

Reincarnated as an Energy with a System

Chapter 61: Inikaka

"Then why haven't you?" Ning heard Hyesi say.

"Why haven't I what?" he asked.

"Why haven't you left us yet?" Hyesi asked.

"I can't right now. That demon snake is blocking my way, and I need to defeat it before I can leave this island and go somewhere else," Ning said.

"Do you though?" Hyesi asked.

"Of course, why else would I waste my time here?" Ning asked.

"But Inikaka, you can just disappear to anywhere you want. You can reach the next island over in the blink of an eye. Is the demon really in your way?" Hyesi asked.

"I— " Ning couldn't come up with an answer. Given how much energy he had, he could leave this place right now and disappear to thousands upon thousands of kilometers away. Why hadn't he left yet?

"You can do so many amazing things. You can live inside small and big rocks, you can create anything you want out of thin air. I don't see how someone who can create so many miracles would be bound to a small island like this just because of a snake demon," Hyesi said.

"Also, you call yourself a, what was it? Fraud. Someone who only does things for their own gain. And yet you teach a whole village of illiterate idiots enough so they can read and write. "

"You teach us something so surreal as Qi cultivation and help us fix our original cultivation technique. You go out of your way to go to a new island and live there for months just so you can send us villagers food."

"You even went as far as to make a small child of no consequence like me into who I am today. Are you going to tell me that me becoming strong was a personal gain of yours too?" Hyesi asked.

"I- No it wasn't," Ning said. The world he had built up in his head about the villagers just being a stepping tool for him was all crumbling to the ground. He needed a kid to tell him what he was doing.

"But that doesn't change the fact that I am a coward, who couldn't even help you," Ning said.

"Who isn't, Inikaka?" Hyesi said. "Remember the first time you had me train and we ended up meeting the demon Fufuliki? I ran away from that place faster than I have ever run. You on the other hand stood your ground. You also must have done something there for you to get such a severe headache. By comparison, you are much braver than I am, Inikaka," Hyesi said.

"I only got braver after I got stronger. You have much more to go too, Inikaka. I am sure your bravery will show up on its own one day when you get stronger than you are now," Hyesi said.

Ning fell into contemplation. Everything the kid said made sense at some level. Although he was too scared to fight the demon, he had stood his ground to look at its information even when the kid was telling him to run away. "I stood my ground. That's correct," he said out loud.

It felt like a massive weight had just lifted off of his heart. He took a deep breath and said, "Thank you, Hyesi."

"I am glad I can finally be of some help to you, Inikaka," Hyesi said with a happy voice.

"You have always been of help to me. Since the first day I arrived," Ning said. He was smiling too at this point. "Also, stop calling me Inikaka, I am not the sun. You can call me Ning," he said.

"Ah, Inikaka, you seem to be mistaken about something," Hyesi said. "Inikaka does not mean the sun."

"It... does not? But I thought you prayed to the Sun, your Inikaka every day?" he asked.

"No, Inikaka is just our word for a benefactor. Since the sun is our benefactor, for the most part, we call it Inikaka. Although, at some point, we stopped using the name Sun, and just called it Inikaka. But the fact still remains that Inikaka is just our word for a benefactor."

"At first, we thought you were an avatar of the sun, so we kept calling you Inikaka. Now we know you have nothing to do with the sun. However, that still doesn't change the fact about how much you have helped us. "

"At the end of the day, Sun or not, you are still our benefactor. You are still our Inikaka, and all of us have unanimously agreed to keep on calling you so," Hyesi said.

"Is- Is that so?" Ning was surprised to hear that. All this time, even with the Intermediate Klavian language, it seemed he had the wrong information.

"Anyway, Inikaka, are you hungry? Do you need food? I'm sure the villagers will cook up something for you if you ask them to. They've been waiting for your return ever since you left this morning," Hyesi said.

"It's fine. I already ate some fruits from the other island. You go and eat something yourself," Ning said.

"Okay Inikaka, if you say so," Hyesi said and turned around to leave. He stopped mid-track and turned around to say, "Also, Inikaka. Make sure to come to the village in the morning tomorrow."

"Morning? Why?" Ning asked.

"For your lessons of course," Hyesi said.

"Y-You guys still want that?" he asked.

"Of course. The villagers were already anxious to miss a day of the lesson because you had a headache yesterday, and then today you left without even letting us say anything. We were all really bored all day due to the lack of lessons," Hyesi said.

Ning smiled and said, "Alright, I will come by to teach some new things tomorrow."

Hyesi smiled as well. "I will let the villagers know."

"Also, Inikaka..." he said.

"Hmm?"

"I'm really happy you came back." Hyesi ran away after saying this.

Ning stayed in his house and chuckled to himself and said, "I can't believe I let a child talk me into feeling better."

Chapter 62: Three Techniques

ZMMMM

Vibrations rang along Ning's body as he constantly turned all Yin to Sound. The sound kept on adding up and growing louder. He would stop and redo it all over again All so that he could have a headache at the end of it.

After 40 to 50 minutes of doing this, he finally got a severe enough headache that he had to stop for the day and sleep. However, instead, he went directly to cultivate. He

had a rough start when comparing to others. Although he could fix it quite easily, he wanted the struggle for now.

'Maybe I should make another body that is really good at cultivation, just so I can compare the two,' Ning thought. 'I should do that.'

'Hey, System. Can you make a body, a very weak looking one, with the best talent, body, and spiritual roots you can make,' said Ning.

<The Spiritual Roots will cost 500 Billion Energy>

<The Body will cost 2.5 Trillion Energy>

<The Talent will cost 1.27 Trillion Energy>

<Would you like to put them on the Auto Buy list?>

Ning chuckled to himself after seeing the ridiculous numbers. 'Uh, sure. Also, show me some techniques that focus on damage that average cultivators can learn in less than a month,' he asked.

The system showed him a list of techniques that he could learn. Instead of being a straight-up skill that would be added to his repertoire, he actually decided to get them in the form of a book so that he could teach it to everyone.

