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#### Chapter 971: Luring

The team sneaked out of the city to go that property. Since Sia killed that demon, she delayed the news travelling back to the Azure Demon family. So, they are sure that they wouldn't take any action immediately.

They will wait for at least a few hours or even for that night.

At least that is what they thought, but as soon as they arrived at the scene and looked at the whole area from far away, they were surprised. There is a team of Azure demons who seemed to have just arrived.

The leader of the team is seriously questioning the person-in charge and his team member are looking at the dead demon's hiding spot and a little deeper into that forbidden path to take a proper look and see if they could find any clues.

But Sia did a clean job and there are no traces left. She didn't even leave a single drop of blood.

Sam and his team observed the actions of the demon team. They didn't seem to have found any clues and they decided to stay within the camp for the night before they continued the investigation the next day.

Sam sent out a shadow mouse to the tent this demon team is staying in to see what they are discussing and after an house, the shadow mouse returned.

He got the information and kept his team members in the loop.

"They got the news of this guy's death immediately, but it seems like they have been delayed because of some differences in opinions in the upper echelons and the team formation was delayed. They are cursing those higherups and blaming them for the lack of clues. Tomorrow morning, they are going into the forbidden path. Until they reach halfway towards the forbidden zone and look for any possible clues.

Their job is to not find Sark directly, they only have one job and that is to find proof that Sark went to the forbidden zone."

Saber Monarch was confused and asked.

"The death of one demon is not proof enough? He was not stationed at the edge of the camp, he was inside the path and he was dead there, what more proof do they want?"

Sam chuckled and answered.

"A proof that wouldn't let any other person give an excuse. It seems like the forbidden zone something even the upperechelons don't want to visit. So, some of the weaker willed but high authoritative people will create excuses and rationalization and some time deliberately act dumb to stop any advances into the forbidden zone.

They couldn't be convinced. The only proper way convince them is to show some irrefutable proof."

"How do you know that?"

"Every organization has them. They are the ones who doesn't want to get out of the comfort zone that was being provided by their position. They would go against anything that could pose any risk to the current position of the organization and dream of the world staying as it is, so they can sleep peacefully knowing that he is still something. They are cowards who disguise themselves as rational thinkers."

Sam explained as he thought calmly.

"Seems like you have a grudge against them?"

"Not a grudge, but I despise them quite a bit. I had to endure a fair share of these guys. Anyway, back to our current situation at hand. They are going to move tomorrow at dawn. So, come up with a plan."

And that set off a discussion as everyone tried to come up with a proper plan while Sam only listened. The boon of having a competent team. He can finally relax and let them do some thinking too.

After an hour of discussion they finally came up with a plan and surprisingly, Sam doesn't even need to be present for that.

They didn't even include him. When he asked why, the reply dumbfounded him.

"Sorry boss, you are too weak and delicate."

He didn't know what to say. He was stunned and shocked to say the least. Because this is the first time since he came to this world and had an organization or employees that worked for him, say he is weak. Of course, the only who didn't say he was weak is Agar as she knew better than the rest to not say a freak who can use all kinds of weird things to kill stronger people as weak.

But Sam didn't feel offended, in fact he was quite alright with this arrangement.

So, after they snuck towards the forbidden path one after the other, the team went into their hiding positions and Sam stayed in a hiding position at the edge of the forest nearby.

As soon as the team left, Sam immediately entered the divine dimension while keeping an eye on the surroundings through the crystal table.

But his main focus was the demon body.

Even though he was not offended by the team when they said he was weak, he was reminded. He needs to speed up his cultivation, he let Yanwu consume all the remaining Solar Fragments and took a look at the demon corpse.

He doesn't know if he could Raiju with this. If anything untoward happens to Raiju, he wouldn't be able to forgive himself, but he could clearly sense that the Raiju bloodline is riling up.

He took a deep breath and collected some of the blood before taking a sip of it himself. He decided to test it on himself and if it is indeed poisonous he has Mia's bloodline.

But as soon as he drank that sip, his vampire bloodline and raiju bloodline were extremely excited and started absorbing it, but since it is blood the Vampire bloodline got most of it.

Sam could feel the spiritual energy being absorbed into his core. He then cut off a small piece of flesh. Eating a humanoid looking creature is not something he wants to do, but he didn't want Raiju taking any risks and grilled it completely under the flame until it is not recognizable and swallowed it directly.

The overcharring clearly reduced some effects but he could see the Raiju bloodline absorbing energy rapidly.

He took the corpse to Raiju and as soon as he smelled it, he jumped right in. It seems like these demons are a direct source of food for the Raijus.

When the rest of the beasts saw Yanwu and Raiju having a feast, they became sulky. It took a few hours for him to try and convince them that he would find something.

Raiju finished the corpse and only left a few bones on the side and licked Sam is face asking for more.

For some weird reason, he felt a bit of sympathy for these demons. They are rulers of a realm and all they could considered for his beasts are as food.

He spent the rest of the time researching the bones of the demons as he felt they are different. They are indeed a bit different, so he threw them into the sea urchin pond to make some spikes out of them.

He was done with it and started observing the crystal table while he tinkered with the new holographic formation he made.

And the next morning at dawn, as soon as the team arrived at their ambush point, the team worked perfectly well and dealt with the whole team within a few minutes. It was extremely swift and precise operation.

They only left the leader alive.

Sam finally came out and watched as the Saber Monarch showed his interrogation skills. It is plain and simple instead of threatening the guy with pain or torture and asking questions, he sealed that guy's mouth and tortured him first, while asking questions.

It was effective and they got the information pretty quickly. Because there is not much begin with.

The team leader doesn't know much about the forbidden zone. He was only given orders to reach half the path and look for the proof.

What he does know is that after he gave the concrete proof that Sark is here, an elder would directly go through this path to find Sark.

"How strong are you elders?" Sam asked the demon.

"They are strong. Most of them are at Initial stage of Astral Plane Transcendence."

"So, which elder will come if you give the proof?"

"I don't know."

"Do you have any methods to send an emergency message?"

"Yes."

Sam smiled and gave some instructions to Saber Monarch after checking the message sending message. Even though it is called an emergency message, it takes some time to set up. They didn't have time when Sam's team attacked them which made it impossible.

Saber monarch used his convincing skills and made the leader send a fake message back to the demon family and went into hiding.

But this time they didn't stay in the outskirts. They wanted to go in a bit. But as soon as they stepped a few meters deep, they sensed some strong presence coming towards them running at fullspeed.

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#### Chapter 972: Trap

When ambushing the team stayed within the edge of the path and the forest, but now that they are waiting for a longer time they decided to stay a bit deeper. But it seems like the rumors about the surroundings of the forbidden path are not completely false.

A large boar like beast is running towards the team. It is an Astral Plane Initiation stage beast. So, there was no problem for them to kill it at all.

They are quite surprised by the fact that a beast as weak as this will come at them directly. The beasts have better instincts that many creatures, this should have normally ran far way from them, but instead ran straight towards them.

Sam started checking the corpse. The first clear and major difference is that the blood of the beast is blue. From the looks of the beast, he could guess

that it is Metal-tusk boar. But that boar wouldn't have blue blood which is quite a surprise.

He used the observation ability to take a look at the insides of the beast and the muscle density.

All of them are different than what a normal Metal tusk boar should have.

While he was wondering what is wrong with it, they could sense many presences coming towards them. The team knew they would be in trouble and ran back to the path, but before that Sam pocketed the dead body of the beast. And as soon as they arrived at the path directly the approach from the beasts suddenly stopped.

They roared a few times and went back.

"Seems like we need to stay in the outskirts, but let stay this side."

Sam said and they moved to the other side of the path and even then, they didn't dare to go deep inside the beasts are too sensitive for some reason.

After establishing a small camp. Sam started dissecting the body. If they were to travel here, it is better to have some understanding regarding these beasts without going there blindly.

But after dissecting and observing each and every organ, he could only say one thing. The beast is mutated and its physical features improved and it has blue blood. Except for that, there is not much data he could gather from it.

He couldn't find what caused the mutation.

