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James nodded slightly.

Yasmine did not linger for long and hurriedly headed to the underground basement in the courtyard to look for Xavi.

“Grand Patriarch.”

Upon arriving at the underground basement, she lowered her head.

“Is something else the matter?” Xavi asked coldly.

Yasmine said, “Here’s how it is, Grand Patriarch. You ordered me to sell the family’s businesses, but I believed that money was worthless to us. So, I contacted James and informed him of my wish to sell the businesses to him. Here’s what I think-we can give him our family’s lucrative businesses in exchange for the secret of the four paintings left behind by the Prince of Orchid Mountain.”

Upon hearing this, Xavi’s face lit up.

The four paintings left behind by the Prince of Orchid Mountain...

They were passed down a millennium ago. Rumors say that they concealed the secret to immortality.

However, the Lee family’s painting was stolen by none other than Thomas. Xavi would have made his way to the Cadens already if not for the fact that he stood no chance against him. Back then, during the Mount Thunder Conference, not even the combined forces of the three families could defeat Bennett and Tobias. In the end, James showed up and even killed the Johnstons’ family head. Only then did the other three families quiet down.

“I wish to see him in person.”

Xavi stood up and left the underground basement.

In the Lees’ living room...

Quincy was chit-chatting with Xiomara. Meanwhile, James was conversing with Maxine in whispers.

Soon, a fifty-year-old-looking man walked in. He was wearing an ancient white robe with a lifelike dragon embroidered onto it.

“Hahaha... James!”

Before Xavi even approached them, his voice boomed.

Then, he walked over to the sofa and took his seat. Looking at James, he praised, "Though you're young, you managed to cross into the eighth rank. In the future, you will definitely reach the ninth rank."

James had seen Xavi before. However, the last time they met, Xavi looked like his life was hanging by a thread. Now, however, he was much more youthful, and he looked more energetic and spirited than ever.

"You flatter me." James smiled.

Xavi cut to the chase and asked, "I heard from Yasmine that you intend to purchase the Lees' businesses?"

"That's my plan."

Xavi's expression turned grim, and he said, "James, my conditions are simple. I need you to return the painting that was stolen from us by the Cadens."

Upon hearing this, James smiled bitterly, and he said, "I'm afraid I'm incapable of accomplishing such a feat. After all, it was my grandfather who stole the painting, not me. Besides, I can't locate his current whereabouts at the moment."

Looking at James, Xavi uttered word by word, "In that case, have you seen the Four Ancient Paintings?" James shook his head, "No, I've only seen the Cadens' Moonlit Flowers on Cliffside's Edge."

"Then, have you unraveled the secret of the Moonlit Flowers on Cliffside's Edge? Has your grandfather unraveled the mystery of the Four Ancient Paintings?"

James nodded his head and said, "Yes, I have. Rumors say that by unraveling the secret of the four paintings, one can attain immortality. This fact is accurate. After all, it records reliable information about the Spirit Turtle of the Mount Thunder Sect."

"The Four Ancient Paintings also record top-notch martial arts. My conditions are simple. Tell me the secret of the Moonlit Flowers on Cliffside's Edge and the Four Ancient Paintings and I will give you the fortune of the Lee family. Not only that, but you also have to swear that you will ask your grandfather for the painting he stole from us and return it to us. How does that sound?"

Xavi listed out his demands.

James was lost in thought.

After a while, he said, "Since I don't have the painting on me at the moment, I can't return it to you. As for the other demands... I will allow you to see the Moonlit Flowers on Cliffside's Edge, the objects that were unearthed from the ancient tomb of the Prince of Orchid Mountain, and even tell you about the secret of the paintings. How does that sound?"

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James weighed his options. He believed that telling Xavi the secret of the Moonlit Flowers on Cliffside's Edge and the martial arts recorded within in exchange for the Lee family's fortune was a great deal.

He was unconcerned that Xavi would cultivate the martial arts recorded within the Moonlit Flowers on Cliffside's Edge since they demanded great True Energy. Besides, it required a man and a woman and both True Yin and Yang Energy to cultivate.