He got 3 books exactly and kept them in his storage. After that, he proceeded to cultivate for the rest of the night.

Early morning, he stopped his cultivation to cultivate his body. His headache was mostly gone and he could function normally. He would just have to wait for it to be completely gone to start doing it all over again.

After finishing his cultivation, and collecting the energy for the day, he went back to the village. 'Will they accept me? Hyesi said they would but..'

He was still anxious about the situation. He walked slowly, but once again, people were already coming his way after seeing him. His heart started racing and he braced for whatever was coming.

But what came was a group of people with wide smiles.

"Inikaka, You're back. We missed you for these last 2 days," someone said.

"Are you okay, Inikaka?" another person asked.

"We're sorry we made you sad," a child said.

He sighed in relief. 'Hyesi was right,' he thought.

"I'm sorry for lying to you people. I should have told you, people, I was not a god from the very first moment. I was afraid you wouldn't accept me if you guys knew who I was," he said.

The villagers told him they would never and reiterated how he was their benefactor. That lifted up Ning's spirit a lot.

"Do we get to learn today?" somebody asked.

Ning smiled and said, "Yes of course. Come, I have something new to teach you guys." Ning went back to the village center and took out 3 different books.

"Look at this, this right here are books that will teach you 3 different techniques," Ning said. The villagers looked around confused. They didn't know what techniques were or why they had to learn them.

"I saw you guys fight the other day, and honestly, without any techniques, you will probably never win against the Demon serpent. You are all at Qi Condensation 1st realm, while the demon serpent is at Qi Condensation 4th realm. It is many times stronger than you all."

"However, you guys have a strong body thanks to your body cultivation. So, if you were to just learn some more techniques to improve your attacks, I'm sure we can take down the demon serpent.

"So, for the next few weeks, we will be training these techniques."

"The first of the technique is this claw technique called Fanged Claws Technique. I have 5 copies here, distribute amongst yourself to those who have the strongest arm strength," he said as he took out 5 books and passed them along.

"The second one is called the Twin Step movement technique. The ones with the strongest legs take it for now," he said as he took out 5 more books and passed them along.

"The third one is called the One True Strike technique. It's a spear technique that the ones who are used to fighting with spears should take," he said and passed along 5 more books.

Around 12 people stood up once they got the books and left to study them. For the ones that stayed, Ning started to teach them farming. He brought out the newly grown potatoes and handed them over to them to teach them how to cook them.

He spent a few dozen energies to make pots to cook the potatoes in. Once it was done, Ning himself left to read the books too.

"Let's see how good my ability to learn something new is if it isn't directly handed to me by the system," he said as he took out the original copy of the Twin Step Movement technique and started learning it.

At first, he didn't understand anything. The book talked about manipulating Qi inside the body, strengthening one's legs and body, how one should move their body, and how they should switch their legs.

It was all confusing to Ning, who had never read anything like this before. But slowly, he started to understand a bit and a bit more.

"Oh, so I should propel myself forward using both feet at once, instead of one every time I have to increase my speed drastically. So that's how I am supposed to do it, huh?" Ning stood up and went to an open area to try for himself.

He circulated his Qi, strengthened his legs, and was ready to jump forward. With a single push, he burst forward... or so he would've hoped. Instead, the sand under his feet slid away, making him slip and fall on his face.

"Cough cough... this is going to take a while."

Chapter 63: Skill Creation

In a single leap, Ning managed to cross over 30 meters of distance. The moment he landed, he knocked the ground once more with both of his feet to immediately change direction. He made a sharp right turn, reaching another spot over 30 meters in distance.

He kept on doing that until he was nothing but a blur. He then immediately came upon a tree and pulled out his hand, his fingers bent a little to imitate a claw. With a single slash, he put a large gash in the tree in front of him.

He then took out his spear and pulled it back until the tip was right next to his face. With a single thrust, he let the spear hit the tree in front of him, turning the large tree trunk into smithereens.

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Fruits started falling from the top of the tree and the whole tree toppled over without support. He picked one of the fruits and used a small amount of water from his storage to wash it before eating it.

He walked back and reached his farm where there were a handful of people digging the ground and applying crops to it.

It had been 2 months since he gave the villagers the new techniques. Most of them had already learned it and were only waiting for a date to go attack the demon.

Ning, however, only just finished learning it.

'I should go with them to attack the snake after my next breakthrough,' he thought. In his eyes, they were more than strong enough to fight the snake. Also, they were all over the Qi Condensation 2nd realm.

He was only delaying the fight so that he could take part in it as well, and not feel like the coward he was last time.

'I have mostly given them all they need. They have learned all the different cultivation methods and techniques. They know how to read and write. They even know how to farm and cook different foods now.'

'I just need to teach them how to make salt-free water and I won't have to worry about them anymore,' he thought.

"System. Help me find a water purifying technique that these villagers can use to turn saltwater into normal water," Ning said.

Ning had already taught them how to filter the water using normal methods of stacking rocks, pebbles, and sands. But that only filtered the water from the dirt and debris. It did nothing to block the salt in the water. For that, he would need to teach them a normal cultivator's technique.

Ning had already asked for the system to make a book out of the technique he had learned, but the system responded with,

<Skills that cost energy cannot be taught to anyone other than hosts>

As such, he was now asking the system again for a different one, but he did not get the result he wanted.

<There are no such techniques in the system>

Ning was a little taken aback. 'This reminds me of the first time the shop was unlocked. Does the shop really not have anything? Or can I just not buy it right now?' he asked.

<The shop has no such techniques at any price point>

"Oh," he was truly surprised this time. This was the first time he asked the system for something to buy and it gave back 0 results. "What do I do then?" he asked.

<Since there are no such techniques in the system, The system suggests you make one>

'Make... techniques? I can make stuff?' he was quite surprised. He could understand making stuff for physical things, but a skill? That was a first for him.

