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"Dustin, let's not talk about that old man anymore."

Autumn swiftly changed the topic. "The important matter now is to think about our future plans."

"If you support me, I can gain control over the entire Hill family **within** days!"

"When have I agreed to work with you?" Dustin asked coldly.

"What?" Autumn frowned.

"I've already said so much. Aren't you the least bit tempted?"

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"You willingly killed your father. If I collaborated with a beast like you, it would only ruin my reputation!"

"Besides, I will expose all you've done to the public. So prepare to face your death!"

Dustin gestured to Cornelius. Cornelius understood his instruction and dashed forward to pin Autumn to the ground.

"Rhys! You're going back on your word!"

"You agreed to my proposal earlier on! Why?" Autumn roared, not giving up.

He was just one step away. One step away from success.

Power, authority, and fame had been so close he felt he could touch them. Why did things turn out this way?

"I'm not the best person out there, but I'm not a beast." Dustin glared at him.

"Knock him out and bring him back! We'll deal with him publicly tomorrow!"

Early the next morning, people from all walks of life gathered at the entrance of Zephyr Lodge.

The Boulderthorn guild, the Zen Order, the Combat Priests, the Soul Reapers, and many more came after they learned about what was happening.

The Balerno and Glenstead martial arts alliance leaders and elders were also present.

Even those from the Jade Maiden Sisterhood were there to witness the drama unfold.

Seven days had passed, and it was time for Dustin to explain Paul's death.

"Sir Reeds, I heard there have been no activities on Dustin's end for the past few days. Could he be

ready to confess and face the punishments?"

Conrad, who was at the front of the crowd, looked on with amusement.

"Well, it seems Sir Melling is in a good mood today?" Ronald asked, looking at him with displeasure.

"You're mistaken, Sir Reeds. Dustin has made a name for himself as the youngest grandmaster in

Balerno. Of course, I'd wish such an incredible genius could be safe.

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But only Dustin knew that he didn't cough up blood because of Augustus. It was because of Septemortis.

The poison was like a maggot in his bones. Every time he used his true energy, it would take the opportunity to get in.

The more true energy he consumed, the more aggressive the poison.

Watching Dustin make his way over, Cornelius was both excited and concerned. "Sir Rhys, are you alright?"

He was excited because his gang leader was actually a low-profile young grandmaster.

Even in the entire world, he was one in a million

He had a bright future ahead of him!

However, he was concerned. If Dustin got some kind of hidden injury from the battle, things would

become troublesome.

In a life-or-death battle between grandmasters, one could easily injure one's core.

"It's just a small injury. It's nothing." Dustin waved his hand nonchalantly..

"Good" Cornelius sighed.

"You look like you got hurt pretty badly. Take this." Dustin flicked a red tablet into Cornelius' hand.

"Thank you, Sir Rhys!" Cornelius swallowed it in one gulp.

After taking a few breaths, the blood surging through his chest began to calm down.

The effects of the medicine were shocking.

"Rhys, how—
how dare you kill my master?!" When Terry returned to his senses, he flew into a rage. "A life or death battle doesn't just prove who is stronger. It also decides who gets to live or die."

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As time passed, the crowd gathered around at the entrance of Zephyr Lodge grew.

The crowd was dense, with tens of thousands of people. Those who were involved, and even those

who weren't involved, were there.

Some were there to condemn Dustin, while others just to watch the show unfold. Some were even there to enjoy Dustin's misfortune;

Most of them knew that if Dustin made it out of this in one piece, he'd have a bright future.

If he didn't, they would witness the fall of a genius today.

"We know you're in there, Dustin! Your seven days are up! Come out and face your death!" the Hill family shouted.

The gates of Zephyr Lodge creaked open as Dustin led several of his men out.

"Wow. What a crowd we have here today. How exciting."

Dustin glanced around and saw many familiar faces.

"Stop playing the fool! You murdered my grandfather! Today is the day you pay for it with your life!" Torben shouted angrily.

"That's right! Sir Reeds had been generous enough to let you live for another seven days.

"But there's no way you're escaping death!" someone from the crowd shouted as others clamored

along.

On the one hand, it was out of their respect for Paul On the other hand, it was also due to their jealousy toward the young grandmaster.

"You claimed you were innocent, Dustin, so I gave you seven days. Do you have any evidence to prove your claim now?" Ronald asked.

