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Isaac shot Kai a curious glance before asking Matthew with confusion, "Matt, what's an older man like you fooling around with a man in his twenties? Isn't this a tad bit inappropriate? Is this man an heir from one of the sects?"

Isaac found the way Matthew treated Kai so respectfully weird and assumed it was because Matthew feared the people backing Kai. "Mr. Bachman, I'm just a nobody from the martial arts world in Jadeborough. I'm no heir!" Kai explained with a smile.

Even though Isaac didn't believe Kai's words, he didn't probe further. Instead, Isaac started complaining about his hardship to Matthew, "Matt, I've made ten-amp pills for you while failing multiple times during the process. Do you know how hard it is to create them? I've wasted so many resources to get them done. I would have given up if it wasn't because of our friendship!"

Matthew would have trusted Isaac's words in the past and would thank the latter from the bottom of his heart. But now, disgust crept into his heart as he looked at the pretentious man before him.

"Isaac, let's forget about the amp pills first. I brought Kai along today because he wanted to see the Spring of Regeneration," Matthew voiced.

Stunned, Isaac advised, "Matt, aren't you here for the amp pills? If I'm not mistaken, your amp pills must have run out by now. You can't stop taking them, or your life will be in danger!" Matthew felt the urge to give Isaac a scolding there and then, but knowing how important the Spring of Regeneration was to Kai, he decided to keep his emotions under control.

He smiled. "I still have two of the amp pills left, so there's no rush in getting them. Why don't we discuss the Spring of Regeneration first?"

"Matt, you know we keep the news about the hidden realm's Spring of Regeneration under wraps. How did a man from the martial arts world like him find out about this? Also, what's his motive in seeing the Spring of Regeneration? The Spring of Regeneration is an asset owned by all nine sects, not just by Alchemical Sect, so I can't just let you in without knowing the exact reason why he needs to see it," a cautiouslooking Isaac replied.

"I'm aware of all the points that you've just listed. Mr. Know-It-All is the one who told Kai about the Spring of Regeneration. He is interested in seeing that place because he wants to rescue his friend. We can't just stand by and watch others die as we are on the same boat!" Matthew explained politely. "Oh." Isaac bobbed his head. "Well, even though the Spring of Regeneration belongs to everyone in the hidden realm, Alchemical Sect is the one managing it now. If you wish to use it, then..."

"Don't worry, Mr. Bachman. If the Spring of Regeneration is indeed as wonderful as the legend indicated and is able to save my friend's life, I will be sure to return the favor. Whatever resources you want, I will ensure I procure them for you." Kai spoke, knowing very well that Isaac wanted to strike a deal of resource exchange.

"Hahaha! You're a decisive man! Let me bring you to the Spring of Regeneration now. As long as your friend is still breathing, he will survive the ordeal after we put him into the spring water and let him soak in it for forty-nine days," Isaac exclaimed joyfully after noticing Kai's generosity.

Under Isaac's lead, Kai and Matthew followed him to the Spring of Regeneration. It was located at the foot of the Kazillion Mountains, with the spring water emerging from the depths of the mountain range all year round.

Multiple battles happened in the area because many sects wanted control of the Spring of Regeneration. During these incidents, a lot of people were wounded and killed. Yet, no one had successfully taken over the spring altogether.

In the end, the nine sects made a decision to declare the Spring of Regeneration as a joint asset owned by the entire hidden realm, and each sect took turns managing it for a year. During their management period, the sect in control had the right to use it as they wished. Using their energy as a vehicle, the trio quickly arrived at the base of the Kazillion Mountains in less than half an hour.

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"There's the Spring of Regeneration..." Isaac pointed to a location shrouded by mist not far away from them. Kai stared at the Spring of Regeneration in front of him, noticing that the spiritual energy in the area was superior to most other places. However, multiple guards suddenly jumped out from the sides, blocking his way just as he was about to step forward.

"I brought him here. Let him in..." Isaac instructed. The guards immediately greeted Isaac with a bow before moving to the side. As for Kai, he walked over to the Spring of Regeneration with his eyes glued on the clear spring water. Fishes were swimming freely in it.