<Yes. The shop originally has no skills. All the ones it has are ones made by the different hosts>

'Oh. So all the skills I have bought till now are ones made by the hosts before me?' he asked.

<Yes>

'Alright then. Let's start making a new technique. How do I do that?' he asked.

<You give exact instruction to the system to let it know about the skill you want to buy>

'Ok, then let's make a Seawater Salt remover skill that is usable with Qi,' he said.

<Confirmed>

<Do you want the skill to be an 'Insta Learn' skill or 'Read and learn' skill>

'Is one more advantageous than the other?' he asked.

<Insta Learn skills are directly taught to the person's brain>

<Read and Learn skills are usually in the form of words or illustrations that the person will have to learn on their own>

<Insta Learn skills are vastly more expensive and also a one-time learn skills. But, they are incredibly fast to teach and the person can learn it with a 100% guarantee.>

<Read and Learn skills are way cheaper and can be used multiple times. But, the person has to read the skill and learn it on their own, so there is no guarantee of them learning it>

"I need all of them to learn it if possible and leave it behind for their future generation, so it should be better if I make a book out of it. Use the Read and Learn version," he said.

<Confirmed>

<Do you want the Qi usage to be high or low?>

"Low? Wait, why do you ask? Does it change how expensive the skill is?" he asked.

<Yes. Low Qi usage skills are more expensive>

"Hmm...they should be on the 4th Qi condensation realm very soon. Hyesi is already reaching 3rd realm, so make the Qi usage to 10% of a 4th realm Qi Condensation cultivator's total Qi," he said.

<Confirmed>

<Maximum amount of Sea Water that can be desalinated with 10% Qi>

"The amount? Let's see. A bucket full should be okay, so 10 liters," Ning said.

<Confirmed>

<Do you want to buy this skill in information form or in written form?>

"Nah, I don't want to reiterate what they can easily read. Just write it in their own language," Ning said.

<Confirmed>

<Will you buy Book of "Sea Water Desalination Technique" for 88,000,000 Energy>

"That's quite expensive, but whatever. I got enough energy. Buy it"

Chapter 64: Day of Battle

Once the farming was done, he held hands with everyone and teleported back to the village.

It was still daytime, so he decided to hand the new technique off to Hyesi.

"Take this and learn it. It will help you create salt-free water on your own," Ning said as he gave the book to Hyesi.

Hyesi took the book with a dumbfounded face and asked, "Are you really planning on leaving us so soon, Inikaka?" he asked.

Ning simply smiled a little, "I can't stay here forever. I originally didn't leave because I didn't know where exactly I was on the map. The world is large and too many things looked similar. But now, I know where I am, and I know where to go."

"Once I defeat the demon with the help of you guys, I will leave this island and venture to the rest of the planet," Ning said.

Hyesi fell into thought as well. Ning had taught the villagers how small their lives on this island was and they had shown interest in going out too. But he didn't want to take care of them given how dangerous the outer world was, so he had refused.

Ning saw Hyesi's depressed look and rubbed his hair. "You can leave later after you reach higher realms too," he said.

Hyesi's face turned to a bitter-sweet smile as he said, "I don't think that is possible. Given how talented I am, I will need to stay back to protect my people from the other threats that are lurking in this world."

Ning chuckled, "You're quite mature, aren't you?" he said.

He left Hyesi to read the book and went to prepare for his upcoming battle against the demon. That meant, he had to break through as fast as possible.

He spent the next couple of days and nights doing nothing but cultivating. He took out a bit of time in his schedule to cultivate his body and his mind, but other than that, the majority of the time was spent cultivating his Qi.

After 2-3 days, he felt himself barely gathering anymore Qi. Almost like his body was full of it and he couldn't accept it anymore. There was something blocking his progress.

"Is this what they call a bottleneck?" he wondered.

He tried cultivating for another day, but there was no progress. Finally, on the 5th day, there was progress. With a massive OOMPH that rang throughout his body, he managed to break past the barrier and reached the 2nd Realm of Qi Condensation.

"Finally, I did it," he thought. He looked at his own body and was happy that he wouldn't have to clean himself once again since no filth left his body this time.

He focused on himself and saw that he was truly on the 2nd realm of Qi condensation. He stood up and walked outside of his house to check how much better he had gotten. He practiced a few movements and the claw technique and realized he had gotten stronger.

"It is time."

Early in the morning, Ning finished his body cultivation and walked to the village. The villagers were getting ready for their own things when they saw Ning walk into the village. Staying in the sun for so long, his skin was pretty tanned as well.

While it wasn't as dark as their's, his was pretty dark as well.

When they saw him walk in, they got ready for another new lesson. But they did not expect what came out of his mouth next.

"I am going to defeat the Demon Fufuliki today," he said, shocking the villagers and leaving them speechless.

They looked at him with wide eyes for a few seconds, and then...

"WOOOHOOOO" everyone started cheering.

"Oi Old man, go bring the spears," Hasini screamed.

"You come with me as well," the old man said.

"Are we doing this today, Inikaka?" the chief asked. He had become stronger as well and was ready to fight. In fact, he was so eager that his hands shook from excitement. The anger and hatred in his eyes towards the demon serpent was unmistakable.

"No, you absolutely aren't going." Belini was trying to keep her son from joining the fight.

"But it's okay mother. I am strong now; I fought the monster before too. Besides, Inikaka will be there. I'm sure he has ways to protect the lot of us," Belini hesitated for a little more, but after the consistent urging from her son, she accepted.

Once everyone was ready, half of them holding spears in hand, they left.

The chief led the people this time, with Ning a step behind. He was the heart behind this operation, but he couldn't be the brains of it. He had no knowledge in leading groups of people in a fight, and being the weakest of them all in terms of body and Qi, he decided to not be the vanguard of the battle.

They reached the beach and looked out for the demon to show up.

"Go make some noise," The chief ordered a few men and women who jumped into the water and started splashing around. At first, it didn't seem like anything was coming but soon they saw a disturbance in the water, and before anyone could say anything, the demon serpent arrived.

