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Adenoid had a smile on his face when he saw Rita. He was looking at Rita's charming figure up and down. He complimented her with a smile, "You've become even more beautiful in just a few days, Manager Rita. I must say, you took my breath away."

He turned his head and glanced at Darryl while making a scornful remark, "Just how low has your trading center stooped to allow anyone to come in here?"

Rita landed her eyes on Darryl, and she frowned.

When she noticed the strange atmosphere, Lillian quickly explained, "Manager, this is my friend. He's with me."

Lillian pulled Darryl a bit closer and whispered, "Why don't you go first? I'll

handle this myself."

"He has made up his mind to make you drink with him. How are you going to deal with it?" Darryl smiled.

Darryl looked Adenoid in the eyes and asked, "How much does Ms. Willlis owe you? I'll help her pay for it."

Lillian had a strong sense of self-worth, and she might have been a little complacent at times. Darryl never intended to be nosy, but he had developed a good impression of Lillian in the past few days, and he knew that she was a kind soul. Darryl saw her as a younger sister. Therefore, he would not let her fall into Adenoid's clutches.

Adenoid was stunned, and he made a disparaging remark. "Did you say you wanted to help her pay? Can you even afford it? Are you trying to pay with that stinky

animal skin coat that you have on?"

Adenoid burst out in laughter.

The people around him also broke into fits of laughter.

"How is that hillbilly so confident?"

"That's right! Look at him! I'm afraid he hasn't seen money before."

"Where is that retard from?"

Amidst the roar of laughter, Adenoid approached Darryl slowly with a jealous look. "Hey, kid, my patience is running thin, and I don't want to lose my cool in front of Ms. Willis. Why don't you get lost now since I'm still in a good mood?"

Darryl smiled faintly as he retrieved the inner core from the enchanted beast pouch, and he said casually, "Is this inner core

enough?"

A faint brilliance illuminated the room when he took out the inner core. It was the inner core of a Martial Emperor beast. Darryl noticed that the staff on duty gave Lillian a lot of money for the Black Sand Python inner core a while ago.

The Black Sand Python was only a Martial Saint beast. So, Darryl was confident that the Martial Emperor beast's inner core would be worth several times more.

Hiss!

Adenoid and all the people around him were utterly stunned. In shock, they stared blankly at the inner core of Darryl's hand.

'Is that the inner core of a Martial Emperor beast?'

'I'm not seeing things, am I?'

Many cultivators have organized trips and explored the Wild Deserted Secret Region to hunt for inner cores in the past few years. Most of them found inner cores of the Martial Marquis beasts and some Martial Saint ones, but there were none at the Martial Emperor level.

As soon as Darryl took out the inner core, everyone was surprised that the seemingly barbaric guy in front of them could produce an inner core at the Martial Emperor's level.

Lillian was also equally stunned. She stared speechlessly at Darryl, and she quivered.

'He has an inner core of the Martial Emperor level? 'Who exactly is he?'

"Haha!"

Finally, Adenoid reacted and glanced at the inner core in Darryl's hand. He said coldly, "Kid, do you know how much Lillian owes me? Do you think you can cover five million with an inner core? Do you even know how much five million is?"

Adenoid said to the staff next to him. "Tell him, how much does that inner core worth?"

The staff said softly, "That is the inner core of a Martial Emperor giant yellow enchanted bear. According to the price of our trading center, that is worth three million."

'Three million?'

Darryl furrowed his eyebrows as he took out another one and asked, "Is this enough?"

The inner core was lustrous, and it gleamed just like the one before it. It was also a Martial Emperor beast's inner core.

'What?'

Suddenly, the trading center fell silent, and everyone was in a daze.

'Another one?'

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Lillian was dumbfounded. She stared at Darryl blankly; she felt weak in the knees and was at a loss for words. Lillian thought she had begun to know Darryl after she spent a day with him, but in that instance, she realized that the man in front of her was as unpredictable as the vast ocean.

That was a Martial Emperor beast's inner core.

People might think Darryl was lucky to get one of them, but when he brought out the second one, he managed to hold the people around him enthralled.