Xavi smiled bitterly and said, "James, do you have any idea how much fortune the Lee family has

amassed over the past century? I'm only demanding you to return what's mine and to tell me the secret of the Four Ancient Paintings. Surely this isn't too demanding?"

"Not at all..." James continued, "But since I don't have the painting with me, there's nothing I can do."

Hearing this, Xavi fell silent.

The atmosphere became tense.

James remained silent as well and waited for Xavi to speak his mind.

After a while, Xavi said, "How about this? I don't need you to return my painting. Find Thomas and ask him to allow me to view the Four Ancient Paintings for three days. What do you think?"

Xavi made a compromise.

The paintings did not matter. What mattered were the ancient martial arts recorded in them. In just three days, he could imitate everything. That way, he could peacefully live in seclusion and only reappear after a few decades had passed. When that day came, there would be no one else left to stand in his way. "James, this is where I draw my line. If you can't gather all four paintings, please return."

Xavi pointed at the door. Then, he stood up and turned to leave.

Yasmine looked at James apologetically and said, "James, these are the demands of the Grand Patriarch. Reconsider them carefully. Bring the Four Ancient Paintings here the next time you come."

After saying that, she turned to leave.

James shrugged and said, "Let's return for now."

The three left the Lees' residence.

At the same time, in the Lees' courtyard...

“Grand Patriarch, aren't you pushing it a little? Even if James is willing, there's no way he can persuade Thomas.”

Xavi thought about it and said, “Not at all. Keep in mind that this is our fortune amassed over the century. I merely needed to know the secret of the Four Ancient Paintings and to view them for a period of three days, James must be eager to obtain the wealth of our family to make the necessary preparations for his control of Sol. I believe that he will talk some sense into Thomas. Let's not be hasty for now. We just need to wait patiently.”

“Understood,” Yasmine said.

After James and the others left, they returned home.

Upon arriving home, Thea asked, “How did it go, Darling?”

James shrugged and said, “We couldn't come to an agreement. The Lees demanded to know the secret

of the Four Ancient Paintings and to view them for three days. I'd have surely agreed to their terms if I had them with me. However, Grandpa's the one who stole them. Where am I supposed to find him?”

“Looking for me?”

At that moment, Thomas' voice came from outside.

Then, he walked in and sat on the sofa.

He was looking much better than he was in the morning.

“You're finally here, Grandpa.”

James was delighted.

He really could not figure his grandfather out.

“Do you want to the remaining three paintings?”

Thomas looked at James.

“Mhm.”

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James said, “I need to trade the secret of the Four Ancient Paintings in exchange for the Lee family's wealth.”

"Leave everything to me. I will head over to the Lees' residence with the Four Ancient Paintings and bargain with Xavi. You simply have to take over their fortunes." After saying that, Thomas stood up and left.

"Grandpa, wait!" James shouted.

However, Thomas was gone without a trace.

James sighed.

"By the way..."

Quincy asked, "Can we get Xiomara over to our side?"

"Huh?"

James looked at Quincy.

Quincy said, "I desperately need a few assistants. Xiomara is competent. My workload will be much more manageable if she stays. Besides, she knows more about the situation in the Capital than me, so I believe that she's more suitable than I am to deal with this."

Upon hearing this, James looked at Maxine and said, "Give Yasmine a call and explain the situation to her."

"Got it."

Maxine pulled her phone out and called Yasmine. "Yasmine, everything's resolved on our side. Thomas has agreed to your terms. He's now on his way to the Lees' residence with the Four Ancient Paintings to negotiate with Xavi. However, we have a tiny request we'd like to make."

After hearing this, Yasmine was delighted. She hurriedly said, "Feel free to speak your mind."

Maxine said, "Oh, it's nothing big. We would like Xiomara to stay after the negotiations. After all, she's the one in charge of these businesses in the first place. After James receives the Lee family's fortune, she'll continue to manage these businesses for him. How does that sound?"

"Uhm..."

Yasmine was in a bind.