"Ready," The chief shouted.

Everyone with their spears pointed it at the monster, and those with none got into a fighting stance with their fingers in the shape of claws. With such strong techniques and cultivation, Ning didn't think it was possible for them to lose.

Nearly a hundred 2nd Realm Qi Condensation Cultivators with extreme body strength versus a 4th Realm Qi Condensation monster, the monster should lose no matter what. But it wasn't taking much damage last time, so Ning decided to look at its info one more time.

Due to the training for over 2 months, his mental strength was far more formidable than the last time. His cultivation was in the higher realm, so that brought some levity as well.

As such, He looked at the monster and started focusing on it.

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The demon serpent looked ever so beautiful in daylight. Its bluish-green skin sent iridescent colors scattering everywhere when the light hit it at a certain angle. It stuck out its twin forked tongue and wiggled it around, looking at everyone in front of it as if they are nothing but nuisance before it.

The villagers wasted no second and immediately started attacking the monster. Using their movement technique, they quickly reached the serpent in the ocean and sent out both claws and spear thrusts at it.

However, Contrary to their expectations, the serpent barely took any damage. There were multitudes of minor cuts and scratches on the monster's body, but nothing that could seriously damage it.

The snake slammed its body on the villagers, sending them flying backward.

Ning put out his hand towards the flying villagers who were flying past him and stopped them from flying back further with his telekinesis.

"Urghh..." catching so many people with telekinesis cost him both energy and mental strength due to the differences in their weight.

Ning's face was full of sweat as he frowned in worry. He had wanted to check the abilities of the snake and see why it was so strong, but just the first layer alone had shocked him.

The snake was now in the 5th Realm of Qi condensation.

"Sh*t. It's the same difference once more. In fact, it might be stronger than last time," he thought.

He sent out a massive Air Cutter towards the snake with at least 20 Million Energy behind it, but that ended up being weaker than the villager's normal attacks. Multiple creatures from the next island would've died to that attack just now, but it was nothing to the demon snake.

He sent another Air Cutter out with 100 Million energy behind it. He managed to create a deep gash on the snake's body, but it was only a little more damage than what the villagers were doing with their spears.

" I didn't want it to be true, but it turns out... even hundred of Millions of energies aren't much when compared to normal cultivators," he thought.

He took out a spear from his inter-dimensional Storage. It was blood-red in color and was made from something called Blood Iron, which was mostly used in making artifacts. According to the system, while the spear wasn't an artifact itself, it had the strength and durability of a low-tiered spirit artifact.

For the first time since meeting it, Ning finally rushed towards the monster to attack it. He employed the Twin Step Movement technique to immediately rush to the demon. Once he reached it, he used the One True strike with his full power behind the attack to pierce into the snake.

He barely even grazed the skin of the snake. Up close, he could see that the body of the snake was full of scales that worked like armor put together. They seemed really hard to cut through with normal attacks.

But there was something else there as well. He couldn't really see it, but the iridescent light, it wasn't coming from the snake's skin, but a layer on top of it. It was an incredibly thin layer of what looked like mist that covered its skin.

"What is that?" he wondered. Suddenly, a tail came towards him from the side. He could only put up his arm to block the attack when he was hurled away back into the beach.

CRACK

He heard something break.

"ARGHH," he shouted. He looked and saw that his right arm was broken, dangling from below the elbow.

"Inikaka, are you oka— Oh no, your arm," Hyesi came running towards him. So did the other people.

Even after so many months of training, he couldn't match up to the villagers who were training since childhood.

"Go fight, I'm fine," he said, urging everyone to leave. Only Hyesi stayed behind to make sure he was truly okay.

Ning quickly spends 10 Million of energy to fix his arm immediately. "I'm fine, don't worry about me," he said.

Ning looked back towards the serpent, still curious about the thin layer of mist. He decided to not care about the mental strength and started focusing intensely on the snake.

Once he got past the first layer of information, he could feel some stress on his mind as he saw the next information that was its name, Yin Demon Serpent.

After that, he focused a little more and tried to go past the second layer of information as well. It took a lot of effort as his head hurt quite a bit but he managed to do it.

He looked at the final piece of information, he was shocked.

The final piece of information, which was the skills of the demon serpent, was a single skill called Yin Armor.

'System, give me information on Yin Armor right now,' he said.

He chose a 10 million costing Intermediate knowledge on Yin Armor and quickly understood what it was. The demon was using a technique to gather Yin Energy from the surroundings and inside itself to create a sort of barrier around its body.

The barrier formed a flexible armor around its body that blocked a lot of the damage the villagers were dishing out.

If one could strip the snake of the armor, they should be able to deal proper damage to it. The only thing left now was a way to get rid of that armor.

Ning had 2.

"Hyesi comes with me," he said and called Hyesi who was about to go back to the fight after seeing that Ning was fine. Ning grabbed his slightly hurting head and walked to a different section of the beach.

There was nothing but sand everywhere, and he needed rocks.

Finally, he found some. He picked up a decently sized rock and handed it to Hyesi. Hyesi looked confused for a second looking at the stone in his hand and asked, "What should I do with the stone?"

Ning smiled a little and said, "I have an idea."

Chapter 66: Removing the Armor

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The chief got sent flying back towards the beach by the snake's tail. As soon as he landed on the beach, he immediately employed the movement technique and started running forward, back to the snake.

The snake's body was started to show signs of redness all over it from bleeding through the numerous minor cuts. It seemed to be having trouble violently moving its head too. So, it only attacked with its tails.

The chief had lost his spear sometime ago and was using his claws to fight most of the time now.

"Chief, our people are starting to get really hurt," someone said from his side while attacking the serpent.

"What?" the chief was surprised. He hadn't noticed, but at some point, his people had stopped returning to attack due to the pain running through their bodies. The chief couldn't understand why, but the demon was far stronger than he used to be.

"Tell the others to take the injured back to safety," the chief spoke to the man. However, the man didn't respond. When the chief stopped attacking and turned around to look at the man, he only saw the demon's tail in his place.

