

A Man Like None Other

Chapter 211 Marry Me

“Oh? You’re here as well, Master Leonidas? I think I know what you’re doing here!” Falcon sneered, “I guess you’re here to heal Renee as well, aren’t you? I’ve heard about the jade scepter you’ve gotten your hands on recently. Sadly, I have to tell you it’s useless. Renee has a frosty constituent. If you try to use the jade scepter to heal her, you’re going to shatter it into pieces!”

As soon as Falcon finished his sentence, Erasmus and Leonidas gaped in disbelief. They were surprised to find out that Falcon knew about it as well.

“Stop talking nonsense! There’s no such thing as a frosty constituent! Get lost!” Leonidas swung his cane at Falcon.

Just like Jared, Falcon mentioned a frosty constituent. If they were both right about it, Leonidas would be left with egg on his face. Hence, he had to chase him out of there before the latter said anything more.

Falcon sneered and grabbed onto the fast-approaching cane with his hand. “Master Leonidas, you’re too old for this. Your young and beautiful wife would be sad if anything happens to you!”

“You animal! I’ll kill you!” Leonidas let go of his cane and sent a kick Falcon’s way.

As a matter of fact, Leonidas did marry a beautiful woman a lot younger than he was. Nevertheless, it was deemed disrespectful of Falcon to speak of her that way.

Falcon smiled arrogantly and sent a kick toward Leonidas at the same time.

Thud!

Leonidas was sent flying away with a powerful kick and landed on the ground heavily.

“Senior, are you okay?” Erasmus panicked and dashed toward Leonidas to help him up.

Leonidas was astounded because he didn’t expect Falcon to become that strong within two years.

Jared froze at that instant. Did I feel a wave of spiritual energy when he kicked Leonidas? Is he an energy cultivator as well?

Jared was puzzled because he didn’t know anyone who could manipulate one’s spiritual energy apart from Draco. Any person who could do that was considered being an energy cultivator.

“As I said, Master Leonidas, you’re too old for this. It’s about time you let the younger generation takeover! Besides, I’m here to heal Renee. Why do you guys have to be so mean to me?” Falcon said placidly.

“How did you suddenly become so strong, Falcon?” Leonidas found it odd to see Falcon’s strength grow so rapidly.

“Haha! That’s my secret! But I can tell you that my mentor is now a follower of Phantom Monastery. I might even be the head in due time!” Falcon exclaimed excitedly.

“Traitor!” Leonidas roared. “Not only did you guys betray us, but you’ve also been worshipping the evil? Both of you are embarrassing us! I must eradicate you traitors today!”

As Leonidas was shouting, he was going to attack Falcon again.

“Senior, wait!” Erasmus stopped him. It was obvious that neither of them was a match for Falcon’s ability.

“No matter how hard you try, none of you can beat me. So, please stop embarrassing yourselves. I’ve already said I came to heal Renee. Why don’t you guys believe me?” Falcon was getting impatient.

“I don’t believe you’re here out of kindness, Falcon. What are your conditions?” Erasmus queried.

“Master Erasmus, I’ve known Renee since we both were little. I’d like to marry her after I healed her. Is that too much to ask?” Falcon smiled faintly before shifting his passionate gaze toward Renee.

Chapter 212 Starry Compass

“In your dreams! I’d rather let my daughter stay single forever than let her marry you!” Erasmus gritted his teeth and spoke.

Despite Erasmus’ degradation, Falcon boasted confidently, “If you don’t let me help Renee, she’s going to die within three days. Do you want to watch her die?”

“Do you think you’re the only one who knows about frosty constituents? Mr. Chance here told us about it earlier on. Stop being so cocky, will you?” After that, Erasmus looked at Jared respectfully and said, “Please do whatever you can to save my daughter, Mr. Chance! We’ll give you some privacy!”

Prior to Falcon’s appearance, Erasmus was still doubtful of Jared. However, he trusted Jared upon hearing about the same thing from Falcon. I’d rather put my trust in Jared than in Falcon! He’s a traitor, and he’s up to no good!

Falcon immediately looked at Jared with his furrowed brows. How does he know about the frosty constituent?

As far as he was concerned, the entities which he worshipped taught about it at Phantom Monastery. Falcon had first heard about it from Dorieus, the former head of Phantom Monastery. Back then, he followed his mentor leave Lagrange Monastery and joined Dorieus at Phantom Monastery instead.

With a customized sword in his hand, Dorieus was extremely strong. That was why Erasmus dared not fight Falcon although he had forced his way into Lagrange Monastery.

