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After returning to the island's coast once more, James sat on a sizable rock and watched as the enormous waves below crashed against the island.

He was thinking about the strange man from the Dragon Abyss.

When he first encountered the strange man, he found him to be of sound mind and receptive to conversation. However, on James' second visit to the cave, the strange man was sane at first as well, but then suddenly seemed to have lost his mind.

"Perhaps... He was tainted with dragon's blood a thousand years ago, and dragon's blood, like Spirit Turtle's blood, can cause energy deviation?" James mused.

However, he thought it seemed a bit unlikely. Dragon's blood also gave rise to the Blood Race, but its members did not suffer from energy deviation.

If it was not caused by energy deviation, why did the man on the island suddenly attack him? Did he offend this person in some way?

James thought about it for a long time but could not come up with an answer.

"Well, I won't be able to leave for the time being. What should I do?" James let out a sigh of resignation.

He pulled out his phone. Since he had previously fallen into the ocean, his phone was submerged in the water as well and would not turn on right now. James had no way to contact the Blithe King to come to his rescue. In a fit of rage, he hurled his phone at a rock. It shattered into pieces in an instant.

"Sky, you scumbag. I'll deal with you when I get back"

He could have returned to Cansington if Sky had waited for him for a day. However, Sky left.

He had no idea, however, that after Sky returned, he had also made an announcement that James had died.

News of his death had reached every corner of the world at this point.

Subsequently, Thea drank the blood given to her by the Omniscient Deity.

Thea did not know what kind of blood it was. The only thing she knew was that it could help her regain her strength and memory.

She was aware that if she drank it, she might die. Nevertheless, she did not bother to give it much thought after learning of James' death.

When she drank it, the blood's energy began to spread throughout her body. The energy stimulated her own blood, causing it to seethe like boiling water.

Two types of energy thrashed around within her body. This stimulated her injured brain and her nervous system. In her mind, some fragments began to emerge.

It began with the memory of when she dashed into the burning Caden house to save James. Then there was her disfigurement, and how she was mocked for it.

Finally, James marrying into the Callahan family.

Next came her decision to go through Energy Extraction.

Thea started to remember. She could remember everything now.

At this moment, she catalyzed a cultivation method.

The energy within her blood was absorbed by her once again. She started to regain her power gradually.

However, at that moment, within her body was not only the energy from the Spirit Turtle's blood, but there was another energy as well. This energy was not inferior to the Spirit Turtle's blood. It was even more imposing than it.

Thea was also absorbing the energy from the blood gifted to her by the Omniscient Deity.

"Ah..."

In her body, two bursts of energy collided with one another. Thea felt excruciating pain all over her body. It was so painful that she could not help but cry out in agony.

Her cries of pain drew the attention of the Callahan family.

However, the Callahans did not dare to go upstairs and investigate the situation, as there was currently a frightening aura coming from the third floor. It was difficult for them to even stand up while under the aura's influence. They could only stay where they were and hoped this force would leave them soon.

This went on for about half a day.

Half a day later...

Thea was lying on the bed. She was covered in blood.

Her hair was unkempt, and she looked like a mess.

“I’m still alive.”

She got up from her bed.

At this moment, her long, dark hair was changing yet again.

It was a grayish-white last time. This time, it turned completely white.

When she stood up, she noticed the white hair draping over her shoulders. She held it up and looked at it, slightly stunned.

She was only slightly stunned.

It was fortunate for her to still be alive.

As to how her hair had changed, she could not care less about it.

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Thea made a quick recovery. Within half a day, she regained her memory and strength. Currently, her rank was at the peak of the Skyward Stairway’s Sixth Stair.

Aside from that, there was still some energy from the blood in her body that she had not yet absorbed.

She had only absorbed the energy from the Spirit Turtle’s blood and some of the energy from the blood given to her by the Omniscient Deity.

Only about a tenth of the energy from the blood provided by the Omniscient Deity was absorbed by her.

If she absorbed the rest of them, her strength would definitely reach the Skyward Stairway’s Ninth Stair.

Meanwhile, in Cansington...

At a certain villa...

