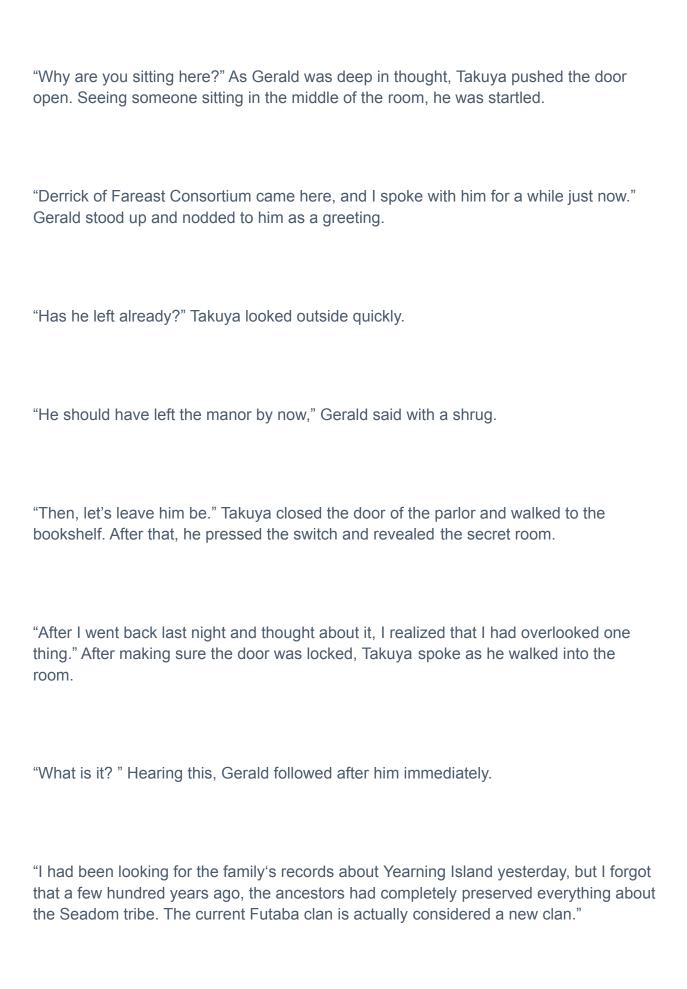
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"What else?" Derrick nodded and replied.
"Just these for the time being. If I need your help, I will let you know in advance," Gerald said.
"Okay. I will go back first and let my men investigate the two families. I will inform you immediately when there is any news." Derrick stood up and left with quick steps after saying that.
Watching him leave, Gerald yawned.
As he poured himself another cup of hot tea, he began thinking about how to get rid of the Kanagawa and Hanyu families.
Although he had threatened the two families personally, Gerald knew that families with high status like them would not be afraid of threats. They would only stay quiet for a few days or a few dozen days at most.
After some time, they would resume their move on him. Gerald had experienced this countless times.



Takuya spoke as he flipped through the ancient books, scratching his head.
He had barely had any sleep last night. He kept thinking about how he could help Gerald, and it had kept him up until dawn. Just when he wanted to come over and check the records, he had been unable to resist his sleepiness.
After sleeping for two or three hours, he had opened his eyes and come here.
"Then, where did your ancestors keep all the records? Are they in these books or some other places?" Gerald couldn't help but ask.
"I'm not sure either. When my father passed away twenty years ago, he mentioned it to me just before he died, but I did not take it seriously, so I did not ask." Takuya sighed and answered honestly.
"It's fine. It doesn't matter if you can't find it. I can investigate it slowly." A small hope kindled in Gerald, but it soon turned into disappointment.
"This seems to be the one." After a while, Takuya's excited voice was heard.

He pulled out a note from a book at the bottom of the shelf. However, due to its age, the paper had become very fragile, almost as if it would break into pieces with just a squeeze.

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Takuya brought the paper to the table carefully and unfolded it with great caution, fearing that even the slightest shiver would fragment the paper.

Despite his carefulness, he still damaged a small part of the paper when he opened the paper.

"This should be the paper that records the Seadom tribe. It's just a small piece of paper. I'm afraid it might not have the answer you want." Takuya laid the paper flat on the table and sighed again very lightly. He feared that his breath might blow away the paper.

