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Kieran grew very emotional and was seemingly a moment away from getting physical with Kai.

Upon seeing that, Walter instantly zipped forward and held him back. "Kieran, Mr. Chance is here to treat your wife. What are you doing?"

"Don't worry, for your wife is just unconscious. She'll be fine."

Having said that, Kai sat on the bed and placed a hand on the elderly woman's pulse. On the heels of that, a burst of pure spiritual energy left his body and streamed into hers.

If she were possessed, his spiritual energy would undoubtedly be able to force the spirit out. Regretfully, no matter how much he increased the flow of his spiritual energy, she remained still without the slightest reaction.

At that, Kai frowned slightly. "Hmm? Could it be that I made a mistake?"

In the beginning, he had thought that she was possessed by a malicious spirit, and he only needed to force it out before absorbing it into himself. However, it seemed that she wasn't possessed, after all.

"Mr. Chance?" Walter called out softly when nothing happened after a long while, and he noticed something off about Kai's expression.

At that moment, Josephine mustered her courage and went up behind Kai. Despite her fear, she was still curious and wanted to see how exactly a spirit looked like.

A long time passed without anything transpiring, and the atmosphere in the entire room turned a tad awkward.

Kai slowly retracted his hand, sweat beading on his forehead.

He had used too much spiritual energy earlier, so he was a touch enervated. "She's not suffering from hysteria, so I'll check for other causes."

After saying that, he picked up a silver needle and gently inserted it into the elderly woman's wrist. Then he slowly twisted it.

Soon, almost the entire needle was embedded in her wrist.

A moment later, he took it out, only to see a drop of black blood beading at her wrist.

Everyone was shocked when they saw that her blood was black. That went doubly for Kieran. He wore a worried expression and seemingly wanted to speak, yet he was afraid that he would break Kai's concentration.

"What's going on here, Mr. Chance?" Walter was also baffled, since it made no sense that an ordinary person would have black blood.

"This is a symptom of poisoning. From the look of things, that's the cause of her mental disorder, leading to her being of unsound mind," Kai explained.

"Poisoning?" Walter was startled. Turning to Kieran, he queried, "What did your wife eat before she started acting up, Kieran? How did she get poisoned?" With a frown marring his countenance, Kieran mulled it over before shaking his head. "She didn't eat anything. She just had a simple meal after returning from the cemetery. I ate the same thing as well, so why am I fine?"

Walter didn't know what to say to that, so he shifted his gaze to Kai.

"Recall carefully whether your wife ate or drank anything after going to the cemetery, including wild fruits and herbs. Or did she touch anything at all?" Kai questioned Kieran solemnly.

"N-No, she didn't touch anything."

Despite Kieran's denial, he averted his gaze when answering and dared not look the man in the eye.

Noticing his shifty expression, Kai knew that he was definitely lying. Since the man wasn't willing to speak the truth, he couldn't do anything to help despite sympathizing with them.

"In that case, please accept my apologies. This is beyond my capabilities." He put the silver needles away and got ready to leave.

At that turn of events, Kieran started panicking. Meanwhile, Walter could also tell that Kieran was seemingly hiding something, so he snapped, "Kieran, I got Mr. Chance here to treat your wife, yet you're unwilling to be candid with us? Do you want your wife to die?"

Kieran had a conflicted look on his face while he stared at his wife on the bed. At long last, he gritted his teeth and admitted, "We indeed found something at the cemetery, and my wife brought it home."

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What was it?" Walter and Kai asked in unison.

"It was a reishi mushroom. It was gigantic and resembled a reishi mushroom yet a bit different from the usual ones. My wife was convinced that it would fetch a high price, so she brought it home," Kieran confessed with embarrassment written all over his face.

"Where is it? Let me have a look at it," Kai ordered.

Nodding, Kieran left the room. Shortly after, he came back in with a huge glass bottle in his hands.

Indeed, something that resembled a reishi mushroom lay in the glass bottle. However, it didn't at all appear to be a plant.

"This is no reishi mushroom. It's clearly a piece of rotten meat!"

When Josephine saw the item in the glass bottle, she almost hurled. "This isn't rotten meat. It's indeed a plant that grows on the ground, but it

appears like meat."

While saying that, Kieran opened the glass bottle and took it out.

"Watch out, Kieran! It might be poisonous!" Walter promptly cried out upon noticing that Kieran was planning to take it out with his bare hands. "It's fine. I've already touched it back then, so I would've been poisoned long ago if it's really poisonous."

Kieran wasn't at all afraid, blithely taking out the item resembling a reishimushroom.

"In that case, your wife can't possibly have been poisoned by it either," Walter said.

Since he's fine after holding it, his wife couldn't possibly have been poisoned in the same manner.

"Having skin contact with it is fine, but taking a bite out of it will result in the person being poisoned."

