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However, Maximilia could do that. She squatted. “Come up and hold me tight. My current cultivation base is limited, and this is all I can do.”

Alex unabashedly leaned toward her and wrapped his arms around her neck.

Maximilia was not as tall compared to Jade, but she was plumper overall. When he leaned against her, he was filled with her pheromones. Moreover, she was very fragrant.

Alex sniffed her hair. “What is this fragrance?”

Maximilia said, “How could I know?! I was already like this before coming in. I may have bathed in a special floral fragrance earlier, though.”

Alex shook his head. “No. This is a scent your body secretes. It’s commonly known as the feminine scent.”

Maximilia froze and snorted gently.

“Let’s go!”

She exerted strength on her feet and carried Alex on her back, and rushed up to the wall. Then, she kept stepping on the stone wall with her feet. She even broke the wall along the way.

Eventually, they reached the top of the wall safely. Consequently, they noticed that the top of the wall was a little narrow.

Maximilia asked, “Are you going to come down and stand on your own?”

Alex replied, “I’m a little acrophobic. ”

“Huh..?”

Finally, Alex directly clutched onto Maximilia’s back like an octopus while looking at the terrain below. In fact, the life door of a spell formation was traceable, and Kroraina Kingdom’s chaplain was clearly no match for Alex in terms of spell formation’s level.

It was just that he currently did not possess Chi, nor could he see it in this world. His eyes had lost their special function, so he could only deduce the location of life's door through an indirect approach.

"I've found it! It's over there!"

Boom!

Maximilia found a heavy stone door Skyward under a desert ten minutes later. When she pushed it open forcefully, a pitch-black passage lay underneath with a hardly narrow stairway leading downward.

As soon as the stone door was opened, a strong, musty stench gushed out. One had to wonder how many years no one had been there.

After a while, Alex said, "We can go down."

Maximilia lighted a torch and walked in front of Alex while pulling his hand with her other hand.

Her hand was very warm, but Alex's hands and feet were cold. Hence, he instantly felt a comfortable warmth surging over him when she held him like that.

Maximilia looked at him. "Are you cold?"

Alex nodded. "This scholar is too weak. I think Siegfried Byland in 'An American Ghost Story' is stronger than him."

Maximilia asked with a smile, "Who is Julie Fellmeth then?"

"A beauty in a painting?!"

"Who am I then? "

"The big-bearded Gustavo Willibald. "

She was startled for a moment before she said with a smile, "It suits me well."

Just then, a clicking sound could be heard beneath the feet. Alex froze. "This is bad. This stairway is cracking."

As soon as the voice fell, the ground under his feet vanished. Both of them then fell.

“A-ahh!”

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“Rockefeller brat, hold me tight!”

Anyhow, they had already been holding each other’s hands from the beginning. At that moment, Maximilia pulled Alex over forcefully and wrapped her arms around him.

She was protecting Alex with her own body. Furthermore, she protected his head firmly in her chest...

That soft and bouncy sensation suffocated Alex for a while. He lacked the ability for internal respiration and couldn’t hold his breath for long, and would probably be asphyxiated to death.

“Hey... Mm... Mmhh...”

Alex wanted to speak, but words failed to escape his lips. He tried to open his mouth to take a breath, but it was also blocked. In desperation, he bit down hard.

A woman’s body contained several areas that were most vulnerable to pain. The location that Alex bit was definitely most vulnerable to pain. After all, this place was set in ancient times, and there were no modern, fashionable sponge bra pads. And Maximilia’s clothes were relatively sexy and thin like Westeros’s. Hence, when he bit down...

‘Oh my god!’

Maximilia shuddered all over in pain. She then hurriedly let go of Alex, yelling, “What are you doing? My body is made of flesh!”

Alex took a deep breath. “Maximilia, you almost suffocated me.”

Maximilia was speechless.

In fact, it was not completely empty down there. Rather, there was a steep slope. After they both fell for a few meters, they slid on a steep slope full of yellow sand on both sides, but the fall did not hurt much. Alex was lying on Maximilia's body, which was equivalent to having a soft cushion. Not only did he feel no pain, but he actually enjoyed it a lot.

It was unknown how deep they had slid down the slope. Both of them were shocked.

The torch was still in Maximilia's hand, but the whistling wind from the sliding diminished the flame, and it looked like it would be extinguished at any time. After another while, the steep slope beneath their bodies suddenly disappeared.