"It's a bit blurred." Gerald frowned and propped his hands on the table to read.

There were indeed some records on the paper, but the writing had become blurred and faded due to its old age. Gerald could not read what was written on the paper at all. Moreover, the writing on the paper did not look like the Weston language nor English, which was widely used in the West.

"Can you read this?" After looking at it for a while, Gerald could not figure out what it was and raised his head to ask Takuya.
"This should be the special script of the Seadom tribe. The ancestors did not pass this down, so I don't know about it." As Gerald was reading it, Takuya was doing the same. He shook his head and said helplessly.
"That's a problem." Gerald rubbed his stubble.
"That friend of yours seems to know many things. He even knows about the Seadom tribe. Call him here to take a look, maybe he can understand this."
After looking for a moment, Takuya's eyes suddenly shone.
"Master Ghost?" At the mention of his name, Gerald was reminded of this as well.
Without delay, Gerald turned around and went to get Master Ghost.
Within ten minutes, Gerald had dragged Master Ghost by his arm into the secret room.

"I asked you what you were doing, and instead of telling me, you just dragged me here early in the morning. I'm still very sleepy." Master Ghost simply let Gerald pull him and said while yawning.
"You can sleep as long as you want after solving this." Gerald plopped him on the bench in front of the table.
"What is it?" Master Ghost rubbed his eyes. He could sense the importance of the matter from Gerald's tone.
"Look at this. Can you read the script on this paper?" Gerald pointed at the paper laid flat on the table and asked.
"Let me see." Master Ghost opened his eyes wide and leaned over the paper.
He looked at the paper for nearly half an hour.
Gerald and Takuya stood still. No one opened his mouth to speak nor did they move around, fearing that it might disturb Master Ghost's thoughts.
"This is the script of the Seadom tribe, right?" After a long time, Master Ghost asked.

"Yes. This should have been handed down by our ancestors." Takuya nodded.
"I can read this, but" Master Ghost showed a look of embarrassment.
"But what? Just say it." Gerald was relieved and hurriedly urged him since the paper was likely to contain the method to find Yearning Island.
"On this piece of paper, it says that everything recorded about the Seadom tribe is all stored in one place for the Futaba family. This is just some very ordinary family document." Master Ghost glanced at the paper again and said.
"It doesn't say where it's stored?" Gerald frowned at once.
"It's written on the paper." Master Ghost nodded.
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"Are you looking for a fight?" Gerald raised his fist, ready to punch Master Ghost.



"But you can't get anything from staying in the family. You would only be able to uncover the secrets of Yearning Island when you go to the ancient ruins in Yanam." Takuya was confused and asked quickly.
"We will go after we have at least helped you settle the current problems." Gerald knew that once he left, the Kanagawa and Hanyu families would take action against the Futaba family once they got the news.
Even with the business contracts with Fareast Consortium, it was still just a business deal. Still, the Hanyu family was an assassin family, and there was also Kanagawa Kai, who would do anything to achieve his goal in the Kanagawa family.
"This" Takuya didn't expect that the reason Gerald did not leave immediately was for his family.
"Patriarch Takuya, this is what Gerald has always thought. The Westoners always say that when we want to help someone, we should help them accomplish the whole thing well. Since we chose to help you, we can't leave halfway, right?" Master Ghost said.
"Thank you thank you so much." Takuya was so overwhelmed that he did not know What to say. Even his hands were trembling.
"Anyway, Patriarch Takuya, we might have to take this paper away. However, after we solve the problem, we will surely return it in its original condition."

After saying that, Gerald closed his eyes.
With the changes in the power of the Herculean Primordial Spirit in his body, the entire secret room became hot and dry. After a while, Gerald pressed his hand on the paper, releasing his essential qi from his pahn to wrap the paper.
After doing this, Gerald let out a breath and put the paper into his pocket carefully.
With the protection of the power of the Herculean Primordial Spirit, not to mention the daily folding and unfolding, there wouldn't be any problem even if the paper was thrown into the fire for three days and nights.
"No problem. It's not much use to the family. If you need it, you can just take it. I feel glad to be able to help you." Takuya didn't know what Gerald had done, but still, he said this.
"Then, let's deal with the two families first. After that, we will go back to the ancient ruins in Yanam." After putting the paper away, Gerald spoke calmly.
"Right. There is one thing I'm not sure if I should ask you about," Takuya said in a low voice.

