

Chapter 1031 Necro Ring

“Why are you spouting those nonsense then?”

Furrowing his brows, Jared was clearly displeased.

“Although I can’t rescue your girlfriend, I can arrange for you to meet her. Do you wish to see her?” Skylar said while raising his eyebrows.

“What’s the price?” Jared asked straightforwardly, for he believed that Skylar would ask for something in return.

However, if Skylar coveted Thousands of Miles Away and Storage Ring, Jared would decline it without hesitation.

“Well, you have to go to Dragon Island with us in return...”

Jared was stunned upon hearing it, for he never expected that Skylar would ask for it.

“Dragon Island?” With disbelief written all over his face, Jared asked, “Why are we going there now? I mean, the timing is not right.”

It was well past the days when the two dragons emerged on Dragon Island. Moreover, Jared had eliminated Ice Dragon and extracted its draconic essence. As such, Jared couldn’t figure out why Skylar intended to head toward Dragon Island.

“Stop asking so many questions. Just tell me whether or not you agree to it!” Skylar asked as he stared at Jared.

**“How can I trust you to not harm me once we arrive at Dragon Island?
Considering your strength now, I won’t have any chance
to escape...”**

**After all, Jared alone couldn’t fight three skilled fighters all at once, including a
Top-Level Martial Arts Grandmaster, a Level Eight**

**Martial Arts Grandmaster, and Baron of the Northwest, who was at least a Level
Seven Martial Arts Grandmaster.**

**“No worries. Only Mr. Gardner and I will be going with you. If we were to harm
you on the island, you might be no match for us
but you can surely escape unscathed.”**

Skylar flashed Jared a faint smile.

**After giving it some thought, Jared gritted his teeth and said, “All right. I agree
with it. When will you take me to see my
girlfriend?”**

“Hahaha. Anytime!” Skylar laughed heartily.

**At that moment, Jared stared at Skylar in disbelief. The Norton family isn’t one of
the prominent families in the Warriors Alliance.**

In that case, how can he go in and out of Warriors Alliance’s dungeon freely?

If what Skylar said was true, the Norton family would be terrifying!

While Jared was dumbfounded, Skylar patted Jared's shoulder and said, "Jared, the martial arts world is complicated and not like

what you see on the surface. Just tell me whenever you wish to see your girlfriend. Anyway, we have to head toward Dragon

Island tomorrow!"

"Well, I want to see her now!" Jared requested impatiently.

"Sure. Follow me!" Skylar nodded in response.

After leaving the Department of Justice, Skylar asked Karl and the elder to take their leave first, for he had to head to the

Warriors Alliance with Jared.

"Are we going in without any preparation?"

Jared was shocked because Skylar didn't seem to have gotten anything ready before heading to the Warriors

Alliance.

"Just follow me and stop worrying about the rest!"

With that, Skylar took Jared to the alley next to the building of the Warriors Alliance.

Looking at Skylar, Jared couldn't help but wonder how he could bring him to the dungeon.

Just then, Skylar calmly took out a metal-like bracelet from his pocket. It had rusted and looked like something

that Skylar had found in an ancient tomb.

After Skylar chanted for a while, he tossed the bracelet into the air. Suddenly, the bracelet expanded in the air

and formed a pitch-black entrance.

Jared couldn't believe his eyes. "What is that?"

"This is Necro Ring. Legend has it that it used to be a deity's treasure. It can teleport you to anywhere you want

to go. However, because it's now damaged, it can only teleport you to any spot within a hundred meters!" Skylar

explained.

"A hundred meters?"

Jared couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief. Necro Ring's function of teleporting someone within a hundred

meters was remarkable, yet the distance was too short.

No wonder Skylar took me to the alley next to the building of the Warriors Alliance!

“Let’s go!”

After Skylar jumped into the pitch-black entrance, Jared quickly followed suit.

The next moment, all Jared could see was darkness, and his body was seemingly floating in space. Nonetheless, the

environment brightened before he could feel the magnificence.

Now, Jared was in a dungeon with steel bars as thick as a man’s arm. Although it was underground, the air was surprisingly dry.

“We only have three minutes, and thus don’t waste any time. I believe the innermost cell would be it...” Skylar reminded Jared.

Jared nodded in response and hastily headed toward the cell.

After a while, Jared got emotional because he finally saw Josephine.

At that time, Josephine was lying on a bed in the cell with some basic facilities.

