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Antagonize

Colin looked upset as well, but not because his lackey lost. He was upset because he was embarrassed right in front of the ladies, and he quickly went into the fray in a last-ditch attempt to save his dignity.

Kristoff didn't lend a hand, nor did Kenneth. Both of them were looking at the man in black with concern.

Jared frowned as well. Even though the man in black was already showing a Top-Level Senior Grandmaster's level of strength, he knew the man in black was still holding back. The guy might look young, but he must already be a Martial Arts Grandmaster. He might be even more powerful than Hayden, Emyrean Sect's leader.

Demonic Cultivation raises a cultivator's strength quickly, just like they said it would. Or there's no way someone could be a Martial Arts Grandmaster at this age.

The man in black frowned. He wasn't scared of the martial artists from Shadow Estate, but if the fight went on, everyone would find out that he was a Demonic Cultivator.

"Goddmmit! This is the first time I've been embarrassed like this! Men, kill this bstard and throw him into the sea!" Colin yelled angrily.

His lackeys quickly went into position, and their power levels started to rise. The man in black tried his best to keep his lethal intent in check, lest anyone find out about his real identity.

Just when the fight was about to begin, a young man in traditional clothes showed up, and a group of people in the same attire stood behind him.

There was a dragon embroidered on the left side of their clothes, so it was obvious that this group of people came from the Deragon family. "Trying to start a fight on the ship? Now that's just discourteous."

Godrick shot a look at Colin and the man in black before an invisible wave of pressure crashed over them.

Colin calmed down the moment Godrick showed up, and he waved at his lackeys, asking them to stop the fight. "Mr. Deragon, this guy injured one of my men. I think I am entitled to compensation at least," he told Godrick.

"I saw what really happened." Godrick looked at Colin, then he told the man in black, "You may leave now."

The man in black quickly left the scene. He felt nervous when Godrick showed up, worried that the man might see through him.

Colin was displeased by the fact that Godrick let the man in black go, and a frown formed on his forehead. "Mr. Deragon, someone has insulted us, and you let him go just like that? Do you expect us, the Shadow Estate, to take this humiliation lying down?"

"You crossed him just to flirt with a few ladies. If you think you're humiliated, feel free to take this matter to us." Godrick shot Colin a glare, and Colin felt a chill run down his spine.

Knowing that he couldn't get Godrick to side with him, Colin gritted his teeth and snorted. In the end, he and his men went back to their cabin, his desire to flirt long since ruined.

The Shadow Estate might be powerful, but not powerful enough to go up against the Deragons. The Deragon family was truly powerful, and they were big enough to snuff out any weaker entities.

After Colin went back to his cabin, Godrick looked at the ladies and told his men, "Get these ladies a room, and give them the card."

"Yes, sir."

Soon, the Deragons freed up a room and handed a card to Godrick.

"Ladies, you may come and see me if you need anything. My name is Godrick. If it's fine with you, may we have some tea?" Godrick gave Josephine the key card.

“No, it is not fine with them.” Jared went and stood in front of Josephine before taking the key card from her. He then glanced at Godrick and left the place with the ladies without saying another word.

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What Do You Want

Godrick was caught by surprise, then he stared at Jared and started to frown. “Who is that man? Do I know him? Why do I feel like I’ve seen him before?” He wondered why he was feeling that way.

He had a feeling he had seen Jared the moment he saw him, but he couldn’t remember where he had seen Jared before.

Godrick might have come from a branch family, but he was still related to Jared. Jared’s mother was Godrick’s aunt, making him Godrick’s cousin.

However, there was no love between them. In fact, they were at each other’s throats, though Godrick didn’t know that just yet.

“Mr. Deragon.”

Kenneth and Kristoff went over and nodded at Godrick to greet him. They wouldn’t dare put up airs around Godrick, for he was a much more talented man than they both were.

Godrick nodded at them and waved his hand, telling everyone to leave the scene. He didn’t want any unexpected events happening while they were on their way to the island.

After Jared left with the ladies, he said jealously, “Well, I didn’t expect you girls to be so popular.”

Josephine giggled in amusement. “Why? Are you jealous?”

“I am not.” Jared shook his head.

“We’re the only young ladies around. Everyone else is at least twenty years older than we are. It’s only natural that we’re popular.” Lizbeth smiled.