"Just ask." Gerald laughed. Since he was about to learn the secrets of Yearning Island, his heart felt much lighter.

"About Fujiko, do you think you should tell her? Although you are just acting in front of outsiders, as her father, I know that my girl likes you. If you don't tell her, I think she will feel very sad for a long time," Takuya spoke rather embarrassedly.

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"I will tell her." Gerald nodded.

After fighting side by side with Fujiko for so long, it would be a lie to say that they did not have any attachment to each other. But now, Gerald only had Mila in his heart, and he would not fall in love with another woman anymore even if Fujiko was an outstanding lady.

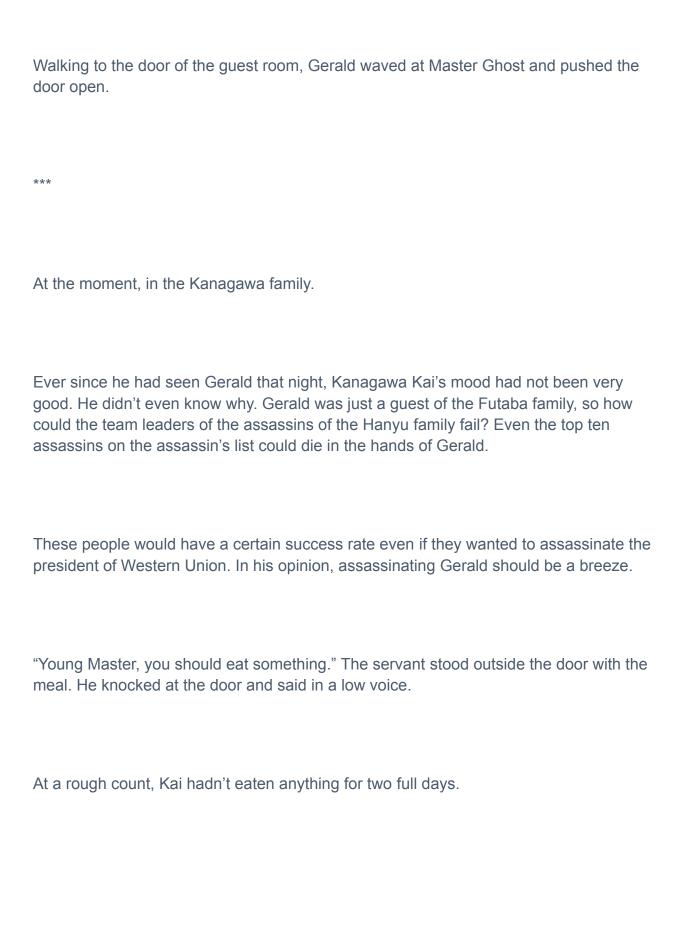
"That's great, that's great." With Gerald's words, Takuya was somehow relieved. He sighed and took two steps forward to pat Gerald's shoulder and say, "But if possible, I still hope you can take care of Fujiko."

"I will help wherever I can." Gerald did not refuse.

After leaving the secret room, Takuya closed the wall first. As he watched Gerald and Master Ghost walk out, he couldn't help but clasp his hands together. It was not because of Gerald taking away the item left behind by his ancestors, but because he knew that Gerald was about to leave. Although he knew that Gerald was not a member of his family and could not stay here for long, this feeling was growing stronger and stronger. He was very reluctant to let Gerald leave. After such a long period, he saw Gerald as part of his family. "You should keep this." Gerald took out the piece of paper from his pocket and handed it to Master Ghost. "I may have to go and clear up some trouble over the next few days. This is safer with you." "We should go there as soon as possible. The earlier we can learn the secrets of Yearning Island, the earlier you can save your parents." Master Ghost took it carefully and put it in the innermost pocket. "I know."

Gerald nodded. Of course, he knew about this clearly. It's just that the Kanagawa and the Hanyu families could not be finished off in just a few days and it might cause a stir in Japan. After all, Japan was not like Yanam. When two large families were wiped out, it would surely cause very serious effects.

[&]quot;You can go and rest first. I will think about it."



