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Chapter 271: Hawks Duel

After some rest, Sam went to the top floor, to see how Philip's inheritance and he was not surprised that the inheritance is already half completed.

Maybe by the dawn the next day, Philip will come, and then would be the time for them to go and claim half of Hawk's inheritance.

Before that, they could deal with another two or three beasts within their territory.

Four of them went hunting.

Meanwhile, the people from the remaining teams are also making their moves in the Northern Arian Team.

They are currently discussing something.

"The Wave inheritance wasn't obtained yet. It was only divided in half and two of them have to face each other to even complete it.

I think we have a chance."

The person who went inside the wave inheritance said to his leader.

"Did you say one of them is Hawk?"

Another person said this, but the leader stayed silent as if contemplating something.

"Yes."

"If possible, I advise we don't have any conflict with Sam." This made the person who proposed the idea unhappy.

"Why? Don't tell me that you believe the bullshit about him killing the emperor? I don't believe it. It is just some hype."

"I am not advising you based on that. I am just telling you based on his battleprowess. Trust me, you don't want to experience how it would feel to battle him. In the competitions, I fought with him directly and I can say that he is not even using a fraction of his strength.

His raw power might not be high, but his usage of the skill set in the most efficient way. I couldn't see that even in our Uncle and his killing intent and bloodl.u.s.t. It is like facing a primordial beast.

It was as if he even disdained to kill me, but that doesn't mean he could be provoked."

The person who is talking is part of the weird trio in the Falcon Cliff city. Yash.

After the test in the marquis city, they disappeared as if the whole competition has nothing to do with them.

It is clear that they only came for the tower of will, but failed.

But Yash couldn't forget Sam no matter what. But that person is having none of it.

"I don't believe he can fight it out with all of us. If my guess is right then both the parties will definitely fight, we can just take them down after they are exhausted.

I propose we move to the thunder god temple's tower and wait there. There are two cases, in one the thunder god temple people will make a move on Sam's team or Sam's team will go after the thunder god temple.

We can fish in the muddy waters no matter the case."

Yash tried to convince the team otherwise, but he wasn't able to do so. After the unfruitful effort, they decided to move and hide near the vicinities of the thunder-god temple tower. At this moment, the people from the thunder god temple are also having a discussion.

In front of them, there is a corpse of Six tailed wind Zebra. A Level-4 beast.

They just discovered the spatial ring that was placed in the spinal bone.

"I think, we need to plan and take down the beasts carefully. The Level-5 beasts are powerful, but I think we should at least take down the Level-4 beasts. They might be at the peak-stage, but I think we can take them down if we try a bit more.

The gifts are too valuable to ignore them."

Arthur said to all of them, but even he wasn't feeling extremely confident. Generally, beasts are stronger than a normal person. He is confident that he can fight with a late-stage Great realm cultivator and even if he cannot kill him, he can at least fight to tie.

But beasts in this forest are quite different. Not only they are peak Level-4 beasts, it is being quite hard for them to fight even as a team.

This is inconceivable. But it is happening here. It might be hard, but at least it is still possible.

So, they are starting to plan, but they don't have much information on the beasts. They decided to scout and see what types of beasts are in the vicinity.

Meanwhile, the people from the Northern Arian are moving towards the thunder god temple tower and Sam's group is hunting down the beasts using traps, specifically the swamp and the banyan expanse.

The Arian team led by Andrew, there was also a discussion about the wave inheritance.

"No. We are staying out of it. Anything that has to do with Sam, just leave it to him. Even if we get nothing from this island don't provoke that guy."

"But boss, he couldn't make many preparations here, if we can..."

"I said no. Do you think that it is easy just because he is going to fight with Arthur? There was a time when he even beat the crap out of Arthur along with tens of other people who are as good if not better than Arthur.

Don't try to piss him off. That guy got a temper." Only this group stayed put and did nothing but to wait for the inheritances.

That next dawn, just as Sam predicted the metal force inheritance was completed and Philip came out of it.

As soon as he came out, he started laughing out loud.

Sam went upstairs and from what he could see, Philp is now in late-stage Great realm cultivator and his spiritual energy and elemental energy seemed to be a bit different.

When Philip saw Sam, there was a mischievous smile on his face and then he yelled.

"Sam, I am challenging you right now. How dare you bully me all these days? I will take revenge." With that, he didn't wait and made his move.

His hands gleamed with a metallic light and his fist turned into a metallic mace and then started glowing read with his fire element.

Turning the hand into a mace, this must be one of the skills, he learned in the inheritance.

Sam was a bit surprised but it ended with just that.

He immediately leaped at him for the battle and after half-an-hour. Sam is panting hard while Philip is sprawling on the floor with both his hands bleeding and his face was swollen. One couldn't even see his eyes. The remaining three came running and when they saw the whole scene and Philip's face, they couldn't stop laughing.

Particularly, Watt and Jack.

Watt even pokes his swollen face and then started laughing until his abs are hurting.

San healed Philip and said.

"Rest for a while, we need to go somewhere, since you improved a bit, you will come in handy."

With that, he also sat in meditation and healed himself.

After an hour, five of them moved. It is only the sixth day and two inheritances are already over. It seems like there would be a lot of time for them to deal with the beasts.

They arrived at the Thunder god temple tower.

Coincidentally, they are also preparing to go for a hunt.

When they saw Sam, Arthur frowned and halted in tracks.

"what do you want?" He asked vigilantly.

Sam didn't reply and gestured for Hawk. Hawk pointed at the guy who has an inheritance and said.

"You know, why I am here. I want to challenge you for a fair duel. The winner takes the inheritance."

That guy looked at Arthur asking him what to do.

"Is it possible for me to buy that?" Arthur asked Sam. He knew who can call shots here.

"You think you can buy me off? Seems like you didn't do your homework when you came here." Sam replied without a direct answer. He just sold the lightning element techniques, because when he saw the simulation of the techniques, he felt that they are not of much use to him. He didn't want to lose out in the palace of inheritances and suffer a loss for wasting his time in there.

So, he sold the techniques. But that seemed to have given Arthur a wrong idea about him being materialistic.

"Fair duel, no interference from both sides. Deal?" Sam counter-offered.

"No killing blows," Arthur added.

"Deal." Sam agreed. Then both teams took a step backward and only hawk and his opponent are standing in the middle facing each other.

Soon, the battle began.

Sam could notice the change in the fighting style of Hawk. The water elemental attacks he used are now more turbulent and have more power.

He could see a new difference. There is almost a qualitative change in the way his elemental energy operated.

He must say that he was impressed, but what surprised him, even more, is that the opponent is equally skilled if not better. No wonder, they are tied.

Even the system or the judgment mechanism whatever that Murali employed to judge the whole test is not able to do anything.

But Sam knew that the battle wouldn't go on like this. Because hawk doesn't have only one element.

He also possessed a wind element along with the water element.

He might not have been able to use the wind elements in the test, but now in a normal duel it is fair for him to use and just like that, the battle was soon one-sided and Hawk won.

The other party was still un-resigned and looked at his teammates for help, but Arthur shook his head indicating his disagreement.

He can only take out his half scroll and hand it over to Hawk.

Sam and his group turned around to leave, but before they did that, he took out his handgun and shot at a corner of the woods.

The bullets penetrated three trees and this made the people present feel odd.

But on the three trees, there are six people waiting to ambush Sam and his team after seeing that he got the inheritance. But now they changed their plans as the cold sweat dripped down their spines.

They didn't expect Sam to discover them that easily and they don't want to expect what would happen if they fought him, just his detection skills are hard for them to fathom.

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Chapter 272: Level-5 Beasts and Habitats

After leaving the place, Sam and the rest once again started hunting till night.

In two days, they have done seven beasts.

They went back to the tower at night to rest.

For the next two days, they went on a hunt again. Their difficulty increased as the beasts are far from these two traps and they are difficult to lure that far without disturbing the Level-5 beasts.

They were only able to deal with four beasts in two days. They are not exactly ready to involve the Level-5 beasts in the game.

According to Sam's calculations, the swamp needs another beast to increase its level to be good enough to deal with a Level 5 beast and the banyan expanse needs another one.

But these two proved to be challenging for him. The beasts are too far away from him and they have to slowly lure them.

That took another two days. One day per beast.

Now, it is the tenth day and on that day two lights flashed signifying two inheritances. Both of the inheritances appeared side by side.

When they arrived at the spot they saw two stone pillars. Both of them are lightning type inheritances.

There are a total of eight spots maximum.

