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Chapter 1141: Probe

Sam looked at the dark mass of energy and was stunned. It struggled like crazy as it tried to get out his grasp. It is like a sentient creature trying to get out his grasp. But he didn't let go and used the golden flames to burn it down.

But as the golden flames hit it, the dark energy tried to absorb the energy and in fact it did, but only half of it was absorbed and the other half made the energy turbulent. It is as if its screaming in pain due to the torture of being burned.

Sam tired many methods and every elemental energy that was being injected into it is being absorbed, but due to the superiority of Sam's elemental energy that was obtained due to the bloodlines of the beasts, the energy is being tortured.

After some thought, Sam took out a container used to make medium sized liquid energy cells and forcefully placed it inside before sealing it.

The energy struggled for a long time and after some futile attempts, it became dormant.

Sam then looked at Markan who is sweating. He is still in that cross-legged position as he started cultivating. Years of suppression and now his core is back to normal. There is no way he would be able to stop himself from cultivating and this is actually the best chance for cultivating. His body and core would be like dry land absorbing every bit of water that was thrown at it, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that he would be able to achieve a few breakthroughs consecutively if he tried hard enough.

While he is cultivating, Sam left the spot to recover. He really wished that Markan's problem is solved, because he needs to busy himself.

He left the team and the prisoners there to go to the capital of the third puppet realm to see if he would be able to get any information regarding the situation. But to his surprise, even the third realm capital is on a completely lockdown.

They did the same as the second puppet realm branch. They hired a bunch of mercenaries and they called for all their subordinates across the realm and fortified the city a bunch of formations.

Sam couldn't help but feel a bit exhausted.

If things go this way, he would have to directly attack the organization to get any results.

He returned to the second realm that very day and explained the situation to the rest of the teammates.

"The remaining players must have already left to the other organizations, since they don't have much help like me, they would need some decent time to make preparations. But still we cannot afford to waste too much time here.

We need to finish this as fast as possible. But both of these guys are tough nuts to crack. Either battle is not something we could finish off in a day or two.

The only advantage we have is that we are small in number. We are much smaller target compared to them."

Sam said as he looked at his teammates.

After some thought, he said.

"Paras and Night Ghost, both of you go to two different sides of the city wall. Don't deliberately try to hide your presence. Test how good these scouting puppets are and what these things are good at.

Vidyut, you stay a point from where you could support both of them. Three of you take the transference scroll so that you can return to the camp if push comes to shove.

Don't attack fiercely. It is only a probe at the moment."

Three of them nodded and left. He then turned to the rest of the group and said.

"I want you guys to be on the top form on all times. You should be able to attack whenever I ask you to."

They nodded and left while sat in front of the surveillance equipment. He looked at the Night Ghost and the other two moving. Those three are the strongest he had under him now. They are the best candidates to test what the Puppet Organization has in store with the guarantee that he doesn't suffer any losses.

Soon, Paras and Night Ghost appeared at two different locations almost at the same time.

There are a bunch of stationary puppets on the city walls that are looking at the surroundings. As soon as Paras was within the 'visible range' of this stationary puppet, it started glowing a bit and immediately surrounding puppets that are mobile, rushed to his direction instantly without any delay.

There are three kinds of puppets that came and two puppets for each kind totaling six puppets.

The first kind is a large humanoid puppet that looked cylindrical. The two puppets stood at a distance from him and activated two formations which are meant to keep him there. They also started shooting metallic projectiles.

The second kind are also humanoid and they seemed to be good at throwing punches. Their knuckles have extremely sharp metallic accessories and do does the rest of the body.

And the third one are flying puppets that are attacking with projectile weapons from the air.

Looking at Sam instantly understood what their purpose is, they are not here for killing Paras even though, they would do so if it is possible. But rather, they are here to make him stay for as long as possible so that the reinforcements will arrive.

Sam looked at the surveillance more puppets as well as some cultivators are coming to this section of the city wall. But they still didn't descend from the city wall.

It is possible that the cultivator's job is only to check the cultivation level of the intruder and Sam's guess was right. The three cultivators who came immediately retreated after looking Paras and they took out communication tokens to inform someone.

Instantly, Sam saw some movements in the city as three figures along with their puppets making their way towards Paras.

"Paras, retreat."

Sam ordered and Paras who is on defensive since the start finally made a move. His ax shined with energy as it cleaved through the first humanoid puppet punching at him and he destroyed the second puppet with an upward swing.

The head of the puppet hit the bird puppet in the sky making it crash.

He then moved towards the large puppet and instead of directly attacking it, he used it as a footing to jump upwards.

As he kicked on its head, the head was crushed and with that he used the recoil to leap high into the air and cleaved down wards heavily and in a single motion the bird puppet and the large cylindrical puppet were both destroyed and the cleave ray swept the approaching puppets from that side.

Paras made his escape while destroying the puppets that are about to follow him and at a perfect time, three lightning arrows were shot destroying the three remaining puppets on his tail.

Paras escaped.

Meanwhile, Night Ghost was a little hard to detect.

Even though Sam said that he doesn't need to hide himself deliberately, that doesn't mean he should reveal himself directly.

He just moved at his natural speed without bothering to hide himself.

But his speed was still too much for the stationary puppets and he was only detected when he was almost near the city wall and that too by a mobile puppet which is the humanoid one that is good at punching.

The signal was once again sent and many puppets started running towards him.

The situation is similar to Paras. He tried to defend and didn't destroy them outright. But as soon as the cultivators saw him, their eyes widened and they took out a flare and fired it into the sky.

The whole city seemed to have shaken from the flare as even the branch leader became vigilant.

All of a sudden, the formation of the city seemed to have changed immediately and Night Ghost could feel something targeting him.

"Night Ghost, Retreat."

Sam ordered instantly and Night Ghost retreated with Vidyut's help.

Two minutes after Night Ghost's retreat, the branch leader and the elders arrived on the city wall and looked at the area.

The branch leader even jump off and crossed the formation as he observed the signs of the battlefield.

He immediately retreated with his elders and went back to the estate.

He entered a special room which has a large formation and millions of spirit stones loaded over it.

He activated the formation.

"What happened?"

The third branch leader's voice appeared from the other side.

"The other party has an Astral Plane Consummate level cultivator. Initial stage." The second branch leader replied in a solemn tone.

"Are you sure?"

The third branch leader asked.

"Yes. There is a high possibility that there is one. We need to speed up the plan."

"Should we just go for Black Ghosts once again? They also do mediations, right?"

"I don't see any other option. We can only do that."

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Chapter 1142: Puppets to the Puppet Organization

After the probing attack, the three of the teammates returned and Sam just sat there as he looked at the city through the surveillance. He looked at both inside the city and outside walls.

After some thought, he took out a bird puppet and let it out. It flew over and soon an isometric view of the city appeared on the screen.

The rest of the team didn't disturb Sam at all and just stayed there calmly waiting for his orders.

After half-an-hour Sam finally moved.

"We are changing the camp."

Sam said and without a word, everyone else followed. Soon, the camp location was changed and as soon as they arrived there, Sam left the camp set up to his shadow undead while he took out the crystal table and created an image.

The three-dimensional image covered the surrounding forest as well as the whole city.

He looked at the image and he could outline the formations of the city faintly. Even though he cannot guess exactly what kind of formation that is, he can at least see which formation covered which part of the city.

He circled around the table as he zoomed into the city to take a look and finally he went out of the camp to let out the modified energy bat puppets. There are some new accessories added to them so that they would be able to provide some extra help to Sam.

And the Bat puppets weren't hidden this time and they didn't move stealthily. They just moved normally as they flew high up in the sky and made their way towards the city. He was about to return, but halted in his tracks before taking out three more giant puppets. These are three bird puppets and they looked awfully familiar to Sky and Yanwu. One looked like Sky, another like Yanwu and the third one looked a bit different as it has both features.