“Not only can I heal her, but I believe I can help her unleash the potential she has! You guys should head out now.” Jared nodded.

“Did you see that, Falcon? Mr. Chance is capable of healing Renee as well. I think it’s time you give up on your ridiculous dreams and leave! Otherwise, you’re going to regret it!” Erasmus threatened.

“Nonsense!” Falcon’s expression changed dramatically upon hearing that. “The frosty constituent is full of frosty energy! If ancient Leonidas’ jade scepter was useless against it, what could this fellow do?”

Falcon was panicking because he knew he wasn't the only one capable of healing Renee anymore. Leonidas was extremely angered for being called ancient. Although he had the urge to beat Falcon up, he knew he was too weak to fight him.

"If I'm so powerless, do you really think you can heal her?" Jared asked.

"Of course, I can! My grandmaster gave this Starry Compass to me. I believe it can absorb an unlimited amount of frosty energy!"

As Falcon was talking, he took out something which looked like a compass. It was about just as big as his palm. Apart from the seven stars carved on it, it looked just like an ordinary compass.

Jared's eyes lit up as soon as he saw the Starry Compass. Wow! That's incredible!

At that moment, the Starry Compass was emitting a huge wave of spiritual energy. So the spiritual energy I felt just now wasn't from Falcon. It was from the Starry Compass! I must get my hands on that magical item!

Jared was so determined to own the Starry Compass that he wouldn't hesitate to kill Falcon for it.

"It's just an ordinary compass. Are you planning to use that to absorb the frosty energy out of Renee? What makes you think that thing can do so when my jade scepter didn't even work?" Leonidas scoffed.

In his eyes, that compass was just plainly a compass.

"You old fool! I'm going to show you how impressive the Starry Compass is!" Falcon then immediately pointed the Starry Compass at Renee.

All of the sudden, the Starry Compass shone brightly, and it absorbed all the frosty energy in Renee.

It had completely restored the color on Renee's face. Furthermore, she was even opening her eyes gradually.

Chapter 213 What A Piece Of Trash

"Renee!"

Upon seeing that his daughter had regained consciousness, Erasmus instantly rushed over with all the excitement in the world.

"Dad..."

Renee glanced around the room with a lost look in her eyes. At the sight of the crowd milling around, apprehension promptly swamped her.

"You scared me to death, Renee! Do you know you had been unconscious for several days?"

Tears streamed down Erasmus' face.

Although it was said that cultivators needed to sever all emotional attachments when they embarked on the path to immortality, few could actually do it.

“Do you believe me now, Master Erasmus?” With a sneer on his face, Falcon drawled, “But let me tell you something—this is just a temporary fix. If I don’t do anything to treat Renee, she’ll still revert to her initial state. Also, I’ll be so kind to tell you that I’m the only person who can cure her of her frosty constituent in this whole world! All others are charlatans! If you’ve made up your mind, kick all these charlatans out!”

“Who are you calling a charlatan? You look more like one yourself! Stop blowing your own trumpet with that worthless thing that’s no more than a bronze mirror! If you’re so great, throw it away, and we shall see who’s better!” Josephine stepped forward and snapped viciously, long since sick of the man’s arrogance.

As Falcon stared at Josephine, who stood out, a flash of something glinted in his eyes. He didn’t fly into a rage but leered at her with a salacious look in his eyes. “Others may all scam, but this lady can stay. I love such a feral temperament!”

“What a piece of trash!”

Josephine spat at him hard as she said that.

At that, Falcon was momentarily stunned before he wiped the spit off his face. His temper spiked at once. “Do you believe that I’ll finish you off right this instance, you b*tch?”

Seeing that he had gone off the deep end, Josephine instinctively backed up a step. Meanwhile, Jared took a step forward and shielded her behind him.

Eyeing the man disdainfully, he scoffed, “You’re acting all high and mighty because of the Starry Compass, no? How are you different from a good-for-nothing without it? This Starry Compass is a magical item, but it’s an utter waste in your possession! If one cultivates with it, only half the effort is required to achieve double the results! Alas, a useless piece of trash like you have no idea how to use it!”

Falcon was startled, and red-hot fury swiftly blazed through him because Jared was right—it was all thanks to the Starry Compass that he managed to defeat Leonidas and heal Renee. Without it, he was nothing at all!

“This is pure envy, kid! You’re simply jealous that I’ve got a magical item such as the Starry Compass! If you’re so great, take a magical item out as well! What are you going to use to absorb the frosty energy from Renee?” Falcon demanded provocatively.

