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Everyone was astonished to see Ken being thrown back. Nobody expected Dustin to be so bold.

After all, this was Ken Shonde, the son of Régalswords' leader, and hitting Ian Shonde's son was risky.

"Are you crazy? How could you hit Mr. Shonde?" Nathan sprung up, shocked.

He had endured all the humiliation just now, yet Dustin slapped Ken without care. This would bring trouble to all of them.

"Shit! This is bad!" Emily paled.

She'd warned Dustin, hoping he would hold himself back, but he didn't. They'd be in trouble if Regalswords retaliated.

"How dare you hit Mr. Shonde! We'll kill you!" The two furious Regalswords martial artists began attacking Dustin.

"Let me handle this!" Abigail grabbed her metal club and fought them.

Her natural talent and Dustin's training made her far stronger than her opponents, especially when she used the staff combat technique.

Soon, the two men, who had climbed the ranks through flattery instead of actual skill, fell to the ground. They were no match for Abigail.

“What gave you the guts to challenge us when you’re weak? You deserve it!” Abigail rested her club on her shoulder and rubbed the tip of her nose with her thumb.

There was a proud expression on her cute face

“Are these guys insane? How could they hurt people from Regalswords?”

“When—Han Shonde shows up, they’ll be done for!”

The surrounding martial artists whispered among themselves. No one could believe that Dustin and Abigail were stupid enough to challenge Regalswords in their territory.

“H—how dare you hit me!” Ken staggered, his face a mess.

“Did you fucking hit me? You’re dead!”

“All of you are dead! I’ll tear you apart!” Ken roared after returning to his senses.

Just then, Dustin leaped forward and gave Ken another round of slaps. A comment followed each slap.

“That’s for being a stubborn idiot.

“That’s for being a bully.

“That’s for your arrogance.

“Since your father doesn’t discipline you, I’ll do it for him instead!”

Dustin continued hitting Ken repeatedly in the face.

Blood splurged out of Ken’s nose as his head spun and his eyes rolled back.

Everyone was shocked by the sight of his swollen head. They’ve never seen Ken, known for being a huge bully, beaten up so badly.

Usually, people wouldn't even dare to touch a hair on his head. Yet, Dustin was slapping the man as hard as he could.

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The slaps disfigured Ken's face, leaving him unrecognizable.

There was a bigger issue now. Ken was highly regarded as the son of Regalswords' guildmaster and was well-feared.

So, how could Dustin hit him? Was Dustin out of his mind?

"Stop right now!" Emily finally stepped in.

At this point, Ken had already been reduced to a bloody, unconscious mess.

"You've gotten us into trouble now, Mr. Rhys!" Emily exclaimed, helping Ken up.

She began administering medication and other techniques to wake him up.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that if anything were to happen to Ken, Azure Mist would also be doomed.

"Damn it, we shouldn't have sat with you! You only bring disaster!" Nathan shouted anxiously.

Why the fuck did they have to cross paths with a maniac like Dustin, who didn't give a shit about Ken's status or Regalswords' authority? Dustin must be crazy!

"You'll be in trouble now that you beat Ken up, so you need to run away.

"Hurry, or it'll be too late!" Vanessa was visibly distraught as she tugged at Dustin, who wouldn't budge.

"Who dares hit my son!" A furious voice came from the entrance.

An intimidating middle-aged man stormed in with a group of martial artists following behind.

The man was Ian Shonde, the guildmaster of Regalswords and the strongest martial artist in Lester!

"Shit! Ian Shonde is here!"

"No one is capable of bearing his fury."

"Hmph, it's time to suffer the consequences for hurting his son!"

The martial artists surrounding Dustin and his group took a step back to avoid being collateral damage.

Many seemed delighted as they waited for Dustin to meet his doom.

“You’re done for! There’s nowhere for you to run anymore either...” Vanessa was devastated.

She wanted to help Dustin escape, but it seemed like it wouldn’t happen.

“It’s too late now.” Emily sighed regretfully.

There was no way Dustin would escape unscathed now that Ian was here.

“What a jinx!” Nathan shook his head bitterly.

Not only did Dustin bring trouble to himself, but those from Azure Mist were also dragged into this mess.

“Dad, you’re finally here!” Ken cried out desperately and stumbled over to his father.

He grabbed Ian’s thigh and wailed, “I would have died if you came any later! Just look at what he did to my face! Please avenge me!”

“Who did this?” Ian demanded, furious by how his son’s face looked.

No one dared to harm his son after knowing who he was. After all, he was the strongest martial artist in Lester and one of the martial arts alliance’s elders.

No one would dare to challenge his authority!

“That’s the guy who hit me, Dad! He even insulted you and said horrible things about you!”

“What? How dare he!” Furious, Ian swept a menacing glance over the room.