But Sam didn't enter any of them. From what Hawk and Philip described, the candidate must be of the same element to have any use after entering the inheritance, it would be a pure waste of time.

And the candidates from the thunder-god temple couldn't be happier.

Out of six, four of them are lightning element users including Arthur. The remaining two, one of them is a water element user and another one is a Warrior.

Sam's group just returned without even bothering to enter it.

They started hunting again and this time, the plan is a little too big.

Because they are going after Level-5 beasts. There are thirteen solo beasts in his territory and after that, the real challenge starts. Six habitats.

Sam and his group went to lure the beast. Their first target of Level-5. It is called Blood horned Leopard.

A leopard-like beast having two horns in blood-red color.

The horns are one of the deadliest weapons that a beast could have at that level.

If a person gets stabbed by this horn, the material of the horn will pollute the blood-stream and as if the whole blood cells are infected with the virus, the platelets will stop functioning, so the victim will keep on bleeding without stopping.

One can only be healed after cleaning the whole blood. It is a type of poison to be precise. The horn will only dissolve in blood and not in any other solvent.

Luckily Sam is immune to it too. The Hydra blood can take any poison. This is the nearest Level-5 beast to the banyan expanse.

Sam was the only one who is fast enough to bait this beast and for that too, he needs his harbinger.

So, he made the stay in the way so that they can deal some damage to the beast and provoke it enough to not leave him.

In this way, Sam can completely concentrate on escaping.

If not for the fact, he has to refrain from using the energy cells so that the treasures inside the beasts wouldn't be damaged, he wouldn't have to go through so much trouble.

Now, it is time for them to implement the plan.

Sam entered the territory of the leopard and sprayed a huge amount of water on it.

No matter the world, the feline creatures don't like water that much. So, when the leopard was sprayed with the water, it was pissed so pissed that she didn't see that the color of the water is a little bit different than normal.

It directly leaped towards Sam and Sam flew away on the harbinger, after more than five minutes, when the leopard has about left its territory it was considering whether to give up the chase or not and at this moment, another wave of water hit its face.

This time, it didn't notice where it came from, but it was pissed nonetheless and blamed it all on Sam and resumed the chase.

In the same way, after another ten minutes, it started feeling like giving up and at the same time, its body started feeling a bit numb and hard to move, this time when it was about to turn around, a wind blade hit it hard on its tail making it screech in anger.

Sam looked at it and provoked it.

The beast couldn't hold it any longer and followed Sam with a furious expression.

In another five minutes, they reached the vicinity of the Banyan expanse, and just as they were about to enter it, Sam increased his altitude abruptly.

The leopard came to halt with great difficulty as it reached the edge of the expanse. It felt that something is odd, but before it could make sense, it could feel a hot metallic hit on its butt and due to the sudden piercing heat, it leaped into the expanse.

The vines moved abruptly and caught hold of the leopard. It tried wriggling out of the grip and in-process cut the vines.

But at this moment, a golden eagle, a large boar, and red color elephant, and four more beasts all came from behind the trees.

Their eyes are pink in color. They soon started beating and pulverizing the leopard and it soon became an unmoving corpse and then it became a zombie.

Sam is watching the whole scene from the top. At least a part of it.

He could feel a sense of hostility and at the same time a sense of gratitude to him from the whole banyan expanse. The parasite was happy that Sam was able to bring all the food it can have, but it was having a hard time controlling its urges to devour him too.

Sam can also observe this, right now, the parasite is in the phase of expanding. Since it got some new hosts like these beasts, it will give some leeway to the banyan expanse to grow a bit more, but it will take months and that too on the premise that it survives till that day.

Sam and his group, took more than half-a-day to deal with the leopard. It only took around twenty minutes to lure it.

But to scout the area again and again, so that no mishaps will happen and to check that the beast is in a normal condition and all, it took a lot of time.

After all that, Sam sprayed the water on it mixed with poison of paralysis so that there wouldn't be any surprises and executed their plan

After dealing with another beast, they went back to the tower.

By now, the candidates in other territories also started dealing with the beasts. But they didn't dare attack the Level-5 beasts. The beasts here are abnormally strong and their bloodlines are pretty high. Of course, not as high as Yanwu and the rest.

But they are enough to make these people afraid.

For the next three days, Sam and his group dealt with six more beasts, leaving only four of them,

And by this time, the beasts also noticed the peculiarity. They could feel the changes the Sam and his group brought and are now extremely vigilant.

But that is okay, because, the beasts mostly act on instincts rather than their thoughts, and in another three days the four beasts are also done.

Now only six habitats and the traps are left.

Traps can be dealt with he already has more than one way to deal with each trap.

But the habitats are the most troublesome somethings.

The six habitats are Dark mane lions, the Steel Wolf tribe, the jade horned rhinos, the Black tusked elephants, Red-winged Ravens, and Sand badgers.

Out of all these things, the badgers are the smaller tribe but also most troublesome to deal with. Because the badgers are the ones with the least sense of danger and also the least amount of fear.

Just like the honey-badgers of the modern earth, these badgers will fight to the death with its opponent without any fear, reverence, or any other feeling.

These beasts are actually the only contradiction of the unspoken rules of the beasts and that is the weak fear the strong by instinct. But these badgers do have one restriction though and that is cultivation restriction.

They feel fear or rather aversion and reluctance to attack a being who has higher cultivation that itself. That too if the cultivation level is divided by a whole Level, not a sub-stage.

On the night of the fourteenth day, Sam is thinking about how to deal with the habitats and he couldn't help but look at the map he drafted.

In this, all the positions of the beasts are marked and now almost all of them are crossed. Only the six habitats are left.

As he was thinking about various scenarios on how to deal with these beasts, he got an idea after hours of brainstorming, and if this plan succeeds there is not much need for him to attack personally.

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Chapter 273: Turned out to be easy

Sam really did find a way to deal with these habitats, in fact, there are two for two possible cases.

One of them is considering every beast in the whole habitat as an individual threat or danger, then there would be having a treasure individually which will lead him to kill every single beast.

But when he thought of this whole thing another way, he felt that there is another possibility.

What if the whole habitat is considered as a single threat? Then there would be no need for him to necessarily kill the whole habitat. He has many other ways; he can even just steal the treasure if it was just guarded.

So, the first issue they have to deal with is, whether the habitat is considered as a threat or each individual beast is a threat.

The next day, he went to the nearest habitat, the Jade horned Rhinos.

He was very careful as he went to that place, if he was discovered, he would have to use extreme measures and the treasure may as well lost.

So, he started spying on the habitat for a whole day to find their routines and find any places that they are using as a special spot or any place that has most danger within the whole habitat.

But on that day, he didn't find any place and it took him more than three days to find the spot.

There is a place like a cave within their habitat where no beast goes. When the small baby rhinos run around and try to enter that place, the parents reacted very harshly and hardly.

The Rhinos which passed that place, look at that place with reverence and respect.

Sam guessed that place might be the one and he was thinking about how to go there without alerting the Rhinos. After all, it is always better if he refrains from killing so much.

After thinking long and hard, he decided in a most direct way. Create a distraction.

But that distraction has to be good enough to have caused more than a hundred rhinos to not concentrate on that place.

So, all he did was simply blast a sizeable energy cell in the air above the habitat. The huge explosion and the massive fluctuations of spiritual energy, the rhinos did get distracted, but the weird thing is an exactly opposite thing happened. Instead of going away from that cave, all the rhinos instead huddled together towards the cave as if they are trying to feel safe.

It is as if the thing in the cave is the one that is protecting them. This is making things difficult for him.

But he did have another plan.

He went back to the tower and started dealing with some herbs, creating a liquid, and the next day, he came with all the group members.

All five of them occupied a certain place within the vicinity of the whole habitat and on a cue threw a grenade.

But the grenade is not the methane grenade, instead, a blue-colored gas comes out of it, and soon enough, all the rhinos are a mess, they are becoming drowsy and started slumping. They became lazy slobs all of a sudden.

Sam moved on the harbinger and flew into the cave.

The first feeling he got was a surprise, he couldn't even see an ounce of blue gas in the cave, it was completely blocked at the entrance.

In the middle of the cave, there is a formation disc along with a scroll. He didn't check them right there and left the place first. Because the gas he used is not high level enough to deal with the beasts for a long time.

So, before the effect wore off, he has to leave the place and he did.

They went back to the tower to check on the formation disc.

