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Chapter 231: Exchange

Sam and Arman exchanged glances while many other people are sighing in frustration or resignation.

The only two people who got the treasures are from the Thunder God temple's side.

Although from what Sam said, he is not directly related to the Thunder God temple and most likely belonged to an empire under them, they still believed that the treasures would belong to the thunder god temple eventually.

That is the reason these scions are a bit angry as they didn't belong to their power.

Sam sat down for a second to calm his mental state. He really did improve a lot in the past few days. Even though it is not exactly an increase in strength, it would be very useful in many other aspects when he was fighting an opponent at the same cultivation level and the fight would be even easier than it already was.

After a few more hours, the one- month period inside the Palace has finally come to an end. The candidates on all floors vanished at the same time and they appeared in a hall in which the Avatar is standing.

Sam looked at the old man and then his surroundings only to realize that he failed to see any other candidates.

He clearly knew for one that all of the vanished at the same time and he doesn't know why he was isolated.

Not only Sam, but the rest of the candidates are also feeling the same. They are also facing the avatar in the same hall at the same time without anyone around them.

As if reading his thoughts, the Avatar said.

"Don't worry, you are isolated in order to get the prizes that you deserve after this one month. You have performed exceptionally well and the first floor's five formations are cleared by you alone in the minimum time possible.

You have far exceeded the expectations we had and you have been awarded the complete blueprints of the five formations which include their variant versions from rank 1 to rank 7.

On the second floor, you again outperformed every other person in four cases. Battle awareness, Speed, Strength, and Long-Distance Tracking. You only lost and got second place in one room which belongs to the Defence category and this might have been because the attacks are of lightning category and the first prize winner is better in adapting lightning than you.

For this, you will be getting four battle techniques, which focus on the four aspects respectively, as for the second prize it is also a battle technique but it is not as profound as the first prize.

On the third floor, you are the only person who cleared the fifth room and the rest of the rooms, you are the best of all dominating every other person.

This floor's prizes are voluntary and you can select from the options which I will give you in a moment.

The prizes from the remaining three floors are obtained from those floors directly."

After finishing these words, the person waved his hand and a holographic screen appeared before him. There are many weapons, formation discs, daggers and blueprints of formations, inscription scrolls, and many more.

"You can select any five from these things, if you have any doubts, you can ask me."

Sam looked at all these and wasn't particularly interested in them. After some thought, he asked the Avatar.

"You know that I stole something from the puppets, right?"

"Yes."

"So, are they mine?"

"Of course, if they are not yours, you wouldn't have been able to bring them out, you fought directly and they are your spoils of battle."

"Then, can I request other types of rewards apart from these options?"

The Avatar was intrigued.

"That Depends on what you ask for."

"Since I have five prizes, I will exchange one for the appraisal of the two treasures I got from the sixth floor, I want to know how they are used and the most efficient way to use them.

As for the remaining four choices, I would like to exchange them for the equivalent amount of raw materials required for making these devices."

As Sam spoke, he took out the glowing object which he obtained from the puppet. It is actually a spherical object and it has neutral spiritual energy emitting from it.

Avatar was surprised for a bit and said with a smile.

"You really are the odd one. I never expected you would ask this.

But I want reasons.

Why do you want to exchange a prize for just appraisal, why are so sure that you won't be able to use them efficiently?"

Sam stayed silent for a second before saying.

"I have a feeling that they are not meant for me, my hunch is that they are sent to this world for someone else and I along with many other candidates are just here to make this a 'fair' way to get these treasures."

Avatar frowned for the first time.

"You seem to know a lot of things which you are not supposed to be aware of."

At these words, Sam smiled and looked at the old man with a mischievous glint in his eyes.

Then only the old man realized that he fell into a trap.

That is right, Sam is laying down a trap to get more information.

After the experience inside the palace, he understood that there is a lot more information he has to know and after seeing the tattoo on the back of Arman coinciding with the symbol on the ceiling along with the statue and Arman's strange phenomenon, he has one conclusion and that is the whole Palace of Inheritance is here for Arman and that is to deliver the inheritance from that person in the image to Arman.

As for why he thought it was just to make it 'fair', it is because of the remaining tattoos he saw. They must be people who are here just like him and Arman, they are also from another world and they also experienced the Re-birth.

They are all here for a fair fight for the treasure and techniques that are sent here through the palace.

So, he shot an arrow in the dark, and who knew that it struck right on the target.

The old man just shook his head and said.

"You indeed are a person selected by Gambler, you are not to be trifled with, getting this much info just from your observations is really impressive, but I

suggest you don't try to get more info now, you will know what you have to know when the time is right.

As for the exchange you wanted, if you want the whole device, you can get only one for the four prizes, but since you are asking for only raw materials you can get enough materials to make five of them.

For the appraisal. The transference scrolls are used for escaping. And the value of the scroll represents the number of times you can use them.

The scroll you have can be used three times and to have the most efficiency, you have to use a drop of your blood essence filled with the spiritual energy and it can send you a thousand kilometers away.

In the center of the scroll there would be the core rune of the scroll on which you should drop the blood and spread it towards the direction you want to head towards.

The Thunder Prison is mostly used for capturing the enemies of higher realm than yours.

If you can find the core of the prison and your mental strength is enough to manipulate it, you can change the form of the prison as you like and the possibilities are endless. For a person like you, I think the thunder prison is more than a capturing tool.

If you understand what I mean and study it properly, you would be able to do much more than the inventor of the thunder prison himself."

With those words, the Old man waved his hand and all the rewards that Sam deserved were sent towards him, Sam threw them in the storage and the old man said.

"I also added a list of the raw materials you asked for, It would save you some trouble if you are searching for them in the future. Then there is only one last thing to do."

The Avatar, made some hand-signs and closed eyes as he chanted something.

A bright light shot out from his hands and entered Sam's consciousness all of a sudden.

Sam was stunned for a second and closed his eyes to enter his consciousness and he can see a small circular token hovering there.

"This will help you to enter the Palace of Inheritance next time, from this day onwards, every three years the Palace of inheritance will open in the same places it opened this time and the same age group of people will be given opportunities to enter this.

Apart from that, as the first batch of the people who entered, your generation will also have an access to enter every time it opened until you reach a certain age.

Of course, the tests you will face are going to be different.

You got a badge since you have that tattoo on your back and the rest who have tattoos, in the same way, will receive the badges.

Apart from that, there would be a certain number of badges which will be given to these powers which helped me gather you and they will conduct a tournament for your age group and then distribute those badges.

The badges you have are special and gain permanent access to the palace of inheritance until you reach a certain cultivation level and this is the privilege of being a person with a tattoo whom I would like to call as the acknowledged.

If an acknowledged person dies, his badge will be transferred to the person who killed him and that is only if it is a fair fight and if the other person is a far stronger opponent, the badge will do one last favor and devour that person's soul.

And that concludes every information you are entitled to and you can leave now.

With those words, Sam didn't even have a chance to speak before he appeared in front of the cave entrance where Moriya is waiting for them.

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Chapter 232: Attack

Sam looked around to find out that all the other candidates also arrived along with him and has same looks of surprise as him.

Moriya looked at all the candidates and since there are all of them present, he sighed in relief.

But he noticed something else.

After the initial surprise, everyone has a guarded expression as they looked suspiciously at each other.

He immediately understood what the matter is no matter how weak a person's performance is they should have at least gotten something inside the palace and now they are guarding it like a precious treasure.

Moriya cleared his throat and said.

"Don't worry everyone. Your things are yours and yours alone. Unless you are willing to share them yourselves, nobody is going to force you to hand them over, at least not on this Thunder god temple's territory. I promise you that with the honour of our temple on the line."

Then only some people calmed down a bit.

Then Moriya continued.

"Today the thunder god temple is inviting you officially to join our temple as inner disciples, you will be given access to the same resources as our inner disciples and can get mentored by our Elders and Great elders, if you can prove your worth, you can even become direct disciples of the Grand Elders and Temple Head himself.

Of course, it is completely understandable if you don't want to join now or if you want some time to visit your home, the thunder god temple will not force you and we still guarantee your safety.

Many candidates from the four empires became excited as they felt that this is a dream come true, they started discussing more than half of them agreed to join and remaining half wanted to visit their home before coming back,

Philip and Jack asked Sam if he was going to join and Sam only replied.

"I am not, I still have lot of things to see in the empire. What about you two?"

"Well, I cannot stay in the Thunder God temple, I have some serious issues regarding that." Philip said with a smile.

"I also have things to do in the empire." Jack also said.

This way, three of them rejected the offer, while Nicholas joined immediately.

He didn't even consider for a second before agreeing. He came to Sam and said.

"Our current battle record is two wins for you and one draw. Next time we spar, I am going to change that no matter what, so don't lag behind too much."