He doesn't know if the blue blood is the result of the mutation or the mutation is the result of the blueblood and finally he doesn't know if this has anything do with the forbidden zone.

The only silver lining is the blood is a bit similar to the Azure blood demon blood. But apart from the color similarity and a bit of similar smell, there are not too many similarities. There was definitely no trace of the lightning elemental energy in them.

The only conclusion they came to after studying it for a while is that they need to be careful in the forest and shouldn't go deeper.

But to do that, they need to find a different way to ambush. The next opponent might be an elder and they have to be prepared for that elder to come. And since the elder has a stronger cultivation, they would need a proper hiding spot to ambush him.

Now, it was once again, Sam's time to think. The elder is too strong for him. So, to fool him, he would need a proper distraction that would make him ignore many obvious things. Luckily for him, Sia and Gran are good concealment and formations regarding the concealment, they can still have some edge.

Sam quickly cooked up a plan. From the looks of it, it would take a few hours for the Elder to come. They set the emergency message so that, the Elders would wait for a bit before they come searching for their team.

They played it so that they would think the team has indeed found a trace of Sark, but they were also spotted. Sark was severely injured before they engaged and it only worsened which forced him to flee. But they also found some suspicious people nearby who seemed to be helping him after some pursuit and they are hiding currently to find what their goal is. The message also mentioned something about the cultivation level of the helper being the same as Sark.

They even left some loose-ends so that the family elders would over think. They even made this guy say that he would report back in two hours.

But there was no report. This could cause the family elders to speculate a bit and think of possible people who could be helping Sark. And since there is really no one helping them, they would be over-thinking it and after some time, they would send people.

Since the team leader made clear about the cultivation, there is a great chance that only one elder will come and on the off chance that there are multiple elders, they need to be prepared for that too.

So, Sam made a plan that could work for three elders.

Sia and Gran started working on the concealment formations and Sam took out his new holographic technology.

He started created a formation discs that would better suit his purpose.

With Saber Monarch's strength he might be able to take on an Initial stage Transcendent stage cultivator and Five Elemental King might be able to do the same.

If Gran and Sia worked together, they could also take one of that level. Even if they wouldn't be able to kill them, they could occupy and exhaust them, giving some time for other's to help and along with Agar's help they might take down their opponent.

But if the Elder that came was a middle-stage one and multiple elders at that, they would be in some trouble.

Even though chances are not high, Sam didn't want to leave anything for the chance and put themselves in danger. So, he took out the metal poles that are responsible for destroying the walls of the Kala tribe city. The poles that are used for merging the Void, ripple and repel styles.

He started modifying the inscriptions on it so that they would be able to use them in this situation.

After some modification, the preparations were done in the two hours.

Sam gave the modified metal poles to the rest of the team.

In this battle, he wouldn't be able to help them no matter how much he wanted to. It is indeed a bit frustrating knowing that he couldn't take action by himself. He looked inside the divine dimension where the Raiju is eating the corpses of the previous demon team and pursed his lips.

He felt that his cultivation is too slow and one should wonder what other players or other cultivators would do to him if they heard him say it out loud.

Anyway, after setting up all the formations properly, they hid once again and Sam directly entered the divine dimension.

When the whole set up was activated a bunch of holograms were on the outskirts of the path and a few traces of Azure blood leading to the forest could be seen on the road.

The holograms are of some people Sam met or even killed. Most of them are people he killed. They are all posing as the allies of Sark who are currently helping him.

One hologram is of Sark himself. Even though Sam only saw him once, the twins have seen him quite some times and they are familiar with him. So, he made a rough hologram and anyway, there is a tolerance for accuracy within.

The holograms might seem like they were hidden, but they are placed that way to look like they are trying to hide but failed.

This was all a bait for the elders. The team is hidden under the concealment formations. Even if Sia and Gran's concealment is not up to par, it would be hard for the elders to notice with such a blatant display of Sark and his 'allies' right in front of them.

At least Sam hoped so. This could also be considered as a test for his new technology and luckily, Sam didn't have to wait for quite a long time to get the results.

Because within an hour, the elders came.

There are two elders which is actually a relief, but one of them seemed to be the leader and from what Sam could see through the crystal table, he seemed to be a middle-stage cultivator of Astral Plane Transcendence.

And Sam informed the rest of his team through the crystal table.

The team became a bit nervous but they are still prepared for this.

When the elders noticed the traces left behind and Sark along with their allies, they are delighted. They fell into the trap easily as they moved with raging auras and without a care.

But as soon as they stepped off the path and attacked a hologram, the twins appeared out of nowhere and stabbed the metal poles into both of them.

The initial stage elder was stabbed, but the middle-stage elder dodged. But before he could react again, Saber Monarch came from behind and stabbed him in the back with the pole and went back into the hiding.

The poles that were filled with their energy all channeled it in the three styles simultaneously and forcefully entered the body of the elders.

And when a person who doesn't know void style and doesn't know how to control suddenly experiences an energy flow similar to that in their body, they would have some deep trouble. Much less there is an addition of ripple and repel styles too.

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#### Chapter 973: Meeting Sark

The energy operates in an extremely different ways in Void style, Ripple style and the Repel style. The Void style creates a void that will not stay stable for even a fraction of second and create an explosion because of the impact of the energy particles trying to fill the void. The ripple style tries to spread every energy particle that is present in a certain range creating a curtain rippling continuously.

The repel style tries to shift the energy particles in a bulk to a single direction.

All three styles have some similarities and differences at the same time. But one thing they have in common is that they move the energy particles. And when these three type of energy flows happen in the same body, at the same time starting from the same point. One must wonder what would happen if the energy from a single area is forced into different directions.

The person who experienced it would be in extreme pain as the energy parties that are attached to his body will try tear themselves from that very body.

And even if that person is a Middle-stage Transcendent stage cultivator of Astral Plane, it would still be painful. Not as life threatening or excruciating, but painful enough for the Saber Monarch and the Five elemental King to make another move and this time, the Saber Monarch stabbed the pole at the heart of that elder.

He knelt on the floor as he held his heart tightly and trying to pull that pole out of it. But it was not an easy task to do. Not when all the team mates came out.

Since the weaker elder was also effected and more injured than the other elder, Five-Elemental King alone was sufficient to deal with him. The remaining whole team went after the strong elder. Two shadow assassins, one crazy saber butcher and a Solar Fragment. That was enough to take that guy down after the poles did their job.

After making sure that he cannot attack them and laid unconscious and the weaker guy already dead, Sam came out.

He didn't ask the strong elder any questions, instead he used the chessboard to directly throw him in and go through the chess games so that he would mellow down.

Later he used the soul necromancy with the help of Specter and extracted the information from the dead elder.

As he did that, he felt extremely shocked for a moment trying to digest the information.

When the team members are asking him what happened, he didn't even bother to reply and calm down as he ran towards the path and knelt on the ground to use the observation ability on the road.

The first layer is normal compact soil and bed rock and the second layer is the mixture of normal soil and blue colored soil and the bedrock, the third layer is blue colored soil and fourth layer is what made him shocked.

He moved to a different position and checked the soil there and repeated the whole process in three different places.

Sam suddenly had a horrified feeling in his heart.

He is actually a quite cold person. He didn't think twice when he made swords out of the blood of three hundred members, he didn't even blink when he made a throne out of the bones of the people that annoyed him.

But even he felt horrified at what he saw.

The fourth layer is actually a mixture of blue colored soil and blue colored crystalline bones.

He never saw any bone like it. They are definitely crystalline bones and from the looks of it all kinds of bones from a skeleton are used.

And this went on through all of the forbidden paths leading to the forbidden zone.

In fact, the reason why these beasts do not attack the people travelling on the forbidden path is because of these bones and the blue colored soil.

Sam couldn't help but think deeply for a moment and when his team mates are getting anxious, he finally got out of the daze and reassured them that he is fine. But when they insisted, he told them the information he gained from the elder.

The forbidden zone and the forbidden paths didn't have a forbidden status from the start. In fact, the forbidden zone used to be the core headquarters of the Azure blood demons and the forbidden paths are the paths led the people from that headquarters to their different properties among the mountain that are full of resources.