“Josephine...” Jared shouted emotionally.

Upon hearing Jared’s voice, Josephine quickly jumped out of bed.

As expected, Josephine was thrilled to see Jared.

“Jared, w-why are you here?”

Josephine walked closer to the cell door and held Jared's hands tightly with the steel bars between them.

Meanwhile, Jared put his mind at ease after confirming that Josephine was in good condition and not tortured.

"Josephine, are you all right? Did they make things difficult for you?" Jared asked caringly.

Josephine shook her head and replied, "They treated me well. They didn't do anything to me except extract a small bottle of blood from me every day."

Then, Josephine asked Jared curiously, "By the way, how did you get in?"

"Someone brought me here. Rest assured that I'll rescue you. Besides, I'll make sure the Warriors Alliance pays the price..."

As Jared was speaking, a murderous aura slowly exuded from his body.

"Why are you releasing your aura here? Do you have a death wish?"

Skylar jumped in fright when he sensed Jared's murderous aura.

Jared hastily concealed his aura back into his body upon hearing the warning.

Gazing at Skylar, Josephine asked, "Who is he?"

"He's a friend!"

Jared didn't tell Josephine the truth, for he didn't want her to worry.

"You have one minute left. Hurry up..." Skylar reminded Jared after looking at his watch.

"Jared, be cautious when you're outside, and don't act impulsively. I'm doing well here."

Josephine caringly reminded Jared, for she was worried he would act rashly and engage in a conflict with the

Warriors Alliance.

Judging from Jared's current strength and influence, he was no match for the Warriors Alliance.

"But I can't stand by idly when you're locked away. I have to find a way to rescue you!" Jared assured Josephine.

"All right. Time's up. We have to leave now..."

With that, Skylar tossed the Necro Ring in the air, forming a pitch-black entrance.

"Jared, you have to keep calm. Don't worry about me because I'm safe here!" Josephine gazed at Jared longingly.

Overwhelmed by guilt, Jared held on to Josephine's hand for dear life.

"No way. I have to take you with me..."

Suddenly, Jared grabbed two steel bars of the cell and amassed his spiritual energy.

It turned out that Jared intended to break the bars by sheer force to save Josephine.

However, no matter how hard Jared pulled, the steel bars remained unscathed.

“Go now. The steel bars are made of the finest steel extracted from the Eastern Sea. Even a Martial Arts Marquis

won’t be able to break them,” Skylar pulled Jared as he persuaded Jared.

Chapter 1033 A Trick Up The Sleeve

“Jared, it’s futile. Just go...” Josephine felt heartbroken at the sight of Jared and joined in the persuasion.

“I want to get you out...”

Nonetheless, Jared was stubborn and refused to heed their advice. Gritting his teeth, Jared was about to release his entire

spiritual energy.

At that juncture, footsteps rang outside the cells. Knowing that someone was approaching, Skylar hastily pulled Jared and said,

“Let’s go. Someone is coming...”

Skylar quickly pulled Jared into the pitch-black entrance and vanished. It was as if they were never present here.

Right after Skylar and Jared left, Zion came in with his subordinates. After looking around the place, Zion frowned and asked the

two guards, "Did anyone come?"

"President Zeigler, there was no visitor at all!" one of the guards answered.

After giving it some thought, Zion instructed them, "Keep a close eye on the cells. No one can enter this place without my

permission."

"Understood!"

The two guards bowed.

Then, Zion took a casual glance at Josephine before leaving the place.

"Are you out of your mind?" Meanwhile, in the alley next to the Warriors Alliance's building, Skylar glared at Jared and scolded

him.

They would have been discovered if Skylar didn't manage to drag Jared out of the dungeon.

Since Skylar and Jared weren't strong enough, the Warriors Alliance could defeat them in a heartbeat.

Ignoring Skylar, Jared kept staring at the wall without saying a word. A cold glint visibly flashed across Jared's eyes.

Knowing that Jared was disgruntled, Skylar said calmly, "Don't forget what you've promised me to do tomorrow!"

With that, Skylar turned around and left.

Jared stayed still for more than half an hour before leaving the alley reluctantly.

When Theodore saw that Jared had returned to the Department of Justice, he hastily came up to Jared and asked, "Mr. Chance, did you see Ms. Sullivan?"