This time, they were really falling straight down.

"Ah! We are done for! We're going to fall to deaths!" Alex shouted as he held Maximilia tightly.

Maximilia said, "What are you afraid of? At most, we'll fail the Heavenly Stairs trial."

As soon as the voice fell, she saw a pool of water with the help of the torch's light.

"Be careful! We're going to fall into the water!" Maximilia threw the torch away and clutched Alex with both hands while spreading her strength all over her body.

Boom!

The impact was huge.

They had fallen too fast. Alex only heard a buzzing sound and felt as though his body would be torn apart. Immediately afterward, an icy sheet of aura enveloped his entire body. After that, he lost consciousness.

Splash!

After a full minute, Maximilia pulled Alex out of the water. However, the torch was currently extinguished, and the surroundings were pitch-black. She could not see anything and knew nothing of the surroundings. To be frank, even

Jade's soul would've felt a surge of panic in the face of such darkness. Moreover, Alex wasn't moving a muscle.

"Alex?! Alex Rockefeller?! Wake up! Wake up!" She shouted, but Alex didn't respond.

This time, she was really panicked. As soon as she checked his nose, she was even more terrified.

Alex was not breathing.

Although she knew that Alex definitely wasn't dead, and he would've most likely stopped on the first step of Heavenly Stairs after failing the trial, she did not dare to take the gamble... She harbored another thought, she did not want to face this kind of pitch-black environment alone.

"Alex Rockefeller! Alex Rockefeller! D*mn it! You better not die! Wake up! I'm slightly afraid of the dark!"

The dignified commander of the Flying Eagles would probably become a laughing stock if she said that she was afraid of darkness. However, Jade was really afraid, especially in a total, pitch-black environment.

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Finally, she reached the shore. She hurriedly dragged Alex ashore and laid him straight. Without any hesitation, she fumbled and tried to resuscitate him via CPR.

Bleugh!

Alex did not disappoint the woman. He quickly vomited a mouthful of water and woke up. However, things looked the same after opening and closing his eyes.

Alex was shocked. "Maximilia, Maximilia..."

"I am here!"

They both fumbled and clasped each other's hands. Alex said, "Why... Why am I blind? I can't see anything!"

Maximilia said, "I can't see either."

"Huh? You are blind too?"

"I'm not blind. It's just that light is totally absent here, so we can't see anything."

Alex heaved a sigh of relief. "Since the things built in the past have decayed, this place has probably been in disrepair for many years. They only cracked and collapsed because they couldn't bear the weight of the two of us. This place should be Kroraina Kingdom... We better hurry and find a light source. Otherwise, we won't know what poisonous bugs are here in this pitch darkness."

Maximilia also wanted to find a light source, but it certainly did not exist on her. They both couldn't help but fumble bit by bit until they found the edge and got up and walked slowly.

"A-choo!" Alex suddenly sneezed.

Maximilia asked, "What's wrong?"

Alex said, "It's so cold. I think I'm going to catch a cold... Really. It's been so long since I felt the sensation of a cold..."

Right after saying that, he fell to the ground with a thud.

"Hey! Alex Rockefeller! Alex Rockefeller! What's wrong with you again?" Maximilia was about to cry.

Things were really inconvenient in the pitch darkness.

She hurriedly helped Alex get up. Only then did she notice that he had passed out and was trembling all over. Alex's hands, feet, and body were cold, but his forehead was hot.

'Oh crap. The chill has entered his body, and he's running a fever.'

Alex's current body had poor resistance. The current season was already quite cold but. located beneath the desert, Kroraina Kingdom was even

colder. The pool they had just fallen into was simply no different from an ice cellar. It would be bizarre if he did not get a fever under the influence of so many aspects.

Maximilia decisively took off Alex's wet clothes. The scholar's cold, thick and damp robe wrapping around Alex's body would only aggravate his condition.

"It's cold. Brr. It's freezing..." Alex murmured unconsciously.

Maximilia condensed her power onto her palm and rubbed his body. However, it was not very effective.

The cultivation technique she practiced leaned toward Yin, and her Chi contained Yin energy in nature. Even if she channeled that kind of Chi into his body, it would not help to alleviate his symptoms.

'What should I do? What a... Little devil!'

