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When Yoel heard that, he immediately persuaded, "That's not a good idea, Horus. It'll be very bad for our family's reputation if anyone finds out what you did. How about we just buy it at a higher price?"

Horus's expression soured instantly and he retorted, "What's wrong with that? The item was supposed to belong to me, but that person from Brookbourn took it from us! Isn't it just for me to snatch it back? It'll be an even bigger disgrace to our family if I don't get it back!" Having ended his sentence, Horus could not help but smirk as he glared at Yoel and said, "Or could it be that you're jealous of me? After all, my wife Rachel is a beautiful woman, don't you think? You're just jealous of me for marrying such a beautiful woman! Didn't you stop me when I wanted to marry her the other day? I think you're in love with my woman too!"

Yoel was utterly speechless. Rachel did not like Horus at all, and she only accepted his marriage proposal under Horus's threats and duress. During that moment, he felt pity for Rachel and help to stand up for her, since someone of Horus's status would happily choose a woman from an endless pool of gold-diggers. Little did he know that Horus was determined to marry Rachel, and there was nothing else that Yoel could do for her.

As if that was not bad enough, Horus went so far as to accuse him of coveting the same woman simply because he had given a bit of advice regarding the jewelry.

Yoel then immediately defended himself. "You're overthinking, Horus. Why would I want to take your woman? You of all people know better than anyone that I'm not all that close with Rachel!"

However, Horus threatened him, "I'm glad you're aware of that. Let me warn you again: you have no business meddling in my affairs. If you keep doing that, I'm afraid my subordinates might have to put you in your place one day. I hope you don't blame me for being ruthless if it has to come to that."

Yoel's mouth twitched a few times and he looked at Mason in the hopes that Mason could speak for him. However, Mason had turned his head to the other side and chose to remain silent.

"Yo, Horus! Where's the necklace and ring? Have they been delivered? Show them to us and let us marvel at them!" All of a sudden, several rich young friends who hung out with Horus all the time showed up all of a sudden and asked Horus excitedly.

Horus's face soured instantly and he said coldly, "They haven't sent it over for the time being, but don't worry. They'll be here soon, and they'll grace my woman's beautiful body in another seven days!\*

A woman immediately complained, "Sigh. Why haven't they delivered it to you yet? Didn't you say it was supposed to be transported by air? I was excited to see those two unique pieces, but I guess it was a waste of time for me to come here!"

"Yeah! What a disappointment!" said another fashionably-dressed man who stood at one side.

"Relax. You'll see it soon!" Horus felt embarrassed, but he still assured them with confidence.

Those friends of his decided to go shopping after their little excursion to see the jewelry ended up in disappointment. They invited Horus to come along too, but Horus turned their offer down. Once everyone left, Horus cursed angrily, "Damn it, that was so embarrassing..."

Mason finally said, "You should go and get the pieces back, but at least show some courtesy first and ask the buyer how much they spent to take it from us. If they're willing to hand it over, then we'll return the amount that he paid to get it. I'm sure he'll be respectful when he knows that we're from a county mansion!"

"Okay. I'll bring some of our stronger men over there. I heard that Brookbourn's scenery is amazing, so I'll treat this as a short sightseeing trip!" Horus walked out with a smile. He then called a middle-aged man and instructed him to bring over some of their stronger men to Brookbourn.

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Horus arrived in Brookbourn later that night and got off the plane with his men. As soon as he arrived, he saw the advertisements on the entire city's bus route maps as well as some of the buses.

"This Severin guy is getting married in seven days too? Is he the same person who snatched my necklace and ring?" Horus could not help but frown when he looked at the photo in the advertisement.

"Help me find out if any other rich kid is getting married on the same too!" Horus decided to instruct one of his subordinates, who immediately ran out to find out more about the situation.

Horus stared at the photo on the poster in a daze, and after looking at it for some time, he could not help but touch his chin as he said, "I never expected there to be such beautiful women here in Brookbourn. It's a shame that she's going to get married soon. If not, I could always get her to marry me and turn her into my mistress."

"Indeed, sir. Her beauty is on par with Rachel's and they're both extremely beautiful women!" One of the middle-aged men stared at the beautiful woman in the advertisement and exclaimed, "But this photo might have been photoshopped and beautified. I doubt she is as beautiful in real life as she is in the photographs!"

