**Chapter 87: The dildo I was pampering smelled like another woman's scent (2)**

Idelbert asked, frowning.

“Apprentice, what the hell happened to you?”

“What?”

Idelbert's eyes lowered.

Finally, her gaze landed on my hipbone.

“⋯⋯”

Idelbert stared at my hump, then slowly closed her eyes.

Oso-so-.

‘⋯What?’

A creepy sensation shot up my spine and spread to my brain.

What the hell. I think I just got raped.

I've been groped and raped before, but never so quickly.

‘⋯Ah, no way.’

I pounded my head to clear my thoughts. I hoped I had misunderstood.

“No, no, no. Let's talk about it later.”

With that, Idelbert turned away from me.

“Hmm. That gentleman is⋯”

This time, the middle-aged woman standing next to Idelbert looked at me appraisingly.

I couldn't help but roll my eyes. Her eyes traced my biceps, pectoralis major, and abs.

“⋯”

Idelbert looked at the middle-aged woman with a furrowed brow, then motioned to me.

I walked to her side without a word.

When Idelbert frowned, which was a rare occurrence for himher it meant that she was very uncomfortable.

It was wise to play along.

Sigh.

When Idelbert stood beside me, she casually placed her hand on my waist.

“Say hello. This is my dildo.”

““⋯Yes?””

The middle-aged woman and I stared blankly at Idelbert.

Idelbert clicked his tongue at the sight.

“Smile. I can't make any jokes, you're just a disciple now.”

I couldn't keep a straight face because I knew she wasn't joking.

The word “for now” bothered me a lot.

“Ah, haha. I see, you're a disciple of the Union Leader⋯”

The middle-aged woman, who had a puzzled expression on her face, gave me an even more curious glance as soon as she heard that I was Idelbert's disciple.

“Hmph. I'm Arpo, a labyrinth ecologist and a professor at the academy.”

Professor Arpo casually extended her hand to me.

‘Arpo?’

I recognized the name from memory.

She’s Reichem, the fallen graduate student and an outlaw who practiced illusionary magic, advisor.

A character who took on the task of obtaining the staff of a shaman in order to find a way to save her son, who'd been maimed by a beast in the Labyrinth.

And.

A person who is more devilish than the devil to some, who delayed a graduate student's graduation for a full 10 years.

 ‘Not my problem.’

Professors often do crazy things like delay graduation for 10 years, but it's the undergraduates and teaching assistants who are affected.

Outside of the academy, they are seen by others as vastly knowledgeable and highly authoritative.

Even if you want to meet them, you can't easily make friends with them.

“Nice to meet you, I'm Balkan, a junior explorer.”

This was my chance to make a connection. I took Arpo's hand and shook it.

Professor Arpo's eyes flickered slightly at the word “junior explorer,” but she quickly managed her expression.

“You're a junior explorer, and yet you've become a disciple of the Union Leader?”

“I was lucky.”

“Luck⋯ The position of the Union Leader's disciple is not something that can be earned simply by luck.”

Arpo's eyes traveled to the lower left corner of my face, exposed by the broken helmet.

“You look young, and you must be very skilled.”

“You're flattering me, did you fare better with the Shaman Hobgoblin staff?”

“⋯How, oh, no?”

Professor Arpo chuckled as he realized the situation.

“So you're a party member of that lowly dwarf. What a coincidence!”

Looks like Joy Hog had done a good job. I look forward to getting paid.

“Are you done talking?”

Idelbert glared at Professor Arpo, who had been talking to me.

She looked rather sharp somehow.

“Ah, yes!"'

“I assume you've perfected the tuning of the illusion magic as well?”

Idelbert asked Professor Arpo, holding up something in his hand.

‘A coin?’

The coin, which resembled a gold coin, had a hole in the center, and a thin thread was tied to it.

It looked like something you'd find in an old-fashioned hypnotic manga.

“You can use it anytime. Would you like to try it now?”

“No. Thanks. I'll try it myself later. You can go now.”

“Yes.”

Professor Arpo bowed her head and retreated at Idelbert's words.

Professor Arpo took the stairs instead of the elevator.

I was mildly surprised to see Idelbert demeaning the professor.

I knew Idelbert's status was high, but was it this high?

Even so, I was surprised to see an Academy professor bow to her like that.

“Pupil.”

“Yes. Master.”

And I am a disciple of such a person.

If I do well, Idelbert will give me what I need: connections, battle experience and advice on the Labyrinth.

The day Idelbert offered me a master-disciple relationship, I had a stroke of good fortune.

