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Chapter 171 Divinity

Vale sucked in a cold breath after hearing his words.

It seems the Headmaster's collection that he was so proud of would really be mind-blowing with the way he speaks.

After a few breaths, Vale calmed his breathing and nodded to the Headmaster. "I'm ready, Headmaster. Whatever corpse collection you have, I'll only be happy the rarer they are." Vale said like a real corpse enthusiast.

The Headmaster looked at Vale amusedly as he didn't expect such a reply. He couldn't help but laugh as his mood had gone a lot better.

"Great! I've always wanted to show my collection to someone... I guess I really found the right person. Follow me!"

With that said, Headmaster Jean walked to the door of the cottage house and opened it. It seemed like it wasn't locked but Vale noticed the fluctuation of energy as soon as the Headmaster touched the door knob.

There was definitely a high-level Formation Circle placed in this seemingly simple cottage house. 'Hmm?'

As soon as Vale entered, he saw a simple room with a clean bed, a study table, a rug made of bearskin, and a shelf.

Then, he saw the headmaster pulling the bearskin rug to reveal a secret door. It is quite a classic hidden door that would lead to a secret basement...

He didn't make any comment as he simply watched the Headmaster and followed him silently.

The wooden stair leading down was quite steep but there is a light coming from the room allowing him to see the stairs clearly so it was quite easy going down.

Soon, Vale seems to have entered another world!

What he was expecting to be a nasty basement with various mummified corpses, turned out to be like a modern laboratory!

There seems to be a dozen of fluorescent bulb on the ceiling giving a different vibe in the room. He was already quite used to the dim yellow light brought by candles or fires after all.

Aside from that, the basement was made of steel and was emanating some fluctuation of energy. It was definitely enchanted or has been enhanced by Rune Arts!

Then, as Vale observed the brightly lit room, he found dozens of frozen corpses lying on white stone beds. There were probably only a few human-like corpses and the rest were creatures, or maybe evil creatures that has been frozen here for a very long time...

There is also a shelf where various human parts or creature parts or random items displayed... All of them are preserved in a mystical way.

Vale was extremely excited. Any corpses here are definitely valuable!

Headmaster Jean noticed Vale's reaction and smiled.

"This isn't all but these are the ones that would be relatively safe for you. Some corpses are too contaminated that they might kill you if you dare touch them. I can consider bringing you further down if you get stronger."

Headmaster Jean revealed leaving Vale speechless for a few seconds.

"There are still others?! Alright! I'll do my best to get stronger, Headmaster!" Vale replied excitedly...

"Good... Now, you can try and check them out. I'm sure these bodies would garner your interest."

"Yes, Headmaster!"

Vale answered as he walked closer to the white stone beds.

As he was about to speak to Lotus, he suddenly heard her cold voice...

'I can't replenish my energy from them.'

'Ah?' Vale was stunned as soon as heard this. After all, he was worried that he can't extract these corpses as well!

After realizing this, he immediately touched one of the human-looking corpses that were at the center of the steel room...

[Celestial corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

Whew~

Vale immediately sighed in relief after seeing a reaction from the system. It means that he can still extract them even if the Dark Spirit can't use them.

This baffled him as he realized that his understanding of the energy being extracted is actually not what he had expected before... He had to make another theory about it later on once again.

"..."

As Vale calmed down, he soon realized that the notification has changed once again.

'What's this?'

From Human Corpse to Monster Corpse, and now, it turned to Celestial Corpse!

Vale gasped in shock as he tried observing the human-looking corpse once again while circling the white stone table.

Headmaster Jean noticed Vale's stunned expression... He had been observing him ever since he touched that corpse.

'He wasn't repelled by the corpse after touching it! I'm right... He really is special! Good... Good...'
Headmaster Jean smiled from ear to ear after seeing this.

'Is it because he's practicing the Malefic Branch? Can only those experimented on by Heinz could touch this thing? I wonder if it was as simple as that...'

As he thought of this, he saw Vale almost jump in joy just a few seconds after making a few observations at the Immortal Corpse...

'He really enjoys touching corpses... Very well, I should let him have his time... I hope he can answer my questions regarding these Immortal Corpses later on.'

"Vale, I'll be staying outside... Make sure not to move the corpses from their beds or the seal would not work."

"Yes, Headmaster! I'll be very careful and treat them with respect."

Headmaster Jean smiled as he actually thought that Vale would have plenty of questions about the corpses here. However, Vale seems to have other thoughts as he simply accepted the weirdness of this place...

He wasn't sure what Vale was trying to do but he seem genuinely delighted seeing the corpses so he just decided to ask him about it later...

In the meantime, Vale still couldn't believe the extraction he made just now.

[Extraction successful. Divinity +1.5 Vitality +0.5]

He didn't get any Energy Points but he got Divinity Points!

This made him recall that his system isn't a Corpse Extraction system after all!

In the end, he was still lacking some understanding of his system because of his lack of extraction samples and the fact that the system has no guide whatsoever.

'Divinity... I wonder what it does...'

As he thought of this, he checked his current attribute panel.

[Name: Kyle Marshall]

[Attributes: Strength 20.85, Agility 16.32, Intelligence 51.17, Vitality 10.69]

[Dark Arts: Spell Dispersion Lv4, Ghost Hand Lv7, Incorruptible Body Lv5, Darkness Manipulation Lv 2]

[Available Energy: 570]

[Available Divinity: 1.5]

Chapter 172 Unknown Purpose

'Available Divinity? It's also an expendable point similar to Energy... But how can I use it?'

Vale squinted his brows as once again, there is no instruction whatsoever in his flawed system. It would be great if it can give hints on how to use it but anyway, he didn't dwell on it for too long and started experimenting...

He first checked his skills.

[Consume 800 energy points to improve Spell Dispersion?]

This would certainly not work as he only has 570 points saved up. After a moment of thought, he decided to still try and improve it to see if there is something different that would happen.

[Failed. You are missing 230 points to complete the upgrade.]

Vale didn't feel too disappointed since this is the expected result.

Anyway, he moved on quickly and tried focusing on his Attributes instead just in case he would get a reaction.

Unfortunately, there was no other notification coming from the system.

'This is weird... It doesn't have any use at the moment but why is that?' Vale frowned as he analyzed his situation.

Divinity Points should have a purpose and there was no way it is just a decoration.

Soon, an idea popped up in his mind.

