked out.

"What?" Cornelius tried to stop his head from spinning, finally realizing something was wrong.

"Sir, we've been drugged!"

"Well, you found out too late!" Someone cackled as the doors were kicked open.

Edith and the Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples barged into the ballroom.

"You?" Cornelius paled.

He tried to stand up to fight but nearly tripped. He could only stand where he was and try to resist the effects of the drug.

"You guys sure are stubborn!" Dustin frowned, pissed.

"I bet you didn't expect us to return!" Edith walked in confidently.

"Security at Zephyr Lodge is tight. When did you put the drug?" Cornelius growled.

There were no outsiders today, and Kirin Gang members were constantly on the lookout. So, the Jade Maiden Sisterhood shouldn't have had a chance to drug them.

"Well, I'll have to thank my darling disciple for that," Edith smirked and waved Nikki over.

"Well done, Nikki. I've decided to take you back in!"

Dustin and his men were shocked.

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Dustin stared at Nikki in disbelief from across the table. He couldn't believe that she had been the person who drugged them.

"Why is it you?" Cornelius' widened eyes were full of dismay, confusion, and anger.

He never imagined that the traitor would be Nikki, whom Dustin had treated so well.

"I'm sorry... I'm sorry." Nikki looked away guiltily and kept her head down.

"Why?" Dustin could only ask.

Because of Nelson, Dustin treated Nikki like his sister and tried to do everything in her best interest. He even reigned in his temper in front of Jade Maiden Sisterhood just to free her, so he never imagined that she would betray him in return.

"Jade Maiden Sisterhood is my home, and they are my family. I-I didn't have a choice. I'm sorry..." Nikki apologized as she repeatedly shook her head.

She felt guilty toward Dustin but couldn't go against Edith and the Jade Maiden Sisterhood's wishes.

"I just don't get it. Why are you still so determined to stay when they mistreated you? Just, why?" Dustin's brows were furrowed.

He couldn't understand why Nikki would throw her pride away and serve people who treated her like trash.

"I..." Nikki didn't know what to say, so she kept her head down and remained silent.

"What's the point of talking about that now?" Edith sneered.

"Nikki is my disciple, and she belongs to Jade Maiden Sisterhood. Naturally, she should be helping me.

"You only have yourself to blame for being so naive."

"That's right. Serves you right for trusting women so readily!" Edith's disciples jeered.

"Yeah, you're right. I was an idiot for believing a person I just met." Dustin smirked self- mockingly.

Although Nelson had been loyal, it didn't mean that Nikki would be the same.

Dustin had been too naive and stupid to believe that Nikki would come around if he treated her

well.

The reality turned out to be completely different

Nikki had drugged the Kirin Gang to return to Jade Maiden Sisterhood's good graces despite

Dustin couldn't help feeling disappointed at how she repaid him.

"Your fates are in our hands now. You better hand the scripture over if you don't want to die!" Edith threatened.

"I have it, Madam Edith. Please take a look at it." Nikki rushed over, took out the scripture, and offered it to Edith.

It was the handwritten present Dustin gave her earlier at the table.

"Really?" Edith took the scripture and began flipping through it before laughing excitedly.

"It is the Jade Maiden Scripture. It even has records of the Drizzle Dance Sword Art. Well done!

Edith beamed and praised Nikki. "You've finally done a good job. I'll be sure to reward you once we're back!"

"Thank you, Madam Edith!" Nikki immediately perked up, her mood reflecting Edith's.

"What an idiot!" Cornelius spat.

Was Nikki a moron? She could have kept the scripture to herself and used it to her advantage instead of giving it away.

“I didn’t expect you to treat my disciple so well, brat.” Edith waved the scripture smugly.

“You gave the thing I had been looking for so diligently away as a gift. I’m so touched I could cry.

“Unfortunately for you, it still ended up in my hands.”

“Madam Edith, you’ve finally obtained the scripture. Let’s leave.” Nikki forced a smile.