"We will see about that." Sam replied with a smile.

Then he went back to Arman and said.

"I want these materials, I will be leaving this place, so please hurry up."

Arman took the material list and then looked back at Sam, these are materials which are used mostly for the communication devices, recording crystals and other stuff. These are strictly regulated and only the Artisan tower and the inner members of the temple have access to it.

Arman nodded and said.

"I will hand them over to you at the Space gate."

Arman then left with the rest of the thunder god temple's members.

"All the people who wants to go back follow me; we would be going to the island where the space gates are located."

Sam and his two friends, Nathan are the only ones who belong to the Orion empire that are going back.

They went towards the sea shore of the island and there are already beasts waiting for them.

They boarded the beasts and by the evening they went to the island where the space gates are already being arranged.

The spirit stones are also loaded.

At the gate that was leading to the Orion empire there is a middle-aged man waiting along with the emperor.

Sam and the rest walked towards the gate. As soon as he saw the middleaged man, Sam felt like he was a bit familiar and frowned when he saw the cold look he has on his face.

"The gate will be ready in a minute; you can relax until then."

Sam went towards the nearby trees and sat there with his legs crossed. Philip and Jack followed as they spoke something. Around five minutes later, the gate was ready and Arman also arrived at there from another Space gate.

This place seemed to be connected to the core region of the Thunder God temple and doesn't have access to outsiders.

He gave a storage ring to Sam and said.

"We might meet soon and that is if you watch your back till then."

With those words, he left the same way he came and Sam frowned at those words.

He walked towards the space gate where the emperor and the rest are already in the formation.

Sam went into the formation and soon the transfer started.

The next moment, they arrived at the space gate in the Emperor's palace.

Sam looked around to get rid of that dizzy feeling, and he slowly stepped out along with Jack and Philip.

They came out of the small building in which the formation was and walked forward. Sam suddenly halted his steps and Philip and Jack leapt on him at the same time.

Sam took out the transference scroll in an instant and opened before injecting the spiritual energy, he doesn't know which direction he held the scroll in but he doesn't have much time.

He dragged Philip and Jack into the dimension and activated the scroll.

They disappeared in a flash and just at the spot they were present, a huge lightning bolt struck leaving a large crater.

Emperor is looking at the crater with a gloomy look on the face, he didn't expect he would miss this.

He wanted to kill Sam a long time ago and he only stopped because of Moriya's instructions. Now that the whole palace farce is over he planned to kill him.

He cannot even wait for Sam to enter the empire, but the elders repeatedly said that no candidate should be harmed on their territory.

That is why he contacted Ben's father who is also pretty upset since his son was beaten up by Sam and learnt of the distance at which the space gate wouldn't be affected when he attacked.

But why go through so much effort and has to kill him right at the space gate? Ben's father wanted to see Sam's dead body right away and he planned to kill him right there and then, but now that plan also failed.

Apart from that, if Sam entered the city and came into contact with the Artisan tower for any reason, things would again get messy due to his status.

The Artisan tower will investigate the whole thing as they would lose a young talent as Sam and even though they might not pursue revenge there would surely be repercussions and his reputation as an emperor would be damaged. After all, it was his son who brought this up on himself.

He went back to the thunder god temple through the space gate to give the news to Ben's father and he came back with a gloomy face.

But when he came back, he saw his son was still waiting there with a nervous expression.

"What happened?"

"I found this near the crater."

He showed a letter which was extremely crumbled.

Emperor took the letter and saw a string of letters.

"You just signed your death warrant. Good luck. - Sam"

When the emperor saw this letter, his speculation was confirmed. He thought that Sam was already aware of their plan when he escaped, but he wasn't sure, but now that he saw the note, he could guarantee that his speculation was correct.

He suddenly had a bad premonition and felt that he made a huge mistake. But that feeling just passed by and his pride as an emperor didn't want him to bow down.

At the same moment, in far away woods, Sam appeared from within a bright flash and fell down on the ground. His head was completely dizzy and he cannot even see properly that is his body's reaction due to two consecutive space gate travels.

He almost wanted to puke, but at this moment, he saw a beast glaring at him from a few feet away.

It is like a huge leopard and thankfully, it is only Level 4.

Sam felt that he would be in trouble if the forest he entered will have very dangerous beasts beyond his level and now that all he saw was a Level 4 Beast, he was relieved.

He sat down on the ground and let Philip, Jack and Watt who is living in the Dimension for past month or so out and laid down on the ground to relax until the dizzy feeling goes.

At the same time, he let Yanwu and Sky out which chased the Leopard away.

He said to them.

"Go and scout a bit."

After that he closed his eyes and took some rest.

He woke up after half an hour and by that time the three boys already created a makeshift camp while Yanwu and Sky returned.

"What's our position now, where are we?" He asked the beasts immediately.

[There are some human activities towards North western direction and the north eastern direction is a bit troublesome as I can sense some traces of powerful beasts at least at Level six.

As for the southern sides, there are only forests and they are thicker and thicker without any kinds of activities. We suspect that side is the most dangerous and it would be better to go towards the North west.] Sky replied.

Sam sat down and fell into a deep thought.

He couldn't guess where he is until he can enter a human settlement nearby and he has to make sure that his presence is going to be unnoticed all the while.

He can use shadow mice but they are mostly useful in the cities than the wilderness.

This is due to one of the main reasons why most shadow mice don't grow till the old age even with those incredible powers.

That is because until they achieve a very high-level shadow fusion, there is a high chance that the beasts stronger than them can notice their presence purely based on instincts and if shadow mice became afraid due to their animal instincts, they will give their hiding position away.

So, in the wilderness, Shadow mice are not ready to roam freely, at least not too deep.

As for in the city they are the boss.

So, they have to either travel by air or by foot and to be able to look at the tracks more clearly, they decided to go on foot until they find the first human settlement.

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Chapter 233: End Goal of the Journey

Sam and the group changed their clothes and particularly Sam and Watt, they took off their eye-catching coats and wore some normal clothes.

Yanwu and Sky went to do some scouting now and then and they traveled carefully on foot for three days before they found a proper road.

They randomly picked a direction and started flying over it and after another three days, they saw their first City.

On their way, they avoided any possible encounter they could have with other travelers.

Sam doesn't want any of the info slipping as there is a possibility that the Emperor already took action to deal with him, and he didn't throw the rest of his friends in the dimension because there is a possibility of them is going to be stuck inside the dimension in the future, so he let them have some free reign for a bit.

When the first City came to their eye-sight, Sam and the rest landed nearby and he threw everyone inside the dimension along with him and let shadow mice follow a trading caravan and enter the City.

Now, all he has to do is find out where they actually are and where they have to go from here.

They entered the slums and hid deep inside some abandoned buildings.

Sam came out from there and went into the city.

The slums are the place where a lot of new people enter every day and they could care less about a new face showing up.

Apart from that, Sam wore a cloak around him making and he pretended to be old and weak which made his presence ignored.

After that, he went to work with some shadow mice.

He sent shadow mice to infiltrate the city guard stations and he went towards an inn where the most human traffic occurs.

He bribed a waiter and got all the info he needed.

Right now, he is in a city named the scarlet city and this is a part of the Northern Star Dukedom.

It is not very close to the northern border of the empire, nor was it close to the Northern Star city. It is exactly in the middle of the Dukedom and this city is one of the cities which has nothing special.

The city is named after the City lord's family who got were rewarded with the city when the empire was founded.

After getting some info, Sam went back to the slums and carefully slipped into an alleyway before disappearing into the dimension before reappearing at the old ruined building they are hiding.

He told them everything that he learned and asked them to think of what they think is the best solution to proceed. Even though, there is a high chance that Sam would make the final decision there is no reason to not listen to any suggestions.

By night the shadow mice returned and from what they learned in the city guard station there is no official notice among the citizens claiming that Sam is a wanted criminal by the empire. Rather, the mice found out that some of the upper echelons of the city guards and the city officials who are discussing a person. Although the mice failed to see any picture of Sam in their position there is some info that made it most possible that they are talking about Sam and that is regarding his professions.

The officials are talking about Sam's numerous professions and they have been ordered by their upper echelons that they should keep an eye on the three professional towers which Sam is a part of and they also noted that they should inform them if there is any young genius who appears inside the tower.

Sam is almost sure that it is about him.

The Emperor already broke all the decorum with Sam and he has no choice but to search and capture him. Because once, Sam escaped and he cannot get his hands on him, then with Sam's potential and talent he would be done for.

But he cannot paint Sam as a deadly criminal before he knew his exact position. He has no evidence and everyone knows that Sam has a deep feud with all the big shots and the public would think that the emperor is extremely tyrannical and in the imperial capital and the three professional towers which Sam has some status in has to side with Sam because of their titles.

