## **ETERNAL THIEF**

## **Chapter 15: Sneak Inside Inner-Region!**

Inner Region Gate of River Flower City was a huge bronze gate and the only way to enter into the inner region of the city. Anyone who wants to enter the inner region they have to be a cultivator and show their identity as a noble.

It was the middle of the night and the inner region's gate was being tightly watched by strong cultivators guards.

People were going in and out after showing their identity proof. It was a crystal identity card, by wavering it in front of the big stone beside the gate it shows the personal information of the holder. Anyone can get one from their birthplace and any faction they have an affinity with. But this crystal identity card cost 10 ruby coins to make and people like Ace didn't get any in their lifetime.

That's why Ace didn't want information on him to get recorded here so he can be like a ghost no one will ever know who he was or where he came from.

At this time, not far from the inner city gate, Ace was waiting for a chance to sneak in when he spotted a man looking around and smile foolishly at anyone he sees.

'You're the one!' After selecting the target, Ace active stealth and vanished into the darkness of night.

Ace was no longer a rooky like before anymore. In stealth, no one can spot him anymore if their cultivation realm was not higher than him but the limit was still in Qi Gates's realm because his mastery over this skill was still at middle-level.

There were four levels of mastery for the system's basic skills, Low, Middle, High, and Perfection.

Ace follows that man with his silent steps even nearby people and the 'Second Gate' cultivator's guards didn't notice him following that man from behind. The moment the gate opens Ace uses the silent steps to limit and became like a gust of wind, vanished inside the inner region.

No one noticed that a thief has sneaked into the inner region.

After entering the inner region Ace took a random direction and run aimlessly. First, he finds a barren place and takes cover behind a wide tree. Ace takes out a new set of clothing from his bag and changed his 'Black Ghost outfit'.

After changing his clothes, Ace looked at the 'Black Ghost outfit' and lit a fire with some dry woods nearby. Then he throws the black outfit in the burning flames.

'Black Ghost is dead now! No one will connect him with a new thief of the inner region hehe.' Ace chuckled while watching the outfit and mask turn into ashes and scatter in the air with gusts of wind.

After dealing with the 'Black Ghost' matter Ace takes a random direction again because he didn't know areas of the inner region.

It was already nighttime but there were lights on the brode streets and many people were strolling here and there. The lights were coming from a strange glass in a long pole Ace had never seen this kind of thing before. it was definitely different from the outer region.

Ace was quite curious but also tired after using all those skills so he asks a passing-by person politely, "Sir do know where can I find an Inn here?" He decided to spend the night in an Inn and exploring the inner region in the morning.

This person didn't seem to mind Ace's question because it was normal for people to come here for visits. "Just head in the same direction as this street and you'll find an Inn after twenty minutes walk." The person replied indifferently and mind his own business afterward.

"Thank you." Ace thanked the man and didn't dwell there either.

After fifteen minutes a big building afar comes to his view because of all the lights and with his sharp eyes, he can even see this eyecatching building from a mile away.

Ace speeds up his pace and reaches the big building, it has surprisingly 10 floors. Now that he sees clearly, there were small radiant stones in a glass box attached around this building the lights were coming from them. Ace never saw this kind of stone in the outer region nor this kind of huge building.

A wooden signboard of 'Holyday Inn' was lit with those strange light stones.

Ace enters the Inn and saw a beautiful lady in her late twenties was sitting behind a counter desk. When she saw Ace with a bag on his back she smiles broadly and greets him.

"Welcome to Holiday Inn, how I may help you, Sir?" She said smilingly in her sweet voice.

"I want a room." Ace answers indifferently while acting like an arrogant rich kid.

"What kind of room sir wants we have two kinds of rooms. Second Class Room 10 silver coins with no special services and First Class Room for 10 gold coins with the best service and we will serve Sir with the meat of a wild beast and special wine." That lady introduces with a smile.

"What's a wild beast?" Ace asks in puzzlement, he never heard of this kind of meat before after all, he was what nobles called the commoners' a country bumpkin'.

Ace ate every type of animal meat available in the outer region. But he didn't hear about this beast meat before and it also cost 10 gold coins, one has to know that normal animal meat cost only 50 bronze coins per pound.

