Chapter 1041 The Heavenly Net "F*ck youl" Overwhelmed with rage, Jared launched a punch at Karl before the latter could finish his sentence. When he saw Jared attack, Skylar unleashed his aura suddenly. From its explosive power, one could tell that he was a sliver away from a Top Level Senior Grandmaster. "Jared, collaborate with us, and you will not have to suffer." Before he finished, Skylar threw a punch at Jared. Boom! The loud explosion that ensued was so strong that it leveled the trees surrounding them. While Jared staggered back, Skylar, too, had to retreat a few steps before steadying himself.

"Your strength has improved significantly. No wonder you dared to challenge the Warriors Alliance," Skylar remarked to Jared.

"Stop wasting time. If anything happens to Lizbeth, I will wipe both of you off the face of the Earth!"

With that, Jared turned and fled.

He didn't want to fight the two of them, as he wanted to check on how Lizbeth was doing first.

"Mr. Norton, he's escaping!" Karl shouted anxiously when he saw Jared fleeing.

"Don't worry, he won't be able to do so."

With a confident look on his face, Skylar took out a shimmering silver net. One couldn't tell from looking what it was made of.

"Heavenly Net!"

Suddenly, Skylar flung the shimmering net in his hand into the air. The next moment, its size expanded rapidly and looked to envelop Jared in it.

Jolted by the impending attack, Jared drew the Dragonslayer Sword as it lit up in flames like a raging inferno.

"Eat this!" Jared slashed his sword across the net.

As sparks flew in every direction, the loud clanging of metal was heard upon impact. However, the net was undamaged by the

Dragonslayer Sword's attack.

Soon, Jared was bound by the net which grew increasingly tight. No matter how hard he struggled, he was unable to free

himself.

"Hahaha, stop wasting your energy. The Heavenly Net is a divine magical item. Even a Martial Arts Marquis cannot escape once

trapped within it. Just to take you down, I even smuggled out a treasure of the Norton family for use," Skylar commented smugly

when he saw Jared trapped.

Jared's eyes burned with rage as he glared at Skylar. Nonetheless, he couldn't deny the strength of the Norton family

considering the myriad of magical items they possessed.

"Karl, begin!" Skylar instructed.

After nodding in acknowledgment, Karl held up the geomantic compass and slit Jared's finger with a dagger so that blood would

drip onto it.

Soon, the geomantic compass absorbed the blood and began to shake uncontrollably. The next moment, a red hue began

flashing in the air.

Whirr! Whirr! Whirr!

As the geomantic compass' vibration increased, its whirring sound evolved into the low rumble of a dragon.

Rumble...

Suddenly, the ground began to tremble before the earth in front of them rose into the sky.

"It's here!" Karl yelled in excitement.

With a glint in his eye, a magic sword appeared in Skylar's hand as he and Karl prepared for battle.

In the meantime, Jared, who was trapped, could feel the draconic essence within him vibrate vigorously as if it

was resonating with something.

Soon, the huge hump on the ground began to close the distance between them. Karl then hurled his geomantic

compass into the air where it illuminated the hump with golden rays of light.

"Mr. Norton, do it!" Karl yelled anxiously.

Skylar nodded before leaping high into the air and plunging his sword into the massive hump.

The next moment, blood spewed out from the location he stabbed.

Skylar was delighted by the results. Just when he wanted to stab the hump again, a massive force struck him

and threw him tens of meters back.

Chapter 1042 The Flame Dragon

Subsequently, the Flame Dragon soared out of the hump with his body burning like a raging inferno.

At the same time, Skylar's magic sword was still stuck in its body.

The instant the Flame Dragon appeared, the air seemed to have been sucked out of the atmosphere, for all the plants in the

area withered with a sudden spike in the temperature.

Staring at the Flame Dragon that was tens of meters long, Skylar and Karl's expressions drastically changed.

Jared, too, was shocked by the scene before him. The Ice Dragon back then was conjured up by a spell cast on the draconic

essence. Thus, it wasn't a real dragon at all.

However, the dragon in front of him with its big wide eyes and flaming body was a true dragon in every sense.

In fact, one could feel an intimidating pressure just from the aura exuded by the dragon.