Thomas was sitting on a sofa, gently massaging his temples.

A man walked over and knelt on the ground.

“Master, there’ve been reports of a terrifying aura emanating from the Callahan family’s residence.”

“Oh? The Callahan family?” Thomas immediately came out of his trance and said, “Hmm, alright. I understand. I’ll go take a look myself.”

Thomas left and headed to the Callahans’ villa.

When he arrived at the villa, Thea had already recovered her strength. She remembered everything that had happened, including the fact that the person who had given her the blood was the Omniscient Deity.

“What kind of blood is this?”

Now, Thea was a little puzzled.

“What’s the Omniscient Deity’s intention? He first led me to Mount Wunderton, and then, to help me regain my strength and my memory, he gave me this strange blood. What is he trying to accomplish?” she muttered.

Thea could not figure it out.

Then, she sensed there was a person on the balcony. She quickly walked outside. When she saw the visitor, she called out respectfully, “Sir Caden.”

“Hmm, you?” With a hint of surprise on his face, Thomas looked at Thea. “Y-You got your memory back?”

“Mhm.” Thea nodded.

She told him about the incident involving the Omniscient Deity’s gift of blood.

“I drank the blood the Omniscient Deity had given me, and my strength and memory returned.”

Thomas furrowed his brow. “The Omniscient Deity again. What’s he trying to do?”

Thea said, “I have no idea what he’s up to either. By the way, Sir Caden, what brought you to see me?”

Thomas regained his composure and said, “I’d just heard from a subordinate that the Callahans’ villa was emitting a terrifying aura, so I came to investigate. So, it was you trying to regain your strength. Oh, right. Previously, when James traveled abroad, he

obtained the dragon's blood, and I've always carried it with me. Since your strength has returned, I'll give it to you."

While he was saying this, Thomas took out the dragon's blood that the Blood Race had given to James when he was abroad.

Thea accepted it. Right now, her expression was grave.

James traveled to another country to meet with the Blood Race and even went overseas, where he died, all in an effort to save her.

If she had known this, she would have chosen to die in the first place.

If she had died, James would not have been running around for her sake.

Thomas looked at Thea and asked, "Is it okay if I take your pulse?"

"Mhm." Thea extended her hand to him.

Thomas wrapped his fingers around her pulse. After some time, he retracted his hand with a solemn expression and said, "There's still an extremely powerful energy in your blood."

"Yes," Thea said, "This blood was given to me by the Omniscient Deity. It stimulated me and my nervous system and helped me regain my strength. I absorbed the energy from Spirit Turtle's blood in my body. However, there's still the energy from the blood gifted by the Omniscient Deity. I've no idea what kind of energy it is."

Thomas pondered for a while and said, "If I guess correctly, this is qilin blood."

"Qilin blood?" Thea frowned.

"Yeah." Thomas nodded and said, "Qilin, one of the Four Holy Beasts. If I'm not mistaken, the Omniscient Deity is at the ninth rank. The Omniscient Deity's ancestor—no, not his ancestor—the Omniscient Deity had obtained the qilin's blood a very long time ago. He's an extremely powerful martial artist who has actually lived for over a thousand and eight hundred years, nearly two thousand years." "Huh?"

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Thea exclaimed in surprise and asked, "Really?" "I shouldn't be too far off."

Thomas said, "I looked up the ancient scrolls. According to one of them, the Jade Sect first appeared around a thousand and eight hundred years ago. The Sect Leader at the

time was also referred to as the Omniscient Deity. This doesn't seem like a coincidence to me."

The expression on Thomas' face was solemn. He had suspicions ever since he learned about the Four Holy Beasts from the Omniscient Deity.

Now, the Omniscient Deity had presented a type of blood that was not any weaker than the Spirit Turtle's, so he assumed it was qilin blood. He assumed that a thousand and eight hundred years ago, the Omniscient Deity had slain a qilin and obtained its blood. As a result, he became immortal.

"Thea, hold on to the dragon's blood. Currently, you have the Spirit Turtle's blood and the qilin's blood in your body. In addition to the dragon's blood, you now have the blood of three Holy

Beasts. I'm not sure if the qilin's blood and the dragon's blood will help you survive, but they can at least increase your strength."