“Have you copulated with Diana?”

My head was instantly cold, as if I had just taken a cold shower.

“⋯Yes? Did I hear wrong?”

“Have you copulated with Diana?”

Idelbert looked at me with expressionless eyes.

She spoke in a very normal way, as if she were having a casual conversation, but⋯ what she said was deeply disturbing.

‘⋯What, how did you know?’

Had she been spying on me, had she seen me sulking with Diana?

Suddenly, I remembered the black cat that had followed her to her first meeting with Idelbert.

Did she spy on me through that thing she kept like a minion?

-Sniff.

Just as I was about to question her, Idelbert sniffed.

“I can smell the stench of aged semen all the way up here.”

Apparently, my guess was wrong.

‘You can smell it?’

Even if she was beast woman, how good of a sense of smell did she has to do that?

‘No, I mean, can you do that when you're a level 70 Great Power?’

I was dumbfounded.

“⋯No, it's a bit too much to call it mating⋯”

“Be honest, your smell tells me everything.”

Idelbert stepped closer to me.

Wrapped in a sleek leotard suit, she paused just before the large baby milk dispenser touched my body.

I locked eyes with Idelbert, who stood right in front of me, looking at me with a questioning look on her face.

After a moment's deliberation, I let out a heavy sigh.

‘Yeah, fuck it. I'm an adult.’

It's not like adults can't have a little smartass spanking, huh?!

I was proud. I figured why bother hiding it, so I just said it.

“If your definition of copulation is sex, we didn't copulate, but we did rub our pussy and dick together.”

I felt a surge of embarrassment as I said it, but I swallowed hard.

Idelbert nodded in satisfaction at my honesty.

“Good for you for being honest, apprentice. Yes, that's all right.”

I don't know what the hell is okay, but Idelbert nodded as she said that.

“She’s the first to bid, so I should understand that much.”

And with that, she nodded again, this time with a heavy sigh.

‘⋯Pre-bid?’

For some reason, the wordings made me feel lightheaded.

I felt like a public dildo.

I forced the negative thoughts out of my head.

“Still, if possible, put off having sex with Diana until later. Even though Diana is retired, I still need her strength.”

 “I can't anyway, because of the curse.”

“Well, that's a relief.”

Lucky? I don't know. At least it wasn't something Idelbert would say.

Because she, too, had the Curse of Rejecting Lousy Dicks but that's just it, and as I listened to Idelbert, I had a small question.

“⋯But what does Diana’s power has to do with sex?”

“Ah. You don't know about Diana's blessings, do you?”

From the way she spoke, Idelbert seemed to know about Diana's blessing.

Idelbert stroked her chin for a moment, pondering, then smirked.

“It's no fun if I tell you. Maybe one day, when you're stronger than Diana, you can ask her yourself.”

‘Stronger than Diana.’

I nodded.

“Master. Do you think I can become stronger than Ms. Diana?”

“Hmm. I don't know about in her prime, but at your current level, it would take at least five years, assuming, of course, that you continue your tremendous growth.”

‘At least five years.’

Considering the years of experience of other Explorers around me, such as Jubeel and Joy Hog, it would be impossible for me to become strong enough to be an Advanced Explorer in five years.

But Idelbert said I'd be an Advanced Explorer level in five years.

'That's too long.’

Five years is too long. I can't last that long.

Even Idelbert recognized the speed of my growth.

I'm getting stronger and stronger quickly through all the hardships but people don't always grow.

Often you will hit a wall and get lost but if there is someone who can take the hand of the lost and guide them to the right path.

“How long would it take if I received special training from Master?”

 Idelbert closed her eyes at my question.

She seemed to be simulating my future training regimen.

I don't know, but I'm guessing it's going to be even more rigorous than the damnedest training I've ever had.

After a moment's consideration, she opened her eyes.

“Assuming you don't mind the intensity of the training, or the danger, or any of that nonsense, and just do what I tell you to do.”

Idelbert smirked.

“You’ll get your money’s worth in three years.”

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Idelbert chuckled to herself at Balkan's enthusiasm for training.

‘Yes, apprentice, you need to get stronger.’

Kongdak. Kongdak.

‘Then, my virginity too⋯’

 Idelbert's womb, which had begun to ovulate an egg, clenched and unclenched in anticipation as she smelled Balkan's body odor and semen, which rose to the surface just by standing.

‘Diana. I'll take charge of our dildo and train him.’

Inside the claustrophobic training room Idelbert's special training began.