Jared nodded in response. However, Theodore could tell that Jared wasn't in a good mood. Jared felt himself being useless, for

he couldn't do anything to rescue his girlfriend, who was locked away in the dungeon of the Warriors Alliance.

Just then, Lizbeth came out of Jared's room. Once Lizbeth saw him, she asked, "Jared, did you see Josephine? Is she all right?"

Jared was stunned for a while before turning his gaze to Theodore.

Theodore said in embarrassment, "I told Ms. Grange about it."

All the while, Jared didn't tell Lizbeth about it so that she wouldn't be worried. Now that Lizbeth had known it, Jared didn't intend

to hide it from her anymore. He nodded and replied, "Yes, I saw Josephine. She's all right!"

"Just as we thought, the Warriors Alliance seized Josephine! How wicked of them!" Lizbeth exclaimed furiously.

"I'll make sure that they pay for it one day!"

Anger filled Jared's eyes as he gritted his teeth. His hatred against the Warriors Alliance was so deep that he

would risk his life to take revenge against it.

"Jared, I've heard from General Jackson that you're going to Dragon Island. I'm going with you. After all, I can

grab the chance to visit Renee," Lizbeth said.

"No way. Please stay in the Department of Justice. I'll be back in a few days," Jared declined Lizbeth's request

without hesitation.

Since Jared wasn't sure what the tricks were up Skylar's sleeve, it would be dangerous if Lizbeth went with him.

Before Lizbeth could argue with him, Jared waved his hand and said, "I'm tired and have to get some rest."

Jared's heart broke after visiting Josephine. After all, Josephine was imprisoned, yet Jared couldn't find a way to

rescue her.

When Lizbeth wanted to chase after Jared, Theodore stopped her and advised, "Ms. Grange, please give Mr.

Chance some time to calm down. I guess he must be crestfallen now."

Lizbeth stopped walking and watched till Jared entered his room and closed the door.

Lizbeth and Theodore exchanged glances before they left. No one had disturbed Jared since then.

Chapter 1034 Did They Quarrel

Early in the morning, Skylar and Karl came to the Department of Justice to pick Jared up.

After Jared got into Skylar's car, they sped off toward Southernshire.

While they were on the way to Southernshire, Lizbeth also bought a flight ticket to the city!

It took them a day to arrive at Southernshire. Jared noticed that the city had changed a lot and had many tourists.

Many cruise ships were docked by the port. Moreover, one could see a lot of posters put up by travel agencies at the entrance to

promote a day trip to Dragon Island.

Jared was dumbfounded upon seeing it.

Since when has Dragon Island become a tourist attraction for ordinary people? Isn't the island guarded by the Deragons?

Furthermore, as far as Jared knew, the island was inhabited by wild beasts, thus rendering it unsuitable for ordinary people to

travel around.

While Jared was at a loss, Skylar put on a faint smile and explained, "Since you acquired the draconic essence of Ice Dragon,

the ecosystem of Dragon Island has changed dramatically. The island has spring-like weather all year round, and wild beasts

have left.

“Also, no one has seen the legendary Flame Dragon since then. Therefore, the Deragons decided to open Dragon Island to the

public, turning it into a tourist attraction. The family is making a fortune out of it.”

After Skylar explained, Jared finally realized that the change in Dragon Island occurred because of him.

“Now that Dragon Island has become a tourist attraction for all, why do you still take me here?” Jared inquired.

“As I’ve said, we’ll keep it a secret temporarily!” Skylar smiled and continued, “You won’t renege on your promise, will you? After

all, I’ve taken you to see your girlfriend.”

“No worries. I’ll go with you since I’ve made the promise!” Jared responded calmly.

Skylar only smiled in response and didn’t utter a word. Later, they booked a room in a hotel to get some rest, for they had to

depart early in the morning.

After Jared and the rest entered the hotel, Lizbeth arrived at Southernshire but stayed in another hotel.

“Lizbeth...”

When Lizbeth was checking in, someone suddenly shouted her name.

Lizbeth turned around and realized that it was Walter.

“Grandpa...”

Overwhelmed by excitement, Lizbeth quickly came up to Walter and hugged him. “Grandpa, why are you here?”

“I heard there is a new tourist attraction in Southernshire called Dragon Island. The weather is spring-like all year round, while

the scenery is spectacular. Hence, I invited Mr. Sullivan to travel with me. Staying in Horington is killing me!” Walter explained

with a grin.

As soon as Walter finished, William called Lizbeth’s name.