Maximilia sighed. Eventually, she clenched her teeth and took off her soaked clothes. She then hugged Alex and warmed him with her own body.

While enduring the embarrassment of being naked, she comforted herself. 'Luckily, this place is just an illusionary realm. I'm not Jade Benmore either, but Maximilia Calypse. Yeah. Your identity isn't Alex Rockefeller either, but Zechariah Hadid...'

As the Chi churned, curls of white gas popped out of Maximilia's crown. Her body was burning hot just to keep Alex warm. In fact, Alex had already woken up after fifteen minutes. However, his heart skipped a beat when Maximilia held and warmed him like that. For a moment there, he did not know how to face her, so he just... Pretended to sleep!

Even so, it was a comfortable and moving sensation. Unfortunately, it was untimely...

Alex sighed.

However, the sound of turbulent water was suddenly audible. Something seemed to be crawling out of the pitch-black pool of water.

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Splash!

The quiet but very real sound approached bit by bit. Even someone without cultivation like Alex could hear it, let alone Maximilia.

Nervous, the muscles in her body tensed as she held a curved flying dagger in her hand... Of course, she was currently naked. She had fished out the flying dagger from her clothes.

Alex moved. Just as he was about to speak, his mouth was covered by a pretty hand.

Maximilia wrote, "Don't make a sound" on his stomach with her finger.

Clearly, she had long discovered something lurking in the water.

Alex did not dare to speak, but he pricked up his ears. The sound in the water was getting louder and closer as if it was within a few meters from them.

At that moment, Alex sensed that Maximilia shot out the flying dagger in her hand with an abrupt jerk, followed by a loud explosion with a huge spark at Alex's eight o'clock.

In the faint light, something was visible in the pitch-black cave.

Maximilia saw a passage located not far from them.

At the same time, the monster crawling in the water rushed over in the direction of the sound after hearing the loud commotion.

Splash! Splash! Splash!

Three consecutive loud splashes could be heard, indicating there were at least three monsters.

Maximilia picked Alex with one hand and grabbed both their clothes before sneaking toward the passage. Unexpectedly, the passage turned out to be a dead end. There was no way ahead.

"It's a dead-end!" Maximilia frowned as she touched cold stones with both hands. It was still pitch black, and their eyes were no better than decorations.

Alex calculated the direction they came from in his mind. He compared the terrain to what he saw above earlier.

“It doesn’t make sense,” he whispered. “This place should correspond to life’s gate. Could it be there’s something like a trapdoor? Let me touch it!”

He reached out to touch the stone wall and felt a smooth, soft and warm area.

‘What is that?’

As soon as he identified it, he was astonished to find he was touching Maximilia’s chest. He then hurriedly retracted his hand and apologized in a low voice, “Sorry, I didn’t mean to do it.”

Maximilia intended to beat him up, but she held back. If she made a sound, she would attract those three monsters and end up in deep trouble.

“Hurry!” Maximilia growled hoarsely.

Alex nodded. He identified where Maximilia was standing from the voice, and he reached out to touch the other side. Shortly afterward, he felt something, ancient runes. As expected, there was a mystery here. However, ancient runes had always been a complicated subject, with many of them looking extremely similar. Touching them blindly with their hands would yield an inaccurate result. Alex touched all of them, but eventually, he helplessly said, “It doesn’t work. The spell formation in this place was set up using ancient runes. I can’t open the door if I can’t see them.”

Maximilia nodded. “Alright. Wait a moment!”

Alex could hear the rustling of her clothes as she put them on... He instantly recalled the scene where they both were hugging each other naked earlier. For a moment, a whim struck him, and he became impulsive. But soon, he kept telling himself that she was Jade, she was Jade...

Maxmilia wore her clothes at a breakneck speed, dressed completely within one minute. Currently, she was touching the two daggers in her hand. “I’ll rub the two daggers to create sparks. You will seize the chance to look at the runes on the wall, but this will definitely attract the monsters. You should concentrate on breaking the formation. Leave the monsters to me.”

“Alright. Be careful,” Alex said.

Clank!

Clank!

There were sounds of grating followed by a massive splash of sparks.

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A little light lit up the pitch-black cave.

Alex kept his guard up and stared intently at the wall. As expected, they were ancient runes, but they weren't as complicated as he initially expected. He could handle them easily on his professional level, but he had neither Chi nor a cultivation base now. In that past, he could mobilize the spell formation and open the stone door by making a seal with his hands.