"Wild Beasts are found in the wildness outside of the city they aren't normal animals they can cultivate like humans and become 'Demonic Beast' so their meat contains Qi. Furthermore, that what normal cultivator eats in their daily life." The lady replies while smiling but one can see a tiny frown on her beautiful fair face.

'Where did this country bumpkin come from? He didn't even know about a wild beast, is he trying to flirt with me and wasting my time?' She thought irritably.

Other people might not be able to notice changes in her mood but Ace can because of soul cultivation he could sense her mood was changing.

Ace smile wryly, but he really didn't know about these wild beasts. His knowledge of this world was extremely obscure.

'Well if that's what normal cultivators can eat then I can eat it too and see if it tastes better than beef.' Ace snorted in his heart.

Cultivators can live without eating but that was after they reached a particular higher realm. The early cultivators like Ace have to eat because their Qi reserves were limited and they can only draw little power from the world with their meridians closed.

However, Ace was different in this regard as well he can live for a whole month without eating anything because his Qi was Heavenly Qi. He eats daily for the sake of eating.

"I'll take one with rent of 10 gold coins. Here 1 Ruby coin it will be enough for 10 days right?" Ace takes a ruby coin from his pocket and place it on the desk in front of that lady who was thinking while frowning.

She snapped out of her daze after hearing Ace's voice and seeing a shinning ruby coin on the desk she said with a wide smile plaster on her face, "Yes. It'll be enough for 10 days. I'll immediately go and get the key for sir's room."

"This key is for room No.103 on the 3rd floor. If you need anything please contact me I'll be here at any time. Your meals will be delivered by maids three times a day. Happy stay sir" She handed over the key to Ace and sends a servant to escort him to the room.

After entering the room Ace sighs in astonishment, "This room is really big, at least five times bigger than my old hut." For him, this room was really luxurious.

Ace put his bag and raptor swords pair wooden case down in the corner of the room,

'I have to deal with these pills first. I wonder if someone will buy them without noticing anything.' Ace wanted to sell these pills from Fatty Billy's shop for ruby coins.

Seemingly Ace can't use these pills. When he tries he only tastes the bitter flavor of herbs nothing else. He concluded it was because of Heavenly Qi.

Just as Ace was about to start his daily routine of cultivation, he senses someone was approaching his door. He instantly rais his guard and use Heavenly Sense he saw there was only a maidservant with a tray in her hand. He quickly relaxes and has a sigh of relief.

Just as he seen a light knocked rang in the room and a sweet voice sounded, "Sir I'm here with your dinner."

Ace opened the door with a smile on his face. He received the tray of dishes from the maidservant, "Thank You."

The maidservant was astonished, no one had ever thanked her in all her years of working here because Nobels and especially Cultivators are all arrogant bunches they would never thank a mortal maid like herself.

She was still astonished by this young boy's early behavior when Ace took out a ruby coin from his pocket and place it in her hand. "Here buy something good for your kids with it." Ace said with generosity.

Ace was still acting like a rich young master but he didn't know even rich people didn't give a ruby coin to a maidservant as a tip.

The maidservant was stunned by Ace's huge tip and panic as she quickly rejects, "S-sir I-I can't take it, just a silver coin would be sufficient. And I didn't have any kids I'm single!" When she said that she blushed heavily. But Ace didn't notice her blush and insist, "Just take it if you didn't have any kids then buy something for your parents." Ace closed the door without waiting for an answer.

That maid held the ruby coin in her hand absent-mindedly and after some moment she tightly clinched ruby coins in her hand and left with tears in her eyes. Maybe it was a coincidence or luck but she really needed this kind of money at this moment.

Ace didn't think much of the early encounter and starts enjoying the roosted wild beast meat. As he eats he feels this meat contains 100 or even 1000 times more energy compared to normal meat.

"That lady didn't lie about Qi in this meat and it's more delicious than beef. No wonder cultivators only eat this kind of meat." Ace mumbles like some silly child and enjoys his meal.

After finish eating Ace started to cultivate his martial cultivation since he just achieves a breakthrough in his soul cultivation.