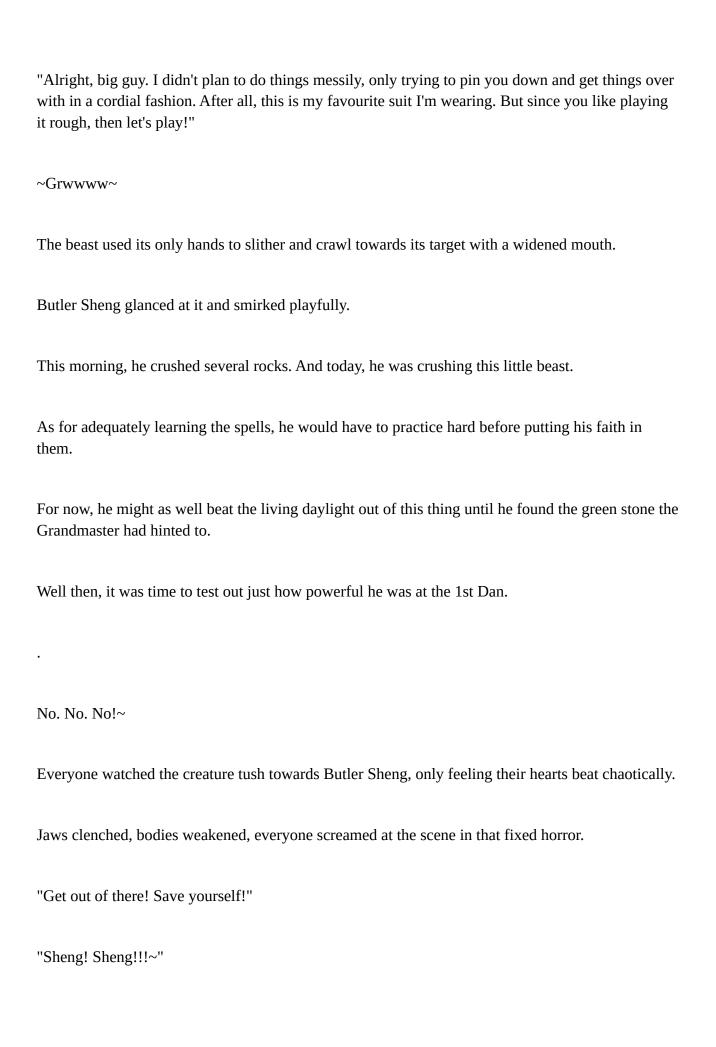
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"Mr. Sheng!!" ~Tututututututhrop. Butler Sheng rolled onto the sandy banks as though his body were made of rubber. It was just that the fact that he was rolling while sighing a deep hole into the ground greatly contrasted the rubber notion many had initially thought of. Everyone saw him get up and shake the sand and ground away from him as though it were nothing. "Mr. Sheh--... Eh??" Blink. Blink. His body wouldn't be made of stone, right? That is, what should've made anyone disfigured and even crippled with a broken spine and many internal injuries, seemed to have done nothing to him. Augh. Butler Sheng leaped out of the deep hole created, smashing the side of his ears to remove any sand and ground residue that got in. All this was just 3 seconds after getting hit down. And wouldn't you know it, the moment he got back out, the creature's ugly face was the first thing that greeted him. This time, Butler Sheng gave up the idea of pinning the bastard first.

He ran his fingers to sleek back his hair and adjusted his suit properly.



"Oh no. I can't watch This is too much!" Mina said, feeling as though she would have a heart attack any moment from now.
Who can bear to watch?
The scene of Butler Sheng getting swallowed whole by that thing had long been envisioned by them all.
However, what happened next was completely different from their imaginations.
~Grwww~
The creature slithered its way towards its target fearlessly. And with a deep lean forward, it opened its mouth, revealing an even more rotting inside and deeper smell that could knock one out flat.
Bam!
A loud sound echoed out. And all everyone could see was the creature flying backwards instead.
Everyone watched the following scenes with shock, confusion and even doubt.
Mina loomed at Butler Sheng, feeling cheated.
'Damn you, Mr. Sheng! You better give me back my tears after this! How dare you make a lady cry?'
Grwww~
Bam! Bam! Bam! Pah! Bam!
Butler Sheng landed yet another solid hit on the creature, making it cry even more.
In fact, the creature and Butler Sheng were pretty even when battling.

Both sides had caused injury to the other, showing their strengths.