“I’m the greatest magical item myself, so why do I need to use anything else? Only ineffectual people use so-called magical items!” Jared derided with a snort.

Following that, Falcon’s expression darkened even further. Leonidas likewise wore a grim look since the man’s scornful remark struck a raw nerve in him. After all, he had also used the jade scepter to treat Renee earlier.

“Are you saying that you want to absorb the frosty energy in Renee directly into your body?” Falcon questioned.

“Exactly!” Jared nodded placidly.

“Haha... What a joke! Renee has a frosty constituent, and that’s the only reason she managed to withstand the frosty energy within her for so many years. If it were the average person, he wouldn’t be able to survive for even a day! Yet, you dare say that you’ll use your body to absorb the frosty energy? If you really have that capability, you can ask anything of me! However, if you fail to do so, don’t blame me for not showing you any mercy. You’ll have to get on your knees before me and apologize. Also, the girl behind you has to warm my bed!”

Falcon’s eyes brimmed with malice, making goosebumps rise all over Josephine.

“Are you sick of living?” Jared’s eyes narrowed, and a murderous aura radiated off him in a flash.

While he and Josephine hadn’t yet confirmed their relationship, they were both aware of the other’s feelings.

Therefore, he had already regarded her as his girlfriend and would never stand idly by while she was harassed.

Chapter 214 Frozen

“What’s wrong? Are you scared?”

Falcon snickered even as he eyed Jared contemptuously.

“Why would I be? Today, I’ll show you a true immortal technique!”

As Jared spoke, his hand abruptly shot out toward Renee on the bed.

Stricken with fright, Renee hastily scooted backward and hid behind Erasmus in terror.

“Mr. Chance, there are many people here, so I’m afraid that it’s a tad inappropriate for you to be removing my daughter’s clothes in front of everyone.”

Reluctance deluged Erasmus, for his daughter’s reputation would be tarnished once her body was bared in public.

“You misunderstand, Abbot Erasmus. I’m only going to absorb the frosty energy in your daughter’s body, so no removal of clothes is necessary.”

Earlier, Jared had to remove Renee’s clothes for treatment because he wanted to transform her frosty constituent. Then, she wouldn’t have to suffer from the icy cold anymore.

However, if it were merely absorbing the frosty energy, there was no need to remove any clothes.

Hearing that, Erasmus breathed a sigh of relief. Supporting his daughter, he explained, “Renee, you don’t have to be afraid, for Mr. Chance is here to treat you!”

After much persuasion from Erasmus, Renee finally calmed down and sat on the bed quietly.

Subsequently, Jared lightly placed his palm on her forehead. In the blink of an eye, wave after wave of frosty energy was absorbed directly into his body.

Although Falcon had already absorbed most of the frosty energy from Renee with the Starry Compass just now, he didn't remove it all. There was still a portion left in her body. Worse still, frosty energy was everywhere in Lagrange Monastery, and her body would automatically absorb it all.

Slowly, Jared's palm turned white. On the heels of that, a thick layer of frost seemingly formed over his entire arm.

With his eyes closed, he culminated the Focus Technique to its maximum potential. He cultivated the frosty energy unceasingly, but there was too just much. He was only at Level Five Energy Cultivation, so he still couldn't cultivate it all despite his best efforts.

Soon, a thick layer of ice covered his entire arm, and it was even spreading rapidly to other parts of his body.

Seeing that, Falcon let out a cold chuckle.

"Mr. Chance!" Erasmus cried out in alarm when he saw Jared's current condition.

Nonetheless, it was as though Jared didn't hear him at all, for the man continued absorbing the frosty energy from Renee.

Eventually, his hair turned white, and a layer of frost blanketed his face. In the very end, his entire person was seemingly encased in ice, rendering him just like a snowman.

"Haha... I've said that the average person can't withstand this frosty energy! Now, he has become a block of ice!"

At the sight of Jared all frozen, Falcon laughed uproariously.

"Mr. Chance!"

"Jared!"

Walter, Josephine, and the others all exclaimed in horror.

Josephine, especially, was so distressed that she threw herself at Jared, intending to use her body heat to melt the ice off the man.

"No, Josephine!"

Reacting swiftly, William grabbed her and stopped her from doing so.

Even Jared is unable to withstand such frosty energy, so isn't she just consigning herself to death if she were to go over?

"Jared!" Josephine wailed, tears welling in her eyes.

Despite the short time they had been acquainted and the indistinct relationship between them, they could sense each other's presence within their hearts. Verily, such a feeling was beyond words.

She was most at ease when she was with Jared though she couldn't quite explain her feelings either.