And this changed around two hundred years ago, when the Azure mountain region opened up for the rest of the world and a city was constructed.

Before that, the Azure blood demons have two branches between them which is not a common knowledge among the other races. But as the time passed and generations went away, the difference is starting to become too apparent.

The first branch of the family who have the crystal bones and marrow along with Azure blood are becoming more and more powerful.

The second branch were getting jealous. So, when someone came and offered some help. The help was originally to make the second branch as powerful as the first by using a method, but the helper failed to mention the exact way he was going to do that and by the time they asked it was already too late.

The mysterious helper conducted a weird ritual in which he killed all of the first branch. The ritual was conducted in the core headquarters which is now a forbidden zone. Because the ritual was failed and something untoward happened, the area was forbidden to enter. The mutant beasts on the forest surrounding the forbidden path and the forbidden zone are a result of the failure of the ritual.

So to protect themselves from extinction because of these beasts, they created an invisible barricade. The presence of the blue soil and bones, which are the soil soaked in the blood of the first branch members and the bones of the first branch, under the paths made the beasts not enter it which created a safe zone.

The Elder doesn't have more information on what is present in the ritual site. All he has is that the ritual site still holds the darkest secret of the Azure blood demon family and only family head and three of his trusted aides have access to that place.

Even though it is forbidden for the rest of the clan, the four of them can go and use some hidden power there to save the family from emergencies.

As he said all of this to the team, even the team felt horrified.

Just how many people has to be killed to lay the route with their bones and there are fifteen routes approximately.

Sam hurriedly dug the layers of the soil and took out a crystalline bone from underground and closed the hole. He need to know how this works and why this works to do something.

Then, they started their journey to the forbidden zone.

The route is luckily not so long and by evening, they managed to reach an area with one stone house in the middle of it and apart from a circle around the house, the rest of it is covered with the trees which have Azure leaves.

As they walked forward, they could hear the beast roars coming from the different sides of the forest and couldn't help but be nervous.

"Don't worry, we can just escape with the dimensional drifter if push comes to cover."

Only after that did they feel relieved knowing that they do have some escape means.

They went into the stone house, but there was nothing inside the house. It is just a normal empty stone house.

Just when Sam wanted to check every nook and cranny, they noticed some presence around them and when they came out of the house, they could see a bunch of beasts surrounding it. Except for a circular gap between them, the beasts surrounded them, even the return path was blocked.

But it was not completely safe, because the beasts can do some ranged attacks and Sam and his team went back in and got ready to leave.

There are too many beasts and at the rear they could feel some extra strong presences that is making them nervous.

They decided to visit the place once again after they got some new information, but right after Sam took the dimension drifter, the beasts started retreating.

When they came out once again and watched, they saw the beasts clearing a path for Sark to come forward and when he reached the stone house and looked around the beasts left.

Sark looked at the group of people and grew vigilant, but when he saw Gran who is in her cloaked outfit and Sia standing right beside her he let his guard down a bit.

"Why are you guys here?"

He asked weakly before he fell unconscious.

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#### Chapter 974: Hidden Heart

Sark opened his eyes groggily. For some time he felt his whole body aching and tried to find a more comfortable position on the bed to sleep some more.

But as his thoughts went on to the bed, he realized that he didn't have one. He instantly opened his eyes and looked around with increased vigilance.

Only when he looked at Gran and Sia did he calm down.

"Why are you guys here? Who are these people?" He asked them in a low voice as he eyed, the remaining four including Sam and in fact particularly Sam as his cultivation is lowest.

"We are here looking for you."

Gran replied.

"When did a thief got interested in bounty? Particularly in a realm you have no idea about. And it seems like I am right, you both indeed have some relationship."

"Look at the state of you Sark. Where is that pompous brat I saw in my bar?" Sia said jokingly as she poked a wounded area on Sark which barely healed and was still sensitive.

"It seems like you still didn't grow up." Sark said sourly as he rubbed the area and continued.

"Why are you guys here?"

"Didn't I already say, we are here for you. But not for the bounty of course. We are here to recruit you."

"Recruit me? I am sorry. I am not taking any tasks right now."

"This recruitment is not for a single job. It is for a ten to twelve year constant job." This time Sam replied himself.

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"Who are you?"
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"The person trying to recruit you."

"You?"

"Before you show your blatant disdain, meet your possible colleagues. Five elemental King, the Saber Monarch, Sia & Gran and finally Agar."

Sark looked at Saber Monarch and Five elemental King in a dumbfounded expression before saying.

"How did you guys started working for him, and you Gran., When did you start taking jobs like this? I thought you are going to die in that hole of a planet you call your home and what does a bartender has to do anything with this? No offense. I like your cocktails but is this really a place for you."

Gran silently cook off her cloak and this made Sark look at the twins with a shocked expression. He opened his mouth wide as he looked at them alternatively.

"It is getting creepy Sark. Do you want to hear his proposal?" Sia stopped his actions and asked.

Sark just stayed silent without saying anything. So, Sam continued.

"I will help you with your lover's escape and take you out of this place. You can wear a disguise and follow me and if your wife is as strong as you, she can also come with you, but if you don't want to take her, you can place her in one of the planets I am in charge of.

She would be in safe hands.

I want you to work for me for a decade and if you feel like it, you can stay after that. I will give you the resources that you never dreamed of."

"How can you take us away from this realm?"

"I have my means."

"I am sorry. I cannot trust you without seeing some proof myself. I cannot risk it with my wife."

Sam thought for a moment and sighed before taking the dimensional drifter out. He asked Sark to stand inside and activated it. The next second they are in the property they just came from. Before the surrounding people could notice, Sam used the dimensional drifter once again and took them back to the house.

"Now, can you trust me that I can take you away? As long as you can take use to your wife and all three of us are together, I can take you away."

Sark went into a deep thought and after sometime, he smiled and agreed.

"It is a deal."

But at this moment, Gran moved and placed her knife on his neck surprising everyone. Sam was also stunned but he didn't say anything and just watched.

"Don't play games Sark."

"Gran, what happened? Don't tell me that you are suddenly greedy about bounty."

"No, I am not greedy about bounty, I am vigilant about your smile. That smile of yours is fake. Tell me what you are planning."

Sark became silent and just as he was about to make a move, Sia came to his rear and twisted his arm. You seemed to have forgotten a lot of things you said after you are drunk Sark.

"Whenever you fake a smile, it is because you are scheming something. You said it in your own words. You don't like faking a smile and whenever you do it would be apparent. And you only do that when you are planning something

cruel and do that out of nervousness to hide the fact that you are scheming something.

You are not a very good drunk."

Sia said all of this and Sam frowned.

He didn't expect that someone with these traits would be present. Faking a smile only when he is scheming is awfully easy to crack once they knew and letting out the secret while they are drunk, Sam felt like he wasted his time here.

But Gran and Sia vouched for his abilities time and again, so he decided to give it a shot.

"So, what are you scheming?"

"I just wanted to steal that box you used just now and if not possible I would just make you take us separately from the group and once we escaped, I would kill you."

"And why are you revealing that now?"

"As I said, I cannot take chances, if by any chance I might have leaked my behavior when lying while I was drunk, Gran might notice and kill me. I have to stay alive."

"Okay leave him guys. Let him talk." Sam said and took a seat. Soon, Sark started his story and they got the idea.

Sark couldn't take the job at all. He didn't want to. Because his wife is pregnant and he wants to stay with her until delivery and also did not want to leave her and the kid alone in the early stages. That was a promise he made to his wife.

And currently the Azure blood demons don't know their princess is pregnant. But once they knew the trouble would be apparent, so he decided to take Sam's help and escape before his wife's pregnant belly shows and then escape from Sam so that they can live peacefully.

"Love makes people do stupid things. It just like how stupid the drunk people behave. They spill secrets and make idiotic decisions that will bring their doom."

Sam said and looked at the guy before he continued.

"Before this, you are a person that was actually a possible asset to my team who is worth certain risk and I am a rich guy with resources trying to hire you. We have some equal leverage.