He opened some hidden metallic compartment and loaded it with over a dozen of large liquid energy crystals for each of them and let them follow the bat puppets.

Meanwhile, Sam went back into the camp and he placed a few formation discs on the crystal table as he closed his eyes.

He activated the formation discs and placed his palm on the crystal table.

The light elemental energy flew out of the formation discs as well as his hands as it enveloped the image of the city and soon another three-dimensional holographic image has formed.

Sam used his magnetic control to move the formation discs at the same time and the new holographic image also moved along with it.

He took out another large table and the city image was placed on it.

Now there are two images of the city side by side.

The teammates are already used to Sam doing these kinds of things, but the escaped prisoners were dumbfounded as they looked at it.

One of them even tried to touch the second image and his hand went right through it to the table.

Sam went back to the first table and soon the energy bat puppets are already above the city.

Spiritual energy flew from his hand as it spread into several threads and touched the images of bat puppets on the crystal table and at this exact moment, the bat puppets started using the energy resonance technique as they roamed around the city.

On the crystal table, the holographic image changed as the formations started manifesting.

Sam stood at the second table and started modifying the formation discs a bit as the formation domes appeared on various spots in the city. Meanwhile, the branch leader and the elders were already notified about the bat puppets and they all came out to take a look.

The branch leader observed what the bat puppets are doing and had a thoughtful expression on his face and soon he sneered and said.

"Want to use puppets against the puppet organization? You are out of your mind?"

As soon as he spoke, he gestured with his hand and the people moved to make calls to different spots.

Soon many bird-type puppets came from different directions of the city as they made their way towards the bat puppets and started attacking.

The projectile weapons were easily dodged by the bat puppets and even their task was not disturbed, they are still using the energy resonance perfectly as Sam created a holographic image to get the layout of different formations across the city.

Soon, the elders and the branch leader understood that the projectiles wouldn't cut it, so they decided to change it up a bit.

The bird puppets went in for a direct clash.

At this moment, everyone's attention was suddenly attracted by three new figures that appeared above the city.

The three bird puppets.

And they are all glowing with elemental energies.

The first one that looked like Sky started glowing with wind elemental energies and with the glow of the metallic sheen was eliminated, everyone would believe it to be a real-life beast using elemental energy.

Even the detail in the feathers is impeccable to see.

The same could be said for the second puppet which is like Yanwu. Sam even made the third leg and it is glowing with golden flames.

The third puppet is glowing with both golden flame energy as well as wind elemental energy.

As they flapped their wings and arrived over the city, they zoomed towards the bird puppets of the puppet organization.

Feathers shot out from their wings and the wind elemental ones cut the puppets in half while the fire elemental ones made them burn and melt in the air.

The bird puppets were easily destroyed without even any resistance.

The branch leader was shocked.

He never saw puppets like that.

There are puppets that use elemental attacks, but they need to have energy contact and they couldn't be independent puppets. At least, he never saw one on his left yet.

But here he saw three puppets and one of them can even use two elemental energies at the same time.

He became vigilant and looked at the two elders and said.

"You go and deal with them. Try to knock them down without damaging them too much. We can see how that puppet maker did this."

The two elders nodded and boarded their puppets.

The small fry bird puppets stopped coming and the bat puppets went on with their task.

But after the two elders came on with their puppets, Sam shifted his focus to the crystal table and started focusing on giving commands so that they wouldn't be destroyed.

Since the elders are in direct contact with the puppets, they can use them to channel the elemental energy attacks. One of them has fire elemental energy and the other has ice elemental energy.

As they started attacking, Sam gave the orders to the three puppets through the crystal table and made them dodge.

The puppets of the other party as not as fast as his puppets use the meridian network structures to be that fast and the other party barely uses mechanisms.

But there was a drawback to this. As he focused on the three bird puppets, some stray attacks hit the bat puppets which made them collapse.

But the three bat puppets that collapsed didn't go to waste and the aftermath of their collapse made the branch leader not want any other bat puppet to collapse.

Because as soon as the bat puppets collapsed, they landed on the formation dome, and at that exact moment, they exploded.

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To be precise, the liquid energy cells that are used as their power sources are the ones that exploded as soon as they landed on the formation.

A small crack opened up in the formation for a moment and Sam took this chance to let one bat puppet swoop throw it and it directly dashed towards a city guard post and exploded there.

The metal parts of the puppet exploded along with it and lodged everywhere destroying everything in the surroundings.

Not just the city guard post, even the disciples in the surroundings died just because of a stray piece of the wing of the puppet was stabbed into them.

Branch leader, the elders, and disciples, no one was calm when they saw this.

"Retreat. Retreat immediately."

The branch leader ordered the elders.

From what he could see, the puppets of the opponent are of extremely high quality, but they are also powerful and the other party is not hesitating to waste them.

The four bat puppets were destroyed and three of them temporarily damaged the formation and the fourth one killed ten people. Albeit they are of low level and wouldn't contribute much to the war, the loss is still a loss.

He didn't want to imagine what would happen if one of the large bird puppets exploded.

At this stage, he doesn't want to lose so much.

He must try to find a way to defend against this strong firepower.

He let the bat puppets roam around. Anyway, no matter how he thought about it he couldn't find any reason why these puppets are roaming around like this, for all he knew they are trying to get in and explode.

So, they stepped back and became vigilant.

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Chapter 1143: Meeting in the Branch

Sam let the puppets return after he was done.

With the energy resonance and the crystal table, he managed to map out every formation and he even managed to map out the elemental energies the formations used and got an idea of what kind of formation that it could be. He lost four puppets in the process, but in turn, managed to make it so that the other party wouldn't try to destroy the rest of the puppets and at the same time tested the durability of the main formation.

All it needs is one and a half medium-sized liquid energy crystal exploding on top of it which would be enough to create an opening. Each bat puppet has a full-sized medium-sized liquid energy cell placed in them and half of the energy for each cell was consumed due to the energy resonance technique.

From this, he could estimate how much energy he needs to destroy the formation when it is in a completely defensive state.

At the same time, in the cap, the second table was filled with the whole holographic map of the city along with the layout of the formations. Now the crystal table can be used to monitor the real-time movements as well as give commands to his puppets and the team members while the second table can be used to plan their strategies based on the layout.

Sam went outside and started receiving the bat puppets.

At this moment, Markan who opened his eyes came. He is brimming with energy and seemed like he was on a verge of a breakthrough to the Peak stage transcendence of the Astral Plane. But he is extremely dull. Nothing like a man who just got a new lease on life.

"What happened?" Sam asked with a bad feeling in his heart.

"My cultivation is back. I can cultivate again and I can feel the progress."

"And?"

"My elemental energies are not back. The energy is disappearing whether if I absorb it from outside or move it from the core. I don't know what to do and without these energies, I wouldn't be able to prove my identity."

Sam didn't know what to say. He felt frustrated and felt like bashing something in.

But he took a deep breath. Sucked it up and spoke.

"Let us do a different type of test. We have focused on the seal all this team and felt like this is the problem all this while. But now that we know the problem is different, let us see what other possibilities are."

Markan didn't say anything and just nodded with a heavy heart. He just had his hopes up only to be ruthlessly crushed back again. He cannot help but feel glum.

Sam sent him back to rest and started thinking about how to proceed.

The price for destroying the formation is too large. He needs to divert the attention of the patrolling puppets for a long time because as soon as the puppets saw their presence, the personnel is arriving in a short time frame, and in that time frame, it would be hard to locate the nodes, much less trying to destroy them.

And he cannot play that cat and mouse game for a long time.

As for the inside help, he has three of them and one of them can get access to some level of information inside and the other two parties are good fighters within their realm.

The situation is not too bad but not too good either.

But first, he decided to use what he has inside the city.

He called Arkiv.

"I need you to do something for me there."

"Tell me."

"Was Kiran placed properly beside the second young master?"