As Kai spoke, he took the item resembling a reishi mushroom from Kieran and turned it over in his hands gently. Subsequently, he glimpsed a tiny portion missing at the bottom, making it abundantly clear that someone had taken a bite out of it.

When Kieran saw that tiny missing portion, surprise inundated him. "I told her not to simply eat it when its exact nature is yet uncertain. I never thought that she'd actually take a bite out of it furtively. If I'd known, I wouldn't have allowed her to put it away!"

Stark regret flooded him, and he kept thumping his chest.

"Don't blame yourself anymore, Kieran. I'm sure Mr. Chance can treat your wife!" Stopping the man from inflicting harm upon himself, Walter looked at Kai and inquired, "What exactly is it, Mr. Chance? It doesn't look like a reishi mushroom." Kai took the item back from Kieran and squeezed it gently, upon which it seemingly twitched as though having sensed something.

"This is known as the aconite or meat reishi mushroom. It grows at places where the geomancy is at extreme ends and nature is imbalanced. Although this is also a type of plant, it has eyes like an animal and is able to see the world. It has different names as its eyes increase in number. When it has all five senses, it becomes an aconite mushroom. It's exceedingly rare, since it's usually plucked by mistake or eaten by animals when it's in its infancy stage. Very few make it to maturity."

Kai then continued explaining in detail, "It's very poisonous and absorbs its nutrients from decaying meat in the soil, so it has a high propensity of growing in the cemetery. Your wife is lucky that she only took a small bite. Otherwise, no one will be able to save her. Despite its rarity, it doesn't have much medicinal value. If you had made it into a medicinal wine, the person who drank it would've probably died on the spot."

Kieran trembled in fright after hearing that. Fortunately, I hadn't any time to make it into a medicinal wine since my wife took ill! Otherwise, I would've been doomed as well!

"So, is there any cure for Kieran's wife, Mr. Chance?" Walter asked in a murmur.

"Yes." Kai nodded and returned the meat reishi mushroom to Kieran. Then he took out his silver needles and inserted them into Kieran's wife at lightning speed.

A while later, Kieran's wife regained consciousness and coughed up a mouthful of black blood.

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With a wave of his hand, Kai retrieved all the silver needles and placed them back in the cloth pouch.

"All is good now. She'll be right as rain after resting for a few days," Kai said to Kieran.

"Darling, Darling!" Kieran hurriedly called out to his wife.

The elderly woman slowly opened her eyes. When she saw the crowd in the room, she murmured in bewilderment, "Why are there so many people here, Kieran?" "Oh, don't worry about it! They're here to treat you. You're fine now, so just rest!" Kieran urged in euphoria when he had ascertained that his wife had truly recovered.

Kai and the others left the room quietly and went to the courtyard. When Kieran came out, he dropped to his knees before Kai right away.

Kai was stunned for a moment, but he swiftly reached out and pulled the man up without allowing the latter's knees to touch the ground.

"You're truly my family's savior! I thank you for your kindness! We don't have much money, so I really don't know how I should repay you..."

Kieran kept thanking him incessantly.

He was skeptical in the beginning, but he was then eternally grateful to Kai.

"Mr. Chance isn't here for money, so you don't need to do this, Kieran," Walter advised.

If it were because of money, he wouldn't be here!

"True, true! He isn't hurting for money at all!" Kieran nodded fervently. After all, he had seen Kai and Josephine arriving in a luxurious car, so Kai couldn't possibly be strapped for cash.

"Let me get you a few chickens and ducks instead so that you can have a feast later, Mr. Chance! I rear them myself, and they're all well taken care of." While saying that, he made to go and catch a few chickens and ducks for Kai. At that, Kai quickly stopped him from doing so, asserting, "Don't be such a stranger with me, Mr. Snyder. If you really want to thank me, do you mind giving me the meat reishi mushroom? I don't mind paying for it!"

Hearing that, Kieran was stumped and regarded the man with a look of puzzlement. "Didn't you say that it has no medicinal value and is poisonous instead, Mr. Chance? Why do you want it?"

"Indeed, it's of no use to the average person. However, I need it for my training."

It so happened that Kai could use it in his training. In fact, he believed that he would improve by leaps and bounds if he absorbed the essence of the meat reishing mushroom.

"Since it's of use to you, just take it, Mr. Chance. I'm going to dump it anyway, as I don't dare keep it at home anymore!"

Without an ounce of hesitation, Kieran handed the meat reishi mushroom in his hand to Kai.

Kai wanted to pay for it, but Kieran staunchly declined and refused to take his money.

After leaving Kieran's house, Josephine lamented in disappointment, "I initially thought that I'd get to see some novel things, but there was nothing at all." At the sight of her crestfallen expression, Kai chuckled softly. "There aren't that many ghosts and spirits in this world. Anyway, just don't pass out in fright if you do have the opportunity to see them."

"That won't happen with you protecting me!" Josephine beamed at him.