Emperor knew that he has no good reputation in the empire but at least he doesn't want to get a bad reputation which the enemy empire can take advantage of.

If Sam really did approach them, they have no other choice but accept and protect him from the empire's allegations, that is one of the reasons the Emperor wanted to kill Sam instantly within the palace grounds.

From what he could tell Sam is a cautious person and plan everything carefully, that is the reason he made a sneak attack but he didn't expect Sam to be this cautious and prepare for this scenario as well.

Sam and the remaining three all sat down together inside the building and started discussing and now they have two choices in front of them.

The first one is to cross the northern border and flee to the neighboring empire and the second one is to play this cat and mouse game with the emperor.

They are in a dilemma because Sam is not that willing to cross the border at least not yet.

Because he made a contract with Jack to tear down the Blackwater nest and find his father's killer and his pride is not letting him accept this.

One could say that a wise man bows down for the circ.u.mstances but Sam believes that a capable man can change the circ.u.mstances for his own favor.

So, that night the group stayed there and the next day Sam made his decision.

They are not going to leave the border yet.

First, they will travel to the southern star Dukedom and check up on Sam's Park. If Sam's guess is correct, unless the emperor is willing to answer to the public and prove that his acts are not of any personal vendetta, he wouldn't openly take charge of the park and also fire the employees suddenly.

At least, this is what Sam would do if he is the emperor's shoes, so to get a better understanding of the emperor's thought process Sam has to look at that place and come to a conclusion and apart from that there is another big reason and more important reason for him to visit that place and that is leaving a message and honoring the words he left behind in the past.

After that, he would think of what to do next.

So, their journey began.

First thing in the morning they left the place with the help of shadow mice and on the way, they stole a map leading to the south.

The map has details up to the imperial capital and Sam can get to the southern start from there.

From the map and the estimated distance, it will take around one month in the shortest route which will lead to the imperial capital, and this time Watt is responsible for bringing there.

But before that, Sam has to give some makeover to Watt. He made his hair silvery white like an old man and added some wrinkles on the face and hands and other exposed his skin. He taught him how to walk like an old man and how to hunch like one.

Why Watt though?

It is because Watt is the only person who is out of the limelight for more than the past month. He was shoved inside the dimension even before their journey to the thunder god temple. So, his presence was completely neglected and it would be sometime before the emperor concentrates on him.

Sam is just being cautious, because there is a high chance that the searches are being done in the southern star continent now, because, the emperor didn't know that Sam himself has no control over the direction the scroll took him.

So, he would assume that Sam went to the southern star where he has the most influence and an extremely profiting business.

And his guess is almost right but the only thing is that Sam is only going there a little later than he thinks.

Watt is now traveling on Falck at a moderate speed and he dressed as an old man. His pace is as if he has all the time in this world.

Meanwhile, inside the dimension, Sam is sitting along with the other two as they are discussing their future steps.

Jack has a small question for Sam and that is.

What is your final goal from this journey, we could just escape to the neighboring empire and we can take the revenge slowly? We are not on par with the strength of the emperor and apart from that, there are generals, Marshalls, countless Nascent cultivators including Dukes, and also the vast army under their control. And even worse, they have the manpower and the resources to make their work easier. We are completely on different levels. We are against the whole empire."

Sam smiled and said.

"What you said is right, let us forget about the emperor's level for now, since the power level is completely out of our league, it doesn't matter whether it is a Nascent or higher they all can kill us in an instant.

As for what you said about the rest, yes, we are indeed against the whole empire and it is true that they have many resources in their control.

And our end goal of this is also related to that.

Why do you think, the emperor has so much pride that he just attacked me without a second thought, even though all I did was just retaliate against his son?"

Jack and Philip looked at each other and the latter answered.

"Because he was the emperor?" He doesn't sound so sure, because, even he thought that it was kind of stupid. Just because he is an emperor doesn't mean he can do whatever he wants, right?

But Sam's answer proved he was right.

"Exactly, he behaves like this just because he is an emperor. And our goal is to pluck that title off of his head and reduce is head weight so that he can look at the ground for once and let us see how we would react."

His voice was so casual that Jack and Philip even felt that they didn't hear anything clearly.

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Chapter 234: Gambler

"What do you mean, you want to pluck off his position? Do you think it would be that easy? Can we alone threaten his position of the emperor? It is nigh impossible." Philip said in a gloomy voice.

"Why do we have to threaten the position of an emperor."

"Then how are you going to do this."

"You just have to wait and see. You will understand soon enough."

Around a month later, they arrived at the southern star city. But they didn't enter it immediately.

In the nearby woods of the southern star, there is a small hill. They climbed that hill and went dug a small cave where they made a camp for themselves.

"I will visit the Park and will try to get some information on the situation. If you guys want you can stay here or you can stay inside the dimension."

"We will take a look around the surroundings and see what is the position here. The hunters usually have some first-class information, we will see if we get some."

Philip said and the four of them went to do their own thing.

Sam entered the city stealthily and infiltrated the staff quarters of the Park. Evening. The time for the shift change was here and the staff who just finished the shift came back.

Right now, Sam is in the residence of the leader of Mackey.

So, when Mackey came in, he slowly came out of the dimension and scared the hell out of Mackey.

Sam closed his mouth, not letting him yell in fear, and whispered in his ear.

"It's me, Sam."

Mackey relaxed a bit and his usual emotionless face came back.

"You are indeed capable Boss; you can even enter the city in these circ.u.mstances."

"What is the situation?"

"Well, the Duke came back a few days ago along with a middle-aged man and had a meeting with the core staff of the Park.

He said that you are a criminal on run and they are going to confiscate the park in a discreet manner. The three-tower heads didn't agree as they are still afraid of your fireworks, since the duke didn't confirm that you are not dead, they don't want to do this, I heard that even the tower heads of the imperial capital are not willing to do so and they seem to say something about the peers of the same trade and the pressure from their professional associations.

So, they are trying hard to win over the tower heads. But they are not willing to budge and they are also saving up your share diligently.

But the city guards, the nobles all of them are on tight guard to get you, even the military was involved except for your battalion. I am actually quite surprised that you are able to get here without anyone noticing."

Sam didn't reply for a second and then asked.

"Are you really just a chef? How do you get all these details in the first place?"

"I just pay more attention. And the tower heads know that I am your original subordinate, so they told me most things."

"Then, who is holding my money?"

"Formation tower head."

"Okay, then I will see you later, just be careful. Things would get messy, extremely messy, and chaotic."

"See you later, Boss."

Sam left the place and came back to the cave.

The remaining three also came back and they are roasting a bird on the flames.

"It is just as we thought, the southern star became the primary target and they even tried to take over the park, but the resistance from the tower heads is more than I thought it would be, seems like I attracted the attention of some big shots in the thunder god island towers, otherwise these people wouldn't be able to control their greed at all.

Anyway, the military also got involved along with the nobility and all the other city guards. We are actually on a tight leash, what did you get on your side?"

Sam said as he took a bit of the roasted leg.

"Well, you truly became a big shot this time, there is a bounty on your head, but for some reason, we are not the talk at all. They are completely ignoring our presence and for some weird reason it is pissing me off."

Philip said with a gloomy face.

"What kind of bounty?"

"All kinds, we met a hunter team who are also part of an underground gang, there is a bounty on your head in both hunter circle and the underground circle.

Watt sneaked upon them to listen to their discussion, they even have a portrait of yours."

"Well, seems like I did become famous, but don't be too relaxed, I think you are also part of the bounty but the prizes might be less on your heads so some ignorant fools chose to ignore you. But a capable person wouldn't leave you like that."

"Forget it, I doubt that with your level of threat, they would even care about us," Philip replied as he started munching on the food.

"Okay, rest early tonight, tomorrow morning we have some work, find every poisonous beast there is in the surrounding forest. And search for these grasses, from what I know this area's climate is the best for these types of grasses.

Apart from that, catch the Wild root Raccoons, Red fur koalas, Yellow blood monkeys as much as you can. Try to be as discreet as possible. But find as many as you can."

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"Why do you want them?"
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"Didn't I tell you earlier, I have to honor my words and leave a message in this city."

Four of them went to work, although everything went slowly due to their discreetness the process was very smooth.

Meanwhile, in the distant realms, in a majestic Castle which is floating over the clouds, a white-colored winged elephant was guarding the entrance.

Inside the castle, in a dining room, two young men are facing each other.

One of them has a long hair with majestic looks tall stature with the electric blue eyes, Sam would recognize this person immediately from far away just from his silhouette because it is the same silhouette that he saw on the ceiling of the palace.

In front of him, a man whose face was blurry and clouded was sitting with his legs on the table.

He was dressed in black and a dangerous aura that would keep anyone at bay was emitting from him.

"Why are you here, Gambler?"

"You know better than anyone why I am here, Indra. You know the rules, don't you? Why did you still break them and trouble my player?"