Since the Energy Points are used to enhance or upgrade his Dark Arts or his Arcane Arts, perhaps Divinity Points are used to upgrade Divine Arts? In the first place, was there even a Divine Art?

Vale sighed as can't really prove this with his limited knowledge. He is only in the 3rd month of his first Academy Year!

In the end, he gave up thinking about it and he decided to just continue with his extraction...

'Lotus... Are you sure you can't replenish energy from them? I'll be extracting all of them if you don't...'

Lotus seem to be confused but she still answered.

'Yes... I can't recover my energy from these unordinary bodies. Also, what do you mean you're extracting them?' Lotus asked curiously.

This is the first time that Lotus seems genuinely curious about him so it was quite a surprise.

'Ahem... It's just a metaphor... Don't think too much of it.' Vale replied after clearing his throat. In any case, it's hard to explain his Divine Extraction System.

Luckily, Lotus didn't press further with her questions as she remained silent.

Vale then looked around the room and confirmed that there is a total of 12 white stone beds with human-looking corpses on them.

Now that he observed them closely, he realized that these corpses don't have genitalia!

All of them have missing sex organs or perhaps, they were born that way...

'So this is a Celestial? A human-like being with no gender... They look taller than average humans and have bigger bone structures... Where did they come from? Spiritual World?' Vale shook his head as he extracted them first.

[Celestial corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

[Extraction successful. Divinity +1.8 Vitality +0.5]

This time, the extraction of divinity was higher but the Vitality Points remained the same...

Vale then continued with the other ten Celestial Corpses.

[Celestial corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

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After a few extractions, Vale felt himself expanding as if he was about to explode... He realized that he was advancing too fast!

Now that he thinks about it, he isn't getting 0.05 Vitality Points but 0.50! That was actually a huge deal! He was focused too much on this Divinity thing that he forgot that huge Vitality he was getting from each extraction!

After calming the raging vitality force that was sent to his body, he checked his attribute panel.

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[Attributes: Strength 20.85, Agility 16.32, Intelligence 51.17, Vitality 16.19]

[Dark Arts: Spell Dispersion Lv4, Ghost Hand Lv7, Incorruptible Body Lv5, Darkness Manipulation Lv2]

[Available Energy: 570]

[Available Divinity: 19.7]

Vale was exhilarated after seeing the huge increase in his Vitality Points...

16.19!

That was such an incredible increase and he had only extracted the Celestial Corpses... He was expecting a few more addition with the Monster Corpses he was seeing on the other white stone beds.

As for his Divinity Points, he was quite happy since the lowest extract was 1.5 points while the highest was 1.9 points. Although he has no idea about its usage, he knows that the higher, the better.

'Awesome... I wonder how Headmaster Jean collected these corpses... Did he kill all of them? Is he already that strong? Or perhaps he just found these corpses and transported them here?' Vale couldn't help but speculate at these strange corpses in this basement that seems like a bunker.

He then looked at the Monster Corpses that he hadn't extracted yet... These beings have similarities with the Evil Creature or Fallen Messenger that he killed in the Serenity Hall so he guessed that they will also be recognized as Monster Corpses by the system.

He touched the largest one. It is a horned being with a scaled body similar to a reptile. However, it still has human-like features with its two arms and two legs. If he would describe it, the corpse was like the demons in some paintings he had seen in his previous life.

[Monster corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

Vale smiled after seeing that he was right. The previous monster corpse he extracted had given him 40 Energy Points and Attribute Points in both Agility and Vitality.

He was, of course, expecting something similar or even something better.

[Extraction Successful. Energy +50 Strength +1.05 Agility +1.25]

Whom~

Vale felt his body getting a lot stronger. The extraction had given him a whole point after all! This increase was quite significant and with his low attribute, the sudden increase can easily be felt in his body...

Chapter 173 Fragment

It was a pity that there is no Vitality Points but he wouldn't complain. He likes an increase in his Strength Attributes since he was guessing that Slender Zombies would have about 15 points in its Strength based on the battles he had seen over the past months.

If in case he needed to overpower the Slender Zombie in strength, his current 20 points or so may help him do so. However, it wouldn't be enough since the Slender Zombie is larger than him and have very fast hands. Its dextrous hands that are always filled with power would be his threat if it managed to bypass his Ghost Hands or Lotus failed in her task.

Perhaps, he would only feel comfortable if he has double the strength of the Slender Zombie.

As for the Agility Points, although he feels that it's also important in his battle against the Slender Zombie because this type of zombie boasts its great movement speed, he already has two Mystical Items that would allow him to solve this issue. Any increase in his Agility is certainly appreciated but he would rather increase his Vitality than his Agility at the moment.

Vale then continued with his extraction hoping that the Monster Corpses would give him some Vitality Points.

[Monster corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

[Extraction Successful. Energy +45 Strength +1.15 Agility +1.05]

[Monster corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

[Extraction Successful. Energy +55 Strength +1.20 Vitality +0.73]

[Monster corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

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[Monster corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

[Extraction Successful. Energy +40 Strength +1.05 Vitality +0.80]

Thud!

Vale sat on the cold floor as he started meditating.

The increase in his strength is just too much and he felt that his body is burning as if his bones are melting due to the transformation...

He wasn't too sure but perhaps he can already block a bullet at this level of strength.

Whew~

It took him about 20 minutes of meditation before he made a series of movements to ensure that he still has decent control over his new strength.

Of course, the movements weren't just random actions. It was the technique taught by his Master Heinz and something he had used before.

It was the Nimble Talon that allows him to have better body coordination and it is normally a technique used by Alchemists especially when they are performing complex procedures during concoctions or pill-making.

After getting a better grasp of his new strength, he checked his attribute panel once again.

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[Attributes: Strength 29.65, Agility 23.82, Intelligence 51.17, Vitality 27.44]

[Dark Arts: Spell Dispersion Lv4, Ghost Hand Lv7, Incorruptible Body Lv5, Darkness Manipulation Lv2]

[Available Energy: 1,245]

[Available Divinity: 19.7]

Vale's heart started beating faster after seeing the result of his extraction today.

A total of 8.8 points were added to his Strength while 7.5 to his Agility. What was even more satisfying was his Vitality that had increased by 11.25 Points!

This is because all the Monster Corpses were probably dumb so he didn't get any intelligence points from them.

Anyway, this massive increase in his attribute made him even more confident with his upcoming battle against Larkin's Slender Zombie—No, at this point, he was no longer worried about his battle!

With his 1,245 Energy Points, he can finally upgrade his Incorruptible Body to level 6!