"Get lost!" Hearing the voice ringing outside, Kai shouted angrily immediately. He was now immersed in fear and helplessness. Not to mention eating, even drinking water made him feel nauseated.
The servant did not dare to speak, so he could only wait outside with the food.
Kai smoked continuously in his chair. The ashtray in front of him was already full of cigarette butts, and there were even several on the floor. The whole house was reeking of smoke, and if someone who did not know the situation entered the house, he would think that the smoke was caused by a fire.
"Just a petty Gerald Crawford, why can't he be killed?!"
After taking the last puff, Kai slammed his fist on the table and said angrily.
After the Hanyu family had failed and Vulture, the seventh top assassin, had been killed, he did not know what method he should rise to deal with Gerald.
"Young Master, maybe I can go and look for two girls from Fame Academic College. You might feel more relaxed after having some fun." After a while, the voice of his henchman rang from outside.

"You too, get lost!" Kai felt that the henchman whom he had just promoted had a problem in his head. He didn't even feel like eating, why would he want to play with girls?!

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But once he had said that, an idea suddenly popped into his head.
"You! Come in!" Kai's face relaxed a bit immediately.
"Young Master." The henchman entered quickly and walked toward Kai carefully. He withdrew his neck, fearing that he would be beaten up.
"What did you say just now? Repeat it to me again." Kai put his hand on his shoulders and pinned him on the seat next to him.
"I didn't say anything just now!" The henchman was too scared to speak. After sitting down, his legs were shaking.
"Say it!" Kai glared at him, and his voice got louder.

The henchman was scared again, and he had no choice but to repeat it with a bitter face. "I said that if you were in a bad mood, I could go to Fame Academic College to find two young girls for you to play with and maybe, you would feel better."
"Haha, that's right! This is it!" Who knew? As soon as the henchman had said that, Kai laughed loudly.
"Young Master, are you alright?" Looking at Kai's face, the henchman asked hurriedly, worrying that his words might have turned Kai crazy. He could not bear the consequences.
"What could possibly happen to me?" Kai took a cigarette out of the box and threw it at his henchmen. Then, he lit one and paced around the living room.
"You're right. I should go out and have a proper meal and then get two girls." Kai felt much better. His henchman's unintentional words had kind of given him a very good idea.
"Should I contact them?" asked the henchman.
"Wait, don't rush." Kai waved his hand.



Still, it w	as already	two to	three	months	ago.	Gerald	had	not	taken	it seri	ously	at tha	at
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"Who is this?" The phone rang. Gerald picked it up and asked.

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"Are you Gerald?" Kai's voice could be heard.

"It turns out to be Young Master Kai Kanagawa. What can I do for you?" The moment Gerald heard Kai's voice, he became amused. So, he crossed his legs and asked.

"How could I be addressed as a young master in front of you?" Kai's gloomy laughter could be heard.

"If there's anything, just spill it. If not, I'm going to hang up." Gerald had no interest in wasting time with Kai. Besides, he knew that Kai definitely meant only evil since Kai was willing to take the initiative to call him.

"Don't." Kai was instantly anxious. "I know that I've made a lot of mistakes previously. You're forgiving, and you don't take them to heart. So, I would like to treat you to a meal as a form of compensation and apology for you. Then, we can still be friends in the future."

"Sure. No problem. What time?" Gerald endured his laughter and said so.
"Ah?" Kai did not expect that Gerald would agree to it in such a straightforward manner. Hence, he was struck speechless and did not know what he should say.
"Could it be that you were just joking? You don't actually want to treat me?" Gerald continued and asked him.
"Of course not. I sincerely want to treat you to a meal."
Kai immediately denied it. Currently, he wanted Gerald to come out so badly. He certainly would not miss that chance.
"I'll give you a chance given your sincerity." Gerald said with a low voice, "Send the details to my phone."
After he had said that, he hung up his phone.
At the other end of the phone, Kai punched the wall. He was very vexed with Gerald's attitude, but he was slightly delighted because Gerald had agreed to it. He was certain that he could definitely make Gerald lose his reputation that time around as long as Gerald could come out.