"Hmph." Indra only snorted in response.

"I know actually, did your pride take a hit because he rejected your teachings? How did you even become a god with that fragile ego of yours? Trust me, you would be in big trouble these days because of that."

"Are you here to threaten me or something?"

"No, I am here to just remind you, as for this time, I will let it slide because he already tore down your statue in a single strike, I will consider that as a payback.

As for the next time, you would not escape scot-free. I will tear you down a new one right in front of all the deities that respect you."

"Do you think, you can walk away after talking to me like this in my territory? You must be dreaming."

As soon as his words ended, the White-winged elephant trumpeted as the sky shook and lightning roared.

"Do you think you can really deal with me with this Indra? Just with you and your Airavath [name of the winged elephant]? It seems like you are the one who is dreaming."

He finished his speech and snapped his fingers.

Suddenly, the sky tore open and a black dragon roar came from it. A black dragon came out of the void as it roared at the Airavath while looking at the elephant dead in the eye.

The two immortal and mythical beasts stared down at each other as they released their auras without any signs of backing down. Both of them are extremely fierce as they don't want to outdone by the other.

But Indra who is facing the gambler is in a completely different mood. His face was filled with a mixture of surprise, shock, and fear at the same time.

"Vo... Void Dragon, when did you?" gambler didn't let him finish his words and said.

"There are a lot of things you don't know about me and don't assume that I am all meek and weak from all the inactivity. I am beyond what you can imagine. Just because I am playing a game with you, don't treat me like your equal.

You are a god for all the deities and living beings in your territory but for me, you are just a flower boy, don't show your pride ego, and all that shit in front of me and if you interfere with the game again and make a move on my or any other player, trust me, I will feed your Airavath to my pets in my ranch."

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Chapter 235: The Preparations

Sam doesn't know that two people who can crush the planet he is living in a second almost had a fight because of him.

Because he is busy with planning something.

From the hill they are staying in, he can watch some places in the Southern star city, although they are not completely visible and he cannot see what is happening there closely with a n.a.k.e.d, he doesn't have to use a n.a.k.e.d eye at all.

So, while his friends went on to collect the required beasts, he started building a telescope so that he can observe what is going on in the city, particularly in a person's home.

That is none other than the General Spark. Sam is here to honor his words about General Spark.

And he can use this chance to send a message to the emperor as well as all the other nobles and officials who are after him.

He is going to deal with the emperor sooner or later and in that process, Sam doesn't want to deal with all these officials on his journey. That would be a real pain in the ass.

So, since he already has some past grudges with the General, he can use this chance to avoid some trouble.

Although all the officials might not back down, there would be at least half of the people who will not make any trouble for Sam and that is for sure.

So, now he is going to plan and one of the main parts of that plan is this hill.

That is why he chose this hill as their campsite.

Sam wants to use one of the first elements he gained since he came to this world and the knowledge, he gained from his previous world to deal with the General, and this hill will be the main contributor to his plan.

So, he started marking the necessary positions to start digging the hole hill hollow so that it can station the necessary things that can help him.

For, the next month, the trio of Philip, Watt, and Jack are on hunt searching and bringing the beasts that Sam wanted and the main problem is that Sam wanted them alive.

So, they can only comply with him.

This month, Sam started hollowing the peak and the upper part of the hill.

Apart from that he would observe the routine of the General and spend the rest of the time researching a formation which he is designing for this purpose.

From the start, Sam has a feeling that the formations of this world are being restrained by their thinking of not using anything other than the energy nodes.

So, now he is going to circ.u.mvent that idea and use both energy nodes, runes, and inscriptions along with normal physical objects to get what he wants.

After that one month is over, the search for Sam and his group intensified in the southern star. It seems that the emperor doesn't want to give up at all.

He learned from Mackey that the Park was completely taken over.

Sam also found some posters of himself in the city and he is successfully labeled as a wanted criminal.

Sam thought that the emperor must have waited for this long, almost two months just to paint Sam as a criminal. Because, after this long time, there is no way that the citizens would relate to this incident as an act of revenge.

Sam doesn't know what crime he was attached to but he knew that it certainly is not a small one. So, from this point, the Duke represented the government in taking over the park, but only Sam's share. The three-tower heads are still holding their own share. He also learned that from this acquisition the government didn't take Sam's previous income and his earnings are still in hands of the Formation tower head.

Sam wasn't the least bit surprised by this, he knew that this would only be a matter of time and even acquisition of Sam's park might be a provocation directed at him.

The emperor must have thought that Sam is very possessive of his things and the whole thing started because his son went after Sam's possessions, so he is taking over Sam's possessions blatantly and he wanted to lure Sam out.

If this is really, the emperor's thinking, then he is half-right. Sam is indeed possessive of his things, but the only thing that he is wrong about is his way of retaliation.

Sam is actually waiting for this to come out, he is waiting for the emperor to make a move and paint him as a criminal and make his name known all over the empire.

This way, he would achieve his future plans much more efficiently.

Now, his next step of the plan is to assemble the new equipment he specifically made and place them in the hill and then send a gift to someone.

Apart from that, there is a secondary task of writing something and it was handed over to the three people who are accompanying him.

For the next week, Sam started assembling the whole room he made by hollowing out the whole upper part of the hill.

The room is as big as a basketball court and Sam made a platform for himself to stand and operate the whole room in the position of the one goal post. And there is a long metallic cylinder which is placed at the other end of the court at the position of another goal post. The cylinder is mounted on a platform and is horizontally pointed towards the southern star city.

To, Sam's side half of the room is filled with small metallic cylindrical tubes with one end mounted with a convex lens and the other end stuffed with the energy cell of light element.

Each tube is mounted on different heights by some thin metallic stands and those stands are connected to the platform by a black metallic wire and there are some runes on the wire, the tubes, stands, and even on the platform.

The Platform is made of a metallic bed on which there is a layer of crystalline object and then covered with numerous runes.

The tubes are also high in number with around one hundred and twenty. And for every ten tubes that are mounted there is a large convex lens he made hungover from the room.

From there, for every four large convex lenses, there is one even larger convex lens hung from the wall and lastly, these three larger lenses faced the inner end of the large metallic cylinder that is facing the southern star.

This inner end also has a large convex lens and there are some runes that are inscribed on the inner surface of the cylinder and the outer end which is facing the southern star is also a lens.

After mounting everything place while checking if everything is in a right place and every object is made with accurate size and shape and if all the runes are still intact, Sam spent the next week, while the remaining three are working on the letters they have to write on behalf of Sam.

After these two are over, there is one last thing to do and it is to prepare a gift.

With that, the preparation phase for the plan would be done.

The preparation of these gifts is where the animals come into play.

All these days they collected a lot of animals which Sam requested and from each kind of animal Sam needed a different thing.

The first kind are the poisonous and the venomous Level Beasts. Sam collected all the venoms and poisons on their body and made the same poison liquor he made in the past.

Even though the level 4 poison is dangerous, it wouldn't have much effect on a nascent stage cultivator. They certainly cannot kill them but there is something that can be achieved from that poison and that is making the person numb and weakening his immunity a bit.

The poison of these creatures has one thing in common and that is they all have an immediate but long-lasting effect; they wouldn't die so easily.

So, the immune system of a cultivator which uses the spiritual energy to fight and expel the foreign objects will first try to send the poison out.

And since, the cultivator himself wouldn't want to keep the poison for a while even if it doesn't damage him much.

But this is not the whole gift, it is only a secondary one which will help him increase the effect of the primary gift.

As for the primary gift, Sam collected various excrements of the three beasts they collected, the feces of the Wild root raccoon, the urine of the yellowskinned monkey, and the mucus of the Red fur Koala.

Sam collected these things and started doing experiments inside the divine dimension and apart from the experiments one thing he did was to feed vitality through the light element everyday to them.

After one week of the treatment and experiments, the gift was finally ready.

Now, it is time for the first step in his journey.

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Chapter 236: Message

The next day after Sam was done with making his 'Gift'.

In the study of General Spark's Mansion.

General is sitting there sorting out some paperwork for his military recruits and the budget.

While he was sitting at his desk and looking at the scrolls, he came across the results of their investigation towards Sam's case.

Even though he is from the Military and in charge of border security and their training, he is deeply involved in the investigation of Sam's case.

He knew better than anyone that is definitely not a person who is projected by the emperor. Sam is so prideful that if he wants something he would rather kill the party and take it out openly, but the Emperor actually reported that Sam stole something from the prince and killed numerous guards who tried to stop him and apart from that he also said that he tried to s.e.x.u.a.lly assault the princess as he tried to kidnap her when he was fleeing.

But he wasn't able to because of the pursuit of the soldiers and the imperial guard.

But General Spark didn't believe a single thing that was in the report.