But because Butler Sheng had spotted the stone on it, he was quick to judge the bastard, shocking everyone silly.

They weren't fools. Butler Sheng's vanishing appearance and his blows alone showed them that he was stronger than they, mere mortals.

"Leader, I think this is what Marshall Gia wanted us to see."

"Hmmm..." Ajin replied, thinning his lips deeply. "If I weren't with you all right now, I would have sworn that today's matter was nothing but a figment of my imagination. The world is not as we think. Maybe our biggest enemies are not ourselves, but these things... As protectors, how can we not join in the battle?"

Everyone looked at each other briefly as though concluding their minds.

Before taking on this mission, Old Gia had told them to prepare because soon, they would go somewhere to study something top-secret.

They didn't understand and thought that maybe he was sending them off to some secret base to learn a thing or 2.

However, they understood how wrong they were.

It was now clear as day that this was what the marshal meant!

Boom! Bam! Pah! Boom!

~Grwwww!

The creature had finally been subdued, with its stone ripped off cleanly by Butler Sheng. And at this moment, a ridiculously large hole that they could see, unexpectedly opened up on the water. ~Dwahh. m Everyone peeked at the scene anxiously until Mina's cry echoed out. "Look! Look! It's the Grandmaster! He's alive!" What? He's alive? "Hahahahah~ That beautiful son of a b**tch is alive. Hahahaha~... I want to kiss him now." Everyone's emotions were unspeakable, with some hugging each other and others just smiling warmly. Good. Good. Good. "Grand... Ah!--" Dorian emerged, floating while carrying over 30 of these same creatures bundled up together. Everyone, including Butler Sheng and the beast he defeated, had no tears but wanted to cry. 'Grandmaster, do you know that you're a bully?' Chapter 157 [Bonus Chapter] Academy Construction Begins! Right before everyone's eyes, they watched as Dorian emerged from underneath with numerous creatures squished and wrapped around into one giant ball of disgust. But that wasn't all.



So he realized where he messed up during battle.

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In today's battle, Butler Sheng had begun by putting his faith in a spell that he hadn't adequately mastered. And if the creature were even slightly stronger than himself, he would've sustained far greater injuries, or worse... Died.

When choosing a tactic, one had to choose the best and swiftest method that was equally simple for one to do.

If he had begun by battling that thing the moment it slammed itself against the invisible wall, he would've long found the green some and dealt with it without wasting so much energy.

Mind you, he had just entered the 1st Dan and was still in the process of stabilizing his form. So his energy was vastly affected too.

And mid-battle, he also realized the crises at hand if he didn't end things quickly.

That's why every second he had to rest, he was secretly cultivating to boost his energy.

Indeed... He had overestimated his capabilities before the battle.

Butler Sheng might not know it, but the reason Dorian looked very almighty was not only because he was a genius, but because he knew his strengthened weaknesses at every given time.

Look. Even when reassuring the Gia girl, he went back home to gather energy before heading out to display his skills.

Dorian never did anything he wasn't sure of.

He was like a calculator, working countless outcomes and possibilities prior to battle and even within the fight.

Being a genius and mastering everything alone wasn't enough. One had to train their minds and master everything about themselves too.

Butler Sheng had learnt a bit of this today.

Dorian nodded in satisfaction, seeing that he had taken his teachings to heart.

After all, he wasn't always going to be there. And watching people die from some mistakes was something Dorian didn't want to see happen.

If you're going to die, let it be from being killed by some overpowered underworld creature or even from one of the Princes of the Underworld. Dying from a 49-year-old being because of a trivial mistake like this was just too shameful!

Dorian wasn't like those masters who would tell their disciples to die and sacrifice their lives when they could live.

If you can't handle things, flee, get backup or alert someone else to take the job.

Its stupid system indeed wanted him to train heroes that would jump into fire whenever possible.

But moving without any firm understanding of oneself was stupid, to say the least.

While helping others out, being selfish and keeping one's life were also important.

They, exorcists, weren't sacrificial lambs that would lead around at will.

Understand your strengths, abandon and seek help when you weren't, and that's that.

In Butler Sheng's case today, he wanted him to understand that overestimating his capabilities would one day lead to his death.

Master what you can, understand your limits, and you'll live longer.

