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"What?" After witnessing Cornelius flying, the crowd was dumbfounded.

They were aware of his skills from his earlier performance. He had single-handedly defeated Ice- Fire Duo. It was nothing short of imposing.

Yet a formidable martial artist like him was severely injured by a single leaf. It was truly astonishing.

The most remarkable part was that the leaf had shot out from more than a thousand yards away.

Who could have injured a semi-grandmaster without even showing themselves?

"He's here!"

Amidst the gazes of many, an elderly man with a youthful appearance appeared at the end of Shinefield Lake.

He wore a white robe and had his hands folded behind his back. He strode across the surface of the lake as if it were solid land.

With every step he took, ripples that looked like lotuses appeared. It made the aquatic life beneath him leap from the water in response.

At first glance, it looked like a divine being had descended from the heavens. As he moved amidst clouds and mist, every gesture he made exuded an otherworldly grace.

"He walks on water! That's an unmistakable grandmaster!" someone cried out from the crowd.

At that moment, everyone burst into excitement. Many of them had never seen a grandmaster before, let alone one at such close proximity.

Grandmasters were like divine beings, distant and elusive. Seeing a grandmaster up close was undoubtedly an awe-inspiring experience.

"Mr. Kline!"

Terry's expression lit up in joy at the elderly man's appearance. The weight that had been pressing down on his heart finally lifted.

His seniors' defeat had troubled him. Now that his mentor had made his entrance, he would naturally be able to contain the situation.

"Is that Augustus Kline? His reputation is well-deserved!" Phil was delightfully surprised.

A mere leaf from a thousand yards away could defeat a semi-grandmaster. The sheer strength displayed was truly awe-inspiring.

"Hahaha... our savior has finally arrived!"

After a brief moment of shock, Maggie was thrilled. With a grandmaster present, nobody would dare cause trouble with the Doyles.

"Hah! Augustus Kline has arrived. That Dustin brat is as good as dead today!" Sitting in a wheelchair, Brittany smirked in satisfaction.

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"What Phil and his group glanced at each other in dismay. They were unsure of what to do

They thought the Ice Fire Duo would uphold the family's dignity. They hadn't anticipated the ir

sudden defeat

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"Old geezer! Who the hell are you?" Blaise held his chest. He looked both shocked and angry.

Cornelius had led him on. He was deliberately wearing him down.

Once he was weakened, Cornelius launched a fierce assault. He aimed to break through his defenses.

It was a cunning move! He couldn't accept his loss.

"It matters not who I am. I won't let you escape the consequences of laying a hand on Sir Rhys'

Cornelius' gaze hardened as he launched another strike, his palm launching with relentless force.

Since Blaise was an enemy, he didn't need to show Mercy.

"Outrageous!"

A sudden, thunderous voice shattered the air, causing the lake's surface to ripple.

Those who stood by the lake felt their breathing hitch, and their ears rang. It almost felt like a

mountain was pressing down on them.

A piercing whistle accompanied the thunderous voice. A stream of brilliant white light shot toward them from the end of Shinefield Lake. It left a long trail in the air.

It carried an explosive force, and it was aimed directly at Cornelius. Wherever the light traversed, it split the lake in half like a blade cutting through jelly.

"Huh?" Cornelius' expression turned grim.

Targeted by the oncoming power, he could only cross his arms and exert all of his true energy to defend against it.

The brilliant white light surged forth like a meteor. It hit Cornelius and his protective true energy

barrier.

An explosive boom reverberated in the air.

In the next instant, it was like Cornelius was hit by a train. He hurtled a long distance backward,

blood spraying from his mouth.

Following the attack, the brilliant white light descended gently. It swayed in the wind.

Unbelievably, it turned out to be a leaf!

A flying leaf capable of inflicting harm from a thousand meters away—that was the power of a grandmaster!

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The water sphere exploded with a pop. Even the fish inside exploded into a bloody mist.

“Huh?” Augustus frowned at the unexpected scene.

Though he had made a simple attack, it wasn't an attack an ordinary person could defend against.

“Augustus Kline, your opponent is me. Dustin stepped out while shielding Cornelius.

“So you're Dustin Rhys?”

Augustus gave him a once-over. His gaze was sharp, cold, and imposing. He exuded an air of indifference, resembling a God looking down upon insignificant mortals.

“That would be me.” Dustin was stoic.

“Break your limbs, destroy your core, and apologize to Terry on your knees. That way, I will let you live,” Augustus spat out coldly.

Although his tone was relatively composed, an underlying dominance was unmistakably present.

“Hey, Rhys! Did you hear that? Hurry up and destroy your core, then kneel and apologize!” Terry yelled arrogantly.

He wouldn’t pass up the chance to humiliate Dustin. After all, Dustin would be entirely under his control once he lost his cultivation

“Hmph! You’re lucky to be able to keep your pathetic life.” Maggie sneered. She crossed her arms

with disdain.

Augustus was too kind. She would have ended him with a single strike instead .