What she said was true as among the hundred passengers on board the ferry, the ladies were the only young women around. It was little wonder that the men were so eager to help them out.

Renee said sweetly, “It’s all because Josephine and Lizbeth are too pretty. That’s why those men are so eager to show themselves off. I’d try to hit them up too if I was a guy.”

“Oh, you really know how to make us happy, Renee.” Lizbeth patted Renee’s head, but then she remembered something, and her face fell.

“What’s wrong, Lizbeth?” Jared asked curiously when he noticed the look on Lizbeth’s face.

“It’s nothing.” Lizbeth shook her head. She was hit by a pang of sadness because she knew that Renee and Josephine might not come out of the trip alive.

Just when Jared was about to pry further, a few people got in their way. Jared turned around to see who it was, and it was none other than Sean and his men. Standing beside Sean was his brother, Sylvester.

“Surprise, motherf*cker. Are you happy to see us, Jared?” Sean sneered.

“What do you want, Sean?” Jared had actually noticed the Cooper siblings when they were still back at the hotel, so he wasn’t surprised to see them on the ship.

Huh... Jared’s too calm about this. Sean frowned. “You killed my brother. Shouldn’t you be afraid of me?”

“On the contrary, I think you should be the one cowering in fear. If I can kill your brother, that means I can kill you too. If you want your family to be wiped out, you are always welcome to challenge me,” Jared answered calmly.

Sean’s face turned red with fury, and he pointed at Jared. “Don’t be so sure of that, kid. Do you think we’re afraid of you just because we didn’t come looking for you? I’m telling you, I’ll cut you down to pieces and make your women my plaything!”

Sean wasn't afraid in the slightest, for Sylvester was with him, and his fury mounted. However, just when Sean was about to attack Jared, Sylvester stopped him.

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Do Not Get In My Way

"Sylvester! He killed Xander. Now that he's right in front of us, why are you stopping me?" Sean couldn't understand why Sylvester was stopping him from taking revenge. It was the perfect chance as well.

"Did you forget what the Deragons said? Starting a fight on this ship means you're breaking the rules, but they can't do anything once we disembark. Who knows, maybe the Deragons will kill him for us. After all, bringing pretty ladies around with him in a place like this is just asking for trouble." Sylvester sneered at Jared.

This guy just embarrassed Godrick in front of everyone. The Deragons are famously arrogant. They will never leave this guy alive.

Sean finally calmed down after hearing that, and he scoffed at Jared. "Fine. I'll let you live for now, but I will make you beg for your life once we get to the island."

"F*ck off, mongrels. You're in my way. If you don't want to fight, then piss off." Jared shrugged their threats off and shoved Sean away before he and the ladies went to their room.

Sean glared at Jared and spat, "You might think you can insult us now, but you'll be paying for that." Then he looked at Sylvester. "Who are the Deragons anyway? Are they really powerful? I've never heard of them before. And what about the Shadow Estate? And the Thunderstorm Sect. I've never heard about them either."

Sylvester looked at his brother in displeasure. "You spend all your time partying, so of course, you know nothing about them. The Coopers would have fallen apart if it weren't for Xander. And I'll be staying in the ancestral

land in the future. I can't come back frequently, so it's up to you now to support the family. You had better work for it," he scolded.

Sean took a step back and stopped talking.

The trip went by quickly, and everyone finally saw Dragon Island. Even before they disembarked, they could feel a freezing gale blowing at them, sending a chill down their spines.

It was summer, so there was no need for thick clothes, or so they thought. To their surprise, Dragon Island was covered in snow, the total opposite of what summer was supposed to look like.

When Jared saw the snow-covered island, he commented, "I see. So the legends are true."

The ferry docked at the pier, and Godrick announced through the PA system, "Passengers, the mountain you see before you is Mount Icedrake. You may disembark now if you wish to land here. We will go around the island in a while and disembark at the other pier. The choice is yours to make."

The ferry's spiral staircase descended, allowing the passengers to disembark. However, none of them left the ferry even after a while. Nobody wanted to land on an icy land. And since the whole place was covered in snow, there would be no herbs in a place like this, and all the martial artists came to the island to get their hands on the herbs and beasts, both of which the icy lands did not contain.

Since nobody was disembarking, the staff was about to pull the staircase back up, but then, Jared and the ladies appeared and went down the staircase, much to everyone's surprise.

Seeing this, the crowd broke out into a heated discussion.