"M-Mr. Norton, what should we do?"

Karl was gripped with fear when he saw how terrifying the Flame Dragon was.

Even Skylar furrowed his brows as he didn't expect the Flame Dragon would be so huge. Furthermore, the aura it emanated was

so strong it could pin them down.

When they saw how easily Jared had killed the Ice Dragon and obtained its draconic essence. They assumed the Flame Dragon

would be equally weak.

Since their combined strength was more powerful than Jared and they had in their possession magical items, they were

confident of overpowering the dragon.

"How the f*ck should I know?" Skylar swore.

Unfortunately, the Flame Dragon turned out not just a lot bigger but also stronger than they thought.

Suspended in mid-air, the Flame Dragon shook his body slightly, causing the magic sword to fall off. Following that, a colossal

pressure descended from the sky upon them.

In the blink of an eye, it felt as if the heavens had merged with the earth as a tremendous force pressed on their bodies.

Thump! Thump!

Too weak to resist, Skylar and Karl sprawled on the ground, unable to move a muscle.

Meanwhile, Jared's body emitted a golden hue, as he desperately resisted the pressure with his teeth clenched tightly.

Nevertheless, the golden glow on his body shattered in the end, causing him to drop to one knee.

At the same time, the draconic essence in Jared's body continued to vibrate and released waves of light, as if it was calling out to

the Flame Dragon.
Just as expected, the Flame Dragon looked intently at Jared before charging at him with its mouth open.
When he saw the Flame Dragon approach, Jared's eyes were filled with terror. Despite his desperate attempts to struggle free,
the Heavenly Net bind on him was just too strong.
Just when he was about to be swallowed, the Dragon Ring on Jared's hand sparkled for a fleeting moment. If he hadn't noticed it
by coincidence, he wouldn't have realized it happened at all.
However, it was right at that moment that the Flame Dragon suddenly stopped and stared quietly at Jared with
its eyes filled with fear and deference.
Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!
Meanwhile, the draconic essence inside Jared vibrated so violently that his body trembled alongside it.
As the Flame Dragon felt the draconic essence's vibration, it hesitated for a while before opening its jaws again.
Just when Jared thought he was done for, a burning pearl flew out of the Flame Dragon's mouth, causing him to
be dumbstruck.

Can this be the Flame Dragon's draconic essence?
Just as the thought crossed his mind, the flaming pearl flew toward his mouth.
As if by reflex, he opened his mouth and swallowed it.
"Ah!"
The moment the pearl went into his body, Jared felt as if he was being scorched by an inferno and was about to
explode.
Chapter 1043 The Mysterious Power
It did not take long before Jared's entire body was engulfed in flames.
However, shortly after that, he was surrounded by a veil of mist when the draconic essence of the Ice Dragon inside him exuded a breeze of cold air to balance off the heat.
The two draconic essences circled each other before colliding, causing the terrifying force surrounding Jared to turn into a storm.
After a while, the essences fused to become one and began attacking Jared's body with freezing cold and volcanic heat. It was then that Jared's glowing Golem Body showed its true power. Even when faced with such extreme temperatures, the man remained unharmed.

Then, the energy attacking Jared slowly died down before getting absorbed into his elixir field.

With his eyes seemingly filled with flames, Jared focused his gaze on the floor and immediately shot out a scorching beam of light, blasting a large hole in the ground.

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"What's going on?" Jared was utterly dumbfounded, for he realized that the power inside him was much stronger than the spiritual energy he cultivated himself.

On top of that, the power felt familiar to him for some reason. It was as if the energy had always belonged to him.

Jared's eyes began to return to normal after he slowly learned to control his newfound power.

Sensing the change in Jared's body, the Flame Dragon let out a roar before leaping up into the air and plunging headfirst into the sea.

Finally free of the creature's terrifying presence, Skylar, Karl, and Jared then got on their feet.

After witnessing what happened, neither Skylar nor Karl could figure out why the Flame Dragon suddenly stopped when it could have easily swallowed Jared whole. Not only that, but it also gave the man its draconic essence.

Even though they did not fully understand the situation, they were sure that Jared possessed the Power of Dragons.

"Karl, kill him now and take the draconic essence!" ordered Skylar.