Therefore, she instinctively wanted to save him when she saw him frozen right then, so much so that her own safety never once crossed her mind.

“Haha... Don’t be sad, pretty! There are plenty of men in this world, so why must you fixate on one man? Look at me! I’m a hundred times better than this Jared guy! As long as you make me happy, I guarantee you a lifetime of wealth and glory!”

Falcon swept his gaze up and down Josephine’s body unabashedly.

Chapter 215 None Are Escaping

“How dare you?”

Tommy likewise saw red at the sight of Jared’s present condition, and he punched Falcon without hesitation.

At that moment, he no longer cared whether he was the man’s match.

Pfft!

Snorting, Falcon shot his leg out, sending Tommy flying out of the room.

Walter, William, and the others shot daggers at him, but none of them dared to make a move.

“Haha...”

Clocking their fear, Falcon cackled maniacally. No one here is my match! I’m supreme and invincible!

“Master Erasmus, the frosty energy within Renee has been absorbed by that brat, but her constituent remains the same. Before long, frosty energy will once again accumulate in her body. I’m the only person who can cure her completely! My constituent is the polar opposite of hers, so as long as she marries me, we’ll complement each other, and she’ll be fine!” he declared, looking right at Erasmus.

“In your dreams!”

In response, Erasmus glared at him hotly. How shameless! He had just flirted with Josephine a while ago, yet he’s demanding that Renee marry him now! He sure has no shame! I’d rather Renee die than be ruined at the hands of someone like him!

“Since you refuse to give your agreement, don’t blame me for my discourtesy!”

Right after saying that, Falcon reached out to seize Renee.

“Ahh!” Renee shrieked in terror.

Outrage showed on Erasmus’ face, and he moved to intercept Falcon.

Bang!

He wasn’t the man’s match, so he suffered a grievous injury at that blow, blood trickling out the corner of his mouth.

“Erasmus!” Leonidas cried out, swinging the cane in his hand at Falcon.

Upon seeing that, Erasmus teamed up with him and attacked Falcon in concert despite the agony racking him.

It was two against one, but Falcon wasn’t at all afraid. Instead, he even wore a sneer on his face.

“Quick, run, Renee!” Erasmus shouted at Renee, planning to sacrifice his life to delay the man so that his daughter could flee.

“Dad!”

As Renee looked at the severely-injured man, tears poured down her face like a faucet.

“Quick, let’s go, Renee!”

Darting forward, Walter grabbed her hand and took off. It wasn’t because he was afraid of death, but an ordinary person with no knowledge of martial arts like him would only die in vain if he were to stay at such a time.

William tugged at Josephine as well. “Let’s leave quickly, Josephine!”

“No! I want to bring Jared along!” Josephine howled.

I don’t want to escape by myself and abandon him!

Bang! Bang!

Two resounding thuds split the air as Falcon sent Leonidas and Erasmus flying. In a trice, the man blocked the door and regarded the few of them scornfully. “None of you are escaping today! If you want to live, you’d better come up with a plan to please me!”

Glimpsing the smug smile on his face, Walter, William, and the others backed away.

Right then, no one noticed that minute cracks had begun manifesting on the thick layer of ice on Jared, who had frozen into a block of ice. Subsequently, the cracks increased in size.

Crack! Crack!

As the cracking sounds grew progressively louder, everyone swung their gazes over.

“Look, Dad! It’s cracking! The ice is splintering!” Josephine crowed in exhilaration upon seeing the thick layer of ice on Jared cracking.

On the contrary, Falcon’s brows knitted together even as his expression started turning grave.

Clink! Clang! Clatter!

In no time, the layer of ice on Jared shattered completely, scattering all over the ground and baring his body in its entirety.

Phew!

Without warning, Jared opened his eyes and exhaled a cloud of white mist.

Cultivating the frosty energy had his capabilities improving by leaps and bounds. Initially, he had only started Level Five Energy Cultivation, but he actually went up a level and had attained Level Six Energy Cultivation then.

If he wanted to attain Level Six Energy Cultivation at Dragon Summit at Dragon Bay with the paltry spiritual energy available, that would have taken eons.

Chapter 216 I Am Your Master

“You’re fine, Jared? You’re alive!”

Josephine sprinted over emotionally and hugged Jared tightly.

By then, she no longer bothered about other people’s presence. She clasped the man tightly to her, her grip unrelenting.

His body was still chilly to the touch, but even so, she clutched him tightly.

“Let go! If you don’t loosen your grip, I’m really going to suffocate!” Jared urged, coughing.

