

A Man Like None Other

### Chapter 201 Let Me Explain

Initially, they thought that Hilda and Jared were in a relationship. Who would have thought that Jared and the company director were a couple?

At that moment, Hilda had her head lowered as tears welled up in her eyes.

Jared glanced across everyone in the sales department, and everyone instantly avoided his gaze.

Meanwhile, Zayne's head was lowered the most. In fact, he wished there was a hole in the ground where he could bury himself under.

"Zayne, do you feel that I am unworthy of this position? Just now, weren't you trying to chase me out of here?"

Jared looked at Zayne, asking in a teasing manner.

Zayne was stunned. "Mr. Chance, you are worthy. This position is just right for you..."

"On the contrary, I feel that your current position of manager is unsuitable for you, Mr. Carlson."

At Jared's words, Zayne looked at him with a pitiful expression and quickly apologized, "Mr. Chance, it was wrong of me to look down upon you. I was a fool. Please give me another chance. I have worked hard in this company for many years to rise to my present position of being the manager..."

"Give you a chance?" Jared sneered. "Just now, when you were going to sack me, did you think about giving me a chance?"

At that, Zayne's entire body trembled even more, and words seemed to have stuck in his throat.

"I hereby announce that you, Mr. Zayne Carlson, have been removed from the position of Sales Department Manager. From today onward, you are no longer a staff member of this company..." Jared declared loudly.

"Mr. Chance, please don't... No!" Zayne shouted as if he had gone crazy. Then, he looked at Josephine. "Josephine, please help me. I don't want to be fired..."

Josephine took a look at Zayne's pathetic expression and bit her lip. She turned to Jared. "Jared, could you—"

Without waiting for Josephine to finish speaking, Jared waved his hand and interrupted, "Let me show you something. If you still want to plead on his behalf after seeing it, I'll promise you..."

Shortly after, Jared turned on the slide projector in the conference room, and everyone turned their attention on the white screen, eager to see what he wanted to show to Maria.

When he turned the slide projector on, pictures of Zayne together with several other girls appeared. There were also some explicit chat messages, which stunned Maria for a moment.

Looking at his photos, Zayne was dumbfounded. Then, like a crazy man, he tried to smash the projector. "This is all fake. Fake..."

Jared sent Zayne down onto the floor with a kick and kept him there by stepping on him. Meanwhile, the projector continued displaying more photos.

The last pictures showed Zayne being intimate with Lydia. Maria nearly fell off her seat as if she was dealt a physical blow. Fortunately, Hilda reacted quickly and steadied her.

At that moment, even though she was a conniving woman, Lydia could not help blushing as she looked at herself on the screen.

“Goodness gracious! I always thought Lydia was best friends with Maria. I never imagined she would do something like this! How shameless!”

“From appearances, we don’t know what agenda anyone may have. No wonder Lydia spent so much time with Maria. She has ulterior motives...”

“Huh! I despise this type of characters. Shameless...”

Everyone was shocked, and they began to criticize her.

In the face of such an onslaught, Lydia almost broke down.

Jared turned off the projector after he had finished showing the slides. Then he looked at Maria and asked, “Do you still want to beg on behalf of Zayne? I’ve told you before that he’s not suitable for you...”

Maria stood there motionless for a while, her eyes blazing with anger. Then she walked quickly toward Lydia.

“Maria, Maria, listen to me. Zayne seduced me. It was him who seduced me. In fact, he offered me money...”

Lydia did everything she could to put all the blame on Zayne.

## **Chapter 202 One-Sided Love**

“Lydia, you are shameless because you seduced me. You wanted me to help you move up in the company, so you pretended to be drunk and asked me to send you back to your room. Then you took off my clothes. You b\*tch...”

Pinned to the floor by Jared, Zayne could only shout at the top of his lungs at Lydia.

Seeing this, Jared lifted his foot. Following that, Zayne leaped up immediately and rushed toward Lydia.

Viciously, he slapped Lydia hard across her cheeks.

Lydia covered her face with her hand and glared at Zayne. “Zayne, you are a f\*cking sc\*mbag. You told me that you only love me and are with Maria only because of her wealthy family. I didn’t expect you to have affairs with so many other women...”

Feeling extremely dissatisfied, Lydia then started to fight with Zayne.

In a short while, their clothes were torn, and Zayne’s face was covered with blood.