A murderous glint flashed across Karl's eyes as he took a swing at Jared.
Since Jared was bound and completely helpless, Karl had nothing to be afraid of.
However, Jared's body suddenly glowed like the sun, and before he knew it, the snare on him had already been torn to pieces.
"You're just what I need. Practice." Staring coldly at Karl, Jared clenched his glowing fist and threw it at the man.
Bam!
The second Karl's knuckles connected with Jared's, a golden light exploded, and he was sent flying like a rag doll.
Still, Jared was not done with Karl yet. After dashing forward, he was ready to take another swing at his opponent with his formidable fist.
Karl, whose face had already turned pale, immediately chanted something to summon a shield of light to protect himself.
Clang!
Jared felt like he had hit a piece of metal when he landed his attack.
After close examination, he realized that Karl had used a geomantic compass for protection, and it was shining like a star.

Even though Jared did not break the geomantic compass, it was obvious that the piece of equipment had started to crack.
"My geomantic compass!" Karl was so devastated when he saw what happened that he almost cried.
"Now's not the time for whining. He has the Power of Dragons now, so we have to do this together!" reminded Skylar after furrowing his eyebrows impatiently at Karl, for he knew it would be impossible for him to face Jared alone.
"The Power of Dragons?" Jared was slightly taken aback when he heard what Skylar said to Karl.
So the mysterious power inside me now is the Power of Dragons?
Is that the result of the two draconic essences combining?
Gazing at Skylar and Karl, Jared finally realized that the two knew about the secret all along. In order to get the Power of
Dragons, one had to combine the draconic essences of the Ice Dragon and the Flame Dragon.
There was nothing to be gained from ingesting just one draconic essence besides its spiritual energy.
Jared never thought something that dramatic would happen after ingesting both draconic essences.
After being reminded to focus on his enemy, Karl recollected himself and let out a warcry.

As his geomantic compass began to glow and engulf his body in a bright light once again, every muscle fiber in his body grew
larger and larger until he became a giant of light.
Spinning on the top of Karl's head, the geomantic compass seemed to have become one with the man.
"Jared, I'm going to kill you for laying a finger on my magical item!" Karl sounded so ferocious that he no longer seemed human.
Skylar, too, got ready to fight Jared by picking up the magic sword on the ground. "If we can kill him, what's his will become
ours!"
With that, Skylar swiftly swung his weapon at Jared.
The sword energy coming from his blade was so powerful that it could cut through time and space.
Karl then immediately moved in to join Skylar's assault. Like a lightning bolt, he rushed toward Jared with his fist at the ready.
Caught between his two enemies, Jared knitted his eyebrows as he quickly devised a tactic to deal with the predicament.
He then lifted the Dragonslayer Sword in his hand and parried Skylar's sword energy.
Clang!
The sound of the two sword energies colliding was deafening.

Already within Karl's attacking range, Jared knew he would not have enough time to evade the man's fist after turning to defend himself from Skylar's assault. Hence, he decided to utilize his Golem Body and have it cover him completely in golden scales for protection. Thump! Thump! Thump! Jared could feel his insides tumbling around when the attacks landed. Even though it did not seem like it, Karl had actually thrown three punches at Jared, whose armor managed to absorb most of the damage. Still, Karl's attacks were so powerful that the force they generated went through the armor and hit Jared's insides, completely ignoring the indestructibility of the man's Golem Body. Jared was struck so hard that he lost control of his elixir field, making it impossible for him to focus his spiritual energy at that moment. Seeing how his attack had dazed Jared, Karl threw another punch and sent the man flying away toward the trees.

Jared only fell to the ground after crashing into a dozen trees, and when he did, his internal injuries caused him

to spray blood out of his mouth.

Then, the man quickly adjusted his breathing in order to regain control of his spiritual energy.
"If I were you, I'd stand down. Hand over the draconic essences, and you won't have to suffer any longer,"
sneered Karl.
Skylar was relieved when he witnessed how easily Karl had bested Jared. It looks like Jared hasn't figured out
how to utilize the Power of Dragons just yet.
Instead of responding to Karl, Jared simply remained silent and focused on regaining his strength.
What Kar! lacked in power, he made up with rich combat experience and his magical item.
Faced with two formidable combatants, Jared suddenly realized that he had been pushed into a comer.
"That's enough talking. Let's kill him first." Skylar did not want to take any chances, so he tightened his grip on his weapon and
charged toward Jared once again.
Unlike what he did last time, Jared moved his body and evaded Skylar's blade.
However, right after Jared dodged the swordsman's attack, Karl assaulted him with terrifying martial energy.