He believed one thing though and that is Sam must have pissed off the emperor big time.

Since he has a beef with Sam and for some reason, General Mercury doesn't want to lead the investigation of this case, so he got the case for himself.

But there is no substantial development. He has been searching for two months and there are no positive results.

He is starting to think that Sam is not in southern star dukedom and that is if he is really still in the Orion empire. But suddenly, he sensed something moving above him and when he looked up he saw there was a glass jar on top of the wooden beam. But before he could make sense of what is it, he saw a bright light coming from the window on his right.

The bright green light was so blinding to his eye that he felt his eyes burn as soon as he saw it.

At this moment, all the people in the southern star city saw a bright green light coming towards the city.

Some are marveled and in awe with the majestic sight but the powerful people and the experts have a completely different reaction, they can sense the danger and threat that light beam can do to them.

This all happened in an instant.

The person who is the target of the light beam, General Spark could also sense the threat as the second strongest person in the city.

But it is light, can some be faster than a light beam?

General felt his whole-body burn, the Armor started melting and soon his flesh started burning making most of his muscle fibers expose.

He could feel that he could die at any moment, but before that happened, the light beam disappeared suddenly and he fell backward in pain.

All of this happened in a fraction of a second.

As the man fell down, he saw the glass jar he noticed earlier drop on him.

He knew that whatever the liquid that was inside the jar is not exactly a good thing and he has a vague hunch on who did this to him.

When the glass jar dropped on him, he noticed that it was open and the liquid started entering his body.

He could feel the pain of his body burning and the liquid added made it much worse and his consciousness slowly slipped away.

Within two minutes, many bigshots started moving towards General Spark's residence and a squad of people started moving towards the direction from where the light beam came.

When the Duke entered the General's residence, he saw a half-burnt body and a cracked empty glass jar with some blood around him.

He quickly checked and sighed in relief when he found that he is still alive.

Soon, he was shifted to the bedroom carefully without waking him up and the tower head of the pharmaceutical tower, the best potion master, and also the healer from the Duke mansion all came to take a look at that person.

At the same time, the squad who was led by the deputy general himself are all shocked when they saw what was left in the place of the hill.

The whole hill disappeared from the place, leaving a huge pit spreading over many yards of the forest. And in place of the hill, there is a letter left.

He picked the letter and immediately brought that to the General's residence. And by the time he arrived there, there is something that he didn't expect at all.

The healers and all the other experts are in extreme panic.

He handed the letter over to the Duke and then walked towards a person who seemed to be the assistant of one of the healers and asked about the situation.

"The upper body was completely burnt and a weird liquid was spilled on the wounds.

The healers, potion master, and even the poison masters weren't able to fully identify the liquid.

All they could find are some traces of the venoms from some beasts and they suspect that the poison is concocted from the venoms of many Level 4 creatures.

But they weren't able to do much since they weren't able to find the exact proportions and the nature of the poison.

They are afraid that healing the burn before curing the poison will leave any serious after effect."

Before Deputy General could ask more, he was shocked by Duke's action, who suddenly released his aura in extreme agitation, at the same time, he dropped the letter.

The Deputy general picked the letter and was shocked to see the contents.

"Good day to whoever that is reading this letter.

This message is for the honorable General Spark and for the Duke of the Southern Star.

I am Sam. Yes, the same person who is the wanted all over the Empire and also the same person who is supposed to be the one person who stole from the prince, who kidnapped the princess with the intention to s.e.x.u.a.lly assault her.

I am writing this letter because I just wanted to say that I honored my words to General Spark.

And at the same time, it is to send a message.

First, let me clarify one thing. I am not going to plead that I am innocent, or anything else about how the Emperor wanted to frame me.

But the one thing I would do love to say is that this is my declaration of war, against the emperor of the Orion.

From today onwards, I am going to start a war against the Orion Empire and since I am already a wanted Criminal, I would behave like one.

For one month, I am giving a month for all the officials and citizens in the empire and anyone who is still in my pursuit is going to be my enemies no matter who they are.

This is between me and the Emperor and if you don't involve in this, I will not involve you too and in a month if I see a person who is interested in me, I will involve them too.

As for the situation of the General. He is going to die and the more you try to save him the faster you would die. So, I would ask you to not waste much effort and increase his pain.

- Sam."

When he finished the letter, Deputy felt his heart turn cold. He knew Sam. In fact, he saw him up close, tearing down regiments and building a battalion that could rival a regiment. He knew how prideful that guy is and for a young man with those achievements, he has every reason to be that prideful and arrogant.

He was rather surprised that Sam showed no retaliation at all, but now that he showed the retaliation, he was stunned and now he was a bit afraid. He doesn't know how to react at all.

For the next two days, there were numerous events happening across the city.

There are several letters which are been falling over from the sky thrown down by the birds all over the Southern Star territory with the same message that was written in Sam's letter to the Duke.

The whole Dukedom is in panic mode.

Apart from that something even worse happened to General Spark.

They took two days to find the correct mixture of poison and after that, they took one more day to create an antidote, and then they healed him normally.

Until then, they kept him stabilized with adequate treatment.

But the whole new problem started after that.

The General's internal organs started falling apart one after another. There are rotting one after another. They tried to heal it and for some time, they can regenerate the organ but the next attack started happening faster.

After the first attack on his lungs, the second attack happened two hours later, but after they healed him, the next attack happened in one hour and forty minutes.

The same thing happened with his liver, abdomen, intestine.

What made it even worse is that they noticed after six hours, his body started rotting starting from the bone marrow and the muscle fibers.

They were afraid of healing him as they knew that they would only speed up the next attack.

They knew that something passed their eye and they don't know what it is. But one thing they know is that this is the cruelest killing method they have ever seen.

Duke, Deputy, and everyone who knew who did that and why he targeted the General is thinking only one thing.

The most the General did to Sam is oppressing using his authority unreasonably and threatened or thought of killing Sam's subordinate Watt. And yet his revenge is so cruel that even though Sam had a chance to kill the General with a single light beam, he is using this method to kill him.
After four days of this constant torture, the Healers saw something they didn't see before and that is the vitality they are producing with the help of the Light elemental energy stopped directing towards the General's internal organs and is being absorbed by some foreign matter that stayed in the blood.

Then only they noticed that there is something else that entered the General's body.

On that day, another letter arrived at the house of General.

"You should have seen it by now, I advise you to not let anyone touch any bodily fluids or fleshly contact with the General, do not touch any of his wounds, and stop healing him.

Because, the more you heal, the more torture he would go through and if you come into contact with any bodily fluids or the flesh, you would also go through what the General is going through and you will be the transporter of a new plague to the kingdom, as I said before, the commoners and all the officials are not my enemies, at least not yet.

But I would say that all you leave this empire for your own good.

_ Sam."

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Chapter 237: Herb Village

In the forest near the southern star city.

Sam and the rest are having a break.

They are now moving towards some towns in the southern star to carry out their next plan. But they stopped moving on the roads that are laid down for regular traveling.

Sam is taking the most dangerous route that they could possibly take and that is the forest route.

When the empire started to build and the routes between the cities and towns are made in such a way that they wouldn't disturb the habitats of the larger predators. There are many other beasts with Level 6 and higher in the nation.

So, the normal citizens wouldn't disturb them are bring a disaster upon themselves.

But this time, Sam doesn't want waste much time, for the journey and right now due to his improvement in cultivation and the Harbinger's upgrade in the rank, the speed he can travel is on the same level as a peak stage Level 5 beast and taking the route through the forests will cut any journey within the whole empire to not more than fifteen days, if he moves nonstop.

But before he starts the journey, he has to give them some briefing on what their next steps are and Sam is sending three of them to the two floors of the library so that they could gather enough knowledge so that they would know what they are facing.

As for the threat of the beasts that might occur in the area, Sam's beastly aura was fully released while he traveled and with that speed and the route he took, there are not many beasts that would care to try and mess with him and if one of them did. He had a large energy cell ready for some quick destruction.

The beasts wouldn't really care if there is no apparent provocation from the intruder in their territory with the only exception being the intruder is as strong as itself. And from what Sam observed the humans of this world and the beasts don't exactly have a peaceful relation, so there is a chance that there would be a problem if they detect him as a human.

That is why he is indicating that he is a beast and that is passing by in an extremely urgent matter.

The officials didn't know this and they are only searching for all the main routes of transport.

They all didn't know that the fancy board Sam used to float around the city can actually turn this fast.

But the journey for Sam is not exactly smooth sailing.

The wind currents he is facing while traveling in the speed is actually making him face and all the other exposed skin bleed until he thought of a method and that is tempering with the wind elemental energy that he is facing on that board.

But for now, they are talking about their immediate plans.

"I stole the map of the whole empire from the Duke's Palace. Our next stop would be the Herb Village of the southern star."