Based on what Xavi said, every single member of the Lee family would be leaving the Capital. By leaving Xiomara alone behind, it would be tantamount to announcing to the world that the Lee family was on James' side. If James lost the power struggle, the consequences would be dire for the Lees.

"Maxine, I can't make the decision alone. I have to consult the Grand Patriarch first."

"I await your good news."

After the brief conversation, Maxine hung up the phone. Then, he looked at James and said, "You heard her. Yasmine can't make the decision herself. She will first have to consult Xavi."

Quincy said, "It's fine even if it doesn't work out. We just need to get our hands on the Lee family's fortune. With their wealth, we can speed up our development. However, we need to further bind our interests with the others."

"I know. I will find Delilah's father as soon as possible and sign a cooperation agreement with him."

They waited patiently.

Half an hour later, Yasmine called. She told them that Xavi had agreed to James' demand. Xiomara would remain in the Capital and continue to manage the businesses.

After resolving the matter, James breathed a sigh of relief. Now, he just had to wait for the negotiations to be completed after Xavi finished viewing the Four Ancient Paintings.

As for the Moonlit Flowers on Cliffside's Edge, James could not care less. Since Thomas said that he would be heading over to the Lees' residence with the Four Ancient Paintings, he must have obtained the Moonlit Flowers on Cliffside's Edge and the 18-meridian diagram.

For the next few days, James did nothing. Every force in the Capital watched him closely.

After three days had passed, the Lee family contacted James and allowed him to take over their family businesses. James simply delegated Quincy and Maxine to manage them in his stead.

At night, three days later...

Delaineey suddenly appeared in Thea's house and said, "James, I have news."

James said eagerly, "Speak."

Delaineey said, "I just received news from my father that the missing ancient martial artists were all imprisoned on a mountain in Malgudi. Your hypothesis is correct. Lucjan Owen is the one behind the scenes. According to reliable intelligence, there's a secret research laboratory that conducts research on viruses there."

"Just as I thought!"

James' expression darkened.

"This time, I'm going to capture Lucjan and his gang in one fell swoop. Ms. Delaineey, contact Mr. Cabral and the various families and sects of the ancient martial world. We will gather in Malgudi and obliterate this research laboratory. We will save the abducted ancient martial artists and deal the Gu Sect a heavy blow."

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Thea, who was by James' side, suppressed a snicker.

How could the Mount Thunder Sect possibly have such intelligence-gathering skills? The Celestial Sect was the one who discovered this. Since she was at a loss over how to deliver this information to James, she simply revealed it to the Mount Thunder Sect, which would then convey the message to James.

"Mhm, I'll contact Father immediately."

Delainey immediately called Jackson. She told him that James was prepared to make a move. She also informed him that James wanted the Mount Thunder Sect to contact the various families and sects of the ancient martial world in secret and gather in Malgudi.

After hearing this, Jackson immediately made the necessary arrangements.

"James, Father said that he will make the necessary arrangements at once. All ancient martial artists of Sol would be assembled in three days. However, we can't leave the Celestial Sect out. Aren't you acquainted with White Eagle of the Celestial Sect? I think you should inform the Celestial Sect and invite its Sect Leader along. It would be great if we can annihilate Lucjan once and for all."

"Alright, I'll inform White Eagle right away."

James did not hesitate at all.

Pulling his phone out, he gave White Eagle a call.

Half an hour later, White Eagle arrived at Thea's house.

"Hahaha... James..."

Upon arriving at Thea's house, White Eagle laughed. "My subordinates have been waiting eagerly for your orders all this while. However, you didn't act at all."

James smiled and said, "The operation has begun. However, since Tobias of the Phantom Army didn't show himself, I have no need for your assistance. I called you here today for something else."

"Oh? Tell me more about it."

James briefed him about the situation.

"The martial artists were abducted to Malgudi. Lucjan wants to control them using Gu venom. To put a stop to their wicked deeds, I need to work with the Celestial Sect. Tell your Sect Leader to come to Malgudi with us and obliterate the Gu Sect's research laboratory."