Having timed Jared's evasion, Karl intended to unleash his fury on his enemy before the man could find his footing.

As expected, Karl landed another hit and sent Jared flying yards away once again.

Jared's face immediately turned because he knew he was in a tough spot.

Instead of trying to adjust his breathing again, Jared skillfully created a copy of himself with a flick of the wrist.

He repeated the movement until there were four copies of himself.

Not only did the duplicates look exactly like Jared, but they also had the same aura as his. Hence, it was impossible for Skylar or

Karl to tell which was the real Jared.

Karl was stupefied as he stared at the five Jareds, while Skylar seemed unfazed. "So you've mastered Ichiro's Nine Shadow

Clones, huh? This trick may work on others, but not me."

'Is that so? Let's find out!"

Jared then charged toward Skylar with the first technique of Nine Shadows and unleashed five sword energies so powerful that

they changed the color of the sky.

Skylar simply smirked as he readied the magic sword in his hand, for he was aware that he only had to deal with one of the

sword energies because the others were just illusions.

All he had to was find the most powerful one and block it.
Unfortunately, Skylar was stunned when the sword energies rocketed toward him.
Grimacing, he realized that the energies were all filled with enough murderous intent to grind him to pieces.
Skylar, left with no choice, quickly placed his sword in front of him to summon a shield of light for protection.
Clang!
The sound of the collision was so loud that it almost shook the entire Dragon Island.
Karl was shocked when he witnessed how Skylar was sent flying before landing violently on the ground.
"Mr. Norton!" called out Karl before hurrying over to help Skylar up.
After wiping the blood off the corner of his mouth, Skylar narrowed his eyes sternly. "Damn it! I can't believe how much martial
energy he has. He's definitely much stronger than Ichiro, so we'll have to do this together."
Skylar's magic sword started to shine brightly as a ball of light appeared at the tip. Then, the man was enveloped
by an intimidating aura.
Karl, too, got ready by utilizing the power of his geomantic compass to make his fists power up like Skylar's
blade.

Whoosh!		
The two threw several energy balls toward Jared, who clenched his teeth as he swung his weapon and sent out		
another five blows of sword energy to defend himself.		
The instant the energies collided, a vicious explosion sounded, causing clouds of dust to cover the sky and block		
the sun as though a bomb had hit the place.		
"Pfft!" Jared vomited a mouthful of blood before collapsing to the ground. He got so weak that even his illusions		
faded away.		
Even though Jared's shadow clones were actual threats, they had to depend on his spiritual energy because		
they came from his elixir field.		
Since he had been injured, it was no longer possible for him to sustain the clones.		
It was apparent that Jared, who had a sunken chest, got his ribs broken. At that point, the spiritual		

energy in his

elixir field was close to none.

Chapter 1046 The Sword And Him Are One

When the dust finally settled, Skylar sneered at the desperate-looking Jared, "Now, I'll take all that belongs to you."

Skylar then slowly walked toward Jared with Karl following close behind.

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Convinced that Jared was beaten and no longer a threat, the two let their guard down and smirked at the man.

Furrowing his eyebrows, Jared tried his best to gather his spiritual energy. However, since he had exhausted himself, Jared

could barely even stand.

"I thought I was supposed to have the Power of Dragons." Jared became more and more anxious the closer Skylar and Karl got.

For some reason, Jared could not feel the power he had before. The combined draconic essences no longer seemed to be doing

anything inside him.

"What's going on?" No matter how hard Jared tried, he just could not seem to regain the power. It was as though the energy had

left his body.

When Skylar and Karl finally reached Jared, they looked down on the man with nothing but glee on their faces.