“Mr. Sullivan!” Lizbeth greeted William.

At the same time, Tommy and Phoenix stood behind William. It appeared that both had recovered.

“Ms. Grange, how are you?”

Tommy and Phoenix came up to Lizbeth and greeted her in unison.

Lizbeth nodded and smiled in response.

“Lizbeth, why are you here? Where are Jared and the rest?” Walter asked Lizbeth curiously.

Lizbeth was stunned for a while but quickly made up a story. “Well, I’m here to travel around also because I’ve

heard that Dragon Island has astonishing scenery. Jared and Josephine aren't here with me!"

Given that William was present, Lizbeth thought she couldn't tell them that she secretly followed Jared because

someone had captured Josephine.

However, Walter's expression turned grim upon hearing it. He quickly dragged Lizbeth to the side and asked,

"Lizbeth, what really happened? Did you quarrel with Jared? Did Jared abandon you?"

"Grandpa, don't overthink it. Nothing's wrong between Jared and me. I'm here only because I want to go travel!"

Lizbeth frowned as she spoke.

"I'm glad to know that you two didn't quarrel!" Walter heaved a sigh of relief secretly.

Initially, Lizbeth planned to find out Jared's whereabouts after checking in to the hotel. Now that Walter was here,

she wouldn't have the chance to do that anymore.

Chapter 1035 Too Much Of A Coincidence

The next morning, Walter and William got up from bed early. They had bought tickets for a luxury cruise. Just the night before, Walter had given Lizbeth one of them.

“Lizbeth, it’s been a long time since you accompanied me on my trips. This time, let’s have a good time over the next two days.” Walter handed the tickets to Lizbeth.

Fearing for Jared’s safety, Lizbeth followed Jared to the city. Therefore, if she was to join Walter on the trip, she wouldn’t be able to find Jared.

“Grandpa, I—”

Even though she wanted to decline, she didn’t know how to convey it.

“What are you hesitating for? Don’t you want to go on a trip with me? Are you resenting me because I’m old?” Walter asked with a glum expression.

“No, No.” Lizbeth waved her hands frantically.

“If not, you should just come along with us.”

Walter grabbed her without giving her a choice.

Soon, all of them arrived at the harbor which was packed like sardines. While there were many ships anchored there, one was exceptionally massive. Evidently, it was the luxury cruise that Walter and his companions were going on.

As tickets for the cruise cost a bomb, their boarding gate wasn’t as crowded. Moreover, all the passengers were prominent characters and were dressed in expensive clothing. After all, ordinary folk couldn’t afford to go on such a luxurious cruise.

After having their tickets checked and boarding the ship, Lizbeth kept turning around to see where Jared was.

However, with the crowd numbering in the thousands, trying to look for him was like finding a needle in the haystack.

“Lizbeth, what’s wrong with you today? Are you looking for someone?” Walter asked when he saw her turning around repeatedly.

“It’s nothing. I was just taking a casual look.” Lizbeth eked out a faint smile.

Standing on the ship’s deck and watching it cast off gradually, Lizbeth was filled with concern for Jared.

She was extremely worried because Theodore had told her how insidious Skylar was.

In the midst of her thoughts, she was suddenly jolted by three approaching auras.

Most of the passengers on the ship were ordinary folk. Even if there were any martial artists, they would probably be those who trained in internal energy. Therefore, Tommy and Phoenix were more than capable of crushing any threats.

Nonetheless, Lizbeth could sense from the three auras that their owners were stronger than her.

When she looked in the direction of the auras, she was surprised to see that it was Jared and his companions.

The moment she saw him, her first reflex was to hide, for she was worried that he would be angry with her for disobeying and following him. After all, he had advised her against doing so.

Nevertheless, Jared had noticed Lizbeth's presence too. The moment he saw her, he was slightly shaken. Even then, he didn't go over and greet her.

"Jared, what's wrong?" Skylar asked when he sensed the change in Jared.

"Oh, it's nothing. It might just be the cold sea breeze. Let's go back in," Jared replied plainly.

"Sure!" Skylar nodded.

Just when Jared turned around to return to the cabin, someone suddenly shouted at him, "Jared!"

The next moment, a group of people walked up to him.

Turning around to look, he furrowed his brows at the sight of William, Walter, Tommy, and Phoenix, approaching him with delighted expressions.

Given how the situation had developed, it would be unconvincing for Jared to pretend that he didn't know them.