“Security guards, please remove these two from our premises...”

Wearily, Josephine looked at the ugly scene and called for security guards to take them away.

A few security guards rushed in, ready to take the two troublemakers away.

“Maria, I was wrong. I made a mistake. Please help me. Help me...”

Zayne did not want to leave, and he grabbed at Maria’s feet, unwilling to let go.

Maria looked at him in disgust and kicked him away with her foot.

Zayne tried to crawl back, but the security guards eventually dragged him away.

“Why... Why... I’m not giving up so easily...”

Zayne yelled, but no one felt sorry for him.

Both Zayne and Lydia were dragged away after being fired. Everyone else in the sales department was in suspense. After all, they had all mocked Jared before in order to curry favor with Zayne.

Jared glanced at everyone and said, “As of now, the company still lacks a general manager, so this position will be given to Maria. As for the position of sales manager, Hilda will be taking over. I hope you two can work hard and be assets to the company...”

At Jared’s words, the whole sales department applauded loudly.

Maria was taken by surprise. She had thought that even if Jared did not blame or punish her, he would not give her a position of importance. After all, her attitude toward him had not been pleasant from the start.

She could hardly believe that he would make her the general manager.

“Maria, quickly, thank Mr. Chance for this opportunity...”

Someone in the department prompted Maria.

Maria snapped out of her daze and turned to Jared. “Jared, no, I mean, Mr. Chance. Thank you. I promise to work hard!”

When Maria finished thanking him, she tugged at Hilda, who was next to her. “Hilda, quickly thank Mr. Chance...”

Without any expression on her face, Hilda looked at Jared. “Thank you, Mr. Chance...”

Looking at Hilda’s expression, Jared felt his heart sink. However, he knew that love was not something that could be forced.

“Everyone else’s positions remain as before. Go back to work now...”

Jared did not blame any of the staff, so they were all extremely relieved and grateful.

As everyone left, Jared looked at Hilda’s departing figure. He wanted to catch up with her and give some explanation. However, Josephine was nearby, so he did not.

“Go ahead. Sometimes, it’s good to make things clear. I’m leaving, too...”

At that, Josephine got up and left.

Jared caught up with Hilda and asked to speak with her.

“Hilda, the truth is that I’ve always treated you as a younger sister. I have never tried to mislead you. However, my parents have some misunderstandings toward Josephine, so I kept quiet about it...”

It wasn’t Jared’s intention to hide the truth.

“Jared, you don’t need to explain. It was a one-sided relationship from the start. You’re doing great now, and I’m still young. In the future, there’s sure to be someone more suitable to be my boyfriend...”

Having said that, Hilda tried her best to plaster a smile on her face.

“Yes, I’m sure you’ll find someone suitable for you!”

Jared nodded.

### **Chapter 203 Going Away**

In the blink of an eye, two days had passed.

Jared did not care much about being the director. He had always wanted to find an opportunity to explain Josephine’s matters to his parents.

If his parents would agree to let him live in Dragon Bay, he could speed up his training. Living in the current place, he couldn’t trace any spiritual energy, and he wasn’t able to practice his cultivation.

However, seeing how his parents and Hilda’s mother, Chloe, were happily discussing matters regarding him and Hilda, Jared couldn’t bring himself to crush their happiness.

In the afternoon, Gary gave Jared a call on the phone.

He told him that Hilda and her whole family had moved.

When Jared got the news, he was shocked. Immediately he drove home, only to see Hilda’s home had been locked and vacant.

Meanwhile, Gary was holding a letter.

“Jared, this is Hilda’s letter to you...”

Gary then handed the letter to him.

So, Jared opened up the letter and started to read. It turned out that Hilda did not feel like living here anymore, as she could not bear to face Jared day in and day out. Hence, she decided to bring her mother to another place where they had relatives.

Furthermore, Hilda also explained to Jared’s parents what had been going on between Josephine and him.

Jared clenched his fists after reading the letter. I do not want to hurt Hilda ever. Perhaps, this is the best way to end the matter. If she had stayed on which meant we would continue to see each other daily, it might be difficult for her.

“Ah... Hilda is such a pitiable child. It’s unfortunate that you both weren’t fated...”

Hannah let out a sigh. Obviously, she knew the contents of the letter.