Once he upgraded this, the passive corruption or corrosive ability of the Slender Zombie would be nothing to him!

Of course, it is still better if Lotus can also get stronger so he might consider asking the Headmaster later if he can help...

Vale then shifted his attention to the shelf on the side.

'I wonder what these things are... Headmaster Jean didn't even put a label on them... I should've asked him a while ago.' Vale mused as he approached the shelf that was filled with various parts of some unknown beings.

They were also preserved using a high-level Formation Circle but Vale can tell that the collection on the shelf felt even more precious.

There were a total of 16 items here with 4 items in each row of the shelf.

In any case, he wasn't warned by the Professor about not touching them so they should be quite safe to touch...

He wasn't expecting too much as he touched the frozen eye that was displayed. It has about 4 inches in diameter and was certainly quite big for a human. Nevertheless, as he touched the eye, he was shocked to see a notification!

[Immortal Fragment has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

"..."

Vale was truly speechless this time. He has so many surprises after entering this basement... Helping the Headmaster deal with that arrogant student was really worth the price.

Indeed, he doesn't have a Corpse Extraction System but a Divine Extraction System!

He has no idea what an Immortal Fragment means but whatever it is, he knows that extracting it would be very beneficial to him.

Vale swiftly calmed down as he knows that he has to control his emotions during this time.

'Yes!'

After a moment, Vale finally answered the system as he waited for the result with bated breath.

[Extraction successful. Divinity +5]

Vale's eyes lit up after seeing this. He may not be aware of the purpose of this Divinity but he knows that it won't be long before he discovers it.

Well, Headmaster Jean may even help him with this issue... For sure, that mysterious headmaster should know something more about these corpses and immortal fragments.

Vale then continued with his extraction with other 'fragments'. Some of them were a claw, a finger, an internal organ, a strange stone, a metallic object, or some other things but he didn't care. He extracted all of them without any hesitation!

Chapter 174 Purple Crystal

It didn't take that long before he finished his series of extractions.

He didn't feel any changes in his body but he felt happy seeing the huge increase in his collection of points.

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[Dark Arts: Spell Dispersion Lv4, Ghost Hand Lv7, Incorruptible Body Lv5, Darkness Manipulation Lv2]

[Available Energy: 1,245]

[Available Divinity: 99.7]

The 16 Immortal Fragments on the shelf provided him with a total of 80 Divinity Points... He was now missing 0.3 Divinity Points to reach a hundred.

Vale felt satisfied as he knows that once he discovers the purpose of this Divinity, he would have plenty of points he can spend...

After a while, Vale decided to just look around the room since he has plenty of time... He observed the Monster Corpses and the Celestial Corpses to familiarize himself with them.

Perhaps, the Headmaster believes that he would need a lot of time to appreciate the corpses, he actually left Vale inside the steel bunker for about 2 hours and still hasn't returned!

At this point, Vale already felt bored since he has nothing to do here... In the end, he looked around the shelf once again as he needed to commit these items to his memory in case he finds them outside. After all, the Immortal Fragments seem to be quite random and could be in any object. The only clue would be the aura they're emitting...

He touched the metallic object that seems just like a lump of metal or maybe even a piece of meteorite.

'Ahhh?'

Vale was surprised to see another notification from his system!

'W-what's going on?' Vale's eyes widened as soon as he saw the notification.

[Immortal Fragment has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

He already extracted this item just 2 hours ago and as far as he knows, he can no longer extract something that he had previously extracted. After all, the energy from the extracted item should've turned into system points already.

Anyway, Vale still agreed to the system as he allowed it to extract the item once again.

[Extraction Successful. Divinity +0.005]

This...

Vale then checked his attributes panel and confirmed the increase in his Divinity Points.

[Available Divinity: 99.705]

"..."

The extracted divinity is certainly the lowest amount of points he had ever extracted but Vale still felt incredibly excited at this new discovery...

He suddenly had an idea as he tried the other Immortal Fragments.

[Immortal Fragment has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

'Yes...'

[Extraction Successful. Divinity +0.005]

"It's really like that... But does it mean I can get 0.005 points every 2 hours?"

It appears that the Immortal Fragments that provided him the Divinity Points can't be exhausted and would always gather divinity at a slower pace!

Now, he really wanted to know how he can use these new expendable points.

Of course, he still tried to extract the other Fragments since he has nothing to do...

[Extraction Successful. Divinity +0.005]

[Extraction Successful. Divinity +0.005]

[Extraction Successful. Divinity +0.005]

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[Extraction Successful. Divinity +0.005]

After the extraction, he received a total of 0.08 points in the 16 Fragments.

[Available Divinity: 99.78]

The amount he received was almost negligible but he would certainly accept it.

Anyway, Vale's attention turned to the Celestials Corpses...

After a moment of hesitation, he approached one of the corpses once again just in case divinity points started accumulating in their bodies similar to the Immortal Fragments... After all, these Celestial Corpses provided gave him about 20% of the Divinity Points he has right now.

Perhaps, he can get 0.001 Divinity Points from them if they can also replenish their Divinity...

Tap...

As Vale touched the shoulder of the cold corpse, he waited for the System Notification but unfortunately, it didn't appear.

'Is it limited to the Immortal Fragments? Or perhaps the accumulated Divinity is too low and can't be extracted? Right, maybe I should just wait for a bit longer and see...' As Vale thought of this, he suddenly realized that someone has reappeared within the room...

"Are you done?" Headmaster Jean asked.

"Y-yes, Headmaster..." Vale replied.

"Good... Can you tell me your thoughts about them?"

Vale was expecting some questions from the Headmaster so he didn't take too long to think of an answer.

"They're one of a kind. I've never seen these species before, Headmaster... These genderless human-like beings were certainly not humans like us. On the other hand, these beast-like beings had similarities with the Evil Creatures, or the Fallen Messengers as Professor Lucius would like to call them."

Vale answered.

"You're right... These human-like beings were different from us. Did you not feel any rejection from them? Although they're already dead and placed in a sealing formation, their bodies can be said to be Mystical Items at this point..."

"Rejection? They're similar to Mystical Items?" Vale repeated in a soft voice.

There is certainly no rejection whatsoever when he tried extracting them so he was a bit confused.

Was I supposed to get rejected and he didn't tell me anything about it until now?

Vale was speechless about the Headmaster's method.

Anyway, he can only deny this to the Headmaster since he didn't feel anything at all.