As for the other lessons to be learnt, he was sure that the more experienced Butler Sheng was, the more growing he would get. Butler Sheng stepped back expressionlessly, bowing to Dorian yet again. "Grandmaster. I have taken in your teachings." "Hmm..." Dorian hummed, turning his attention towards Chan-ki. Bubuum! Chan-ki's heart was beating so loudly. ~Plop. He went down on one knee. "Grandmaster, this humble one is here." " " Ajin and the others didn't see anything wrong with Chan-ki's actions. Lying trough. This was the Grandmaster, okay? Chan-ki knelt, looking so determined, as though he would do anything for Dorian at this moment.

When thinking of how ignorant he was, not knowing Dorian's true identity, he wanted to smack

Yes. Even after seeing this much, he still chose to stay. After all, what if he left and met such things

himself in the face, swearing to do a great job as one of Dorian's close guards.

Butler Sheng had said earlier that he had fought many other creatures too.

out there again?

So it could be said that they might be within every corner around them. Then in that case, wouldn't running away be stupid?
Maybe if he were ordinary, he would flee. But for a trained guard such as himself, he quickly thoughts things through too.
Well, he had decided to continue staying with the Tians!
"Now, do you have a sense of what our Tian family does?"
Chan-ki nodded vigorously. "Yes, Grandmaster. I'm ready to be trained and taken in!"
Dorian looked at him deeply: "Get up. We'll talk about it later. For now, everyone, stand back."
Say less. Everyone did as they were told, watching Dorian summon the bears and the white tigers to step forward.
,m "Dig."
'~Grw~.'
In a flash, the creatures began digging an incredibly deep hole.
['Host, this spot is indeed perfect. Do you want to take out the Academy's boundless Heavenly Core?']
Dorian smiled mysteriously.
'Hmmmm It's time to begin.'
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Everyone watched as the creatures began digging an incredibly deep hole.

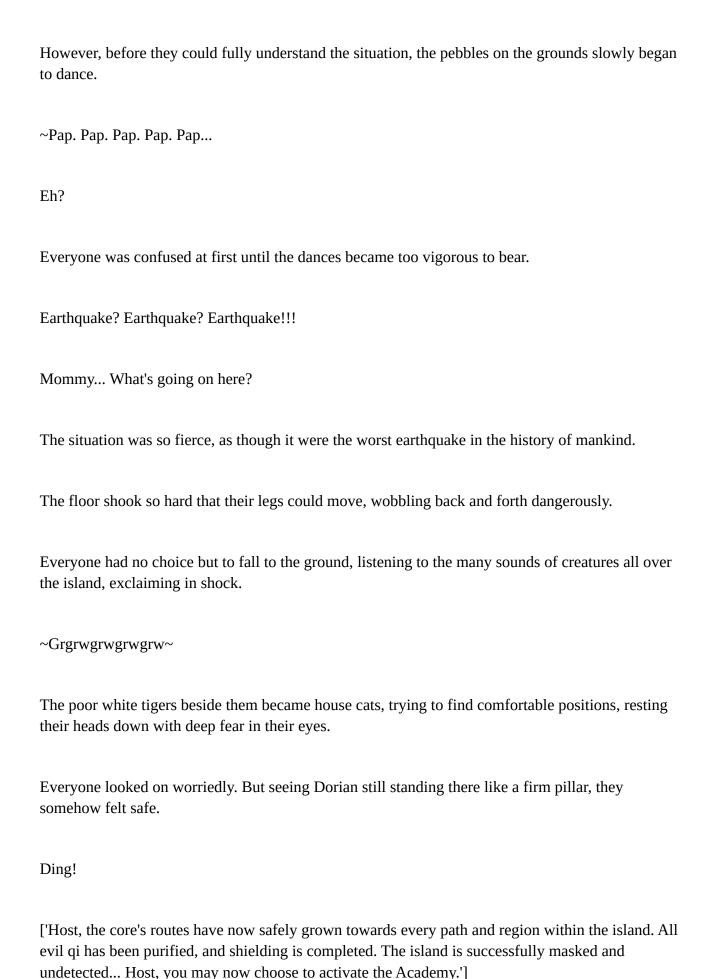
Everything was just so intriguing that they couldn't help poking at Butler Sheng for answers. "Mr. Sheng... Mr. Sheng, what exactly is the Grandmaster trying to hurry?" "Yeah. Just watching it is giving me goosebumps." Mina added. "That's right. I don't know if it's just me, but I just can't stay calm in such a place. Have you all forgotten that we were almost swallowed by those things earlier on?!" Killnoff said, cautiously looking around the big open space like crazy. F***! What the hell kind of mission had Old Gia sent them for? As a trained military pilot, he had never felt so insecure and frightened in his entire life! Nonetheless, he understood that only when being around Dorian would he be safe. Gulp. He swallowed hard, seeing more and more eyes now reveal themselves from amidst the busy jungle circling them. "Guys... Guys... I think we have company again~~." Bubuum. Instantly, everyone's heart fell deep into their fellows. The air grew brittle, so much so that it could snap away like a twig with just a little push.