Rita, who was not far away, narrowed her eyes at Darryl. She had a strange luster in her eyes as she bore her gaze deep into Darryl.

'How could that barbaric man possibly own the inner core of a Martial Emperor beast? Look at the pouch around his waist; it appears to be an enchanted beast pouch.'

Black Water Town had an unexpected mysterious guest.

Rita was a businesswoman with solid business acumen. She immediately saw the business opportunities and values brought by Darryl because the inner cores of Martial Emperor beasts were scarce in the market.

Darryl ignored the intent gazes around him. He looked at Adenoid with a strange smile. "I guess it's enough for now, and you can keep the extras for interest. Of course, on one condition, you will not harass Ms. Willis again in the future."

Unlike the others, Darryl did not see those inner cores as something valuable. He had spent three years in the Valley of Death where he had killed many beasts; more than half of them were Martial Emperors. Those two inner cores were just a drop in the bucket.

"You—"

Adenoid's face flushed when he heard Darryl. He wore a hideous look.

The next second, Adenoid's gaze changed, and he said, "Kid, are you trying to show off in front of me? Do you think you are great with only a few inner cores? Why don't you go find out the consequences of being a hero and saving a lady in front of me in Black Water Town?"

As a privileged young Master Collins, Adenoid was used to being handled with

dignity.

It did not sit well with him that he was humiliated in front of a savage man.

"Oh?" Darryl did not flinch; instead, he rubbed his head indifferently. "What are the consequences?"

"Death!"

Adenoid's eyes flashed fiercely. He pointed at Darryl and roared, "Kill him!"

The two bodyguards summoned their internal energy and ran toward Darryl as soon as the command was made.

Lillian became agitated at the sight of the dangerous scene and yanked Darryl quickly.

"Run, run, run!" Adenoid is far too evil.

Lillian could not believe Adenoid would order Darren's death after Darren volunteered to settle her debt.

Darryl, on the other hand, maintained a neutral expression.

He patted Lillian's hand and motioned for her not to worry.

"Stop!"

When the two bodyguards were about to arrive in front of Darryl, a soft reprimanding voice interrupted them. Rita walked across the room in her high heels.

The two bodyguards stopped in their tracks immediately.

Adenoid frowned and smiled strangely.

"What do you mean, Manager Rita? Are you going to put up with that hillbilly?"

"Don't be angry, Young Master Collins."

Rita smiled and said in a charming tone,

"This is a trading center, and everyone is here for business. Peace is the most

important thing. Would Young Master Collins give us a face and let the matter slide?"

Rita took a deep look at Darryl and continued, "Furthermore, he has also helped Ms. Willis to pay you back. You have to be forgiving, right?"

Rita's voice was soft and charming, but her tone was unquestionable.

Phew!

Adenoid took a deep breath and looked at Darryl coldly, and said, "Very well. I'll let you off today because of Manager Rita. We'd better not meet again in the future."

After that, Adenoid took the two inner cores and left with his bodyguards.

The crowd of onlookers quickly dispersed after the argument was resolved.

At the same time, Lillian was relieved.

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Darryl was not bothered by Adenoid's threat. He smiled faintly at Rita and said, "Thank you very much."

"You're welcome," Rita answered with a friendly smile.

After that, Rita looked at Darryl with keen interest. "Gentleman, I did not get your name."

"Darren."

"Good name; it sounds like someone with a free spirit." Rita praised him with a smile. Then, she sent an invitation to Darryl. "I might have a business proposition for you, Mr. Darren. I wonder if you will give me a chance to explain it?"

Rita made an apparent hand gesture to

invite Darryl inside for a talk in detail.

Darryl smiled. He knew that Rita wanted to talk about the Martial Emperor inner cores.

Darryl was ready to speak when Lillian tugged on his arm.

"What?" Darryl inquired, his head tilted.

Lillian bit her lips and whispered, "Don't go. You should be wary of that woman. Do not be duped."