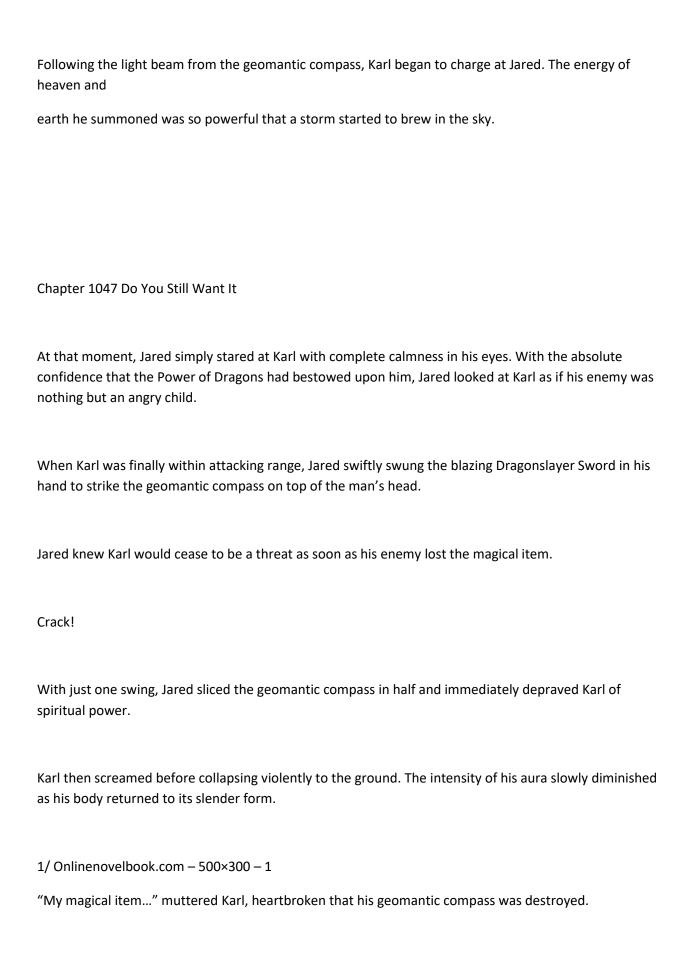
Karl then stepped forward to place his foot on Jared's chest and smiled deviously. "You ruined my magical item, so I'm going to

take yours. This sword will suffice." With that, Karl bent down to pick up Jared's Dragonslayer Sword. The brute wanted to lay claim to the weapon first because he was worried that Skylar would take everything else once they killed Jared. After all, like the draconic essence inside Jared, the Dragonslayer Sword was rare and highly soughtafter. However, just when Karl was about to place his hand on the Dragonslayer Sword, the weapon suddenly buzzed before unleashing a sharp blade of sword energy to cut his palm. Fortunately, Karl was fast enough to dodge the attack in time. Otherwise, his throat would have been cut as well. Holding his bleeding hand, Karl widened his eyes at Jared and the Dragonslayer Sword. Even though Jared was already too weak to continue fighting, his sentient weapon was able to defend itself, and it shocked Karl. "Jared's already become one with the sword, so it'll accept nobody but him. If you want it, you'll have to kill him first," explained

After realizing what he had to do, Karl lifted his foot from Jared's chest and was ready to stomp on the man.

Skylar to the still dumbfounded Karl.

He intended to kill Jared by cracking the rest of the man's rib cage. Suddenly, the Dragon Ring on Jared glowed once again and activated the immense power of the draconic essence inside him. The power instantly wrapped itself around Jared like a safety net and protected him from the imminent attack. Before Karl could even touch Jared, he was repelled and thrown away by the mighty force. As Jared slowly got back on his feet, his eyes glowed crimson red. The aura emanating from Jared then was exactly like that of the Flame Dragon. Skylar frowned fearfully as he quickly backed away, for he would be a fool if he could not tell that the Power of Dragons had awakened in Jared. "Kill him now!" commanded Skylar. After recovering from the fall, Karl immediately focused his geomantic compass on Jared to shoot a light beam at the man. Still, Jared did not seem bothered by the commotion around him. With the Power of Dragons, his Golem Body had already become much stronger than before and was shining brightly like the sun.