While he was doing that, the rhinos have recovered and they are now in a frenzy. The king of the tribe the rhino which is a peak Level-5 beast went to the cave and as soon as it saw that the empty place where the formation disc was supposed to be, it started roaring in fury.

The rhinos started ravaging the whole territory around them. Of course, they didn't leave their own vicinities and enter the areas under other habitats.

Sam opened the scroll first and it depicted a lot of images drawn on it indicating the usage of the formation disc.

This formation disc immediately impressed Sam.

It is called the seven-stage divine rhino formation.

As the name implied, the formation has seven working stages. When it is activated, the first stage is will form a single Rhino spirit and attack the enemies who are within the formation range. It is an attack-type and the defense type formation.

For the second stage, two rhinos, and for the third one three rhinos.

In the final stage, the whole formation can defend and deal with a Transcendent level cultivator at a late stage.

This formation is a piece of art in Sam's eyes and how did the spirits enter the formation. There are two ways and one of them is natural spirit generation.

For example, just like how the weapons made of meteorite sand forms a spirit over time and the spirit that formed will depend on the atmospheric factors or the materials that are used to make them.

There is a high chance that a Black feather coat can generate a spirit that has high similarities to the golden crow as it was made of golden crow feathers.

The other way for the formations to possess spirits is by adding the spirits that are forcefully extracted from the beasts or any other human. It is a very highlevel skill and very hard to master and even after mastered the success rate is very low.

The thing that impressed Sam, even more, is that the integration of multiple beasts in a single disc.

There is a high chance of failure due to the fact that the seven spirits try to devour each other and try to be the only one occupying the disc.

Taming and restricting them is one of the most difficult things in the formation makes.

With this Sam is looking forward to the remaining five habitats and the traps.

On the fifteenth day, he was done with the first habitat, and that night, another inheritance appeared. This time, it is even more niche than the previous one. The dark element. Only people from Northern Arian have them in their ranks.

The fifth inheritance was only attended by two people.

Sam went on concentrating on dealing with the habitats and they always used the same tactic. Scouting for a day or two finding the proper location and throwing the sedative gas, stealing the treasures.

In this way, dealing with the habitats which should have been the toughest tasks of all, has become the easiest of them all.

In the next ten days, it was over.

And two more inheritances appeared. This time, it is an inheritance of swordsmanship and another on of fist techniques.

Philip entered the one with the fist techniques and jack entered the swordsmanship.

With these seven appeared and there are only five to come and only twentyfive days are over.

Now, Sam has to deal with the traps in this territory and start focusing on the remaining territories.

In the middle of this, his cultivation has raised to the Level-6 Great realm. Yanwu is continuously devouring the fire in the tower, while he is working.

The twenty-sixth day, he made his move.

The first trap is the one which is closest to him, the algae.

Sam took out ten long energy cells of fire elemental energy and stood them in the sea bed in the shallow waters outside the influence of the algae.

After placing the tenth one which completely surrounded the whole algae territory, a formation was activated and water started heating up.

As the algae are quite aversive to the heat, they will become passive and protect themselves within the rocks with the rise of temperature, which is the best opportunity for Sam.

But there are very few ways to heat up the whole place and maintain a certain temperature so he created a fire elemental formation inside the water. Sam dove into it and swam inside to see a small cave. He barely fit in it and inside he saw a weapon.

He had received quite a few of them actually. After the divine rhino formation, he has expected something similar, but most of them are weapons, only one

formation appeared after that and it is not as impressive as the rhino formation.

Now after seeing another weapon which is a water attributed spear, he was a bit disappointed.

But that's about it, he can still see it or gift it to the future subordinates of his. He doesn't like using the weapons made by others, the weapons he made for himself are always the best.

He came back and collected some algae before storing inside the dimension.

After dealing with four more traps only two remained. The swamp swallower and the banyan expanse.

These two traps, even if they don't have treasures inside them, they are akin to treasure troves.

Sam's first stop is the swamp swallower. He hovered over it and took out a metallic pipe. He infused the metallic pipe with the vitality of the light element and poked it down, immediately the swamp started dragging the pipe down, but at this exact moment, Sam took out the cylinder used for defeating the Oscar and connected the flame outlet to the open end of the pipe.

The gas started blowing first without any flame. The swamp didn't seem to notice it and just kept on dragging the metallic pipe in.

Sam held the pipe and offered resistance as moderately delaying the swallowing, the has was filling the cavity under the swamp. Only when Sam noticed a small fissure appear on the surface to release the gas, did he leave it alone and started a fire.

The swamp stopped swallowing the whole metal pipe and started shrieking.

Sam infused the spiritual energy into the feather coat and the coat turned golden color defending again the flame.

As his teammates watched, Sam held the flame outlet without moving as he constantly absorbed the flames at the same time.

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Chapter 274: Feeding On Flames

Sam is glowing with golden light. The golden flame surrounded him as it started devouring the intense blue flame, they could see Sam's pants and the vest burned down along with his skin.

Only his coat was left alone. Even his hair started burning. His pupils also turned golden.

His friends watched him as he turned into a whole different being.

Sam is trying to do use this swamp swallower as his medium for a breakthrough. Of course, he has to share it with his best companions, but he is going to store the whole energy in him till visited the tower.

He planned this from the start.

The swamp swallower which expanded with all the energy obtained from the beasts, Sam gave it as food.

He is going to take it all. He is going to burn it all of the beings and burn the spiritual energy into flames which he will take it has his.

It is risky, if he couldn't covert the raw flames into the spiritual energy, he would die but he wants to take this risk.

He knew that his growth was fast, but that is not enough. He wants it faster, at least before he leaves this place, he would reach the peak of the Great realm cultivator and he would do so with the resources that are provided here.

At least, even if they are not here to be his resources, he would make them his resources.

He converted his body completely into the fire element, the hundred percent elemental fusion. He achieved it.

The state, the condition, and achievement which many experts beyond the transcendence element desired and obsessed over it but never to achieve it.

Sam achieved it as a Great realm cultivator, but he was not satisfied.

It has been a long time since he has this much desire for power. He almost forgot his feeling. These past few days, he might have been busy with this whole inheritance thing.

But since the time he had the clash with Oscar, he is having this burning desire deep inside his heart. In fact, it is burning his very soul. From then on, he felt one of his long-forgotten emotions.

If not for the fact that he needs with the city and the resources that come with it, he would not have visited Arian at all.

But he didn't have a particular immediate place or goal for increasing his strength. So, this whole inheritance of Murali came at a perfect time, so he came to this place.

There are many treasures here, but not much to increase his cultivation. So, he is growing to create one. Nope, two of them and if possible, more.

The flame intensified. Sam's body raged even more. The whole blue flame and the golden flame are clashing and Sam is trying hard to devour everything.

The flame raged, the small beasts which are the underdogs of the forest and even the beasts in the habitats are also feeling this aura.

He is like a whole other being.

After more than one hour, Sam suddenly opened his eyes, he left the cylinder there and left the place.

He left on the harbinger and he zoomed with the golden flame.

On his way, he didn't take any diversions, he just passed through every obstacle. He was like a crater, destroying everything in the path and creating a burning line in the forest. In between many trees, beasts and many creatures perished.

He flashed into the tower and let Yanwu and the rest of the beasts out as they shared the whole built-up energy in him.

Most of the energy was losing out and getting wasted. He even let the panthers out as they absorbed it.

He had a breakthrough along with them. Now he is a Late-stage Great realm cultivator. With all the energy, he only broke through one level. But he is nor worried with the next resource, he can pull of another one without a doubt.

Meanwhile, Watt and Hawk are looking at the swamp which was completely burned and almost molten

Hawk used the water to cool the whole thing down and they saw a cracked ground inside a large pit.

Both of them walked toward the pit and they could still feel the heat. Watt sent a wind blade down and a layer of earth cracked and broke down like a clay pot.

There, a bunch of beast skeletons appeared.

These are the beasts that swamp swallowed. Sam showed such an amount of extreme self-control that he didn't harm a single skeleton while dealing with the swamp swallower.

This time, Sam really had outdone himself. If not for his superior mental strength, this would be simply impossible.

Watt and Hawk collected the skeletons and kept them all in the storage ring, after removing the spatial rings in their spines.

By the time they returned to the tower, Philip and Jack are already there. Their inheritances are finished and Jack is meditating with Black Meteorite sword in his hands as he emitted an extremely strong aura.

But Philip is watching Sam with an extremely peculiar gaze. This time in his inheritance he didn't have any growth in cultivation, so he didn't dare challenge Sam as soon as he appeared.