Hearing that, Josephine was so stricken that she hurriedly dropped her hands from around him. However, Jared was just fine. In fact, he was even looking at her with a smirk on his face. At that, Josephine threw him a glare and kicked him hard.

Meanwhile, everyone was thrilled that Jared was alive since it meant that Falcon couldn’t have his way anymore.

“Kid, who exactly are you that you’re still alive even after absorbing frosty energy?” Falcon asked with mystification etched on his face.

“I’m your master!” Jared’s face contorted into a mask of fury. When I was cultivating the frosty energy earlier, he seized the opportunity to injure Tommy and even insult Josephine! In truth, he heard all that, but he couldn’t move.

“You must have a death wish!” Falcon’s expression instantly darkened at that jibe.

“If you give me the Starry Compass now, I might grant you a less painful death!”

Jared beckoned at the man, not in the mood to bandy words with him.

“Ah, so you want my Starry Compass?”

Falcon’s expression changed, darkening frightfully. He clutched the Starry Compass tightly, seemingly disinclined to give it to the man.

“I gave you an opportunity, but you didn’t appreciate it!”

Jared stared at the man indifferently, his eyes teeming with murder.

“Even if you didn’t die from absorbing the frosty energy, kid, you’re no match for this Starry Compass of mine! Hence, stop bragging here! Let’s have it!”

A searing murderous intent radiated off Falcon.

He didn't dare underestimate the man, for someone who could remain alive after absorbing frosty energy was definitely no ordinary person.

"Thank you for saving my daughter's life, Mr. Chance! I have no way of repaying you, so I can only do so with my life today. I'll hold him off. In the meantime, you all make a run for it!"

Erasmus was already heavily injured, yet he struggled to his feet once more, planning to hold Falcon back at the price of his life for Jared and the others to make good their escape.

Unexpectedly, Jared stretched out a hand and stopped Erasmus. His lips curving into a faint smile, he remarked, "There's no need to forfeit your life to deal with a useless piece of trash that only depends on a magical item!"

After saying that, he disdainfully flashed Falcon a thumbs-down.

"I'm going to kill you, kid!"

Falcon went into a towering rage, upon which the murderous intent emanating from him intensified. At the same time, the Starry Compass in his hand also emitted a faint light.

Noticing the perpetual glow of the Starry Compass in his hand, Erasmus, Walter, and the others were all shaken.

Conversely, Jared merely gave a bark of contemptuous laughter and snagged a chair before plopping right down.

"Do you have any other skills besides using your magical item?" Jared inquired impassively.

"There's no use provoking me, kid! I'm not going to fall for it! You didn't perish even after absorbing frosty energy into your body, yes? In that case, I'll let you absorb more frosty energy. We'll see how much longer your body can withstand it!"

When Falcon finished saying that, he held the Starry Compass out. At once, a burst of frosty energy blasted out from its center.

The temperature in the room promptly plummeted to freezing point, and everyone hugged themselves, so cold that they shivered violently.

Contrarily, Jared remained sitting on the chair without twitching a single muscle. He did not feel the slightest bit cold.

Frosty energy enveloped him and seeped into his body through his orifices. Slowly, frost again started forming on his hair.

"Haha... This time, I'll freeze you and smash you into pieces. We'll see how you're going to remain alive!"

At the sight of the frost manifesting on his hair once again, Falcon guffawed triumphantly.

Alas, the frost on Jared's head disappeared quickly at a rate visible to the naked eye. No matter how much frosty energy penetrated his body, it couldn't cause any more change in him.

“How is this possible?”

Utterly shocked, Falcon immediately released all the frosty energy in the Starry Compass.

Chapter 217 How Delusional

All the frosty energy from the Starry Compass was absorbed from Renee’s body. At that moment, it was all released and engulfed Jared.

With an imperceptible smile on his face, Jared culminated Focus Technique to its maximum potential, cultivating the frosty energy entering his body.

As he had attained Level Six Energy Cultivation, his speed had evidently skyrocketed.

Even until all the frosty energy from the Starry Compass vanished, he was never once frozen again. Instead, his capabilities further improved significantly.

“This Starry Compass is indeed a great item! I must get my hands on it today!”

Undisguised greed gleamed in Jared’s eyes as he stared at the Starry Compass in Falcon’s hand.

If I have the Starry Compass, my cultivation will double with half the effort!

Meanwhile, a glimmer of panic flittered across Falcon’s eyes.

That was a ton of frosty energy, yet he’s unscathed? Could it be that he also has some magical item on him?