At the moment, in order to do that, he had to move his position with the help of the runes.

Whoosh!

The sound of monsters crawling ahead could be heard. Sure enough, the sound created by Maximilia had attracted the monsters.

When Alex glanced back amidst the commotion, he was shocked. It turned out to be three enormous mutant crocodiles with open mouths as huge as small boats. In this pitch-black environment, their eyes had degenerated, and their eyeballs were covered. They differentiated directions by relying on sounds.

At that moment, Maximilia could only make a move. She rushed forward to fight the three enormous crocodiles alone.

Powerless, Alex couldn't help but feel anxious from the sidelines... Furthermore, he could see nothing and could only hear. He was vastly experienced in combat, though, able to differentiate positions. He could tell that Maximilia was in a tough battle just by hearing the sounds. He even heard the sound of Maximilia's clothes being torn.

He did not know if she was injured.

'No! We will perish in the crocodiles' bellies at this rate!' Alex thought of a way.

He picked up two stones on the ground-cobblestones. He saw them just now. Then, he created sparks by knocking the stones together.

They weren't as bright as Maximilia's sparks, but they helped her recover a bit of visibility. The tide would turn with just that little bit.

Boom!

Maximilia stood in front of Alex and battled the enormous crocodiles. She fought for a full ten minutes before finally, the three crocodiles were killed.

After that, she collapsed from exhaustion. Several wounds were also visible on her body. If she had not protected Alex, she would have moved and dodged them. However, she was unable to retreat under current circumstances. Unable to dodge, she couldn't help but confront them head-on.

Alex also knew about that situation, but there was nothing he could do, and he could only feel sorry for her.

"I think these three crocodiles are a little different. They may have mutated. There may be demonic cores or demonic pills in their bodies. Some of these things will emit light and can be used as lighting," said Alex.

Clank!

Maximilia gave a dagger to Alex.

Alex took the dagger and gave it a try. Eventually, he sighed helplessly.

"Sorry. I can't cut through."

He couldn't even pierce crocodile skin.

"I'll do it!"

Subsequently, Maximilia disemboweled the three crocodiles. She dug out a glittering white bead that was slightly bigger than a quail's egg from the third crocodile's body.

It was a demonic pill. They could see nearby things around them with that demonic pill, akin to lighting a very dim lamp.

“You’re injured!” Alex looked at Maximilia.

“I’m fine. You should break the formation first.”

Alex shook his head. “I’m in no hurry to do that. You should treat your injuries first. In case danger shows up after opening the door, you will have the strength to deal with it.”

Maximilia agreed after thinking about it. She gave the demonic pill to Alex with a sweeping glance at his body. She suddenly reached out to his groin and flicked it hard. “Hmph! You were harboring indecent thoughts.”

Alex almost screamed, “How could I not? I became like this because I was overthinking.”

He scrambled to find his clothes.

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There wasn’t any light in the cave. The two couldn’t identify the time within this odd illusionary realm. They even thought that time passed abnormally here. More importantly, they needed to finish the challenge and get out of here.

Alex couldn’t help but think about that ax inside his consciousness. He didn’t understand why it would react so vigorously, rushing up the Heavenly Stairs and disappearing.

‘It wouldn’t have disappeared just like that, right?’

Alex didn’t know that the ax had returned. He also didn’t realize that Xienna’s soul had come here to look for her lover in the past. It was precisely because she interfered with the ax that it failed in its task, and it gave up.

In reality, that ax did, in fact, want to leave Alex’s mind. If it were to obtain that thing within the Heavenly Stairs, it wouldn’t be able to stay within Alex’s mind after that. However, Xienna’s interference helped him out instead, preventing him from losing the mysterious ax.

At the time, Maximilia had woken up from her healing state, randomly saying, “Alex, what do you think would happen to us when we fail our missions?”

Alex had thought about this issue long ago. "We'd probably be fine. Lorelei and the others had tried going up the stairs before. Even if they didn't fail on the first step, it's kind of the same since this flight of stairs has almost ten thousand steps. Nothing happened to them, so we should be alright."

Maximilia nodded. "I thought so too. Everything here is illusionary, not reality. So basically, we're in some sort of dream, pretending to be someone else. The entire process is fake."

She sounded as if she was trying to convince someone.