After dropping Kai off, Josephine sped off. And no sooner had the former gone upstairs did Hilda slowly come out from behind a gigantic tree in the courtyard in the neighborhood. She stared at the man's back, a riot of emotions brewing within her.

She had been secretly waiting there for him, wanting to see who exactly the woman was. However, she didn't get to do so, since it was too dark, and Josephine didn't alight from the car.

"Let's go home, Sweetie. If he really chose to date the rich girl, that's his choice," Chloe murmured, patting her daughter gently on the shoulder.

"Yeah." Hilda nodded, but tears shimmered in her eyes.

When Kai arrived home, he went to bed early. It was Saturday the following day, so he was planning to make a trip to Dragon Bay. The spiritual energy there was more bountiful, and there was no one to disrupt him. Therefore, it was the perfect opportunity for him to absorb the essence of the meat reishi mushroom.

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At the same time, Leyton was sitting across from Felix with his injured arm in a cast in the general manager's office in Vintage Restaurant. "So, why did you have someone contact me, Mr. Scott?" Felix questioned while

"So, why did you have someone contact me, Mr. Scott?" Felix questioned while pouring Leyton a cup of tea personally.

The Scott family was considered a wealthy family in Horington. While the Crimson Dragon Gang wasn't afraid of the Scott family, the affluent families were money trees, so he knew that Leyton was there to give him money. "I've heard that your capabilities are outstanding, and I can see today that it's indeed true, Mr. Lawson. Considering your muscular build, even three or five

burly men aren't your match!" Leyton complimented endlessly.

"Haha, you don't have to flatter me, Mr. Scott. Just speak freely about whatever matter it is. If it's within my capability, I'll definitely do my best to assist you!" Felix boomed while guffawing.

"Honestly speaking, Mr. Lawson, I've got an enemy. I'd like to ask you for some men to assist me in my bid for revenge. I'll reward you with ten million after the matter has been settled. Here's five million as a deposit."

While saying that, Leyton slipped a bank card over to Felix.

"Haha... As expected of a wealthy heir! How generous!" Felix was a tad surprised that Leyton was offering ten million right off the bat.

However, he abruptly put away his smile after a few barks of laughter. Staring at Leyton solemnly, he remarked, "I know that Tommy Lewis owes the Scott family a favor. Why didn't you go to him for this matter? Besides, the Scott family employs quite a number of bodyguards, no? Why would you come and seek the Crimson Dragon Gang out instead? The Crimson Dragon Gang and Templar Regiment have always been at odds. Aren't you taking the hard way by abandoning Templar Regiment and coming to the Crimson Dragon Gang?" He knew a bit of backstory between the Scott family and Tommy, since it was no secret.

"Hmph! Don't mention that ungrateful wretch! If it weren't for the Scott family, he would've died on the streets long ago! Now, however, he has become the Sullivan family's dog and has long since cut off all ties with the Scott family!" Leyton snarled furiously at the mention of Tommy.

He then explained, "As for the bodyguards of the Scott family, I can't mobilize any single one of them! They only obey my father's orders, and he thinks that I'm still recuperating in the hospital right now!"

"Haha, I got it now!" Felix nodded in understanding.

Subsequently, he added, "Indeed, Tommy has gotten quite close with the Sullivan family recently. Anyway, don't tell me that your enemy is the son of some official. If so, I've got to warn you that the Crimson Dragon Gang always stays on their good side."

"Don't worry, Mr. Lawson. It's just an ordinary person who knows some martial arts. He's no son of an official or the like!"

Leyton hastily shook his head.

"Great! I'll have Adrian lead a dozen men and seek you out tomorrow, Mr. Scott. You can decide however you'd like to deal with your enemy," Felix stated mildly. "Is it possible to send more men, Mr. Lawson?" Leyton queried uneasily upon hearing that Felix was only planning to send a dozen men over. After all, Kai was too powerful, and Leyton had personally witnessed Kai defeating several people within seconds.

"Why? How powerful is that enemy of yours that even a dozen men aren't enough?"

Felix was slightly taken aback at that request.

"No, no, he isn't all that powerful. I just want to bring more men so that it'll look more imposing!"

Leyton kept the truth to himself, not daring to tell Felix that Kai was extraordinarily skilled for fear that Felix would back out or demand more money. "All right, then. Since you said as much, Mr. Scott, I'll send thirty men over for a

show of strength. I hope we'll have more opportunities to work together in the future!"

Lumbering to his feet, Felix shook hands with him.

"I thank you in advance then, Mr. Lawson!" Leyton exclaimed exuberantly.

After leaving Vintage Restaurant, Leyton got back into his car. Sandy was waiting for him in the car.

"How did it go, Ley?" Sandy asked urgently.

"Hmph! Just wait and see how Kai is going to kneel before us and beg for mercy tomorrow! I'm going to crush him under my feet and have him know my might!" Leyton crowed triumphantly, his eyes glinting coldly.