Horus nodded. "Yes. There aren't a lot of beautiful women like my Miss Rachel Ledford!" At that moment, the subordinate who went to ask around about the wedding ran back and said to Horus, "Sir, the only rich people who will be getting married on that day are this couple. I've managed to get his address. This family is considered one of the top-tier families in Brookbourn, and no one would dare to offend them!"

"Hehe, looks like he's rich enough to splurge on all these advertisements! That makes finding him all the easier!"

Horus chuckled. "Why haven't our cars arrived yet?"

Before they came to Brookbourn, Horus had booked several luxury cars from a car rental company. It had only been a few seconds after he asked that question when several luxury cars drove over and stopped on the side of the road.

“Mister Horus! I didn’t someone like you to grace Brookbourn your presence!” The owner of the car rental company ran over immediately after getting off the car and greeted Horus with a smile. “We’ll waive the charges for you, sir. Please feel free to use these cars for as long as you need them!”

The owner clearly knew of Horus’s status and was rather determined to please Horus. After all, becoming friends with Horus might just give him another possible business cooperation sometime in the future.

However, Hords told his subordinate to bring a suitcase over and hand it to the man. “If there’s one thing that I’m not short of, it’s money. By the way, please show me the way to where Severin Feuillet lives!”

“Severin Feuillet? The son-in-law of the Shanahans? He’s a big shot!” After the owner heard that, he knew that Horus would be unhappy if he did not charge them any money, so he could only take the suitcase over and say with a smile, “I didn’t expect you to be his friend! He has many friends in high places, it seems!”

Horus smiled coldly. “Friend? No, I’m not his friend, He took some things that belong to me, and I’m here to settle scores with him!”

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When the owner of the car rental company heard that, the smile on his face froze instantly and he said. bitterly, “That doesn’t sound good. I wouldn’t dare to offend someone like Severin!”

Horus’s face soured as he glared at the other party and asked, “Do I look like the kind of person that you can offend then?”

The corner of the man’s lips twitched violently a couple of times as beads of cold sweat began forming on his forehead. He said, “No, no! That’s not what I meant at all! Maybe I can bring you to the area where he lives and then point out his house to you from afar. As for myself... Well, I won’t follow you there!”

“Look at how big of a scaredy cat you are!” Horus grinned coldly and said, “Off we go then. You can just bring us to his residential area and tell us which one is his house!”

The owner of the car rental company immediately breathed a sigh of relief and led the fleet of cars to Dragon Lake Vista. The owner stopped the car in the distance, pointed out which villa Severin lived in, and immediately drove away while Horus waved his hand to lead his men forward.

The group of men soon appeared outside Severin’s villa. Abigail was strolling in the courtyard when she saw their arrival, and she immediately shouted at Severin. “Master! Another group of people are here!”

Severin, Diane, and the rest of the bodyguards came over after hearing the yell.

“Tsk, ts, ts! There sure are a lot of beautiful women here!” Horus glanced at them from a distance and his eyes brightened immediately. Though the sun had set, the lights in the villa were rather bright and one could see at a glance that there are several smoking-hot women among the people who were there.

When he got closer, he could not help but gulp and say, "These seven women look amazing, and Diane is more charming than the others! She's much prettier in the flesh than in those posters!"

"Sir, this woman looks so much better than the photos, and I think there wasn't a lot of photoshopping done to her image in the posters!" said a bodyguard who could not resist stepping forward and making that comment.

"Wow, thanks for pointing that out, captain obvious! Horus shot back sarcastically while glaring at the bodyguard.

When Severin saw Horus and his men whispering to each other while ogling his wife and the beautiful bodyguards, he could not help but remark, "I don't suppose you came here just to look at these women, right? If that was your intention, you wouldn't've had to bring all these people with you."

Horus cleared his throat slightly. "You're Severin, right? Although I'm very upset that you took what's mine from me, I would much rather we do things the easy way than the hard way. Tell me how much you offered the And Only Jewelry Corporation to make them change their mind. If you hand the two pieces of jewelry to me, I'll give you an extra fifteen million on top of the price that you paid for them. Sound good?"