“Jared, why didn’t you tell us? If you were going to start a relationship with Josephine, your mom and I have no objections. As long as she is sincere, it does not matter what her status is. We were just worried that you would get conned. This evening, invite her to our home for dinner. Your mom and I have to apologize to her. Out of good intentions, she lent us a home, and we misjudged her...” Gary said.

“That’s right. It’s wrong of your dad and me to listen to gossip. She lent us such a good home to live in. How could she be a fraudster then? Now, it’s not good that we have misunderstood her. You must invite her over for dinner, so I can apologize to her formally. As a wealthy woman, she did not despise us for being poor. Instead, we mistook her kindness for a hidden agenda.” Hannah was full of remorse as she spoke to Jared.

“All right. I’ll get her to come over tonight...”

Jared nodded.

In the evening, Josephine was full of joy when she arrived at Jared’s. She had brought quite a lot of presents, and the Chances had prepared a sumptuous dinner.

After everyone was seated at the dinner table, Josephine spoke to Gary and Hannah. “Mr. and Mrs. Chance, I think it’s better for you to move to Dragon Bay. After all, the atmosphere and air quality there are better...”

Gary remained silent while Hannah responded, “Josephine, we will do what you tell us to do. From now on, my husband and I will listen to you and not others...”

Hannah was still feeling terrible about believing the gossip she had heard from others and mistaking Josephine’s good intentions for ulterior motives.

“Great! You can move over there tomorrow then...” Josephine uttered gleefully.

Seeing that his parents agreed to move to Dragon Bay, Jared felt relieved. Finally, he would be able to cultivate his spiritual power, which had been delayed for a long time.

Early next morning, Jared took his parents and moved back to Dragon Bay. Sensing the spiritual energy on the hilltop of Dragon Bay, he could not wait to sit down and cultivate right away.

At noon, Josephine called Jared, saying that Walter had something to discuss with him concerning the spiritual brush.

Jared was thrilled after receiving the call. As long as he could get his hands on the spiritual brush, there was hope to heal his mother’s eyes.

Jared hurried to the Sullivan residence. Meanwhile, Tommy also wanted to see him, so the duo headed to the same destination.

### **Chapter 204 The Search For A Doctor**

When Jared met Walter after arriving at the Sullivan residence, he asked immediately, “Mr. Grange, is Abbot Erasmus back yet?”

Walter nodded in response. “Yes, Abbot Erasmus is back!”

“Mr. Grange, please bring me there to see him quickly!” Jared could not wait for another second.

“Mr. Chance, Abbot Erasmus is back indeed, but...”

Walter appeared to be in a dilemma.

“Mr. Grange, just be frank with me. If it’s money, I can gather the funds,” Jared said.

“Mr. Grange, no matter what the price is, just tell us. That spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary are necessary items for healing Mrs. Chance’s eyes. She can’t be healed without them!” At that moment, Josephine spoke up.

She knew what Jared wanted with those two items. When he gave her the prescription, those were listed there, and she did really search for them meticulously. However, her efforts were in vain. In fact, she even offered a reward, but those things were rare and hard to come by.

Walter shook his head. “Mr. Chance, it is not money that Abbot Erasmus wants. Money is of no importance to those who have dedicated their lives to their spiritual beliefs. Abbot Erasmus has a daughter who is seriously ill. They have consulted many well-known doctors, but none of them could help her. So, Mr. Chance, he hopes that you can heal her with the spiritual brush and the cinnabar rosary.”

Instantly, Jared understood. Walter must have told Abbot Erasmus about his healing skills. That must have been the only reason why Erasmus would have thought of that as the condition for loaning those precious items. Jared was confident that he could heal anyone provided they were not dying of old age or organ failure.

“Mr. Grange, what is Abbot Erasmus’ daughter suffering from?” Jared asked.

“I don’t know for sure. Though, it’s clear that she has always been weak since she was a child, and her body is frail and cold like someone who had been submerged in ice. She sleeps with many blankets every day, but nothing has worked throughout the years. They have sought help from many doctors in many places, but their efforts were futile. Recently, they traveled to a distant land to seek medical treatment, but it yielded no results! For his daughter, Abbot Erasmus even posted medical notices in monasteries and gave to charity in the hopes of accumulating merits so that his daughter’s health would improve. However, there are no signs of improvement after so many years,” Walter explained.

“Her body is cold like being submerged in ice?”