He suspected that Jared had a magical item in his possession since no one would dare absorb so much frosty energy with one’s own capabilities, not even his grandmaster, Dorieus.

“Kid, don’t you rely on a magical item as well? Otherwise, how could you possibly withstand such copious amounts of frosty energy?” he asserted while scrutinizing Jared intently, his eyes narrowed into slits.

He wanted to locate the magical item on the man’s body, but he couldn’t figure out where it was hidden even after studying the man for a long while.

As soon as Jared heard that, he sneered, “As I said, I’m a magical item myself. Well, continue unleashing whatever capabilities you’ve got!”

“Kid, don’t think that you’re invincible just because you’re impervious to frosty energy. I’ll have you know how powerful I am today!”

While saying that, Falcon moved the seven stars on the Starry Compass and shifted their positions a fraction.

That simple movement had sweat dotting his forehead, and he seemed to be on the verge of collapse.

Sharp whistling sounds pierced the air, and clouds of black mist soon drifted out of the Starry Compass before hurtling toward Jared like rolling thunderclouds.

At that sight, both William and Josephine almost had a heart attack. Walter and Tommy reacted much better since they had seen the vengeful dragons on the Dragon Throne in the former's courtyard. It was a similar scene, but their expressions still turned dreadfully grim despite having seen it before.

"Sinister spirits! They're sinister spirits! Watch out, Mr. Chance!" Erasmus bellowed.

He swiftly gestured with his hands while muttering something.

Leonidas, on the other hand, instantly placed a hand on Erasmus' shoulder. After all, the latter was currently injured heavily and hadn't sufficient energy to banish those spirits, so he wanted to give him a boost.

However, no matter how much Erasmus recited the exorcism spell, those sinister spirits didn't seem the least bit afraid.

Soon, clouds of black mist filled the entire room. Wails, screams, and shrieks echoed from every nook and cranny. On the whole, it was very much petrifying.

At that precise moment, the black mist rapidly condensed and became monsters with fangs and claws. They charged toward Jared.

"Such measly sinister spirits can't possibly hurt me!"

The corners of Jared's mouth lifted slightly, curving into a contemptuous smile.

Now that I've attained Level Six Energy Cultivation, I'm a veritable energy cultivator! As such, I would never be afraid of such paltry sinister spirits!

He flicked his finger, upon which several beams of golden light materialized and hit the black mist. In a heartbeat, the black mist dissipated.

Seeing that, Falcon suddenly bit his middle finger and dripped a drop of his blood onto the Starry Compass. The Starry Compass promptly started whirring and kept churning out a black mist that was shockingly tinged with a faint trace of blood red.

"It looks like the lot of you aren't going to understand how delusional you are to go up against me if I don't show you my capabilities!"

In the face of the black mist tinged with a faint shade of red, Jared abruptly shot his palms out.

A beam of golden light gradually appeared in his palms.

The light started glowing all the brighter until it was so dazzling in the end that it resembled the blinding sun during midday.

Chapter 218 Thinking Of Taking To His Heels

"In the name of all that's holy, the light shall banish all evil!"

Following that incantation by Jared, the ball of light gave out infinite pressure at once. In the same manner as the radiant sun, beams of golden light shot right at that cloud of black mist.

Like a rat at the sight of a cat and snow in the presence of the sun, the black mist was quickly devoured at the illumination of the light. Then, Jared absorbed everything since it was all beneficial to his cultivation. The Focus Technique could devour and cultivate everything; that was its uniqueness.

Subsequently, the light faded, and everything was peaceful once more.

The entire room went as silent as the grave, and everyone gaped at Jared.

Leonidas, in particular, flushed bright red. Recalling his scorn toward the man back then, he felt his face flaming hotly, and mortification flooded him.

With the Starry Compass in hand, Falcon gawped at Jared, his eyes as wide as saucers. “W-What kind of technique was that? Don’t tell me it was an immortal technique?”

In a flash, a bone-deep chill permeated him, upon which he started trembling involuntarily.

By then, the initial imperiousness on his face was nowhere to be found. All that remained was terror.

Even my grandmaster might not be able to wield such an immortal technique!

His hairs stood on end, and there was only one thought in his mind—flee!

Crap! I’ve got to flee as far as possible!

Unfortunately, no sooner had that thought occurred to him than Jared drawled coldly, “Are you thinking of taking to your heels? Alas, you don’t have that opportunity anymore. If you give me the Starry Compass, I don’t mind granting you a less painful death!”

Falcon’s eyes kept darting around as though he was trying to come up with a countermeasure while also glancing at the Starry Compass in his hand every so often. An internal struggle raged within him as he tried to come to a decision.