"Yes."

"Okay then, good. Now, I want you to kill every person that comes into contact with the second young master."

Arkiv was dumbfounded and stayed silent for a moment before asked.

"You want me to kill everyone he comes into contact with?"

"Yes, he seems to have been deployed to a particular area of the city to act as a supervisor of the troops there."

"Yes, he was sent there."

"Apart from his immediate subordinates, he would be meeting many other people. As long as their strength is lower or equal to that young master, kill them directly. If possible kill the people who are stronger than him too using Kirans help in an unsuspecting way.

But not immediately though. Give it some time, but do not take more than twelve to fourteen hours.

And don't leave any traces of yourselves there. If possible, I would prefer if you can use some special technique to kill the stronger members with your archery. Use only spiritual energy arrows, do not use any physical arrows."

"When do you want me to start it?"

"From tomorrow. Today, the Branch leader will call you guys for a meeting. At least, the first young master would definitely be invited. Have you heard the explosions?"

"Yes, I have seen them."

"Those will be the reason for the meeting, they would ask for a way to destroy those puppets or at least negate them and find a way to take them down without triggering the self-destruction. So, we are going to use this chance. I will spare you the technical details and talk to the First young master. While he would work from there you need to work on these killings."

"Okay then. I will be on my way. I need to make some preparations."

"Don't get caught. I don't want to rush this."

"Don't worry about it."

With that, the call was cut off and Sam immediately called the first young master.

He started explaining the details regarding the plan and the first young master carefully listened. After over an hour, the briefing was over and the first young master was given the rest of the instructions before the call was cut off.

As the First young master looked at his notes in amazement, an attendant came for him.

"Young Master, the branch leader called you for a meeting."

The First young master, stored all the notes in the spatial ring and went to the meeting.

There are a bunch of elders, the second young master, the attention-seeking lady, and the branch leader.

The Branch leader looked at all of them and proceeded in a solemn tone.

"Most of you have seen the puppets that attacked us. We lost one-third of our independent flying puppets instantly.

And the worst part is, even if we managed to take them down, we are the ones suffering the damage, other parties are barely suffering a loss of a puppet. They managed to kill over a dozen soldiers in the city guards responsible for patrol and immediate action upon infiltration. If we need to proceed forward in this war, we need to find a way to reduce our losses that might be the result of self-destruction of the puppets."

And the discussion began.

Many ideas are being thrown into the meeting whether they made sense or not. The first young master had a thoughtful expression and he didn't even seem like he is paying any attention to the rest of the meeting.

"So, what do you think, Brother One?"

All of a sudden the second young master's voice was heard and everyone's attention was diverted to the first young master.

The first young master looked stunned and everyone could guess that he is not paying attention at all.

"What?" First young master asked in confusion.

"I asked, what do you think of my idea?"

The second young master pressed with a wicked smile. He is still hostile towards the first young master, because of the Attention seeking lady. So, he is now trying to take advantage of the situation and make the first young master feel embarrassed.

But to his surprise, the first young master didn't stutter or try to embarrassingly remedy the situation. Rather, he casually said.

"I am sorry. I didn't listen. I was thinking something else."

When they heard this, everyone in the room was dumbfounded.

The second young master's smile also froze and he said.

"I said, that we should lure them out with a plan. Since there is an Astral Plane Consummate cultivator on that side, we can just propose a duel openly. And since they are here for the core, we can propose the core as a wager and our branch leader will make the duel take a lot of time.

Since they sent the independent puppets this far, but still managed to give some orders to them, that means they are within a certain range.

So, after we lure the strongest here, we would send the elites of our branch out and try to search for them. What do you think? Would this plan work?"

The rest of the elders all looked at the second young master with a smile and then looked at the first young master with disdain.

They received the message that the branch leader wanted to keep this guy here through the second young master and obviously, they received a biased explanation from this guy. So, they are a bit averse to him. And now that their young master wanted to rip this guy a new one, they are gloating secretly.

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Chapter 1144: Intelligent First young master

The First young master looked at the second young master with a look of pity in his eyes. When everyone saw this, they were surprised. After all, it was clearly the first young master who was in an embarrassing situation but why is he pitying the second young master.

That is the question in everyone's mind.

"Brother Two. I can understand your enthusiasm, but you should be careful while planning something like this.

On what basis are you sure that other party would be willing to agree for a duel? And how are you sure that the rest of our elites will be able to deal with the remaining team if we keep the Astral Plane Consummate level cultivator occupied. I mean, how are you sure that he is the only present there. Are you really basing this all on Dayus' information? Even though I was foolish enough to believe in him at first, it was proven that he has ill intentions towards us.

What if the information is completely wrong?

Even if it is right, then why should the other party agree to the duel? After all, they had the upperhand against us since the start. We are the one holing up while hiding our citizens, while they were outside attacking as they like. At the same time, we are the ones who were completely laid bare in front of them and just now they even had a confirmation that our formation could be weakened by the self destruction of their puppets.

Will they leave all these advantages and just come over to fight us in the open? How did you get that absurd idea?"

When the elders heard this they were stunned. They really didn't consider these problems because they never even bothered to assume that the information Dayus gave them was wrong.

Looking at their expressions, First young master continued.

"If you ask me, it would be better if we keep our defensive stance and tire the other party out. We need to figure out a way to defend against the selfdestruction of the puppets and we would be doing enough.

We need to mentally exhaust them and make the desperately attack our city openly in a do or die fashion. Only at that time would we have any possibility of winning."

Second young master became a bit embarrassed and said.

"What do you mean any chance of winning? Does that mean, you don't think we have any chance of winning?" He clearly asked the question to egg the first young master to be on opposite ends of the rest of the elders and the branch leader.

But the First young master is not fazed at all and said.

"No, not at all."

Everyone widened their eyes in disbelief and looked at him as if he was a crazy guy. The second young master smiled cruelly and wanted to slam down the first young master even more, but the first young master continued.

"I would like to ask. The city bound formation wouldn't activate unless there is something that poses threat to it. But why did it glow as soon as the bats appeared and hovered around the city."

The second young master had an expression that told him he was looking at an idiot and said.

"Of course, it is because of the potential damage the bat puppet could cause. Didn't you listen when the explosions happened? Or are you so drowned in your own so called research that you didn't get it?"

"Actually, I listened it too damn well and that is where the problem lies.

We don't know the lethality of those puppets until they self-destructed. We, a bunch of puppet masters that have a combined experience of over five to six centuries in the fields of puppet making. But even we didn't manage to find out their lethality until the explosion.

So, are you telling that the formation is smarter than us in analyzing the threat of the bat puppet.

Have you observed, how those puppets are only revolving around the city and even though there is a massive energy release from each one of them, there is no attack, no defense, no nothing. Why do you think that happened?

Did anyone of you even bothered to think? I did."

He then tossed a scroll towards them and said.

"The puppets are modelled after beasts called Energy bats. I don't know if the puppets have the same function as them. But from what I know of them, the

energy bats have a function to resonate with the energy by emitting energy waves.

This resonance will give them chance to avoid danger zones, find treasures and so on. If that function was somehow replicated, then we are in deep shit.

We are going have the hardest time of our lives, because he might have just known the locations of the formations.

Even if the nodes and cores are not revealed he knew the areas that are covered with various formations.

The Bat puppets are just scouts and even they can do this much damage to the main formation with their self-destruction.

Imagine what would happen if his attack puppets come and he comes along with the team after that.

We need to find a way to counter these energy explosions..."

The first young master went on a rant and took out one scroll after another. After an hour, he took the group outside into the courtyard and set up a formation.

"When I saw this energy explosion the first time in the capital in the First puppet realm, I started researching it. I might not be able to replicate it exactly, but I can do to some extent."

With that he activated a formation and the energy exploded a bit. It looked like the energy explosion even though the effects could be considered lackluster at best when compared to the orginal energy explosion.