But when he saw Sam, who is emitting the terrifying aura, he could help but feel a bit surprised and shocked. He was still rejoicing by the fact that he overcame Sam in cultivation practice, but within days, Sam caught up to him.

When he saw Sam cultivating, he was very tempted to punch him in the face in frustration. In the end, he refrained himself not to do so.

He doesn't want to be a punching bag for Sam.

After a while, Sam woke up and looked at them. After confirming the excavation of the resources and the cylinder from the swamp, they once again moved out. This time, Philip also joined them while Jack is alone in the tower.

After arriving at the Banyan Expanse, Sam looked at the whole expanse of trees from the top.

This time, he didn't want to just use the High-level methane. He wants to deal with the expanse on his own.

The harbinger suddenly disappeared and he dropped into the expanse, but before he could touch the ground, the vines popped up and the beasts came out of their hiding all moving towards Sam to subdue him with all their might.

But Sam is not ready to get subdue that easily. His body turned golden and his new pair of clothes burned to ashes again.

The fire elemental fusion completed and the vines weren't able to get a hold of it as they burned as soon as they touched.

Even the beasts came to halt.

The parasite's natural enemy is fire. That is why Sam is confident with the recent breakthrough he can deal with this.

Even though there are some Level-5 beast zombies, they all lost their elemental attributes and only have the strength of their fleshly body which Sam is not afraid of and if he can loosen the influence of the parasite with his fire, the bodies couldn't be controlled efficiently and Sam can deal with them easily.

Sam is like an otherworldly golden beam as he stood with the golden flames enveloping him completely.

He didn't use any other flashing moves, because in this state every breath of his can become a fireball and even his fart can be incineration.

Sam moved as jumped from one tree to another using the vines.

He is like Tarzan.

He moved carefreely without a single trace of worry in his eyes. Every tree he touched started burning.

The parasite soon understood the predicament it was in and also understood that the vines are useless against Sam, so the beasts came into play.

But Sam was the least bit bothered.

No matter how many beasts are surrounded, all he would do is try to evade them and if not possible create an opening with an outburst.

In one case, he burned the feathers of the golden eagle and kicked to the nearby tree and the tree was caught on fire.

He let go of all his frustrations and just went on burning the whole thing one by one.

Soon, the parasite started losing control of some of the beasts.

The movement of the vines was also restricted.

Soon, the whole forest was burning along with the beast carcasses in it. The bright orange colored flames raged and, in those flames, Sam's fire elemental body shone with a golden glow.

He slowly started floating in the fire.

As he himself has turned into a fire elemental being, now he is the fire itself and inside a flame medium, he can travel no matter what or how.

He can float, he can fly, he can even swim in the flames.

After a few moments of feeling, Sam slowly flew within the medium and closed his eyes as he spread his arms.

He started absorbing the total flames with his eyes closed. The whole scene looked fascinating. Sam is now like a god of flames, embracing with open arms.

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Chapter 275: Break through

Sam is bathing himself in the flames.

He discovered this ability to use direct flames for his consumption through a guess. He is just disintegrating the flames using his manipulating ability and using the absorption ability to make it his.

After all, the fire is also essentially a form of spiritual energy and the fire doesn't have many components in and itself. So, it is easy for him to do so.

But will any firework for him in this way? In a sense, yes, but the burning object which acts as fuel should consist of more spiritual energy to be able to have any actual benefit for Sam.

The whole banyan expanse and the beasts within it including the parasite consists of a high amount of spiritual energy which is going to be burnt into the flames and becomes Sam's food.

As he was busy devouring the flames, someone else other than Sam's group are approaching them after seeing the huge flames and smoke.

They are none other than the people from the thunder-god temple.

There are only five of them, the last one is not traveling with them. When they saw the huge fire, they immediately shot towards it. They felt that two parties are fighting and from the place, they are in, it is highly probable for Sam and his friends against a beast.

They felt that they can take the gains from the two parties' clash.

But as they neared the flames, Arthur felt that something was off. The intensity of flames is too high and he can feel the heat waves from afar.

As he was thinking they slowed down their pace and started walking carefully.

But they are not the only ones who are attracted by the flames, some beasts from the habitats started making their moves. This large of a commotion is not something the beasts which took this forest as their home can ignore.

Sam is still devouring the energy completely. He is in a trance-like state.

After absorbing most of the energy, only some insignificant amount of flames are left which are not much use to him. The beasts' bodies and the banyan trees are already devoured.

As he was about to move towards the tower again, he saw some beasts and Thunder god temple. He doesn't have much time to waste but it would be hard to avoid a confrontation. He looked around and turned towards the direction where the tower is.

"Just hold on, if there is any confrontation. I will be back as soon as I can." He was not extremely worried. Because the beasts which came here are from the habitats which act as scouts to check the situation, they wouldn't start a battle without the orders from their tribe leader unless they were attacked.

The confrontation would be with the people from the thunder-god temple.

There are more than fifteen skeletons inside the ashes of the whole banyan expanse and every skeleton represents a treasure. Even with Sam's presence, there is a high chance of having a confrontation.

From what Sam observed, there is a chance to increase the cultivation when they entered the cultivation inheritance as Philip has a substantial increase in a short amount of time.

Arthur has entered an inheritance too and there is a high chance that he could have increased the cultivation and there would be treasures on him too.

This increases the chances of battle erupting here. So, Sam is a bit worried. Jack is not here and Watt is not that strong at the moment. Hawk and Philip might not be able to hold on if Arthur really did have a great increase in strength along with his teammates.

Sam moved with the increased speed at his extreme limit.

He crashed into the tower and by this time, Jack already stopped cultivating.

"Follow this route."

Sam said as he pointed at the freshly created fire crater. Jack didn't ask for any details and started moving.

Sam sat down and went into cultivating after he let out Yanwu and the rest.

He started integrating the power as fast as he can. This time, the energy is far greater than the previous time. He closed his eyes and started making the energy his. This time as the bottleneck between Level-7 and the Level-8 is not that hard to overcome, so there is not much effort, and became easy.

But he soon encountered the problem. The energy is too excessive. He reached the Peak-stage within no time.

The beasts cannot take it anymore.

Sam once again looked at the place he came back from. He couldn't help but feel frustrated all of a sudden.

This is the first time, he felt that the cultivation technique he performed has some major draw-back. For every breakthrough, he got if he couldn't just share it with his beasts immediately because of the circ.u.mstances, he would have some extreme troubles in some cases.

But right, now, he has to deal with the excess energy as soon as possible.

Sam started concentrating on the energy and tried to compress it. He has to store it temporarily so that he wouldn't have damage to his body.

For that, he can only do one thing. He has to find a way to unleash the whole energy.

After that, he gave up on compressing it and just tried to stabilize it.

He slowly started moving out of the tower and followed the crater to go back to the burned banyan expanse.

Meanwhile, Jack reached the place and so did the people from the thunder god temple.

Arthur and four other teammates of his are already in a confrontation with them.

They are already in a battle-ready situation and with the addition of Jack, they have enough confidence they can hold on to it.

Arthur's teammates are burning with desire. The skeletons of the beasts, two inheritances with Philip, and one inheritance with Jack. They are confident that if they could obtain these and stay safe in the tower until the last week only coming for the inheritances, they could even avoid Sam.

Anyway, there is no saying that Sam wouldn't be the one who has to be on the defensive side if they really gang up on him as they do have more inheritances and with this new edition of the treasures, they could have a shot at defending against Sam flawlessly if not defending against him.

These thoughts went through Arthur's mind and with a smile, he made his move. Not even for a second did he stop and think how the beasts and the expanse are burned to this state and what the crater signifies.

Sam's team is holding against them quite well despite being having fewer people.

Jack and Philip aren't exactly some soft permissions. As for Watt. They have to first catch him if they want to attack him.

The silver wind isn't there for the show.

They are holding up and Watt is even dealing with the skeletons in the ashes throwing them inside the storage one at a time.

Jack is even toying with them.

Sam didn't know the exact situation. But he is starting to get the hang of holding the energy and once he got it, he took out the harbinger and blasted through the crater once again.

He appeared at the spot with a bang and Arthur and the rest were momentarily stunned. They didn't expect that Sam would return so early. When he saw the whole skeletons, he forgot to think where Sam went and only rejoiced on the fact that he is not present at the moment.

Now only did he think what kind of situation he was in and sensing the vast amount of energy that was coursing through, he immediately ordered for a retreat.

Sam didn't let them off that easily, he followed them into their territory behind them, but he didn't intercept or attack them.