Now you are a guy with treacherous mindset and planned to scheme and also a person who does stupid things. Your leverage is gone and mine just got up.

You tell me one thing. If you are in my position, would you recruit someone like you?"

"No."

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"Then should I recruit you?"
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"No."

"Do you want me to recruit you?"

"I want you to save her."

"Well, there is nothing in it for me, is there?"

"Save her and give me five years, after my kid grew up a bit, I will come work for you. I will kill whom you want to kill and die if you want me to. But please help me now."

"I have a better proposal." Sam said with a smile and after explaining everything, Sark went into a deep thought.

"It is your call. But I assure you. Your cultivation wouldn't stagnate, you, your wife and your child would be able to live in one of the most peaceful places in the world. But before you can do any of that, you have to save her.

While you make your decision which has to be quick because by now the Azure blood demons already confirmed you are staying in the forbidden zone somehow, I would like to inspect this house if you don't mind."

With that Sam started using the observation ability on the house and when he did that on the ground, he could only go as deep as few feet. Because there is something that is obstructing even his observation ability.

He started digging the soil using earth element and removed one layer after another and then finally he saw something.

A transparent barrier is housing a blue liquid under it.

Sam expanded his digging and finally saw some traces. He is actually familiar with the formation that is creating the barrier. In fact, not the formation but rather the style of the formation and when he made his observation ability go past that barrier, he saw something else he was familiar with.

A Heart.

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Chapter 975: Taking the deal back

As soon as Sam saw what was inside this transparent barrier. A blue-colored heart which looked like a human heart beating under the transparent barrier, pumping a blue-colored liquid into the surrounding soil.

This is extremely similar to the Sesh's heart he found when he went to find the meteorite sand island and then it also reminded him of that large pillar competition ground and then the guardian.

To this day, he doesn't know if Sesh's heart placed under the sea which created a poison zone in the sea was related to the guardian. But he sure as hell knew that both hearts are related.

As soon as he saw this, he got the many answers he needed. The mutation might have been caused by the blue liquid that was circulating and if his guess was right, it is demon blood and it affected the entire ecosystem and mutated every living being, and this guy whoever that made this possible might just be a person who is interested in experimenting with different species.

The Azure blood demons and their internal conflict due to jealousy are just a means to an end for him.

If Sam's guess is right, there is no such thing as the special weapon or special power that the demons get from here.

That guy who planted this pumping heart just wants to see how long this whole setup would survive and how mutation it could cause and how much change would happen to the species. And Sam came to this conclusion by the decreasing energy in the blood circulation.

Even though the energy difference is not exactly visible and it can even be considered negligible, Sam is using the observation ability and that ability works because it can even detect the things that are on a negligible level.

The energy in the blood is of limited supply and as Sam extended the range of his observation ability, he got some new information.

The whole setup didn't start with the current blood amount. The setup was started by at least fifty times the current amount of blood. Because there are some cavities made in the earth to contain the blood and most of them are empty right now.

There are some containers with full blood which is being slowly emptied and joining the rest of the blood circulating and being pumped by the heart.

Sam must say he was impressed by this. The amount of work and thought process put behind this, the person who made this is nowhere stupid. He is a genius in formations and a niche science. Something regarding the blood and hearts of the beasts and other creatures. It is so niche that Sam doesn't even know what to call it and how to describe it. But it is something complicated and intelligent.

But the one problem is that this is also horrific and terrible. At least a few thousand people were dead for research and it was covered up with the lie and a rationalization for the remaining half of the same family that produced that few thousand sacrifices, that these sacrifices created a life-saving weapon.

But all that served was them being part of some kind of experiment that doesn't serve any purpose other than satisfying the curiosity of a perverse genius.

After examining it, the rest of the team members who saw everything going under felt extremely shocked. Particularly after Sam explained it.

Sark had a blank look on his face.

"What is with that look?" Sam asked him in confusion. Why would an enemy to the Azure blood demons be so shocked when he found out their trump card is a farce.

Sam would have been delighted.

"That was my hostage."

Sark said in a low voice. His mood which was already gloomy seemed to have hit an all-time low.

"What did you say?" Saber Monarch asked in an even confused tone. And suddenly Sam and Gran had thought and exchanged a glance.

"You were thinking of using this 'invincible weapon' as a hostage to escape with your wife in the worst case scenario. And for that to happen you must have something or you believe you have something on you that could help you hold this thing hostage.

Your wife seemed to have given you a gift before everything happened. What is it?"

Sam asked as he dissected the situation.

Sark became silent.

Sam looked at him and said with a smile.

"I am changing the deal. You have to give me that object for the deal to be active."

Sark looked at him in frustration.

"Can you keep your word for a second? You are changing deal just like that?"

"Well, before you had leverage and now you don't. You are in a worse situation than before and you are the one that planned to scheme against me. And to think that even a clown-like you who spills everything when he was drunk and couldn't even fake a smile but still wants to scheme against me is already infuriating. Just be grateful that I am not cornering you with all I have.

And the only reason I am even giving you a chance is the baby inside your wife. Because it is unfair for the children to suffer for the incompetence and irresponsibility of the stupid parents like you."

"Watch what you say, Sam," Sark replied coldly.

"What? You are offended because I called you irresponsible and incompetent? Do you know any person who has a mindset of a responsible parent does? Keep his genitals in control so that a baby wouldn't be brought into the middle of chaos. Particularly chaos you cannot control."

Sam became incredibly frustrated and yelled the last sentence.

The whole team was surprised by his outrage.

This is not something Sam would do for any other issue. He looked at Sark after taking a deep breath and said.

"I know you think you are somewhat admirable and have a moral high ground because you are fighting for your wife and the unborn child. But I call that bullshit. Love is not some stupid feeling you get out of nowhere.

And a person of your ability, who doesn't have any backing any sure method that could save both of your assessments should have thought twice before going for a commitment.

Even if you did, you should have controlled your penis and shouldn't have made her pregnant. Because you didn't know how you will fucking figure a way out of this shitty situation.

Now, I am even having second thoughts on offering you a job. And you know what. Fuck it. There is no job. Try to get out of the situation on your own and live the life of a refuge in the same planet you call home and make your child live a life with no connection to society or anything else. That if you don't get him killed after they find out your wife has that child in her stomach."

He then turned towards the large pit he made and let Raiju out.

When Raiju came out, he smelled the blue blood and felt extremely hungry. His eyes were laced with greed.

"How much closer this would make us for the next breakthrough?"

Sam asked and Raiju replied through the mental connection.

From the looks of it, if Yanwu consumed all the solar fragments that are left and Raiju consumed all the blood and the heart that was left here along with a bunch of Azure Blood demons, they would be able to reach the Peak of the Initial stage directly.

The only downside is the time take for the digestion of the energy.

The body of the demon that Raiju ate is still being converted to energy.

It is taking a long time.

By the time Sam finally broke through to the Peak stage, the rest of the players he had would be catching up to the middle stage and some even late stage.

The lead would be maintained. But when he looked at his subordinates, he felt like the lead is not enough.

He thought for a moment and decided to make a plan for the consumption.

"I will store the blood and the heart for later for faster consumption. If you take it as they were, they would be taking a long time to digest. If we catch a few more demons while we are here you can eat them.

If you take the blood and heart now, you would be stuck for over a year before our breakthrough and you wouldn't be on top of your condition for fights.

I want the breakthrough in three months the latest by which the first phase of the families should be over."

While he is talking to himself and Raiju, Sark interrupted.

"I will take your deal. Whatever you want. I will do it. Save my wife and daughter."

Sam and the team changed their focus on him instantly.

"I said I don't have a deal for you anymore. The only reason I am still standing is to take this shit away. And by the way, I forgot to mention, the Azure Blood demons already knew you are here. So, get ready to take their wrath."

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#### Chapter 976: Escape

After Sam's outburst, Sark started begging Sam like his life depended on it. He didn't have any cards up his sleeves and he knelt down on the floor while crying. Sam finally heaved a sigh.