"Herb Village?"

"Yes, the Herb Village. That place has the most wood elemental energy in the whole Dukedom and the second most wood element energy in the whole empire.

That place is a great place to grow all kinds of herbs of the Neutral spiritual energy category and wood elemental category. Most herbs which assist in healing are cultivated there and it controls ninety percent of the herb supply of these categories in the southern star and thirty people of the southwestern star dukedom."

"What are we going to do there? Didn't you say you are going to give them a month's time, why are we moving this far?"

"I only gave them one month for their decision to be on the empire's side or not, but that doesn't mean I will stop bothering the empire. Right now, we can move throughout the southern star dukedom in fifteen days and that only includes the journey time.

In one month, we are going to move throughout the territory and visit several special places that hold the specialties of their respective regions. And these specialties are mostly held by the Imperial authority so that they profit from selling the resources of the empire.

As I said earlier, I will pluck the title of the emperor off that guy, and for that, I don't need to kill him or threaten his position, I just have to make sure that there is no empire left for him to call himself an emperor.

And for that, all I have to do is eliminate the things that make this land an empire and this is the first step in that.

We will strike all the lands under the imperial authority in the herb village. The supply of the whole southern star would be cut off and from there we will move to the Blaze Count territory and then our stop will be towards the three seashore counties."

As Sam explained, the remaining three were surprised and didn't even know what to say for that.

They only came out of a daze when Sam started telling them their next targets.

"Aren't they in a completely different area, they are literally three corners of the whole Dukedom."

Jack asked in confusion.

"Yes, and you would know why I want it that way."

After that, the next day they arrived at the Herb village.

It is only called a village because of its limited population. This village is mostly surrounded by the forests and it is situated on a small slope. Most people cannot easily gain access to the village due to their importance and outsiders cannot easily buy the property here.

The natives protect their knowledge of growing herbs as it was their lifeline. Even though ninety percent of the cultivatable land is under the imperial authority, the people who work on that land are also the natives of this land.

Their herb cultivation techniques and the maintenance techniques are not taught to anyone that easily and they would rather die than give that knowledge away if they are forced.

Right, now Sam is inside a field that is under the imperial authority and he is checking the boundaries of the field. Actually, the village is guarded because it is one of the important resources in the empire, but with the shadow mice as long as the person doesn't have a higher cultivation level than a Nascent, then they are safe.

The person who is in charge of this village's security is actually only a Nascent at the initial stage. So, this operation is as good as done.

At this moment, Watt and others are scouting some other areas of the land. The land is so vast that it is almost impossible for people to be at all places at every instant of time.

And this time is the shift changing time and along with the fact that there are no attacks for at least the past decade, they are extremely lax.

After scouting the area, the four of them left the field and went into the nearby forest to discuss.

Sam explained the plan and they are good to go at the night time, but there is a beast that has to do its job before they could proceed. This beast was caught by Sam on his way here and it is an extremely versatile beast that can even survive in the territory of a Level 6 and Level 7 beasts because they are too troublesome to catch even if their residence is known.

This is a Drunken Mole. That is right, this is a mole and it is extremely good at digging in every direction.

It is extremely similar to a normal mole. The Drunken mole is only a given nickname given by humans due to its infatuation towards the wine. It likes to drink alcohol more than an alcoholic.

So, Sam caught it by baiting it with a huge vat of wine and when he showed the amount of wine, he can provide it directly obliged and made a contract with him.

That night, this Drunken mole which is named as the Drunkard is on tiresome duty.

It went deep into the ground with a Space jade collar to store away the earth it dugout.

The drunken mole actually lives alone unlike a general mole, and it makes its home by digging a huge way down underground and this process will be slow and it is not because of the digging speed rather the method it uses to throw away the earth. Far away from the hole.

Now, this problem is taken care of everything goes smoothly.

Sam noticed that the formations around the fields are not exactly complex and he knew the reason. They don't want to mess up the energy flow of the spiritual energy too much so that it wouldn't affect the herbs inside. And particularly the formations wouldn't cover the underground part of the field, which made it easier for the mole to do what it is best at. After it dug the hole, it came back, and now it is the turn of the shadow mice and the Zoi termites.

The shadow mice made some small holes inside the large hole that the drunkard made so that the small lines will spread all over the field.

Then they took out glass bottles poured the fluid in the main hole and the liquid started spreading all over the field.

At this moment, a bullet was shot by Sam in the night and it created a nick in the formation, enough for the termites to enter the field.

The guards who are on guard are alerted by the bullet sound and made their way towards Sam's spot only to find nothing.

They were alerted and distracted with the small commotion and started searching for the intruder.

But what they didn't know is the termites that are slowly moving inside the formation are having a feat of their lives. The herbs are slowly withering.

"Is the liquid the same thing you used on the general?"

Philip asked Sam curiously.

"No."

"What is the difference?"

"What I dropped under the field is the concentrated urine of the yellow-skinned monkeys. It has a corrosive effect on the vitality and it doesn't have much effect on the bodies of humans and other beasts. But for the plants, the constant or concentrated application will corrode them and this is due to some microorganism in the urine.

What I used, in general, is a c.o.c.ktail of microorganisms from the feces of the Raccoon, mucus of the koala, and the urine of the monkeys.

Mucus has an ability to resist the attacks of the spiritual energy, the koalas will use this mucus to stop their predators from using the spiritual energy, and the bacteria in the feces has a high rate of reproduction while the effect of urine I already explained.

These three organisms will make it hard for them to heal because they are wounds or poison they are living beings and the vitality that the healers emit will be consumed by that c.o.c.ktail and they will grow reducing the effect of healing on their host. The organs will slowly rot away by the long duration and the fast reproduction inside the host.

If the body is not disposed of properly, there is a chance it would spread, of course, that is on the premise the person who is touching lets his guard down and let the spiritual energy make way to the organisms without any resistance."

"Doesn't that mean, given enough time, it can kill any person?"

"No, a healthy person might notice in the initial stages, that is my I made an attack on the general and used the poison as the distraction. With the burns and the poison, the general is in his weakest stage letting the c.o.c.ktail grow."

"Damn, it must suck so hard to be your enemy."

"That is actually true."

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Chapter 238: Blaze City

Next day morning. The herb village is in utter chaos. The large fields under the imperial authority were completely emptied out.

The lush vegetation of the herbs of various ranks was completely gone and what replaced it are the rows or withered stalks of herbs in line.

Apart from that they noticed a letter left in the center of the field and when the person in charge read the letter, he was dumbfounded and when he remembered a portrait that came with a wanted notice a while ago and when he compared the name and the signature of the person, he was stunned and his face turned pale in fear.

"SAM WAS HERE."

This is the only line that was written on the paper with the symbol of Sam's signature the double S painted in the background like a watermark.

He didn't know what to say about this and he felt his legs shaking because the word got out that Sam who recently broke through the Great realm, just dealt with the all-powerful General Spark who is now rotting away in his bed and no healer can take care of it.

He quickly started his journey towards the southern star and he has a peak Level 5 beasts at bay luckily and he went back to the southern star territory.

When he wanted to enter the central zone though, he was blocked completely, because there was a plague that started inside the central zone.

Some of the people who visited General Spark is infected and those who didn't take immediate actions are already suffering.

Only the powerful experts such as the Duke and the tower heads are safe and even some Family heads of some noble families are no exception.

So, the Duke ordered a lockdown just in case it turned into a Pandemic.

The guards who are blocking sent him to a temporary meeting room that was set up in the nearby woods and the Duke came to him after some time.

When he looked at the letter, he almost broke the table and destroyed the residence. But he gritted his teeth and controlled the anger and heard the details.

"Ask the herb experts to see what happened to the land, that guy wouldn't take so much effort just to destroy the yield."

He tried to sound as calm as himself, but inside he was burning from anger. He knew that Sam meant what he said, he is going to do whatever he wants and the main problem is Sam is so small compared to the whole empire and since the whole empire is his target, he can attack wherever he wants and do whatever he wants to do and it would damage the empire.

But they have many difficulties in finding a trace of Sam.

"Sir, May I know how General is doing?"

Duke came back from his thoughts and answered in a bitter tone.

"Three days at most."

The person who came here, understood clearly what that means, so he didn't push further and asked something else.

"What should I do next?"

"Don't get involved in Sam's investigation, your priority is checking if the lands are okay, and if the spiritual energy in the area is alright or not. I will deal with the rest."

The man left after that and the Duke who couldn't control himself anymore smashed the table into pieces.

After he calmed down a bit, he conducted an urgent meeting on how to deal with Sam. Sam is now like a fishbone in his throat.

He doesn't know how to report the matter to the Emperor.

And after some long and hard discussion and debates, they came to the conclusion.