“You only have ten seconds to consider it. Ten. Nine. Eight...”

And so, the countdown continued.

While Falcon stared at Jared, who was counting indifferently, cold sweat beaded on his forehead.

Should I fight or not? But then, I can’t just hand my Starry Compass over. Besides, even if I do so, he’s not going to spare me but merely grant me a less painful death. I don’t want to die! I’ve finally come to where I am today after much effort, and I haven’t had my fill of lording it over others!

“One,” Jared stated placidly.

“Here, the Starry Compass!”

Falcon didn’t dare hesitate anymore and tossed the Starry Compass to the man.

Leaping up, Jared caught it easily.

Falcon seized the opportunity while the man did so to spin on his heels and sprint out the door at lightning speed.

“Falcon has escaped, Mr. Chance!” Erasmus shouted frantically upon seeing that.

“Escape?”

The corners of Jared’s mouth lifted, and he streaked out like a loaded cannonball.

In mere seconds, he strolled back in with Falcon, who made a break for it, in his grasp.

At that very moment, the high and mighty Falcon was no more than a dead dog, caught by the neck and brought back.

Shock inundated everyone when they saw how easily Jared captured him.

Crash!

Jared flung Falcon onto the ground and regarded him emotionlessly. The aura emanating from him had everyone in the entire room seized by the urge to fall to their knees and worship him.

Gasping for breath, Falcon looked at the man pleadingly. “P-Please spare me! I’ve already given you the Starry Compass. Won’t you please have mercy on me?”

“Spare you?” Scoffing, Jared pulled Josephine, who was still in shock, over. “Did you ever think that such would be the consequence when you harassed my wife earlier? Everyone has a limit, and all who push it will die. My limit is my wife, so you must die today!”

Hearing that, Josephine gaped at him. One of her hands was in his, and the other flew up to her mouth. Her chest heaved as her emotions roiled.

Chapter 219 Lest Things Change

Although Josephine had never agreed to marry Jared and was naturally not his wife, her emotions went all over the place after he uttered those words earlier. That very moment, he was Prince Charming in her eyes, tall and handsome.

If he were to propose to her then, she would say yes without the slightest hesitation.

“No! I can’t die! You can’t kill me! Dorieus is my grandmaster, and he’ll avenge me if you kill me!”

Abject panic was written all over Falcon’s face, and there was a puddle on the floor beneath him. It turned out that he had peed his pants.

“I’ll be waiting!”

With a detached smile on his face, Jared brought his leg down right away.

Pop!

Like a ripe watermelon, Falcon’s head exploded.

“Ahh!”

Horried, Josephine jumped into Jared’s arms.

As William watched the scene unfolding before him, a riot of feelings brewed within him. At the side, Walter and Tommy cast him envious glances.

According to status and position, William was still some distance away from Walter and Tommy. While he was the wealthiest man in Horington, the standing of a family that only did business wasn't all that high in this age of martial arts.

Only when the family had a martial artist or an ancient martial artist among its ranks would its status be elevated.

Since William suddenly had a son-in-law like Jared, the standing of the Sullivan family was indisputable. Even Walter and Tommy would have to be courteous to him when they met him in the future.

"Congratulations, Mr. Sullivan!" Walter whispered to William.

In response, William flashed him a modest smile. "It's still too early, Mr. Grange. It's uncertain yet with young people nowadays."

"Since you know that, Mr. Sullivan, you should pair them up as soon as possible, lest things change!"

Walter grinned at him, and William immediately understood the man's meaning.

Subsequently, Erasmus had someone clean the room. Only when that was done did Josephine move away from Jared's embrace.

"W-Was that deliberate? Did you do that intentionally to take advantage of me?" she questioned Jared.

"Who took advantage of you? You were the one who threw yourself into my arms," Jared countered with bewilderment written all over his face.

"That's not what I'm referring to! I mean, why did you say that I was your wife earlier? Wasn't that taking advantage of me?" Josephine huffed in feigned anger.

"Oh, I thought you were willing to be my wife, but it turned out to be wishful thinking on my part! In that case, I won't say that anymore!" Jared replied calmly.

After saying that, he whirled around and walked out of the room. As he turned around, the corners of his mouth lifted, and he furtively snickered.

Meanwhile, Josephine was stunned as bafflement swamped her. I was merely joking with him. Why couldn't he tell?

William was likewise stumped then. He hastened forward and pinched Josephine. "Why did you make such a remark? If it weren't for him, we would've all perished. Look, he's crestfallen now. Go and mollify him, quick!"