The man had been attacked while they were talking and sent far back.

"Oh, no," he was now starting to realize that the situation was more severe than ever. Previously, even with just a dozen of people, they were an equal match to the demon. The demon would hurt them a bit, and they would hurt the demon a bit.

It was an equal exchange of damage and neither truly ever won any fight. This was why they could never make the demon leave the island, and this was also why the demon couldn't make them leave the island.

But now it was different. The demon was winning and if they didn't do something quick, the only thing waiting for them would be their extinction.

"This is bad." Just as he thought that he was once more sent back flying towards the shore. This time, he could truly feel the pain from the monster's attack. It was much stronger than before.

Even then, the chief stood up and looked at the dozen or more people lying on the ground in pain. Thankfully, nobody seemed to have any bleeding going on.

"Everyone, if you can stand up, leave this place at once. The demon is stronger than before and it's too dangerous to stay here," the chief shouted. "Help them," he said to the people who could walk.

"What are we going to do now chief?" someone asked.

"This— We did not plan for this chief. The monster is too strong," someone else said.

"I know," the chief shouted in frustration. "Where is Inikaka? He should be able to help us."

They tried looking around and found him far away with Hyesi. Just as the chief was about to call him, Ning's body fell to the ground, his hand and arm totally limp. The people who saw this got scared.

"What happened? Did he get hit?" the chief shouted as he ran towards Hyesi. However, before he could even reach there, Ning's body disappeared. This just shocked him more.

"Did— Did Inikaka leave us?" the people started getting scared.

"Urghh... I'm right here," Ning shouted from the stone on top of Hyesi's hand. Leaving his human body, the mental pain that came from the different techniques was a little stronger than before.

"What is going on?" the chief asked.

"Listen up, everyone," Ning said. "Hyesi is going to throw me over to the snake. I know a way to stop it from using its defenses. You guys take the time to attack it, okay?"

"Defenses? The snake has defenses?" the chief was surprised.

"Yes, but don't worry about it. Let me take care of it. You guys just attack," Ning said. 'Sigh, I will lose a lot of energy from this,' he thought.

"Alright, I will see you guys after victory. Hyesi, Throw me," Ning said.

Hyesi stretched his arm as far back as he could, and in a smooth motion, hurled the stone directly towards the snake. A few other people were occupying the snake's attention, so it did not see the stone approach.

As soon as the stone got near the snake, Ning used the technique.

Parasite.

His consciousness switched places from the rock to the snake. Suddenly, the whole world got a lot bigger for Ning.

"Holy Sh*t," he thought. The snake had always been half underwater, so he couldn't its actual size. But now that he was inhabiting the snake, he could finally see that in length alone, the snake was over 40 meters long, with only a third of its body showing up out of the water.

He tried to look around him but he could see nothing. The only place he could see with was the snake's eyes and mouth. Everywhere else was a layer of hazy mist. It was the same mist he needed to get rid of.

He looked through the snake's eyes to see what it was seeing and saw the group of villagers ready with their spear, just waiting for him to order.

"DO IT," he shouted as loud as he can, using up a lot of energy to create the sound.

"AAHHHHH," everyone who could move ran towards the snake to attack, with the chief taking the charge. Aside from the injured ones who could no longer move, not a single one stayed behind.

Ning on the other hand activated the Yin to Heat conversion technique. "Ah!," his already hurting mind tinged with more pain. While the requirements for this technique were nothing compared to the Qi Cultivation Analysis, using it while having a small headache really hurt him.

He could slowly start feeling the Yin energy around the snake disappear as it turned to heat energy. So, he looked outside to see if it was working.

There he saw it. The mist started to slowly disappear as it gave way to the world around him. His plan was working.

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Chapter 67: Heat

The mist cleared up and Ning could finally see everything clearly. He saw the snake coil up at the bottom of the shallow ocean, he saw the giant ocean behind the snake, and he saw the group of villagers running towards him and the snake.

As soon as they reached the snake, they once more let out the relentless attacks with their spears and their claw-like hands. Deep cuts and wounds started all over the demon serpent's body. They were finally getting somewhere with their attacks.

"YES," Ning shouted, seeing his plan work.

The snake was starting to get uncomfortable with the suddenly increased amounts of damage and the creepy burning sensations it was getting all over its body.

It started to once more move around its body, hitting the villagers with its tail in the process. But there were too many of them attacking right now. The snake couldn't target the villagers individually and started to hit the villagers one at a time.

Ning was happy that his plan had succeeded. He had successfully managed to strip away the Yin surrounding the snake, basically forming an armor protecting the snake from physical attacks. However, now with his doing, it was taking plenty of damage.

'Still, it's quite surprising. In fact, one could even call it weird,' Ning thought. 'The snake is only using its head and tails to fight, it hasn't been trying to bite anyone yet. Does it not have venom despite the fact that it has fangs?'

The snake had not once changed its attack pattern which surprised Ning. Ning started to believe it was similar to one of the many non-venomous snakes that was found back on earth. Still, betting it all on a simple guess wasn't the right thing to do.

'System, give me information on this species of snake, ' he ordered.

Before the system could even list out everything, he picked the intermediate version of the information and got it transferred to his mind. Suddenly, a whole lot of information about the snake popped up into his mind.

The knowledge terrified him for a second. "Is it... really true?" he was shocked. The Yin Demon Serpent was a ferocious race of serpents that was as dangerous as it was venomous. They were naturally adept at cultivation, however, due to being a monster, it took them a lot of time to cultivate. Still, they were faster than most creatures.

They also grew in size as they got stronger. As for their venom, it depended on their age. A young Yin Demon Serpent, which was tiny compared to its adult form, did not produce enough venom to secrete through its glans.

Which meant, the only reason the serpent in front of Ning wasn't using its fangs was...

"It's still a child. It's a newborn snake in comparison," Ning was shocked beyond belief. The snake that terrorized the villagers, cut off their route out of the island and stole their food by taking over their area of sea was just a very young snake.