"Headmaster, can you tell me where these beings had come from? Especially the ones on this shelf." Vale asked as he approached the Immortal Fragments...

At this time, Headmaster Jean smiled as he also looked at the Immortal Fragments... However, he felt something off about them so he was shocked for a moment and didn't answer Vale's question.

"This is weird... Did you do something about them?" Headmaster Jean asked in confusion.

He wasn't sure what was the problem but he can tell that there is something different in his collection.

"N-nothing... I just touched them for a moment." Vale answered nervously.

Headmaster Jean nodded at this as he pulled out a purple crystal in his pocket...

Vale had no idea what crystal that was but he saw the Headmaster tap one of the items on the shelf using the purple crystal.

As Vale was holding his breath, he saw the crystal touch the large eyeball and as soon as it did, the purple crystal lit up and Headmaster Jean heaved a sigh of relief.

Chapter 175 Life Strand

Headmaster Jean looked a lot better after seeing a reaction but he wasn't satisfied. He continued with the other items on the shelf before he finally relaxed...

"Although the light got weaker, all of them seems fine. Is it because of your Incorruptible Body? Was it incompatible with the items here?" Headmaster Jean asked as he looked at Vale curiously.

This time, Vale finally realized why Headmaster Jean reacted like that.

It appears that he detected that the Divinity of the Immortal Fragments had gotten weaker! Thankfully, his Divine Extraction System didn't fully remove the source of Divinity of these objects.

It only extracted the Divinity it produces.

"Headmaster... I'm unsure about it as well. However, I feel a lot better after making contact with all of these objects." Vale replied after some hesitation.

Since Headmaster Jean already noticed that something was wrong, Vale would become too suspicious if he remained ignorant.

In the end, he decided to reveal a bit of what he knows.

"You felt a lot better?" Headmaster Jean repeated as he touched his chin in contemplation.

Perhaps because there is no table he can tap, he decided to scratch his chin as a habit.

"That's correct, Headmaster." Vale answered as he noticed the Headmaster's action.

The Headmaster then squinted his eyes as he observed Vale for a few seconds. Then, he searched his coat's inner pocket and took out a familiar blue crystal.

"Catch this." Headmaster Jean said as he tossed the crystal to Vale.

Vale then caught the crystal and found it familiar.

It is a Spirit Converging Crystal. Furthermore, it seems to have a higher quality than the ones he had seen before.

"Oh..." Vale nodded as he realized what the Headmaster wants.

Since he felt a lot better, the Headmaster believes that he probably got an increase or enhancement in his Spirit. With the help of the Spirit Converging Crystal, he would be able to know whether his Spirit Strands had increased.

Vale then held the crystal without any words and waited for the result.

Soon, 25 Spirit Strands appeared on the crystal. The 26th Strand hasn't developed yet since he was still missing the 0.83 points.

"Hmm... I remember that you have 25 Spirit Strands on your first day of class... It didn't increase, huh..." Headmaster Jean said after seeing the result.

It seems it was true that Vale's talent was already exhausted.

"Y-yeah... I guess it's difficult to increase them with its current number."

"That's true... You can keep that Spirit Converging Crystal. It has 80 Strand Limit..."

"Thank you, Headmaster." Vale thanked him as he kept it in his pocket. He wouldn't refuse a free gift so he didn't hesitate at all.

Furthermore, he knows that this Headmaster is quite rich so he doesn't need to be shy in these matters.

Headmaster Jean then went silent for a moment as he seem to be considering something. After a while, he finally spoke.

"I'm sure that you received some sort of benefit from these items on the shelf. Here, try this crystal this time."

Headmaster Jean said as he tossed a different crystal after some hesitation.

"What's this, Headmaster?" Vale curiously asked. He had never seen something like this before.

"It is Life Converging Crystal. Just hold it for a while like the Spirit Converging Crystal. It allows us to see your Life Strands. However, Life Converging Crystals can only be used by the person who used them first. This is why we don't normally test the students in the Academy so it's normal that you don't know about it."

"Ah? There was something like that?" Vale was shocked as he looked at the red crystal in his hand.

Since this item can only be used by the same person, then it is no wonder the Academy wouldn't provide a free test to determine the student's Life Strand...

"Is this expensive, Headmaster?" Vale curiously asked as he waited for the result to come out.

If he would make a guess, this would allow him to detect his Vitality Points.

"Well... They're expensive but you don't have to worry, I'm giving them to you for free."

"Thank you, Professor... Can this crystal be purchased by Contribution Points?" Vale asked after seeing the Headmaster's reaction.

"Yes... At the moment, this crystal is worth 2 Contribution Points if I'm not mistaken. Right, you can always visit the Exchange Hall to see the list of items you can exchange there... That way, you can also find something that you may want to save for..."

Vale nodded as that should be similar to the price of Regular Mystical Items. It is quite expensive but not too much considering this item should be quite useful since not everyone has a System like him that allows him to monitor his attributes.

Soon, white strands started appearing from the red crystal...

As soon as 8 Strands appeared on the crystal, Headmaster Jean went silent as he looked at Vale in shock. This shouldn't be a Strand that a 14 or 15-year-old student should have!

As far as he knows only Arcane Practitioners around 40 years old would have 8 Life Strand!

Vale should only have 3 or 4 Life Strands at most!

However, it didn't end there... The Life Strand continued appearing until it stopped at 13 Strands!

"W-what's going on?" Headmaster Jean asked in shock. He was truly stunned by the result that Vale had shown!

"Headmaster, is there something wrong?" Vale asked curiously. He had no idea about the other's Vitality so he doesn't have anyone to compare with.

He knows that his Vitality is high but he's unsure how big was the difference between a Normal Arcane Arts Practitioner and someone like him with a system.

"Vale, you have the same Life Strand as me." Headmaster Jean answered with a hint of excitement in his voice.

After realizing that Vale has incredible vitality, he decided to just accept it and think of Vale as a precious talent of their Faction!

"Ahh..." Vincent was similarly shocked before he looked at the Headmaster cautiously.

They actually have the same Life Strand! This might cause a problem for him.

"Haha! Don't worry... This is our secret... I'm sure that this has something to do with your Master's research. I hope that you get even stronger. Once that happened, the Malefic Branch would be accepted as a special branch in our Faction... maybe in less than 10 years or so."

Chapter 176 Shadow Step

"I see..." Vale can only say as he was still processing all the information he heard from the Headmaster.