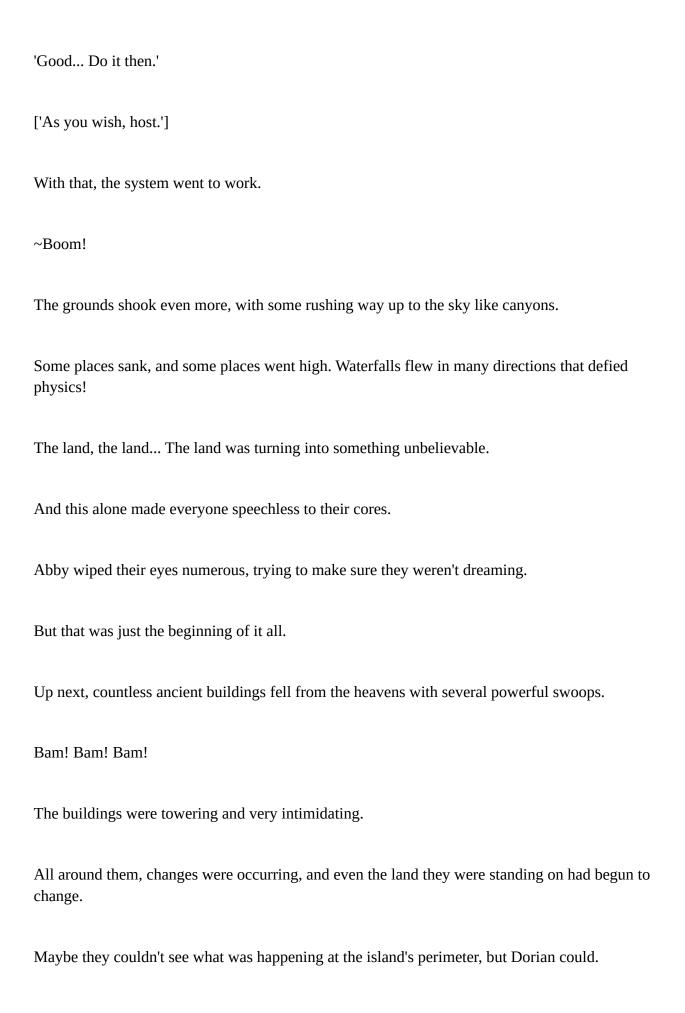
The fear that had left everyone quickly returned, making their hands shake with uncontrollable

tremors.

Eyes. Eyes of various shapes were all staring at them from within the forests.
Only this time, they were trying to assess whether some of those eyes belonged to any evil creatures or not.
Oh no! The invisible wall had already been destroyed. So what should they do if something dastardly sneaks up on them?
What were they? What were they?
"They're just ordinary."
"Ah"
Listening to Dorian, everyone was quick to out down their worries, smiling awkwardly
Hey Who knew that they would be able to have jump scares in real life, as though they were in an actual movie?
Now they understood how movie characters felt.
Hmph! Watching from behind the screen, it was easy to criticize, but try being in their shoes, and you'll understand their pain!
~Thrthrthrthrthrthr~
The animals dug the hole to a satisfying depth.
"That's enough," Dorian said, taking out a blinding globe from thin air.
What?!!!!
Everyone placed their hands over their heads subconsciously.

No one could see a single thing, as the light was so binding, making them feel a strong, majestic eminence radiating from it.
Powerful! Powerful! Too strong!
The feeling was bizarre but comfortable.
It was as though the light was the true essence of humanity The cradle of life, so to speak.
And while everyone was momentarily blinded, Dorian calmly dropped the core into the hole, flicking his wrist to push all the soil back in place.
[Core planted. 40 seconds to more activation 39 35~]
Blurry. Blurry.
The blindness was real.
And with just 8 more seconds left on the clock, many animals could see, while for them, the humans, it was only during the 5-second mark that they could finally see clearly.
F***! What the hell was that?
Everyone stared at each other momentarily, blinking their teary eyelids away.
Hell!
What just happened? And what was that staring light they just witnessed?
They knew that Dorian had just buried something, but what?
Everyone was in a state of confusion, looking at the hole that had now been buried up.