"I have not failed you, Sir Reeds. I have caught the real culprit," Dustin answered truthfully.

"What do you mean you've caught the culprit? You were the one who murdered my grandfather!" Torben snapped fiercely.

"We'll find out who the murderer is soon enough."

Without wasting any more time, Dustin gestured to the men behind him.

Soon, Cornelius brought out a man who was tightly bound up. The man had a hood over his head.

"Hmph! Do you think that you'll be able to get through this just by finding a scapegoat to take the

blame for you?

"No f*cking way that's going to happen!" Torben glared at Dustin.

"Dustin! Stop with the tricks and own up to what you did. We might just give you a quick death!" Spring said coldly.

"That's right! Admit to your crimes now, or we'll see you die, a long and terrible death!" The Hills

From their point of view, Dustin was planning to get a scapegoat to shoulder his offenses. They would never let him get away so easily!

"Have a look at who the murderer is, everyone. Then we'll talk.

Reluctant to waste any more time on pointless speech, Dustin grabbed the hood on the man's head and removed it.

And Autumn's face was revealed to everyone.

"Autumn?"

"Sir Autumn?"

"Dad?"

Everyone from the Hill family was stunned when they saw the familiar face. None of them had expected that the scapegoat Dustin had found to be Autumn Hill!

"How dare you!"

"You insolent bastard!"

After the momentary shock, the Hills began shouting at Dustin.

He was truly fearless in holding Autumn captive!

"Let my father go immediately, Rhys! Or I'll make sure you die the most gruesome death!"
Torben

roared.

He had wondered why he hadn't seen his father today. It turns out that Dustin had captured him! That was going overboard!

"Dustin, what's the matter? Why did you kidnap someone from the Hill family?" Ronald frowned)

"Sir Reeds, the truth is Autumn Hill is one of the prime culprits who murdered Sir Paul!"
Dustin

announced.

"What? Autumn's the murderer?"

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The crowd began whispering when they heard what Dustin said. Some of them were shocked, while others had their doubts. But most of them did not believe him.

“Nonsense! My father had been upright and honest his whole life!

“How could he have done such a horrible thing?” Torben bellowed.

“I’m warning you, Dustin! You better not spout such nonsense around!”

Spring’s expression was dark. “You murdered my father, and now you’re dragging my brother through the mud! What malicious intentions you have!”

“Let Autumn tell you what he’s done. Then you’ll know if I’m slandering him.”

Dustin pulled out the wad of cloth shoved in Autumn’s mouth. Then, he kicked him.

“Go on, tell them what happened last night.”

“Spring! Save me! Quick!” Autumn immediately began yelling once he opened his mouth.

“This scoundrel captured me and started torturing me. He even threatened to wipe out my entire family if I did not take the blame for him! Spring, you have to save me!”

“You liar! How dare you tell lies!”

Cornelius fumed. He was just about to slap Autumn when Dustin stopped him.

Things would look bad if they were to get aggressive under such circumstances.

“Dustin! You impertinent scoundrel! Release my brother at once!” Spring ordered.

“Release him! Or I’ll burn down this god damned lodge!” Torben echoed angrily.

“Release him! Release him! Release him!”

The crowd began chanting and clamoring. They looked furious.

Not only had Dustin killed Sir Paul, he even captured Autumn to be his scapegoat. Such horrible

behavior was dreadful!

“Karma! This is karma indeed!” The Jade Maiden Sisterhood were pleased at the sight they saw.

They were out of breath from laughing in delight.

The more trouble Dustin was in, the happier they were. At this point, Dustin did not seem to have any way of turning back anymore.

So what if he was a grandmaster? He had no way out with so many leaders of the major sects

present.

“Hahaha! Haven’t I warned you, Dustin?”

“If you work with me, you won’t have to die. You’ll also be able to enjoy unlimited riches.”

Autumn sniggered. “Look at yourself now.

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“How do you feel now? Are you regretting your decision? Do you feel helpless?”

“So what if I was the person who murdered Paul? So what if you’ve caught me?”

“Would anyone believe what you said? All those people from the martial world are on my side. Whatever I say goes!

“If I say you’re the murderer, then you’re the murderer. No matter how much you struggle, you won’t be able to change a thing.

“The youngest grandmaster? The pride of the nation? What a joke!”