His true goal is scaring them away while picking his next target.

Why would he waste this free energy on these guys as he can defeat them with his normal strength?

He is only scaring them and as for why chase that far is that he can find an early-stage Level-5 beast in their territory and can deal with it with the excess amount of energy.

The chase went on for a few minutes until Sam stopped in his tracks and took a diversion. There was a large python coiled up against a gigantic tree. When the python saw Sam who was brimming with energy, its eye lit up and immediately went into action.

Sam let the python coil him for a few seconds and after it was done coiling, he immediately burst out all the excess energy as held the python's throat in his hand.

Just like that, the python was completely burned right in his hands without even having a chance to escape the predicament.

After clearing the ashes he looked at the skull of the python in which a spatial ring was present and left the place.

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Chapter 276: Hunting in other territories

Sam went back to the tower with his teammates. He has to take some rest and stabilize his cultivation.

After that, he took the day off.

Twenty-eighth day. A new inheritance opened and this time it is a wind elemental inheritance. Watt went there and the thunder-god temple people are extremely cautious when they arrived at the inheritance stone pillar in the fear of attracting Sam's attack power.

But after seeing that it is a wind element one, which they don't have candidates to, they left cautiously.

Sam didn't chase them or bother with them. He will deal with them when the time is right and at the most crucial moment. They would curse his eighteen generations in that situation.

Now, Sam is in a great form and it is time to deal with the Level-5 beasts in the remaining territories.

The first stop is the Thunder god temple's territories. The Level-5 beasts are completely left untouched in there. They only dealt with the Level-4 beasts and after they are finished, they moved to Sam's territory.

After seeing the number of skeletons in the ashes on that day, they abandoned any thoughts on Sam's territory and are now moving towards the Northern Arian territory.

This time, Sam is not as cautious as before. He has enough strength and he is confident that he can employ more dangerous ploys than before. Anyway, he is not doing this in his own territory, so even if the beasts do notice something wrong with his methods, they would take it up with the Arthur and the rest, he would be completely safe anyway.

So, he picked his first target. The remaining people who are now in latestages are traveling to other territories so that they can fight it out with the Level-4 beasts there.

They have to hone their cultivations and adapt to the new strength; this is the perfect opportunity.

Sam arrived at a place and looked at a beast. A Magma Fox. His first target. He is even surprised that this beast is here when he first saw this and later he understood how it was staying here.

Because this fox likes the smell of the rocks made of the cooled lava. They live in the vicinities of the volcanoes and don't like the other environments and are quite aversive to adapt to any of them until they become Level-6 or higher and gain enough intelligence. Until then they would go crazy and wreak havoc if they don't stay within that vicinity.

This is a typical average forest with nothing special much less a volcanic zone. That is the reason he was extremely surprised when he saw this and only examined it later. The rocky terrain in which it was living was manually created by the volcanic rocks with a mineral called volcanic iron as the core on which the fox sleeps.

The volcanic iron is a fire attributed metal used by the fire elemental warriormages.

It is not so valuable but it is still an okay metal.

After discovering this, Sam had an idea in his mind. And he is here now to execute it.

He waited until the fox went hunting for a daily meal and made his move. The first thing he did was disintegrate the volcanic iron and started pouring the powder all the way as he moved and when he reached a cave, he threw the remaining powder into that cave and ran away.

In a distance, he stood on a tree branch as he looked at the cave waiting for some reaction and in an hour it came.

The Magma Fox felt the disappearance of the volcanic iron and went into a frenzy and when it saw the trail of the powder, it started sniffing and followed it until it reached the cave.

The thing inside the cave is something that Sam escaped from before.

The Wicked tiger. That's the name of the beast. It uses neutral spiritual energy and its name was given due to its wicked nature to toy with the beasts.

Sam didn't throw the metal powder too deep into the cave, otherwise, if it had even taken a look or sensed him, he would have had to be on another chase.

After the fox reached the cave in a frenzy the tiger also noticed the presence and became angry. It was its territory another being who is in similar strength shouldn't walk in as it liked.

So, it directly attacked without a warning. The fox, which is also a ferocious beast by nature started attacking.

Its body glowed red and its claws started spewing magma as it pounced on the tiger.

As the two beasts are in a ferocious battle, the person who instigated it is watching the whole scene with an amused expression.

This is one of the most optimum methods to deal with them. But he didn't opt to it for his territory due to some reasons. One of them is trying to create those two traps as his 'food' and the other one is if the plan failed and he was discovered and remembered his face, they would track him to his place and could be more troublesome. He would then have to use the energy cells, which would destroy the spatial ring inside the beast. Now, he is free to do these things, because he has confidence that they couldn't leave that far away from their territory to his tower and if they recognize that a human is giving them trouble, Arthur can deal with that.

Sam watched the battle of the two beasts as they tried to tear each other apart. He took out the sniper rifle and loaded a different magazine which is a small space jade. These are the energy cell bullets.

Now, he is using the fire element ones and he did that... for no reason. Just because he felt like it.

He aimed the sniper and started shooting.

This is the perfect time as the beasts are too engrossed in a fight with each other, their senses for other external dangers would be a bit less and as per Sam's calculations, the energy cells, hit the tiger's torso and just before it did, it exploded.

The destabilized energy cell bullets, he had to be in a perfect distance and position so that it would explode exactly at the point of contact.

The people of this world might not even figure this out. But Sam the creator of this can do so. After the first hit, the tiger didn't even get the chance to look at Sam but was already being forced by the fox to ground.

At this exact moment, another bullet was shot out and the next of the fox had an explosion. Both the beasts are in an extremely dangerous and vulnerable situation.

Sam made his move, he appeared at the spot and finished the beasts and threw them in his storage ring.

Next, he went after the next prey.

For the next few days, Sam is after every Level-5 beast which runs solo on the whole island and his movements are soon noticed by the rest of the teams, but no one dared to make a move, because, if Sam just threw them to the beasts, they would have to deal with them and they are not confident in doing do.

For the next fifteen days, Sam is on the hunt for these beasts and there were only two weeks left on the island and one week for him to enter the main inheritance.

This time is for dealing with the habitats. These teams didn't even dare to deal with the Level-5 solo beasts and by the time they are strong enough that they can deal with some Level-5 beasts as a team, Sam took away all of them.

Now, the habitats are the only things left for them and he is going for it. These days, there are various inheritances of fire, wind, leg techniques, and so on. But he wasn't interested. He only planned to take the formation and the inscription parts of the inheritance.

His first target habitats are of the thunder god temple's side.

But he didn't take the same approach as before. He has other plans. Since Arthur had made a move and tried to take away his treasures, he has to pay dearly.

So, after every attack on the habitat with the sedatives, he stole the treasure at the same time, he took away the cubs. He didn't store them inside the divine dimension instead brought them with his hands.

He increased his body heat so that the cubs would sweat leaving their scent all over and left the cubs near the thunder god temple tower.

After that, he repeated the same for the remaining habitats and left around seven types of cubs near the tower and took a seat near a tall tree.

Only the snacks are the ones that are not in his hands.

And soon enough, the guests arrived.

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Chapter 277: The Final Inheritances

That night, at the entrance of the tower, Arthur looked at the hordes of beasts as if he was dreaming. He has avoided these beasts like plague, when he noticed their habitats. But now, they came searching for him.

The beasts got their cubs, but they are still angry, how dare a human can do such a thing as stealing their cubs.

They started charging towards the tower, some beasts attacked with the elemental powers and some beasts just rammed into the walls. But as Murali promised the beasts are not able to deal with the walls and enter the tower ignoring the defence.

Even the attacks aren't penetrating.

But there is no harm for them either. They tried a few times and then just waited there. Even the beasts of different species didn't show any hostility towards each other. This, time they are quite united and whole-heartedly treated these people are their enemies.

Arthur and the rest are at a loss of words, they don't know how to deal with the situation. They didn the event the situation. They didn these many beasts.

So, all they could do is hole up right there waiting for the time of exit.

At that moment, a scroll came flying into the tower through the entrance, Arthur picked up the scroll and the strings of letters, made his grit his teeth in anger.

"Since, you wanted beasts' remains that badly, I guessed that you would like the beasts even more, so I took it up on myself to invite them here. You don't have to thank me. – Sam." He immediately understood how they are struck in this scenario. This is Sam's payback. He was even thinking that Sam didn't pursue for some other reasons, rather he is using the most frustrating way to take the revenge that too in a grand scale.