"Is this guy mad? Not to mention he's taking the ladies with him? They might freeze to death here."

"They don't look like they're here on a treasure hunt. More like they're on a vacation. I mean, who in their right mind would take three women with them on a treasure hunt, right?"

“Ah, they won’t freeze to death. They can huddle together and work out to warm themselves up. Get my drift?”

“Dang, that kid’s one lucky b*stard to have three women at once.”

The passengers were envious of Jared for leaving with the ladies.

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Do Not Fight With Me

After Jared and the ladies had disembarked, Kristoff and his men followed suit. Since Kristoff had taken his leave, Kenneth and Colin went with him as well.

The desire to disembark at this part of the island plummeted after the three young men took their leave. Although the crowd was worried about Jared and the ladies, they dared not take any action. After all, it was obvious that the men were after the ladies.

“What should we do now, Sylvester?” Sean asked Sylvester after he saw Jared disembark.

After some consideration, Sylvester gritted his teeth. “We’ll disembark as well.”

He had to avenge his brother, so they must follow Jared. He must kill Jared on the island if he wished to escape any punishment.

When Jared noticed the group of people following them, his face fell. The reason he chose to disembark at the snow-capped lands was that nobody else wanted to. Exploring alone would make it so much easier for Jared to claim the draconic essence.

If there were too many people around, it would make it hard for him to move around even if he had the map. He wouldn’t even take the map out in this case. If they knew he had the map of the island, they’d kill to get their hands on it.

Colin leered at Renee, and he was almost drooling. "Well, well, well, I didn't think of you guys as a womanizer. But there are three of them, and there are three of us. This is perfect. We can have one each. I'm calling dibs on ponytail girl. She might still be developing, but she's young. She's mine, all right?"

Kenneth and Kristoff rolled their eyes. Is this guy here to flirt or hunt for treasure?

The reason Kristoff disembarked was that he wanted to get back at the ladies for embarrassing him back at the hotel. After all, pride was the most important thing for rich young lads like Kristoff.

Kenneth, however, wasn't there for the women, nor did he have any dispute to settle. He only came because Kristoff did. He disliked Kristoff, and he wanted to compete with the guy at every possible chance.

Sylvester and the Coopers showed up at the same time as well. When Colin saw them, he frowned at Sylvester and Sean. "Hey, aren't you guys too old for younger women? Man, you think you have what it takes to woo a young lady?"

Sylvester and Sean were in their forties and fifties. Naturally, Colin saw them as middle-aged men. Why are they even trying to woo a younger lady at this age?

Sean wanted to teach Colin a lesson for insulting him. How dare a Grandmaster brat talk to me like that?

However, Sylvester held his brother back and smiled at Colin. "You misunderstood us, Mr. Zare. We aren't interested in those women. We have a beef to settle with Jared, and this is the perfect place to end things with him."

Colin pointed at Jared. "Is that the guy you're talking about?"

"Yes, that is correct." Sylvester nodded.

"Fine. As long as you stay away from the ladies. There's only enough for me and my friends," Colin agreed.

Sylvester smiled silently. The Coopers might be powerful, but he didn't want to cross the young men nonetheless. Besides, Sylvester came from a branch

family, so if he really crossed the young men, he doubts his family would come to his defense.

Just as the Cooper siblings and their grunts were heading toward Jared, another passenger disembarked. It was none other than the man in black who injured Colin's lackey back on the ferry.

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Who Is He

Colin was furious when he saw the man in black, but he said nothing, for he knew the man was not to be trifled with. Even though he had asked his supposed friends to protect him, he knew neither Kenneth nor Kristoff would come to his aid. They were just friends in name only.

Jared noticed the man as well, and his face fell, then a frown furrowed his brows. Sh*t. Everyone here is powerful. This mission is getting harder by the minute.

However, all the man in black did was glance at them before going the other way. Evidently, he had no plans of walking with Jared and the others.

Someone announced through the PA system, "We will return in three days to pick you all up. If you cannot make it, then you shall be left behind on the island."

Godrick was still in his room on the highest point of the ferry, and he smirked at the passengers who disembarked. "Interesting. This group of passengers might spark something worth watching."

"Sir, do you think the one we're looking for might be among them?" Godrick's lackey was looking at Jared and the others as well. He said, "The older ones are out of the question, and the rich trio can't be him. Do you think it's the man in black? He looks like he has something to hide."