Enraged by what Jared had done, Karl turned to look daggers at the man. "I'm going to kill you even if it's the last thing I do!"
After mustering all the martial energy in him, Karl was ready to throw himself at Jared for one last fight.
Power surged through every fiber of Karl's body as he roared and charged at his enemy.
"Don't do it!" warned Skylar immediately when he realized what Karl was going to do.
He knew that Karl was no match for Jared without the geomantic compass. The fact that Jared managed to activate the Power of Dragons made him even surer that Karl would be throwing his life away for nothing.
However, Karl was so blinded by rage that he no longer listened to reason.
Faced with a frenzied enemy, Jared simply readied his fist.
Even though the move seemed basic, it was packed with enormous power.
Bam!
Karl regretted his recklessness the second his fist met with Jared's, for he could feel the man's unbelievable martial energy travel from the point of contact to his insides like lightning.
Jared did not even break a sweat when he sent Karl flying yards away. When Karl finally landed, the impact was enough to smash a large pit in the ground.

Karl seemed almost pitiable when he climbed out of the pit. His limbs were bent the wrong way, and his face was covered in dirt and fresh blood.
What used to be rage in the man's eyes quickly transformed into fear when he looked at Jared once again.
"So do you still want to take my Dragonslayer Sword?" questioned Jared while lifting his weapon up high.
His fearsome aura was so mighty that it reached thousands of yards away.
Thump!
Because of the powerful force, Karl immediately fell flat to the ground.
"I I" The man was unsure how to respond to Jared since he dared not to claim the Dragonslayer Sword anymore.
Despite what Jared did, Skylar had no intention of running away.
"And you? You still want the draconic essence inside me?" Jared teased Skylar with a smirk.
Even though his face had already turned pale, Skylar refused to back down. "Do you think you're all that just because you have the Power of Dragons? I'm going to show you just how wrong you are. I'll rip it out of your body if I have to!" shouted Skylar with gritted teeth before quickly pulling out his Necro Ring

The aura emanating from the man immediately intensified when he armed himself with the weapon.

"Did you think thi	s Necro Ring of mine was just a tool for escaping?"
With a devious sm man.	nirk, Skylar then threw the ring at Jared before it launched several blasts of aura at the
In response, Jared	quickly used the Dragonslayer Sword to create a shield for protection.
Clang! Clang! Clar	g!
The attacks dissip	ated after hitting the shield and were successfully blocked.
Disappointed, Sky energy down on h	lar proceeded to move the Necro Ring above Jared and have it project a beam of is enemy.
Chapter 1048 A Ro	eal Scoundrel
Jared could feel a	powerful force attacking him, as if an entire mountain was weighing on him.
He gritted his teet him exploded.	th. His eyes turned even more bloodshot as the manic and domineering power within
The overpowering floating above his	s strength caused that pressure to disappear in an instant. Meanwhile, the Necro Ring head
was sent flying ba	ck into Skylar's hand.
Feeling the Power	of Dragons surging through him, Jared was delighted.

"What else can you do? Show me!" Jared glared at Skylar coldly.

"Don't gloat too soon! You'll regret it sooner or later..." With that, Skylar tossed the Necro Ring into the air and a black portal

appeared.

Grabbing Karl, Skylar jumped into the portal. Just when Jared was about to chase after him, the portal disappeared.

He glanced around anxiously. Skylar had told him that the Necro Ring could only transport people at most a hundred meters

away. Hence, if he took a closer look, he could see where the both of them were escaping to.

Jared kept searching his surroundings, but could not spot Skylar and Karl at all. This was despite the fact that he could see

things a thousand meters away, let alone a hundred meters.

Since he could not spot any of them, the only explanation was that the Necro Ring could transport people beyond a hundred

meters. Skylar had lied to him!

"That scoundrel!" Upon realizing that Skylar had lied to him, Jared cursed out loud.

He kept the Dragonslayer Sword and sprinted toward the coast, worried for Lizbeth's safety. He wanted to know whether she had

really been poisoned by Karl.

Meanwhile, at the Dragon Island's dock, Walter and the rest crowded around Lizbeth anxiously.

No one could figure out what was wrong with her. Just moments after reaching the coast, Lizbeth fainted. Till now, her body was.

still twitching rhythmically.