With confusion on her face, Thea asked, "Why did the Omniscient Deity give me the qilin's blood?"

"That I'm not sure. Regardless, I'm certain that he's up to no good. Be cautious if you come into contact with him again in the future."

"Thanks for your reminder, Sir Caden. I'll keep that in mind."

"Oh, right." Thomas seemed to be reminded of something and said, "A week later, there'll be a martial artist gathering in Sol at Mount Ludis. You should attend when the time comes."

"A gathering?" Thea asked.

"Yes. It's organized by Sky. Sky and James had set sail together. No one knows what happened to them overseas. Aside from that, Sky mentioned that there's information about the dragon and immortal."

"I'll go." The expression on Thea's face was solemn. James' death was definitely connected to Sky.

Thea even suspected Sky of murdering James. If it was not him, who else in the world could possibly kill James given his strength?

"Well, I won't stay any longer. I'm off."

Thomas did not linger and turned to leave.

A distance away from the Callahans' villa, Tapio watched from the shadows as Thomas came and went.

Touching his chin, Tapio muttered softly, "So the Omniscient Deity was the one who killed the Qilin. I need to return to the Southern Plains and notify the master."

While lurking in the shadows, Tapio had heard the conversation between Thomas and Thea. Soon after, he turned around and left.

Half a day later...

In the Southern Plains, at the underground palace...

Tapio knelt on the ground and relayed everything.

"Alright, I get it." After giving a quick wave, Tyrus rushed off toward the depths of the underground palace. He met with his father once again.

"Father, there's information that the Omniscient Deity from the Jade Sect on Mount Jade slaughtered the qilin a thousand and eight hundred years ago. He obtained the qilin's blood, and he's also an immortal."

Sitting on a straw mat and listening to Tyrus was a man with white hair in his thirties. He gave a small smile and said, "There's no need to be alarmed. I knew that a long time ago."

"You knew?" Tyrus was stunned.

The man said softly, "I was aware of this person's existence a thousand years ago. That's why I faked my death and avoided his attention. I've stayed here all these years because I don't want him to know where I am."

"I see." Tyrus finally connected the dots.

He now realized that his father had remained hidden here for all these years, never venturing outside, because he was afraid of the Omniscient Deity. How powerful was the Omniscient Deity if even his father was terrified of him?

"By the way, how much is left of the phoenix's blood?"

"There's not much left of the phoenix blood we brought from King Quavon's Mausoleum. It's only enough to make one more person immortal."

"Take it and give it to Thea."

"Father, this..."

“Thea already has the blood of the dragon, qilin, and Spirit Turtle. I’m curious to see how much she can grow after having the mixture of blood from the Four Holy Beasts.”

“Alright.” Tyrus nodded, then turned around and left in a hurry.

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Meanwhile, overseas...

James returned to the island where the Dragon Abyss was located once again.

He had the impression that the strange, hairy man was not a bad person. This person, according to his analysis, was possibly like Thea when she was first tainted with the Spirit Turtle’s blood and suffered from energy deviation.

However, Thea had Ataraxia to suppress it, while this strange man did not. He wanted to go take another look.

James also wanted to learn more about the dragon, and it was clear that this person was aware of its existence.

If he wanted to save Thea, he might have to rely on this person.

Two days had passed, and half of his True Energy had returned.

When he returned to the island where the Dragon Abyss was located, he did not rush to find the strange, hairy man. This person is susceptible to energy deviation at any time. He needed to regain all of his strength so that he could escape when necessary.

He began to focus on regaining his strength.

His True Energy quickly recovered.

Meanwhile, at Cansington...

After regaining her memory and her strength, Thea stayed in her room and did not go outside. She was examining her own body.

Thea found that the qilin blood, which was provided by the Omniscient Deity, and her own blood were very compatible. They had already combined. Her blood had now regained its vitality.

Although not it was not fully restored, its regenerative ability had been partially recovered. Thus, she would have a long life ahead of her.

After a day of deliberation, she eventually decided to take the dragon's blood that Thomas had delivered.