“There’s no need to guess. We’ll find out who he is in three days.” Godrick narrowed his eyes. “I can’t wait to meet my cousin. I wonder what he looks like.”

The sound of a horn blared from the ferry, and it left the pier. After the ferry had left, Sean led his men and surrounded Jared. This time, Sylvester didn’t stop him. Jared killed his brother, and Sylvester must avenge him.

Meanwhile, Jared remained as calm as a cucumber despite being surrounded. The ladies, however, were starting to get nervous, and they huddled around Jared.

“Hey, Jared. I bet you can’t do anything now that you don’t have anyone to protect you anymore, huh? We’re in a remote place, and you’re practically alone. Time to get my revenge.”

Sean hurled a punch at Jared. As a Senior Grandmaster, Sean’s punch alone was enough to create a small snowstorm, but that didn’t faze Jared at all. Instead, Jared snorted, “Now that’s one way to get yourself killed.”

Just when Jared was about to punch him back, Renee leaped ahead instead. “You’re not getting to Jared unless I say so!”

Renee closed in on Sean in a second, and that caught Sean by surprise. Since Colin wanted the ladies alive, Sean had to hold back. If he actually killed Renee, Colin might demand his head in return.

He reduced his strength by half, and the fighters finally collided. The collision produced a loud bang, and the shockwaves blew the snow around them up into the air, leaving nothing but the bare ground behind.

At the same time, Sean was sent flying backward from the impact. His insides were churning, and he coughed up blood from the injury he sustained.

“Sean!” Sylvester leaped up into the air and caught his brother, preventing him from crashing to the ground.

Everyone was dumbfounded to see Renee sending Sean flying with a single punch. Colin was excited, however, for he wasn’t scared of Renee’s overwhelming strength.

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Mind Your Words

Sean coughed violently, spewing up more blood as he did so. Sylvester quickly sent a sliver of his martial energy into Sean's body and kept his injuries under control.

"F*ck! I held back because you're just a girl, but you went all out? I'm so going to kill you!" Sean was infuriated. A girl sent me flying with a single punch? That's just humiliating!

Just when Sean was about to fight Renee again, Colin came to defend her. "You should mind your words, you b*stard! You're a big man who just got beaten by a young lady! You're weak, so just admit to it! Insult her again and I will tear your tongue out!" he roared darkly.

Sean was already livid, to begin with, and Colin's insult stoked his rage. "Who the fck do you think you are? You're just a puny Grandmaster! I can kill you with a single finger! What's next, are you going to tell me that you're from the Shadow Estate? Well, the joke's on you cause I don't even know what the fck kind of place is that! So buzz off!"

Sylvester didn't expect Sean to insult Colin, and he frowned.

Colin felt murderous after receiving that kind of insult. He waved his hand down, and his lackeys came to back him up. The Coopers and the group from Shadow Estate were in a tense confrontation, and a battle was about to begin.

"Mr. Zare, my brother did not mean that. He was just being impulsive. I apologize on his behalf, but please do not stop us from taking our revenge," Sylvester quickly apologized upon seeing that they were going to start an unnecessary battle.

"Apology? That's some useless sh*t! Tell him to grovel before me and I might consider letting him off!" Colin refused the apology, and the retort made Sylvester's face fall.

“Mr. Zare, I suggest that you step back from this. I know you and your men are powerful, but we from the Cooper family aren’t easy prey either.” Sylvester’s eyes glinted coldly.

Sylvester’s threat did not work on Colin, however. All it did was add fuel to Colin’s flame of anger. “The Coopers? What the f*ck kinda family is that? If you want a fight, then you’re getting a fight!” Colin waved his hand. “Take them down! Show them what we’re made of!”

Colin quickly retreated from the battlefield. When all was said and done, he was nothing but a Grandmaster. All his enemy had to do was release their aura, and he would be defeated in no time.

Since the battle was imminent, Sylvester ordered, “Take care of Sean.” Then, he released his aura, and the pressure of a Martial Arts Grandmaster spread across a hundred-meter radius, covering everyone who was within the area of effect.

Colin’s face fell when he felt the pressure Sylvester was generating. He had actually snuck out for the trip, so he didn’t bring too many powerful fighters with him. This guy is a Martial Arts Grandmaster? D*mn! This is going to be a problem.