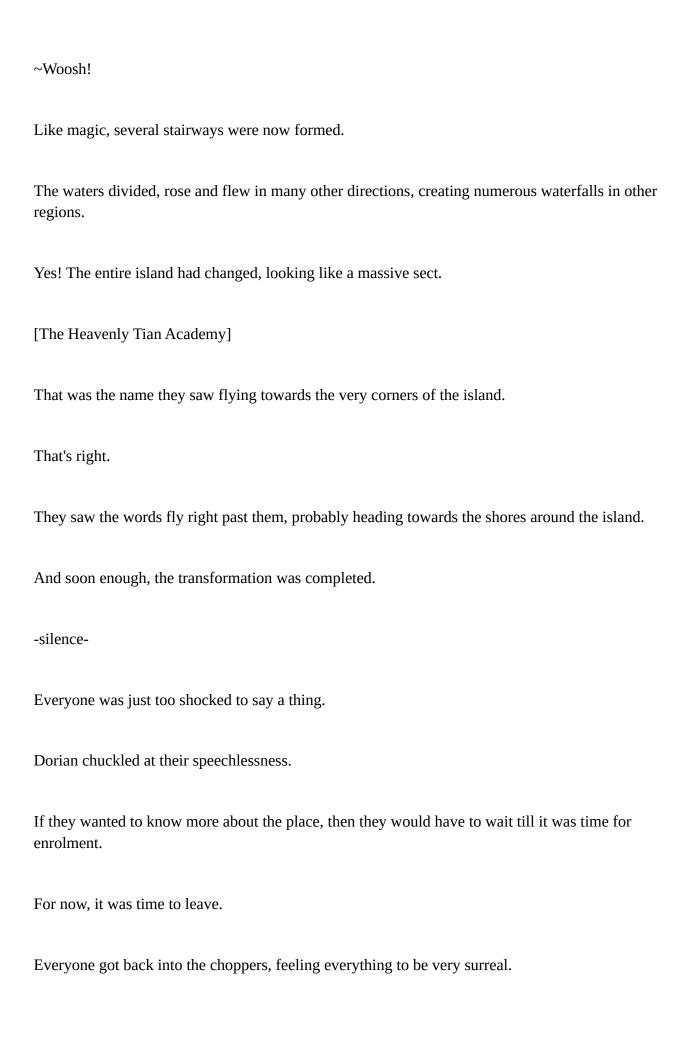


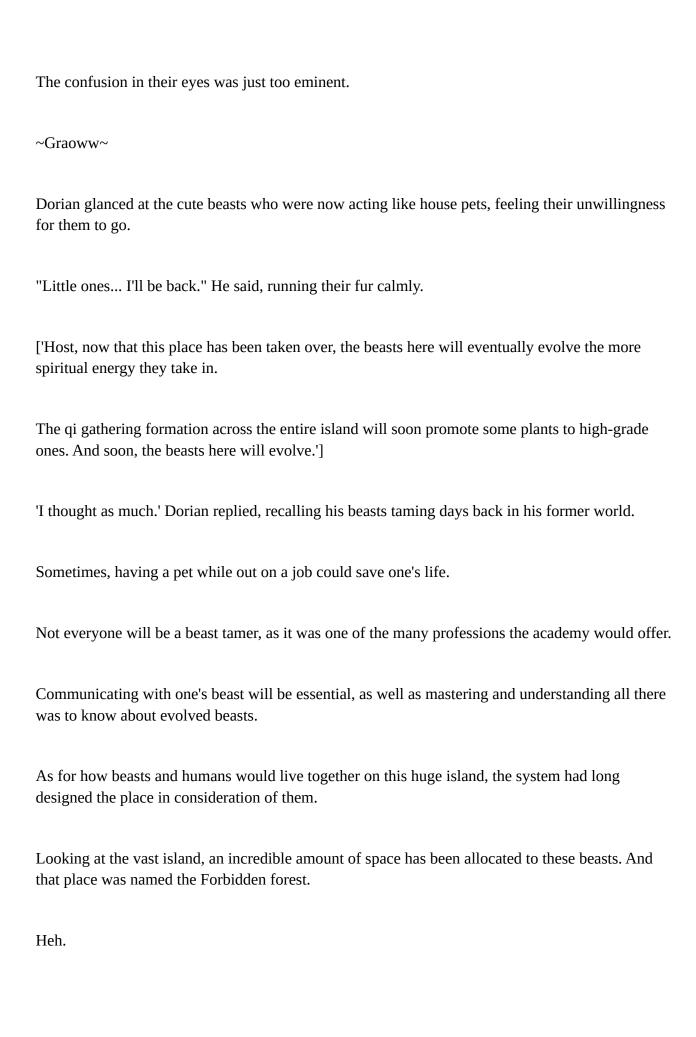


The entire island picked itself from the ocean and moved to another location like lightning. That is, the coordinates of the island itself had now changed. Due to the heavy laws now placed on the island, one could literally sail right through it as though they were passing through a portal, without them noticing anything fishy. They would appear at the other end of the island in no less than a second, continuing their journey cluelessly. The entire island space had now been protected by the heavens, making it impossible for anyone to find it. It was akin to a mysterious island that some would say was a legend. Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Dorian glanced at the magnificent Academy that was now as big as a Sect, with a slight smile on his face. The Heavenly Tian Academy? Good... Well then, it seemed like it was finally time to send out the admission notices. Chapter 159 Leaving The Island ~Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

Following that, many stones and rocks began floating around in a circular manner, flying in all directions.

Countless monuments descended from the sky.