Sam made a deal with Sark. Even though he didn't exactly like the man, he still had some battle prowess and even though he wanted to stay with his wife for a long time, Sam doesn't have too much problem as he had a position in mind for a long time.

But the current problem is the demons that are going to come to look for them here. If they couldn't confirm and second guess even after two elders are dead, then these demons really are going to be in trouble soon.

While thinking of a plan for them, Sam decided to take the blood and heart away from the pit.

He decided to store everything inside a pool in the divine dimension, but before that, he has to check the item that kept Sark thinking that he has something under control.

And when Sark did take out an item, Sam was half expecting it, but was still surprised, because it is exactly not what he thought it would be.

There is a solid blue-colored rock-like substance in his hand and it is the shape of the pointy nail.

"So, what did she say this would do?"

"She said that to activate the weapon, I have to dig through the soil and stab it inside the core and in this case the heart.

My plan was that if I use it now, the Azure blood demons will lose it forever."

Sark explained what his wife told him.

"Well, it is good that I came here and met you. Otherwise, you guy would have died along with a bunch of Azure blood demon elders."

"What do you mean?"

"The only reason the beasts didn't harm you, is because of this thing. This is either made by the blood essence of some second branch Azure blood demons or their bone marrows, I cannot identify it at the moment. But this is something the beasts wouldn't attack.

But there is also a reason why they all come towards the stone house and only stay within the range of the forest, not going too far away.

They are all attracted towards the Blood and heart underground.

If there is a chance they will come and devour and for some reason, they have a weird connection with this heart, if you stab this in the heart, the blood pumping would be affected and the beasts would storm through this area.

They might be afraid of the small barrier that was made of bones under the earth, but the formation will destroy the barrier once it was destroyed and it would make the beasts completely crazy-making them go through everyone that stayed within the vicinity."

Everyone was stunned.

"but does that mean, if you take these away, the same thing might happen?"

"The same thing will happen."

"So, why are you taking them away? Wouldn't it put us in danger?"

"Not really. I would take them away as soon as the demons come here and we will use the dimensional drifter to go away. I will tell the next plan we go depending on how many demons will come here."

While Sam is thinking about how to proceed in different cases and scenarios, something else is happening in the estate of the Azure blood demons.

Sark's wife is currently huddled up in her room as she cried.

Her father entered the room and said.

"It is confirmed that Sark is actually staying in the forbidden zone. I want to ask you. Did you give the nail to him?"

"Yes."

The father had a disappointed expression on his face. There was no trace of anger or frustration. Just pure disappointment.

Looking at his disappointment, the daughter was the one who got angry.

"This wouldn't have happened if you have just let me go. All because of your ego that this happened. You can only blame yourself."

"Yes, I can only blame myself for being a responsible father. You grew up as a princess of the Azure blood demon family. Even if you didn't ask for it, you never tried to reject it. You enjoyed all the attention, you took pride in that position, you savored the envy of others, you looked down on the whole world from your privileged position.

But for a position like that you need to make some sacrifices. I cannot let you sully the position and just run away. The very pride and fame you took advantage of from childhood will be gone. If you wanted that much free will and love, you could have lost in any one of the challenges for your position.

But you didn't. Your peers who didn't have that position didn't have any restrictions, they can marry whoever they want.

Now, you are envying that and rebelling calling the very same position you enjoyed as a cage.

And in that rebellious nature, you even gave the life-saving measure of the family to someone who you thought loves you more than your father.

I am just disappointed in myself for not being a good enough father to teach you when I had the chance."

The father left and there was an elder waiting outside who asked as soon as he came out.

"Do you think this would work?"

"Who knows? I just gave try. This guilt-tripping worked with her mother. I don't see why it wouldn't work with her. There is bound to be some seeds of thoughts planted."

With that, both of them left.

And just like the father thought, she indeed started thinking. There is hesitation and second-guessing all her decisions, but that is only temporary because as she felt the small bump on her stomach, she understood that she went too far to back down. If only her father knew, he wouldn't have wasted time with words.

After a few minutes, another Elder came and asked her.

"Your father wants you to come to the forbidden zone with us to ask the nail back. He promised that he would let him go alive."

The Elder was expecting her to agree, but to his surprise, even though there was hesitation, she gritted her teeth and said.

"I am not coming. Please say that to my father."

Her father didn't expect the stubbornness which according to his calculations should have been gone after the guilt-tripping.

But it didn't.

So, all the elders started their journey to the forbidden zone.

When they finally arrived near the circle around the stone house, even before they could make their demand, Sam waved his hand and the heart and blood shifted into the divine dimension.

As they moved, the beasts that are already walking towards the ring after identifying the presence of the demons, flew into a rage.

The elders who saw the beasts coming became anxious and the head said.

"That bastard seemed to have activated the attack, we need to go into the stone house to stay safe. Let us go."

And they ran inside. But when they entered, they didn't see anything except a large pit. They didn't know anything about this. The family head blindly trusted the guy who set the formation up because he was far stronger than these people and didn't have any need to set a trap like this to kill them.

If only they understood that guy's perverseness.

The formation was deactivated and the beasts ran straight to the stone house and immediately the whole scenario turned into chaos. The elders started fighting the beasts and tried to escape, but they couldn't.

Their only way is to slaughter a path through the horde of beasts or dying there.

Meanwhile, Sam entered the city with the rest of the group and ran towards the estate.

Within no time, the beasts would completely go out of control and there is a possibility that they would run towards the city. And even if they didn't the news of them going crazy would definitely travel to the estate and even if that fails, the elders would definitely send an emergency message.

The forces of the demons would definitely make a move and that would be the perfect time for Sam to make him move.

An hour later, everything went on as Sam expected and the forces are moving out of the city.

Sam took this to his advantage and took Sark with him in the dimensional drifter and entered the estate.

Even though it is a bit expensive, Sam decided to cover the loss from the demons. After entering the estate, it was the task of shadow mice to find the location of the princess and within an hour, they are already inside the room where the princess laid down.

Sam cut the reunion drama short and took both of them away.

The group traveled to the foot of the mountain and waited for the chaos to be over.

After a few hours, Sam once again arrived at the forbidden zone and made a sweep there. He collected the corpses of both beasts and demons. Luckily the battle was not completely over and only the battlefield was moved to a different location which gave him plenty of time to gain some corpses.

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Chapter 977: Grow faster

After finishing all the collections he could get, Sam left along with this team. He directly took them all to the tempest valley where they were given an introduction to the Old Beast, which made all of them gulp in nervousness. The Old Beast looked at them with intense coldness and looked dead in their eyes.

"I would like to leave a small soul fragment in your consciousness so that you would stay loyal to him and I could worry less. What do you say?"

He asked all of them which made them nervous.

Sam just stayed silent and when they looked for him for help, he said.

"He wouldn't listen to me. If I hadn't brought you here now, he would have kicked my ass directly."

"So, you figured it would be better to get our asses kicked instead of yours?"

"Of course, is that even a question?"

"You either create soul contracts with him or I forcefully use my soul fragment in your souls and as soon as you get a single thought about betraying him, your soul would explode. You decide."

After some thought, they simply agreed to create a soul contract with Sam. This is similar to the soul contract Sam forcefully made between the Saber Monarch and the Third family head back in the crimson reed realm.

He knew this would come and all he has to do is to be careful while travelling around before he took them to any of his core areas. He cannot possibly roam around with people stronger than him and he doesn't want to be the bad guy and come out as one with no trust. Even if not having trust is most rational thing one could do. So, he just took them to the Old beast and let him be the bad guy.

Now the contracts were created and after they left the tempest valley and arrived at the feathered planet, Sam explained.

"I am sorry. He is old, powerful and stubborn and bit too protective, he will not let me roam around with someone who had no restrictions whatsoever and have a chance to betray me anytime. My father died just like that and he was devastated that he couldn't save him.

So, he became a bit pain in the ass."

"We understand." Sia is the first one to reply and the rest looked at her in surprise. If anything, she should be the one who is pissed than the rest. At least that is what Gran thought. After all, while the rest came to honor a contract, Sia came solely because of her interest in Sam, she should be most offended.