Then, he put his hands in the Spring of Regeneration, trying to determine why the spring was so raved about. To his surprise, Kai didn't notice any difference after feeling the water. A thought flashed across his mind.

Yes, the spiritual energy is much more potent here, but besides that, the Spring of Regeneration seems to be a typical spring to me! Kai watched the Spring of Regeneration flow as he wondered whether the legend and tales about this place were all lies.

It looks so ordinary and unassuming. Are they sure this spring water can mend broken bones? Isaac noticed Kai's skepticism and chuckled. "Does it seem like typical spring water to you?

Kai nodded without speaking. Isaac flashed him a smile. He reached out and grabbed at something mid-air. Just then, a fish flew into his hand as it struggled endlessly. Next, Isaac fiercely bit a huge chunk of the fish's body off.

His action shocked Kai, who stared at Isaac in disbelief. Oh my god! He's eating raw fish meat in such a cruel way. How is he an alchemist that is keen on saving others' lives?

On the other hand, Matthew was unperturbed. by what he saw as he looked at Kai with a faint smile. Isaac threw the fish back into the spring water. Even though the fish had lost a big chunk of its flesh, it swam inside the water without showing any signs of weakness.

Kai was baffled, for he had no idea what Isaac was trying to show him. Is this his way of showing me his cruelty? Matthew reminded Kai then, "Kai, take a look at the fish."

Kai shifted his attention to the wounded fish. At a speed visible to the naked eye, the fish's missing flesh healed while it swam around. Around ten minutes later, the fish looked fine, returning to its original unhurt state.

The sight before him made Kai gape in amazement. "Well? Do you believe in the Spring of Regeneration now?" Isaac stated disdainfully as he took in the obvious disbelief on Kai's face.

Kai didn't respond to Isaac's remark. Instead, he put his hand into the spring water again as he closed his eyes and slowed his breathing. The man focused all his mental energy on the water body, and his spiritual sense transformed into a pool of spring water, flowing along with the Spring of Regeneration..

Soon, he scrunched up his eyebrows as he opened his eyes. Noticing the look on Kai's face, Matthew questioned, "Is something wrong, Kai?"

"Oh, no…" Kai smiled, shaking his head. Then, he asked, "Mr. Campbell, do you know where this spring water came from and where it's flowing toward?"

Matthew shook his head. He explained, "The spring water flows out of the base of Kazillion Mountains. As for where it's headed, I can't answer that question because I don't know. The spring water vanishes after coming in contact with Messy Rock Hill up ahead. Nobody knows where it goes. That's not to say nobody was curious, though. Some went to Messy Rock Hill to investigate, but no one got an actual answer. Besides, those who went to Messy Rock Hill returned with a side effect. Their cultivation reached a stagnant stage, and no matter what they did, they couldn't break through it. In the end, no one wanted to know where the Spring of Regeneration was flowing to anymore."

Meanwhile, Kai's curiosity was piqued by the mention of Messy Rock Hill.

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"Where is Messy Rock Hill, Mr. Campbell?" Kai asked. "It's over there, but us sects labeled it as a restricted area to prevent people from entering it by mistake. No one is allowed in there now," Matthew replied while pointing at a location not too far away.

Kai nodded and released his spiritual sense in an attempt to scout the place out without entering. However, a golden beam of light cut his spiritual sense right as it was about to reach Messy Rock Hill.

Kai was knocked back and nearly fell over as a result. His spiritual sense was so powerful that even people like Matthew couldn't beat him. As such, he was surprised when his spiritual sense was severed in an instant.

Isaac burst out laughing when he saw that. "Hahaha! Don't even bother trying to explore Messy Rock Hill! You're just a Martial Arts Saint, so your spiritual sense can't possibly penetrate that restriction! What do you take us hidden realm sects for?"

"Even us elders can't break through this restriction, Kai. It takes a combined effort from all sects to get it done," Matthew said..

"All right; there's no need to waste your time and energy telling him that. You've seen the Spring of Regeneration, so isn't it about time we discuss our terms?" Isaac asked. Kai nodded. "Sure thing. What do you want?"