Alex understood her intentions and nodded as well. "Yeah. It's like when I used to dream about one of my female schoolmates back in high school."

Maximilia seemed rather interested. "Who? Do I know her?"

Alex shook his head. "You wouldn't know her. She... She was cursed, just like you."

"The Witch Curse?"

"Something like that!"

Maximilia fell silent for a short while and asked, "What did you do when you dreamt about her?"

Alex smiled. "Everything, but it was just a meaningless dream. It's just like what we're facing now, except that we are both in the same dream."

Maximilia seemed cheerful. "Mhm. That's right."

In reality, Alex had deliberately said that to relieve her heart. He didn't want her to be hung up on the past.

After that, Alex started breaking through the boundary. It wasn't a difficult process, so he didn't take any longer than five minutes. The stone gates grumbled as a ray of light shone through the cracks.

"There's light over there!" Maximilia was overjoyed and excited as she held onto her knife.

Who knew how conflicted and nervous she must've been in the pitch-black environment, especially with her extreme fear of the dark. She really didn't

want to experience the same thing ever again. They thought that there would be monsters rushing out after the gates opened. However, it didn't happen, but the scenery in front of them still managed to freeze them in place.

Behind the gate was an endless amount of water, but none of it flowed to the other side.

Upon closer inspection, there were quite a few Hydrophobic Beads around the gates. Moreover, the formation itself had the ability to close the water off.

"Kroraina's strategist is a genius too. They're able to block the water using a Hydrophobic Bead."

"This is probably a pond within the Kroraina Kingdom, and the gate is most likely the bottom."

"Let's take one of those beads then. They might be useful," Maximilia said.

Alex immediately stopped her. "Don't, the Hydrophobic Beads are the key to this formation. If one bead is lost, the formation might change. This life door might turn into a death door."

"Alright, I'll listen to you!"

The two then walked into the cave. Taking a deep breath, Maximilia grabbed onto Alex's arm and jumped into the water. The water pressure was quite strong, and Alex was simply fortunate it didn't crush him.

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The light that shone in had actually come from the surface. It was safe to assume that they would see the kingdom once they got to the surface.

The two continued swimming upwards, but the pond went deeper than expected. After swimming for a while, Alex began to panic when he started running out of air. His lungs felt like they were going to explode, and he couldn't swim any longer. Maximilia rushed over and held his head, placing her seductive lips onto his.

Huff...

She blew a mouthful of Chi inside, which generated oxygen for him. Maximilia's cultivation level allowed her to breathe directly with her lungs.

Alex instantly felt very good, and he was swimming upwards again. However, he still hadn't reached the surface even after he'd used up his oxygen. He ran out once again. He then grabbed hold of Maximilia and pointed towards his mouth, indicating that he wanted her to give him more air.

Five times later, Alex finally reached the surface. What met his eyes was the bright sun.

"That's not right. Why would there be sunlight here?"

"Isn't this supposed to be underneath a desert?"

"We couldn't have possibly entered another dungeon, right?"

Maximilia rose to the surface as well, her flawless face slightly flushed. Having transferred air to Alex, her interactions were very intimate. It caused Maximilia, a virgin, to be rather flustered. Although her soul didn't belong to Maximilia, her body did.

The young body reacted so honestly to such actions she even felt her heart thumping in her chest. It was a reaction she couldn't suppress even if she used her soul powers.

"Let's ascend to the surface. You just healed from your fever, and I don't want to be your heater anymore," she said as she dragged Alex towards the land...

In actuality, the temperature in this place was much warmer, as if it was summer, no longer as chilling as the pitch-black area.

The two of them looked towards the sky at a certain angle and quickly realized that the large sun was a fake.

"That sun looks like a mystical treasure," Alex said.

"I can sense some energy from the Golden Crows."

Maximilia nodded. "It's a shame that we won't be getting anywhere near it with our current appearances. Besides, this is just a dream. We can't actually take it out even if we get it."

Alex said, "I suddenly thought of something. If this happened a long time ago, that means this very kingdom had actually existed in the past when we go back to reality, can we enter the real Kroraina Kingdom and find this fake sun again?"

Maximilia replied. "That's a possibility, but I can't guarantee it. Some people have arrived here before us."

The environment was very exquisite, the main color scheme being ivory. That was because all buildings had been completely painted in white. The city center was rather large as well.