However, she did not dare to take it at home. She was worried that her aura would leak out and affect the Callahan family.

Thea left and drove herself to the outskirts of Cansington. After entering a forest, she sat cross-legged on a rock, took out the dragon's blood, and drank it.

As soon as she drank the dragon's blood, she felt a burning sensation radiating from her throat. It spread from her throat to the rest of her body. The dragon's blood was gradually fusing with the blood in her body.

In normal circumstances, different blood types could not be mixed together. Nevertheless, after Thea took the dragon's blood, it merged with the blood tainted by the qilin's blood. Her blood went through another mutation.

The energy in her blood started to shift and become odd as well.

At this moment, she could sense that the blood inside of her body contained an unfathomable power. If this power was fully unleashed, it could wipe out the entire world.

"Thea." 1

A voice could be heard while Thea was concentrating on observing the state of her body.

Thea abruptly stood up and stared straight ahead. A few dozen meters ahead of her appeared a middle-aged man who looked to be in his forties. He had long, black hair and was dressed in a white robe. He exuded the aura of a wise old gentleman.

"You are?" Thea looked confused. She had regained her memory. This man, however, did not exist in it.

Tyrus walked over and arrived in front of Thea. He could tell Thea was wary of him, and he could feel a terrifying aura emanating from her.

"Don't worry. I came to see you because I have something to give you," Tyrus spoke in a soft voice.

He visited Thea because he was told to give her the phoenix's blood.

Over two thousand years ago, King Quavon sent his men out to sea to find the Elixir of Life. Finnegan and the others found the phoenix and fought it. Even though they did not manage to kill the phoenix, they did obtain a large amount of its blood.

Then, for reasons unknown, King Quavon died. The phoenix's blood was buried alongside him.

A thousand years ago, after the Prince of Orchid Mountain failed to kill the Spirit Turtle, he learned about King Quavon's Mausoleum. Following that, he found the mausoleum and took the phoenix's blood from there, thereby becoming immortal.

"What is it?"

Thea fixed a wary gaze on Tyrus. Tyrus took out a bottle.

It was a bottle made of quartz, as big as a mineral water bottle, and filled with blood. He tossed it to her.

Thea caught it, gave it a quick glance while holding it, and asked, "What's this?"

Tyrus stated plainly, "It's phoenix blood."

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"Phoenix blood?"

Thea was thunderstruck. She could not help but exclaim, "This is phoenix's blood?"

"Yes." Tyrus nodded and said, "It is indeed phoenix's blood."

"Who are you, exactly? Why do you have phoenix blood? It's such a valuable thing. Why would you give it to me?"

"To be honest, I don't really want to give it to you," said Tyrus. "Phoenix's blood is quite rare. Now, we only have so little left. With such a small amount of phoenix blood, a person's constitution can be changed and made immortal. I don't want to give it to you, but it's a gift from my father to you."

"Your father, who is he?"

"My name's Tyrus. My father... You can call him the Prince of Orchid Mountain."

"What?" Thea was once again stunned when she heard the words 'Prince of Orchid Mountain'. "What did you say? Your father's the Prince of Orchid Mountain? The Prince of Orchid Mountain who tried to kill the Spirit Turtle a thousand years ago?"

The Prince of Orchid Mountain. It was impossible for Thea not to know about him. The current Caden family was closely connected to the Prince of Orchid Mountain. The family's ancestor served under the Prince of Orchid Mountain as an official.

Tyrus nodded, "Yes."

"Phew! " Thea took a deep breath.

It took her some time to calm down. Then she looked at Tyrus and asked, "Why is he giving me the phoenix blood? You said so yourself. This phoenix blood is enough to make an average person immortal. It can change a person's fate. Why would he give me something so valuable?"

"Because..." Tyrus enunciated his words, "Because you were tainted with the Spirit Turtle's blood at Mount Thunder Sect. Then, the Omniscient Deity gave you the qilin's blood, and James brought back the dragon's blood from the Blood Race. You have blood from three of the Four Holy Beasts. With this one given to you now, you'll have collected all four types of blood."