“Sure, I’ll inform the Deputy Sect Leader.”

Although White Eagle was the Left Envoy, he had no authorization to inform the Sect Leader. Only the Deputy Sect Leader had the right to do so.

“Go, then.”

James waved slightly.

White Eagle swiftly left.

After making the necessary arrangements, James said, “Thea, I’m heading over to the Cadens’ residence.

I require Bennett’s help, after all. The more martial artists we can mobilize, the higher our chance of

winning. I hope we can also lure Lucjan to Malgudi and annihilate him there.”

“Go on, then.”

Thea said with a bright smile, “After getting rid of Lucjan, annihilating the Gu Sect would be a piece of cake.”

“I’ll be back soon.”

James hurriedly headed to the Cadens’ residence. Soon, he arrived.

After the fierce battle not too long ago, the reconstruction was still ongoing.

In the courtyard of the Cadens’ residence...

James and Bennett were walking side by side.

Upon hearing James’ words, Bennett’s expression turned grim, and he said, “Have you thought about this carefully, James? Do you really intend to make a move now?”

James nodded and said, “Time waits for no man. I have to save these martial artists before the Gu Sect completely controls them. If we delay any longer, it would be too late.”

“Alright then, I’ll lend you a helping hand.”

Bennett did not hesitate in the slightest. However, he said anxiously, “After refining the Spirit Turtle core, Lucjan’s strength has increased by leaps and bounds. Now, he has even colluded with the Blood Race. The First Blood Emperor is no pushover, We have to plan this well. If we lose, everything will be over.” James smiled and said, “Don’t worry, Grand Patriarch. Callan Maverick has regained his strength too. I will contact him and ask him to come along. Not only that, but I will also bring Grandpa along. That means we’ll have a few eighth-rank grandmasters on our side. If Grandpa agrees to help us out, everything will be fine. Besides, we still have the Sect Leader of the Celestial Sect on our side.”

“Very good... Inform me when you intend to begin operation.”

“Thank you, Grand Patriarch.”

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James was thankful.

After persuading Bennett, he gave Callan a call. Ever since they parted ways in Durandal, James had not seen Callan again. He had no idea if he was still in the Capital at the moment.

Soon, the call went through.

“What’s wrong, James? Why are you calling at this hour? Did something happen?”

“Where are you, Callan?”

Callan said, “I’m at the Divine Sword Villa at the moment.”

“What are you doing there?”

“Trying to repair Excalibur, of course. Only the Divine Sword Villa is capable of repairing the sword in the whole wide world. The owner of the place only agreed to repair Excalibur after I defeated him in a duel. However, I’m afraid it would take quite some time for the repairs. It won’t be finished for a couple of years.”

“You see, I plan to make a move against the Gu Sect...”

James narrated the chain of events that unfolded to Callan.

Upon hearing this, the other end of the phone fell silent.

After some time, Callan said, “Don’t act recklessly for now. We’ll discuss things once I return. I’ll be back in the Capital tomorrow morning.”

Beep!

After saying that, he hung up the phone.

James did not linger at the Cadens’ residence and hurriedly returned home.

That night, he remained at home and slept.

Meanwhile, the Mount Thunder Sect contacted the various families and sects within Sol. The Heaven and Earth Sect, the Sylvan Sect, and the Five Swirling Blades Sect all received the Mount Thunder Sect’s invitation. They all agreed to send martial artists over to the Mount Thunder Sect.

In the silence of the night...

In a courtyard in the Capital...

“How shrewd of you...”

Lucjan said delightedly, “James is getting desperate. After contacting the Mount Thunder Sect, they have begun gathering martial artists in preparation for their expedition to Malgudi. When that happens, we can capture them all in one fell swoop.”

Ezekiel said while wearing a composed look on his face, “I didn’t expect them to take so long just to find out about Malgudi.”

“However...” Lucjan’s expression was grim. “James has many powerful martial artists on his side. I’m worried that...”