Alex and Maximilia roamed around the historical looking area. It felt like visiting an ancient kingdom from thousands of years ago. Moreover, they were the only two within the city.

Gurgle...

Alex's stomach was growling. "Maximilia, I'm hungry!"

The woman pointed to the front. "Look, there seems to be someone selling food over there."

'Selling?' Alex froze and looked in the direction she was pointing at.

Instantly, he felt his head about to explode.

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Maximilia was pointing at one of the streets within the city. It seemed slightly different compared to the rest of the city. The grocer she mentioned was actually... Human!

Apart from them, there were actually other people within this kingdom. However, these people weren't as lucky to be walking around freely. They were being tied up by a group of monsters, drenched in blood, and being sold as food on the streets

"Come, take a look! Fresh human meat! We have live humans too! Rare quality flesh! Does anyone want some?"

“One dollar for five hundred grams! Just one dollar for five hundred grams! You won’t regret spending here! We’re honest sellers...”

The voice came from that very street, shocking Alex and Maximilia to the core.

The one yelling was not human. It had a sharp mouth and the cheeks of a monkey, along with a whole body of fur. Despite that, he was wearing clothes. Upon a closer inspection, they realized that this guy was actually a beast demon, a weasel.

There seemed to be a lot of such demons walking around the street. They looked very weird. Other beasts include rats, giant cockroaches, snake demons, centipede demons, and many others.

The flourishing Kroraina Kingdom was no longer ruled by humans now. It had become a beautiful home for these low leveled beings. Alex’s eyes widened, seemingly intrigued.

Suddenly, Maximilia grabbed him and dashed towards the side, hiding behind the walls. After putting in some thought, she still felt unsafe, so she leaped over the wall with Alex’s arm still in her grasp. Behind the wall was a house, so the two immediately hid inside.

“Maximilia...”

Just when Alex was about to speak, the woman covered his mouth.

A few seconds later, Alex heard something. There were heavy footsteps coming from their previous hiding spot. Then came two deep voices...

“How odd. I thought I saw some humans just now. Where did they go?”

“Haha, you must be craving human flesh too much. You’re hallucinating! We’ve already captured all the humans who came from the death door. Why would there be more people?”

“You don’t know that. They might’ve come from the life door!”

“Life door? You’re wrong. The life door in this place is the true door of death. Do you really think it’ll be that easy to break that strategist’s formation?”

“Okay, let’s go now. It’s rare to ever see humans here, so we’re having a feast today!”

Alex and Maximilia were appalled to hear this. These people were the ones who have walked through death's door. Yet they were currently being sold as poultry. This was absolutely mind-blowing, as the roles had been switched.

"Should we save them?" Alex asked.

"I'd like to. Some of them are even my old clients. I really wouldn't want to watch them get eaten by those beasts... But there's just too many, and we wouldn't be able to win this fight," Maximilia replied truthfully.

Alex was a weak scholar now, and he couldn't possibly be of any help.

However, he didn't forget his goal in this journey. He had to look for the eggs of a golden phoenix scorpion.

The street was rather lively at the time. Not only were there hawkers promoting their stock, but people were dancing and singing. As the sun set and the moon rose, the place gave off the vibe of a night market. When Alex looked at the sky again, he noticed just how miraculous it looked. Despite being underneath a desert, the fake sun and moon were uncannily similar to the real ones.

Now, the sun with Golden Crow energy had disappeared into the horizons, replaced by a yellow-orange moon. It was far bigger and brighter than the actual moon as well.

Maximilia then pointed to a row of buildings. "Let's head to the top!"

The two demons that walked over had already left, so she hugged Alex by the waist and used Feather Walk, leaping up to the air in the dark night. From above, they were able to look at the street better. It was quite crowded, with several stalls selling every single imaginable thing.

Alex couldn't help but sigh. The citizens of this kingdom had disappeared entirely, and demons had turned it into their own home, opening a market and imitating humans.

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If these demons hadn't kept their beast forms, many would've thought that humans still ruled the area. In mere moments, they drew close to the group of tied-up humans. Now that they were closer, the two were able to recognize them. They were, in fact, the people who stayed at the Death Inn. There were quite a lot of them, eighteen to be exact. However, these people looked pathetic. They were all decorated with colored ribbons, and some had even lost their limbs.