In Horus's view, Severin would be scared into handing over the jewelry after knowing that Horus was from South County Mansion. More importantly, Severin could get the chance to be owed a favor in addition to getting an extra 15 million to top it off. Horus believed that his offer was one that Severin would never.

refuse.

Severin frowned slightly before saying with a smile, "Hehe, so you're from the county mansion then? I didn't expect you to come to my door at such a late hour! You've taken quite a lot of trouble, I see!"

"Hey, kid! That's Mister Horus or Sir to you! As the scion of South County Mansion, everyone addresses him as Mister Horus or Sir!" A bodyguard stood up instinctively and put on a haughty disposition.

"You've got some guts to take what belongs to Mister Horus, but being the magnanimous person that he is, we

will let you go as long as you hand the items to him!"

Horus raised his head slightly too, and he acted arrogantly for he did not take Severin seriously at all.

Severin found it amusing to hear their demands and said to them, "Sorry, but it's mine now, and I don't intend to sell it. Besides, an extra fifteen million isn't going to sway me!"

"Honey!" Diane exclaimed in fear. "They're from South County Mansion!"

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Diane felt a little rattled by those people. Although the item was incredibly beautiful and she fell in love with them as soon as she tried them on that day, she knew that South County Mansion was an existence that they could not afford to offend.

Severin smiled at Diane. "Relax, honey. They won't be able to do anything to me!"

Diane was speechless when she heard his response. Though she did not doubt her husband's strength, there were probably a lot of strong people in South County Mansion too, and her husband might not be able to handle them that easily.

"Know your place, kid. I'm already showing you a lot of courtesy here!" When Horus saw that Severin was reluctant to pay the bill, the corners of his mouth twitched violently a couple of times. "I've told you that I'd rather do things the easy way than the hard way, but since you're not going to show the same courtesy to us, don't blame me for having to be harsh on you."

A bodyguard also took a step forward and said, "Just take the offer, kid. Getting an extra fifteen million is so much better than getting beaten to death by me and the boys. You won't even get a single penny, and you'll have the jewelry taken from you either way! Haha!"

"Haha!" Several other bodyguards laughed in response too.

Severin, however, said disdainfully, "You're all a bunch of trash. Do you honestly think that you can rob me of what's rightfully mine?"

"You're a stubborn one, aren't you? Let me teach this kid a lesson, sir!" said a bodyguard with the attainment of a level five profound master as he stepped forward and clenched his fists.

He believed that his attainment level could be categorized as being among the top ten percent of attainers and practitioners in a small place like Brookbourn, and he was confident that he was strong enough to deal with Severin.

The bodyguards that Horus brought with him were mostly profound masters, though there were also three slightly lower-level grandmasters. The bodyguard with the highest attainment was that of a level one warrior king. In Horus's opinion, having a person like that as a backup for the many profound masters he brought along was more than sufficient for him to bulldoze his way through Brookbourn and get what he

wanted.

"You think you can take me on? Please." Severin waved his hand at the other party and had a contemptuous look on his face.

"Take this!" The bodyguard was unhappy that Severin would look down on him. He clenched his fist, and at glow of spiritual energy soon cloaked it as he appeared in front of Severin in a flash and delivered a rage-filled punch right toward Severin.

"Hmph!" Severin merely snorted and punched the bodyguard without bothering to use his spiritual energy.

A slightly dull blast resonated through the air, and the bodyguard tumbled across the air like a kite with a snapped string. Blood spurted through the air, and his face turned incredibly pale.

"Jed!" A bodyguard ran over to check up on the injured party.

"Ah, it hurts, it hurts!" Jed wailed in pain as the veins on his forehead popped out.

After the other bodyguard checked Jed's condition, he ran back and glared at Severin while saying, "You b \*stard! Jed's arm is now broken because of your punch! You've crossed the line!"

"You truly do wish to die, don't you? How dare you lay a hand on my men?" Horus also said.

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Their unreasonable remarks prompted Severin to sneer and say, "Am I supposed to just let your men hit me without fighting back? Where's the rule that says only your people are only allowed to attack?" After a pause, Severin continued, "I was already kind enough not to end his life right then. After all, you did show some courtesy to me instead of attacking me right away, so the least I can do is stay my hand a little!"

"Son-of-a-b\*tch! The amount of disrespect you've shown to me is unacceptable!" Horus had never been. so deflated in all his life. He glared at Severin and threatened, "You'll regret this."

