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Those who were not selected could only sigh and lament their lack of luck. After all, securing a quick breakthrough to level one warrior king was the greatest opportunity they could hope to receive.

“Let’s go then! Our first order of business is to check up on Maddie’s brother and find out what’s wrong with him!” Severin decided. He then ushered Maddie to lead the way and left the plaza along with Diane. and the rest of the newly-hired bodyguards.

Maddie looked at the people there and could not help but frown. “Sir, didn’t you say that you were only looking to hire thirty bodyguards? There are already thirty of them here. Wouldn’t my brother become the bodyguard number thirty-one if you cure him and decide to hire him?”.

Severin smiled. “It won’t be a problem. An additional bodyguard is no big deal when I can afford to support even a hundred more if I wanted to. I just don’t think it’s necessary to have that many. I value quality over quantity, and their attainment level must be high enough. Many families have dozens of bodyguards, but most of them are nothing more than profound warriors.”

“Yes, yes! You’re handsome, and your reasonings make perfect sense too! If we all became warrior kings, then our overall combat strength will be much stronger than hundreds of profound masters!” a smooth- talking guy flattered Severin.

Severin merely glanced at him before saying, “I’ll get my wife, Diane, to arrange some uniforms for everyone. And also, my name is Severin, but you can just call me sir or Mister Severin so I can keep a lower profile. Don’t call me Mister Governor or Governor when I’m appointed to South County Mansion in a couple of days. I’m not used to hearing myself being called that!”

“What?” The bodyguards all gasped in unison when they heard his remark, and everyone thought the same thing. ‘He’s kidding, right? He’ll become the governor?’

“Sir, are you being serious? Are you the one who will head South County Mansion?” Maddie gulped and felt like she was dreaming.

Severin smiled slightly. “Haha! It’s as true as true can be!”

“Whoa, Mister Severin! That’s awesome! I never would have dreamed that you were the one who will be appointed as governor of the south county! We can carry ourselves with pride in public now!” A man said with a smile.

A sudden thought then occurred to Severin and he reminded everyone sternly, “Whether you’re working for South County Mansion or other people, you must never use your high status or your strong attainment to bully anyone. Have I made myself clear on this? I will not spare you if I ever find out that you used your position of power to oppress others!”

“Don’t worry, Mister Governor! We will never do such a thing!” The smooth talker said with a smile.

Severin glanced at the guy. “I thought I told you to just call me Mister Severin!”

The other party could not help but smile wryly. "But Mister Severin, if you do become the governor, then you probably wouldn't be able to keep a low profile anymore no matter how hard you tried. The upper- class families, wealthy businessmen, and gangs would definitely call you 'Governor' or 'Mister Governor' when they see you!"

Severin could not help but feel a headache coming on and he finally conceded to the guy. "Fine. You can call me whatever you want! Happy now?"

"Hehe!" Maddie giggled as she led the way. "Other people would've wanted to publicize their appointment as the governor, but our employer here isn't like any of them. It's quite refreshing to see you be so low-key."

Severin smiled. "I'm the kind of guy who likes peace and quiet, especially when it comes to alchemy. My goal is to break through to second-grade alchemist as soon as possible because there are still a lot of things I have to do!"

After finishing his words, Severin could not help but look at Diane and say to her, "Which is why I might need your help to deal with certain things in the future, honey. I'm worried that there might be invitations where I can't just outright refuse!"

Diane rolled Severin's eyes. "I can indeed help with some things, but I'd rather not go socializing or drinking every time. You can just tell Stanley or George to deal with that sort of stuff. They're much better suited for a life of eating, drinking, and chatting!"

"Haha!" Severin could not help but laugh heartily after hearing that.

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"Hey, Lenny, you miscalculated, didn't you? You would've been selected if you didn't trade barbs with the guy. After all, there aren't a lot of level nine profound masters around here, and you still have an advantage in that respect!" A profound master in the plaza said to the white-haired old man whom Severin had refused to hire.