Left without a choice, Lizbeth joined the group that walked over.

Steeling himself, Jared went up to them and greeted, "Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Grange."

"Jared, it's such a coincidence to run into you here. Just last night, I was surprised to see Lizbeth. And today, here you are," Walter remarked in surprise.

Chapter 1036 Obedience

At that moment, Tommy asked curiously, “Mr. Chance, since Lizbeth and you are going to Dragon Island, why aren’t you traveling together?”

“Erm...” Jared had no idea how to answer.

“I came by myself. Hence, Jared wasn’t even aware of it.” Lizbeth interrupted.

“That’s right, I wasn’t aware that she was going to Dragon Island too.” Jared nodded at once.

After sweeping his gaze around, William noticed that Josephine wasn’t anywhere to be seen. Hence, he asked, “Jared, where’s Josephine? Aren’t you going there with her?”

Briefly stunned, Jared was at a loss as to how he should explain to William. In the end, he decided to lie. “Josephine is busy, so she didn’t join us. I’m going there together with my friends.”

Jared pointed to Skylar and Karl behind him.

Coming forward with a slight smile, Skylar greeted Walter and William, “Hello, I’m Jared’s friend, Skylar Norton.”

“Hello!” Walter and William returned his greeting.

After exchanging pleasantries, they returned to the ship’s cabin. Nevertheless, Walter and William were particularly excited to have run into Lizbeth and Jared.

Subsequently, both men chatted happily with Jared in one of the rooms. As Jared had been busy recently and seldom returned to Horington, the two had missed him a lot.

“Jared, that friend of yours, Skylar, looks to be a fine young man. Does he come from a prominent family? He exudes a distinguished vibe that is rare among the youth in Horington,” William asked.

“Mmm-hmm, he is a member of the Norton family of Jadeborough. Even though he seems congenial, he isn’t someone to be trifled with. Therefore, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Grange, it’s better if both of you keep your distance from him,” Jared advised the two.

Although both of them were surprised by Jared’s words, they still nodded in acknowledgment.

After chatting a little more, Jared pulled Lizbeth aside.

“Lizbeth, didn’t I tell you not to come?” Jared questioned with a grim look on his face.

Sensing Jared’s anger, she lowered her head and explained meekly, “I-I was worried that you would be in danger.”

“Listen to me, once we arrive at Dragon Island, you should lead Mr. Grange and the others away from me. By following me, not only will you be of no help but will also get in my way,” Jared instructed sternly.

He was cognizant that Skylar didn’t bring him to Dragon Island with good intentions. If the situation went sideways, he still had the ability to escape.

However, the sudden appearance of Walter and William complicated matters for him.

In the event Skylar took anyone of them as a hostage to threaten him, he could not just sit idly by.

Nodding in acknowledgment, Lizbeth began to realize the folly of her actions.

Meanwhile, inside another room nearby, Skylar was in a delightful mood.

“Hahaha, the heavens are smiling upon me! I didn’t expect to run into those who are close to Jared. At the rate this is going, he will have to submit to us obediently.”

Skylar took a gentle sip of red wine.

“Mr. Norton, from those among the group, I can see that the girl is the one whom Jared holds the dearest. As long as we capture her, he will have to obey everything we say!” Karl, Baron of the Northwest, remarked.

“That’s right. I realize it too. I’m surprised that Jared is such a player to have women swooning over him wherever he goes.”

As a jealous glint flashed in his eye, Skylar added, “Now that we have brought Jared to Dragon Island, are you confident of luring the Flame Dragon out with him?”

Chapter 1037 My Countermeasures

“Mr. Norton, don’t worry. As long as we bring Jared to the island, the Flame Dragon will definitely appear, for he is carrying the

draconic essence of the Ice Dragon. Furthermore, the Flame Dragon is currently at its weakest. Once we kill it and obtain its

draconic essence, we can proceed to kill Jared for the Ice Dragon essence. By amalgamating the two draconic essences, we will

be able to manifest the Power of Dragons!

“Many prominent families underestimate the draconic essences and think they’re useless. Little do they know that one has to

combine two pieces for it to work. Once you swallow the two draconic essences, I guarantee that you will instantly become the

strongest Top Level Martial Arts Grandmaster out there!” Karl declared with a burning look in his eyes.

In response, Skylar was filled with excitement. “Haha, once I get my hands on the draconic essences and become a Top Level

Martial Arts Grandmaster, I will reward the Gardner family with a place in Jadeborough.”