Though Dustin had set up a trap and had him captured, he could worm his way out of things if he did not admit to anything.

But for Dustin, try as he might, was making futile attempts. How laughable!

“Are you done laughing yet? Do you think that there’s nothing I can do to you?” Dustin asked calmly.

“Well, what can you do? You can’t possibly kill me, can you?” Autumn scoffed.

All the major sects in Balerno and Glenstead are gathered here. If you dare to touch a hair on my head, you’ll be dead meat!”

Then, he stretched out his throat to provoke Dustin and challenge him to kill him.

“Sir Reeds, what punishment should be for a man who kills his father?” Dustin asked.

“He should be punishable by death, of course.” Ronald wondered why Dustin would ask him something like that, but he answered honestly.

“Should the person be killed?”

“Yes.”

“Alright then, I shall kill him!” Then, Dustin drew out a sword. Amidst the crowd’s astonished gazes, he sliced off Autumn’s head.

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A deathly silence came over the crowd as Autumn’s head fell to the ground.

All the shouts and clamors died down.

Ronald and Conrad were shocked.

The Hill family, Jade Maiden Sisterhood, Boulderthorn, the Zen Order, the Combat Priests, the Soul Reapers, and all the martial artists present were shocked.

Everyone gaped in disbelief.

No one had expected Dustin to be so cruel. He had cut Autumn's head off in front of the entire Hill family, the Balerno and Glenstead martial alliances, and all the sects.

Without any reason or explanation, he killed him like one would slaughter an animal.

Then, an uproar broke out.

"How dare you kill someone so openly, Dustin? You cocky bastard!"

"He killed him to silence him! That's what he's doing!"

"He has no conscience! Someone like him needs to be killed!"

"Kill him! Avenge Sir Paul! Return the Hill family their honor!"

The crowd stomped their feet and cursed at him.

He was already guilty of murder, and now he'd committed another! They would not allow such

wicked and vile scum to exist in the martial world!

They had to get rid of him!

"The dumbass is digging his own grave!" The Jade Maiden Sisterhood snickered among themselves, enjoying the show.

Dustin killing Autumn so openly was like adding fuel to the fire. Dustin had left himself with no

way out now.'

"You beast! How dare you kill my brother? The Hill family will never let you off!"

After coming back to his senses, Spring roared.

"You bastard! I'll kill you for murdering my father!"

Torben gritted his teeth in rage. Drawing his sword, he dashed up to Dustin, ready to kill Dustin even if it meant losing his life.

But he had barely approached Dustin when Cornelius punched him and sent him flying. He struggled to stand up.

“Sir Reeds! This man is way too arrogant.

“First, he killed my father. Then he killed my brother.

“As a leader of the martial world, will you just stand by and watch?” Spring looked at him, his eyes

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He would have personally led his men to wipe out Zephyr Lodge if it wasn't because he couldn't defeat Dustin.

“You're too boastful, Dustin! How can I protect you when you act so arrogantly?” Ronald was

furious, too.

As he spoke, he gradually released his energy. Strong gusts of wind blew around them, sending sand and dust into the air.

“Please calm down, Sir Reeds. You were the one who said that a son who kills his father deserves to be killed. So I just did as you said,” Dustin said calmly.

“Nonsense! What do you mean that a son who kills his father deserves to be killed?

“That's all just your one-sided claim! What proof do you have?” Spring demanded angrily.

“Exactly! You claim that Autumn's the murderer. But what proof have you got?” Ronald frowned.

“You want proof? That's easy.” Dustin gestured to his men.

Two disciples of the Kirin gang quickly brought out a huge piece of white cloth and hung it at the entrance of Zephyr Lodge.

Then, they turned on a projector and played a video with the white cloth as a screen.

The video was a recording of Autumn digging up the grave last night.

It started with Autumn digging the grave and ended with him being knocked out. Everything that

he had said and done was seen and heard.

The crowd fell silent after seeing that.

Their eyes fixed on the screen. The shock was evident on all their faces, and they struggled to come to terms with what they saw.

They honestly never expected Autumn to be the real murderer! He had denied all accusations and insisted that he was innocent just a while ago!

In the video footage, Autumn appeared unbelievably full of himself. The malicious look on his face garnered a lot of resentment from everyone who saw it.

Though they found it hard to believe, the truth was there for all to see. No matter how shocking it was, they could not deny it.