Lenny's mouth twitched a few times before he said, "Hmph. I might've squandered this opportunity, but there's no denying that he offended Yusky Mansion. Who knows, maybe he or even his men might end up getting killed! Working under him might not be as good a prospect as you might think!"

Maddie led Severin and the others to a hotel. "Mister Severin, my brother and I arrived here from another city, and because we don't have much money on us, our only choice was to stay in a hotel for the time being." She glanced around at everyone present there.

Severin immediately understood. "Just wait downstairs. My wife and I will go with Maddie to visit her brother!"

Immediately, the others stayed behind, while Severin and Diane followed Maddie up to their room.

Eustace was the name of Maddie's elder brother, and he seemed to be about two years older than her. He was lying on the bed at that moment with a ghastly combination of a pale face and purplish lips.

“Mister Severin, my brother was injured by the poisonous gas released by a monster that resembled a fox. Even though he used his spiritual energy to prevent the poison from spreading throughout his body, he can’t hold on for much longer. I heard that he needs a high-rank Thadhea herb that aids with detoxification, but the Thadhea herb is super expensive and costs about a million. That’s the reason I asked for a two years’ advance for my salary...” Maddie explained as she looked at Severin.

Severin smiled slightly and replied, “It doesn’t have to be that troublesome. I’ll just help to force out the poison from his body!” He said, then flipped his palm over and took out a small box, which he opened to retrieve some silver needles.

After inserting several silver needles on specific pressure points and using his dry needling technique, Eustace vomited out a mouthful of black blood less than two minutes later and passed out right away.

“Mister Severin... is my brother all right?” Maddie looked worried when she saw Eustace fainting.

Severin smiled. “He is. He just fainted for now, but he’ll be fine when he wakes up. I think you should stay behind, take care of your brother, and report to work at my house tomorrow morning. Make sure to bring your brother along!”

“Okay. Thank you, Mister Severin!” Maddie was immediately overwhelmed with excitement and could finally breathe a sigh of relief.

After a while, Severin and Diane went downstairs with each other.

A bodyguard immediately stepped forward. “Where’s Maddie?”

“I told her to take care of her elder brother and report for work tomorrow,” Severin said with a smile.

However, that smile soon turned into a frown, and he asked Diane who was standing beside him, “Hey, Diane, do you see that girl over there? Don’t you think she looks like Sheila?”

Diane looked over immediately and exclaimed in surprise. “It is her! You left without saying goodbye, so I bet she came here to look for you!”

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Severin smiled wryly. “Don’t be silly. They’re probably here to participate in the appointment ceremony. Brookbourn Mansion and all the other mayors will be present there.”

Diane rolled her eyes at Severin. “But Sheila doesn’t have to come even though Brookbourn Mansion are one of the guests. Besides, the other mayors came because they thought they had a chance of being appointed. Zachariah’s Brookbourn Mansion knew the full details of the appointment, yet they still came from such a remote city despite knowing that they were never going to be appointed! Honestly, they didn’t even have to bother coming!”

As soon as she ended her sentence, she frowned suddenly. “Looks like they’ve encountered trouble.”

Severin could not help but let out a sigh as he walked quickly in that direction. At that moment, Sheila and Zachariah were discussing which hotel to stay in with several of the elders that they brought along. After all, they were only there for two or three days, so a hotel would be the most logical choice of accommodation.

After thinking for some time, Zachariah turned to Sheila and said, "Why don't we call Severin and ask if we can stay with him? He would've bought a house here by now, and there aren't a lot of people with us either. We could make do at his place during our stay here."

Sheila could not help but pout when she heard that, and she said somewhat arrogantly, "Don't you think it's too brazen of me to do that? He left without saying goodbye to me, and I'd only look shameless still pestered him and requested him for a favor."

At that moment, a few guys approached them with a smirk.

"Hey there, pretty little thing. Whatcha talking about? You're from out of town, right? I couldn't help but overhear your conversation earlier, and it seems to me that you don't have a place to stay here. How about I make room for you back at my crib? It's a hundred percent comfortable, guaranteed!" said a smiling young blondie who was dressed in some garish clothes. He looked at Sheila's body from head to toe, and there was a burning passion in his eyes.