Jared's lips parted slightly as if struck by a thought. Then, he said to Walter, "Mr. Grange, please take us there. I can treat Abbot Erasmus' daughter!"

Jared did not want to wait any longer. He just wanted to borrow the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary to heal his mother's eyes.

"Sure, we'll leave right now!"

Walter nodded.

Following that, two cars left Glamor Hotel and traveled to Lagrange Monastery.

The monastery was located on Lagrange Mountain, the largest mountain in Jazona. The mountain was very tall and had dense forests. There were rumors that fairies had appeared to help those who had lost their way there, so the people built Lagrange Monastery on the mountain.

The road up to Lagrange Monastery was long and winding. Indeed, it was a hazardous trip. However, it had become famous, and many visitors went to pray for blessings.

"Mr. Chance, we have to trek up the mountain!" At the foot of Lagrange Mountain, Walter's voice rang out.

"Let's go!" Jared nodded.

As a matter of fact, Jared had known about Lagrange Monastery a long time ago, but he had never visited there before.

Luca stayed behind to guard the cars while Jared, Walter, Tommy, William, and Josephine started the upward journey on foot.

With Jared present, Walter's safety was not at risk, so Luca did not need to tag along to protect him.

Looking at the green trees and the winding mountain road, Josephine was so excited that she kept running and stopping. From time to time, she would even yell joyfully.

"Josephine, if you keep doing this, you'll be exhausted before we reach the top!" William reminded.

At the beginning of the climb, one would be excited as one's adrenaline pumped. Later on, tiredness would creep in as the excitement wore off. So, it was essential to save energy right from the start.

"I'm fine!" Josephine responded. William's words had fallen on deaf ears, and there was nothing he could do.

## **Chapter 205 Leonidas**

Since it was already the afternoon, it made sense that more tourists would be heading downhill instead of uphill. However, as Jared and the others climbed upward, they saw many people rushing toward the top of the mountain.

The tourists were talking among themselves as they hurried along. "Hurry up! I heard Abbot Erasmus' senior, Leonidas, is visiting Lagrange Monastery. He's a legend, and his abilities are known far and wide! We must hurry so that we get the chance to meet him!"

“Rumor has it the last time he was here, Leonidas only agreed to meet ten people. One of them was a married couple who had not been able to conceive for more than ten years. However, the following year after they met with him, they had a baby!”

“Is that all? Someone told me that Leonidas healed a man who had been paralyzed his entire life! I can’t believe we might have the chance to meet him! Come on! We need to pick up the pace!”

“I heard through the grapevine that the purpose of his visit this time is to cure Abbot Erasmus’ daughter. He even brought a magical item with him!”

After hearing those remarks, Jared finally understood the reason for the crowd at that hour.

Walter explained to Jared, “Leonidas is Abbot Erasmus’ senior. He used to be the head of Lagrange Monastery. After handing over the position to Abbot Erasmus, Leonidas embarked on his travels. He returned once last year to cure Abbot Erasmus’ daughter. Sadly, it didn’t work, and he left again soon after. That must be why he’s back this time.”

“Oh, that won’t do! We have to hurry! If he manages to cure her, we won’t be able to get the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary!” Josephine said anxiously as soon as she heard that.

Thinking that her words made sense, everyone quickened their pace.

Jared was the only one who remained calm. He smiled and said, “Don’t worry. He won’t be able to cure her.”

“How do you know that?” Josephine asked, looking at him questioningly.

“Trust me. You’ll see,” Jared answered with a mysterious smile without elaborating further.

When they were about halfway there, Josephine began to slow down. Sweat drenched her brow, and she was practically gasping for air.

Finally, she collapsed onto a rock on the side, exhausted and out of breath. “I can’t go on anymore. I need to rest for a while. My legs can barely move!”

“What did I tell you just now? You didn’t want to listen to me, but you regret it now, don’t you?” William reprimanded.

However, no matter what William said, Josephine simply could not walk any further!

Jared could tell that Josephine did not have the energy to continue climbing for a while. Even so, they could not all stop and wait for her. Hence, he turned to Walter and suggested, “Why don’t the rest of you go on ahead? I’ll stay with Josephine, and we’ll catch up with you later.”

Walter nodded. “Good idea. I’ll go first to make sure everything is in order and let Abbot Erasmus know we’ve come.”