But it seems like she is the most forgiving and as for Five elemental king, he is not mad at all. In fact, there was an instance that he offered a contract himself.

"Anyway, let me to show you my base."

Sam then gave them a tour and showed the whole area while explaining everything and after he was done, he spoke.

"Sark, you and your wife will be staying here. You are going to guard the whole planet with your life on line. After your kid grew up, you can take them to one of the schools in the planet. You can live the rest of your life here. Unless and of course if a war happens which is not completely out of possibilities.

You will also be enforcer here. I am hearing complaints about some youngsters getting out of hand, you take care of them. But if by any chance I hear something about you misusing the power, you would be in trouble.

I might not be able to do anything, but I guess the rest of the team will be enough to nail you down. So, take care."

With that, they left and went back to desolate.

"Take a vacation for a few days and roam around the planet. I will be sending you guys out to scout for the next few months. I want all the information on the next set of our targets. The ones in the Peak stage of Pre-transcendence of Astral Plane.

Get all the information on them. What they are doing? If they are in any trouble. What are the possible ways to recruit them? What can we offer? What do they need? Their needs and their wants. I want everything that could be useful to us in recruiting them to the team.

Now, go and enjoy. If you want you can go to different places connected to our organization and take a look. You guys will be the strongest there, so there wouldn't be any trouble for you.

Sia, you can stay in the feathered planet. The liquor research department was moved there and I am going to send Ape there."

After sending them away, he went into isolation.

He decided to take a week off and formulate a plan for a faster breakthrough.

If he reached the Peak stage of Initiation, then he would have some standing. With his tricks and techniques along with the shadow sword, he would be able to hold himself against some of the opponents in worst case scenario.

Even if the battle prowess might not be directly helpful, he would at least be able to gain some extra access to his other abilities like observation, the energy vision and gain more access into the formations and inscriptions which are essentially the major aspects within his arsenal.

So, for one week he conducted all kinds of tests on raiju and the demon blood and heart to find the most suitable and the fastest way to digest it.

And after some plans he formulated inside the divine dimension, the most he could speed up is four months.

He started setting up the plan and for that he has to use the tempest valley and Raiju has to go through some struggle.

He ordered his subordinates to start some construction in the tempest valley and Old Beast prevented lightning from striking the subordinates while they are working on the construction.

After that, he sent the team to different realms and went on with the plan.

He finished the formation after the construction is completed.

The formation has only one function. It focuses the lightning that was striking in a single area and focuses it in a single point and mellows it down a little.

Raiju will sit in the centre of the formation and consumes the potions of blood and heart slowly.

And he channels the lightning energy to breakdown the whole blood and heart so that he could consume it faster.

He is diluting the blood with lightning to absorb it faster and dissolve it in his own body.

And Sam would sit with him in the middle of the formation taking the lightning strikes along with him and also channeling the energy so that Raiju wouldn't feel too burdened by it.

The remaining beasts will be kept in a ring around the construction where the lightning wouldn't reach. But the energy from both of them could be channeled.

This process will go on for four months until they reached the Peak stage of Initiation.

The Old beast looked at Sam and then at the sky.

He could understand Sam's desperation, particularly when he thought of the team members Sam brought here. They are strong and full of potential. If Sam wants to catch up with them, It would take more than just resources.

He has to go through many more rituals like he is going through now.

But what worried him even more are the circumstances the people are in. Except for Sia and Gran who followed him voluntarily, the remaining people had to join because of Sam's help in the desperate situations.

As much as it looked like a mere coincidence, it would be hard for even him to digest that someone across the world is going through something that Sam could take care of at the exact time that Sam is looking for the strong subordinates.

This way too fortunate.

And unlike many people and even Sam, the Old Beast believes in fortune and fate.

But it is not exactly an absolute. In fact, it is an ever changing stream that changes its direction and flow because of the spontaneous obstacles that might come at any time.

From the looks of it though, it seems like there are no obstacles for Sam in quite a while which is making him a bit anxious.

But in his current situation, he cannot do anything even if he suspicious. He just has to wait. Wait until the time for him to get out of here comes and once it comes he would be able to see what the reason behind this actual game is.

As he looked towards the sky in hopes of looking past the realms, the Gambler is also looking down in a screen which is displaying the ritual Sam is going through with a smile on his face which couldn't be seen. "If only I can make you grow even faster. If only I can make the time run faster. Come up Sam. I am waiting for you."

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Chapter 978: Another Metamorphosis

Four months passed.

Sam is still inside the tempest valley along with the beasts inside the structure. By now Raiju already took the last of the contents from the blood and heart portions Sam made.

The dilution of lightning was really a great method and it worked perfectly according to his calculations. Now all of them are on verge of the breakthrough.

Sam and the beasts are pushing the barrier together and Old beast kept a keen eye on them to make sure that nothing wrong happens.

As they became closer and closer to reach the peak stage of Intiation, Sam suddenly felt a weird sensation in his ees and on his spine near the shoulder blades.

He was familiar with this sensation and the experience for this not exactly pleasant. In fact it was one of the most painful experiences of his life.

It was when he broke through to the middle stage of Astral plane initiation, when the metamorphosis of the I lungs happened.

The change in the lungs due to yanwu's bloodline. Now the same thing is happening but to a different organ. This time it is even happening for two organs instead of one.

Eyes and the back.

He could feel the blood dripping from his eyes and the energy in his body slowly turned into wind elemental energy.

This made him frown in confusion.

He thought since he took the energy from the lightning elemental demons the metamorphosis might have a link to the raiju bloodline. But from the looks of it, it is going on with the order of his contracts.

Since Sky is his second contract the wind elemental energy is the one that is causing the metamorphosis.

Sam gritted his teeth and tried his best to control the pain coming from his eyes and the pain slowly extended to the optic nerves.

But his focus on the pain was completely disrupted as his back also started hurting. He could feel the bones protruding from the spine portion between the shoulder blades.

His back also started bleeding and Sam couldn't even take the pain anymore and started roaring on top of his lungs.

"Ahhhhhhhhhh..."

His whole body felt weak and fell forward. His hands involuntarily reached to his back as he felt the bone protrusions growing more and more.

The increasing pain made him punch the ground and cracks appeared in the structure surrounding them which shielded them from the lightning.

Old Beast looked at his situation and hindered the lightning from striking them. He had an extremely serious expression on his face as he looked at Sam's condition.

There is a sense of familiarity which he couldn't remember where he got this from as he looked at Sam who is growing a new bones out of his body.

The beasts waited for Sam's breakthrough and everyone wanted to comfort him when he saw. But they didn't dare touch him as his groans of pain became more and more intense. Soon, the bone grew into two wings and slowly flesh started forming over the bone frame and even feathers started growing over it.

And the eyes also stopped bleeding and he could slowly feel his vision returned.

Sam finally stopped feeling pain and his energy started flowing freely as it pushed the barrier of breaking through like it was pushing a paper door.

But after the breakthrough, Sam didn't feel a single ounce of joy, instead there is only relief that the pain was over.

Even that relief didn't last long as he looked at his wings.

His wings are extremely similar to that of the wings of Sky and when Sky saw those wings he became increasingly proud and happy and even stood beside Sam to compare the similarities.

Except for the size, those wings are same in every other aspect.

Even though, Sam is smiling when he looked at Sky's joy, it was particularly forced, because he doesn't know how to hide these. But before that, he decided to try and fly with them.

He tried to feel them and move them and he managed to do that with a surprising ease as if he has been doing all his life.

As he flapped his wings continuously, he levitated a bit. And that is only because he didn't use any spiritual energy. As he channeled the spiritual energy, the wings flapped faster and he slowly started flying.

They worked best when he channeled pure wind elemental energy and when he activated wind elemental fusion, the energy consumption has been reduced by more than half.

He became overjoyed with all the new things he could do. But after all the trials, he once again focused on the problem at hands.

How to hide these wings? He couldn't just let them out in the open. Even though winged races are common and no one would care too much, he couldn't just stay like this. It would be hard for him to adjust.

He then remembered the Nagas and mermaids, their tail transforms itself into legs when they needed it to, maybe he thought there would be a similar situation.