"Gerald, since I can't do it the harsh way, I'll try the soft way. I don't believe that you don't have any weaknesses." Kai narrowed his eyes and ground his teeth as he said so. His countenance was full of darkness.
After sending the location of the hotel to Gerald, he immediately asked his confidant to come back to his room.
"What's wrong, Young Master?" His confidant hurriedly rushed over.
"Did you settle things at the hotel?" Kai pointed at the door. After his subordinate had closed the door, he questioned him.
"Yes. I've booked a private room on the top floor." His confidant nodded.
"Where are the university students?" Kai continued to ask him.
"I found them too. I paid each of them five hundred dollars. They're very cooperative, and they're now waiting in the hotel room." The confidant continued to answer his questions.
"Where's the medicine?" Kai nodded in satisfaction. He believed that he could definitely ruin Gerald in one go as long as everything was prepared nicely.

"It's here as well. I especially gave an order and asked them to go to the customs office to get it. It was nearly withheld there." The confidant fished out a bottle of brown medicine from his pocket and handed it to Kai.

Kai took it and looked at it for a short while. He then put it away randomly before he took out a stack of hundred dollar bills from his wallet and threw them in front of his confidant. "You did a rather good job this time around."

"Thank you, Young Master. Thank you!" The confidant immediately grabbed all of the money. With that money, not only could he have a grand feast, he could even have some fun with two B-list or C-list celebrities in Japan. If it was a university student, he could even keep her as his mistress for one to two years.

Taking the money, he then left swiftly.

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During the few days that he had been working for Kai, he had learned that he could not stay by Kai's side for too long. If not, he might say something wrong and make a mistake. It would most probably get him into trouble.

Even if he stood there without moving, he would also become a target for Kai to vent his feelings out.

An afternoon passed very quickly. In the blink of an eye, night had fallen.
Gerald drove the ear and reached the hotel based on the location sent by Kai. Gerald only revealed that he was going out to resolve a small issue. Hence, he did not bring anyone with him. After all, Kai was a villain.
There were certainly people lying in wait for him. Gerald did not want others to take the risk with him. Just as he had parked his car in the parking lot of the hotel, a waiter trotted over to him.
"May I know if you are Mr. Gerald Crawford?"
Before Gerald had fully rolled down the window, the waiter bent his body and asked.
"Yes, that's me." Gerald nodded.
"Mr. Kanagawa has long been waiting for you upstairs. He told me that I must wait here." The waiter opened the car door for Gerald and put his hand on the car roof too.
"Lead the way." Gerald got out of the car and followed him into the hotel.

Kai, who was waiting in the private room, received the news that Gerald had reached the hotel.
"Act naturally later. Gerald is not an ordinary person. If you act suspiciously, he'll certainly see that something is wrong. Then, we may even die here, let alone do something to him." Kai put away his phone and said lightly to his confidant.
"Don't worry, Young Master. I definitely won't spill the beans." His subordinate took a deep breath and nodded. The moment they had said that, Gerald opened the door and came in.
Thinking of what had happened that night, Kai subconsciously stood up, his hands trembling slightly.
Still, he took a deep breath and forced himself to stay calm.
"Young Master, this is a rather grand occasion." Gerald took a glance at the private room before he looked at Kai and said lightly. As for the subordinate beside Kai, he did not take the subordinate seriously at all.
"Of course I need to be generous to serve you. Otherwise, how could it be worthy of your identity?"

Kai gradually eased his tension. Looking at Gerald, he put on a fake smile and said.

"Then, let's sit down. I haven't eaten anything today, by the way. It seems like I'm lucky to be able to enjoy great food today." Gerald did not bother about them, and be directly sat down on the chair, devouring the food.

As for the dishes, Gerald was not worried at all as to whether they were poisoned or not. After all, he had the Herculean Primordial Spirit to protect him. Even if it was the most powerful poison in the world, it would not be effective.

Gerald was eating heartily. Seeing that, Kai was slightly happy. As long as Gerald ate more, it meant that he was much more relaxed. Then, it would be more convenient for Kai to drug Gerald later.

"Gerald, let me propose a toast to you. I've offended you a lot in the past. Now that I think about it, I was indeed over the line. I hope that we can be good friends in the future." Before long, Kai raised his wine glass.

His cup was filled with sake, which was of a very low percentage of alcohol. On the other hand, the wine in Gerald's cup was more than seventy percent. For a drunkard like Kai, he would definitely be knocked out after he had two glasses of that kind of alcohol.