"This is incredible, Vale... I'm not sure how the Malefic Branch made by Heinz works but it will surely become our Faction's future. I hope that he can make plenty of you... No, I hope he succeeds in his research..." Headmaster Jean said in excitement.

"..."

Vale wasn't sure how to comment on that as he simply agreed with the headmaster.

"I hope he does..."

After this, Vale was told to keep the Life Converging Crystal... He didn't just profit from his Extraction but he also gained new items thanks to the generous Headmaster.

"Headmaster, may I know what are these items on the shelf?" Vale asked. It was now time to learn some things related to this steel bunker and everything inside it.

Headmaster Jean was, of course, expecting some questions from Vale. This place is extremely weird after all.

There are corpses from different species and otherworldly items that you wouldn't find elsewhere. If Vale wouldn't be curious about these things, it would be more suspicious.

"The ones on the shelf are called Arcana Relics..."

Vale squinted his eyes as this is the first time he heard something like this. Well, it wasn't surprising that he was unaware of it considering he doesn't even know anything about Immortal Fragment.

Seeing Vale's confusion, Headmaster Jean continued to explain.

"You can say that they are just broken pieces of a previous Mystical Artifact but they still contain incredible power that we can't understand until today."

"A broken Mystical Artifact?"

"Yes... There is a rank above the Sovereign Artifacts... They're called Arcana and these items here are highly connected to some Arcana that has appeared in the past..."

"I see... Arcana Relics..." Vale felt that he was learning things that a first-year student like him shouldn't learn at this stage.

"Thank you for letting me know, Headmaster..." Vale added.

"Yes... As for the Corpses here, I can only tell you that they came from a place where all the Arcane Paths are discovered... You will know more about it some day if you're fated."

"Hmm? A place where all the Twelve Arcane Paths are discovered?" Vale asked in confusion.

To be honest, he has no idea how the practice of Arcane Arts started. He only knows that each Arcane Path has founding members or first practitioners... It was then spread to many people as these founding members started accumulating members to obtain a stronger force and better resources.

He didn't think too much of it since he's more focused on getting stronger in the present time.

The past is simply a history that he would learn in the Academy.

However, at this time, he felt that this past is actually quite important... After all, understanding the Celestials, Monsters, and Immortals would help him find whatever they left behind and perhaps, he can extract them!

"Yes... I can tell you now that I'm not aware of that place and only the founding members were aware of it. Anyway, my collection is only something I inherited from the previous Headmaster so my knowledge is also quite limited..." Headmaster Jean said with a smile.

Vale stiffened as soon as he heard this. After all, there are some rumors that Headmaster Jean actually killed the previous Headmaster to obtain his current position.

'Did he kill the Headmaster to obtain this basement filled with precious corpses and arcana relics?' Vale mused as he nodded to the man in front of him.

Vale asked a few more questions about the corpses and the relics as he felt that this information would be very useful someday. Of course, he also answered some questions from the Headmaster.

In the end, Vale still asked for 'normal' corpses...

"Headmaster, these corpses here are too high-level... Do you have a collection of normal ones? I mean, corpses of Arcane Practitioners? It doesn't matter which Arcane Path they were practicing..."

"Hmm..." Headmaster Jean didn't immediately answer and pondered for a moment.

"If you don't have a collection of them, can you bring me to a place with some preserved corpses?" Vale continued.

Although there is probably a different source of energy that he can extract using his system, thanks to his discovery of Immortal Fragments, he only knows about the corpses of people for now.

Until he learned what other things he can extract, he would certainly focus on extracting these corpses since they can stably provide him with attribute points.

"Hmm... My friend has a few so I can introduce you to him. He's from Dark Magic Branch so those corpses he has with him were probably cursed due to his experimentation. Is that alright with you?" Headmaster Jean asked.

"Yes, Headmaster. That's perfectly fine for me."

"Follow me..." Headmaster Jean said as they left the steel bunker.

As soon as they were out of the wooden cottage, Headmaster Jean had no unnecessary words as he simply grabbed Vale's shoulder once again as the latter's vision turned black...

It was the teleportation technique once again!

It seems that this technique doesn't work inside the cottage so he was led outside.

Then, in just a few seconds, Vale realized that he was back at the Academy Grounds. To be exact, he arrived at a huge building not too far from the Academy.

On his left, he can see the walled castle or the Vermont Academy about 3 miles away. The factory where he lived for a year was also quite visible because of the smoke it is emitting...

If Vale wasn't mistaken, he can see this area when he was still at the Steel Factory... This place should be an empty hill!

He didn't expect that there is actually a secret building here!

"Ho~ It seems that you realized where you are... Anyway, my friend is here and I'll just inform him about your arrival."

"Yes, Headmaster! Ahhh, can you tell me about the movement technique you used? If possible, I want to learn this as well." Vale bravely asked.

As he experienced how awesome this ability was, there was no way he wouldn't be interested.

Headmaster Jean simply laughed it off as he said with a chuckle.

"You can't learn it since I'm using a Mystical Artifact to do this. However, the closest movement technique is called Shadow Step. It's a Tier 2 Dark Spell and you should be able to learn it since its requirement is only 17 Spirit Strands and 8 Life Strands."

Chapter 177 Secret Laboratory

"Shadow Step... 17 Spirit Strands and 8 Life Strands..." Vale repeated as he nodded his head.

He can indeed learn this Tier 2 Dark Spell right now.

"How many Spell Lights are needed, Headmaster Jean? Well, the first Original Spell of the Malefic Branch merged a few of my Spell Lights before." Vale asked remembering how the Spell Dispersion took five of his Spell Lights before...

Perhaps, if he doesn't have a system and he can't extract Intelligence Attribute, he would take a very long time to produce Spell Lights. Apparently, the Spell Lights are related to the level of your Intelligence and Vitality according to Master Heinz.

Vale had also noticed this before so he wasn't really worried about lacking a Spell Light like the others. Nevertheless, he still has to know how to use them properly.

"It is quite special but it only needed 1 Spell Light if you recorded the Light Absorption so you don't have to worry. But the Spell Model of that spell can only be exchanged in the Contribution Exchange Hall... Although we have some free Tier 2 Spell Models, the Shadow Step isn't included."

"There is something like that? I understand, Headmaster." Vale answered with excitement.

"Alright... Stay here." Headmaster Jean said with a satisfied smile before he finally entered the three-storey building leaving Vale outside alone.

Vale then took this time to enter his Phantasm State and check his Spell Lights...