Ezekiel said, “Relax, I have already set up a foolproof trap in Malgudi. No matter how powerful they are, they will not leave that place alive.”

Hearing this, Lucjan was at ease, “I’ll contact the First Blood Emperor at once.”

At the same time...

Sky, who was beside Tobias, said, “Tobias, your opportunity has come. The martial artists of Sol are about to gather in Malgudi. This must be Lucjan’s plot. He plans to lure James there and annihilate them all at once. If you can absorb the martial arts of the martial artists, you will surely make a breakthrough into the ninth rank and become undefeatable.”

“Hahaha...”

Tobias laughed.

“When both are weakened, it will be time for my Great Law of Absorption to shine.”

Sky smiled. “I’d like to congratulate you in advance for becoming the most powerful individual in the world. However, I hope you won’t forget our deal.”

“Don’t worry... When that day comes, I will control the ancient martial world, while you will control the outside world.”

Tobias laughed and left.

After he left, Sky’s expression darkened, and he muttered silently under his breath, “Just you wait, Tobias. I’ll be the one who laughs last.”

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After Callan told him not to act recklessly, James did not contact anyone else. After he returned home, he simply rested.

In the room at night...

Thea held James in her embrace and asked softly, "Darling, when are we going to Malgudi?"

James said, "We'll wait for news from the Mount Thunder Sect. Once I discuss matters with Callan tomorrow, I'll head over to the Mount Thunder Sect and meet up with Jackson Cabral."

Thea said with consternation, "I feel like something's amiss."

James asked, "Why? What's wrong?"

The Celestial Sect was the one who found out about this. However, Thea was worried about the manner in which they investigated. This was information obtained by disciples of the Celestial Sect who successfully infiltrated the Gu Sect. This matter should be one of the Gu Sect's top secrets, which only high-ranking members would know. However, the Celestial Sect managed to get its hands on the information without great difficulty. Their objective could be to lure James and the ancient martial artists there to annihilate them all at once.

Thea was lost in contemplation. Naturally, she could not divulge how she managed to learn of this.

"I don't know either... It's just my instinct."

Smiling, James said, "Relax, everything will be fine. Almost the entire martial world will be joining us. Even if the entire nation of Malgudi is a trap, we will simply break through it."

Even so, Thea was still worried.

The Gu Sect utilized Gu venom. No matter how powerful the martial artists were, they would only be lambs to the slaughter after being poisoned by Gu venom.

"I hope I'm just overthinking things."

Thea fell silent.

The night passed silently.

The next day...

Callan arrived at Thea's house early the next morning.

"What's going on, James?"

Though James had briefed Callan on the matter over the phone, some messages could only be accurately conveyed in person. After they met, James narrated the chain of events

that unfolded to Callan once more. He told him about the Gu Sect annihilating families and sects and abducting their youngsters. He also updated him on the intelligence the Mount Thunder Sect gathered.

Callan listened intently. Upon hearing James' narration, he said anxiously, "James, this could be a trap." "Even if it's a trap, I can't just sit idly by and watch the martial artists get controlled by Gu venom."

As Thea had mentioned this last night, James had a slight feeling that it would be a trap. However, he had no choice but to go. Otherwise, the martial artists would be controlled by Gu venom. If that came to pass, not only would their strength be boosted, but they would no longer fear death or pain. By then, it would be too late.

After long contemplation, Callan sighed, "Even though we know this is a trap, we don't have a choice. Lucjan has lost his conscience for power."

James looked at Callan and asked, "So what's your opinion on the matter?"

After some thought, Callan said, "How about this? You will meet up with Jackson Cabral and the other martial artists at the Mount Thunder Sect and head out to Malgudi. I, on the other hand, will follow along secretly. That way, I can bring in reinforcements if it really is a trap. Saving the abducted martial artists is no longer important. What's important is to preserve the lives of those who will be participating in the expedition. If they die, the ancient martial world is over."

"That sounds like a good plan."

James was at ease upon hearing that Callan would follow along in secret. After all, he was once the most powerful individual.

Now, many martial artists had grown stronger after refining the Spirit Turtle core.