There is not any damage at all.

But the elders and the branch leaders were still dumbfounded.

The First young master took the chance to set up another formation for this 'energy explosion' and then he started setting up another formation around it.

He activated both the formations at the same time and as soon as the energy explosion occurred, the second formation was activated and sent an energy wave which up on hitting the target area, started rippling like crazy diffusing the explosion.

He then turned to looked at the Branch leader and the elders before saying.

"I want you guys to give me a chance and until then, find a stop him from attacking the city. I will set up a formation no matter how tough it can be and counter the energy explosions. Even if I cannot negate, as long as I could diffuse it a bit, I would be able to reduce a lot of damage to the city and we will have a chance to fight back."

The rest of the elders instantly came out of their shocks and asked.

"You did this all by yourself?"

"Yes, I have been researching since the explosion happened in the city and this is the progress I made. I never really cared much about the formations and the energy circulation techniques, but from the looks of it, they are a lot more dangerous and interesting.

So, I started researching them and these are the results. It would take a lot of time for me to create a formation that could diffuse all the energy explosions. So, I need a lot of members in my team."

The branch leader immediately agreed and gave the first young master freewill to pick members for his team.

To everyone's surprise, the second young master was selected into the team. But after the shock has passed, they were filled with admiration. The First young master is noble enough to keep the petty grudges aside and use the intelligence of the second young master which could possibly lead him to share the glory with him.

And there is another surprise. The Attention-seeking lady was also selected. But they didn't express anything, because the attention seeking lady might beautiful, but that doesn't offset her talents in other fields.

She might not be exceptional at anything, but she is above average in many aspects. Formations, puppets, forging and even inscriptions.

They just thought that he might be trying to use a person who has a diverse range of skill set.

The research team was established and the first thing the first young master did is to call Sam the very next day and inform him of the plan's success.

Sam smiled at this and said.

"Proceed with the rest of the plan. Just imitate everything I told you to and you would be fine.

If things are problematic, just directly contact me and don't bother to hide this anymore. I will come and help you as fast as I can."

With that, the first set of the plan was over.

As for the other plan, Arkiv started executing it perfectly.

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Chapter 1145: Parasite

The second young master became frustrated as he looked at the current situation. He felt like the first young master is completely stealing his thunder in every situation. Even the idea of energy diffusion felt like it was being targeted at him. He felt like it was made to overthrow his own idea not for the sake of the branch.

After all, he is that self-centered. How can he not think like that?"

So, as soon as the meeting was over, he went to the residence he was given as the supervisor and he snuck in a prostitute from the refugee area where the evacuated citizens are located and took his frustration out on her.

His personal guards sent her away and dropped her at the border of the refugee area. They were very discreet about the whole thing as this is against the rules and they didn't dare go inside as they would be spotted by someone and the second young master would be in big trouble.

The guards of the refugee area who were bribed earlier discreetly took the woman away from the point and gave her a temporary residence in the refugee area. This is a personal residence, even though it has only one room, in the refugee area that was a luxury.

And the woman is also extremely satisfied with the arrangement as she needed to share the room with ten people previously.

She felt like the rough treatment she received was worth it as she slept on the bed to rest.

Arkiv looked at the whole process from far away and marked the location of the woman.

He took up a spot in a nearby building and hid away as he waited.

Arkiv felt like it would take a long time so he drew the bow string and a spiritual energy arrow was formed. He released it away and the arrow shot through the window into the room and diffused into a small wave of energy. The woman woke up from the impact of the small energy wave and stood up as she looked around in wariness.

She walked towards the door to call for the guards in panic, but as soon as she crossed the window, a spiritual energy arrow struck her on the neck and she died on the spot. Arkiv left the spot and went back to the residence of the first young master.

Since Sam's surveillance insects are on the second young master's tail, he doesn't need to tail him and find out about each and every person he came into contact with.

So, he got instructions from Sam and the way was guided by the insects as he went to the next target after two hours.

The plan is going smoothly for now and Sam is waiting for the results to show.

Meanwhile, he got busy with something else.

At this moment, he is currently doing another test of Markan.

Sam looked at his situation and couldn't help but sigh helplessly.

No matter how much elemental energy was injected into his meridian network, it was being simply disappearing.

He doesn't know where it is going and how a mass of energy could disappear into nothing like that. No matter how many supernatural things are in this world, Sam is sure that this world still obeys all the laws of nature and law of conservation of energy is one of them.

He doesn't believe that the elemental energy is being sucked away just like that.

So, he can only search more and more.

After searching for every kind of seal possible, at least to the extent of his knowledge, Sam didn't find remotely any trace of seal on Markan's body.

He is sure that his body is completely devoid any form of seal.

This made him even more frustrated about the problem.

As he thought of different scenarios, he decided on taking a different approach.

He sat on the ground with his legs crossed and took a deep breath as he entered the state of meditation.

He started eliminating all kinds of elemental energies, spiritual energy and other supernatural things from his mind and started thinking differently. He started analyzing the problem as how a normal doctor would.

First, he needed to find an analogy for the problem Markan is currently facing.

After some thought, he equated the spiritual energy to the nutrients and the Markan's situation is deficiency of energy and another symptom is the nutrients are disappearing as soon as they entered the body and deficiency is not being cured.

And if those specific nutrients are even being secreted by body but they are still disappearing to nowhere.

If it is a modern time, what would doctors think? As he thought process went in this direction, he suddenly had a thought.

"Parasite."

He muttered as he opened his eyes.

Tapeworms in human bodies will absorb the Vitamin B12.

Whether they are being secreted from the food in their body or taken through an external source.

Since he came to this world, he involuntarily didn't think of anything related to viruses, bacteria, parasites and such. After all, all the sicknesses either came through the poisons, elemental energy incompatibilities or most of them are physical injuries.

He didn't come across sicknesses that are caused by microorganisms. Except for the one that he started himself for General Spark many years ago with urine and mucus of some beasts. So, his thoughts didn't go in that direction at all, but once they went there, he couldn't stop himself.

He immediately ran out of his tent and went to Markan.

"I need your blood." Sam asked directly.

Markan looked at him in confusion, but he still took out a dagger and drew some blood into a container Sam has brought.

Sam went back into his tent and started his test.

First he took out a crystal plate which has an inscription drawn on one side. It is of a healing formation which keeps the vitality intact. This is a prototype for a surgical table Sam is designing in his leisure.

On the plate, he placed a drop of blood and activated the formation keeping the cells in the blood alive.

After that, he used the observation ability on the drop of blood.

With his cultivation, the observation ability has also grown which is obvious and there is also another aspect of the ability that improved and that is, the more concentrated his range of observation is the more detailed the image would be.

So, the smaller the volume of the object he is observing the more detailed the picture would be.

Since he is focusing all his observation ability on a drop of blood, he can even see the structure of each cell in a detailed view.

And when he saw that he was dumbfounded.

Because, he could see the obvious structure of the different bloodcells, but there is one type of cell which is definitely not a blood cell. And soon he realized that it is not even a cell at all. It is a whole organism which is only the size of a cell. This made his breath run cold. He came across these kinds organisms back in his past life and they were the ones that one should be afraid of at that time.

But he didn't think they would be here too and as soon as that thought came, he felt like a stupid. How could he possibly eliminate a possibility just because he didn't come across that. That is not like him.

This made him scold himself in his head while he proceeded to observe this organism.

He placed a hand on the crystal plate and injected some elemental energy which moved towards the drop of the blood.

As soon as the energy touched the blood, he could see through his observation ability that these foreign organisms are swallowing the elemental energy.

They are absorbing instantly without even a fraction of second delay and right there and then, they became larger.

The more they absorbed the larger they became. He became shocked as he saw them bulging more and more and soon they multiplied. Right in front of his eyes, the volume of the blood increased and that is not because of the increased blood cells, rather it is because of the completely expansion of these parasites.