Sheila's face turned red with anger and she glared at the young man. "We already have a place to stay. We don't need your help!"

"Let's go!" Zachariah was just as incensed by the blondie's remark, and he could tell at first glance that the group of young men were unsavory characters. Many hidden powerhouses existed in South Link City, and there were a lot of people with high attainment too. As a result, Zachariah did not dare to offend them and decided to just bring Sheila and the elders away.

"Hehe, where are you going, pal? We met each other by fate! Didn't you people have no place to stay? I have a villa just up ahead. Won't it be nice to come with us and stay there for one night?" The blondie chuckled, and then added, "I don't have a lot of rooms in my villa though, so I'm afraid I'd have to trouble your daughter into staying in the same room as I am!"

"I'd like to share a room with you both too!" A fat man smiled as he came forward.

"F\*ck off. It's not your turn to stay with me!" The blondie shot back at the fat guy.

"Bunch of perverts!" Sheila gritted her teeth and slapped the blondie when he came up to her and stood in \*her path.

"F\*ck you, b\*tch! You should feel lucky that I took a fancy to you. How dare you hit me! Guess I'll just have to do things the hard way then!"

The blondie exploded with rage and reached out to grab Sheila's bosom.

"Be careful, Miss!" One of the Ballards' elders clenched his fists right away and attempted to try and block the blondie. Unfortunately, the fat man got in his way and blocked him.

Several other people began battling it out with the Ballards' elders, and their overall combat strength was much stronger than that of the Ballards too.

'Hmph, I'm going to beat you up before bringing you away so you'll know my true strength! That'll teach you to slap me!' The blondie snorted coldly in his heart and the corners of his mouth curled up in a smug little smirk.

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“Wow, sir! This couldn’t have turned out any better, am I right? It didn’t take much effort to get yourself a beautiful woman as your second wife! This woman is right, sir. You might as well just say yes!” a female bodyguard remarked jokingly after she saw what happened.

“Yeah, Mister Severin, you’re such an amazing person! One wife can never be enough for you! This young lady here is quite pretty too,” another bodyguard chimed in.

Diane kept quiet and merely let out a faint smile.

“See? Everyone thinks we’re perfect for each other.” At that moment, Sheila felt a glimmer of hope once more, and there was a honey-like sweetness in her heart. That Severin would appear suddenly and rescue her made her believe that whatever happened was never a coincidence, it was as if the heavens had arranged for them to be married.

“Enough, everyone. Stop making such a big fuss about it. Let’s talk about this some other time!” Severin

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Sheila’s mind went blank for a moment, but she soon became even more excited. Rather than refusing her outright on that occasion, he replied to her in a somewhat ambiguous sentence. ‘Does that mean I have a slightly higher chance of success now?’

She looked at Diane, walked up to her, and held Diane’s hand. “Diane! I didn’t expect to run into you and Severin as soon as we arrived here. It has to be fate!”

“Perhaps there are some threads of fate that link you and Severin together. Otherwise, such a coincidence wouldn’t have happened at all, wouldn’t you agree?” Diane smiled.

Severin seemed embarrassed, and it was then that Zachariah walked over and gestured respectfully to Severin. “Thank you very much for helping us earlier, Mister Severin. We were originally planning to decide on a hotel to stay for two nights, but we didn’t expect to run into a group of rascals!”

Severin then smiled. “No thanks necessary, Mister Zachariah. We’re all friends, aren’t we? Anyway, we bought a lot of villas, and some are still empty right now. How about you come and stay with us while you’re here? You can all have a villa to yourselves.”

“Sure! We might as well accept your gracious offer!” Sheila agreed with a smile before Zachariah could even say anything.

Zachariah rolled his eyes at his daughter and teased her deliberately. “I seem to recall someone saying that they wouldn’t want to stay at Severin’s place?”