"Father speaks highly of you. As to how much you can grow, it'll be determined by your luck."

After saying that, Tyrus turned around and left with a stride.

In a few strides, he vanished from Thea's sight.

"Phoenix blood?" Thea lowered her head and looked at the quartz bottle in her hands.

She was a little perplexed. Why did the Omniscient Deity give her the qilin's blood, and why did the Prince of Orchid Mountain give her phoenix's blood as well?

What were these immortals trying to do?

It was just Thomas' conjecture that the Omniscient Deity was immortal.

The Prince of Orchid Mountain, however, was an actual historical figure from a thousand years ago. He was still alive today. That would mean that he had lived a thousand years as an immortal.

Thea breathed in deeply.

She did not know what these bigwigs were trying to achieve, nor could she figure it out.

Regardless, she had previously recovered her strength when she had the qilin's blood. When she took the dragon's blood, her blood regained some of its regenerative ability. If she drank the phoenix's blood right now, she might be able to recover completely.

After thinking about that, she was eager to open the bottle.

She started by inspecting it. After confirming that the blood was fine and had nothing unusual about it, she took it right away.

As soon as she drank it, a golden light tinged with a crimson glow radiated from her body.

“Ah...”

A sharp, stinging pain suddenly swept through her body. Her long, white hair immediately stood on end, and an extremely terrifying aura erupted from her body.

After a while, the sharp pain in her body began to fade.

The phoenix’s blood had completely merged with hers. Once more, a mutation occurred in her blood.

This blood was created by combining the blood of the Four Holy Beasts. It was unlike any other. Her blood had now become vigorous and full of vitality.

“I’ve recovered. My blood was revitalized.”

Thea promptly rose to her feet and gazed into the distance, her bright eyes gleaming as she felt the mutation caused by the fusion of the Four Holy Beasts’ blood.

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Meanwhile, overseas...

On the island where the Dragon Abyss was located.

After a few days, James was able to fully recover the True Energy he had used while wielding the Fourteen Heavenly Swords.

He was saddened by the fact that it took him a few days to recover this time. If he had some kind of elixir that could help him regain his True Energy, he would not need to wait as long.

He made the decision that once he returned to Sol, he would study the Medical Book and create some elixir that would aid in the recovery of True Energy. That way, when he used up his True Energy in the future, he could recover quickly.

After regaining his True Energy, he carefully approached the Dragon Abyss while holding onto the Primordial Dragon Blade.

He soon appeared at the Dragon Abyss. However, he did not enter the cave hastily this time.

Like before, he went hunting for some meat. He then built a fire and began roasting it.

As the scent of meat started to fill the air, the strange hairy man was soon drawn in. This time, the color of his eyes was normal.

He walked over, saw that James was roasting the meat, and started to mumble some incomprehensible words.

James did not understand what he was saying, but he knew what he meant. He pointed to a nearby rock.

The strange man understood James' gesture. He walked over and sat down on the rock.

James tore off a piece of roasted meat and handed it to him. The strange hairy man accepted it and immediately started to gobble it up.

James observed him. His current appearance was completely different from when he had gone mad.

"You... Do you really not understand what I'm saying?" James asked.

The strange man stopped and began to gabble away. James gave up.

He tore off a leg from the boar and ate it himself, leaving the rest to the strange hairy man.

After finishing the meal, James asked, "C-Can you take me to the cave and show me around?"

The strange man immediately stood up and began rambling while gesturing animatedly. As he was rambling, he pointed to the distance.

He then walked straight ahead. After he took a few steps, he turned around to look at James and waved at him.

"Is he taking me somewhere?" James muttered softly.

He then followed behind. Led by the strange hairy man, James made his way toward the depths of the Dragon Abyss. It grew wider the deeper they went.

Eventually, they arrived at the entrance of a massive cavern. Immediately after pointing inside, the strange man turned around and started to walk. James followed.

It was very bright inside the cavern. Above them, there was an opening. The light was pouring down from it.

The strange man began to blabber while pointing at a stone wall. James moved closer to the stone wall and took a look. He discovered that on the stone wall were writings from a thousand years ago. Besides, he understood this written language.