“Thank you, Mr. Norton!” Karl expressed his gratitude at once.

Even though Karl was the Baron of the Northwest, the region was extremely poor. Hence, he wasn’t highly regarded by the

prominent families of other areas.

As a result, he intended to carve himself a place in Jadeborough through the Jadeborough martial arts world.

He planned to do so by finding Skylar and telling the latter about the secret of Dragon Island.

After all, he recognized that even if he didn’t reveal it, he wasn’t strong enough to obtain the draconic essences on his own.

Separately, Jared and Lizbeth were sharing a bottle of red wine inside the cruise ship’s bar.

The luxury cruise was equipped with all sorts of amenities. In fact, it was so opulent that it even had a swimming pool

Unfortunately, Jared had no interest in them at all.

As the journey to Dragon Island took two days, Jared decided to spend some quality time with Lizbeth.

After all, no one could predict what was going to happen once they got there.

“Jared, have you forgotten your friends now that you have a girl by your side?”

Out of nowhere, Skylar and Karl came over and sat down opposite Jared.

The moment he did, Karl made a minute gesture with his finger and released a discreet aura into Jared’s bottle of wine.

Neither Jared nor Lizbeth noticed the action at all.

Jared glanced at Skylar and broke into a faint smile. “Do you want a glass?”

“I’m fine, thank you. Considering how well equipped the ship is and the beautiful scenery outside, isn’t it a waste for you to just sit

there and sip wine?” Skylar commented with a grin.

“I don’t enjoy walking around.” Jared shook his head.

“In that case, we’ll not get in your way of chatting with this beauty.”

Skylar got to his feet and remarked, "Karl, let's go."

Watching the two leaving silhouettes, Lizbeth commented with a frown, "It's obvious that those two men are up to

no good, especially the one called Skylar. Behind that hypocritical face of his must be a mind full of schemes."

Jared chuckled. "He might have his methods, but I have my countermeasures. Besides, I'm curious to know why

they are taking me to Dragon Island."

"Regardless of the reason, nothing good will come out of it. Thus, you have to watch yourself out there," Lizbeth

reminded with an anxious expression.

At that moment, Tommy came over and informed, "Mr. Chance, Ms. Grange, Mr. Grange has invited you over to

join them."

Surprised, Jared wondered what Walter wanted to see them for.

By the time they arrived at Walter's room, the latter related excitedly, "Jared, have you heard? There's going to

be an auction on the ship selling antiques that have been recovered from the sea. As a result, I wanted to invite

you to check it out together."

As Walter was an avid antique collector, he was elated to learn that there was even an antique auction on the cruise.

“An auction, here?”

Jared was equally amazed. However, after giving it some thought, he felt that it wasn't a surprise since they were

on a luxury cruise. Holding an auction with so many wealthy passengers on board was certainly a brilliant way to

make money.

Chapter 1038 The Auction

Upon the realization, Jared began to admire the owner of the cruise ship.

Soon, all of them arrived at the auction venue after being guided by the ship's crew.

When Jared saw how packed it was, he figured that the rich loved to collect antiques since there was no point in having so much

money but not spending it.

Moreover, antiques were also considered investments. If one could pick up something of value, it would definitely be a profitable

trade.

As the auction rules required a deposit for entry, Walter paid the one million stipulated before everyone was allowed to enter.

After finding a secluded corner, the group took their seats and quietly waited for the auction to begin.

Right after that, Jared saw Skylar and Karl enter. However, both of them took their seats some distance away.

While waiting, Walter rubbed his palms together in excitement.

“William, if I find something good and am short, you must lend me a hand!” Walter whispered as he leaned closer to William.

“Mr. Grange, don’t worry. I’ll definitely back you up.” William nodded with a smile.

“Mr. Grange, here’s a card. I don’t know how much money is in there, but there should be a few billion. Take it first, and bid whatever you fancy with it.”

Jared took out a bank card and handed it over to Walter.

The money from the card had come from the sales of medicinal herbs and mining for precious stones. Having delegated the businesses to someone else, he would receive a continuous stream of income into the card.

“No, I can’t take your money. You still have plenty of use for it!” Walter waved his hand to decline.

Walter was aware that Jared needed to purchase lots of herbs and resources on his cultivation journey. Therefore, he still had plenty of use for his money.