“We haven’t even started our fight. But you’re already making bold claims. Aren’t you getting ahead of yourself?” Dustin said impassively.

“What? You’re still brave enough to challenge me?” Augustus cast Dustin a sidelong glance.

It was just a glance, but a fierce wind roared around them. Even water rippled endlessly.

“No, you’ve got it wrong.” Dustin’s gaze grew increasingly sharp.

“I’m not here to challenge you. I’m here to cripple you!”

His words ignited a frenzy among the crowd.

“What the f*ck? Is this guy out of his mind? He actually spoke to Augustus like that?”

“This guy is too naive. He has no idea how terrifying a grandmaster can be!”

“How is he so arrogant at his age? He’s practically asking for death!”

Dustin’s words had caused a tremendous stir among the crowd.

Some admonished him, some sneered at him with disdain, and others sought to add fuel to the fire.

Who did he think Augustus Kline was?

Augustus was a grandmaster who will a present moment provoke a **suicide** nymmer like him was essentially asking for death.

“Arrogant brat You must die today! Not even the emperor can save your

Though Augustus was slightly taken aback, he soon erupted in fury. He shot a cross the air as he

launched a palm strike

In an instant, the lake divided in half, and a surging wave emerged.

A massive pillar of water suddenly shot up into the sky, resembling a giant python. It twisted around twice before crashing down violently on Dustin.

As it passed, a wild wind raged and caused aquatic life to jump out. Even massive trees toppled

The power shown was utterly terrifying.

“Now that you’ve angered Augustus, let’s see if you can survive this!”

Upon seeing this, the disciples of the Jade Maiden Sisterhood gloated openly.

“Hmph! Challenging a grandmaster is like bringing a knife to a gunfight. That guy is digging his

own grave!”

The members of the Doyle family sneered. It was as if they were looking at a corpse.

“A grandmaster should never be insulted. This young man is probably going to meet his end here.” Conrad sighed as he shook his head, feeling regretful.

“This guy has committed endless crimes. He deserves to die!”

The Hill family applauded and cheered. They felt vindicated.

Almost everyone believed that Dustin was sure to be a dead man.

Just as the python–
like column of water was about to come crashing down on Dustin, he suddenly

moved

With a quick tap of his toes, he launched himself forward. He turned into a white streak of light as he broke through the “python” and continued toward Augustus.

“Huh?” Augustus’ expression shifted dramatically.

He unleashed a series of palm strikes, creating numerous water pillars as he tried to stop Dustin. However, the light was unstoppable as it pierced through all the pillars.

Eventually, the light arced through the air. Then, it collided with a tremendous force against Augustus’ protective true energy barrier.

With a resounding bang, Augustus’ protective barrier exploded, dissolving into waves of light.

His body was thrown upwards like a kite disconnected from its string. Then, he fell into the lake.

Augustus disappeared from view.

A deathly silence engulfed the scene. Only the sound of water bubbling on the surface of the lake

could be heard.

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Only silence filled the scene.

Everyone was dumbfounded. Their eyes widened in disbelief.

Nobody expected a great martial artist like Augustus to crash into the water with one strike.

He was a grandmaster, for God's sake! His presence was like a divine being to ordinary martial

artists.

A flick of a finger could take a life, and a simple attack could defeat a divine-level martial **artist!**

Under normal circumstances, a top-tier skilled martial artist like him should be invincible. He could crush everything effortlessly.

What the hell was going on, then? The revered Augustus was defeated on their first encounter. How the hell was that possible?

After a brief silence, the area around Shinefield Lake erupted into a frenzy.

"Oh my God! Am I seeing things? Augustus Kline was sent into the water?"

"No! That's not possible! A grandmaster is like God. How could an ordinary person compare?"

"A grandmaster can only be defeated by another grandmaster. Could that man actually be a grandmaster already?"

"A young grandmaster! He's actually a young grandmaster!"

"We have a monster in the Balerno martial arts alliance!"

The excitement at the scene reached its peak as the crowd looked at Dustin standing on the

surface of the lake. All of them were dumbstruck.

“H—How is that possible? H—He. He’s a grandmaster?”

It was as if Terry was hit by lightning as the color drained from his face.

He had thought Dustin was only slightly stronger than him. He didn’t expect him to turn out to be

a grandmaster already. If Dustin wanted to kill him, it would be like killing an ant.

The blow left him in despair. It wasn’t only him. The rest of the Doyle family members looked astonished and scared.

“Why? Why is he so strong?”

Brittany shook her head continuously in disbelief. She couldn’t accept that that fanboy was a formidable fighter.

“We’re doomed... We offended a young grandmaster. We’re in big trouble!”

Letitia was terrified. She broke out in a cold sweat!

“How could this be? Why the hell is he a grandmaster?”

Edith was shocked and jealous. She had trained for many years but was unable to make a

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It was Augustus, who was just sent crashing into the water!

His hair was disheveled, and his entire body was drenched. He looked awful.

He wasn't badly injured. However, he couldn't get back his initial glory as a grandmaster.