So, he went to meet Chandra who is within his newly created lab.

When Chandra saw Sam's wings, he was dumbfounded.

After Sam asked him about how they do it, Chandra explained.

Sam went to his residence without anyone seeing and sat crosslegged.

He circulated energy according to the cultivation method of Myriad beast bloodlines and slowly circulation the bloodline of Sky sovereign roc.

As he did that and folded the wings as much as he can, they bones started retracting into his body as much as he can and the flesh over the wings was compressed too.

After he was done, he checked himself and wore the clothes over it. Nothing is visible when he stood like that.

He took his feather coat off and once again circulated the energy in the same way he did while compressing the wings. The wings expanded with a whoosh and tore through the clothes he was wearing. He flapped the wings and it all worked normally.

Then he proceeded to modify the feathered coat. The wings are a great addition to him in the battle and he cannot be needed to take the coat off every time he wanted to use them.

But he couldn't think of any possible modifications that would let him use the coat spontaneously like he wanted without the presence of spirit.

But he didn't want to enchant the coat with a spirit. He want a spirit to induce itself in it.

After all, the feather coat is made of Black meteorite Sand and the feathers of the Golden Sun crow. If a spirit induces itself, it might even resemble the Golden Sun crow. It is a waste to enchant it and he is sure that the spirit induction is near.

So, he compromised for the moment and didn't tinker with the coat. After settling the issue temporarily, Sam went to meet his subordinates who already returned from completing their assignments.

Sam sent them to collect the information regarding the Peak stage cultivators of Astral Plane Pre-transcendence.

There are three targets remaining in that cultivation stage and the team managed to get information on all three of them.

Saber Monarch acted alone and he gathered information regarding a woman. She is a sole cultivator who recently opened a sect solely for women.

She is a fire elemental user and she is famous for her fire elemental spells.

No one knows where she was born or where she was from. But it was told that she lives within a volcano and even her sect is located in the premises of the volcano.

The sect for women was created with the sole purpose of stopping some of the demon families who are indulging themselves in too much human slavery.

Sam was surprised that they are encountering demons once again this early.

It seems like the demons are increasing in amount as they moved forward and even more coincidental thing is these demons are also blood demons.

But they are of different elements and different blood colors.

Five elemental King went along with Agar and they got information on the second candidate who is also mysterious of them all.

He is a challenger.

He roams across the realms as he challenges the prodigies of each realms for duels. He would always challenge the peers and even some seniors with a bit of superior cultivation to get a proper challenge.

He didn't kill any of his challengers in a duel. He always showed mercy, but if someone ambushes him, he kills them in the most brutal way.

It was hard to find his exact whereabouts as not many people managed to see his face. In fact, he is also master of disguise and no one knows what his true face is.

But one thing is for sure, he would reveal his name when throwing a challenge. His home realm is actually far from the Crimson reed realm and Nine moon realm and this is not even his operating area, but he only recently got closer as he couldn't find challenges within his realm.

Even now Five elemental King didn't manage to find his exact whereabouts, instead he managed to get news of where he would be next.

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## Chapter 979: Necromancer

The team worked better than Sam thought and both Saber Monarch and Five elemental King brought decent information. The three targets are not as high profile as Five elemental king, Saber Monarch and Gran.

So, it is a bit difficult to track them. But they still managed to bring most of the information.

But Gran and Sia outdid these two. They managed to not just get information, they actually even started the negotiations with the other party regarding the recruitment and even managed to find out what the other party wanted.

This caused Sam and the rest of the team to be shocked and Sia is so smug that Saber Monarch almost punched her in the face.

"This is Sia's talent. She can actually become quite a good negotiator and skilled in politics. If we were part of a regular organization, she would already become an elder and no one would be her competition." Gran praised her sister without any shame.

"That is great. You might be a better asset to the team than your sister." Sam said jokingly only to earn a glare from Gran. But he ignored it and went through the information.

The third target is a necromancer.

He goes to where the chaos is and where the wars happen, if the bodies are left uncollected, he would collect them, if somebody is willing to sell the dead bodies he would buy them.

Doesn't matter if it is a body of beast, human, demon or any other creature, as long as he felt it was useful, he would buy them.

Even though he is a bit famous the only problem with him is that no one knows where he stays. Every time he appears at a place and gets the corpses of different races and creatures, he will once again disappear.

They only knew that he stays in the Talon realm, but they don't know exactly where he stays or even which planet he resides in.

But Sia and Gran not only managed to find out where he stays, they even managed to meet him, talk to him and explain their stand and found out what it takes to recruit this man. They were actually pretty nervous whether this information would be of any use after listening to his desires.

Because, this man is actually pretty satisfied with his life. He doesn't have any love problems, no health problems or any other curses or traps he needs to be freed. And he doesn't even need any resources.

The only focus in his life is his craft of necromancy. He is proficient in all kinds of necromancy. Whether physical, soul or shadow, he does them all. He is good at spirit enchantment and in fact for every three months he takes customers for any interesting enchantment.

His only care in this life is the necromancy and his only desire is to meet someone who can defeat him in pure necromancy skill.

If there is a person that could defeat him like that, he would do anything person says except for dying without asking a second question.

While team is a bit baffled by the request, Sam is actually pretty excited. He never met a proper necromancer until now. Even though he saw a couple and he met a lot of vampire, ghouls and wights who are natural necromancers, he didn't meet someone who looks at it as a craft and tries to develop it without strength being their sole goal.

And this caused him to make a decision. He decided to go and meet this person. Whether he would be able to recruit him or not, this would be a worthwhile trip as they might exchange some ideas.

"Let's go to Talon realm. We are meeting this guy, Tamas."

"But what about the necromancer boss?"

"What about it? I am a necromancer too. Even though I am not particularly good at it. I am decent. Let's go and see if I can manage to convince this guy."

"Boss, you are a necromancer too?"

"Of course, I am a lot of things and why are you being surprised even now. You should have gotten used to it."

With that the team moved to the Talon realm in the dimensional drifter.

After reaching the First Planet in the Talon realm, the twins took the lead and showed the way to them. They travelled through the forest and found a small stream. When they went upstream, they found a water falls falling into a large lake which is the origin of the stream.

They dove into the lake and swam deeper and deeper until they reached the bottom and found a creek inside.

They swam through the creek opposing a great force of water pushing against them and finally reappeared in another large lake underground.

When they came out, they saw a number of tunnel entrances in front of them.

They seemed to be in an underground cave which has a glowing roof creating a dim light.

Gran and Sia took lead once again and led them through a tunnel.

Even the tunnels are glowing with the same dim light. After fifteen minutes of walk, they reached a dead end.

But Gran and Sia knocked on the rock wall at the same time. The rock wall slid to the side giving way.

When they walked through the entrance, everyone looked at it in awe.

It is a large room and a young man is sitting on a rock in the middle of it.

There seemed to a translucent curtain of death energy separating him from the surroundings.

Around the rock there are a bunch of undead creatures walking around with a bunch of blunt weapons.

Sam looked at the surroundings keenly as he tested the new changes to his eyes. He started his journey without any break after the breakthrough and he only mainly tested the wings and almost forgot about the eyes.

His eyesight is great to begin with so he didn't notice the big different when he travelled. But after he came to the cave, he could see the difference. The dimness, didn't hinder his sight one bit, even when he was in water and in darkness, he could see normally just as if he was standing on a hill and looking at horizon.

That is only the start of it. Now as he focused on the undead creatures, he could clearly see the minute movement of their hair on the body.

The more he focused, the more he could see. When he channeled spiritual energy, he could even see the fibers of the robes the young man wore in the middle of the room.

When he attached the energy vision to this existing ability, he can see the energy waves in a completely new way.

This might open a lot of new doors for him.

He decided to test the eye sight later under different circumstances, and shifted his focus back to the man sitting in the middle.

Sia and Gran didn't move forward anymore and just waited there.

After twenty minutes, the young man came out of his meditation and walked out.

He greeted Sia with a smile and asked.

"You came back faster than I thought."