After some thought, he kept on increasing the elemental energy and soon the first set of the organisms multiplied another time and they soon died off and the second set of the organisms are also close to multiplying once again.

Sam stopped the observation and inhaled a breath of cold air.

He didn't expect this. He suddenly thought of the energy he stored in the container and took it out. This mass of black-colored energy is still as lively as ever and as soon as Sam injected energy into it, it became livelier.

He suddenly thought of what kind of person could make these things. A parasitic energy seal that makes a person unable to increase their cultivation and a parasitic microorganism that would make a person unable to showcase his abilities.

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Chapter 1146: Markans Identity

Sam shook his head to throw these thoughts away for the moment. Whoever it is, and whatever his motives might be, he is a really talented person in this field, and knowing who did that will not help solve this problem in short term.

He needs to find the answer to this as soon as possible.

All this while, Sam was after the skills and strength of Markan who has six elemental energies and for someone to seal him and throw him away and even going as far as making him change his face so much, he must have been really something. So, he really wanted to take advantage of that.

But now, his interest in the matter only increased with the added kick of solving the trouble caused by a genius mad scientist who managed to use some parasites like this.

So, he started thinking about how to deal with these things and kept on observing them for a while. After some thought, the first thing he did is to inject death energy into the drop of blood and to his surprise, the parasites are even swallowing that energy crazily.

And the death energy seemed to have no effect whatsoever on them directly.

They are devouring and soon they started dividing once again.

But this time, after the new batch of parasites arrived the old batch died.

One batch of parasites seemed to have the ability to create two more batches. That means, the parasitic reaction might have only started from a single parasite and they must spread all over his body.

This also means that the other party might just use this as a slow poison inside Markan.

This is truly formidable.

Sam let the death elemental energy stop and checked with other elemental energies and the result was the same.

They can only divide twice.

After some thought, he then stopped the vitality coming from the crystal plate and he kept on observing.

The parasites stayed dormant for a while as they couldn't get any more vitality from the blood cells and they are not getting any elemental energy as well, this made them dormant for a while and soon they started devouring the blood cells and before Sam's astounded eyes, the only thing remained on the plate is a bunch of transparent liquid with a faintly red hue.

He didn't stop and kept on observing which made him finally find out that the parasites are finally dying.

He sucked in a breath of cold air.

These parasites are dying only after they devoured everything and there is nothing to devour anymore.

This is something extremely problematic.

The only good thing is that these little parasites are not multiplying when they devoured the blood which was devoid of the elemental energies and vitality.

So, the thing that needs to keep the parasites alive is vitality while excessive amounts of elemental energy is needed to make them grow.

And Markan is trying to use his elemental energy every day.

He not only made these parasites live comfortably he even extended their families like crazy.

But the only feasible method Sam found it to find a way to remove the vitality and let the parasites die by themselves.

He cannot use the method he used on the elf lady who was poisoned. At that time, he used his vampire and the hydra bloodlines and drank all her blood and digested it along with the poison all the while making her bone marrows generate more blood stretching her vitality to the limit.

But now, things are not so simple. If he used the same method, the parasites would enter his body and there is a chance he would be infected by them as well. Then the trouble he had to face would a million times harder than now.

He cannot lose his elemental energies no matter what.

If he cut off the vitality to Markan, he would die as there is a chance that parasites might devour his flesh in the absence of their energy.

The death energy is also not working, this is a lot more troublesome than he thought.

He once again reverted back to his previous thought process. He wants to make this analogous to a normal human problem. It worked the first time and there is no fault in trying again.

So, he thought of a few scenarios. The tapeworm was the first thing that came to his mind, but he immediately rejected the idea. The tapeworm would die for some kind of medicine, but the situation is different here, the medicine is also being devoured. The only way would be to surgically remove it, but the parasites are too hard to remove surgically.

He then changed his thought process again.

He thought of the problems related to blood. And first thought it obviously the blood cancer, the only method is to use controlled radiation to kill the excessive cells.

As soon as the thought hit his mind, Sam immediately began taking action. He poured out another drop of blood on the plate and activated light elemental fusion.

He shot a light beam on the blood while using observation ability. The intensity of the light beam is very light and it wouldn't destroy the whole plate and the blood there. It was just to conduct a test and he controlled it. He wanted to see if the parasites would devour the light beam too. After all, everything is a mass of spiritual energy and he wants to see if the light created by the concentrated spiritual energy which would have already changed forms into the light would also be devoured.

And to his relief, it didn't. But there is also no change.

Sam did the same thing with the fire, water, and such for a few more drops of blood and the result is the same. This thing might absorb elemental energies, but not the manifested things of those elements.

So, there is still a chance to deal with this.

He then shifted his focus to his partial light elemental fusion in which he started changing frequencies of the light beam he shooting. It could be said he is trying lasers of various frequencies on the drop of blood while observing.

Some beams don't have any effect on the blood or parasite and some don't have any effect on the parasite but kill the blood cells.

He repeated the experiments until the blood was finished. He went out and ran back to Markan. Looking at Sam's face, Markan didn't know what to make of it and asked.

"Did you find anything?"

"Yes." With that, Sam explained the whole thing regarding the parasite and asked.

"Just who is a person that is so skilled to place such a parasite on you without you knowing. This parasite is so good that spiritual sense and vitality search used by healers wouldn't be able to pick on them. Without my special ability, I highly doubt I would be able to figure out its presence.

I am pretty sure someone that skilled would have been noticed by you. Can you think of anyone?"

Markan looked lost as he thought of a person. There is only one person who is skilled enough to do this, that he came into contact with.

"Have you heard of Vardar?"

When Sam heard this, he was stunned.

He is very familiar with the name. The first time he heard it was from the mouth of dark elf when he was trying to poach the five elemental king and from then on, as he climbed up the realms, he heard his name frequently. But not because of his direct fame, rather the fame of his was spread by his disciples far and wide as they treated many difficult illnesses.

Looking at Sam's expression Markan understood, that he heard about this and he continued.

"I met with Markan briefly before I was sealed. A week to be exact. And in that one week, I have been busy fighting off assassinations aimed at me. I fought around twenty-five assassinations. So I was very active with my elemental energy usage."

When Sam heard this, he became thoughtful as he calculated the energy usage approximately, in turn also calculating the propagation rate of the parasite.

A week is indeed feasible for the parasitic creatures to spread enough to be devouring all the elemental energy and cover all the limbs.

"I heard he is quite the healer and quite the high level one at that. How did you even get into contact with him?"

"Because of my identity."

Markan sighed and hesitated a bit before saying.

"I am the next-in-line successor of Black Ghosts."

Sam was once again stunned. He didn't expect that Markan's identity would be so deep. Because Black Ghosts are one of the organizations that are on the list. In fact, they are part of the second three ranking beside the Five Great sects.

"You are the next successor of the Black Ghosts?"

Sam asked once again just to confirm.

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Chapter 1147: Second Young Masters Plight

Black Ghosts are an organization that is extremely difficult to deal with. In fact, they might even be stronger than the Five Great sects. They are an organization, that specializes in information and mediation.

They cover a good portion of information within their peer organizations and the organizations that are lower than them. And on top of it all, except for the leading members who were chosen from the different branches of the organization, the rest of them will have a cult-like mentality.

Except for the leadership candidates and the subordinates that the candidates themselves handpicked the rest of the members of the organization would be completely loyal to the organization and wouldn't interfere in the race.

After the race for the successor is over, they would have to follow the new leader no matter what.

Sam remembered all the information that he has on Black Ghosts and the reason he has it is not because he investigated it, rather it is most common information in the circles he is currently operating him.

He couldn't help but feel surprised about the fact that Markan is the successor of this organization.

"I am the successor and I even have the successor seal which I created by myself in the presence of twelve grand elders who enforce the rules of successor and leadership of the organization.