"It's not about what I want. The question is, what are you able to offer? Just so you know, the so-called resources and rare herbs that your martial arts families own are nothing but trash to me. So, let's see if you have anything that will impress me!" Isaac said arrogantly,

Even if all the martial arts families were to join forces, they still could not produce anything comparable to the herbs from Alchemical Sect.

Kai frowned as he thought long and hard. about what he could offer Isaac. A few minutes later, he said, "I can trade you some pill formulas."

"Pill formulas?" Isaac burst out laughing. "Are you kidding me? You do realize that I'm the head of Alchemical Sect, right? My sect has the best pill formulas in the martial arts world! I'm surprised you have the audacity to offer me pill formulas! I know there's a Medicine God Sect in Jadeborough that's pretty popular for curing diseases and producing pills, but that sect is nothing compared to mine. Any of the elders in my sect could crush it with ease! Our alchemists and alchemy masters are the greatest in existence!"

Isaac was getting carried away with bragging about Alchemical Sect at the expense of Medicine God Sect, completely oblivious to the fact that Kai was the head of Medicine God Sect. Kai looked Isaac straight in the eye and said calmly, "I am the head of that sect you're insulting."

Isaac paused for a few seconds before replying with a chuckle, "That explains why you would offer to trade your pill formulas! So, you're the head of Medicine God Sect, huh? Are you looking down on Alchemical Sect or something? Why would you even offer us your pill formulas?"

Does he think that Medicine God Sect is better than Alchemical Sect? Is that why he offered his pill formulas? Their conversation was interrupted by a sudden, loud explosion..

"What's going on?" Matthew glanced in the direction of the explosion, which seemed to be coming from Alchemical Sect. Isaac frowned with a gloomy look on his face and rushed toward Alchemical Sect as quickly. as his legs could carry.

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Matthew and Kai followed closely behind. As they had yet to strike a deal, Kai needed to continue negotiating. The three of them soon arrived at Alchemical Sect.

The place was a total mess and reeked of herbs everywhere. "What happened here?" Matthew asked in confusion while glancing about. Isaac's face clouded over, and he was exuding a terrifying murderous aura as he stood there in silence.

Kai's lips curled into a faint smile as he briefly assessed the situation and determined the cause of the explosion. "The pill cauldron exploded."

Matthew had shock and disbelief written all over his face. What? The pill cauldron exploded? Does that mean something went wrong with the alchemy process?"

Kai nodded. A few seconds later, five members of Alchemical Sect came running over and knelt in front of Isaac. "Mr. Bachman, the pill cauldron exploded, and the Ascension Pill is destroyed..." said the members in a trembling voice. Isaac's eyes were filled with murderous intent as he yelled, "You're all useless! I've been synthesizing that pill for three years! It was finally going to be completed, but you guys ruined it completely! Why should I even keep you worthless pieces of sh*t around, huh?"

The next thing the disciples knew, he had unleashed his aura and started making his way toward them. The disciples were all terrified and trembling in fear.

"This pill cauldron would have exploded even if you were supervising the process yourself," Kai said. Isaac stopped in his tracks the moment he heard that. "What do you mean by that? Are you questioning my alchemy skills?"

"No, I'm simply stating the facts. Are you seriously going to claim that your alchemy skills are flawless after your pill cauldron exploded?" Kai responded with a smile.

Isaac's face was red with anger. "That was an accident! It does not mean that my alchemy skills are bad! This Ascension Pill is a Level Six pill! Do you even know what that means?"

"That doesn't matter. You used the wrong pill formula and herb combinations, so it makes sense for the pill cauldron to explode," Kai replied calmly.

"Nonsense! I got this pill formula from an ancient text on pills! Don't assume that there is an issue with my alchemy skills simply because the pill cauldron exploded! I could produce much better pills than you, even with my eyes closed! If you don't believe me, we can give it a go right now! I'll show you what it means to be a true master in alchemy!" Isaac yelled furiously.

He insisted on competing with Kai to prove his superiority and protect the reputation of Alchemical Sect. After all, it would be bad for Alchemical Sect if word got out about the pill cauldron exploding.

"No problem! I don't mind giving it a go, but what do I get if I win?" Kai asked with a smile. He was deliberately spiting Isaac so that he would propose a showdown.