His body shuddered involuntarily when he spotted Dustin, and his knees nearly went weak.

Ian couldn’t believe the other party was Dustin.

As one of the alliance elders, he vividly remembered how terrifying Dustin was during the recent battle between the two grandmasters.

Why, Ian wouldn’t even dare to protest if Dustin slapped him, much less insulted him!

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"I'm in trouble now!" A wave of unease washed over Ian, the strongest martial artist in Lester, as he met Dustin's cold gaze.

Ian couldn't help being worried about getting beaten up.

"What are you waiting for, Dad? Tear him to pieces!"

"You have to teach him a lesson!" Ken seethed.

"Shut up!" Ian slapped his son angrily.

Ken staggered backward, his remaining teeth flying away as well.

His eyes widened in disbelief as he asked, "W—why did you hit me, Dad?"

He couldn't understand why he'd been smacked.

His father usually wouldn't speak harshly to him, so what was happening? How could Ian slap him in public?

"Don't you deserve to be disciplined after ruining Regalswords' reputation by bullying others?"

"I should teach you a lesson for embarrassing me!" Ian snapped, delivering another two slaps.

"Pissed, he began kicking his son as well.

Ken's pained screams filled the air under Ian's relentless attack. Ian was so violent that outsiders might have mistaken the two of them for enemies.

Everyone was stunned by the sudden twist of events.

They expected Ian to attack Dustin. They couldn't understand why Ian was attacking his son instead.

"What's going on? Has Mr. Shonde lost his mind?"

"Who knows? He's known for constantly defending his son, yet he's acting odd today." "How brutal! It looks more like he's settling a score than disciplining his son."

The bystanders whispered among themselves, shocked. They pitied Ken for receiving

Ian usually spoiled his son, and anyone who tried to harm Ken would face serious consequences. So, Ian puzzled everyone by treating Ken like an enemy.

"Um..." Vanessa, Emily, and Nathan were stunned.

They didn't understand what was going on.

They thought Ian would get revenge, yet he beat his son. What happened to the selfish Ian Shonde they knew?

"Please stop, Sir! He'll die!" Regalswords' disciples returned to their senses and quickly intervened to save Ken's life.

"Hmph, that asshole deserves to be taught a lesson!" Ian spoke like he was getting rid of the devil.

Still, he stopped when he realized he might have taken things too far.

"Everyone, today's incident is due to my lack of discipline.

"I would like to apologize to everyone." Ian turned around and nodded politely at Dustin and his group.

Dustin calmly accepted the apology, unbothered.

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Emily, Nathan, and the rest looked surprised and at a loss.

That was Ian Shonde, the great leader of Regalswords and the best martial artist in Lest er! A person like him had apologized to them?

Were they imagining this?

"Sir Shonde, you better teach him a good lesson once you return. It'll be too late if he gets into bigger trouble," Dustin said.

Everyone was rendered speechless and stared at Dustin in disbelief.

Damn it! Has the bastard gone mad?

How dare he openly lecture Ian? Was he not afraid that he'd be killed?

How bold!

"Hey! Do you have a death wish? Shut your mouth!" Nathan was so shocked that he almost cursed at Dustin.

It was good enough that Ian did not blame him for beating Ken. But this bastard was going overboard!

How dare he criticize Sir Shonde in front of so many people? He didn't know what's good for him.

"Dustin, apologize to Sir Shonde immediately! Emily signaled at him furiously from the side.

She felt a headache coming due to Dustin's reckless actions. They had barely escaped danger, and now he was trying to bring them more trouble.

Just as everyone thought Dustin would land himself in trouble, Ian surprised everyone by forcing a smile.

"You're right, Your Excellency. I will make sure to teach him a good lesson. I promise you this will never happen again," he said.

Everyone was startled once again. What was going on?

Since when did the leader of Regalswords, the ace of Lester, become so agreeable?

He even smiled at them when someone had just criticized him! They could not believe what was going on!

"Yes, that'd be for the best." Dustin nodded.

"My apologies for interrupting your meal. We'll be leaving right away."

Ian bowed and hurriedly led his men away as if he was running away.

"Phew! We're safe!" Vanessa sighed in relief once the people from Regalswords left.

"What happened there? Why does Sir Shonde seem so weird today?"

Nathan scratched his head in wonder. Ian's actions had been bewildering.

"Perhaps Sir Shonde realized that it was their mistake. With many martial artists here, maybe he just chose to settle things nicely."

That was the only answer Emily could come up with after thinking about it for a long time.

"No matter what it is, the most important thing is that we're all fine." Vanessa beamed.

"Hmph! We're just lucky that Sir Shonde is a reasonable person. We'd be in huge trouble if he chose to make things difficult!"