"No problem. If I have a friend like you with such a status, you'll help me to resolve all the problems I face in the future, right?" Gerald laughed loudly. He then raised the wine glass and directly gulped it down.

The taste of the strong wine spread around in Gerald's mouth. Certainly, he had foreseen those tactics.

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Although it did not produce much of an effect on him, he still pretended as though he was not good at drinking. He ceaselessly drew in cold air.

"Gerald, it seems like you're not very good at drinking." Seeing Gerald's appearance, Kai became much more confident.

"That's right. I'm very weak at drinking. I basically get drunk after two to three glasses of wine." Gerald echoed Kai's words and said so. In truth, that kind of wine did not affect him at all. The more he drank, the more he would just need to go and pee. He could even use his Herculean Primordial Spirit to evaporate the urine in his body.

"We're the same type of people. Then, let's eat first!" Kai did not urge Gerald to drink more wine. If not, Gerald might feel that something was amiss.

Besides, Kai became not so anxious anymore after he learned about how much Gerald could drink. After a meal, one at least needed to drink four to five glasses of wine.
"You're flattering me." Gerald put down the wine glass and continued eating the food in front of him.
Kai just stared at him. After a short while, he could not help but ask, "By the way, Gerald, what kind of relationship do you have with the Futaba family exactly? How come you help them so much when you're a Westoner? Could it be that you've fallen in love with Fujiko?"
"It's just coincidental." Gerald waved his hand and continued eating.
Hearing Gerald's words that carried no meaning, Kai knew that he had made a vain attempt. Hence, he ceased talking.
Time passed, and Kai watched as Gerald ate endlessly. He then continued to make Gerald drink a few glasses of wine.
Gerald did not disappoint Kai either. After downing two glasses of wine consecutively, Gerald used the essential qi in his body to make his face look redder. He also pretended to be drunk in his actions.

"Young Master, why do you have to deal with the Futaba family? Didn't your family maintain peace with them for hundreds of years? Or did someone from the Futaba family send the news to you secretly? If not, how did you know where Miss Futaba is?"
Gerald held his chin with one hand, and even the words he said were slightly incoherent. He looked like he was indeed drunk.
"How is it possible that someone could have sent the news to us secretly? But it concerns my family, so I can't tell you about it." Kai was stunned for a short while, but he revealed nothing.
"It's fine if you don't tell me about it. I understand." Waving his hand, Gerald replied.
"Let's continue eating. It's my treat today. Eat and drink whatever you like. If it's not enough, I'll ask the waiter to serve you more!" Kai nodded. He felt that Gerald was terribly drunk.
After having another two mouthfuls of rice, Gerald threw away the spoon and pretended to be drunk. He then directly lay prone on the table. Before long, one could hear his snores.
"Gerald?" Seeing that scene, Kai was slightly helpless. Unexpectedly, he had not even drugged Gerald before the latter had sprawled over the table.

However, on the premise of knowing Gerald's means, Kai did not lose his vigilance. He called out to Gerald a few times before he walked to him gently and called out to him again.

After Kai saw that Gerald made no response and movement, he stretched his hand out to pat Gerald's back briefly.

"He's indeed bad at drinking. At first, I thought that it would be very troublesome, but I didn't expect that I would be able to settle him with such great ease!" Seeing that Gerald was indeed drunk, Kai broke into a smile. He had no scruples with his words now.