They are now planning to deal with the rest of Level-4 beasts and try their luck at the Level-5 beasts at the territories. But they don't know that Sam not only dealt with all the beasts, he even stopped them at their door step so that wouldn't find any stray that was left by any possible mistake.

Sam is completely unbothered by this, if not for the fact that killing these people would bring him some extra trouble in his next plans and hinder him extremely, he would have dealt with directly and in that tower it is impossible to kill them.

He is having a hard time to control and suppress the killing intent. He is even thinking of using the hidden means without leaving any evidence, but he might find a way for Arthur to be useful for him in his future preparations as he is heir of the thunder god temple, these are the only reasons that are letting him breathe peacefully.

Living in fear is one of the worst possible ways of life.

Sam went on dealt with the remaining treasures in the habitats. After that he started sorting out all the treasures he obtained. There are more than one hundred and fifty rewards he got from this island and among them seventy are weapons of various attributes. Ten of them are formation discs, twenty are various types of formation designs. Ten skill books for some weapon techniques, thirty consumable inscription scrolls of various types and the rest are inscription design scrolls.

His teammates took whatever weapons they wanted and shared it among themselves, they took some inscription scrolls and even some formation discs, Sam decided to sell half of the remaining with a label of the things from the inheritance of Murali and the remaining half of them will be in his possession to be used as extras.

As for the remaining inscriptions and the formations, they can be used for further research.

Soon, the day of the final inheritance arrived.

Seven days before the period of two months, the four main candidates disappeared from the towers.

Sam, Arthur, Andrew and the leader of the northern Arian all disappeared from their respective places and appeared in front of each other in a room, It is a vast hall which has four doors on four sides leading them to different rooms.

Soon, a projection of Murali appeared in the middle of the hall and started saying these words.

"Welcome candidates. I hope you all have increased your strength and combat power in the past duration you have spent on the island.

Right now, you are only a week away from gaining the inheritance I have left for you.

As you might have already known, I, Murali am famous for my expertise in four fields.

Swordsmanship. Painting. Inscriptions and the formations.

I must say that I am really proud of the heights I achieved. Before leaving this world, I wanted to share my knowledge to the younger generations of this world as my sign of gratitude for the all the resources and the experience this world has provided me.

So, that is the reason, with the help some friends I created this island and the four towers. The four towers are keys to activate all that this island has to offer.

Now, you are in a place which leads you to the four inheritances I have left you. You have a chance to obtain, all four of them or any one of them. That solely depends on your efforts, will, strength and desire.

That is why I created the four towers and you are the four people who overcame the trails of the towers. Everyone of you have an advantage so I think it is a fair competition.

Out of four of these inheritances, the Painting, Inscriptions, Formations takes two days. As for the Swordsman ship, that is my weakest ability of all four and for that reason it would have less to offer to you than the other three resulting in only one day.

After a week, all of you will be sent back to the places you have came from along with your team members.

As for the people who are deceased accidentally, I mourn for their death and I apologize.

Now, the inheritance trail shall begin."

With those words, the projection disappeared and one of the doors swung open.

Four of them cautiously walked inside and all they could see is a platform on the other end of the room. There is a glowing sphere at the centre of the platform emitting a vague glow.

They knew at once that, it was their goal, but they couldn't reach that at all.

Because between the platform and the place they are standing there is a large valley.

A large abyss is separating them from their goal.

As they are thinking of ways to cross the whole thing and tried to use their elemental energies and such, they realized that it is impossible for them to even summon a wisp of the spiritual energy.

At this moment, four large blocks of stone raised from the abyss exactly at the edge of the valley.

Everyone exchanged a glance and looked at each other before each occupying a block.

At that moment a holograph appeared all of a sudden and in that there is a hand holding the paint brush and using it to paint something. It is just a line, a straight line, but the main thing is the usage of the spiritual energy.

The hand or rather the owner of the hand is circulating the spiritual energy in a certain manner such that the paint which is being used is giving the line the required attribute that it should possess.

Generally, the painter artisan uses this technique to create a painting., The painting is quite similar to an inscription scroll in the initial stages. The more it advanced the more a painter artisan do, but in the initial stages it will serve the same purpose the inscription scrolls which might be consumables or of multiple uses.

It can be used fir attacks, sealing, defence and many other uses. The inly differences are the usage of the materials and also instead of the runes they would use the images they paint as the medium to give us the required effect.

After the scene in the holograph played once, paint brush with paint and a white canvas appeared floating in front of them.

The test is the most straight forward thing.

All they have to do is understand and imitate the whole move and if their move passes the stage, they would be able to advance further.

The move kept on playing even after the appearance of the canvas and the brush.

If they observe closely, they can even see the flow of energy in their hands.

Sam observed the whole action closely time and again. He hasn't researched the whole painting thing deeply. He is proficient in painting in his previous life and he used the expertise to learn the painting techniques which helps him etching inscriptions. He didn't try of use any normal painting artisanship techniques.

But he can see how the energy flow works and can see how to do it based on his etching experience.

So, after ten minutes he picked up the brush and made his move.

Even though it is one line, it clearly differed from the way he etched the inscriptions, because he used the special inscription ink as paint at that time and now he is using a paint specifically used for these purposes. It clearly differed in the whole energy flow and process.

So, for the first few attempts Sam failed.

Only after his seventh attempt did he pass and another block appeared in front of him while the canvas and the paint brush disappeared.

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Chapter 278: Painting Inheritance

After clearing the first block, Sam stepped on the next block. He looked at the remaining candidates who are still stuck in the first block.

The experience of the etching indeed helped him.

He looked at the next holograph which formed, this time the complexity increased by a lot as he needed to draw a pattern formed by combined a number of straight lines.

The energy flow is the same as the previous one, but maintaining the same energy flow constantly while making sure that it is sufficient without any interference in the energy even when the lines overlapped.

He started doing this and after a few tries, he understood why it would take two days for the painting artisanship.

These trails are designed with the most variation in difficulty and complexity that it tests a person's capability to learn things of complex nature in a short time in the most efficient way.

This method of learning is not feasible in regular situations. But it could surely give a person a certain level of expertise in a short amount of time.

This method should opt-in extreme situations but the person must have extraordinary intelligence level and a certain level of genius.

Sam also opted for this method in his previous life so that he could execute certain assassination assignments.

He didn't expect that he would use this method again in this life and that too in this kind of situation.

He started practicing the whole thing again and again. He only passed after more than three hours of practice and by this time remaining candidates also passed the first stage and moved to the second stage.

Sam looked at the third stage of the test as he stood on the new block. The third one is even more complicated there are two patterns one which is made of straight lines and another one with the curved lines.

He has to create two patterns with the same energy consistency.

He started practicing it again and this time, he has to work for at least three hours to even have partial success in the whole pattern.

After more than another three hours, he was finally able to create two patterns perfectly.

The next step though made him feel defeated and it became a test of patience. Because in this thing he has to merge the patterns into a single one without letting it clash and turn chaotic.

This time, the failures are not as calm as before, rather they are completely chaotic and they are completely blasted and created ripples of spiritual energy at the canvas.

If it was a real canvas, Sam is quite confident that the canvas would have blasted away.

He now understood the difficulty, for every blast a normal person would have lost his focus bit by bit, even Sam with his highly tempered mental state is having a hard time focusing on it, he understood the significance of the tower of will now.

Only after another nine hours did he have success.

He was wondering how he would deal with this whole inheritance in two days as already more than eighteen hours in the four stages.

But he got his answer on the fifth test because he has to copy a whole painting using the expertise he gained from the first four stages, The painting is a smaller one. Only three elements are in the painting.

They are a volcano, magma, lava blast.

A painting depicting the volcanic blast, an attack-type painting.

This time, it didn't take as much time as the previous test, because, he doesn't need any extra knowledge or expertise to do this, all he has to do is combine

and repeat the things he had done in the previous four tests, except in an extremely different way.

He completed the test in three hours, and the next is another painting with around five elements. The tidal wave attack. In this, the water, the direction, the wind assisting the water, the intensity of the wave and the nature of collision all these elements have to be depicted.

This is the great thing about the painting artisanship. One doesn't need to possess the elements to wield attacks or defenses of that certain element. All he has to do is possess the elemental paints to create a painting. Of course, possessing the elements will further increase their success rate and the efficiency of the whole thing.

It took another six hours with a total expense of twenty-seven hours.

There are still twenty-one hours left and six tests are completed.

At this moment, only Andrew reached the fifth test, the rest are still at the fourth one.