Nathan folded his arms in front of himself and shot Dustin a glare.

"Hey! I'm warning you! You better not behave rashly in the future!"

“I don’t care if you get into trouble, but you better not drag us down together!”

“That’s right! You put our lives at stake with what you did back there!” the disciples from Azure Mist echoed.

It had been thoughtless of him, an outsider, to challenge the Regalswords in Lester.

“Alright, alright. Cut it out. Ken had overstepped a line earlier on. Dustin’s actions are understandable.”

Emily tried to smooth things over.

Then, she continued, “It’s getting late, everyone. Let’s head back to our rooms and get some rest.”

“We’ll gather early tomorrow morning and set out for the Black Forest.”

“Alright. See you tomorrow.” Dustin nodded and left with Abigail.

Dustin had never been worried about what the Regalswords would do.

Ian was smart enough to apologize. Otherwise, he would have been beaten up.

Outside the hotel, Ian ran for his life with his son on his back. Suddenly, he shuddered.

He ran even faster. He was flustered and not his usual self, which confused his disciples. They even had difficulty catching up with him.

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Dustin and the rest of them set out for the Black Forest early the next morning.

Due to the terrible road conditions, driving was not an option. They could only walk there.

Many martial artists had entered the forest since the day before. They were there to try their luck.

However, the Black Forest was so huge that they lost all sense of direction when they entered. Most of them just walked around aimlessly, so it was difficult for them to find there

treasure.

About half an hour later, Dustin and the group finally got to the entrance of the Black Forest. They could see many people making their way in, one after another.

“Ms. Hoyles, do you know where the tomb is located?” Dustin asked.

“Well, I have no information about that yet.”

Emily continued dejectedly, “Everyone is just trying their luck now. Whoever finds the treasure first is the lucky one.”

Though it was a wild goose chase, they had no other choice.

Their only advantage was that they were locals. Hence, they were more familiar with the

Black Forest, and it would save them more time.

“The Black Forest is huge. How will anyone ever find anything just based on luck?” Dustin

shook his head.

“Do you have any better ideas?” Emily asked tentatively.

“Honestly, I have an inside man in the Jade Maiden Sisterhood. If you trust me, Ms. Hoyles,

let me lead the way,” Dustin said.

“You have an inside man? That’s amazing!” Emily was delighted.

What a surprise! It turned out that Dustin was their lucky star!

“Hey, are you bragging?” Nathan looked at him skeptically.

“It’s up to you whether or not to trust me.” Dustin didn’t explain further and walked to the

front to lead the rest.

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The Jade Maiden Sisterhood had entered the Black Forest an hour before they did.

As agreed upon, Nikki would leave some special markings along the way. All they had to do was follow the markings, and they could find the tomb.

“Come on, everyone, follow tight.”

Emily gestured to those behind her to keep up.

“Damn it! What’s so great about him?”

“Ultimately, they’d still rely on me for protection once they entered the Black Forest!”

Nathan spat angrily on the ground as he watched Dustin walking in front.

He was the boss of the group. He should have been the one leading them.

How dare an outsider steal his spotlight? How annoying!

Their surroundings instantly became dark as they entered the Black Forest. The temperature dropped drastically, too.

At a glance, it seemed like the entire forest was covered in a white mist.

As it was dim, they could not see well. At best, an average person could only see slightly

more than 150 feet ahead.

Dustin walked at the forefront. The mud beneath his feet was wet, and the trees above him

blocked most of the sunlight.

He could even spot venomous bugs and snakes skittering out of their way at times.

The Black Forest gave off a sinister, damp, eerie, and dangerous feeling.

As they made their way forward, they were attacked by a couple of insects and bugs. It was good that they were all well-trained and constantly on the watch, so none of them were

harmed.

“The swamp gas is getting thicker. Take the medicine first, everyone.

Inhaling too much of the swamp gas will cause intoxication. It might even cause hallucination.

Emily reminded them to take their medications first. Everyone followed her order.

One reason the Black Forest was dangerous was the swamp gas. Ordinary men could not

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“Quick, look! There’s a corpse here!” someone exclaimed as they walked.

Everyone looked over in the direction pointed, just to see the corpse of a man lying right

behind a huge tree.

His head had been severed, and insects were devouring the corpse. It was a dreadful sight.

Two women were squeamish and threw up on the spot.

“He was stabbed right at his vital point. It must have been an ambush.

“Keep your eyes open, everyone!”

Emily unsheathed her knife and looked around warily.

The Black Forest was daunting, but men’s greed was even scarier.

Men seemed unbound by morals and rules in the forest that saw no light of day. It was normal for people to kill others and steal their belongings.

“It should be right ahead. Let’s go over and take a look.”

Dustin heard faint voices ahead.