Sheila glared at her father and retorted, “What are you talking about, Dad? When did I say I wouldn’t want to go? He took the initiative to invite me, and since he saved my life earlier too, I can’t possibly refuse his kind offer! It’ll be far too disrespectful to him!”

“Haha!” Zachariah could not hold back his laugh. After all, the last time he saw his daughter being genuinely happy was several days ago.

“Mister Severin, these are...” The Ballards’ grand-elder came forward and looked at the people who had fought under Severin’s orders. He could see that they were all very powerful and that many of them had an attainment of a level eight or level nine profound master despite their young age. Anyone with such a high level of attainment would have almost nothing to fear in a place like Brookbourn, and there were nearly 30 or so such people who seemed to answer to Severin..

Severin smiled. “Oh, they’re the bodyguards I just recruited. This is South Link City after all, and there are grandmasters everywhere you go, as well as a significant number of profound masters. I decided to recruit some stronger bodyguards so my parents will be safer whenever they leave the home!”

Having said that, Severin paused for a moment before continuing, “Besides, having these bodyguards around will ensure that South County Mansion has some form of presence and protection in the future!”

After Zachariah heard that, he chuckled. “You’ve let go many of the Shanahans’ bodyguards after leaving Brookbourn, and I heard that you only brought a dozen bodyguards and about eight servants along with you to South Link City. You really should recruit more bodyguards, otherwise, you won’t be able to display your dominance whenever you’re out in the future! If I’m honest, I do think that thirty bodyguards aren’t enough.”

“These will have to do for the time being. When I have some more spare time in the future, I’ll head to the plaza again and try to recruit some talented young people. Thirty people aren’t nearly as much as those who bring hundreds of bodyguards wherever they go, but in my opinion, quality matters more than quantity,” Severin replied with a smile.

“Haha, you’re right!” Zachariah laughed.

“It’s getting late, so we should be heading back right about now. How about we get some dinner together later in the evening and celebrate together?” Severin asked with a smile as he led Zachariah and others back to his home.

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Before long, they all arrived back at Severin’s home.

“I can already imagine a plaque bearing the words ‘South County Mansion’ being installed on this gate in another two days!” Zachariah was overwhelmed with some emotion as he stared at the huge gate.

Though he disliked Severin, looked down on Severin, and wanted to stop Sheila from pursuing Severin when she was just getting to know him, his view of Severin had since changed, and he felt that he would be the lucky one if his daughter could end up becoming Severin’s wife.

“Severin!” Felicia walked over and called out to him as soon as she saw him return. “Hall Masters Gracie, Larry, and Mick are all here. They’re waiting for you inside!”

After informing Severin that he had guests, she saw that Zachariah was there too and said with a smile, “Oh, Mister Zachariah! It’s been a while! I didn’t expect you to be here too! Dinner will be very lively tonight, that’s for sure!”

“We met Severin and Diane outside along with their newly-recruited bodyguards. It’s all thanks to them for helping us deal with a group of villains that we were no match for.” Zachariah gave Felicia a nod.

Meanwhile, Felicia was grinning from ear to ear and she felt extremely content with everything that was happening. She could still feel as though it was all a dream because a character like Zachariah used to be sort of existence that the Shanahans scrambled to curry favor with. The tables had since turned, and the Shanahans became an existence that the Ballards would wish to curry favor with. The people that the Shanahans came into contact with every day are hall masters, mayors, or heads of families- people whom she used to think that they would never be able to meet at all.

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“Lillie! Could you bring these newbies over and arrange some villas for them to stay in? Three should be enough, and remember to keep separate them according to gender!” Severin instructed Lillie after seeing her nearby.

“Sure!” Lillie immediately ran over and led the newly-recruited bodyguards to their accommodation. After those people left, Severin led Zachariah and the Ballards to a villa exclusively for them to stay.

In the evening, Severin called Rachel over along with Larry, Mick, Gracie, and several others to have a celebratory dinner at one of the hotels.