After glancing at Josephine with a slight smile, William turned to Jared and said, “I’ll leave Josephine in your hands, then.”

With that, the others resumed the uphill journey while Jared sat next to Josephine.



Josephine blinked at Jared innocently and said with a chuckle, "I can't take another step. Why don't you carry me on your back?"

"No way. I don't have the strength for that."

Jared shook his head firmly.

"But I'm tired. I don't have an ounce of strength left!" Josephine whined in a pitiful voice.

Jared felt his heart flutter as he gazed at Josephine, thinking how beautiful she was.

Although she could be a little hot-tempered at times, she was kind-hearted.

Suddenly, Jared grabbed Josephine's hand. Startled by the abrupt action, she moved to withdraw her hand at once. However, he held it so tightly that she could not free herself from his grasp.

A blush stained her cheeks as she bit her lip, not daring to look at Jared.

### **Chapter 206 A Tricky Situation**

Josephine felt a tingling warmth flow from his hand into her body.

Lowering her head, she mumbled in a barely audible voice, "W-What do you think you're doing? There are too many people here!"

"What did you say?" Jared asked.

She ducked her head lower and whispered in an even softer voice, "I said, don't do that here! There are too many people around! Let's go among the trees!"

Jared let go of her hand. "Why should we do that? Come on. Let's get moving. Otherwise, we won't be able to catch up to the others."

Stunned, Josephine gazed up at Jared and saw that he was looking at her with a mischievous grin.

She shot him a death stare and rushed at him. "I'm going to kill you!"

However, Josephine had only taken a few steps before she realized she was not as tired as before. Her legs were also not aching anymore. In fact, she felt refreshed and energetic, just as when she first started the climb!

"Why are you spacing out? Hurry up!" Jared called out when he saw her standing motionless.

"Oh. Right."

Coming to her senses, Josephine quickly hurried after Jared.

They soon caught up with Walter and the others, who were surprised by Jared's and Josephine's speed.

"Josephine, didn't you say that you were tired?"

William studied Josephine carefully, but she did not appear the least bit exhausted!

"I don't know what happened either. Anyway, I'm not tired anymore. I feel quite refreshed," Josephine replied, also looking puzzled.

As soon as the others heard her response, their gazes fell on Jared. They guessed that he must have had something to do with it.

"Let's get going. It'll be dark soon," Jared said, hastening his pace.

After an hour, they finally reached the summit. However, it was so crowded that the monastery had closed its doors, and everyone could only wait outside.

Jared and the others pushed their way to the front of the crowd. Two monks were standing guard at the entrance, and they stopped them at once.

"Please don't try to force your way into the monastery. We won't be allowing anyone else in today," said one of the monks.

Walter's face crinkled up in a smile as he said politely, "Excuse me, but we're friends of Abbot Erasmus. Could you please let him know that Walter Grange from Horington is here?"

"We've been told not to let anyone in. Master Leonidas is in the middle of treating our master's daughter and must not be disturbed," the monk responded airily with a dismissive wave of his hand.

Walter did not appear to be angered by the monk's response. He reached into his pocket, took out some money, and slipped it into the monk's hand. "I've also brought someone to treat her illness. Your master knows about it, so you only need to let him know we've arrived."

The monk broke into a grin when he saw the money in his hand. He stuffed it into his pocket and said, "Ah, so you're our master's friends! Please wait here for a while. I'll go and announce your arrival."

Walter watched the monk run into the monastery with a smile. This is a prime example of a situation where it's trickier to deal with the lower ranks than the higher-ups.

Jared sneered, "A monastery with an attitude like this will never have the ability to cure the girl."

The group exchanged exasperated looks. Such was the world now where even places like a monastery were money-minded. Instead of calling it a monastery, it would be more accurate to refer to it as a tourist attraction.

Soon, the monk ran back up to Walter and bowed respectfully. "Sir, our master has allowed you to enter."

Walter nodded, then led Jared and the others into the monastery.

Other tourists had purchased incense sticks and lit them while praying for good fortune. Hence, a thin veil of smoke from the burning incense sticks surrounded the monastery.

## **Chapter 207 Warm Jade**

As soon as they stepped inside, a bearded man wearing robes rushed forward to welcome them. Erasmus said, "Mr. Grange, I apologize for keeping you waiting. Please forgive me."