These people were just different animals to those demons, just like how humans treated pigs as livestock. The roles had merely reversed here. More importantly, they lacked the strength to defend themselves.

Smack!

Slapped by a demon, a young teen tumbled over. After that, the demon punched and kicked him. "What the hell? Who gave you permission to pee where ever you want? Do you think this is the toilet? Get up and lick the floor clean, or we will eat you right now!"

The teen was devastated. At this point, he had lost all hope and wanted to die a swift death.

With a loud yell, he lunged towards that demon, hoping to take it down with him. However, it was all just wishful thinking. The young teen's cultivation level was far weaker than these demons, and he was immediately subdued.

The teen lay on the ground, filled with despair.

It was then that he noticed Alex and Maximilia standing on the roof, hiding in the dark. She signaled to him not to expose their location and that they would think of a way to save them.

Unexpectedly, that teen started screaming. "Look! Humans! There are humans up there! "

'What?' The two were confused.

'Has this guy lost it?'

It caused many demons to look towards the house. Some winged ones even flew up in the blink of an eye.

“Run!”

Maximilia yelled as she retreated with Alex in her arms. To their demise, she was still slower than the flying demons.

As they were about to be caught on, she stomped onto a roof with her bare feet, sending hundreds of tiles up into the air. She then slammed them with her palm as they shot toward the demons like meteorites. Still holding Alex, Maximilia jumped to the ground, escaping through the densely packed buildings with all her might.

Unable to help, Alex could only curse the teen under his breath.

Maximilia said, “That guy doesn’t want to live anymore, but he’s a selfish bastard. Since he figured that it’s hopeless, he wishes to take everyone down with him, including us.”

Whoosh!

Just then, a demon crawled out of the ground. Alex seemed exhilarated to see it. “It’s the golden phoenix scorpion!”

They were here for the scorpion, so it was unexpected that it showed up on its own.

Maximilia said, “We can’t fight here. Let’s just lead it away.”

Alex thought about a place where the strategist had set a formation up in the past and immediately told Maximilia to go there.

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Boom! Boom! Boom!

The light-golden-colored phoenix scorpion looked like it was made out of gold. As large and tough as an adult buffalo, its two massive pincers looked like excavator buckets.

Alex and Maximilia kept running as the scorpion continued to chase after them, destroying everything in this way. Those ivory buildings seemed like tofu in the face of the golden phoenix scorpion.

Such a large commotion had undoubtedly caught the attention of many demons, drowning the street in utter chaos.

“After them!”

“I call dibs on that woman. I want her to bear my children!”

“Get lost! She’s mine!”

“I’ll fight you!”

“Bring it on. The winner gets to have her, and the loser has to f*ck off!”

If Maximilia knew that two ugly demons were fighting to mate with her, she would’ve likely put up an interesting expression. Those captured after going through the death’s door saw this as well.

Some yelled at the teen from before, and some were filled with despair, all hoping to die together.

“Maximilia had promised never to enter this kingdom, yet she still snuck in. She hasn’t even been captured! Just look how cunning she is... Do you really think she’d save us? Dream on! She’s probably overjoyed that we’ve been captured.”

“That’s true! That woman is busy getting seduced by that scholar. Why would she care about our safety? It’d be better if they captured her too! We’ll have to stick together. It’s good to have someone to go down to hell with us!”

Maximilia obviously couldn’t hear any of them. She took out a good number of daggers and shot them at the scorpion. However, its shell was too tough, and her attacks were useless.

There were more demons after them now. As they got closer and closer, they looked as if they were about to catch up. Soon, they would reach the place Alex had mentioned.

“Alex, go get ready! I’ll hold them off for a while!”

“Okay!”

The place with the formation had obviously been formed using ancient runes. The lighting was quite nice, and Alex could easily operate the formation.

Apart from shock, Alex felt very sorry for the kingdom. To Alex, however, this was all the past, and he had no connection to it. He would be content as long as he could trap the demons chasing after them by borrowing the formation's power.

At the time, Maximilia was still struggling to hold back the demons.

Alex adjusted the formation accordingly, then gestured towards Maximilia.

Whoosh!

Unable to bear it a second longer, the woman rushed over with a bunch of demons. The formation was activated, trapping all the demons chasing after them.

“Can this formation kill the enemies?” Maximilia asked.

“No, but it can restrict their movements,” Alex replied.