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Even so, Callan was still one of the most powerful martial artists in the world.

"Where's Thomas?" Callan asked.

James shook his head and said, "I can't reach him. He's an elusive figure. You don't know where he could be at this moment. Every time he leaves, I can't find him no matter how hard I try."

"Hahaha!"

At that moment, a burst of laughter boomed from outside.

Then, the door opened.

A man wearing a white robe walked in.

Upon seeing the man, James rolled his eyes and asked, "Grandpa, are you always just around me? How do you manage to appear every time I mention your name?"

Thomas walked over to James and took a seat, saying smilingly, "If it wasn't for me' protecting you from the shadows, you'd have been long dead."

"Grandpa, you must have heard that I plan to head to Malgudi."

Upon hearing this, Thomas' expression turned grim. After a while, he nodded slightly and said, "Yes, I have."

"What's your opinion on the matter?" James questioned.

"Go," Thomas uttered a single word.

Upon hearing this, James was relieved. Now, he could finally head to Malgudi and annihilate the Gu Sect and Lucjan Owen.

"Grandpa, what's your current strength?" James asked.

He was curious to know what his grandfather's strength was. He only knew that he had yet to ascend the Skyward Stairway before the Mount Thunder Conference.

Thomas smiled and said, "I'm just a step away from reaching the ninth rank."

James could not help but ask, "Which Stair have you ascended?"

Thomas glanced at Callan and pointed at him, saying, "I can fight against three of him, no problem at all. However..." He continued, "Something went wrong while I was cultivating. As the matter is currently unresolved, I can't use True Energy as I please, or else it might backfire on me."

James was shocked by Thomas' strength. Fighting three Callan Mavericks at once? Just how strong was he to utter such arrogant words?

Displeased, Callan looked at Thomas and said, "Aren't you being a little too overconfident in yourself? I didn't refine the Spirit Turtle core, but I managed to gain some insights and increase my strength after recovering from my injuries."

"I know." Thomas said nonchalantly, "I know you're already on the Third Stair and will soon reach the fourth. Fighting against the three of you is just a conservative estimate. Once I reach my peak condition, I can kill you in a single move."

Thomas was reassured of his strength.

Callan fell silent.

After James recollected himself, he said, "Grandpa, I can inspect your condition."

Thomas waved and said, "No need. There's no way you can heal my body. Anyway, go to Malgudi in

peace. Callan and I will be watching the situation from the shadows. If things go awry, we will intervene in time."

Hearing this, James was at ease.

"By the way, how are you doing, Thea?"

Thomas suddenly looked at Thea who was beside James.

"Huh?"

Thea was preoccupied with the conversation. When Thomas posed her a question out of the blue, she momentarily froze before recollecting herself and said, "V-Very well... I'm doing fine."

"I'm glad to know that."

Thomas nodded gently and said, "Remember, no one can gain immense power in a short amount of time without paying a price. Cultivation requires patience and discipline."

Though Thea could not understand what Thomas was hinting at, she nodded slightly and said, "Understood."

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Thea was puzzled.

What was Thomas trying to say? Could it be that he already knew her identity?

She was unsure. Meanwhile, James could not comprehend Thomas' words at all.

"Alright, I'll be taking my leave."

Thomas stretched and stood up. Then, he simply walked out of the house.

James really was speechless when it came to his grandfather. He no longer bothered to say goodbye to him.

Callan stood up and said, "I'll be taking my leave, James. You go along first. I'll be there shortly. However, I won't show up unless the situation turns dire."

"Mhm." James nodded.

With Thomas and Callan helping him out in the shadows, there was nothing he was afraid of.

After they left, James gave White Eagle a call and inquired him about the situation at the Celestial Sect.

“The Sect Leader has agreed to this. However, she’s currently preoccupied with something at the moment. But, don’t worry, she promised she would be there to lend you a hand.”

Hearing this, James was at ease.