"We will organize a special investigation team which would be led by a Nascent and the rest being Grand Realm cultivators. Since there is a high chance that the lands will be damaged, then we will report to the emperor after we catch him and hand him over.

Send someone to visit anyone who he was friendly with in the past. Everyone who had a relationship with Sam and is still in the Southern Star, enquire them and bring them here. After catching them release a rumor that we caught them and are planning to use them as hostages for Sam to come out."

Even though all of them agreed for the first half of the plan, the second half was completely surprising them and there was a person who rejected as soon as the Duke spoke.

The Deputy General.

"Sir, I strongly oppose and disagree with this." He stood up from his seat and said this out loud.

The rest of them although someone disagreed internally, didn't have that big of a reaction.

The Deputy general continued.

"You might have forgotten the report on Sam. He is very sensitive when the people near him get targeted because of him. Why do you think the Cougar family disappeared? You would just increase his rage and his wrath is not something that we can estimate.

Because, from what I saw and observed, the most dangerous trait he has is not his professional titles, not his high talent, and not his off the charts battle prowess. It is his calm during rage.

He wouldn't act like a normal person. If you try to play with his emotions, he would just leave them completely and if you start using the people who have a

relationship with him, he might involve commoners and the military. We have more to lose."

"Do you have a better idea?" Duke asked frustratingly.

"I think it is better to negotiate and if possible and you want to save the Dukedom out of the mess, drop the whole Sam thing and wait for the thing to pass and that is if we cannot catch him."

"Negotiate? Leave that guy and drop the investigations? The whole Dukedom against a Great realm youngster."

One of the officials yelled even before the Duke and the Duke himself silently approved of the question.

That meeting ended and they don't know what they have brought upon themselves and the worst part is the Deputy General was in charge of the investigation while another squad went to bring people who are friends with Sam previously.

But Deputy General didn't want the things to blow out of proportion and followed them in the name of investigating the places that Sam previously stayed which are 'coincidentally' same places as the previous friends of Sam.

At least, he made sure that they aren't hurt or mistreated by the arrogant officials.

They got their hands-on Shawn, Freya, Haley and they didn't even leave Hawk and Kelly despite their elders' authorities, and even Drew and Ray wasn't spared despite their not so close relationship.

But the Deputy General got something else when the rumor started flying around about the hostage situation.

The person from Violet dew family contacted him on his own accord when he was in the Falcon Cliff city as he was searching for clues in Sam's old house.

And he got the most shocking news which he was most afraid of and wanted to contact the Duke as soon as he can and he was praying that the rumors didn't reach Sam yet.

So, he went to the Marquis city as fast as he can so that he can talk to the Duke in the emergency communication device.

While all this happened, Sam was also busy.

As soon as he was done with the fields in the Herb village, he went towards the Blaze city. This is the fire elemental herb and fire elemental spiritual stones of the southern star.

This city controls the forest in which they made fields of fire elemental herbs and a mine of fire elemental stones with a mine.

He came two days after he was done in the Herb village. The Blaze city's core is the Earthen fire of the magma that was under the ground and all the fields and the mine are above that earthen fire which spread over thousands of yards.

After Sam entered the city, they didn't have to do any preparations because Sam already prepared whatever he wanted.

At night, the guards are having a meeting with their superiors, because they just got the news that Sam dealt with the Herb village and they have to be careful. But they didn't know they made the stupidest decision because of their assumption that Sam wouldn't be able to come to the Blaze city at all in this short time.

But what he doesn't know is Sam is fully busy with his new invention, he was directly using here for the first time and he came up with just now.

This is a formation he made based on the design of a formation blueprint he obtained from the Palace of Inheritance.

The formation he referred was a formation named Lightning Cage. This one is actually a way to use large elemental storage that will be placed under the ground and the nodes will make the energy to form a cage around them.

It is used for defensive purposes and guarding a post or a house.

He looked through it and understood what is happening almost instantly. He knew that it is a complex design and it is a high level on at that, but it is still very simple as he followed the energy patterns and, in few hours, he was done finding an equivalent form of this formation for fire elemental energy.

So, they scouted the whole field which has earthen fire and when they got the proportions right and when the meeting was held which saved effort for Sam to make a distraction, he and his friends started planting the specially made formation nodes which are a form of a fire elemental energy cells.

But before activating the formation, he blew up a large energy cell in the middle of the field and escaped the field and started the formation.

By the time the guards came to the field all they could see was a series of fire pillars around the whole formation and the magma seeping outside from the center on to the fields and the mine going unstable with the spiritual energy currents.

The in-charge understood they are in a formation but before he could decide what they have to do, another explosion was heard and they ran back to the office in which they just had a meeting.

And over the rubble there was a letter.

And the content was the same as the letter that was obtained in the Herb Village. But there is an additional note.

"Sam was here.

And by the way, if you want to smash open the formation I advise you don't because, once you do that, the mine will become unstable and out of control at the same time, the magma will start spreading all over the city.

With that, all the fields, homes, and the lives of the citizens will be gone."

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Blaze city was ruined in just a single night and all the people in charge were dumbfounded by the letter.

He could see the formation and its level and even though he is not confident to understand it, he is confident that he can break it, but now that the magma is filling up inside the formation, he is having a hard time because just as what Sam said, the whole city has to be moved in order to control the loses and even then, the mine will be closed and rest of the farmers' lands will be ruined completely.

But would convincing the farmers be easy? Absolutely not. Evacuating the city, because the farmers are the citizens with lands, houses, and other property, they wouldn't leave it, when they knew that there is a chance that they can retain them.

So, all he can do is report the letter to the Duke.

Deputy General came to the Marquis city at the same time as the in charge of the Blaze city to the southern star city.

At this moment, both of them got news that surprised them and that is the General Spark was dead and there was nothing intact left of his remains, not even his bones and skull. The worst thing is that there is not even proper burial for those rotten remains as they are afraid that the Plague would increase and a pandemic will raise. Deputy started his journey towards the southern star city to attend the funeral and this funeral is done in the most unnatural way.

And that is burning the whole house along with the remains.

But due to this delay of them delivering news something else happened.

Sam is moving towards the Indigo Sea city at that time and to get some reason, he wanted to get some new info and sneaked into a village.

And the news he received made his gaze grow cold, he didn't want to interrupt or involve the citizens too much but the Duke is involving the people who are acquainted with him. This is again pissing him off. He just wanted to fight against the authorities directly, but since the authorities want to involve the innocent, two can play this game.

All this while, he only damaged the property under the imperial authority and he made it so discreet and no commotion that not many people would know about it. The authorities can still make up some stories to save their faces.

But if the people really know that the supply of the herbs would be cut off, then there would certainly be commotion and many things change. Sam wanted to play a long game and he wanted to see a gradual growth in the commotion.

He never wanted to have an active part in increasing the commotion at all. But now that they want to change the rules of the game, he would love to play along.

Sam restarted his journey towards the Indigo sea city.

This time though, he changed his plan a little bit. Two days after he entered the premises of the Indigo sea city, which now doesn't have that its signature indigo sea, he entered the forest instead of the city and that forest beach and his three friends went on different ways to search for something. As for Sam, he went dived into the city with the diving suit he made previously and started scouting the shallow waters.

The attack this time would be his biggest attack of all three he would be doing and this time, the results might not be as immediate as in two other cases, but this time, he would be doing something that would have the most impact on all the shores in this whole sea.

This time, his target is the spiritual stone mines of water elements that are near the shores and shallow waters of the three Count territories.

These mines are actually a way more important and prideful source because there are some wars with the enemy empire near that seashore. Even though there are not many transportation methods in water, the wars were very intense with flying type and water type beasts, and the most bloodshed was done here than the land borders.

Thus, four mines were under the Orion empire and two mines which are a bit far from the Orion empire are occupied by the enemy empire.

Underwater mining is a lot more complicated because essentially the number of underwater beasts is more near the mines when compared to the beasts of land near their respective mines.

The sea is one of the things that man could never fully conquer. It is the most dangerous thing after outer space. Even in his previous life, there was a lot of sea that was still unexplored.

And in this world where the technology related to the seas is limited it would be very difficult to do something in the sea.

Sam is also sure of one thing and that is the strongest existence of this planet at least in terms of beasts will definitely in the seas of this planet. And coming back to the mines, there is a high level of danger and two mines of the four are attached to the shore and the authorities mine it from the land by isolating the shallow waters by the formations.

As for the other two, there are a bit far from the shore and are completely submerged.

In those mines, there was a complex structure of formations are created and many constructions are done with so much effort and they are done with the help of very high-level formation masters and the formation nodes are made by the very high-level artisans and Sam guessed that even the tower heads of the imperial capital.

The formations not only have to deal with the water pressure even though it is less, but it also is still not that small.

Apart from that, they have to see the attacks of the water type beasts all the time.