If we’re serious about this fight, then I might actually be on the losing side. Cr*p. That’s going to be embarrassing. Doubly so, since it’s right in front of the lady I’m crushing for. Colin actually had a little crush on Renee after he saw her fight, or he wouldn’t have come to her defense.

He looked to Kenneth and Kristoff for help. After all, they had Martial Arts Grandmasters among their men.

Meanwhile, Colin’s men were doing all they could to fight Sylvester’s pressure, but the tides weren’t in their favor. When Kristoff saw the pleading look Colin was giving him, he gave one of his men a look.

The old man nodded, and his clothes billowed in the air, though there were no winds around, and then he released his aura.

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Fallen In Love

When the old man's aura came in contact with Sylvester's, they canceled each other out.

Colin's men took the chance to regroup, and Sylvester frowned. He looked toward Kristoff and the old man.

Kristoff stepped up and told Colin and Sean, "Can you end this battle here? We're here to search for treasures, and if possible, we might get to meet a dragon as well. We don't have to fight right after we land on this island."

Colin took the chance to make his 'graceful' retreat. "Since you're the one asking, I shall let this matter slide. I'll kill them off otherwise."

Jared looked at Colin, and he almost laughed out loud. Man, this guy is funny.

Sylvester wanted to smack Colin for saying that, but since Kristoff was taking Colin's side, he couldn't force the battle to continue. After all, he wasn't powerful enough to fight two families at once. "Very well then. If that is what you wish, Mr. Shalvis." With that, Sylvester left.

"Sylvester!" Sean called out to him, wondering why his brother wasn't picking a bone with Jared.

"We're leaving!" Sylvester glared at him.

Left with no choice, Sean could only leave, though someone had to come to his aid. Before he left, he shot Jared a nasty glare. "You can't hide behind your women forever, Jared. Remember that."

After the Coopers had taken their leave, Colin spat at them. "You think you're all that, huh, a*sholes? You only got away because I snuck out and managed to bring only a limited number of fighters."

Hearing that, Kenneth and Kristoff finally understood why Colin's parents let him come to the island with only a few Senior Grandmasters as his bodyguard. So this guy snuck out. The Shadow Estate must be in chaos right now.

After Colin was done flinging his threats, he turned around and asked Renee, "Are you all right, lady?"

Renee looked at him and nodded.

"Well, now that all the unpleasanties are done for, let me introduce myself. I'm Colin." Colin smiled at her and extended his hand.

Renee did not shake his hand. She simply answered "Renee" in a quiet tone before she went back to Jared.

"We should go now." Jared and the ladies left. They only had three days, so they had no time to waste anymore.

Colin saw her off, and he started to smile dumbly. "Renee, huh? That's a nice name," he mumbled to himself.

Kristoff was surprised to see Colin looking like he was in love. "You can't have fallen for her, can you, Colin?"

Colin nodded honestly. "Yes, I have."

Kenneth was surprised as well. "Bruh, you've slept with countless women, and you've never fallen for any single one of them. But that girl caught your attention? She's not even fully developed yet."

Colin glared at Kenneth. "Don't you insult my girlfriend, Kenneth! She's my type."

Kenneth wasn't scared of Colin at all, and he roared with laughter. "You're thinking too highly of yourself, mate. 'Your girlfriend?' She probably doesn't even like you."

Kristoff patted Colin's shoulder. "We know you're just joking. After all, you're someone who never sees things through. I give you two days top before you start to lose your love for her."

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A Treat

Colin declared, "I won't lose interest! I will win Renee over!" With that, he led the others in pursuit of Jared's group.

They had barely taken two steps when Colin turned around to address Kenneth and Kristoff, "Both of you aren't allowed to mess around with Renee's friends, got it? If you want to enjoy the company of women, I'll send you a truckload after we're back."

Kenneth snorted and replied, "Cut it out! I never said I was going to play around with any woman. That's all in your imagination."

He did not alight from the boat to pursue women in the first place.

Kristoff, on the other hand, had been interested in hitting on the pretty Josephine.

Colin's point-blank warning had him smiling and saying dramatically, "All right. I will sacrifice myself for your happiness!"

"Kenneth, Kristoff, I'll treat both of you to drinks after this!" Colin announced before setting off in hasty pursuit.

Kenneth and Kristoff exchanged a tense glance before following Colin.

Meanwhile, Jared had led Josephine and the others deeper into the island. After checking that no one was following them, he took out his map and checked it. He confirmed their bearings and continued walking.