Walter bowed his head respectfully, then gestured toward Jared. "This is Mr. Chance, the person who needs the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary. I've brought him here to have a look at your daughter."

Erasmus glanced at Jared with his brows slightly furrowed, but he quickly regained his composure and smiled. "There's no rush. Why don't we go inside and have something to drink? My senior is checking on my daughter's condition now."

As Erasmus spoke, he motioned for the group to follow him. Just as Jared was about to enter the main hall, he felt a sudden chill in the air.

It was so strong that a shiver ran through him despite the sweltering heat.

Noticing the shift in Jared's expression, Walter asked, "Is something wrong, Mr. Chance?"

"Oh, nothing!" Jared smiled and shook his head.

Erasmus turned to Jared, smiling disdainfully. "You can feel that it's suddenly much cooler inside this hall, right? It's because there's an old well behind the monastery. The water in the well is freezing cold all year round. Hence, we've directed it around the monastery so that the temperature would be much cooler inside."

Jared merely gave a polite smile in response without saying anything.

Everyone followed Erasmus through the main hall into a small courtyard at the back. When he opened the door to one of the rooms, Jared felt the chill in the air intensify drastically.

However, none of the others seemed to sense anything amiss.

A young girl with delicate features was lying on a bed inside the room. Although she had a thick blanket over her, her face was deathly pale as if she was suffering from frostbite. In fact, there was even a thin layer of frost on her skin!

An elderly man sat at the side of the girl's bed with a jade scepter in his hand. He would occasionally tap it on the girl's forehead and mutter something under his breath.

"This is my senior, Leonidas. He says that he has to get rid of the frosty energy within my daughter's body to cure her. We tried doing it once last year but failed. This time, he has found a jade scepter made of warm jade that can absorb the frosty energy inside her body," Erasmus explained softly.

A warm jade was created by subjecting the gemstone to immense heat. What was so remarkable was that it would then be able to retain heat all year round. Even if one placed it in freezing cold temperatures, it would return to its original temperature in less than half an hour!

It was rare to come across a warm jade, and the chances of finding one large enough to craft a jade scepter out of it were even scarcer.

Erasmus' explanation piqued their curiosity, and they turned to gaze at Leonidas with interest. However, Leonidas appeared cold and distant, and there was a glint of mockery in his eyes. He did not even bother to glance at them.

Every time Leonidas tapped the girl's forehead with the jade scepter, they could see it absorbing her frosty energy little by little.

After repeating the action more than ten times, Leonidas stopped and set the jade scepter aside.

"Is she going to get well soon?" Erasmus enquired eagerly.

Leonidas shook his head. "It won't be that easy. There has been a large amount of frosty energy trapped within Renee's body for a long time, so we can only take things slowly. The jade scepter has lost its warmth for now, so I need to let it rest for a while."

Erasmus nodded. "I see... Then how long will it take to dispel all the frosty energy from her body?"

Frowning slightly, Leonidas pondered for a moment. "At least three days, but it could also take as long as six months."

Erasmus fell silent when he heard Leonidas' answer, worry etched across his face.

## **Chapter 208 Ignorant**

"It wouldn't matter even if you could do it in half a month. Judging by how much frosty energy the jade scepter can absorb each time, I suppose even a lifetime won't be enough. Moreover, she only has three days left to live at most," Jared remarked slowly.

Leonidas' brows drew together sharply, and he glared at Jared. "Erasmus, who's this ignorant brat? How dare he spout such nonsense?"

"He's the person Mr. Grange asked to help cure Renee. As you know, Mr. Grange has been a loyal patron of this monastery," Erasmus replied hurriedly.

Leonidas snorted angrily. "Even so, this greenhorn has the cheek to doubt me! Get him out of here!"

It was clear that Leonidas had taken offense to Jared's remark.

"This..." Erasmus paled instantly.

Due to his close friendship with Walter, he did not think it appropriate to dismiss Jared so unceremoniously.

"What's the matter? Do you really believe that brat can cure your daughter? In that case, I'm leaving!"

Leonidas picked up the jade scepter and prepared to leave.

"Please calm down!" Erasmus cried out as he reached out to stop Leonidas. Then, he turned to Walter uneasily and said, "Mr. Grange, perhaps it'd be better if you and your friends left us for a while. My senior prefers not to be disturbed."

He shot Jared a torn look as he spoke. He trusted Jared, but there was nothing he could do.