As the Blood Thorn Mercenary Team leader, Lillian often traveled around Black Water Town, so she was very familiar with Rita, the manager of the trading center. Rita was not only good at business, but she was also very good at seducing men. Lillian did not want Darryl to fall into her trap.

Darryl was stunned. "Why? It's just business talk. It can't be that bad."

"Just listen to me and turn her down."

Lillian was a little anxious.

Darryl laughed when he saw Lillian's worried expression and leaned in to whisper into her ear, "Are you worried that I won't be able to resist that manager's pretty and sexy charm? Are you jealous?"

'Jealous?'

Lillian was in a daze after she heard the statement. She quickly replied with a blushing face as she stomped her feet. "Why would I be jealous?"

Darryl laughed, but he said nothing more. He told Lillian to wait for her there, and then he went inside with Rita.

The private room was tastefully designed.

On the interior, it was cozy and stylish.

Rita poured a glass of red wine for Darryl and smiled as she said, "What a surprise that this casually dressed Mr. Darren is a peerless expert."

Darryl took the wine glass, but he did not drink the wine. Instead, he smiled and said, "Do you have something to say, Rita? Why not just get to the point?"

Rita did not expect Darryl to be so straightforward. Her gorgeous face was slightly taken aback, and she smiled coquettishly. "Mr. Darren, don't you like the mood in here? Do you want to say anything more to me than business?"

Her voice was soft and charming.

At the same time, Rita leaned into Darryl's arm.

Though Darryl looked unperturbed, he was, in fact, a little disturbed.

'This woman is amazing. She is really good with men. I guess most men can't hold out against her.'

As she perceived the twinkle in Darryl's eyes, Rita raised her head with a charming smile on her delicate face as she said softly, "Mr. Darren, have you not been close with a woman for a long time?"

"How do you know?" Darryl spoke subconsciously. He had spent the last three years in the Valley of Death; he had not touched a woman for a long time, indeed.

However, Darryl regretted his fast lips.

Pfft!

Rita laughed out loud after she heard it. She

held Darryl's gaze and said softly, "These days, it's rare to see someone like you who could maintain such composure in front of a beautiful lady."

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Darryl resisted the urge to be impulsive and said plainly, "What on earth are you trying to say?"

Darryl would have given up ten years ago if he had seen such a mature and attractive lovely lady.

However, Darryl was well aware that the woman in front of him was conceited.

She was there for another reason.

"Oh, gosh."

Rita glared at him. "Do you have to spoil the mood? Okay, I'll just say it then."

"I want to know if you got those two Martial Emperor inner cores by yourself," Rita stated slowly as she sat on the sofa next to

Darryl and crossed her legs.

"Sure."

Rita was intrigued. "But you are not all that powerful."

Darryl laughed. "That is my little secret."

How could Darryl be frank about him hiding his real strength?

"Well, I will not ask for anything else that I should not be asking for," Rita remarked as she sipped her wine and smiled.

"I would like to work with you. Sell the inner cores that you have in the future. Rest assured that I will give you a much higher market price."

Rita's beautiful face turned solemn. "But on one condition. You can't tell other people or

sell the inner cores to anyone else. That is an exclusive deal between us. What do you think?"

Rita's attention was fixated on Darryl as though she was concerned.

Rita did that to stock up the inner cores so that she could exercise control over the price. She also wanted to get to know Darryl more. She was curious about how someone who appeared to be frail could get his hands on the Martial Emperor's inner core. That was amazing.

"Sure."

Darryl nodded and flashed a tiny smile. "I will think about it."

Rita was delighted to hear the reply, and she said with a big grin, "Since you have agreed to it, let's just take a rest here tonight. You look like you've just returned from the Wild

Deserted Secret Region. Here we have

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Darryl interrupted before she could finish her thought.

"No, my friend is still waiting outside,"

Darryl replied curtly.

An ordinary man would not refuse such an eager, sensual beauty, but Darryl knew Rita was no ordinary woman. He felt more cautious of her the more she expressed her enthusiasm.

Darryl was not afraid of Rita's tactics because of his power, but he did not want to waste his time there.