At that moment, inside a villa area, Manny asked a man in front of him coldly, “So? Have you found the couple from earlier today?”

“South Link City is huge, sir, and they had already left by the time we went to the plaza in the afternoon. We searched everywhere for them, but we couldn’t find any traces.” The man smiled bitterly, and then added, “They’re from Brookbourn, so could it be possible that they only came here to recruit some powerful bodyguards? If that’s the case, then they might’ve already left South Link City and brought their new hires back to Brookbourn after knowing that you’re the kind of person they can’t afford to provoke!”

Manny’s mouth twitched violently. “Damn it. This is the first time I’ve suffered such humiliation! Anyway, just continue the search for them tomorrow. If you still can’t find them, then call off the search for now. We’ll bring a few of our strong men to Brookbourn after the appointment ceremony in two days. After that kid is dead, I want you to tie that woman up and bring her to me!”

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Severin, Diane, and everyone else left the hotel together after having their fill of food and wine. Once they left the hotel, Severin gathered the four hall masters together.

When Larry saw that no outsiders were present there except for them, he asked Severin, “Is there a reason you called us all over?”

Severin smiled. “As I’ve told you before, I have something good for you!” He then produced three small porcelain bottles and handed them to Larry, Mick, and Gracie. “There are four first-grade high-rank pills in each of these bottles. Train hard after eating them, and do your best to break through to level one warrior king as soon as possible. There are four pills for each person, so feel free to work out a schedule that suits your needs best!”

Severin then turned to Rachel and said, “Those pills aren’t effective for you since you’re already a level four warrior king, so there’s no point giving them to you. I’ll only give you some once I succeed in refining second-grade pills!”

“Amazing, Supreme Leader! You truly are an alchemy wiz! You have my utmost respect and admiration for becoming a first-grade high-rank alchemist so quickly!” Rachel said excitedly after hearing Severin’s words and did not forget to add, “I’ll be waiting for your second-grade pills then!”

“These are genuine first-grade high-rank pills, there’s no doubt about it. This taste smells truly heavenly!” Larry opened the porcelain bottle, smelled it, and had an enjoyable expression on his face.

“I broke through to the level eight profound master a few days ago. I can probably break through to peak-stage level one warrior king with two of these pills, so I’d like to ask if I can give one each to Lauren and Candy?” Mick asked with a smile. He had never dreamed of being able to enjoy such treasures in his lifetime.

Severin smiled and said, “You can do whatever you want with the pills, but they’re not suitable for someone like Candy. She won’t be able to withstand the effects with her attainment, since she’s only a level one profound master.”

Then, Severin took out four more small porcelain bottles. “There are fifteen first-grade medium-rank pills in each bottle, and you may give them to whoever you think can benefit the most from them. For an attainment like Candy’s, she can easily get a breakthrough to level two profound master just by taking a single pill!”

“Holy moly, Supreme Leader! Y-y-you were able to refine so many of these pills? You’re too kind to us!” Mick’s eyes turned red with excitement when he took the bottle.

“Four bottles of fifteen pills comes to a total of sixty pills. You must’ve used a lot of materials for them, and these pills are therefore all the more valuable!” Larry then added excitedly.

Severin smiled. “These pills were refined over the past few nights, and my success rate of refining first-grade medium-rank and first-grade high-rank pills isn’t too bad. I hope they’ll be of help in improving your attainment, and the priority is to ensure that all the hall masters get a breakthrough as soon as possible!”

After Severin thought for a while, he said again, “I’ll be refining first-grade high-rank pills for my newly recruited bodyguards. Their attainments are either level eight or level nine profound masters, so when I’m done refining the pills, I’ll give them one each so there will be thirty-one level one warrior kings in South County Mansion!”

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“Tsk, tsk. The number of level one warrior kings will increase in a flash during the next couple of days, and their overall strength will become a force to be reckoned with!” Rachel was also filled with awe after hearing that. “Honestly, I’ve heard alchemists before, but I’ve never seen one. I’ve known long ago that there were very few people who master such a profession, but the possibilities and prospects of those who succeed will be truly endless. It’s even more formidable when an alchemist is as talented as our supreme leader.”