Unknown to him, Jared had reached the stage where he seldom needed spiritual stones or herbs for his cultivation. On top of

that, he was now the Lord of Medicine God Sect with unlimited access to herbs. Just the Thousands of Miles Away painting

alone was enough for Jared to fulfill his cultivation needs.

“Mr. Grange, take it. I don’t have anything to spend this money on for now.”

Jared stuffed the card into Walter’s hand.

When Walter was about to refuse again, Lizbeth persuaded, “Grandpa, you should take it. After all, we’re one family now.”

Lizbeth’s words stunned Walter for a fleeting moment before he burst into hearty laughter. “That’s right, I’ll take it since we’re

family after all.”

Realizing her slip of tongue, Lizbeth blushed at once.

“Mr. Grange, since we’re all family going forward, feel free to let me know anytime you’re short,”

William added

with a smile.

Both Walter and William had no objections to Jared having a relationship with Lizbeth and Josephine at the

same time.

Cognizant of how extraordinary Jared was, it wouldn’t come as a surprise to them that Jared would have a

harem one day.

Soon, the host of the auction came on stage to kick off the event.

“For today’s auction, we are honored to have Mr. Wood grace the occasion. Therefore, let’s me invite him up here to say a few words.”

Just as the host spoke, a pot-bellied man with a big beard came on stage.

He was Freddy Wood, the most powerful man in Southernshire. He controlled the entire harbor in the city along

with the ships berthed there. Even the cruise ship they were on belonged to him. Evidently, Freddy’s wealth

could easily outshine many of the prominent families fram Jadeborough.

In addition, he was also a martial artist and possessed the strength of a Grandmaster. Rumor had it that he used

to be a fisherman. One day, he caught a big fish with a pear! inside its belly. After swallowing the pearl, his

strength increased significantly, allowing him to control the entire harbor.

Throughout the years, Freddy’s fleet retrieved many antiques from the sea. As he was an uncultured man, he

had no interest in them at all. Therefore, he chose to put them on auction and grew his wealth further from the

sales proceeds. As time went on, he managed to establish his position within the city.

Chapter 1039 Buying Spree

“Ladies and gentlemen, I would first like to thank you for attending the auction. The items on the block today are extremely valuable, for I have discovered them from a ship sunk a thousand years ago. If there’s anything you fancy, you have to act fast before it’s too late!”

Holding the microphone in his hand, Freddy declared excitedly, “And now, let the auction begin!”

Just as he finished, a crystal vase as tall as a person was brought on stage.

The moment he laid eyes on it, Walter’s face lit up.

After a round of intense bidding, he won the bid for the vase at fifty million.

Subsequently, Walter couldn’t control his excitement as he continued to bid for the subsequent items with a vengeance.

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After buying up more than ten items, Walter wasn’t satisfied at all. In fact, both his eyes had turned red.

It felt as if that was the most enjoyable auction he had ever attended.

After a while, Walter’s behavior began attracting everyone’s attention. Although all of them were rich, it was the first time they saw someone bid so indiscriminately. In fact, even Skylar was dumbstruck by what he saw.

Meanwhile, Freddy, who was sitting in the front row, couldn't resist turning around and giving Walter an indiscernible look.

"Grandpa, it's time to stop, as you have already spent a lot. In fact, you have finished all the money Jared gave you."

Realizing that everyone was staring at them, Lizbeth quickly gave Walter's sleeve a tug.

Jolted back to his senses by Lizbeth's reminder, Walter explained awkwardly, "I just got carried away after seeing so many antiques. Don't worry. I'll stop now."

"Lizbeth, since your grandpa is enjoying himself, you should let him buy till his heart's content, as antiques retrieved from the ocean are hard to come by. Besides, I still have some money with me," William added with a chuckle.

"Right, right, right. William hit the nail on the head. Underwater antiques are really rare. Who knows, I might find a gem within them with skyrocketing value!"

Walter found himself an excuse to buy more antiques.

Having heard his response, Lizbeth sighed in resignation. After all, she was well aware of Walter's obsession with antiques. As long as he sees something he fancies, no amount of persuasion will stop him.

When the auction came to a close, Walter ended up buying everything except for a few dilapidated items he didn't like, spending a shocking ten billion.

Only when the event was over did he leave reluctantly. As for the antiques he won the bid for, they would be sent to his home once the cruise ship returned to Southernshire.