That way, Kai would be able to use reverse psychology to his advantage and manipulate Isaac into lending him Spring of Regeneration. "You can't win against me! Not a single person in the martial arts world has been able to beat me when it comes to alchemy!"

Isaac was incredibly confident in his abilities. "Let's just assume the unlikely scenario where I win. What will happen, then?" Kai pressed on. "If you win, I'll grant you free access to Spring of Regeneration! I won't stop you from using it anymore!" Isaac replied. Kai broke into a smile when he saw that Isaac had taken the bait. "You have yourself a deal! So, how do we do this?"

"We'll see which one of us is faster at synthesizing a pill. Of course, the pill's efficacy will also play a huge role in determining the victor, so we will have to select the herbs ourselves. Since it would take too long to produce a pill, how about we settle for a Level Three Spirit Protection Pill?" Isaac asked.

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Kai nodded. "That's fine by me!" "In that case, I'll have someone prepare a cauldron for you." Isaac was about to give the order, but Kai stopped him and said, "That won't be necessary. I brought my own cauldron."

Kai then retrieved Divine Cauldron from his Storage Ring. Isaac froze and went wideeyed with shock when he saw Divine Cauldron. "H-Isn't that the legendary Divine Cauldron?" he asked while trembling all over in excitement. "This is just a fake, so you don't have to get that excited..." Kai explained when he saw Isaac's response.

"What? It's fake?" Whatever excitement Isaac had a second ago was gone in an instant. He then waved at the air, and a cauldron flew in front of him.

"You're the head of Medicine God Sect, aren't you? Do you seriously think you can beat me with that fake cauldron of yours?" Isaac asked in disdain. Kai simply flashed him a smile and made no attempt to explain himself. "Shall we begin?"

Isaac nodded. "Sure!" To their surprise, Matthew stepped in and said, "No, this is way too unfair for Kai! You guys have to gather the herbs yourselves. How would he know the exact locations of your herbs? You're the head of Alchemical Sect, so you would know where the herbs are even with your eyes closed! You have an unfair advantage right from the start!"

"In that case, I'll give him a thirty-minute head start. That should make it fair, right?" Isaac asked. "That won't be necessary. I would have finished synthesizing the pill by then, so there would be no competition at all," Kai said with a wave.

Isaac let out a disdainful snort. "Hmph! You shouldn't get so full of yourself just because it's a Level Three pill! There's no way you could possibly synthesize it in thirty minutes!"

"Just because you can't do it doesn't mean I can't either." Kai then turned toward Matthew and continued, "Mr. Campbell, you can be the judge of this showdown. Go ahead and start the timer!"

Matthew had wanted to persuade Kai further, but he held his tongue when he saw the confident look on Kai's face and recalled how Generation Stone had exploded. Realizing that Kai was probably no ordinary person, he decided to see what Kai was capable of.

"The time starts now!" Matthew said while glancing at the clock. Isaac then leaped into the air and headed straight for the mountains on both sides of Alchemical Sect, which had lots of herbs growing on them.

Kai simply stood there and sniffed the air for the scent of herbs. A few seconds later, he opened his eyes and disappeared in the blink of an eye. Moments later, both Kai and Isaac returned

at the same time with the exact same ingredients, much to Isaac's surprise. He has no idea where the herbs are grown, so how is he able to find them and bring them back here as quickly as I did?

Isaac then quickly regained his composure and dumped the ingredients into his pill cauldron. A flame appeared on his palm as he made a pushing motion. The next thing everyone knew, a huge flame started burning at the bottom of the pill cauldron.

Isaac flashed Kai a disdainful smirk and was about to mouth off, but the words were stuck in his throat when he looked at Kai. A light blue flame danced about on his palm immediately after he dumped the herbs into. Divine Cauldron.

Kai then tossed the blue flame into Divine Cauldron, causing it to burn strongly while emitting a golden glow. A fragrant herbal aroma soon came from Divine Cauldron and filled the air around them.

Isaac gasped in shock as the fragrant aroma was a sign that the pill was almost done. Isaac's eyes were filled with greed as he stared at Divine Cauldron. "That's the real Divine Cauldron! Why did you say it was a fake?"