One should know that the island itself had already expanded into an even bigger size, with hills, mountains and canals shooting up to the sky.

Likewise, one shouldn't forget that some regions also sank deep instead and expanded out as well.

In short, the entire island that was already a gigantic one was now 5 times bigger than its original size, having a total of 4 central forest regions.

The forbidden one would have the high-ranking creatures in there. And followed by the Venomous Forest, the Crystal Jade Forest, and lastly... The Freewater Forest.

The last forest, the Freewater forest, will be the 'harmless' one, having weak or ordinary creatures there.

Note that there were still other minor forests apart from the 4 central ones around the island.

The qi distribution in those places also greatly differed too.

The system had missed up the entire place, making some regions more qi-dense, while others were very lacking instead.

This was also the same for the many regions within the massive Academy grounds.

Like any regular sect or Academy, handymen, outer disciples, inner disciples, core disciples, etc... would also be considered here.

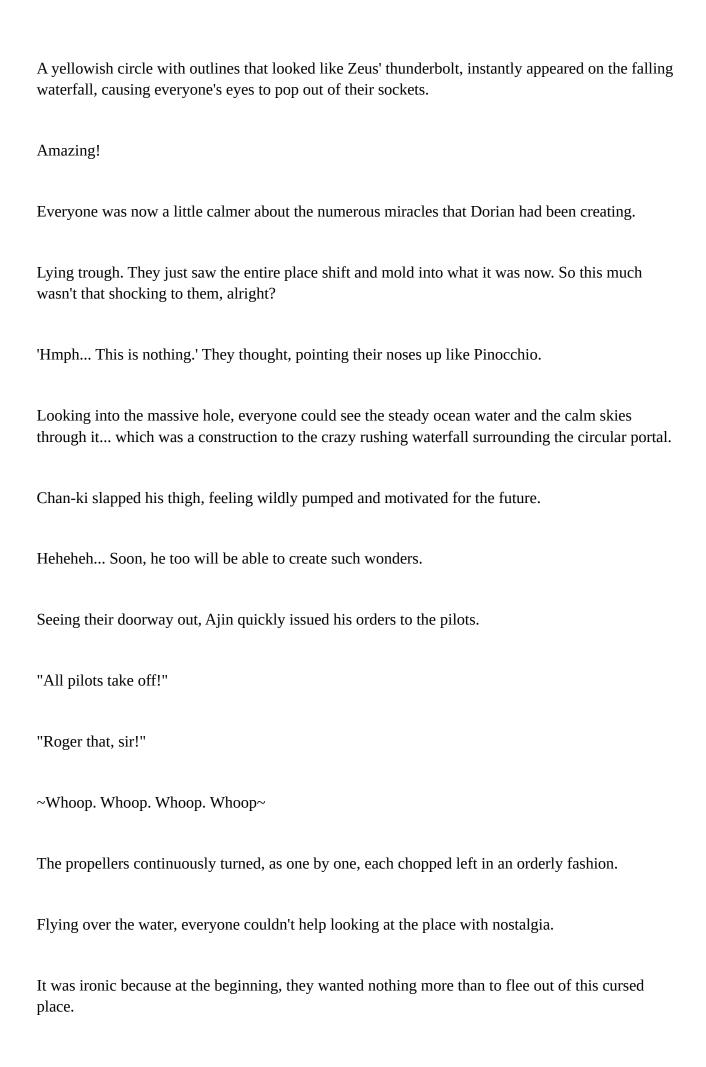
That said, the qi distribution in all regions was vastly different too.