He then waved his hand and said, "Attack him all at once!"

"Yes, sir!" All the other bodyguards charged forth, leaving only the level one warrior king standing there beside Horus. That warrior king felt that he did not need to join the fray when there was already an abundance of men attacking Severin.

"Hmph. Did you think there weren't any fighters here?"

"Do you think we're pushovers?"

Wendy, Lillie, and the rest of the girls rushed up too when they saw Horus's men launching an attack. At that moment, Severin decided not to just observe everything quietly when he saw Wendy and the girls going forth to deal with the situation. Following a quick flurry of kicks and punches, Horus's dozen or so bodyguards ended up falling onto the ground.

"I thought all my men were expert fighters?" Horus was speechless. Although the men that he brought with him that day were not that strong, they were considered to be the better bunch of all the

bodyguards that he had. It was therefore all the more shocking to see them losing a fight against several women.

"Sir, I...I think we should leave. These women.....they're strong, and I don't think I'm a match for them." The warrior king could not help but whisper to Horus. He could tell just how powerful Lillie and the girls were, and he was already terrified before even exchanging any blows with them.

Horus's lips twitched a few times. He had no choice but to concede his defeat after his strongest bodyguard made such a remark. He gritted his teeth and said to Severin, "You got lucky this time, kid. We'll leave!"

After saying that, he prepared to leave with his group of injured bodyguards, only to be stopped by Severin. "Hold it!"

Horus turned around immediately and still put on airs as he said to Severin, "Something the matter? Have you changed your mind and decided that you're going to sell the jewelry to me? Even so, you've already offended me, so my grudge against you won't just end here!"

Upon hearing that, Severin could not help but smile and say, "You're overthinking. I just wanted to remind you to think twice before bringing your men over next time. If you do, I'll slice off the tip of your finger so you'll remember not to cause any trouble here!" Severin paused for a moment before adding, "This is also my way of telling you that I prefer to do things the easy way than the hard way. I'll say it again: if for whatever reason you come here and cause trouble again, then don't blame me for having to dispense with the courtesy toward your family!"

It was Horus's first time being threatened like that. He gritted his teeth and glared at Severin. "I'd like to see you try!"

"Haha, I'll be honest with you, a county mansion is nothing in my eyes! Now get lost!" Severin laughed and said curtly.

Diane stood speechlessly behind Severin, especially after realizing that her husband was getting cockier some of

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"Just you wait!" Horus downplayed Severin's threat and left with his men.

"These county mansion guys are such terrible people! I can't believe they came to our door, and they even had that attitude too!" Abigail could not help but vent her anger after Horus's group had left.

Beside her, Naomi said, "What makes it worse is that even his subordinates were acting all high and mighty! They probably even use South County Mansion as a pretext to bully people!"

Lillie could not help but cover her mouth and laugh. "Haha, did you see how fat that Horus guy was? He's got those jiggle physics when he walks. The woman who's getting married to him must be blind to fall for a guy who looks like an obese pig!"

Naomi said, "You probably wouldn't understand, but as the scion of a county mansion, there are probably hordes of gold-diggers who can't resist throwing themselves at him. Some women are very materialistic, you know."

The beautiful bodyguards chatted away as if the entire incident from earlier was nothing serious.

Diane was still a little worried, so she said to Severin, "They don't seem too eager to give up. Severin. Are you sure we don't have to worry about them? We'll be six days away from the wedding come tomorrow. They won't come and stir up trouble on our big day, will they?"

"Haha, don't be scared. They'll be in for a lifetime of regret if they do that. By my estimate, he probably won't wait until our wedding if he still plans on causing us any trouble. After all, he's getting married on

the same day too!” Severin laughed, and he had a resolute expression in his eyes. “I’ve already told that pig that I’ll slice off his finger if he’s still stubborn enough to try and cause trouble.”

“You were serious? You’ll end up offending South County Mansion if you do that!” Diane frowned.

“Don’t worry so much, honey. The South County Mansion is nothing in my eyes!” Severin held Diane’s hand and grinned naughtily as he said, “It’s getting late! We should head to bed soon!”

“Severin! People are looking at us!” Diane rolled her eyes and said to Severin. Her pretty little face turned red at once as she glanced to her side and saw that Lillie was still there with the rest of the girls.