'If this is a young snake... then how big are the adult ones?' the world of Cultivation started to terrify him more than he would care to admit.

Suddenly, the snake changed its attack pattern. It was getting too bloody and beat at this point, so in desperation, it wrapped its long tails around the group of villagers trying to crush them.

The villagers stabbed, clawed, scratched, hit, pushed, and did whatever else they could stop the snake from crushing them with its body, but nothing happened.

At the last moment, just before they were crushed, however, all of the villagers suddenly vanished from the spot.

They reappeared over 100 meters away, at the beach.

"Was it... Inikaka?" they wondered. They were scared to go after the snake once more, but this time, the snake started crawling up to them.

"Oh no you don't," Ning said as he asked the system to teleport the snake as far away as possible from the island. Both he and the snake disappeared from the beach appearing somewhere deep underwater.

Unfortunately, due to the massive size and weight of the snake, the system couldn't teleport it very far away. The snake wasted no time getting confused and immediately started swimming away. Before Ning could even realize it, he was back on the beach.

"What?" he was shocked. He quickly checked his status, only to realize he had no energy now. He had assumed 500 million energy at the start of the fight would've been enough. Now he saw how stupid he was.

'And now I have no energy,' he thought. With his mind in pain and now out of energy, he started to get annoyed.

'So what?' he thought to himself. 'If I don't have energy, I will use something else.'

The snake was once again already near the people who were terrified seeing it come onto them once again. 'You are not going to attack them,' Ning shouted, but no one could hear him since he had no energy.

Suddenly, the snake's skin started glowing slightly red. The glow however had nothing to do with the snake itself. Ning was now fully employing the Yin to Heat conversion to the best of his ability, thoroughly searing the snake's skin.

The snake made a hurtful shout and immediately turned around to go back into the water. The villager sighed in relief when they saw that.

"Inikaka is helping us," Hyesi said as he was the one most in the know about Ning's abilities.

The snake went deep into the ocean to find the coldness of water to overcome the heat it was facing. In doing so, it sealed its fate, for the depth of the ocean was one of the places with the most amount of Yin energy in it.

Suddenly, a violent amount of Yin energy gathered around the snake and immediately turned into intense heat that started burning the snake even more.

'AHHHHH,' Ning shouted internally using as much mental energy as he could to burn the snake alive.

<Host has used a lot of mental strength and is now at a critical mental state>

<Any more loss in mental strength will make the system resort to a forced comatose state to preserve the host's mind>

'AHHHH,' he shouted in pain, but he did not stop. If he stopped now, the snake would surely return back to the surface and harm all of the people he had come to love dearly. He was immortal, they were not.

So, he decided to take all the pain onto himself so that the others could survive. Finally, he stopped being a coward.

His bravery showed as the snake's body glowed to a brighter shade of red at the depth of the ocean. Every fish that came close to the snake immediately ran away, terrified at the unknown enemy.

The snake ran as far as it could to get away from this pain, but it couldn't. it would twist and turn from pain, but the heat never stopped.

Ning also did not stop even though he felt like someone was physically ripping his brain out of his head.

By this point, he didn't even know how much Yin he had converted or how much heat had accumulated on the snake's body, but he kept going and going until... the snake stopped moving.

Confirming that the snake was in fact dead, he stopped accumulating Yin, and all the heat turned back to Yin once more.

<Host has overextended his mental capacity and crossed the critical state>

<Putting host on coma to preserve his mental state>

<System is going dormant>

Suddenly, everything around Ning grew dark as he lost his consciousness, without knowledge of when he would be conscious again.

Chapter 68: Aftermath

"Where is he? Where is the demon?" the chief asked, even though he knew no one here would know the answer to his questions. They waited for a while, but neither the snake nor their Inikaka returned at all.

After a few minutes, the chief started sending the injured people back to the village. Due to being both body and Qi cultivators, these people would need at most a month of rest to be fully back to their regular self.

An hour after that, the chief sent the elderly back.

An hour after that, the chief sent anyone willing back.

At the end of the day, there were only 4 people that remained on the beach, with Hyesi being one of them.

Even then, Ning never returned. Reluctantly, the group went back to the village. Over the next couple of days, they lived in fear of the demon returning, however, no such thing happened.

By the end of the week, they were almost certain the demon was gone.

By the end of the month, they were absolutely certain the demon was gone. "I will see you guys after victory" was what he had said last, but he never saw them again.

In the absence of their Inikaka, they kept doing what he had taught them to do. Their body cultivation technique was perfected, so they practiced that every morning.

Their Qi cultivation was well enough too, and they practiced that most of the night.

Their Inikaka had taught them to read and write, so they continued doing that. The whole village was now proficient in reading and writing their own language. They started creating stories of what their Inikaka did, carving the words into giant rocks for future generations to read.

Drinking water was no longer a problem now. Thanks to their Inikaka, they could turn seawater into drinking water anytime they want. Hyesi had passed along the technique to all of them. Thanks to that, they didn't have to rely on coconut water anymore, and the villagers got to taste a ripe coconut for the first time in forever.

As for food, the villagers expanded the farm on the other island, growing multiple crops thanks to the different types of grains and seeds their Inikaka had left behind. They now had rice, wheat, barley, and several vegetables and fruit to grow on their own.

He had also left behind multitudes of knowledge about different ways to cook food all translated in their language. He had also left behind a lot of metal pots and pans as well as other tools, all of which the villagers found important.

However, perhaps the most important thing he had left behind was a single piece of paper. The paper had rough lines drawn onto it using coals. Ning had drawn it himself one day and casually handed it to Hyesi to use one day or keep for future generations.

It was a map of the nearby vicinity of the island. There were over 20 islands north of their island that were larger than theirs. Ning never mentioned whether they were inhabited or not, but just the fact that the islands were there grew their world by a lot.