As soon as he entered his Phantasm State, he first noticed his surroundings that is actually filled with Formation Circles. This is probably the thing that is hiding this building from being seen outside.

He didn't dwell on it for too long as he shifted his focus to his body...

Currently, he can see four dark Spell Lights since there are already Spell Models recorded on them. Surroundings these four were eleven more white Spell Lights...

It means that Vale can still learn 11 more spells!

If he wasn't mistaken, his classmates should only have 2 or 3 available spell lights after they recorded the Darkness Manipulation.

They were expecting that this number of Spell Lights would increase as they grow older or as they chose their branch specialization in their 4th year.

In any case, according to Professor Lucius of Darkness Path Class, the first graduates of this academy had 10 or 11 Spell Models recorded... There was even a special student with 12 Spell Models.

For those with low talent but diligent at studying, they would have 9 Spell Models at the very least. Of course, that would be very unlucky but it's not completely impossible.

This means that Vale's current situation is abnormal. As long as he learned Dark Spell which only requires 1 Spell Light, he would have a total of 15 Spells once he graduated! Furthermore, his Spell Lights can still increase as he gets stronger each year! He hasn't reached his limit yet!

According to the professors, the Spell Lights will only stop producing once you hit 20 or 21 years old. It means that he still has plenty of time!

'Shadow Step... I should add it to my list.' Vale noted in his mind.

Currently, he was aiming to learn the Madness Inducement Spell, Cursed Contract Bestowal, and Heart Burst in his set of Tier 1 Dark Spells...

As for Tier 2 Dark Spells, it was reserved for his Branch Specialization.

Apparently, once you entered your 4th Year and chose a Branch, you have to reserve at least 3 Spell Lights for that specific branch... After all, no matter what branch you are in, you will need Spell Lights to record your Branch's unique Spell Models.

Of course, you don't need to have 3 Spell Lights immediately in your fourth year, you will only need 1 Spell Light at that time and you can just wait for another spell light to be produced in later years.

In short, the Academy requires 3 Spell Lights for the Academy-Exclusive Spells and 3 Spell Lights for your Branch-Exclusive Spells.

If you have decent talent, you will have 5 or even 6 Spell Lights for your own but if you're terrible, you can only have 3 Spell Lights that you can use.

'Right, there is also a fourth Academy-Exclusive Dark Spell... However, that fourth one is only optional for other students with spare Spell Lights or with talent good enough to record it.' Vale added in his mind as he wasn't sure whether he should learn the 4th exclusive spell.

Anyway, he will consider it as time goes by. He's only a first-year student after all. He still has plenty of time to think about it.

After five more minutes, Vale suddenly heard the Headmaster's voice inside his head.

He was being told to enter the building and it should be safe.

Vale obviously did as instructed and entered the building according to the Headmaster's instruction.

As soon as he entered he saw a huge lobby with a chandelier illuminating the whole place...

There was no one in this reception hall so Vale remained silent as he followed the path the Headmaster mentioned.

He soon found himself walking in a hallway and this time, he saw a couple of Tier 2 Variants walking around! They were probably doing a patrol or something.

He's quite familiar with them since Tier 2 Variants are the secret protectors of Master Heinz's laboratory. The aura emitting in their bodies is completely different from those Tier 1 Variants.

Anyway, they didn't react to Vale's presence as they simply passed by.

Vale heaved a sigh of relief after seeing this as he continued on his way.

Soon, Vale entered a laboratory and saw dozens of cadaver bags on the floor... These bags weren't empty as Vale immediately felt excited...

'Ugh! No, why am I feeling excited?! Tsk... This isn't good.' Vale immediately controlled his emotions he knows that this kind of emotion wouldn't be good if he gets used to it.

Getting excited in front of corpses?! This is quite unacceptable for him.

Unfortunately, two people noticed all of his reactions... From surprise, excitement, struggling expression, and finally a calm face...

The two old practitioners shook their heads as they chuckled at the student's unusual behavior.

Chapter 178 Isaac Vermont

"Vale, come here." Headmaster Jean spoke as he gestured to Vale inviting him to stand on his side.

Vale obliged as he approached the Headmaster and the man who seem to be the owner of this building.

"This is Isaac Vermont. As I mentioned before, he is from Dark Magic Branch and is considered to be a First-Class Spellcaster. However, he should be in the Expert Realm... I believe he is only hiding his real strength." Headmaster Jean introduced the man who seem to be a custodian.

Yes, the man was quite dirty and he was also wearing thick dirty gloves as if he just crawled out of a chimney.

Nevertheless, Vale can still tell that he should be in his forties...

"Haha! Expert Realm?! I hope so... I really hope so..." Isaac said with a laugh.

He then shook his head as he looked at the young student in front of him.

"Hello, Sir Isaac... I'm Vale Chambers." Vale introduced himself as he looked up to see the man's face.

Isaac is a head taller than the Headmaster and he has long red hair tied in a ponytail.

He is probably the tallest person he had seen ever since he had transmigrated here.

"You're from the Chambers Family? Interesting, I thought that your family has already declined. I didn't expect that a talented seedling has appeared in this generation."

Isaac said with his deep and hoarse voice.

Vale smiled at this not thinking of further explaining about his relationship with the family.

Headmaster Jean also left it at that as he continued...

"Alright... I'll leave Vale here to you. He only wants to see these corpses. He should be able to walk back to the Academy once he's done."

"It's fine... It's been a while since I had a visitor here. Right, is Lesley not planning to visit? You should tell her to come here if she contacts you." Isaac said to the Headmaster Jean.

"I'll let her know. The last time she wrote a letter was just three weeks ago. She's still finding a decent body for research. Anyway, it's only been 6 months since you've last seen her."

"Haha... That's true..." Isaac laughed it off as he ended his conversation with the Headmaster.

The latter soon left the building after instructing Vale to follow Isaac's words.

"Very well... You can inspect the corpses in this laboratory... However, these corpses died because of a plague so you might get affected by the disease if you opened the bags. Have you mastered your Darkness Manipulation? It has to be in the Intermediate Realm so you can at least protect yourself."

"Intermediate Realm?" Vale hesitated after hearing this.

With his 1,245 Energy Points, he can upgrade his Darkness Manipulation a couple of times and it will only cost 40 and 80, or a total of 120 Energy Points to reach the Intermediate Realm.

However, he is only a first-year student, and increasing his mastery to that level so quickly would garner suspicions and attract unnecessary attention...

Although he is certainly in the limelight among first-year students, it is still quite acceptable in his opinion.