He is glad that he has some expertise in this area and able to go past this, otherwise, it is really hard for someone without any knowledge.

The tests are not just tests though, they are actually lessons too, a layman can even get some expertise in these stages. Murali actually compressed the basics and the rest of the steps in each test so that they can learn this as fast as they can.

He didn't waste any time, so he immediately went into the next test.

The seventh one is also a painting and this time, it has more than seven elements. Sam took around three hours and the eight one with nine elements, he took around four hours. Even the ninth one was easy for him, but the tenth one took almost all the time he had left/

Because it is one of the most complex paintings Sam has ever seen even in both lives. The painting is an illusion world painting.

In simple terms, a person has to depict the whole world inside the paint and create an illusion on the canvas.

This way they have to trap a person's soul into the world and attack the soul with the number of elements that are present inside that painting world.

The world he has to depict is a prison or rather a torture chamber. It is similar to a cage in which the person is going to be tortured with various primitive methods, like intense flames and metallic spike being stung into his system.

Sam is having a hard time completing this one. The main problem with this painting is that the paint is made of some delicate substance and made of materials that are suitable for creating illusions and if there is any problem is maintaining the balance of the energy.

He blasted more than ten canvases and was still unable to deal with the painting.

He has an extreme headache at this moment, there was only an hour left when he finally dealt with the whole painting.

Then only he was able to cross the tenth block and finally step on the platform that was accommodating the glowing sphere.

As soon as he stepped on the platform, the glowing sphere disappeared and some form of light particles entered Sam's mind and a new load of images entered his mind particularly in the form of images and incidents.

He saw Murali's image in his mind. Murali is practicing the painting artisanship.

There are many broken canvases and brushes that are completely damaged all around the place as he practiced the basic movements and strokes one by one without rest.

This orb is filled with the experiences Murali has gone through before.

The experiences are not just playing everything Murali learned and the process he used for mastering every technique was being ingrained in his mind directly.

The inheritance is completely in a literal sense. He is inheriting everything that Murali learned directly.

The inheritance was over. But the tests didn't stop. They are still going on and the candidates are also not stopping as they are curious to find out if the can find anything worthwhile if they could complete the whole thing.

There was only an hour left and Sam was already transferred back to the main hall but he also had a paintbrush in his hands. This is the same paintbrush Sam had seen in Murali's experiences particularly of the experiences when he is an a.d.u.l.t and is in his prime of artisanship.

But the rest are not transferred. Then only he understood why there is a certain time limit without and he also understood that the time limit is still there even if the inheritance is already obtained by Sam.

What Sam understood is that no matter who won the inheritance, anyone who can participate in the inheritance can obtain some form of knowledge.

Now, the remaining three candidates who didn't get the inheritance were still able to learn the painting artisan techniques.

Even if they wouldn't let the whole artisanship as their profession, they can still use this knowledge to deal with the problems in the future that are caused by other painter artisans. After all, the knowledge once obtained is the most valuable treasure for any person. It is almost impossible to take it away from a person.

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Chapter 279: Inscription and Formation Inheritances

Sam examined the paintbrush in his hands. This is a very high-level paintbrush. So, high that with his current cultivation, Sam wasn't even able to appraise the exact rank of the brush.

But it sure is valuable as Sam saw the scenes within his head when the experiences were transferred to him. This is the brush Murali used when he is at his prime.

One can only guess just what any Painter artisan would be willing to pay for this brush.

As Sam examined the experiences or the memories of Murali in his mind, the one hour passed soon and the remaining candidates returned. From their expressions, Sam could guess that they didn't gain anything else.

Arthur is the most frustrated of all. Because he couldn't stop his sense of rivalry against Sam.

He believed that he was the best among his peers since his birth, his talent, his resources, his prowess, and cultivation, he won in every aspect among his peers, but one day Arman started raising right under his nose.

He was having enough with one guy and later Sam appeared. He couldn't help but have a sense of existential crisis,

After all, he was heaven's choice. One of the ten in this world. He had everything catered to him and he has been arrogant all these years. And now with the rise of these geniuses, he is having a hard time digesting the facts that came with the reality check. This is giving him the fear that he might not be able to stay arrogant forever. And the painting artisanship inheritance showed him just that.

He was worried that Sam would just sweep the rest of the inheritances without care.

After all, from what he knew Sam didn't have any expertise in painting, but he had expertise in the remaining three aspects. He already dealt with his weakest link.

While he was being conflicted, Sam already moved to the next room which just opened. He was excited about the next test.

The reward this time enticed him so much. The knowledge and the experiences that a person has acc.u.mulated over decades after mastering a trade with his blood and sweat are being shared with him. He was never this happy with any reward, with the exception of Yanwu and the Divine dimension.

The remaining three followed suit after Sam and entered the room.

The room is the same as the previous one. There is an abyss separating the platform from them and four blocks appeared before them.

Each of them once again occupied the blocks and stood on it.

This time the test is a bit different though.

As the basic inscriptions require a lot of space, the blocks are large and vast. Good enough to create a Rank-6 formation at least.

The first test is to create a Rank-1 inscription with the normal process. It has been a long time since Sam even created an inscription without etching.

He didn't like the aspect of wasting so much time on making basic runes. But this time, Sam doesn't have to be bothered about it. Because he has a water element. An element that helps the inscription masters. Sam only took a single glance at the holograph to understand the inscription and then placed his finger in the ink bowl. He started controlling the ink with the water element and the ink followed the motion of his finger.

As he started moving his finger in the air, the ink gracefully laid itself on the floor and within seconds, the required runic pattern appeared and the final step drawing the inscription to the scroll.

Sam threw the scroll to the center and within a second, the runes lit up.

The inscription was finished. All this happened in two minutes. A new block appeared and Sam moved.

The remaining three candidates who are trying to finish the inscription are dazed for a second.

They have learned a thing or two about the inscriptions as they expected the requirement of that knowledge in the tests here so that they could deal with them.

But Sam's speed in this aspect is a whole new level.

Even Arthur and Andrew who knew Sam's expertise are having a hard time. They didn't expect him to be able to deal with this in two minutes.

The holograph is showing how to create the inscription step by step and they are all following it, but judging from Sam's speed. He might have even processed the whole inscription just from a mere glance at the picture and did it on his own.

While they are in a daze, Sam is looking at the second test, this time it is not creating an inscription rather cracking an inscription. This seemed to be one of Murali's original works as he never saw an inscription like this before.

After checking the energy flow in the inscription and the arrangement of the runes, all Sam had to do was use the brush and spiritual energy to clear a couple of lines and inject some spiritual energy.

That's it, the inscription disappeared in the form of spiritual energy particles. Once again all Sam took was two minutes.

The remaining three lost their fighting will.

But they remembered the first test. Although they didn't get any benefits, they did learn some aspects, so they wanted to follow the same principle and thus the three of them suddenly felt no pressure as they tried to understand the various aspects of the inscriptions.

Meanwhile, Sam isn't the slightest bit bothered by their astonishment. He is maintaining his rocket-like pace without any reservations.

Within four minutes he was done with the third test in which he has to create a Rank-2 inscription and in the next round, he has to crack a Rank-2 inscription.

As expected, it was done in a flash.

Sam is in a zone until the sixth round. He finished a total of six rounds within half-an-hour.

Now there are only four rounds that are left and the seventh round is the one in which he has to create a rank-4 inscription.

This time, Sam took a little more time as he has to guide the ink a little bit careful as the size increased by many folds.

The whole rune drawing process took around ten minutes for him and another thirty seconds to create the inscription on the scroll.

As for cracking it didn't take as much time, because, he just used the disintegration on the inscription and it is gone.

He was very excited and don't have enough patience to deal with the inscription step by step.

He was thinking that he might encounter a Rank-5 inscription, but to his disappointment, it is a rank-4 complex inscription array built with five Rank-4 inscriptions. In terms of might, it can be considered as a Pseudo-rank 5 inscription.

This time, Sam worked on the inscription and within half an hour, he was done as for the last one inscription which needs to cracked, Sam studied it carefully.

Since there is no challenge he expected, he wanted to try his hand at a challenge without using his disintegration ability. He has a lot of time anyway.

But he still wasn't able to help himself. He completed the task in forty-five minutes, even when he worked in his slowest pace.

He shook his head and stepped on the platform. The same thing repeated again. Another set of memories surfaced in his mind as he felt the experiences of Murali practicing the inscriptions in his past.