He began to look at them intently. As he read through them, he was utterly shocked.

“A martial arts heirloom?”

James was stunned. He ignored the strange man gabbling away beside him and continued to read intently.

After reading for a while, he took a deep breath.

The martial arts documented on the stone wall were from a thousand and three hundred years ago. It was quite comprehensive.

There were cultivation method chants, sword techniques, various movements, punches, kicks, and profound healing cultivation methods. Even a few odd techniques for striking the acupoints were included.

These martial arts were superior to those recorded in the Nine Scriptures of Ordeals. However, it was slightly weaker than the First Sword Art that he had seen in King Quavon’s Mausoleum.

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“Oh, right.”

James was suddenly reminded of something. The strange man brought him here, so he must be familiar with this writing from a thousand years ago. He could read these words too.

Why not use this kind of writing to communicate with him?

He pulled out the Primordial Dragon Blade immediately. As soon as he took it out, the strange, hairy man immediately backed away, his body tense with hostility. His long, straight hair was standing on end, and his dark pupils turned crimson.

When James saw this, he was quite shocked. He just wanted to write on the ground with the sword. He did not expect to be misunderstood or that he would trigger the strange man.

Since he had been through this before, James did not dare to stay put this time. Instead, he sprinted off and vanished in the cave in an instant. He escaped quickly, running straight to the coast.

When he realized the strange man was not chasing after him, he finally exhaled a sigh of relief. This time, he stayed there for half a day before going back.

He returned to the cavern where the unsurpassed martial arts were documented once more.

The strange, hairy man was sitting in a lotus position on the ground. At this moment, he looked solemn and dignified. In contrast to when he was experiencing energy deviation, he seemed like a completely different person.

James walked over and greeted him with a smile, "Sir, you scared the hell out of me just now."

The strange, hairy man cast a glance at James and said nothing. James casually picked up a branch and walked over. On the ground nearby, he wrote in the writing of a thousand years ago.

The writing read, "Who are you, sir? Why are you here?"

The strange man took a glance at James, a puzzled expression on his face. He seemed to be wondering how James was able to write in this language.

He reached out, his finger pointing to the ground. A burst of energy formed from his fingertips. This burst of energy left some words on the ground.

His writing was crooked and slanted. It took a while for James to recognize the words.

"And who are you? What are you doing here?"

When James recognized these words, his face lit up with joy. He continued to write, "I'm James, a martial artist from Sol. I'm here to check out the dragon. Have you been alive since over a thousand years ago?"

The strange, hairy man continued to write plenty of words.

"I don't remember how many years. I only remember living here for a very long time. My memories of the past are hazy. I only know that I came here with many others to slay the dragon. In the end, we failed. We all died in battle.

“I was badly hurt and unconscious. When I woke up, everyone had disappeared.”

When he read this, James was certain that this man had survived since a thousand and three hundred years ago.

Phew!

He took a deep breath. Previously, he did not believe that men could be immortal. Now there was an immortal standing right in front of him.

James was convinced.

“Why did you attack me?” James wrote again.

The strange man was slightly stunned, then he continued to write a paragraph on the ground.

“I don’t know. I might have been triggered by something. When I’m set off, I lose my mind and experience energy deviation. After the energy deviation, I don’t know what I end up doing.”

After James read this paragraph, he looked at the strange, hairy man once again. James thought that he was not a bad person. He simply did not remember what he did following the energy deviation.

“Sir, I have a cultivation method that could help you.”

“Oh, really?”

“Yes.” James wrote. Following that, he wrote the Ataraxia cultivation method on the ground. He even included instructions on how to cultivate it.

The strange man read it intently. Once he memorized the Ataraxia, he sat on the ground with his legs crossed and started to cultivate. After learning more about the strange man’s identity, James was curious as to who had left these martial arts.

He wrote again, “Sir, are you the one who left these martial arts on the stone wall?”

The strange man stopped his cultivation and wrote, “I’m not capable of that. I found this place after I woke up. I’m not sure who left it either. I only understand about ten to twenty percent of the martial arts that had been written down.”

“Alright, I understand. I’ll take a look first.”