“That’s right, only a first-grade high-rank alchemist can produce some strong warrior kings!” Gracie also said with emotion.

Once Severin heard that, he smiled lightly and said, “This is just a warrior king we’re talking about here. Your goal is to break through to level nine warrior king in eleven months, but it’ll be even better if you can break through to level one warrior emperor!”

“Warrior emperor.” The four of them had convoluted expressions when they heard that. They were already very satisfied to be able to break through to warrior king, and they did not dare to entertain the stuff of dreams such as warrior emperor.

The pressure was on after Severin gave them the goal to break through to at least level nine warrior king within eleven months.

“Once we reach level four warrior king, I feel that we might need at least second-grade pills to help us improve our attainment more efficiently. You have a herculean task ahead of you too, it seems. If we rely solely on training or spiritual herbs instead of these pills, it is simply too difficult to achieve those goals!”

Rachel frowned when she thought about it.

Severin nodded. “Yes. That is why I need to work hard and burn the midnight oil. I don’t plan to go out tomorrow either. I’ll also have to use my spare time to make alchemy. It would be best if I could break through and become a second-grade medium-rank or a second-rank high-rank alchemist!”

\*Second-grade high-rank alchemist is something I’ve never even heard of!” Rachel said excitedly. “I know of several first-tier families in South Link City that have alchemists in their ranks, but they’re all low-rank or medium-rank alchemists. Even so, they receive treatment comparable to that of elders in the family. and they have a certain status even though their attainment might not be very high!”

Having said that, Rachel paused for a moment before continuing, “When it comes to those alchemists. the head of the family would have to be mindful of their alchemists’ moods, and they would also have to listen to the alchemists’ opinions for certain important matters.”

“There probably aren’t any alchemists who are self-taught like our supreme leader. Besides, his future will doubtlessly be promising after breaking through to a first-grade high-rank alchemist at such a young age!” Mick chuckled. “If this continues, then Dracodeus Temple might just become the most powerful existence among mortal forces in a short amount of time! Don’t you think so?”

“Agreed. Our supreme master is so powerful that it’s only a matter of time before the Dracodeus Temple becomes stronger!” Larry nodded immediately.

Severin glanced at the two of them and asked with a smile, “When did the two of you two become so sycophantic?”

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Larry exchanged glances with Mick and laughed.

Mick smiled. “Do you think we’re the type of people who love being sycophants? We’re just telling being honest here. This is the first time I’ve seen a genius like you!”

“That’s right! You said that we’d have eleven months to break through to level nine warrior king, but it all feels so dreamlike even now. I can’t imagine reaching such a high level of attainment!” Larry seemed to feel a little unconfident in his abilities.

“Let’s all work our hardest. As for the remaining eight halls, you need to send more people out to locate them, and don’t forget to reward those who have managed to find the other halls. Understood?” Severin then reminded everyone once again.

“Don’t worry. We’ll reward them for sure!” Gracie said boldly.

“All right then! This meeting is hereby dismissed. Try to get a breakthrough when you have time to spare!” Severin waved his hand and bid farewell to them.

He, along with the Shanahans, drove back home in no time. As soon as he returned home, he immediately began refining the pills alone in a room after taking a shower. To his surprise, Diane soon came over from the other room.

“It’s getting late, honey, and you’re still busy with all this alchemy. Don’t you think you’re pushing yourself a little too hard?”

Diane looked at the thin beads of sweat on Severin’s forehead and could not help but say to him when he finally finished refining one batch of pills.

Severin smiled. “I have no choice. Time is of the essence, and some things are best completed in advance rather than having to rush toward the end. My uncle-master gave me a deadline of one year, and before we know it, it’s almost the end of the first month! We have to set off earlier next year too, which means we only have about eleven months to make sure everything is in order!”