Severin looked at the girls and said, “Don’t sleep too deep later tonight. Keep your guard up in case some of the stronger individuals that were not here with that pig earlier are sent over in the cover of night to attack us!”

“Understood!” The woman exchanged glances at each other and could not help but smile to themselves as they responded in unison.

“Damn it! I’ve miscalculated! I didn’t expect such strong people to exist in Brookbourn, and it was even more surprising that such a person turned out to be the Shanahans’ son-in-law!” Horus was sitting in his car and was on the way back to the hotel to get some rest, but his anger continued to flare up as he clenched his fists and felt incredibly resentful for what happened.

“Yeah! He’s terrible! You must get your revenge, sir! He might be brave enough to threaten you, but he’s at fool for doing so!” one of the injured bodyguards said angrily.

“That’s right, sir! Even we can’t accept the injustice that you had to go through!” Another bodyguard expressed the same view.

“Don’t worry, guys. Once we’re back at the hotel, I’ll make a call and get some of my family’s strongest men to come here by plane tonight!” Horus gritted his teeth, and immediately said angrily, “Severin, was around? I’ll make sure you pay the price for offending met

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The men who came with Horus had brought along some medicine in case of injury. Since they were all in a bad mood, they decided to just go back to the hotel and recuperate. Horus had just finished taking a shower and was about to make a call when Mason called before he could.

“How’s everything on your end? Did you manage to get the ring and necklace? Are they pretty?” Mason asked with a smile, believing that Horus had already managed to obtain the items.

Horus smiled wryly and said, “Severin is a very arrogant person, Dad. I did as you said and I planned to give him an extra fifteen million, but he wouldn’t accept it at all! He and his bodyguards then beat up some of our men too!”

“He beat them up?” Mason was stunned and wondered if he had heard it wrongly. “You’re not pulling my leg, are you? I thought you brought several profound masters along with a warrior king. How did you get beaten up by him? Isn’t Brookbourn just a small city?”



Horus was just as lost for words as to what happened. "I didn't think he'd be so strong. He even has six beautiful bodyguards, and they're all just as strong too. The warrior king I brought was only level one, and he didn't even fight Severin or the other bodyguards because he knew at a glance that he was no match for Severin. He also told me that the six beautiful bodyguards were only able to defeat us so quickly because they were all warrior kings!"

After saying that, Horus paused for a moment before continuing, "Although he couldn't tell how high Severin's attainment level was, he believed that it was almost on the level of a warrior king, if not a warrior king!"

"That means they have at least six warrior kings. I must admit that I didn't expect there to be so many strong individuals in a small city like Brookbourn!" Mason lamented before adding, "This kid has been far too disrespectful to the Neelys. We need to take the ring and necklace back from him or else it will be the most humiliating incident our family has ever suffered!"

Horus immediately said, "Yeah! He even threatened me with slicing off one of my fingers if I cause trouble with him again in the future. Hehe, I don't think he has the guts to do that though. He won't even have the slightest chance of succeeding if I bring my guys there the next time around!" He then continued, "We cannot afford to make even the smallest mistakes next time. Those women are probably level one warrior kings, so I think sending over a few level two or level three warrior kings will be enough."

Mason nodded. "Then I'll send over four level three warrior kings and one level four warrior king. Their combined strength will be more than enough to send them flying!"

After Horus heard that, his eyes lit up instantly and he could not help but say, "They looked down on us and even dared to threaten me, Dad! I won't let them off that easily next time, and I'll make sure to kill the six girls first. As for Severin, I plan to cripple him and turn him into a human vegetable. Does that sound good to you, Dad?"

Mason was stunned for only a brief moment, after which he said, "That could work. If we don't show them how good we are, they'll think that the Neelys are pushovers. Make sure to deal with them as best as you can to show the world what will happen if anyone dares to mess around with us!"

Horus was even more delighted to receive Mason's support and immediately assured. "You're always the best, Dad. Now that everything's all set, I'll be heading to bed now. Tell the guys to fly over tonight. I want them to be ready for action by tomorrow!"

After ending the call, Horus could not resist letting out an evil smile. "Hehe, oh, Severin. You'll know what true suffering is when tomorrow comes!" Once he was finished mumbling to himself, he stretched his

waist and called that level one warrior king over.