Sia also smiled and introduced everyone leaving Sam to last.

"He is Sam. Our boss. He is the one that wants to recruit you."

He shook Sam's hand and said.

"You are young and promising. To be able to recruit these people at your age. You must me more capable than you look."

While Tamas is studying Sam, Sam is doing the same.

Tamas is like a young man in his thirties. His skin is pale and his hair is a few inches long covering his face a bit.

But one thing that couldn't go unnoticed is that he reeks of death.

Sam could almost see the death aura manifesting into a shape behind him.

While Sam is taking a proper look at him, Tamas spoke.

"There is a familiar feeling coming from you Sam. Have I met you before by any chance?" He asked in a genuine confusion.

Sam just chuckled and replied. "I am sure I wouldn't forget, if I met you before. I am good at noticing people. Particularly, a man of your talent."

"Don't flatter me. I actually told my conditions to Sia. If you can find a necromancer that could defeat me in terms of pure skill, then I would definitely obey his command even if it is joining you."

"If you can give me some details about the challenge, I want to give it a try."

"You are a necromancer?"

"I would like to think so. And since you said it is competition of skill, I hope you don't mind the cultivation level and would suppress yours to my level."

"Of course, I don't mind. But I would like to test you before the competition. No offense, but I wouldn't want to waste my time if you are not worth it."

"Not a problem. What is your test?"

"Tell me how many undead are there in this room."

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Everyone in the team were surprised when they heard Tamas' question.

They involuntarily turned around to take a look. From what they could see there are over a hundred undead creatures roaming around in the room and this question didn't seem so hard.

"There are a hundred and eight undead. What is so tough about it to be considered a test?" Saber Monarch blurted out.

But Gran was the one that replied to his question.

"No, there are around one hundred and forty undead creatures. There are shadow undeads hidden. I could sense them a bit."

Five elemental King also looked at the whole room and then at Tamas who is smiling and Sam who is looking around casually.

He didn't want to speak, because he knew that neither Tamas or Sam are stupid enough to ask such a simple question and take such a simple question seriously if the answer is that simple. As usual, he is most patient guy in the room.

Sam used energy vision and took a look. He must say that the metamorphosised eyes are as good as that telescope he got from the Charbhum realm, maybe he could even see better than that.

And for his own vision he could use the enhancemenet along with the energy vision which is not possible with the telescope.

After he looked at the surroundings, he replied.

"There are three hundred and twenty four undead creatures in the room. And if we count you, it would three hundred and twenty-five."

When Sam said that, Gran and Saber Monarch were shocked. The number Sam gave and the numbers they gave are not even remotely close.

And the last sentence about Tamas being an undead creature, that was another shock, they became vigilant and got ready in case Tamas made a move.

But the expected display of rage didn't come from Tamas. Instead he smiled and said.

"Well, done. You are great. I didn't expect that you would notice me. I was really sure you are going to miss that."

"It is actually impossible considering I am also kind of similar to you. But I couldn't pin point exactly what your part is. Ghoul?"

"Yes, what are you? I couldn't even sense your part at all."

"Vampire."

As their conversation went on the rest of the team became confused. They are openly calling themselves as undead creatures, ghoul and vampire. They couldn't understand this at all.

"Wait, you mean that he is right about the three hundred and twenty four undead creatures?" Saber Monrach focused on the number more than their undead creature exchange.

"Yes, he is right."

Tamas replied and clapped his hand twice.

The whole room suddenly dimmed a bit, but a lot of creatures came out. Some shadow undead rose from the shadows and the souls or specters made themselves visible in the air.

Saber Monrach once again counter the undead creatures and was stunned.

He didn't expect that he wasn't able to identify a soul roaming that close to him. Suddenly he felt unsafe.

As if sensing his emotions, Tamas replied.

"Don't panic. If they were attacking you, then you would have definitely sensed their presence. It was just that their nature is to be hidden and your instincts didn't warn you because they don't have any intention of hurting you."

Even though, he reassured them, it is hard for them to just let it go.

"I guess, I passed the test. So, what about the competition?"

"A battle of necromancy. We are not going to use our already piled up undead creatures.

We are going to use fresh corpses, in the field. We wouldn't use any other elemental attacks, phyiscal attacks and such. You can only use spontaneously created undead creatures to attack each other. We can move all we want, but even then we are not allowed to use other elemental energies.

I will suppress my cultivation to your level. Are you okay with that?"

"That sounds fair. But the real question is where do we get the fresh corpses? It is not like they are lying around."

"There is a reason why I chose this realm. They are just too many creatures killing each other. Stay in the Front beak city's Mavin Inn. The Inn owner will inform the location and time of the battle. And take this token. You will get some special treatment."

Sam took the token and the team left in the same way they came in and they went to the Inn in the city.

When they gave the token to the Inn's receptionist, he was stunned and went to get the owner. The owner came and behaved extremely docilely and brought them to a special section of the rooms.

They were given finest food and liquor.

Sam and the team stayed for the three days and in these three days, Sam focused mostly on testing the eyes.

The few conclusions he reached is that now his range of normal eye sight increased by ten fold at least and even within that range, he could see every detail like he was looking at it throw a magnifying glass.

His peripheral vision increased two fold. He could see what a person beside him is doing without even trying even when he is looking straight ahead.

And the final enhancement is the focus. When he channeled spiritual energy into the eyes, he could zoom into a object or a person and in case he did it to a person, he could see the energy flow of his body a bit without the help of energy vision.

When he used the energy vision and this focused vision together, he could directly see the energy flow in a person's body. Of course, it helps if the person's guard is down and when the other party is stronger than Sam and had a lot of energy, it is hard for the focused vision to get the clear picture, but because of the energy vision which could read the energy in normal, he could get a clearer picture even if the person is a bit stronger than him.

If the person is too strong and the energy is being masked deliberately, the more he focused the more confused he would get.

After three days, the message they are finally waiting for came.

Sam and the team were escorted by the inn owner directly to the location where Tamas is already waiting.

After greeting Tamas with utmost respect, the inn owner left.

Tamas then gestured the group to follow him before they reached a certain location.

It is a large open field in the middle of a forest and a bunch of beasts, humans, yakshas and even some barbarians and finally the birdmen which are highest in number laid dead.

"The talon realm is like a migrant nation. Many other races come here to make a living because of the rich resources, but the talon realm doesn't like that and considers this as someone raiding their home.

They are not against some other races coming here and developing an unexplored land and getting rich, but they are against peope that come specifically after the land under the birdmen's control.

So the disputes go on and on.

I need a lot of corpses for my research and collection, so I made a deal with the rest of the city here.

I explored a danegrous zone and created a bunch of resources for the city. And within a few miles radius around the city, every dead body that appears is mine.

I was looking for a battle that might have happened here and here it is.

So, shall we begin?"

Sam and the group looked at the large patch. The battle seemed to be a bit brutal. They could still feel the energy residues left behind by these dead men.

The battle must have happened a few minutes ago.

This is a perfect place for a nercromancer.

Sam and Tamas walked to the either side of the battle field and they got ready to make their move. Tamas suppressed his cultivation and looked at Sam and both nodded at each other, indicating they are ready and the battle began.

Unlike other times, the battle didn't begin with a flashy first move, rather it began with creating undead.

As both of them are Astral Plane cultivators, the range with which they create undead increased a lot, although it doesn't even cover the half of the field, they can control the created undead throughout the whole field.

Tamas turned the corpses near him into undead and he did so faster than Sam, who is late by more than ten seconds.

Tamas was confused a bit by this delay, if Sam is this slow in creating undead, then things wouldn't be as easy.

As the undead creatures from both sides of the field ran forward, they threw the corpses that are lying in the middle towards their masters so that they would fall within their range of undead creation.

Sam has sent four undead creatures and while Tamas has five. The timing and the number both indicated that Sam is on the losing side. And what surprised them even more is that Sam's undead didn't stop Tamas' undead even though he is clearly on the offensive.

In fact, they gave way to let them go and moved towards Tamas.

Tamas' frown deepened as he thought his judgement might have been wrong, but it didn't take long before the frown turned into surprise.