Of course, it might be too much in other's view but he has his own way of measuring his activeness in the Academy.

"I've just recently learned the Darkness Manipulation, Sir Isaac... Is there any other way to avoid being infected?" Vale asked after some thought.

"That's expected. I was even surprised you hesitated for so long. Take this..."

In the end, Isaac gave him a black glove. It can only be used on his left hand but Vale still accepted it.

"Just wear it and you'll be fine. It will consume a bit of your energy but you'll be fine..."

"Thank you, Sir Isaac!" Vale thanked the man and couldn't help but rejoice at his decision.

Indeed, it is better to just be honest in front of an expert.

"Ahh... Are there any restrictions or side effects using this mystical item?" Vale asked as he felt a film of energy protecting his whole body as soon as he wore the glove. It was subtle and it seems that it can't protect him from physical attacks.

If he wasn't mistaken, this glove is probably an item meant for Alchemists to ensure that they won't get infected or catch any disease from various ingredients they encounter...

"Yes... You can only wear it for 30 minutes or it will stick to your skin. That would be a bit difficult to remove so be mindful of it."

"I'll remember it... Thank you." Vale took a deep breath as he looked at the black glove on his left hand. He had an urge of removing it after hearing that it will stick to his skin after half an hour...

"Very well... You can go ahead and do what you want. I'll be staying here on my workbench."

Vale nodded and thanked the man again before walking closer to the first cadaver bag...

As he opened the bag and saw the purple human corpse with blue veins bulging out on its skin, he hesitated for a moment before looking at Sir Isaac once more.

"Sir Isaac, can I use my Dark Spirit to inspect the bodies?" Vale asked.

"Oh? You have contracted with a Dark Spirit? No wonder you want to see some corpses. If it wants to collect Negative Energy to recuperate, it's not a problem..."

Isaac said as he knows Dark Spirits more than Vale...

Vale was momentarily stunned after hearing this... However, he immediately showed a grateful expression as he was thankful for his generosity.

After thanking him once again, he instructed Lotus to fill herself up. Apparently, as soon as he entered the laboratory, Lotus already informed him that she can use the corpses to replenish her energy...

Soon, Vale assisted Lotus in opening the cadaver bags so she can extract the energy she needed from the corpses.

Isaac watched him doing this for a few minutes before he spoke to Vale with his deep voice...

"Dark Spirits can also collect energy from the living... Do you want to try?"

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"T-thank you for the offer, Sir Isaac... However, I don't think I should do that. Besides, my Dark Spirit is already full and we still have six remaining corpses."

Vale answered after hearing the man's suggestion. Although he was already hinted by Lotus that she can use living beings to replenish her energy, he didn't think too deeply of it since he felt that it was such a cruel ability...

At the very least, he thought of killing the person first before letting Lotus claim their energy.

"Haha! You don't have to be so stiff about such rules... I guess you grew up in such a safe and peaceful environment... It's not like I'm going to let you use some innocent people. There is a prison about 30 feet below us and most of them wouldn't last for half a year."

"I see... I will let you know if I need them someday, Sir Isaac..." Vale can only reply after the man already said this much.

Maybe he was right...

Vale's morals were still largely based on his previous life. Although he knows that this is a different world and that he's slowly integrating with it, he just couldn't help but think that the value of life is similar to his previous world.

Of course, he still wanted to punch Lesley's face at least once or twice...

Even if he wants to change his morals, he would have to do it slowly or perhaps, not at all.

Anyway, it seems that Sir Isaac was feeling lonely since Lesley is no longer visiting him so he was talking a bit too much...

Nevertheless, Vale wouldn't abandon his conscience yet.

For now, he has to be firm on this matter or he would lose himself as he walks this Arcane Path.

'I won't turn evil just because I'm practicing the Darkness Path... I still believe that there is no evil path and there are only evil minds.'

Vale said as he tried to convince himself to avoid becoming evil.

After seeing how firm Vale was, Sir Isaac didn't get angry as he nodded. "Very well... You still have time so just do what you want on the corpses. Unfortunately, there is no clean female corpse I can give you since I didn't have time to prepare. All I have here are these practitioners who died from a plague."

"Right, I'm curious about this, Sir Isaac... What Arcane Path are they practicing? Why did they fail to protect themselves from this disease?" Vale curiously asked.

He can tell that the corpses seem to be in their thirties or forties. It means that they weren't students who hadn't learned Spells to protect themselves from a plague.

'Is this similar to the Severe Ailment? Is there a spell called Severe Plague?' Vale mused... To be honest, he wouldn't be surprised if there is.

Of course, while he was asking the man, he didn't stop helping himself as he opened the next cadaver bag.

Although Lotus has already finished replenishing her energy, he wasn't done yet!

He decided to just extract the six corpses left.

"They're all rogue practitioners. Most of them practice Combat Arts since they're the easiest ones to get infected by plague or diseases..." Isaac said after a moment.

"Hmm? I heard they have an aura that is also as mysterious as Elemental Energy and Dark Energy. Can't that Aura protect them from diseases?"

"It can... However, the problem with this Arcane Art is that once you exhausted your Aura, they won't just weaken but their pores will open up and their body will be vulnerable to various formless Spells or those that invade our body. Furthermore, they don't have a Magic Zone..."

"Ah? They're that terrible? Ahem... I mean, I've seen a couple of Police Officers that are Combat Arts Practitioners before and they were quite impressive." Vale replied as he recalled Officer Roma and Spencer in Charvale City. They seem quite strong in his opinion...

He didn't expect that they have such a flaw.

Anyway, although Dark Arts Practitioners can also be vulnerable once they exhausted their energy, their bodies were still "baptized" by the Darkness Possession so catching a disease would be difficult unless it is a spell beyond their body's limits.

"They're probably just using some Runic Devices... They have guns made by Rune Arts Faction, right? Of course, not all of them are weak. If they're First-Class Practitioners, then they're really strong... Their Aura can cover at least a 10-meter range at that point and it can be considered as a weaker version of Magic Zone."

Isaac calmly explained.

Although he looked quite intimidating with his deep voice and height, he was actually so kind as he explained things to him without looking down on him.

"I understand, Sir Isaac... Thank you for letting me know." Vale answered as continued with his extraction.

[Human corpse has been discovered. Would you like to extract it?]

[Extraction successful. Energy +15 Agility +0.20]

[Extraction successful. Energy +15 Agility +0.21]

[Extraction successful. Energy +15 Agility +0.20]

...