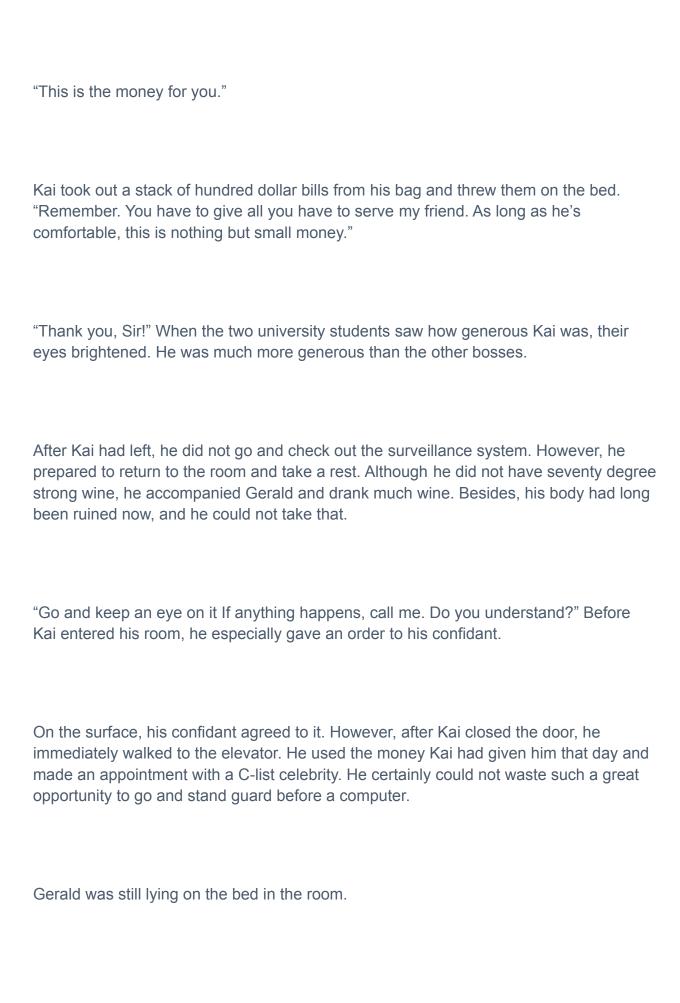
Gerald was bad at drinking. Kai knew that after four to five glasses of wine, which had an alcohol percentage of seventy percent, Gerald would not wake up even if the roof collapsed, let alone regain his consciousness. At least, he would sleep soundly for more than ten hours.

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Kai had gained that kind of experience from his addiction to alcohol in the past.

"What should we do now?" His confident walked to him and asked.

"What else can we do? Ask the waiter to come and carry Gerald to the room downstairs. Is the camera ready?"
Kai wanted so badly to kill Gerald directly in that instant. He knew that he would certainly be able to do so if he truly wanted to.
But he dared not do so. Although his family possessed a powerful status in Japan, the Futaba family was not easy game either. If the Futaba family gained something against him, his entire life would be ruined. Soon the waiter had arrived, and he carried Gerald out of the private room.
The two female university students had long been waiting there, and the cameras had been set up in the room, waiting for Gerald to be sent there and fall into Kai's trap.
"Be gentler. Don't wake him up! " Seeing that the waiter was being careless, Kai immediately reprimanded him.
If Gerald fell to the floor or the waiter accidentally knocked him against the door, he might wake up instantly.
The waiter carried Gerald to the bed carefully. After he had received some tips from Kai, he hurriedly left.

