GOD'S EYES

Chapter 681 - Influence

Solaris was still unable to fuse with him as Artemis and Petri, and if Jason were, to be honest, he was unsure why.

Petri's soul connection was not as firm as Solaris' after all!

Nevertheless, the strong soul conjunction of Solaris gave him several advantageous effects even without fusing together.

With an extremely low mana consumption, and the ability to control its flames however he wanted, Solaris was able to turn Jason into a glass cannon-like being, with strong attacks, yet weak endurance.

There was just one important factor that made him different from a normal glass cannon while allowing Solaris to occupy his mana core- he was not restricted physically.

His physique was still strong enough to be at par with Prisma stage beings as long as he used other amplifying factors, which meant that Jason was, in fact, able to deal significant damage to others while having high defensive capabilities!

Given the long-range attack of Solaris' black flames that were on the Prisma rank and their unique property to burn through cultivation energies if wanted, the origin flame was extremely powerful and was perfectly suited for the current situation.

Facing massive numbers of opponents while being in a confined space brought back painful memories of the Yasl?rn cave incident, in which Scorpio died.

Through this, frustration, sadness, and anger which Jason had thought to have been long since released, resurfaced.

This was a perfectly natural behavior, but according to what he knew, acting as he was currently doing was not what he was ought to do as a Celestia.

It would just increase the possibility of him becoming an Infernal Celestia, which was why the Celestia race had most likely evolved towards a direction in which they were unable to accumulate and maintain their hatred.

At least, Jason assumed it to be like that or similar, because he couldn't know the exact answer solely based on the intel he had acquired until now.

Nevertheless, given that he was both a human and a Celestia, Jason had to find a way to make both sides cooperate instead of letting them influence each other negatively.

The latter would be the worst, and it was something he had to prevent by all means.

As such, he had to release his emotions without giving them too much time to accumulate within him.

With that in mind, Jason's Stigma and his Aura flared up, as black flames erupted from his entire body.

Taking a single glance at Jennifer, who already knew about all important properties Solaris had, he saw her manifest a thin membrane of her merged energies, enveloping her body with it.

Through this, Jason understood that Jennifer realised what he was about to do, which was not exactly difficult to achieve.

This helped a lot, and with a thick layer of Solaris' fire enveloping him tightly, Jason took another step forward as Byakur manifested in his hand, vibrating, seemingly in joy.

After enveloping it with Solaris' flames, in addition to using a large amount of mana which he inserted into it, the majority of runes began to shine brightly, piercing through the black layer of flames.

The moment Jason summoned Byakur while activating its runes, the assassins instinctively halted in their tracks.

They could already perceive the threat emanating from the black flames, but that was already something they had expected.

However, what they didn't expect to occur was that their rune disrupting device had been rendered useless.

In a last-ditch effort, they tried to utilise the runes on their own weapons but noticed that it was still not working. Thus, they couldn't help but look at the weapon in Jason's hand, visibly shocked as one of the assassins blurted out.

"Impossible!"

When Jason saw their reaction, he couldn't hide his smile anymore, and it was only because of the black flames that enveloped his entire body like a tight armor that nobody was able to see him.

Before, he had been unsure whether everything would work according to his plan or not, but his worries had disappeared in thin air.

Byakur was his soul weapon, thus the engraved runes were different from normal ones, changed by the influence of his soul imprints.

It might have been forged on Argos, by someone, whose blacksmithing knowledge couldn't even remotely be compared to that of Pera or anyone else.

Nevertheless, Byakur was something unique, bound to his soul and extremely strong despite all the concerning factors that should have worried him a lot.

Probably owing to his soul, and the massive changes the runes on Byakur had undergone as it had been forged, they had become different compared to normal runes.

Jason was not sure what exactly could have happened, but it didn't matter right now.

What mattered right now was defeating the assassins, as quickly as possible, while being unscathed if feasible, was the most important!

As such, he let out his frustration, anger, and sadness, changing the Celestia aura that was directly connected to the range of emotions he released.

Through this, the amplifications his aura released were further enhanced, only to overlap with the Stigma's effects, further reinforcing each other.

Owing to that, Jason's energy circulation increased drastically, while the same applied to his mana replenishing pace that accelerated.

Releasing more and more flames, Jason filled the entire room behind him with thousands of fire needles.

Each of them had a tiny fraction of Solaris' essence, which meant that only a single needle had to scratch an assassin before their bodies would be invaded by Solaris!

After that, the assassins would be burned from the inside while their life force would be deprived of them.

This was another of Solaris' unique properties which it had acquired during the Great Argos war.

It was an exceptional ability, and useful for many things, increasing the variety of attacks Jason could employ by several times.

With everything he had been given in the current situation, he could face a huge crowd of opponents as long as the tiny needles were strong enough to pierce through their defenses.

However, that was exactly the problem Jason had before, his lack of mana.

Yet, with the low mana consumption Solaris required to use its flames, the problem about his lack of mana was not concerning, not even to the slightest.

This was even less the case owing to the Celestia aura that had been affected by his emotions, further decreasing the mana consumption he had.

As such, he didn't hesitate a single moment as he erupted in ravaging flames that manifested from his body, filling the entire room in mere seconds.

The flames' searing heat increased the room's temperature instantly, only to increase further the more mana Jason injected into Solaris.

With the increased mana consumption, the other properties Solaris had were also enhanced, further reinforcing the ability to burn energy as well as the defenses of the assassins that were rushing towards him.

The closest assassins that had advanced to the Prisma stage were already defenseless causing Jason to smile as he thought.