Severin put the two pills into the porcelain bottle that he had prepared earlier. “Luckily for me, I’m getting more and more proficient in refining pills. I can make two pills in one single refinement session using the same batch of materials. Although it takes a bit of extra mental strength to do so, refining two pills at once saves a lot of time!”

Diane had a look of admiration as she stared at the satisfied smile on Severin’s face. “My husband is so motivated! I can’t sleep now anyway, so I’ll watch you for a bit and head to bed once I’m feeling sleepy.”

“Sure!” Severin nodded. After his brief chat with Diane, he took out the materials again and proceeded with the refinement.

Since Severin could refine two pills in one go and his speed of refinement had improved too, he had already refined 18 pills in that single night. It was only when morning came that he went downstairs and had breakfast.

After finishing his breakfast, the two siblings-Maddie and Eustace-had already arrived.

“Thank you so much, Mister Severin!” Eustace was brimming with energy at that moment and was a completely different person from the previous day.

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As soon as Eustace saw Severin, he immediately stepped forward and knelt in front of the man. "Thank you for saving me, Mister Severin. I would be dead if it weren't for you. I promise to work hard under you to repay your kindness!"

Severin smiled and helped him up. "No thanks necessary. All you need to do is train hard from now on and improve yourself!"

Having said that, he asked Lillie to arrange a place for the two of them to stay. Once they had settled down, he gathered all the bodyguards he hired and have them wait for him in the yard.

Severin looked at all the bodyguards in front of him and nodded with satisfaction. "There are thirty-one of you, and if we add the bodyguards that I brought over from Brookbourn, then the total would be a somewhat small team of only fifty people. I've already helped some of my longer-serving bodyguards improve their attainment, so now I'm going to do the same for all thirty-one of you. Every one of you here can break through to level one warrior king with ease, and you'll soon become a stronger version of yourselves!"

There was excitement on the faces of everyone who heard that. The salary Severin offered did not attract them much, it was the pills that helped them to break through to level one warrior king that they valued most.

Severin remained silent for a moment as he waved his palm and took out a porcelain bottle. "I have eighteen first-grade high-rank pills here, so according to the order of who's strongest, those who have reached level one profound master will be given priority to line up and take one pill. As for the remaining thirteen people who haven't received a pill, you may gather back here at four in the evening for your pill!"

"Whoa, I didn't think we'd receive a pill so soon! I didn't expect this at all!" A man who had reached level nine profound master could not help but remark excitedly.

All in all, there were only fifteen people there who were level nine profound masters. They would be able to receive the pill in the morning along with three other level eight profound masters.

"I can't believe it. You're the only alchemist who can produce eighteen pills at once, sir!"

"He didn't have that many yesterday, so it looks like he did the refining overnight. I have nothing but respect for him!" Everyone started discussing one after another, and they were as excited as piranhas in a feeding frenzy.

Eustace was just as emotional too. He did not expect that the employer his sister helped to find was an alchemist, and he could already imagine his strong future. Moreover, if he trained on his own, then it might take at least a year or two to break through to level one warrior king. Receiving a first-grade high-rank pill would undoubtedly be a shortcut.

Severin distributed all pills to the first eighteen bodyguards before dismissing everyone and reminding the remaining thirteen to collect them in the afternoon. They had all been eager to break through to the attainment of a level one warrior king, so as soon as they got the pill, they immediately went back to the room in the hopes that they could achieve that breakthrough soon.

Once that was done, Severin went back to his room to refine more pills.

Not long later, Sheila came to the villa where Severin stayed. Upon seeing Diane drinking tea in the yard, she immediately walked in with a smile and asked, "Where's Severin?"

"Did you come here to look for him? I'm afraid he won't have time to keep you company today. He wants to refine some pills since he's now already a first-grade high-rank alchemist!" Diane smiled.

"Wow! As you would expect from my dream man. He's improving by the bucketload! But then again, seeing him improve so much makes me feel like I'm not good enough for him!" Sheila was overjoyed at first, but she soon frowned with a twinge of sadness.