[Extraction successful. Energy +15 Agility +0.23]

"..."

'What terrible luck... All of them gave Agility? What's with these Combat Arts Practitioners?'

Vale shook his head in disappointment as he thought that his Intelligence will finally reach 52 points... He was hoping that it would allow him to have 26 Spirit Strands but it seems that he has to wait for a while before that happens.

[Attributes: Strength 29.65, Agility 25.08, Intelligence 51.17, Vitality 27.44]

[Dark Arts: Spell Dispersion Lv4, Ghost Hand Lv7, Incorruptible Body Lv5, Darkness Manipulation Lv2]

[Available Energy: 1,245]

[Available Divinity: 99.78]

He got a total of 1.26 Agility Points from the six corpses.

After finishing his extraction, Vale heaved a sigh of relief as he can finally return to his dormitory and rest.

However, as soon as he stood up, he heard Lotus' warning!

'Dodge!'

Lotus shouted in his mind... Vale didn't think twice as he swiftly jumped on his side while activating his Phantasm State and Nymph Scale followed by his wide-range Spell Dispersion...

Boom!

A lightning bolt just struck the floor he was previously standing at!

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Vale's eyes widened as soon as he realized what had just happened.

'That was dangerous! That could've killed me!' Vale started cursing in his mind as he saw how the floor was destroyed... The lightning strike left some molten stones about 2 meters in diameter as the temperature in the room started increasing.

Then, he looked at the Dark Spellcaster who just attacked him.

"Sir Isaac?" Vale was confused they were just talking with no issues or disagreements whatsoever and he was attacked out of nowhere!

Vale might understand if he offended the man but he was sure that the didn't do anything that deserves to be struck by lightning.

Well, he called Isaac lonely in his mind but there was no way he can read his thoughts.

"Good reflexes... Do you know what the Headmaster said in exchange for allowing you to inspect my corpses?" Isaac answered with a chuckle...

Vale had goosebumps hearing him laugh as he couldn't help but recall his Master. That person is a madman that would laugh at him whenever he feels pain.

"This... He didn't mention anything to me." Vale replied in exasperation.

"Oh... He didn't mention but it doesn't mean that this is all for free." Isaac replied.

Vale was stunned as they didn't talk about payment. Vale used his favor to see the Headmaster's basement but not in this building.

He indeed makes sense but this is just too much.

"Sir Isaac, are you telling me that you'll be taking my life in exchange for the corpses I touched? Isn't that a bit too much?" Vale frowned as he already started talking to Lotus about their escape plan.

It is a good thing that they can talk with each other using the unique connection they have.

Although it will be difficult, he knows that with his Spell Dispersion and the Dark Spirit's strength, they should be able to escape this place. This is definitely the case especially if Isaac will blindly trust the Formation Circles that were installed in the building.

"Take your life? Who said I'm planning to take your life... Jean would kill me if I did that. I'm only planning to open you up for a bit. I'm curious how were you able to obtain a Nova-Class Dark Spirit... It shouldn't be possible for a first-year student like you."

"What?! I just did what the instructor said and made a ritual to call for a friendly spirit! There's nothing special on that." Vale explained as he started moving back to get more distance between them.

"A ritual to call for a friendly spirit? Pfft~" Isaac repeated as he couldn't hide his laugh...

"Then that's even more suspicious... Dark Spirits aren't friendly spirits... They're considered to be the warriors or the protectors of the Spirit World... You needed a high-level ritual in order to summon one of them and a Tier 2 Soul Contract Bestowal spell to tie them up to this world." He continued.

"Sir Isaac, I'm not aware of that... Perhaps it has something to do with Master Heinz?" Vale asked as he wanted to prolong the conversation.

At this time, he didn't stop looking for a way out... He can tell that the door of the laboratory was now blocked by a Formation Circle, or perhaps a Dark Spell that he wasn't aware of... He started getting closer to it and controlled his Spell Dispersion not to hit it so it wouldn't be too suspicious.

Once he's ready, he would surely use everything he had to run away.

"Heinz? Heinz Becker? That lunatic who wanted to create a new branch of the Dark Arts?! Hahaha... Are you telling me that he succeeded?"

Vale finally realized that this person is also a lunatic... Well, what did he expect from Dark Arts Practitioners?

There are side effects in using Mystical Items and there are also side effects in learning Arcane Arts. He wasn't sure about the other paths but for the Dark Arts Practitioners, Vale knows that the side effect of practicing this Path would affect the mind of the practitioners and they would start to disregard human life.

"Can you let me leave now, Sir Isaac? If you have further questions. I think you should just ask my Master." Vale said as he pushed the danger to Heinz.

"Indeed... He probably knows more than you." He then paused for a moment and observed Vale's body from head to toe.

"However, it doesn't mean that you aren't special... I want to know your secrets." Isaac said in such a menacing manner as Vale no longer hesitated as he turned around to flee!

Isaac laughed as he already blocked the exit a while ago...

However, before he could mock Vale for being too reckless, he realized that the Spell Formation that should paralyze him from passing through that door didn't activate!

'What? When did he compromise that?' Isaac was momentarily at a loss since he didn't expect that freshman student of the Academy is already capable of doing that.

'Was it a Mystical Item? But only a high-grade Noble Rank can do that... This is more enjoyable than I expected... No wonder Jean was asking me to test him. I thought he was simply thinking too much.'

Isaac then moved like a ghost as he followed Vale's movement.

He can tell that Vale was using two movement-type Mystical Artifacts which should consume plenty of his energy in a short amount of time.

He was desperate to escape...

"Block him!" Isaac said as he ordered the Tier 2 Variants to stop Vale from escaping...

Although he can arrive quickly beside Vale, he decided to let him show more of his skills.

Indeed, Isaac witnessed a very suspicious Advanced Realm Ghost Hands!

Not even 10th-Year students are capable of doing that!

"Incredible! I guess your parents allowed you to practice the Dark Arts when you were 5 or even younger than that." Isaac said as he saw how the Tier 2 Variants got caught off guard and were off-balanced by the Ghost Hands that were thrown at them at such a high speed.

Although the Tier 2 Variants can stop even a raging elephant, once their center of balance was compromised, they would still fall to the ground...

Vale's calculation in his movements was terrifying. He didn't even stop there, he allowed his Dark Spirit to attack the Variants ensuring that they wouldn't go up!

This time, it was Isaac who started to panic.

"Hey! Stop! They're expensive!"