Years went by and the village prospered. The population grew a lot by now as the threat of monsters no longer kept them in check. Also, the fact that they were qi cultivators now, the elderly had a lot more lifespan than the ancestors before them.

Some of the villagers transferred to the other islands up north and settled there, growing the population once more.

Hyesi grew up and married a girl from the village who was a few years younger than him. Thanks to his cultivation speed, he had come to be the de facto leader of the village, and soon inherited the position of the chief.

He also had kids, a son, and a daughter. He let his wife name their daughter but insisted that his son be named Ning. He would let them later know about this Inikaka of theirs that helped them so much.

And it would all start from the story of when he cowardly went out to fight the demon Fufuliki with the previous chief and a fish appeared on the beach.

He would never forget the words he heard that day and even more so just how much he had underestimated them when he had heard them. The words that he agreed to without thinking much. The words that he still heard in his dreams from time to time. The words...

"Hey boy, Do you want me to help you become stronger?"

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Nothing. That was what was on Ning's mind when he got up from his long sleep. No pain, no thoughts, nothing. He was a little disoriented and took some time to remember what had happened. Information flooded into his mind as he remembered the fight with the snake.

'It died, right? Yeah, it did,' he said as he remembered more.

'Where am I?' he thought as he looked around. It was dark and he could see nothing right now. 'What happened to my Night Vision?' he wondered.

He then realized, he felt cold. Really cold. Almost as if he was back on the glacier where he started his new life at.

However, he could feel the intense pressure on his skin so he guessed that he was somewhere deep in the ocean.

'Umm... system, where am I?' he asked.

<The ocean>

'I know— whatever. Can I teleport to some land? What is the closest distance?' He asked.

<96 Kilometers>

'Oh, that's quite close. Alright, teleport,' he said. However, nothing happened. Ning waited for a few seconds but did not feel anything change.

'What's wrong system?' he asked.

<You do not have enough energy>

'I don't? Status,' he said.

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 4257

Separated Energy-

Heat Energy: 12

Sound Energy: 4,245

Qi Energy: 0

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Intermediate Map, Omniscient Klavis Language, Candle Fire, Yin to Heat conversion technique, Night Vision I, Interdimensional Storage (Stopped Time; 112 KG), Air Cutter, Telekinesis, Yin to Sound conversion technique, Water Filtration, Earthly Jade Cultivation Method, Sun God's Morning Cleansing Technique, Qi Cultivation Analysis, Body Cultivation Analysis]

'Oh, I guess I should start with gathering energy then.'

Chapter 69: Goodbye

Ning tried to use the Yin-to-Heat conversion technique but quickly realized that it wasn't working as well as he had hoped. He stopped after gaining a bit over a million energy, while at the same time losing nearly all of it.

'I'm not in a solid object, am I?' he thought. The darkness gave him no clue through a visual medium, but the fact that it was dark and he could feel himself floating a little started hint him that he might've been in the water.

Since he was in the water, energy was extremely detrimental to him since most water molecules left the bottom of the ocean once it got sufficiently hot. So, he had to first look for a proper body to inhabit.

He had enough energy to switch bodies, the only thing remaining was to actually find a body.

'System, can you help me locate a body?' he asked.

<Everything around you is just water>

'So, no target for me, huh,' he said. He decided to think of other methods. Of the various methods he could think of, all required either teleporting or finding a body before teleporting.

'God, I am bad at this stuff,' he thought. 'Where am I supposed to find a bod— Wait a second, my body. I have my body. I can use that right?' he thought. But then he thought against it.

He currently had around 20,000 energy, which was nowhere enough to teleport. And if he couldn't teleport the moment he got into his body, the sheer pressure at the bottom of the ocean would wreck his body.

That would just be a waste of energy and time he spent to get that body. 'What else do I have?' he decided to check. He looked through the interdimensional storage and found something quite useful in the first 2 seconds of looking.

'That should work. System, get ready to transfer me to it, okay? No questions asked,' he ordered.

<Confirmed>

'Alright, come out,' he thought about pulling the object from inside of him and suddenly, he felt the water undulate in front of him. As soon as that happened, his consciousness shifted.

'Finally, I got a body,' he thought. Only then, he started using the Yin to Heat conversion technique. The dense yin energy at the bottom of the ocean immediately stuck to Ning as it filled his energy up to cap at once. The remaining Yin simply gathered there and started giving off a red glow.

Deep in the darkness, Ning could see color giving off of his body. The body he inhabited, which was the bloodred spear.

'Alright, teleport me to this place 90 km away,' he ordered.

<Confirmed>

Without a single question, the system immediately teleported him to the land that it had mentioned before.

It was nighttime, but Ning could see with his Night Vision I. He started looking around and saw that he was inside a jungle, not dissimilar to the island that was next to the island where Hyesi lived.

'I should go back there once I gather more energy,' he thought. 'Although, this looks like that same island... is it?' he asked the system.

<No>

'Are you sure? Cause I think I remember this exact vegetation on that island. It must be the same one,' Ning said.

<The vegetation would have changed by now>

'Changed? Why would it have cha— Did I sleep for more than just a few days?' he asked.

<Host had overused his mental strength and went over critical point>

<System put the host in a comatose state to save his mind>

'I... was in a coma? I do remember you telling me that, however...', he trailed off. Suddenly, remembering the system's words once again, he asked, 'how long was I in a coma for? The people at the village must've been waiting for me to return for weeks if not months,' he said.

<You have been in a coma for over 164 years>

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Shock. That was the only emotion Ning felt when he heard the words '164 years'. That was not a period of time a normal human could fathom.

Ning was speechless for a long while. He wasn't speechless because he had tons of many thoughts running across his head and he could not choose what to say.

He was speechless because he didn't really comprehend what the system had just said.

164 years. That was nearly twice if not thrice the lifetime of a normal human back on earth. And he had just spent the same amount in a comatose state.

'That's not true right?' he asked, but got no response back. 'Bu-But why? How?' he started to ask angrily.