After writing these few words on the ground, James stood up and walked over to the stone wall. He fixed his gaze on the stone wall and began to examine it closely, studying the martial arts written on it.

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James was looking intently at the martial arts written on the stone wall.

The martial arts were divided into two parts. The first half was the cultivation method and the general outline.

This martial art was named the Lunar and Terra Art.

“The Lunar and Terra Art’s essence is heaven and earth.”

“Thus, the Lunar and Terra Art is also known as the Heaven and Earth Art.”

“When cultivating the Lunar and Terra Art, one could cultivate two types of energy, Lunar Energy and Terra Energy, also known as the two energies of heaven and earth. They are two complementary streams of True Energy that work well together.”

James concentrated on the martial arts documented on the stone wall.

However, it was far too profound. He could only understand the brief introductions at the beginning, but not anything after that.

It was not that he could not read it. Rather, his martial arts skills were not quite there yet. He had not yet met the requirements for cultivating the Lunar and Terra Art.

According to James’ speculation, if he wanted to cultivate Terra Energy and Lunar Energy, he would need to advance to the ninth rank. It required an extremely high level of martial arts skills.

After he finished reading the first half, James began reading the second half. There were many martial arts techniques recorded in the second half.

“Heaven and Earth Sword Art.”

“Lunar and Terra Hybrid Fist.”

“Mirthful Motion.”

“Counterpoise Kick.”

“Cosmic Destruction.”

The martial arts were diverse. The most terrifying one was Cosmic Destruction. Regardless, it was too abstruse. James could not understand it either.

“Sir, what did you manage to learn?” James wrote on the ground.

The strange man, who was studying Ataraxia, stopped and wrote some words on the ground.

“I’ve only been able to cultivate Lunar Energy so far, and I have yet to cultivate Terra Energy. As for the other martial arts, I learned a little bit of everything. During my years on this island, I spent most of the time sleeping and was too lazy to cultivate.”

“Then did you reach the ninth rank?”

“When I came here to slay the dragon, I’d already reached the peak of the Skyward Stairway’s Ninth Stair. After three hundred years on this island, I ascended to the ninth rank.”

“What?”

James was shocked. He wrote on the ground, “It took you three hundred years to get from the peak of the Skyward Stairway’s Ninth Stair to the ninth rank?”

“It’s just a rough estimate.” The strange, hairy man wrote, “At first, I did keep track of the time. However, as time passed, I stopped bothering to keep track of it. I won’t die anyway. I can just live one day at a time.”

“Don’t you have any plans to leave?”

“I thought about it, and I’ve tried several times. But the ocean is too vast. Going back was too difficult, so I just stayed here.”

On this island, James discovered the Lunar and Terra Art. He also took the chance to learn from his senior on this island. Through their exchanges, he learned this person’s name. His name was Wilbur Barnet.

James was seeking guidance from Wilbur on the Lunar and Terra Art.

Meanwhile, in Sol...

Thea had drunk the phoenix blood gifted to her by the Prince of Orchid Mountain.

After she took the phoenix's blood, her blood completely regained its regenerative ability. There was also a terrifying power within her blood. No matter how much of this power was absorbed, she could not absorb it completely.

She was absorbing it at a quick pace. Her power was growing rapidly as well.

Slowly, the white hair on her head began to turn black, and her skin became fairer and clearer, like porcelain.

"Thea..."

Thea was cultivating.

A voice could be heard.

Thea paused and noticed Thomas, who had appeared in her line of sight. She could not help but stand up and call out, "Sir Caden."

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Thomas walked over and said, "Tomorrow is the day Sky assembles martial artists from all over the world. Every martial artist is heading toward Mount Ludis right now. If I'm guessing correctly, Sky wants to be the Great Grandmaster of the entire martial community. He's quite powerful and has reached the peak of the Skyward Stairway's Ninth Stair. Now, only you can stop him."

Thea looked at Thomas with a slightly troubled expression on her face. She said, "But I haven't reached the Ninth Stair yet. I'm only at the Seventh Stair. There's still a large gap between myself and Sky in terms of power."