He disappeared from the spot and entered the main hall. This time with a Brush-pen in his hands. This is a brush-pen that looked extremely similar to the modern-day brush-pen which uses the brush tip instead of a nib.

This one is used for creating the inscriptions. The body of the brush-pen contains various slots for different inks and every slot is separate storage space.

This brush-pen also gave him the same feeling as he got from the Paintbrush. Its rank is far too high.

Sam laid down on the ground as he slept for a while and did all kinds of things to get over his boredom. After two days of this boredom, the remaining three came out with a relieved expression. They seemed to have gone through a lot.

They have indeed gone through a lot. When they saw Sam's speed, they started having doubts about the meaning of their lives.

They don't know how to react and what to think about his pace. But after some time they got over it and wanted to try their luck in learning these things, but then only then recognized how naïve they were.

The inscriptions are far more difficult than the paintings. There is a lot of foundational requirements to learn these inscriptions, they suddenly had immense respect that formed deep inside their hearts towards the inscription masters.

But they don't know that they have to go through another round of suffering. Because, the next room, is for formation inheritance.

The three people felt that they are just hallucinating about the previous day or just struck in the previous time span. Sam moved just as quickly. No, in fact, he moved quickly because he could just throw the formation flags at many places without any worries like losing control of ink when creating runes and this time, he didn't even bother to hold back at the last obstacle, dealing another blow to their huge egos.

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Chapter 280: Swordsmanship Inheritance

The last inheritance. The swordsmanship inheritance.

The remaining three candidates almost lost all their composure as Sam swept through all the three inheritances.

They don't have many hopes in getting this one away from his hands and provided that they are not even swordsmen, to begin with. They are now thinking about why they even came over to this place. They don't have anything to do with the Murali and his expertise at all. They don't have any of the abilities. All they came here is because of their greed, rather the greed of their superiors who forced them to come here.

Now they are regretting this. They could have at least let the people who are experts in these fields to come here and they could have had a shot.

Now, all they can do is being the backdrop and enhance Sam's image.

There are feeling extremely down.

But Sam is not caring about anything they are thinking. He is very much satisfied with what he got. Even the reward from the formation tower is quite amusing.

It is a formation simulation disc.

On this disc, one can mark the nodes and key points of a large- scale formation in a smaller scale, so that they can see if the formation really works or not.

This helps the people who research their formations and see if their theories are of any technical and practical feasibility.

Although he has a better version, the simulating second floor of the tower in the divine dimension, he was still impressed.

Of course, he is most impressed by the experiences he got as a present.

As for the fourth inheritance, even though he is not interested in any battle techniques he might possibly encounter, he is looking forward to the treasure he will get as a present.

As far he was concerned the weapons he encountered all this while didn't impress him much, he did see some impressive craftsmanship, but he didn't see anything that impressed him to the extent that he wanted to possess it. From the pattern of presents he got from three inheritances, Sam guessed the next present to be a sword and he is looking forward to a sword used by the person who shook the whole planet in his prime.

Sam took the first step confidently and this time, it is to copy a technique. It is the most basic one of all. The sword-draw.

He looked at the posture, the energy flow the grip strength, the hand position. He was impressed by the silhouette which has showcased the move.

It is near perfection.

But Sam copied the move easily and he did the same with the next move and the next move. It all happened just because the moves are too basic. Any person who is familiar with the sword would know every move.

After five moves though, the sixth block is not to copy a move, rather he has to control his sword aura.

Until the fifth test, even the remaining candidates were able to pass after a few tries, but from here on there is no such thing as an easy pass.

Because the sword aura can only be obtained based on the level of practice and the understanding one has for a sword.

They have to be in perfect synchronization and feel like a sword is a part of them and they themselves have to feel like a sword.

So, the sixth test is that he has to resonate with his sword aura to the aura that is present on that block.

Sam closed his eyes and started relaxing. He made sure that his mind and body are in complete unison and in his mind, there is only one thing sword.

He started trying to get the feeling of being a sword himself. He slowly started forgetting everything about his body. His legs, arms, skin. He started forgetting everything on his body. His breath became sharp and slowly all he

could feel is the sword aura around his body and his body unconsciously resonated with it.

He could even feel his breath vibrating with it. Sam lost all his senses all he could feel is an instinct. That was the only thing left for him and with that instinct, he stepped forward.

A block appeared under his feet. The seventh block.

On that block, Sam could feel the suppressive effect of the sword aura. The aura here is sharper than the previous one and he could feel the sharpness suppressing him and trying to devour him. But he didn't back off.

He started countering, His breath became sharper, he could feel the clash between two sword auras and soon he confidently took the next step. Meanwhile, the remaining candidates all struck at the sixth block.

The tests in this inheritance are quite simple. They are straight forward and simple in nature. All Murali tested are the basics and the consistency of the practice with the basic moves and the sword aura.

This is the most straight forward way to validate a person's swordsmanship.

Sam stood on the eighth block for an hour, because this time the sword aura on that block is not steady, rather it is fluctuating. It is like a wave of sword aura and at this Sam was also stumped. He never expected or thought that Sword aura can be manipulated like that.

He never even tried this.

But now that a situation arrived, he started doing the unknown.

And soon enough, he was surprised by the reaction. He could feel that the amount of mental strength required for this is quite high and for a normal cultivator of his level, it would be quite taxing.

Sam carefully tried to get a hang of the frequency of the fluctuation and in another half-an-hour, he was able to do so.

He moved to the next block and this time, what he has to go through is another thing altogether.

There are two sword auras instead of one. He has to divide his sword aura into two and match two different frequencies at the same time. This is even more difficult than the previous test.

Sam was completely stumped. He can multi-task, but he never knew that the sword aura can even be divided into two.

He didn't know how to proceed and it even took more than an hour just to make sense on how to proceed further in this situation.

He started thinking of two things at a time for a start and slowly started working his way upwards.

He imagined himself to be two entities, two bodies altogether, and slowly converted himself to be two swords. He is trying to use the same method he used on the sixth block to create the sword aura.

Sam is really having a hard time. If not for his high mental strength he would have lost him mind by now.

After more than three hours of exasperated struggle, he was finally able to deal with the problem. Two sword auras at different frequencies.

He was thinking about how difficult the tenth test would be and he almost lost confidence. The tenth test is creating two sword auras and fluctuating both of them between two different limits.

Sam almost wanted to go crazy. The tests are simple and straight forward, he couldn't be happier of this aspect in the first three inheritances, but now, he was completely stumped.

He is a master of multiple weapons as he practically lived with them in his previous life. But he never practiced a weapon to this extent the only exception being his claws. But he doesn't want to use his claws too much.

They need a much larger and worthier target to be worn. He loves them like his second life. That's why, he wouldn't wear them easily and only does so in case of creating a massacre, battling a worthy opponent, or accomplishing a major mission.

Sam started concentrating. No matter what, he has to see the reward for this round.

He carefully concentrated and repeated what he did in the previous test, to create two sword auras and after doing that, he concentrated on fluctuating them. The problem is that two of them are completely in sync. Sam would have appreciated this great if it was before, but now it is a great nuisance as he doesn't want them to be in sync.

They both have to fluctuate in different frequencies and limits altogether.

Since he couldn't do that at the same time, he divided the work. First, he kept the two sword auras active and made on of them stationary fluctuating only one of them. Then slowly, he started fluctuating another one, with very slight variations, and soon, he was able to reach the goal and with flash, he was able to cross the tenth test.

This time, though there is not just a simple flash of the sphere, there is a holographic projection of Murali in the air. It peered down at Sam and said.

"Congratulations on clearing the sword inheritance. Before you gain the treasure, I have to tell you something.

Apart from the memories and my sword training experiences, there is one more thing and that is a sword.

This is the greatest sword, I ever held in my possession, but I was never able to wield it. To be more precise, I didn't dare to wield it.

Because it is a cursed weapon.

I have to warn you, that take that sword only if you have the utmost confidence that you can wield it, otherwise, you wouldn't be able to bear the consequences.

So, if you are not confident, I hope you just leave the sword here and it would be sealed in this place forever."

With those words, the holographic projection disappeared. Sam noticed his surroundings and saw that the rest of them are also listening to Murali's words.

He frowned at this. And after some thought, he came to a realization.

He is trying to force the person whoever obtained the treasure to leave the sword here. The Cursed weapons are not ordinary, only a select few can deal with them.

But if it is really that bad, Murali might have not placed it in the first place, but there might be another possible explanation that there might be a possibility that a candidate who is really worthy of this sword might come.

He couldn't help but shake his head.