"Alright!" Rita was very disappointed, but she took out a special VIP card. "This is a Yellow Sky Trading VIP card. With it, you can come to me at any time, and no one will

stop you."

Darryl nodded, placed the card into his pocket, and exited the room.

Rita's delicate face became solemn as she watched Darryl leave the room. Then, she summoned two cronies and ordered, "Keep an eye on that person."

"Yes."

Suddenly, someone spoke in a low voice, "Rita, why are you so serious?"

Rita's delicate body trembled, and she quickly looked around before she saw a man in a black robe walk toward her slowly. He looked about sixty years old. He possessed a tremendous aura and a sad face.

His strength appeared to be incredible and inexplicable.

If Darryl were there, he would have been surprised to learn that the person was Zhang Jue.

Zhang Jue had founded Yellow Sky Trading. After he left the Nine Continents' camp, Zhang Jue hid in an uninhabited valley and tried every antidote he stole from Darryl's camp. Though he did not manage to find the answer, his extremely high level of comprehensive skill enabled him to finally refine the Heavenly Cult Elixir after only half a year.

Over the next year or so, Zhang Jue set up Yellow Sky Trading while he devoted his time to cultivation. The Yellow Sky Trading spread throughout the Nine Mainlands until it became the most powerful and mysterious organization there.

"My Lord," Rita addressed him respectfully.

Zhang Jue nodded and asked about the situation at the Yellow Sky Trading branch in Black Water Town. Then, he recalled something and asked, "I just saw you sent your subordinates to monitor someone. Who is that person?"

Rita immediately explained the situation.

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Zhang Jue frowned as he learned of the situation. 'An unremarkable person with two Martial Emperor inner cores?'

"What does he look like?" Zhang Jue, on high alert, inquired coldly.

"He looked cold but handsome, and there were three scars on his face," Rita described Darryl's appearance.

Zhang Jue's eyes flashed in excitement. He was delighted and shocked.

F*ck, was that Darryl? He did not die, and he was able to leave the Wild Deserted Secret Region on his own.

After the truce between The Nine Continents and the Raksasa Tribe, the continents had sent men to search for Darryl and Donoghue

in the Wild Deserted Secret Region. Three years had passed, but nothing had been discovered.

There were rumors that Darryl was dead or that he had sacrificed himself to kill Donoghue. In short, no one thought that Darryl could come back alive. After all, the Wild Deserted Secret Region was dangerous. Both Yang Jian and the Raksasa King fell, and they were also yet to be found.

Zhang Jue had determined that Rita was describing Darryl. How could he forget Darryl's looks when he held such a deep hatred and grievance toward him?

'Darryl, Darryl!'

Zhang Jue stared out the door with a gloomy and frigid smirk as he mumbled to himself, "So what if you managed to come back from the Wild Deserted Secret Region? You will

still be dead meat if you meet me."

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Meanwhile...

Darryl returned to the hall and saw Lillian waiting impatiently.

"What took you so long?" When Lillian saw Darryl walk out, she grimaced. "What did you two talk about?" she asked.

"It is nothing; we simply chit-chat," Darryl answered with a smile.

Lillian became further enraged when Darryl refused to tell her anything; she muttered, "What a lecher! You must have stayed because she is so beautiful."

Darryl laughed in his heart.

Lillian's voice was soft, but Darryl could still hear her clearly.

'Lillian is fascinating. She said she was not jealous, but she cared so much about it.'

Darryl thought about it, and he decided to tell Lillian about Rita's proposal.

"Don't ever trust that woman," Lillian said instinctively.

Darryl nodded. "I know. I only gave her a cursory response."

The two left the trading center; they talked as they walked.

"Darren!"

When they got outside, Lillian asked, "Who are you? Where did you get the two Martial Emperor inner cores?"

Lillian had been curious, and she had that question in her mind all the while, and she felt awkward not asking it.

Darryl smiled and looked at her. "I am from the Nine Continents. I have no background. I'm not famous. I got those two inner cores when I first entered the Wild Deserted Secret Region. At that time, a peerless master killed the enchanted beasts and left after that. I got lucky."