“Abbot Erasmus, your daughter has what is called a frosty constituent. A frosty constituent attracts frosty energy. If one has the ability to harness the energy, it can strengthen one’s physical body and offer eternal youth. Alas, no one taught her how to do that. Hence, the frosty energy has accumulated within her over the years and caused her current condition,” Jared explained.

After a pause, he continued, “Although the jade scepter is a magical item that can absorb frosty energy, it isn’t powerful enough when compared to the rate that the frosty energy is multiplying inside your daughter’s body. On top of that, the frosty energy in the monastery’s ancient well is very potent. As such, she won’t survive beyond three days.”

In truth, Jared only bothered to give such a long explanation because he wanted the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary!

Meanwhile, Erasmus was dumbfounded. Despite not knowing much about his daughter’s condition, he felt that what Jared said made sense.

“What a mountain of lies! Frosty constituent, you say? Eternal youth? You might as well say that it’ll grant one immortality! That’s all a load of nonsense. I’ve never heard of something as ridiculous as a frosty constituent in all my years as a monk!” Leonidas responded coldly, gazing at Jared in utter disdain.

Jared retorted expressionlessly, “If you don’t know about it, that’s because you’re ignorant. That jade scepter in your hand may be a magical item, but it’ll shatter into a million pieces if you continue using it.”

That jade scepter is indeed capable of absorbing frosty energy. However, the frosty energy inside Renee’s body is strong. If I can sense it, that shows how powerful her energy is! A jade scepter made from warm jade won’t be able to withstand it, and it’ll only end up shattering.

“Rubbish! Even in the extreme cold, the jade scepter will still be able to return to its original temperature. There’s no way it’ll break, so don’t even think about uttering such nonsense. You should just get lost. You’re not welcome at Lagrange Monastery!”

Leonidas was seething with rage, furious that Jared had dared to call him ignorant. No one had ever disrespected him like that before!

Jared snorted with disdain. If it weren’t for the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary, I wouldn’t lift a finger to help even if they begged me!

“You insolent brat! You’re just asking for it!”

Leonidas flew into a rage. Lifting his cane in the air angrily, he charged toward Jared.

“Stop, please!”

Alarmed by the turn of events, Erasmus quickly stepped forward to stop Leonidas.

Walter and the others stood staring in shock, not expecting Leonidas to act so impulsively.

## Chapter 209 Shattered

“Insolence!” Tommy roared and was about to lunge at Leonidas.

Since Jared was the overlord of Dragon Sect, there was no way Tommy would stand by and watch as Jared was about to get beaten up.

However, Jared stopped him and said, “He’s too strong for you!”

Jared realized Leonidas was too strong when he felt the force he produced with just a flick of his cane.

“Calm down, senior. There are a lot of people outside waiting to see you. Your reputation will go down the drain if someone sees you fighting.” Erasmus held Leonidas’ cane and advised.

Upon hearing that, Leonidas kept his cane and snorted, “Get rid of them before they annoy me even more!”

“Perhaps you guys should leave first, Mr. Grange. Once my daughter is healed, I’ll get someone to send the cinnabar rosary and spiritual brush to you,” Erasmus said awkwardly.

Walter then looked at Jared and asked, “Should we leave, Mr. Chance?”

Since Erasmus had already promised to deliver them the cinnabar rosary and spiritual brush, they had no reason to stay any longer.

In response, Jared shook his head. “I didn’t come all the way here to watch someone die!”

Jared was determined to save Erasmus’ daughter. He must be a good person since he’s willing to give me the cinnabar rosary and spiritual brush. I must do something to help him!

“Little brat, are you done?” Leonidas frowned and glared at Jared.

Erasmus was unsure of what to do as he was caught between a rock and a hard place.

“Could you stop acting so authoritative? Why don’t you try it out to see if I was telling the truth?” Jared smirked.

“How am I supposed to do that?” Leonidas was taken aback.

“All you have to do is just use your jade scepter to absorb the frosty energy. If your scepter is still fine afterward, that would prove that I was talking nonsense. If that’s the case, I’ll get out of here. Otherwise, it proves I’m right about what I said.” Jared pointed at the jade scepter.

“Fine! I’ll prove you wrong!” Leonidas picked up his jade scepter and started chanting as he stroked Erasmus’ daughter’s head gently.