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"Do you need anything, sir?" the guy asked in a serious tone as soon as he went up to Horus.

“Let’s go out and have some fun. I’m curious to find out whether or not Brookbourn’s nightlife is enjoyable. We already saw seven beautiful women at Severin’s house today, and for all we know, Brookbourn might just be teeming with sexy ladies! Haha!” Horus laughed.

The man immediately smiled. “Exactly. I didn’t expect there to be so many beautiful women in such a small city. Why don’t we choose a bar and see if there are any hotties there? If you’re willing to pay, I bet they’ll throw themselves into your arms without a second thought!”

“Haha, of course!” Horus laughed. “Since the six women are going to be killed tomorrow and Severin will be crippled, I’m not going to just let his wife go that easily. I’m going to make Severin regret offending me, and I want him to watch as she begs for mercy at my feet!”

The two of them then went out with a smile on their face.

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After Severin returned to his room, he took out the alchemy manual and read it carefully instead of going to sleep. Though it had only been a few days since he received the book, he was well on the way to memorizing all the refining techniques for first-grade and second-grade alchemical medicines. Therefore, he began to touch a bit on third-grade ones..

Alchemical medicines were divided into grades one to nine, the first being the lowest and the ninth being the highest. Like spiritual herbs, each grade is divided into three ranks: low-rank, medium-rank, and high-rank. The more difficult a technique was, the more spiritual strength one would need to expend. More materials would also be needed during the refinement process.

Severin only went to sleep after reading the book for several hours. He decided to continue tomorrow and try creating an alchemical pill if he had time to spare the next day.

After all, if he could refine alchemical medicines, then he would be able to help the twelve hall masters improve their attainment quickly. Simply relying on spiritual herbs was too slow a process to effect the improvement in attainment.

Early the next morning, Severin took out the alchemy furnace and went to an empty room to make preparations for the refinement.

The refinement process for the first batch of pills began very smoothly, but at the critical moment when the pill was about to form a solid mass, Severin became a little too excited and his movement became unsteady. The condensing failed as a result, and the entire batch had to be scrapped.

Even so, Severin’s face was filled with joy because he was merely a step away from success.

“Haha, I’m such a genius! I nearly succeeded on my first try! Looks like it’s not that difficult to refine these low-grade pills!” Severin could not help but laugh after gaining a ton of confidence in becoming an alchemist.

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Diane had caught a whiff of the smell from downstairs, and she decided to come up to see what was going on. After she entered the room, she discovered that the burnt smell was so much stronger than

before and she could not help but frown as she asked, "What are you doing, honey? What's with this burnt smell?"

Severin merely scratched his head embarrassingly as he said, "I'm learning alchemy, and I almost succeeded earlier!"

"Alchemy?!" Diane furrowed her brows.

Severin had taught her a thing or two about attainment during the past few days, and once she recalled some of the things that He explained to her, her eyes lit up as she asked, "Is it the same kind of alchemy that's used to refine alchemical medicine? The kind that can improve a person's attainment base many times faster than spiritual herbs?"

Severin nodded. "Bingo! Just as I expected from my smart wife! I'm doing my best to refine it!"

After hearing that, Diane could not help but lick her red lips as she said, "Can I eat it then? If the refinement was successful, that is..."

Severin shook his head. "I'm afraid not. Even first-grade low-rank pills contain extremely powerful energy, and your body won't be able to handle it if you eat them. It will produce too much energy in your body once it enters your system. Think of it like a balloon. If there's too much air in the balloon, then it will be very easy for the balloon to pop!"

Diane pouted in disappointment and said, "What level of attainment do I have to reach before I can eat them?"

Severin said with a smile, "Profound master, at least. It's good that you've already progressed to a level six grandmaster, but that still isn't enough. In addition, you won't be able to see the spiritual energy in the world if you don't have the talent for attainment. Even if you have the skills, you won't be able to utilize the spiritual energy all around you, and the highest you'll be able to reach is that of a level nine grandmaster."

Diane nodded and said, "I get it now. Looks like I have to wait until a year until the day that I'm going with you to Mount Ermonie and meet your master's junior. I'll be able to start practicing once he gives me that. treasure, right?"