There was little trace of human activity on the island. Thick snow made it difficult to see into the distance. Additionally, the island was shrouded in dense spiritual energy.

Josephine took a deep breath with her eyes closed. She sighed, "The air on this island is amazing."

Jared smiled at the sight of Josephine's expression and commented, "Don't breathe with your nose. Try to use your body to absorb the surrounding air."

Josephine could sense the spiritual energy on the island thanks to the detoxification pill she had consumed earlier; this was how she perceived the exceptional freshness of the air in regions with high levels of spiritual energy.

"You don't need to lecture us on that. Mr. Deragon taught us that trick a long time ago," Lizbeth teased.

Josephine and Lizbeth had both eaten detoxification pills. Their bodies had undergone changes that allowed them to detect the presence of spiritual energy. They also studied cultivation methods and learned to absorb spiritual energy into their bodies, officially embarking on the path toward spiritual energy cultivation.

"That's great. The spiritual energy here is strong, and we can take the opportunity to strengthen ourselves," Jared said.

The pores on his body expanded and began absorbing the spiritual energy around him as though they were starved.

Jared was now in the Fourth Tier of the Transcendence Phase. Defeating a Second Level Martial Arts Grandmaster was peanuts for him. Armed with his magecraft, Jared could give a Level Three Martial Arts Grandmaster a run for his money.

I wonder when I'll achieve Core Formation Phase. Even a Martial Arts Grandmaster at his peak would hardly frighten me then!

Jared had never longed for power and strength more than he did at that moment.

He knew that being invincible was the only way to save his mother and make the Deragons pay for their crimes. His heart ached when he thought of the torment his mother had experienced for over twenty years.

Just then, Colin and his men caught up to Jared's group. Colin rasped, "Wait for me, Renee. Wait for me."

Though Colin's abilities were equivalent to that of a Grandmaster, his pampered upbringing had not prepared him for the biting cold on the island.

Jared frowned slightly at the sight of Colin's men. It'll be difficult to execute our plans if there are people following us around!

Josephine teased, "Renee, does he actually like you?"

Renee looked displeased with Colin's pursuit. She knew why they were on Dragon Island, and their group needed to act alone, or they would only invite trouble.

Colin neared their group and grinned. He uttered, "Renee, you ran away so quickly. It was so hard to catch up to you."

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A Warning

"Why did you come after me?" Renee complained.

Colin stammered through his explanation, "I-I was worried that the Coopers would bully you, so I chased after you with some reinforcements. Plus, this island is dangerous. I wanted to protect you myself."

Renee replied curtly, "I don't need your protection. Jared, Josephine, and Lizbeth are more than enough. It's not like you can win anyone with your current abilities anyway."

Her scathing reply put Colin in an awkward position. Eventually, he muttered, "We have many skilled fighters in our family. I didn't bring them all along on this trip. Don't write me off because of my weak skills. I'm willing to risk my life to protect you."

His bold vow stunned Renee into silence. The young woman had never received such a heartfelt confession in her lifetime.

Noticing that her friend was at a loss for words after Colin's curveball of a confession, Josephine stepped forward and tugged on Renee's arm. She pulled Renee behind her and barked at Colin, "Don't even think about fooling Renee. Rich playboys like you are only good for your silver tongues."

Josephine then dragged Renee along as she turned and left. Lizbeth pointed a warning finger at Colin and hissed, "Don't you dare follow us."

The three ladies continued following Jared while Colin and his group trailed them from some distance. His stalking irked Josephine and Lizbeth to no end.

Jared tried to pacify them by saying, "Let them follow us. Just ignore him."

Jared had long dismissed Colin's presence as a threat despite his playboy behavior. In any case, the men Colin had brought with him were weak fighters, and if push came to shove, Jared knew he could defeat them easily.

They had been walking some time when a menacing howl pierced the silence.

The howl was so loud that the ground vibrated, causing a flurry of snow to fall from the trees.

Jared froze in surprise and sped in the direction of the howl, followed closely by Josephine and the others.

Colin jumped in surprise when he heard the howl. However, upon seeing Jared and his group heading toward the source of the howl, Colin plucked up his courage and led his men in pursuit.

Jared saw a massive white wolf after they had walked a short distance. The wolf had a snowy, white coat and was as big as an ox. Its eyes glowed eerily, and its hair bristled with hostility, looking like sharp, iron spikes.