But the most important thing is that there is a great chance that there might be a high-level beast that might get attracted by the spiritual energy from the mines and attack.

The formations are made in such a way that they could buy enough time for the people inside to escape even if they are attacked by a very high-level beast.

Sam got all these details just by scouting for the next three days.

And he also noticed the reason for no high-level beast attacks, because the area is shallow for the truly bigger beasts to come here.

On the third day, the four of them gathered to share the information and Sam has one last thing to check.

"Get inside the dimension, we need to go deeper into the sea. Even though the waters at the indigo sea are deep, there is a reason for the rest of the beasts to not show up and now they just abandoned the area because of that.

But I have to see if there are any beasts near the vicinity and check their size to confirm my assumption if they are really avoiding the area because of the constraints made of the sea bed.

Or any other issues and I have to confirm which type of beast is the king here for the next step of our plan."

"Isn't it too dangerous?" Jack asked

"Well, I have an escape route, don't I?"

After that, Sam dove into the water again and after crossing all the areas where there is a slightest of the human activity, he entered the deeper regions of the water.

He took out Mia so that she would get some more exposure and freedom.

After they swan for more than a thousand meters, Sam noticed something on the sea bed.

The sea bed is filled with a type of crystalline structure. Sam dived deeper and crossed that crystalline structure and entered another region. But after going a few meters deeper, he and Mia sensed a very fearsome aura. This made their hearts grow numb and Sam instinctively walked back.

His beast bloodlines are acting upon instinct and even though he is confident that the beast is not a high bloodline species, it is a beast which is definitely a lot stronger than him, he didn't even feel this much trepidation from the emperor.

After some time, he saw that there was a school of fish coming towards them and he realized that they are not a school of fish but a shoal of porpoises. He didn't immediately recognize what type of porpoises they are, but he did recognize they are far stronger and both of them turned their tails and swam back.

The porpoises followed him very fast and he felt as if he wouldn't make it, he let Mia into the dimension and was about to take the scroll, but he saw something that made him surprised, and then he noticed that the porpoises stopped their pursuit and turned back.

Sam noticed that this happened right at the line of the crystalline structure. He dove deeper into the sea and went near the crystalline structure and noticed that there are many crystalline structures like this and almost made a long wall on the sea bed.

Sam picked up a smaller crystal and he even tried to break some from the wall which was easily done.

He stored them inside the dimension and went back to the shore. Now, he has to look into what type of beast he was facing and how he can make use of them, and how does this crystalline structure help in achieving this goal.

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Chapter 240: Aqua Crystal

Sam and the gang are now inside the dimension and the crystal is hidden underground by the Drunkard.

As the guys are having a meal, Sam is going through the bestiary, to see what kind of Porpoise beast is that came after them and the only clues that he has are the crystalline wall that stopped them in their tracks and the unclear view of the creature itself.

It took more than two days and a revision of the data of both minerals and the beasts.

They are called Grey Fin Porpoises and they live in large communities and the crystal that is forming a wall is actually an active material just like the rubies he got from Maya. I.t is called Aqua crystal

But the energy it emits is not pure and the water around it will be contaminated by this, it was all too coincidental that the Grey Fin porpoises don't like these crystals as they would numb their senses gradually of, they stay in that region.

Thankfully, the Aqua crystal's contamination range is not too large and the water is not polluted with high concentration as it would be diluted by the entire ocean.

Now, Sam understood why the Porpoises didn't attack the spiritual stone mines. The aversion towards this crystal is more than the attraction towards the mine.

And judging by the aura he felt and the shoal that came after him, Sam knew that the leader of the whole community of the Porpoises is very high-level and it would definitely be a Peak six level at a minimum. Otherwise, judging from the bloodline of the Grey fin Porpoises it is actually quite difficult to control shoals and shoals of Level 4 Porpoises.

There is a high possibility that the leader would be a Level 7.

Sam is now thinking of how to use this.

There are two ways and one way is to irritate the Porpoises so much that the aversion towards the crystals would be overcome by their irritation he causes and the second way is a very gradual way and it would be slowly mining away the whole crystal wall which almost covers the whole seashore of three count territories.

But the second method would be more effective and the results would be long-lasting, the only thing is it would also take considerable time and effort to do this.

So, he has to think about what to do, to reduce the time and effort of this. One way to solve the issue would me making a suitable machine but that would also take too much time even with the consideration of the time advantage he has from the second floor of the tower.

After some serious thought, Sam had a mischievous but a sure-fire plan.

After that, he explained the plan to the remaining three and they started moving again. The first step of the plan is to sneak into the Indigo Sea city and go to the Golden-Horse trading union in disguise.

Sam walked in like an old man and a cloak. He had a hunched back and a staff in his hand to support himself while walking. The cloak has several concealment inscriptions which made his face invisible. He even used an illusion inscription to subconsciously make the people think and make them ignore his face.

Sam walked towards the section where the minerals are traded and placed a piece of Aqua crystal on the table.

"Do you have this crystal in stock?" He asked in a husky and shaking voice.

The person-in-charge started examining the crystal and didn't find it familiar and Sam knew why because unlike the rubies, this aqua crystal doesn't have many uses other than spoiling something, at least he didn't find any in all the data he has. This is actually a minor mineral that only occupied a small space even in the whole database that Ling Tian provided him.

But this is going to make things easier for him.

"Excuse me, sir. May I ask, if I can ask my supervisor to take a look?"

"Well, I am not comfortable about parting with the crystal, it is highly valuable." His voice sounded hesitant and uncomfortable.

This made the person in charge eye the crystal once again and said.

"My supervisor, would come here and take a look in your presence, please don't worry."

After that, a middle-aged man came towards the counter and examined the crystal with no results.

"Sir, we don't have this crystal in stock, if you could explain what it does, we can ask around in our other branches."

"If you don't know, what it is then let us just leave it at that. It would be no use asking it in other branches if you don't have it in yours."

Sam took the crystal back like it was a treasure and left the place like he was in an extreme hurry.

The Golden-Horse employees didn't stop him. But the supervisor has a different expression and he called over a young man and whispered something in his ears which made the young man follow Sam into the streets.

Sam walked slowly as if he is really weak and the young man caught up. He held Sam by his collar and dragged him into an alleyway.

"Now, old man. I heard from a bird that there is crystal in your possession from a mysterious origin. Come and tell me all about it, if you don't want any trouble."

He released his aura of a Peak Novice which is kind of a big deal in a Count city. Sam shivered in 'fright' and took out the crystal and gave it to him before spilling the beans.

"I heard that this crystal can be obtained on the sea bed of the seas of the three count territories. I heard this from a dying young man in the woods, I read from his journal and research that these things can be made into a device that can help a cultivator underwater. The research was mostly destroyed and only this page remained.

He took out a damaged page with a title of the project of the underwater breather and then the sketches of the crystalline structure and the properties of the crystal.

"I just wanted to try my luck and first see if you have any stock of this crystal."

The young man kicked Sam and said.

"If you want to live, you better keep your mouth shut." He stole both the crystal and the research note and left the place.

Sam smirked under his cloak at the scene. This is exactly what he wanted to do.

He left the city and in the next few days, there are similar scenes in all the coastal cities and old men were being kicked and stolen from the aqua crystal and the research notes.

Sam and his friends went into the forests near the shore and then started cutting the trees and left an open ground with stones piled in a particular pattern which indicated.

"SAM WAS HERE."

He made it in an extremely isolated place but it was big enough.

After that, he slowly disappeared without any trace as usual and started thinking about his next target while he monitored the reactions that he did.

Soon, in a week there are many mining operations that started at the seashore. Even though it is hard to mine underwater, the aqua crystal is not that hard and is even brittle and from the 'research notes' they learned that the crystal can even be powdered and still be used.

But the thing is, there is not even a single high-level power involved in the mining, because they are not stupid enough to trust some news without confirming all they did was try to find out how this crystal and the technology worked.

Sam guessed that it would at least take fifteen days or more for his plan to be effective.

Meanwhile, he is starting to plan something else. Now, that he distracted all the attention of the officials and they think that he is going after herbs, it about time, he started changing his direction and for that, he has to find a type of beast which would do his bidding.

And beasts might not be an appropriate description for those creatures because Sam is out there looking for some rodents a long-tailed chinchilla.

And along with that, he is also searching for a type of plant. A type of vine to be exact.

Both of them don't coexist, but once they do, there will be something that Sam desired extremely.

And this search wouldn't be that easy if he searched it personally, but once he takes the help of the cities, that would be a whole another thing.

Now, Sam is moving towards the northern part of the southern star where the chinchillas would be available and Watt along with Jack is moving towards the city next to the Indigo sea count city so that they can find the plant that they wanted.

They would meet at the location of their next operation which is the northeastern corner of the southern star.

As Sam's plans are being smooth sailing, the situation in the southern star city was not at all same.