According to the rules, after I won, the rest of the candidates should revert back to their original positions without eyeing for the leadership. But they obviously didn't want to do as they were told and they banded together to deal with me, this is the result of that."

"Then, they could have killed you. Why are you still alive like this?"

Sam asked in confusion.

"I don't know that. But what I know is, once I unlock my elemental energies back, I would be able to prove my identity and the grand elders will take care of the rest. But from the looks of it..."

When Sam heard this, he shook his head and broke out into a smile.

"Don't worry. I am pretty sure I can cure you. But there is something I would like to ask."

Markan just stayed silent and let Sam continue.

"The Black Ghost Disc? How useful is it to your organization?"

Markan was stunned and looked at Sam in surprise.

"How do you know about that?"

"I was assigned by someone to get the Black Ghost Disc just like how I was assigned by someone to get the heirloom of the puppet organization.

There are six more people competing with me out of which Arkiv is one of the people I made an alliance with."

Markan looked at Sam for a moment and sighed.

"Not much actually."

When Sam heard this, his eyes brightened, and said.

"Can you give that to me, if I cure your problem?"

Markan thought for a moment and said.

"It really doesn't do anything for the organization. It is just a symbolic heirloom that was used by the founder of the Black ghosts. So, it is just there as a symbol of respect. But for me to give you that, I need to first take over the position.

And from what you said, if Vardar really did this to me, there might be a bigger conspiracy brewing behind the scenes."

Sam replied.

"Okay then. I will cure you and help you get your position back, then you have to give me the heirloom and help me deal with the Five Great sects and the Great Giant tribe. Even if you cannot involve yourself directly, I want you to help me with the information aspect."

Markan hesitated just for a moment before shaking Sam's hand.

Sam smiled and got ready to work. For the next few days, he stayed inside the second floor of the tower in divine dimension and he only came occasionally to take the blood samples from Markan.

After repeated attempts, Sam finally found a suitable method for dealing with these things. He has to give them an electric shock which makes the parasites a bit number before treating them with a light of a very low frequency.

It is even lower than ultraviolet light and it has to concentrate and dense.

But the problem then arose. Given enough vitality, the liquid blood can sustain both of these treatments, but the problem is that the body tissues cannot endure the torture that goes into this.

Even if he was unconscious the whole time, he would be having the worst time of his life and if Sam is a little bit unfocused, the meridian network and the bones will be fried permanently crippling Markan.

So, Sam has to think of another way and he thought of dialysis.

The process in which the blood is purified outside of the body and would be sent back inside.

And he proceeded to do so.

He started building a machine. But he cannot completely devote himself to doing that and has to come out once in a while as they are in the middle of the war.

For the past few days, Sam was not exactly making any moves against the city. He just observed the city and made preparations to give them a big surprise.

But meanwhile, the first young master and Arkiv are making big strides in the city.

The First young master started the 'research' and he assigned people to do only one thing, create an amplification formation that works with mobile nodes which are carried by the puppets.

So, the group of puppets act as formation nodes and create a portable amplification formation and they has to create at least ten formations like that while he personally made sure to make the diffusion process more effective.

Since the rest of the group didn't have much experience in the energy aspect and there is not much time regarding this, they didn't bother asking for more details.

By now the first young master managed to make a great impression on others and the attention-seeking lady is also mesmerized with him. Instead of her making him fall head over heels for her, she is falling more and more and this is enough to piss the second young master off.

But the second young master is suddenly not feeling that good to deal with the first young master at the moment. Because he was aware of the murders happening.

The first time he was aware of this is when the refugee area guards informed him about the prostitute lady.

"What do you mean she is dead?" That is the reaction he had when he heard that.

"Young master, she was killed with a single piercing on her neck. It was quick and it seemed like assassination and there are no traces of anyone left there and no signs of weapons. She doesn't have any family and only a few friends in the circle of whores, so we can cover that up if you want." Guard said casually as he explained. Because in the guard's opinion this happened because the young master must have blurted out some things that the woman shouldn't have heard and she is dead because of that.

But the second young master didn't know what the hell is happening.

"Let me look into it first. I didn't order the hit at all. I want to confirm it with the subordinates."

After that, the guard of the refugee area left. Until then the death of the woman was hidden perfectly. After all, this is a ticket for profit for the guard captain there, so there is no way he would let it go just like that.

But when the guard is moving away and he was about to cross a secluded area, he felt a sense of threat, but before he could realize what is coming for him, a spiritual energy arrow pierced through his neck from the side killing him on the spot.

The area is devoid of any activity as it lies between the refugee area and the rest of the city. There is no activity there to be found. It is like a blind spot.

So, it took a long time for him to be found out and the person that found out about that is also part of the refugee area guards who were sent to go to the second young master as well as find out where the first guard is.

He took the dead body back to his leader and they were stunned. The death is similar to how the woman died in her room.

They don't know what to make of it.

Meanwhile, the second young master met with one of his close subordinates and asked about the situation, but the subordinate was sure that none of them had ordered the hit. So, they can only go to the next level subordinates under the hierarchy and try to find out what happened.

They called one of them and the second young master ordered.

"Gather all your peers and ask if any one of them has anything to do with the death of the woman and if no one is involved send someone to the guard captain of the refugee area and tell them that it has nothing to do with us."

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Chapter 1148: Interrogation

The second young master gave these orders and went to join the research. He is good at puppet making, so he was given the job to design the mobility of the puppets for the formation.

While he went there and worked, the subordinate who he talked to, was shot down dead while he was on his way towards his peers.

Since the mobility project was completely under him, he barely came into contact with anyone else who is in charge of the nodal design and the formation design. The only person who came into contact with him while working is the First young master.

When he came back, from the research area to take some rest, he was stunned by the new changes that awaited him. The first thing is the subordinate who he ordered to do the tasks was found dead and the news came that the murders of the prostitute and the guard of the refugee area were reported by the guard captain.

The second young master immediately arranged for a meeting for the guard captain as the deaths of the two are being investigated.

"What do you mean by this?" The second young master asked as soon as the guard captain arrived.

"I am just doing my duty."

"Of course, you should be doing your duty, but why did you add my name into the report. The guard discovered the prostitute dead and you found out that he contacted me directly to take advantage of the fact that I sneaked her out of the refugee area? When did that happen? The guard clearly spoke your name in the conversation with me."

"Of course, he did. But Young master, after I found him dead and in the same way that woman died, I thought of something. You were sending me a message. I clearly sent him to get more benefits from you, but for that, you killed him, just like how you killed the lady for something she might have heard or seen which she shouldn't have.

So, I decided to act on the situation to save myself. If I am not going to get benefits from doing your dirty work, I will get them by doing my proper work.

That is what I did. Nothing more, nothing less."

"What the hell are you talking about?"

"What am I talking about? I don't know what happened to you young master, but this method is too easy to catch on to. If you are hiding something, then do with proper men and proper methods. The death of a prostitute that you took from the refugee area and you even ordered to keep her in a separate room with a view of your choice and she died the very night.

After she died, a person comes and asks you what to do with that death and that person dies in the same way. It is a bit suspicious."

With that, the guard captain left.

The second young master is still confused. He doesn't know what exactly happened. He only fucked a woman and since he took so many emotions out on her, he asked her about what she wanted. She asked for a room with a view of her choice and he did as she asked.

That is the only thing that he could be sure of, the rest was completely out of his control.

And to his surprise, two hours after the guard captain left, a group of enforcement members arrived at his residence.

"You need to come with me, young master. I am the person in charge of the investigation temporarily. I want you to come with me to answer some questions."

The Second young master didn't even know what to say about this. But he tried his best to calm himself down and said.

"Can we do this here, I have a lot to do. I am still working on the design."

"Okay then, you can keep on working and I will ask questions."

With that he set up a recording crystal and started speaking.

"The prostitute that died recently, is it true that you secretly made her come here?"