His grandfather alone could take on three Callans. Meanwhile, the Sect Leader of the Celestial Sect alone could defeat the combined forces of Lucjan Owen and the First Blood Emperor. Not only that but there were also Bennett Caden and other martial artists of the ancient martial world. Even if the Gu Sect had set up a foolproof trap in Malgudi, James was unafraid.

Soon, Delaineey arrived.

“James, the preparations are in order. All the martial artists have gathered at the Mount Thunder Sect.”

“Mhm.” James nodded slightly and said, “Let’s move out. We’re running out of time. We have to hurry over to the Mount Thunder Sect and meet up with the various sects. Then, we will head over to Malgudi.”

James looked at Thea who was beside him and grabbed her hand, saying, “I’ll be going to Malgudi to save the abducted martial artists. I’ll be back once I annihilate the Gu Sect.”

Thea nodded gently and said, “Be careful, alright? Remember not to overexert yourself. No matter what, staying alive should be your utmost priority. I’ll be waiting for you in the Capital.”

“Don’t worry, everything’s going to be fine.”

James was confident that he could obliterate the Gu Sect. Even if Lucjan would not show himself, he would deal the Gu Sect a devastating blow.

After saying that, he left alongside Delaineey.

Meanwhile, Thea also prepared to set out. However, there was Delilah to worry about. How would she explain herself when James questioned Delilah upon his return?

“Why are you staring at me, Thea?” Being stared at by Thea made Delilah blush. She hurriedly touched her face and asked, “Is there something on my face?”

Thea recollected herself and said, “Now that James has left, there will no one here to protect you. I’m worried that you might be in danger. After all, many people are trying to abduct you and interrogate you about your father’s whereabouts. How about this? I’ll send you to the Cadens’ residence, and you’ll stay there temporarily. How does that sound?”

Thea wanted to get Delilah out of the way. That way, she would be able to head over to Malgudi and help James out in the shadows.

“Mhm.”

Delilah understood the severity of the situation. Since she thought that Thea was an ordinary woman just like her, she believed that heading over to the Cadens’ residence was the safest option.

Then, Thea left alongside Delilah and headed to the Cadens’ residence.

At the Cadens’ residence...

Maxine glanced at Delilah before looking at Thea and asked, “What’s wrong?”

Thea said, “Since James is gone, I was worried that Delilah would be in danger at my house. So, I brought her here. I’ll bring her back only when James returns.”

“Oh, I see.”

Realization dawned on Maxine’s face.

As she knew Thea’s identity, she knew what she was up to.

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After all, why would Thea not go along with James to Malgudi?

“Be careful, alright?” Maxine said.

Thea turned to look at her. Then, she turned to leave without a single word.

The moment James left, Thea too left the Capital.

In just half a day, she arrived at the headquarters of the Celestial Sect. The Celestial Sect’s headquarters was situated in a pristine forest in the central region of Sol. There, an ancient building was erected.

In the main hall, Thea was wearing a black overcoat and a hideous-looking mask.

Many stood below her. They were all highly trained martial artists of the Celestial Sect who were at least fifth-rank grandmasters.

“Greetings, Sect Leader!”

Their voices reverberated throughout the hall.

Thea waved her hand slightly and spoke in a hoarse voice, “Keep a close watch on the Capital. Do not allow anything to happen while I’m away.”

“Understood,” they spoke in unison.

Thea raised her hand, and the Malevolent Sword on the wall instantly flew toward her. Wielding the Malevolent in her hand, she turned to leave. Soon, she disappeared from the view of the Celestial Sect and headed to Malgudi.

At the same time, James had arrived at the Mount Thunder Sect. When he arrived, many powerful martial artists of various sects had already gathered there—the Heaven and Earth Sect, the Sylvan Sect, the Five Swirling Blades Sect, and so on.

After receiving the Mount Thunder Sect's invitation, they each sent their most powerful martial artists here. However, there were not many of them. They totaled around only forty people.

They all gathered at the main hall of the Mount Thunder Sect.

Upon James and Delainey's arrival, they immediately became the star of the show.