In short, the entire island had expanded so much that it was now bigger than many major cities in the world.

No. It was as though they had joined 3 of the largest cities tighter in one.

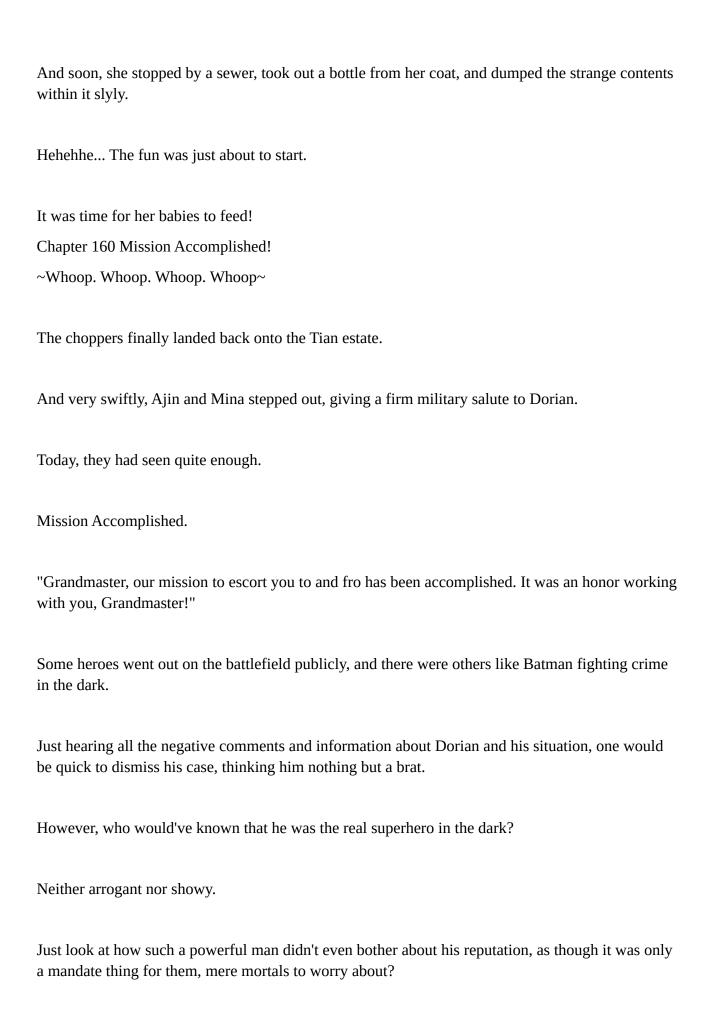
Just walking in this place could take one days and weeks without end.

Good
This was how it should be!
To maneuver around the island, one had to cultivate and increase their strengths, lest they want to keep walking and moving around for days and weeks.
Heh
If one has ever gone to a jungle or even a mountain range alone, they'll come to understand that moving in all sorts of terrain took time. Without a doubt, some people might have to sleep outdoors on the island if they don't return to the outer disciple dormitories on time.
The place was just too massive, and more importantly No vehicles allowed!
Dorian nodded in satisfaction, looking at the little guys head back to the forest with pitiful expressions on their faces.
With that, he gracefully hopped into the chopper.
Ajin stared at the ridiculously towering hills and regions now surrounding them, only feeling as though they were ants on the island.
Wipe! Such trees and even leaf sizes weren't ordinary.
"Grandmaster, do we fly up and out?"
Dorian shook his head: "No Over there." He said, causing everyone to look at the massive body of water before them.
Zzzz~



But now that it was time to go, why did they feel a little unwilling in the end? Just look at all this uncharted land that they hadn't explored yet? It was like being in a video game with cool fantasy jungles that went as far as the eye could see. No matter how you looked at it, their adventurous and curious human nature felt unsatisfied, though the place was dangerous. ~Whoop. Whoop. Whoop~ The choppers finally flew right through the portal, arriving at the open ocean with no ships at sight. The incredible thing was that there was no island behind them. Killnoff looked at the scene and was shocked. "Leader, according to my coordinates, we are nowhere near where we landed." Like so, the gang was now making their way back onto the city with heavy but elated hearts. However, they weren't the only ones feeling thrilled at the moment. In a dark alley, the sounds of red high heels continuously echoed out in rhythm. ~Tap. Tap. Tap. ~

A mysterious lady seductively walked through the dark alley with a playful mysterious grin on her face.