Every time he touched the girl’s head, they could see a wave of frosty energy being absorbed by the jade scepter.

With that, Leonidas shot Jared a disdainful look and mocked, “Get out of here! My jade scepter is doing just fine!”

As he was talking, he was still stroking the girl's head. Suddenly, a cracking sound was heard, and it sounded like something had shattered.

At that moment, everyone held their breath in astonishment.

In shock, Leonidas held his jade scepter closer and inspected it carefully. To his dismay, the jade scepter had a hairline crack.

"What happened to my jade scepter?" he gently touched it and cried. As soon as his hand came in contact with the scepter, it shattered and fell to the ground.

"Wow. It has shattered!" Josephine jumped and yelled excitedly while holding Jared's arm.

Leonidas was utterly embarrassed because what happened had just proved Jared was right all along.

Upon seeing Josephine's reaction, Leonidas stared angrily at her. After all, the scepter was one of his invaluable magical items. Naturally, he was displeased over Josephine's reaction.

Josephine immediately kept mum when she noticed Leonidas' look. However, she could barely hide the excitement on her face.

"Would you believe me now? There was no way your jade scepter could ever hold the frosty energy in her body. If it weren't for her frosty constituent, she would've been dead long ago," Jared blurted.

## **Chapter 210 Eradicate The Traitors**

Although Leonidas was disgruntled, he had nothing else to back himself up. Hence, he scoffed coldly, "It seems like you guessed it right. Now, I'd like to see what you are going to use in order to expel the frosty energy!"

"I can expel the frosty energy out of Abbot Erasmus' daughter without using any equipment. Besides, I can also enable her to make use of the frosty energy in her," Jared said calmly.

"Fine. Go ahead. I'd like to see you do that!" Leonidas stepped aside with his face filled with dissatisfaction.

"None of you is allowed to watch me heal her because I'm going to take off her clothes. I can't do it with you all around."

Leonidas was shocked upon hearing that. "How dare you, pervert! So you've come to take advantage of the girl instead of healing her! Don't you know that's forbidden? She's only eighteen! How dare you take off her clothes?"

As Leonidas was barking, Erasmus was baffled as well. My daughter isn't even married yet. How could I let a man see her naked? What if words got out? Her reputation is going to be ruined! Besides, how would I know if Jared would do anything out of line while he's alone with her?

Walter and William were also wondering about the same thing. They couldn't understand why Jared needed to strip the girl in order to heal her.

As for Josephine, she stared at Jared and questioned, "Jared, are you taking advantage of this young girl?"

Jared was frustrated when he saw everyone questioning his decency. "I didn't say I'm going to strip her completely naked! I just need to take off her outerwear! I just thought maybe it'd be inappropriate for the other guys to see that. If you're afraid that I might fool around, you can stay and watch!"

At that moment, Erasmus felt a sense of relief. Since she will not be naked, I don't think I have anything to worry about. Furthermore, someone is going to stay and watch. I don't think he's silly enough to do anything stupid.

"Senior, shall we wait outside? We'll come and check on them once they're done," Erasmus said.

"Fine then! If he fails to heal her, I'll never forgive him!" Leonidas scoffed and swung his cane before getting ready to leave.

Right then, a monk rushed in.

"Oh no, something terrible has happened! Someone is trying to force his way in. We can't hold him off!" The monk looked petrified, and he had a fresh slap mark on his cheek.

"How ridiculous!" Erasmus roared as he was rushing out.

As soon as he stepped out, he was approached by a young man. The young man had long hair and was dressed in a long-sleeved shirt. He looked like a holy man with a cross on his chest.

Behind him were two frightened monks who looked badly beaten up. Their faces were swollen so badly they couldn't even open their eyes.

"Master Erasmus, I was stopped when I was coming into Lagrange Monastery. Why was that?" the young man asked with a sarcastic tone.

"Falcon, I'm not your master. Your mentor had betrayed the monastery, and he's no longer related to us. Hence, drop the formality, and tell me why you have come to my monastery and beat up my monks?" Erasmus thundered.

Instead of feeling offended, Falcon maintained his sarcastic attitude. "Master Erasmus, I came all the way here just to treat your daughter! Why are you being so mean to me?"

"Renee doesn't need you! Get the hell out of here now! Tell your mentor to be ready because I'm going to eradicate the traitors soon!" Leonidas went up to Falcon and barked.