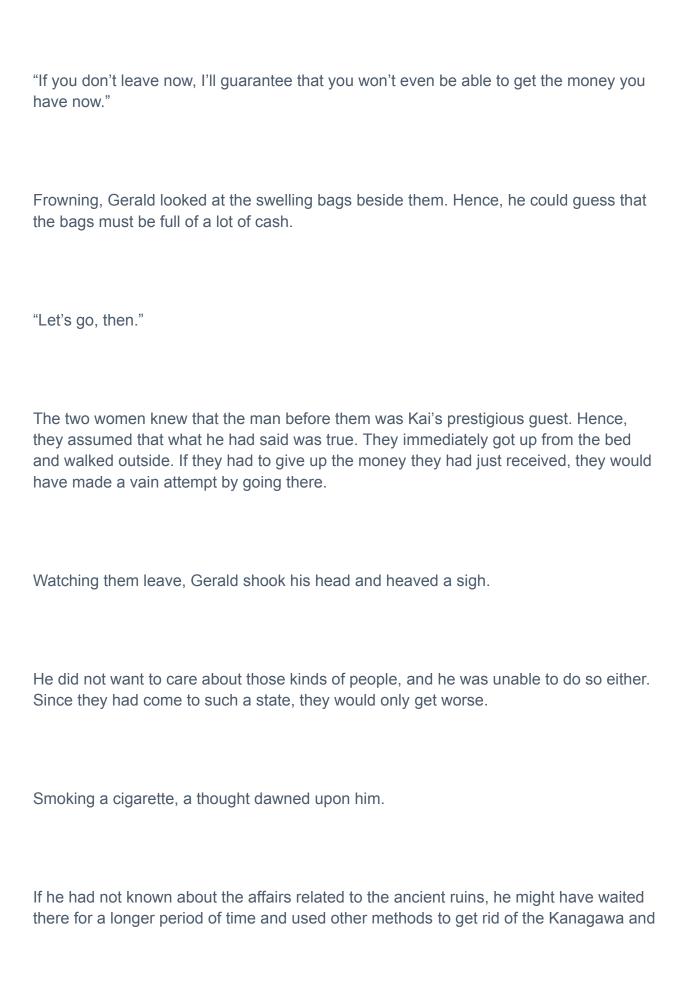


He still did not know what Kai wanted to do until that moment.
However, after spreading his senses around with the Herculean Primordial Spirit, he could clearly notice that a few cameras were operating in the room. Gerald focused his attention, and an invisible essential qi was spread out of his body, making all of the surveillance system and hidden cameras unable to function normally.
"He's drunk." At that time, the two university students were still discussing how to serve Gerald. When they saw him sleeping soundly while lying on the bed the moment he was carried into the room, they were soon in a slight dilemma.
"Then, what should we do? Mr. Kanagawa gave us a lot of money. If we just sit here and do nothing, I'm afraid that he's going to retrieve all of the money."
The other girl patted Gerald's back Seeing that he was still not awake, she was slightly helpless.
"Who are you?" Gerald used his essential qi and sensed that Kai and the others had left. Hence, he did not pretend anymore. He turned around and asked lightly.
"You're awake." Hearing Gerald's voice, they revealed a smile.

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The two of them sat nearer to Gerald. Afterward, they started to take off their clothes.
"Wait. What are you doing?" Gerald frowned deeply.
However, he soon understood it after he saw their actions. It appeared that Kai wanted to get him drunk. Kai had set up a grand feast to scheme against Gerald and wanted to shoot an indecent video of Gerald using the surveillance cameras.
"Of course we want to serve you. Mr. Kanagawa told us very clearly. You're his prestigious guest, so he told us that we must serve you well. If not, we won't be able to get any money." One of the university students replied. As she talked, she took off her coat.
"Don't take off your clothes first." Gerald pressed her hand before he released her immediately. "If you take off your clothes now, you won't be able to get any money."
Hearing Gerald's threat, they stopped.
"Who are you?" Gerald sat further away from them.

"We're students from Fame Academic College. Don't worry, Sir. Our bodies are very clean. We always go to have a body check up every half month. We definitely won't let you get infected by any diseases." The woman even thought that Gerald had some worries. Hence, she gave an explanation.
"Behave yourself well and sit over there." Gerald was slightly disgusted. These women did not do good deeds. They actually engaged in such affairs by manipulating their bodies to earn money. Although they could earn money fast, they would regret it one day. At that time, they would not be able to wash their bodies clean.
"Okay." The two women nodded briefly.
Gerald inevitably felt that it was slightly amusing when he saw them behaving themselves. He did not know how Kai had come up with such an idea. Kai actually wanted to use that kind of tactic to deal with him.
Certainly, it was impossible that he would leave just like that. Since Kai wanted to get rid of him, he had to give Kai some form of response.
"Just leave." Gerald turned around and took a look at the two people in front of him before he said in slight impatience.
"But if we leave just like this, we won't be able to get the money." The two women took a look at each other. They thought that money was much more important than anything else. If not, they would not do such a thing.



Hanyu families. However, now that he knew that there was something related to the Seadom tribe and Yearning Island in the ancient ruins, he could not delay his time there anymore.

If he could get rid of those two families sooner, he could return to the ancient ruins earlier. After learning the secrets of Yearning Island, it would be time to rescue his parents and sister.

Hence, Gerald decided to grab that chance and get rid of the trouble, which was the Kanagawa family, in one go. Although it would be slightly difficult if he wanted to exterminate that family entirely, he could get rid of Kai first.

Thinking of that, Gerald walked straight out of the room. Using the Herculean Primordial Spirit to sense the surroundings, he found Kai's room with great ease. The moment he was about to knock on the door, his hand stopped in midair.