Darryl thought Lillian was simple-minded, and it was better if he did not disclose those complicated things to her.

Lillian nodded when she heard that.

'I knew that it was impossible for him to kill any Martial Emperor enchanted beasts with his level of strength.'

Before they knew it, the two had arrived at the inn where Lillian was staying.

"I'm leaving," Darryl said with a smile.

"Without me as a guide, you'd better not go to the Wild Deserted Secret Region again.

Take care."

After that, Darryl walked toward the outskirts of Black Water Town.

Lillian was reluctant to let Darryl go, but she also did not stop him.

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It was late and dark.

A few minutes later, Darryl walked out of Black Water Town to the forest's edge a few kilometers away. He was contemplating if he should release Rocky.

Darryl had no idea what had happened to the continent after being absent for three years, but Rocky had wings and could fly very rapidly, so he did not have to use up all of his internal energy to fly.

"Stop!"

Suddenly, a loud cry came from behind him, and a dozen people appeared around Darryl and surrounded him.

The leader was dressed opulently. He appeared vicious, and his rage was seen in

his eyes. It was Adenoid!

A dozen men behind him were his followers.

Darryl's bravado in front of Lillian at Yellow Sky Trading had enraged Adenoid. Adenoid adored Lillian, and he could not stand for another man to be better than himself in front of her.

Adenoid left the trading center, and he sent his guys to stand guard by the trading center's door; they kept an eye out for Darryl's whereabouts. Adenoid had his men with him and had been following Darryl since he left the trading center.

Adenoid smirked as he looked at Darryl contemptuously.

"Hillbilly, how dare you be disrespectful to me at the trading center? I warned you that I would not let you off the hook easily. Go to

hell!"

Soon after he said that, Adenoid's followers held their long sabers tightly as they dashed toward Darryl.

Adenoid laughed.

More than a dozen long sabers were brandished that night.

They flashed under the cold night light as they shrouded around Darryl.

Darryl chuckled, unfazed by the situation.

He moved swiftly to the side; in an instant, all of the long sabers missed their target, and they hit the air. They did not even touch Darryl's clothes.

'What?'

Adenoid was in a rage. He could not believe

that all his followers would miss Darryl.

What a shame!

"Adenoid! I really don't know if you are too complacent or if you simply have no brain. I've already shown you mercy at the trading center. Why do you still come here looking for death?"

Darryl sneered at Adenoid and remarked coldly.

Adenoid's most powerful disciple was nothing more than a Martial Emperor.

Adenoid's face flushed a deep red when he heard the remark. "Attack him together, destroy him," he said violently as he pointed at Darryl.

Upon the order, a dozen men clasped their long sabers tightly and rushed forward once again.

Bang! Bang!

Darryl stood in place. He did not seem like he would run at all. He moved his body around to loosen his limbs as he knocked a dozen men down to the ground easily with just a few kicks and punches. Those people were writhing and wailing on the ground in misery.

"What a bully! Damn it!"

Darryl spoke plainly and, with a swift move, he quickly arrived in front of Adenoid.

Darryl slapped Adenoid without warning!

Adenoid was caught off guard. The smack sent him flying about a dozen feet away, where he fell to the ground.

Darryl clapped his hands and took a step closer to Adenoid. "Your name is Adenoid,

right?" he asked coldly. "Do not rub me the wrong way if you want to live. Otherwise, I am not going to be merciful next time!"

Darry had been merciful, indeed. Otherwise, Adenoid and his followers would have died.

Darryl had always been cruel to people like Adenoid, but he did not want to upset Lillian, who was very involved in Black Water Town.

Therefore, he did not take any action against the despicable Adenoid.

"You—"

"Alright, don't be a stuck-up jerk," Adenoid replied between gritted teeth, covering half of his face as he stared at Darryl.

"Let's wait and see..." He made a ruthless remark, but he was extremely flustered on

the inside.

'Oh, f*ck! I'm a Martial Emperor, but I can't even avoid his slap. How irritating!'

Adenoid quickly got up and walked away. He covered his face in annoyance.

'What a fool!'

Darryl sneered.