Terrified, Walter and the rest quickly carried Lizbeth back to the dock.

They did not know what to do. Since Jared was not there either, they were all engulfed in panic.

"Lizbeth! Lizbeth! Wake up!" Walter held Lizbeth's hand, so anxious that tears streamed down his cheeks.

"Don't be so worried yet, Mr. Grange! Although Lizbeth is unconscious, her breathing is still stable. It's probably not a major

problem. After Jared comes back, let him take a look," William consoled Walter. Then, he glanced at Tommy and instructed,

"Tommy, look for Jared and bring him back as quickly as possible!"

"Okay!" Nodding, Tommy immediately went to look for Jared. Meanwhile, Jared was also rushing back to the dock rapidly.

Within a few moments, Tommy bumped into him.

"Mr. Chance!" yelled Tommy excitedly when he spotted Jared.

"Why are you here, Tommy? Where's Lizbeth and the rest?" Jared had a bad feeling in his gut when he saw

Tommy.

"Mr. Chance, I'm here to look for you. For some reason, Ms. Grange suddenly fainted and Mr. Grange is worried

sick," informed Tommy.
When Jared heard that, he frowned and sprinted toward the dock. Tommy followed closely behind him.
Upon arriving at the dock, they saw Lizbeth lying on the grassy patch motionlessly. Walter guarded her at the
side, sobbing endlessly.
When he spotted Jared, he quickly got up and grabbed Jared. "Jared, you must save Lizbeth! I don't know why,
but she suddenly fainted"
"Don't worry, Mr. Grange. I know what happened." Jared squatted and helped Lizbeth up.
He channeled a gust of spiritual energy into Lizbeth's body, but it was futile. However, after he checked her
breathing, he heaved a sigh of relief.
Chapter 1049 A Hidden Agenda
Although Lizbeth's breathing was weak, her life was not in danger. Still, Jared had no idea how to wake her up.
He did not know what kind of poison was in her body. Earlier, when he tried to suck the toxins out by using the Focus Technique,
it did not work.

"How's Lizbeth, Jared?" asked Walter worriedly. "Her life isn't in danger..." consoled Jared before glancing at Tommy and instructing, "Tommy, find a ship. We're going back immediately. The cost isn't a problem." Since many of the ships had just arrived, they would not be returning so quickly. It would probably be quite expensive to get a ship to turn back. Just when Tommy was about to look for a ship to return, Freddy strolled over with a smile. "Are you facing a problem, Mr. Grange?" asked Freddy. "My granddaughter is sick, so we must go back immediately. Do you have a ship that's going back? The price is up for negotiation!" asked Walter. As Walter had bought a lot of antiques at the auction, Freddy recognized him. After taking a glimpse of Lizbeth, he nodded and said, "I'll let the cruise ship turn around immediately. It's big and fast! We mustn't delay your grandaughter's treatment!" Freddy acted extremely enthusiastically and generously, even offering to turn the cruise ship around so he could send Jared and the rest back.

When Walter heard that, he said gratefully, "Thank you so much, Mr. Wood"

'This is just a small matter. Quick, get on the ship! I'll instruct them to set sail right away."

Freddy told Walter and the rest to board the ship. After that, he went to instruct the captain to return immediately.

The luxurious cruise ship set sail. Jared gazed at the unconscious Lizbeth solemnly.

With his medical knowledge and the alchemy recipes passed down by the Lord of Medicine God Sect, he could cure all sorts of

complex illnesses.

However, he just could not find out what poison was in Lizbeth's body.

Over the two days of the return voyage, everyone was in a gloomy mood.

Meanwhile, Freddy was in another luxurious suite on the cruise ship. Hugging a beautiful lady in his arms and swirling a glass of

red wine, he looked extremely serene.

At that moment, a middle-aged man wearing a suit entered.

"Is everything all set?" Freddy asked him.

"Everything's prepared, Boss. They've already set sail and would be able to meet us within two hours," replied the man

respectfully.

"Very good! Find more skilled men. There might be a few experts in this group. After killing them, we can toss

their corpses into the ocean and auction the antiques off. In that case, we won't have to give them away!"

Freddy's lips curved into a greedy smirk.