Verily, Josephine was a touch embarrassed to do so. But still, she gritted her teeth and rushed out in the end.

"Mr. Grange, I'll go get the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary Mr. Chance wants right away!"

As soon as Erasmus had said that, he pivoted and headed toward a room at the side. Shortly after, he returned with the items and handed them to Walter.

“Mr. Grange, I’d also like to ask you to convey a query on my behalf. Although the frosty energy in my daughter has all been absorbed, Mr. Chance said that a frosty constituent would automatically absorb frosty energy. Then, will she not suffer from the cold again in no time?” he proceeded to say to the man with a beseeching expression.

“Okay, I’ll go and put this question to Mr. Chance at once,” Walter promised with a nod as he took the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary from the man.

Just as he was about to go out and ask Jared that, Josephine’s bellow abruptly rang out from outside. “How dare you dupe me, Jared? I’m going to kill you!”

In the next moment, Jared darted into the room while grinning from ear to ear. Josephine chased after him from behind, but William stopped her.

Chapter 220 I Will Support You

“This is a sacred place! Stop messing around!”

After chiding Josephine, William turned to Walter and Erasmus, flashing them a sheepish smile.

The few others smiled as well, envy shining brightly in their eyes.

“Mr. Chance, while all the frosty energy in Abbot Erasmus’ daughter has been absorbed, you said that she has a frosty constituent and will still absorb frosty energy perpetually. As such, frosty energy will likely infiltrate her body again before long. Therefore-”

Before Walter could finish speaking, Jared waved a hand and cut him off.

“Abbot Erasmus, your daughter will be fine for the time being. Her frosty constituent is exceedingly rare. Considering my current capabilities, I can free her wholly from the frosty energy. However, I rather hope that she can embark on the path of cultivation. To that end, I’ll naturally transform her constituent when my capabilities go up a notch. Let’s just leave it as such for now. She’ll be fine, and I’ll come over regularly to absorb the frosty energy within her,” he said to Erasmus.

With his capabilities at present, he had no problem helping to free Erasmus' daughter from the frosty energy completely and even keep her young forever. But then, she wouldn't be able to cultivate anymore, and that would be a total waste of her frosty constituent.

For that reason, he planned to wait until he had improved further before helping her to embark on the path to cultivation. Nevertheless, he actually had his own interests in doing so. The frosty energy was very much beneficial to his cultivation, so he could use the frosty energy he absorbed from her in his cultivation to boost his capabilities.

"Thank you, Mr. Chance! I owe you much!"

While saying that, Erasmus even wanted to fall to his knees before Jared.

Seeing that, Jared hastily held him up with both hands. "You don't need to stand on courtesy, Abbot Erasmus. I'm here for the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary, so this is just considered an exchange."

"The fact that you saved my daughter can never compare to the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary! Just say the word if you need my help in anything in the future, Mr. Chance!" Erasmus gushed with gratefulness etched on his face.

"Mr. Chance, I'm really sorry about offending you earlier with my ignorance. Please don't take offense at me!"

Right then, Leonidas came over and apologized to Jared in mortification.

After all, the capabilities exhibited by the man had long since impressed him greatly.

"Don't worry about it. Since the matter has been resolved, I'll be taking my leave."

Jared was eager to return home and restore his mother's sight as he had the spiritual brush and cinnabar rosary in his possession then.

When they came down from Lagrange Mountain, the sky had already gone dark. Yet, Luca was still waiting at the foot of the mountain.

Josephine volunteered to drive Jared back to Dragon Bay, so Walter and the others could only cram into a single car.

“Why did you insist on driving me back at this hour instead of going home yourself when you’re a girl?” Jared inquired, sitting in the passenger seat.

“I’m your wife, so who’s going to drive you home if not me?”

Without anyone else there, Josephine no longer filtered her words.

“Huh?” Jared was rendered speechless for a while, only retorting after a brief pause, “We’re neither engaged nor married, so how did you become my wife? Besides, I don’t have the money to marry you right now!”

“You might not have money, but I do. I’ll support you in the future. Anyway, I’ve decided on you!” Josephine proclaimed challengingly, staring straight at the man and quirking a brow.

At the sight of that, Jared chuckled. In truth, he had long since taken a fancy to her.

Regardless of whether it was her countenance, figure, family background, or personality, she was his cup of tea.

However, he had yet made up his mind to get together with her then. Ever since he embarked on the path to immortality, his mentality had changed. With the elevation of his capabilities, his lifespan could possibly be extended indefinitely. Conversely, Josephine was merely an ordinary girl.