After the auction, Walter's display had made him the talk of the town during the two-day journey. After all, there were few people who could blow more than ten billion at a single event.

Two days later, the ship arrived at Dragon Island.

This time, the scenery had entirely changed from a few months ago. It was no longer scorching hot nor freezing cold at all.

Instead, the air on the island was so fresh that it felt extremely pleasant.

Other than Jared's cruise ship, there were many other ships docked at Dragon Island. Consequently, the entire place was crowded with tourists.

"Lizbeth, after this, take Mr. Grange and the others sightseeing and stay away from me," Jared instructed before disembarking from the ship.

Nodding in acknowledgment, Lizbeth reminded in a concerned tone, "You have to be careful!"

"Relax, there's just two of them. They can't stop me if I want to leave."

Jared wasn't worried at all. Even if he was no match for Skylar and Karl in a fight, fleeing wasn't going to be a problem. Therefore, if both of them tried anything funny, he would be able to leave unscathed.

After leaving the ship, Lizbeth, Walter, and the rest left alongside all the other tourists.

“Jared, aren’t your friends joining us?” Skylar asked in surprise when he saw Lizbeth and Walter leaving.

“No, they’ll just end up being a burden.” Jared smiled plainly.

Reading between the lines, Skylar cracked a grin. “In that case, let’s go.”

With Skylar and Karl walking in front and Jared following behind, the three of them set off for the depths of the island.

Taking out a geomantic compass, Karl began chanting.

Suddenly, his compass flew into the air and unleashed a faint red hue.

After spinning a few rounds, it began flying in the south-easterly direction.

“Quick, follow it.”

Barking out his instructions, Karl sprinted after the compass, with Skylar and Jared following closely behind.

After running for half an hour, the compass finally stopped and flew back into Karl’s hand.

‘It’s here!’ Karl declared as he scanned the surroundings.

“What in the world are you looking for?” Jared asked curiously.

With a narrowed gaze, Skylar replied, "We're looking for the Flame Dragon. After you swallowed the Ice Dragon's draconic

essence, the island went through dramatic change, including the disappearance of the Flame Dragon. Therefore, we are now

looking for it so that we can obtain its draconic essence."

"Don't tell me that you're expecting me to fight the Flame Dragon? The Norton family has plenty of warriors who are stronger

than I am," Jared asked with a puzzled tone.

Given that the Norton family had many powerful warriors, they didn't need Jared's help to fight the Flame Dragon. In fact, the

hunched-back old man, who followed Skylar around, was a Top Level Martial Arts Grandmaster and stronger than Jared. As a

result, Jared was cognizant that he was definitely not there for combat.

"Of course not. We don't need you to fight it. However, the blood that courses through your veins can lure the Flame Dragon out

of its hiding place." Skylar's eyes glistened with murderous intent.

At that moment, Jared finally understood why Skylar invited him to Dragon Island. It turns out that he was supposed to be the

bait to lure the Flame Dragon out.

"Do you think that just the two of you can stop me?" Jared's aura began to swell within him.

"Hahaha, that's not up to you to decide!" After breaking out in hearty laughter, Skylar looked in Karl's direction. "Do it!"

Karl nodded before his lips started to move as if he was mumbling something.

In the meantime, Jared gave him a baffled look, as he had no idea what Karl was up to.

All of a sudden, Lizbeth, who happened to be more than ten miles away, let out an agonizing scream when she felt a splitting

pain in her head. Subsequently, she collapsed onto the ground and lost consciousness.

After chanting a curse for more than ten minutes, Karl was shocked to see Jared still standing and not reacting

at all.

“Are you trying to nag me to death?” Jared taunted.

“What’s going on?” Skylar asked Karl with his brows furrowed.

Karl had obviously spiked Jared and Lizbeth’s drink. But now, Jared wasn’t affected by it at all.

“I don’t know. I’m certain that I had poisoned them.”

Karl was baffled as to why Jared wasn’t reacting to his poison.

The moment he heard what Karl had done to him, Jared’s expression drastically changed. “Who else did you

poison?”

With the Focus Technique shielding him, Jared was immune to all poisons. However, the same couldn’t be said

for others. If Lizbeth and the others were poisoned, their life would certainly be in danger.

“The lady you were drinking with, as I spiked the wine both of you drank. Perhaps, the poison in her is already

reacting right now. Therefore, if you obey whatever I say, I’ll give you the antidote later. By then—”