As he did not want Walter to bring the antiques away, a vicious plan had hatched in his mind. He planned to kill

Walter and everyone else on the boat before throwing their corpses into the sea. No one would ever find out.

"Don't worry, Boss. I've invited the Ruthless Four. They're all Martial Arts Grandmasters. One of them is even a

Top Level Martial Arts Grandmaster, almost entering the Grandmaster Rankings," informed the man confidently.

"Very good! When they arrive, bring them right to me!" ordered Freddy as he nodded in satisfaction.

"Understood!" The man left. Meanwhile, Freddy downed the glass of red wine in one gulp.

"How long more before we arrive, Tommy?"

Jared had been guarding Lizbeth in the room all along, constantly checking on her breathing. Although her vitals

were still stable, he felt extremely anxious. He wanted to dock as quickly as possible and send her to the Medicine God Sect.

Perhaps, Axton and the rest would have a solution. Having practised alchemy for years, they definitely encountered a lot more illnesses and poisons than him.

Chapter 1050 The Ruthless Four

"Mr. Chance, we'll reach at daybreak. You haven't been sleeping well for the past few days. Why don't you sleep for a while?"

asked Tommy worriedly.

Jared had not slept at all for the past two days as he had been guarding Lizbeth. He was afraid that something bad might

happen to her when he was asleep.

"I'm fine. Go and rest. Also, protect Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Grange. I have a feeling that Mr. Wood is quite strange," reminded

Jared.

They were not related to Freddy in any way. In fact, they could not even be considered friends—they had merely bought most of

the antiques at the auction.

If Freddy truly wanted to help them and flatter Walter, he could just send out a small boat. After all, a trip on this luxurious cruise

would cost a hefty sum.

Furthermore, the round trip would take four days in total. The guests on the island would definitely kick up a huge ruckus. Plus,

people who could board this luxurious cruise ship were definitely not ordinary.

Yet, despite the risk of offending all the guests, Freddy would rather send them back on this cruise ship. There was definitely

something fishy about it. All businessmen seek profit. Jared did not believe that Freddy was doing all these out of goodwill. "Okay, I'll take note." Tommy nodded. After two hours, the sky turned bright and they were nearing the dock at Southernshire. At that moment, a few speedboats approached the cruise ship secretly. Seven to eight people climbed onto the ship using ladders. Soon, they were brought to Freddy's room. There were four men who looked exactly the same—they were none other than the Ruthless Four, who were also quadruplets. 'They're here, Boss..." informed a suited man as he walked into Freddy's room. Freddy tidied his clothes and waved his hands. "Let them in!" Soon, the Ruthless Four entered. Freddy immediately got up to welcome them. Although the Ruthless Four were not old, they were extremely powerful. Freddy frequently relied on their help for his illicit activities, such as killing and smuggling.

"Mr. Wood, why did you summon the four of us here? Is there a good deal?" asked the eldest in the Ruthless Four.

"Have a seat, please..." Freddy invited them to their seats politely.

"Of course! Otherwise, why would I wake you up in the middle of the night?" Freddy smirked.

"Tell us what's the price this time and who we're dealing with. The four of us need to plan too!" stated the eldest directly.

Freddy glanced around. The man in the suit immediately chased everyone else in the room out.

"To be honest, I've got a few people on this ship. They're tourists from Horington. I'd like the four of you to kill

them. As for the commission, you can quote your own price!" revealed Freddy.

"A few tourists?" The eldest was shocked. "If it's just a few tourists, your subordinates can kill them easily. You

wouldn't need to hire the four of us, right?"

They knew Freddy well. He was willing to give up his life for money. If the opponents were easy to deal with, he

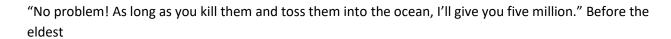
would not bear to pay the Ruthless Four to help.

"There are two martial artists in the group and they seem quite strong too. To be safe, I invited the four of you,"

explained Freddy.

"I see. Since there are two martial artists in the group and we don't know how powerful they are, it's hard to

negotiate an exact price. But it won't be below a million..."



finished his sentence, Freddy agreed easily.

Compared to antiques that cost tens of billions, a few million was nothing.