The second young master's smile stiffened a bit, but he still answered.

"yes."

"Isn't it against the regulations? Why did you break the rules and bring her here to your camp?"

"I was a bit frustrated and overwhelmed with everything going on here, so I wanted some female company."

"Then, you could have gone there. Why break the rules like this?"

The second young master became silent and didn't say anything, because the answer to that question will make him look like a small man. The answer is, 'I just wanted to use my authority so that I could feel important because the first young master is overshadowing me'.

Even though this makes him feel small, he knew this is the reason, but he doesn't want to expose himself. The enforcement officer stayed silent as he looked at the second young master and continued.

"Do you know that around a few hours after she left, she died? In a room that you arranged for her with a specific view. Why did you arrange a special room for her?"

"It is just the payment for her service."

"But why are you so specific about the view of the room?"

"She wanted that view. Why is everyone so obsessed with the view of the room?"

"Well, after examining the wounds, we felt that the wounds are most likely the result of a projectile weapon shooting from a certain distance and from the angle of the wound, we can conclude that it was done from a building nearby which is part of the view you described to the guards."

The second young master was dumbfounded for a second, but he still got himself together and said.

"I don't know how it happened. But the view was described by that woman."

"Then do you happen to know why she asked for a specific view like that?"

"I don't know. I don't even know her name, why would I know what she prefers and why she would prefer it?"

"Okay, why did the guard arrive here from the refugee area after the woman was dead instead of coming to us directly?"

"I think you should be asking that question to the guard captain. Not me."

"I know what should question should be posed to whom. You don't have to give me advice regarding that. Just answer the question."

"He came to ask whether I had anything to do with the death of the woman as he didn't want to offend me accidentally by reporting the death to the enforcement team."

"Why would he think that?"

"I don't know."

"Well, I could make some speculations. It is not really a good thing to get on the nerves of the core disciple and it is definitely not worth it for a guard and the guard captain to get on your nerves for a nameless woman."

"That is quite a speculation. But as you know it is a speculation, even though there is some truth about not getting on my nerves."

The investigator raised his eyebrow as he looked at the young master and said.

"The guard who left this place also died just like that? Why do you think that is?"

"I don't know."

"Then, why is your subordinate dead too?"

"I don't really know. I was surprised as well when I heard the news."

"You cannot keep answering that way young master. The subordinate was ordered to deal with the issue regarding that woman's death, according to our investigation, but he died just like that. Why do you think happened?"

"I SAID, I DON'T KNOW."

The second young master lost his fuse as he raised his voice.

The investigator didn't bother with him and just let him be while continuing with the questions.

"Do you know that the guard captain that visited a few hours ago died as well?"

"What?" The second young master finally showed emotion. He was shocked with disbelief written all over his face.

"The guard captain died. When he was on his way back to his post after visiting you? What do you two talk about?"

The second young master became a bit nervous and said.

"We just talked about what happened. I went to research duty after I got the news about that woman's death. I didn't care much. And when I am back, there were already reports made, so I asked the guard captain who made the report to get a better understanding of the situation."

The investigator suddenly stood up and turned off the recording crystal.

"That is all for now, young master. If we need anything more, we will be contacting you."

The second young master didn't reply and just waited for that guy to go away.

After he left, he collapsed into his chair and started pulling his hair in frustration.

But what he doesn't know is that this is just the beginning and he has no idea what is about to come at him.

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Chapter 1149: Planting a Seed

The second young master is pacing around in the tent nervously as he bit his nails.

He is sweating profusely as he muttered incoherently with an anxious expression. His subordinates are looking at him with equally anxious expressions. It has been three days since the interrogation from the investigators of the enforcement department was done.

In these three days, the whole second branch of the puppet organization is completely shaken to its core with a lot of turmoil.

For starters, Sam started creating an external nuisance as he launched several attacks on the city from various sides.

He didn't damage much, but of the infrastructure and definitely didn't kill the people, but he destroyed a lot of puppets and managed to exhaust the forces repeatedly as he attacked only with his puppets.

It is more like a testing ground for the combat ability of his puppets and he clearly showed one thing to the puppet organization. He showed that he can clearly destroy them and he does have the means to do it and it is just that the price is really too high to pay.

Every time, the puppet organization barely managed to save themselves from some extremely dangerous situation that could have opened their formations up by sacrificing a lot of puppets.

While the situation is like this from the outside, the inside is not at all calm.

The first thing that happened is that the investigator who interrogated him was dead in the same way the previous three people died.

The investigators didn't find any traces of the killer around and obviously, all the fingers are pointed at the second young master who was placed on a temporary house arrest.

Another investigation team was sent to interrogate him and his subordinates and to the dismay of the elders of the organization, one after the other every member of the investigator team died. Even the team leader, who is a low-level elder was dead and his death is the only one that had any traces as it seemed like some battle has occurred.

Apart from that, the rest of the deaths are all silent and clueless.

This made the second young master terrified. Because the implication of killing a whole enforcement team is not something he could bear. Even if he is the core disciple, it is not something he could shoulder the responsibility for.

And after that death, the second young master immediately wanted to go to the second branch leader and explain. But he was not allowed to go out of the room at all.

He was locked in with a bunch of guards not even allowing him to step out of the door.

And at this moment, the elders and the branch leader are having a meeting on how to deal with him. They don't have any tangible evidence against the second young master and if they really dealt with him without any evidence, they would lose integrity within the organization as they only favor talent and capabilities.

The second young master started as a normal disciple here even the current branch leaders and elders started as normal disciples. They need to do this fairly.

But they are worried about what the second young master's motives are if he is really involved in this. After all, they are going through a war and the opponent is exactly a pleasant enemy to have. So, they are a bit wary of this all and the investigation is not showing any results.

At this moment, the elders and branch leader are discussing how to proceed. It is leaning towards just dealing with him and the discussion is pretty onesided. But there is one person who is against it all and at this moment, that person's voice holds a bit of power. It is none other than the first young master.

"Don't do anything drastic. I don't think the second young master will be doing this. He has been pretty loyal to the organization all these years and this is the place he practically grew up in. And if he is really hiding something and is killing everyone who came into contact with that matter, will he really be doing all of this openly.

I don't think he is really that dumb. If I had to believe something, then I would believe that someone is trying to frame the second young master and are trying to make us kill him."

The elders didn't know what to say, but one of the hot-headed ones immediately replied.

"Are you saying that one of us is doing this?"

"It is a possibility. But I am leaning towards someone infiltrating the city before we imposed this lockdown and they are causing all of this. Isn't it more feasible and appropriate?"

"Even if you are right, we cannot just let him go like that. There are still some suspicions surrounding him." The branch leader spoke.

"You are right. But currently, we cannot afford to lose some like the second young master and his subordinates. He is skilled and I need him to work on my project. If the project is not ready, we wouldn't be able to face Sam no matter what.

And from the looks of it, he is getting ready for a large attack. After all, the firepower on the other side is increasing with each skirmish."

The discussion went on and the first young master completely convinced the other party to let the second young master off the hook and the only condition

for that is for the first young master to personally look over the second young master.

When the second young master heard this news, he was stunned. The attendant who delivered the news left, but the second young master didn't feel relieved at all. In fact, he became angry.

"Why the hell is he helping me? What is planning?" Those are the thoughts of the second young master. He didn't think that the first young master helping him is out of goodwill or responsibility. Rather he felt that the whole thing is a plan.

As soon as those words were spoken, one of the subordinates standing on the side had a smile on his face. It is Kiran.

All this while he has been passive in this role as the plan has changed due to the imposed lockdown.

But now it is his time to act.

"Young master, I think the first young master is really planning something."

The second young master looked at him in surprise. Even though he is thinking about what kind of plans the first young master might have hidden here, he knew he is just thinking of spite and jealousy.

But when one of his subordinates particularly one with the most cunning mind said so, he couldn't help but take it seriously.