'So... is there no one waiting for me back at the island? Everyone I knew... Hyesi, Belini, Hasini, the chief, and the others... are they all dead?' he couldn't help but ask.

From Ning's perspective, he had just decided to save the villagers by burning the snake alive. He had then found himself in the dark and decided to come here using his spear. And yet, to suddenly learn that it had been 164 years since then, he couldn't understand his own emotions.

Was this Shock? Surprise? Despair? Sadness? Grief? Anxiety? Sympathy? Amazement? Melancholy? Fear? Anger? Depression?

It felt like it was all, and yet at the same time, it was none. However, whatever it was, thanks to the system, either for a good or bad reason, was amplified.

He could feel every single emotion clearly, but when he tried to see the overall emotion, it was just a gray mixture of all. Whatever he did feel, made him feel horrible.

'I... I didn't even get to say my farewells,' he thought. He thought he knew how much he cared for them, but he was only now realizing the extent of his care.

Understanding that he would never again see the people he cared out, a massive wave of sadness struck him and the only thing he could do was wail out and cry.

Ning cried, and he cried for a long time. The system did nothing whatsoever to stop him, giving him ample time to show his sadness, for that was the only way to move forward after a loss.

After an inordinate amount of time had passed, Ning finally stopped crying and calmed himself to say a single word, 'Goodbye.'

Chapter 70: Mantis Monster

Ning was feeling much better right now after grieving for the last couple of days. He still wasn't over the loss but didn't get held back by it. Once he was done collecting the energy in the night, he spent the rest of the day dealing with the sense of loss.

So, he was mostly fine now.

He had also spent the next month or so just staying there looking at the multitudes of animals that would walk by there, some with cultivation, some not. The strongest one with cultivation he had seen so far was at Qi condensation 3rd Realm.

However, most of the time was just spend sleeping.

During the time he also went over the different things he had and could improve upon. after acquiring 880 Million energy, he bought a basic All Language knowledge type skill. With that, he wouldn't need to worry about talking to anyone anymore.

Once he was absolutely sure that he would not be in danger, he brought out his human body and got into it.

Ning drooped down to grab the spear and walked in a random direction. The forest was the same everywhere, so he wasn't sure if he was even walking in a proper straight line. He met a few animals along the way, but they would either run away with him immediately or butt heads with him and then run away.

Ning didn't try to follow them to kill them so they got away safely.

"Urhhh... I'm starting to get hungry now," he thought. He looked around the forest, and although it looked similar to the one from the other island, there were no fruits here. Not even berries.

"Am I going deeper?" he wondered. He decided to climb up a tall tree and see what was going on. From the top of the tree he looked all around, but it seemed like he was in a valley of some sort, so the most he could see was green tree-filled mountains.

"Aww, I can't see anything from here. At least, going opposite the beach should be a proper idea right? Hopefully, going along the beach wasn't the right call and I totally f*cked up," he thought.

He kept on walking for a few more days and finally saw some fruit up ahead. "Arhh... finally. I was going to die of hunger soon," he exaggerated. He would've been perfectly fine for another 2 weeks without food, thanks to his body Cultivation and Qi Cultivation.

As he walked forward to grab the fruit, he saw something move behind him. He immediately ducked, as the attacking monster barely grazed the hair on his head.

"That was a close call," he said in relief. "What is that?" he thought as he looked at the assailant in front of him. It was a large green monster with crooked arms that looked like scythes.

'A praying mantis?' He thought. He decided to check its cultivation. He focused his attention on the Mantis and felt close to no pain as he effortlessly got the information.

Qi Condensation 3rd Realm.

'It's a realm higher than me, but with my body cultivation, it should be a fair battle. The only problem is...' his thoughts trailed off as he looked at the two sharp Scythe-like hands.

'If that catches me, I'm done,' he thought.

The monster once again jumped straight at him, slicing at him with its two scythes. Ning took the opportunity to block the scythes with his spear.

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Two metallic sounds rang out from the clashes of the scythe-like arms and the spear. Ning was surprised to see absolutely no scratches on the spear. 'System did say it was a really good spear,' he thought.

It was time for him to go on the offensive. He immediately used his Twin Step Movement technique to get a massive boost to his speed and used a normal thrust technique at the Mantis monster in front of him.

The Mantis saw him coming but barely managed to dodge him. While its speed was very fast, it was bad at reacting fast. Ning could use that to his advantage. He started

skipping around the mantis with his movement technique, always trying to stay out of its sight.

"Yah!!" he shouted as he attacked Mantis. The mantis heard him shout and moved back, but Ning still managed to cut its back a little.

'Sh*t. I shouldn't have shouted. I could've killed it there,' he thought. Once again, he started moving around. But the monster wasn't going to stand around again either. The mantis understood what he was doing, so it too ran around the vicinity of the fight, following Ning's footsteps.

Both man and monster were now going around in circles. 'This is pointless,' he thought. Then, he immediately turned around and charged at the mantis that was following him.

The mantis was caught off-guard. It didn't expect the human to turn around and attack it. Still, it once more twisted its body fast enough to survive with just a graze.

'Goddammit. How is it so good?' he wondered. He would have to bring out the big guns now. He once again used his movement technique to run around, and the mantis followed him too, except it was extra cautious.

Once more, Ning immediately turned around, but the mantis had expected this. It tried to move out of the way once again. Only this time, it was stuck. It tried to move, but it couldn't move its legs at all.

It then looked back at Ning, only to see a small sharp point right in front of its head.

One True Strike technique

At the last moment, Ning had employed his strongest technique and managed to blow off the mantis's head.

Huff Huff

'Finally,' he thought. 'I need to learn more on how to mix and match my different abilities,' he thought. He looked at the corpse of the mantis and wondered whether he should take it or not.

'Eh, might as well take the arms at least. Those look awesome,' he thought. Just then, two Mantis arrived at the scene, both of which looked a lot larger than the dead mantis.

He quickly checked their cultivation and was both shocked and surprised. 'Sh*t.'

The Mantises were both Qi Condensation 4th realm.