Severin nodded. "Yes, but there's no rush when it comes to practicing. A grandmaster-level attainment forms the foundation, and if you can break through to level nine in the future, then your strength would already be so much stronger than that of ordinary people. Aside from that, you can also practice some. fist techniques and other similar things when you have the time so your foundation will be even more. solid!"

"Okay, I understand. I'll go downstairs and leave you to your alchemy then!" Diane smiled and went downstairs immediately.

Severin cleaned the alchemy furnace and continued with the refinement. He did not dare to be careless. on that occasion, and although it was only his second time going through the motions, he had repeated the theoretical part of the process in his mind countless times. That, along with the experience he gained from his first time attempting the refinement, allowed him to complete the process slowly without a hitch.

“Rise!” He yelled softly, causing a small round pill to fly up from the alchemy furnace and into his hand.

“Haha, it’s a success! A true success!” At that moment, Severin’s calm expression turned into that of unbridled ecstasy. The feeling of successfully refining an alchemical pill for the first time is probably something that only alchemists could experience.

Being able to successfully refine a first-grade low-rank pill was proof that Severin had become a real alchemist. If other alchemists knew that he became a first-grade low-rank alchemist with such ease, they would probably be jaw-droppingly shocked. Such talent in alchemy was undoubtedly very rare.

Severin planned to strike while the iron was hot and tried to do it another five more times. However, he succeeded only twice and failed the other three times. Even so, he was already very pleased with the outcome because he had gained three first-grade low-rank pills.

“The color looks like a middle-rank pill, but it’s already a big achievement for someone who has learned alchemy for the first time.” Severin looked at his pills and felt satisfied with their overall quality.

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“Honey, the food’s ready!” Diane’s voice called out to him from outside the room.

“Time flies!” Severin wiped the sweat from his forehead and went down. He did not expect that three hours had passed even though he only made eight refinement attempts.

After their meal, Severin and Diane came to the yard for a walk. Severin took out a pill. “Look what I have here.”

“A pill?! You...you’ve succeeded?” Diane’s beautiful eyes opened wide, and her face was full of disbelief. She never imagined that Severin could succeed in refining a pill when he taught himself alchemy without receiving any guidance from a master.

“Wow! It smells good! I wonder what it tastes like?” Diane sniffed it carefully and could not help but gulp.

Severin smiled and said, “Take it easy, honey. You’ll have plenty of chances in the future! When the time comes, it’s not just first-grade low-rank pills that you’ll get to enjoy. I’ll even let you have some of the second-grade ones!”

“Really? Then you must do your best, okay?” Diane was all smiles as she returned the pill carefully to Severin. “It’s such a shame that I’ll have to wait another year. I want to break through to level nine grandmaster soon so I can acquire the talent for attainment!”

Severin frowned. “You want to break through sooner? I’m worried I might not even have enough time! After all, I was assigned a task, and I’m worried that I might not be able to complete it on time and end up getting no reward in the end. But then again, my master’s junior did say that my assignment had nothing to do with this talent-changing treasure that he will help us to locate. Luckily for us, we’ll still be able to obtain that treasure as long as I bring you there.”

Diane thought about it and smiled as she said, "He gave you plenty of treasures when you went there the last time, and he even said that you'll be rewarded with even greater things once you complete the assignment. I can't help but feel curious as to what sort of rewards they might be!"

All of a sudden, Abigail ran over and interrupted their conversation. "Sir, that pig is here again!"

"I would've expected that. I knew he wouldn't just give up so easily when he was still acting all pompous before he left yesterday! I'm going to teach him a good lesson this time!" Severin's expression darkened after hearing Abigail inform him that Horus came again.

"He looks like the kind of guy who was spoiled by his parents since he was a kid. He acts as if everyone's beneath him!" Abigail huffed in anger.

The bodyguards who were injured the day before did not come along with Horus, and he brought only five people with him-the four level three warrior kings and one level four warrior king.

'Bwahaha! Today's the day I'll show you the true meaning of suffering, Severin!" Horus laughed out loud when he came.

Severin came over with the girls, looked at Horus, and said, "Hey, fatso! You're pretty brave, you know that? Did you forget what I told you yesterday? I remember warning you that I'll slice one of your fingers if you come back here Aren't you scared?"