“You’re only at the Skyward Stairway’s Seventh Stair?” Thomas furrowed his brow. Shortly after, he sighed and said, “There’s not enough time. If you were given another two weeks, the power you’ll gain from the Four Holy Beasts’ blood would certainly get you to the Skyward Stairway’s Ninth Stair. However, we’re running out of time. You’ll have to go regardless. Given that Sky was the one who

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“I agree.”

“I second that.”

“Sky, Sky, Sky.”

After the first person stood forward, the others followed. All of them called for Sky to be the leader of the entire martial arts community.

Sky raised both of his hands, then pressed them downward slightly. The ruckus instantly quieted down.

When it was quiet, Sky said, “Everyone, please hear me out. I can’t be the leader of the entire martial arts community. Many senior martial artists of prestige and virtue are in attendance. There’s Master Maha from the Sylvan Sect, Spirit Master from the Heaven and Earth Sect, as well as the Ancient Four, martial artists from the Five Swirling Blades Sect, and also martial artists from other countries. Therefore, I can’t be the Great Grandmaster.”

Sky started to refuse the suggestions.

However, he was secretly delighted. He was merely making a show of refusing.

He was the strongest person there. Certainly, he was entitled to the position of Great Grandmaster.

The First Blood Emperor was also present. However, before he arrived, the martial artists in his family repeatedly reminded him to keep a low profile and not flaunt himself in Sol. So, he did not want to fight for the position of Great Grandmaster.

Since Sky wanted it, he should have it.

The First Blood Emperor stepped forward and said with a smile, " Sky, you're too polite. I believe the position of the Great Grandmaster should be yours as well. Tell me, is there anyone here who is more powerful than you? Who can lead everyone to slay the dragon? Who is respected and trusted by all? It's just you."

Sky was wearing a calm expression. His heart, however, was bursting with joy.

He still refused and said, "That's unacceptable. I did nothing to merit this. Alright, let's use martial arts to decide who deserves it. Whoever can defeat everyone else will be the Great Grandmaster, how about that?"

Sky made his intentions known. From his perspective, he was the strongest there. No matter what happened, the position of the Great Grandmaster would be his.

"How shameless." In the distance, among the crowd where Mount Thunder Sect disciples were, Delainey secretly berated Sky.

Looking at Jackson beside her, she said, "Father, Sky is too shameless. His cultivation base is already at the peak of the

Skyward Stairway's Ninth Stair, and James is dead. Who could be his opponent now? He clearly wants to be the leader of the entire martial community but is acting like he doesn't."

Jackson gave a small wave of his hand and said, "Let him be."

"Alright."

Only then did Delainey stop complaining.

At the area where the Cadens were...

The Grand Patriarch of the Caden family, Bennett had also appeared at Mount Ludis with the Cadens. Even Maxine was present.

Following the news of James' death, Maxine lost her motivation to manage the family. Now all she wanted to know was whether James was alive or dead. Sky was the only one who knew whether James was alive or dead.

She walked out one step at a time. Then, she arrived at the center.

Sky watched as Maxine, incredibly gorgeous and wearing a white dress, walked toward him. For a moment, he was stunned by her beauty.

It took him a few seconds to regain his composure. Looking at Maxine, who had arrived in front of him, he asked with a smile, "Aren't you Maxine, the head of the Caden family? Well, do you want to be the Great Grandmaster?"

Maxine shook her head and said, "I'm not capable enough. I don't have the heart for it either. I just want to ask you a question."

Many martial artists had gathered at this place. At that moment, all of their gazes were fixed on Maxine. They were all curious as to what she intended to ask Sky.

Sky looked at Maxine and asked, "What do you want to ask?"

Maxine said, "Not long ago, you went out to sea with James, but only you came back. I want to know what happened on the island. Right now, in front of martial artists from around the world, tell me what happened on the island."

"This..."

After hearing that, Sky's face was filled with regret and sympathy. He gave an accurate account of everything that had occurred on the island.

"I went to look for the dragon, but James was careless. He angered a martial artist who had been alive since over a thousand and three hundred years ago and was killed. I saw him being attacked and thrown into the ocean with my own eyes."