"Second Young master, don't you feel that it is weird that everyone you came into contact with is dead. Except for our batch of close subordinates, the guard, the guard captain, the prostitute, investigators, enforcement elder, all of them are dead just like that and every one of them has come into contact with you. This happened right after you took up the research project that was given by the first young master as if someone was trying to sabotage it so that you wouldn't get the credit you deserve after the project is completed.

And now when you were thrown into the pickle, the first young master out of all people, goes on and supports you.

Don't you feel that it is a bit suspicious?

Why is he supporting you when both of you clearly don't like each other? Why did he even make you join the project?"

The second young master fell into thought, even though he felt that it was a bit farfetched, he still couldn't help but think and the subordinate continued.

"Just think about it. As soon as he gave you permission to enter the project, all the elders, branch leaders, and the executives of the branch were in favor of him. They felt like the first young master is not only talented, but he is also extremely virtuous for letting your grudge slide in the face of war.

Now, he is trying to get you out of this impossible situation even at the risk of being implicated as you were put under his supervision.

His image only grew brighter in the hearts of the people and elders. Now they are all suspicious of you and the first young master is being praised and admired. They are thinking of disposing of you while consulting him. What do you think that means?

In their eyes, you are no longer the core disciple of the second branch, you are a liability that they need to get rid of and he is going to be the one who protects the liability despite his grudge."

When Kiran finished his words, he could clearly see the change in the expression of the second young master.

He couldn't help but smile. The seed has been successfully planted and this step of the plan is perfectly executed.

RE-BIRTH OF A GENIUS. CREATOR/DESTROYER

Chapter 1150: Attack

For the next week, the second young master was under the strict supervision of Arkiv and the rest of the subordinates under the first young master.

Since the supervision was given to the first young master, as his trusted subordinate, Arkiv was given easy access to this post. He took a look at Kiran who is still in his disguise and smiled.

The second young master was wrapped around their finger for the past week as the defensive project is going in full swing.

One part of the city wall was destroyed and a bunch of puppets under Sam's control managed to infiltrate and destroy the infrastructure. In the process, destroying a formation and killing over two dozen people and some of them are elites who are in charge of patrol and immediately action at the city walls.

This made the puppet organization speed up the project and this one week, the research team worked day and night.

The team worked on amplification formation and the puppets, while the First young master solely worked on the diffusion formation.

At this moment, the puppets are being deployed to their locations while the formation is being put in place.

The second young master is making rounds to all the puppets to check the mobility of the puppets for one final time.

The check went until afternoon and the second young master was sent to his residence along with his close subordinates. Coincidentally, Arkiv was called

off for something important by the first young master, which gave him a moment of secrecy.

He had a few moments of secrecy like this in the past week and in these few moments, he prepared for something big.

He instantly activated a bunch of formations as he and Kiran went into the room. They took out a bunch of blueprints and the second young master marked different points on the blueprints with a checkmark.

After he was done, he looked at Kiran and said.

"These are the things I already modified. I placed all the bugs where they needed to be and they would work properly on time. Now, I need to find a time to place the things that would deactivate the bugs they needed at this point."

He continued as he pointed to a certain point on the map of the city.

"I need you to find out when it was the perfect time to do so between now and dawn tomorrow. I heard that was the time they would be activating the diffusion formation."

"Yes, boss. Don't worry. I will find out and give an appropriate time in an hour."

Kiran then left and the concealing formations were deactivated.

After leaving the room, Arkiv came back with the rest of the security and Kiran started a conversation with Arkiv.

"So, how is it going?" Kiran asked.

"The planning is perfect, the large-scale formation would be activated by afternoon. The combat ability and mobility of the puppets were already tested, so the city will be protected by dawn tomorrow."

"That is great."

The conversation went on for a few minutes and Kiran went out to take a stroll around the area.

After an hour, he came back and gave a time for the second young master.

"One hour before midnight."

That was the timing given to him and the second young master waited for the time to come.

When the time arrived, he sneaked out with Kiran's help and went to the designated location where a metal pillar was placed.

He ran towards it and looked around to make sure no one is seeing him, he took out an inscription brush and made some markings on the pillar before leaving.

After he left, a few minutes passed and the first young master finally arrived at the scene. He made some more modifications on the pillar and left.

Time passed slowly and dawn arrived.

The elders and the first young master and the elders are having a meeting as they went through the final review to start the puppet formation.

As the meeting continued, all of a sudden, an attendant ran in and said.

"Branch leader, Come out and take a look. We are being attacked."

The branch leader frowned. The attacks in the recent days were known and they are not severe enough for the Branch leader to react by himself, but for the attendant to be in this hurry to even forget the etiquette, he had a bad feeling and went out directly.

As soon as he did so, he was completely stunned by what he saw.

The sky above the city is being covered with a dozen puppets. All of them are modeled after different birds and all of them seemed to have metal elemental energy circulating throughout their bodies.

The puppets are not hiding their presence at all.

The birds are huge and from their construction structure, the Branch leader even recognized a few of the birds on which the designs are based.

As the bird puppets hovered over the sky, every bird puppet belonging to the puppet organization that went upwards was not being able to reach them as the metal elemental energy became too rampant and combined with the wind element, they are creating fierce metal winds. And the one force that the puppet makers couldn't see but feel is the magnetic force.

Sam used some of the meridian network models of Dia and implemented them as secondary networks in the bird puppets that are based on the metal elemental bird-type beasts.

This helped him create a magnetic field that would have a great effect on metallic things and the puppet organization has too many puppets with them for their own good.

All this while, the bird puppets at least managed to reach the targets, but this time, they were being torn apart from the magnetic field and the metallic winds and made them crash into different places of city damaging the infrastructure.

As they roamed around the sky, the bird puppets suddenly opened their mouths wide and started shooting energy beams. All of them are metallic energy beams and they landed on the base formation.

The formation started to waver a bit as every spot hit by the metallic energy beams looked like it was under the attack of a large-scale metallic sand tornado concentrated to the size of a basketball in a single spot. The branch leader looked at this in shock. He didn't expect something like energy beams. After all, Sam didn't bother to use them in the past two weeks he has been dealing with them.

The first young master looked at this and said in a hurry.

"We need to activate the formation immediately. These energy beams also have the same principle of energy explosions. We need to proceed quickly. I will go to the pillar."

As soon as he spoke, he started running and the second young master who is beside him said.

"I will also come."

The first young master just nodded and ran forward and the second young master followed. After they got out of the building they took off on their bird puppets as they hurriedly made their way towards the metal pillar.

At this moment, the second young master is feeling anxious. He didn't expect that Sam would come with such an attack. Particularly at this time.

This is the worst time an attack like this could have happened.

And there is a reason for him to think like this.

From the past week, he and Kiran are plotting to make some mess of the formation. But not a big one, it would only be a slight failure which would be the work of him changing some minor things in the formation and it would only make the formation output a little lesser.

As for how he is sure that only the output will be affected, it is because he and Kiran overheard when the first young master is discussing with himself and they managed to get some calculations of the formations which made it easier to do what he did. He wanted to let the efficiency drop during the final activation and wanted to be the hero to save it as soon as it happened.

But he didn't expect that an attack would be happening at this exact moment.

If the formation didn't work according to his calculations, not only would the city face severe consequences, they might even be destroyed completely because of the firepower.

Many disciples and elders would be killed instantly.

So, he couldn't help but run after the first young master so that he could change back the inscription modification he made on the pillar.

But as soon as they reached the pillar he was shocked. The inscription change is beyond what he did last night and he could easily recognize it. "Wai.."

Before he could yell out loud, the first young master already activated the pillar due to his momentary lapse.

As soon as the pillar was activated the puppets placed on different corners of the city activated and bright light pillars started appearing from their bodies and the light pillars slowly dissolved into curtains as they moved towards different directions.