With fiery eyes, they stared at Dorian as though he were their heroes.

The look they gave Butler Sheng was also that of gratitude and awe. After all, he did save them from getting killed too.

Now, they secretly swore that if they heard or caught anyone insulting the Grandmaster again, they would definitely give that person a piece of their minds.

Dare you insult the Grandmaster? Madness!

With firm salutes, they gave Dorian all the respect they could before getting on their choppers and leaving the scene.

Dorian stood in place, giving Chan-ki and Butler Sheng the impression that he was watching them leave.

However, because they stood behind him, they didn't see his cold eyes staring at the estate gates afar.

'It looks like my paper puppets were able to scare them away.' He thought, recalling the image of Botan and his men earlier on.

He recognized those men as the former Tian guards.

Heh.

It looks like that despicable uncle of his wanted to make a move on him today.

Analyzing things fast, Dorian turned around, heading onto the main villa with a can expression on his face.

"Sheng... Chan-ki... In 2 hours, we leave."

"Yes, Grandmaster." The duo said calmly.

Butler Sheng was like a personal secretary to Dorian. So this morning, Dorian's schedule was always known to him.

If they make plans for any upcoming matters, it would also be in his calendar, planning for the upcoming event.

Anyway, Butler Sheng knew where they were going... And that was to set up their stall!

Today, those from the Auction home would arrive to buy protective talismans from them. Additionally, they might also have other customers too.

"Before you 2, go about your business, follow me," Dorian said, leading them into the main hall.

First, via Pandrol, he gave Chan-ki access to the secret space.

Everything happened so quickly, leaving Chan-ki shocked and dumbfounded by the fact that this had always been there right under his nose.

Could it be that even when the other guards used to be around, such a magical place had long existed?

Finally, with Chan-ki choosing to follow the Tians and be an exorcist, Dorian wasted no time getting him to swear the heavenly oath.

And from there, he left, leaving Butler Sheng and

Pandrol to give him a brief rundown of things.

Chan-ki couldn't help swallowing hard after listening to all the startling revelations thrown at him.

F***!

Heaven and the underworld were real places?
Chan-ki's shivered after listening to the punishments any evil exorcists would face if they dared to go astray.
~Gulp.
These warnings were now deeply rooted in his heart, as now, he swore to stay on the good path till the day he died.
Of course, what he didn't know was that the punishments he listened to were just the tip of the iceberg.
And by the end of his briefing, Butler Sheng handed him the pendant Dorian had passed on this morning.
With trembling hands, Chan-ki held onto it as though it was as heavy as a mountain.
And even after wearing it around his neck, he would still touch it from time to time, sighing in relief.
He felt like tonight, he would be able to sleep better after everything he saw today.
~Ring.~
Dorian's home buzzed vigorously.
["Grandmaster Yes, this is Jung Hou. As agreed, I've just taken over the situation at the hospital Grandmaster, your transfer request has been approved. So when do you want to take the seniors home?"]
"Whenever you can."

["Great, Grandmaster... My team and I will be sure to transfer and transport them back to the Tian home tomorrow before noon... Will that be alright with you?"]

"Hmmm..." Dorian replied, dropping the call.

Tomorrow, his parents will return.

Good... This was for the best.

Last night, Dorian had told the Hous about his request.

With the academy opening up, sooner or later, his enemies would be able to know who he is—so having his parents out there wasn't safe.

As for their coma, he would awaken them, but not with his strength.

For the time being, they remain under supervision, using the best and top-notch medical care available.

Of course, the Hous also promised to send a highly trained and specialized team to live with them, taking care of his parents any time of the day, lest something happened when he wasn't around.

All he could do at this stage was foolproof the place, keeping any evil entities away.

Of course, the problem with his parents didn't only seem to be an accident.

During their accident, their blood had come into contact with something 'dirty.' And from the looks of things, this dirty entity was a high-ranking one.

Strength... Strength... He had to grow stronger!

With his parents' matters handled, Dorian headed to his private area within the space.

Tonight was bound to be restless.
Meanwhile, far away in a tall-rise building, a chubby man sat with his phone against his ears and a vicious light.
"Put a request in the darknet I want him dead!"

In a while, they would move out again.