"Master Augustus is actually alright? That's great!"

Seeing this, Terry was reenergized. He also regained his confidence.

The surprised crowd also had their hopes restored.

Dustin was indeed a young grandmaster, but Augustus was a grandmaster too. Earlier, he had been too reckless.

Augustus had underestimated his enemy, which led to his loss.

As a veteran grandmaster, Augustus would surely be more skilled if they fought head-on.

"Young man, how dare you attack me by surprise?"

Augustus came out of the water. He gritted his teeth with a fierce expression.

He looked as though he wanted to eat somebody.

Augustus had never felt so embarrassed. He had his dignity wiped by a punk in front of everyone.

It was a huge humiliation!

"A surprise attack? But you attacked first."

Dustin put his hands behind his back. He stood on the surface of the lake, his body moving up and down with the waves.

"Hmph, I underestimated you earlier. That's why you managed to find an opportunity to strike," Augustus said.

Then, he continued, "This time, I won't hold back. I'll show you the difference between us as grandmasters!"

With that, Augustus tapped his foot on the surface of the lake. A huge wave burst out.

At the same time, his whole body shot up like an arrow from a bow. He flew toward Dustin.

Wherever he flew over, his grandmaster's energy formed a large trench on the surface of the lake.

Dustin wasn't afraid at all. He also shot himself upward to meet Augustus.

Like cars speeding toward each other, they collided.

Then came a loud, earth-shattering noise.

When they collided, water splashed up as high as fifty feet.

An energy light wave burst forth. It made a huge wave that crashed violently in every direction.

Wave after wave slammed against the land!

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After that move, the two people in the middle of the lake didn't stop there. They continued to attack each other.

They exchanged blows, each giving and taking.

They created countless splashes and roaring waves.

Even from three hundred feet away, everyone could feel their overwhelming power.

Every attack seemed capable of destroying the earth and moving mountains.

They were all scared out of their minds.

"This is what grandmaster martial artists are like? They're as scary as I thought!"

"This battle is intense. I really don't know who will win."

"Is that even a question? Of course, it's going to be Sir Augustus. Can't you see that the punk is already struggling to catch his breath?"

"That's right! As a veteran grandmaster, Sir Augustus has a solid foundation. He has several tricks up his sleeve, so he ought to emerge victorious."

As the crowd watched the fight, they even made all sorts of comments to the point of being overly critical.

To them, Dustin could only get the upper hand earlier because Augustus had underestimated him.

Otherwise, how could he have had an advantage?

At that moment, there was a thunderous noise from the middle of the lake.

In an instant, the earth swayed, and the waves surged.

Amid strong waves, the two figures clashed. Then, they retreated several hundred feet in separate directions.

At last, they regained their footing on the surface of the lake.

In the next second, Dustin suddenly spat out a mouthful of dark blood.

His figure swayed, and he almost fell into the water.

"Hahaha... he lost! The punk lost!"

Terry and the others cheered in delight.

"As expected of Sir Augustus. He deserves his reputation. How impressive!"

The Hill family also perked up.

"Hmph, so what if he's a young grandmaster? He'll still die in Sir Augustus' hands."

The disciples from the Jade Maiden Sisterhood celebrated Dustin's defeat. They kicked him while

he was down.

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expected.

"Punk, do you know what strength looks like? This is the gap between grandmasters! You should be honored to die by my hand today!"

Augustus cackled

As he laughed, his body suddenly exploded like a balloon!

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entire being turned into a cloud of fog, and nothing was left of his body!

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"What

The crowd was stunned as they watched blood fog fill the air

They were all rooted to the spot. It was as if they'd been struck by lightning

No one could have expected to see such a shocking sight.

Didn't Augustus win?

Why? Why did he suddenly explode?

That was none other than Sir Augustus, the peerless grandmaster martial artist!

He was a living legend!

Someone like him died... just like that?!

He was dead?!

"Master...?" Terry's jaw dropped open

He stood there in a daze. His face paled.

He couldn't believe his eyes. His invincible, extraordinary master had suddenly exploded and died.

Even his body was gone.

"He's dead? Sir Augustus is actually dead?!"

After a brief silence, the crowd broke out in chaos.

"Oh my god, what the hell just happened? I can't be dreaming, can I?"

"No—no way! How did a grandmaster martial artist die?"

"The sky is falling... The sky is falling!"

Right now, all the martial artists were extremely shocked.

They were all scared out of their wits. They felt their hair stand on end.

When Dustin coughed up blood, they were certain that Augustus won.

Yet, in the next second, he'd exploded and died.

That unexpected twist came out of nowhere.

Looking at Dustin, everyone screamed internally, "What kind of monster is he?!"

Shock, confusion, anger, jealousy, fear... Various emotion crossed their faces.

Although it was hard to believe, they had to admit that this young grandmaster was going to shock the world! Thousands would submit to him!

Under everyone's gazes, Dustin walked across the surface of the water toward the land.

His complexion was pale, and there were still traces of dark blood at the corner of his mouth.

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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."