A man dressed in a suit stood before the wolf. He glared at the beast, his body poised to strike at any moment.

The Cooper brothers were observing the man and the wolf from the side. Everyone else soon joined the fray, including Kenneth and Kristoff.

This was the first beast everyone had encountered since setting foot on the island. It looked unusually large, a consequence of absorbing the island's spiritual energy over the years. It was likely to be extremely intelligent as well.

The suit-clad man turned around slightly and noticed his spectators. He could not help but frown.

He had gone two rounds with the white wolf before this. Though he had not successfully killed the beast, he had the upper hand, and victory was merely a

matter of time. Then, he would be able to kill the wolf and obtain its beast core.

Now that he had an audience, however, the suited man knew that it would be more difficult to escape with the beast core.

Jared stared at the humongous wolf and exclaimed in awe, "I never imagined there would be such a fierce white wolf in such a cold place. We might encounter more frightful creatures on our journey."

Jared did not know if he would find the rumored Ice Dragon and Flame Dragon on this island or if he even could defeat them and obtain the draconic essence. If a white wolf was already this strong, the two dragons were undoubtedly more powerful. The thought sent chills down Jared's spine.

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The White Wolf

Colin approached Jared. Like a know-it-all, Colin explained, "This white wolf must be as big as an ox thanks to the influence of giant dragons on this island. I heard that there are two dragons on this island that are covered in magical items. Any beasts living with these dragons on the island must have evolved to challenge their biological limits and become fearsome monsters."

He hoped that his knowledge would improve his relationship with Jared, which would considerably aid his pursuit of Renee.

Jared merely eyed Colin silently, dashing the latter's hopes.

Just then, the white wolf let out a growl and charged at its suit-clad opponent after observing the latter's momentary distraction.

The fur of the white wolf bristled, standing straight and sharp as a blade. It would surely draw blood if it made contact with human skin.

The white wolf leaped through the air, baring its fangs menacingly.

The suited man frowned and rolled out of the way, barely dodging the white wolf's attack.

He was a Martial Arts Grandmaster, and his struggle against the white wolf spoke volumes about the beast's ability.

Plus, the white wolf's high intelligence allowed it to identify an opportunity to strike when its opponent was distracted, causing the suit-clad man to fumble.

The suited man had barely regained his footing when the white wolf charged once more.

Startled, the man tensed all the muscles in his body and swung a fist at the wolf.

The fist landed smack on the abdomen of the white wolf, causing it to fly back from the impact.

The white wolf howled pitifully and landed in a heap at Jared's feet.

"Ah!" Frightened, Josephine and the girls stumbled backward.

Though they all knew martial arts, the size of the white wolf instilled fear in their beings.

Noticing Renee's fear, Colin assumed the role of a hero saving a damsel in distress. He pulled out the dagger at his belt and declared, "It's just a beast. I'll kill it!"

He stepped forward and was about to slash the beast.

A subordinate stopped him before he could approach the beast. "Mr. Zare, you must not approach the beast. It might swallow you whole."

After all, Colin was merely a Grandmaster, and it was entirely plausible for him to become beast chow.

The warning caused Colin to retract his steps and shrink in fear.

Meanwhile, Jared stared at the injured white wolf at his feet. The fur covering the wolf's abdomen had changed from white to black, and the ominous change was spreading rapidly.

Jared knew that this was caused by lethal intent entering the white wolf's body. The suit-clad man's fist had channeled his entire energy, which enabled lethal intent to enter the wolf's body.

Nearby, Kenneth and Kristoff similarly observed the change in the wolf. Their eyes widened in shock as they gasped, "Demonic Cultivation?"

Sylvester's guard immediately went up when he observed the change. Then, he glared at the suit-clad man warily.

The suit-clad man was about to step forward and end the wolf's life. He faltered when he noticed the audience's knowing stares. Realizing that they had uncovered his true identity, the suit-clad man froze in indecision.

"Damn it! He's a Demonic Cultivator. I freaking hate Demonic Cultivators!" Kenneth's temper flared, and he strode determinedly toward the suit-clad man.

Kristoff followed him, along with the fighters they had brought with them.

Every ancient family and clan member had been taught to kill Demonic Cultivators on sight. Consequently, Demonic Cultivators took extra precautions to conceal their identities.