Jackson walked over to James and welcomed him personally, saying, "After receiving your message, I informed the various sects overnight. Supportive of our cause, they each sent a few martial artists here. We have been waiting for your arrival. When will we depart?"

James looked at the people below.

They were all significant pillars of the ancient martial world. Though their numbers were few, they were all at least fifth rank and above.

Seeing that the Grand Patriarch of the Mount Thunder Sect was nowhere to be seen, James asked, "By the way, where did Simon Cabral go?"

He originally planned to ask Simon along. After all, this was an eighth-rank grandmaster. With him coming along, their chances of success would increase.

Jackson shrugged and said, "I don't know where he is at the moment. He was there when the Celestial Sect appeared at the Mount Thunder Sect. After his defeat, he disappeared without a trace."

James was lost in thought.

After a moment, he said, "Alright then, now that we have sufficient numbers, it's time to move out."

"Where's Thomas?" Jackson asked.

James smiled and said, "Grandpa asked me to go along first. He will be there shortly. Don't worry, he will intervene if the situation turns dire. Besides, the Celestial Sect's Sect Leader will be heading to Malgudi in secret as well."

Hearing this, Jackson was at ease.

"All these years, the Gu Sect has committed so many wicked deeds. We have to wipe them off the face of the earth."

“To rid the martial community of this menace, the Mount Tai Sect will not shirk from its responsibility.” “The Heaven and Earth Sect will also lend a helping hand.”

Many martial artists spoke.

“Very good.”

James looked at the crowd and said, “If we work together, we can surely obliterate the Gu Sect’s research laboratory, save the abducted martial artists, and annihilate Lucjan Owen. At long last, peace shall return to Sol.”

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After arriving at the Mount Thunder Sect, James began discussing the action plan with the martial artists. However, they only roughly knew the location of the research laboratory and nothing about the specifics. So, even after a long discussion, no concrete plan was formulated. In the end, they decided to head over to Malgudi for now and find the location of the research laboratory before making a concrete plan. In essence, they would improvise and act accordingly.

After discussion, they left the Mount Thunder Sect and boarded a private plane specially prepared by the military region, and headed to Malgudi.

Meanwhile, the Solean authorities had notified the Malgudian Air Force beforehand. So, James’ private plane would be allowed safe passage into Malgudi and would not be intercepted.

Malgudi was a nation bordering Sol. Although it was territorially half the size of Sol, it had a vastly smaller population.

After half a day...

The plane descended in the middle of a desert in Malgudi. James and the others got off the plane. Standing in the middle of the desert, James pulled out a map he prepared beforehand and placed it on the ground, pointing at a red circle he marked.

“Based on our intelligence, the research laboratory is located in this region. Meanwhile, we are approximately 300 kilometers away from our destination. Based on our speed, we should be able to arrive in an hour if we go full speed ahead.”

Jackson crouched down and looked at the map on the ground, saying, “I heard that there was a nation in this desert a millennium ago. There’s also an underground palace buried deep beneath the sand. For some reason, the Gu Sect was able to find the underground palace and reconstruct it into a research laboratory.”

James had learned of this on the place.

"To save the abducted martial artists, we first have to find the entrance to the underground palace. However, we're unfamiliar with the desert. We have to scout this area and ask the locals about this."

"Sure," Jackson said. "How about this? We will go our separate ways and look for clues in the surroundings. No matter what we find, we will return here in three hours. What do you guys think?"

"Sure," they spoke in unison.

"Alright, let's move out."

With James' order, the forty or so people were divided into several groups and headed in different directions.

James chose to head in the Southwestern direction alone.

As his speed was extraordinary, he moved hundreds of meters in the blink of an eye.

After traveling at great speeds for some time, he realized that the desert was uninhabited. Even as he reached the edge of the desert and saw greenery, human presence was still nowhere to be seen.

Upon looking at the time, he chose to turn back.

Upon his return, the others were already back.

"Nothing."

"Nothing."

"Nothing on my side as well."

"I found no one."

They spoke.

After deliberation, James said, "Since we can't find anyone, we can only press forward." They nodded in agreement.