'Let the show begin!'

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Chapter 682 - Thanks

With the entire room enveloped in black flames, the furniture began to burn while the energy membrane of the assassins at the Prismar stage was slowly evaporating.

Meanwhile, the fastest Prismar stage assassins had already emerged in front of him owing to their high speed.

There were burns on his face, but ignoring this, the Devir, whose wings were melting, lashed out with the long spear he was tightly holding, targeting Jason's chest.

Because the flames Jason released were searing hot with numerous tiny black fire needles behind the young man, the Devir expected Jason's entire focus to be on his affinity.

Thus, he had been confident to finish off Jason, clearly overestimating his own capabilities.

Unfortunately, that was not the case for the Devir assassin. Jason's eyes gleamed lightly before he muttered,

"I can still move, idiot!"

When Jason said this, he exerted the Floating Sky movement technique at the perfect mastery before leaning forward, while twisting his body to an uncomfortable degree.

Simultaneously, he swung Byakur, only to enlarge the blade with the required rune which glowed brightly.

After the enlargement, Byakur was long enough to reach the Devir, who hadn't expected Jason to act that quickly.

It hadn't been a problem for Jason to evade the spear, which was already a great feat while maintaining the majority of his focus on the black flames.

However, Jason's ability to easily initiate a counterattack as he just did, was difficult to accept for the Devir.

He was further shocked when Byakur's razor-sharp blade continued to expand, reaching the Devir's neck before he had time to react.

'Is he really at the Lique stage?!?' This was the last thought of the Devir before his head flew through the air, after being severed cleanly from the neck, astonishing the other assassins.

Nobody had expected that Jason could kill a Prismar stage being so easy, and this was after they had read the report about the young man with golden eyes.

They had even heard about the news of him being able to intimidate the 21st Prince of the Aeus race, Leonardo, but it was exactly because of this reason that so many assassins were targeting Jason.

If there hadn't been the issue with the City Lord, or rather the fact that they had to drag Luna away by all means, much stronger assassins would have been chosen to attack Jason.

Nevertheless, it was difficult to accept that Jason, a being at the Mid-Lique stage, was able to easily overwhelm and kill a single Devir, while simultaneously imbuing fear in the minds of every single other assassin.

Unfortunately, the continued exertion was beginning to take its toll on his body and mind!

Jason had a hard time fighting without restrictions, as well as continuing to maintain both the searing flame's heat inside the room and the countless black flame needles, which were still floating behind him.

It was only due to Solaris that this was possible.

As such, he had it much easier than others would have under normal circumstances.

However, that didn't give him more time to react because the situation was already on the verge of ending in chaos as he had been forced to fight close combat in addition to the flames' maintenance.

Because of that, Jason decided that the timing was right, making him release the countless black flame needles.

As such, with shocking velocity, they shot towards the other side of the room, closing the distance between the assassins who were already inside the room, or just about to enter it.

In the restricted room, it was nearly impossible to evade the black flame needles, and the vast majority of people were affected by his attack.

After this, Solaris' essence entered their body and devoured their life force.

Unfortunately, Jason didn't have any time to witness all of this because Jennifer and the Ascendion stage assassins were already wreaking havoc inside the room, mindlessly destroying everything.

At the same time, Jason realised that some of the strong assassins were trying to target him with a seemingly unfocused attack, only for Jennifer to intervene, finishing off everyone, the second their attention was distracted.

Owing to that, Jennifer could protect him while simultaneously defeating her opponents.

Meanwhile, Solaris' flames were burning through the body of more than 20 assassins, only for the remaining ones to charge at him, still thinking that their comrades would follow suit.

However, this was more difficult than they could assume.

As such, with only ten almost unscathed assassins at the Prismar stage left behind, Jason retracted the flames that had occupied the entire room.

Instead of letting the flames burn through the energy of everyone, he wanted to enhance himself further which made him envelop his body with a thick layer of highly compressed flames.

With this, the flames turned into his armor, which could be released at once.

Other than that, these flames could boost him, pushing him ahead several meters in an instant by explosively releasing bursts of flames behind him.

Owing to the high amount of mana he had already consumed, Jason couldn't help but restrict the usage of Solaris to a certain extent.

In the end, the mana consumption to materialise the black flames was not a lot.

Nevertheless, the quantity he had summed made all the difference to Jason.

As such, by restricting the flames, he was able to replenish mana instead of using it up.

This was owing to the mana replenishing technique the first sub-area in his mind was making use of.

With that in mind, Jason began to actively attack his opponents using Byakur.

Having exerted the Floating Sky movement technique, his speed was higher than that of the assassins in front of him, giving him the chance to balance out the disadvantage of fighting multiple opponents at once.

However, this advantage didn't last long as the other assassins began to also use their unique movement technique.

Earlier, this hadn't been possible because the space was not enough for them to move.

Unfortunately, with their comrades' weird state of being seemingly fine on the outside, only to be forced to bear the tremendous pain that swept through their entire body, it was possible to exert the unique movement technique.

While observing Jason intently, the remaining assassins realised that Jason's flame had been the main root cause of all problems.

As such, they didn't hesitate to take a step back the moment the black flame armor that was tightly enveloping his body, began to move.

Jason realised this quickly, but without being able to reach his opponents anymore, it was difficult to attack them and not get stabbed in the process.

The last ten assassins were fighting with great teamwork while using the fact that the fighting space was little to their advantage.

Because of that, Jason wanted to replace Solaris inside his mana core, and allow Petri to occupy it.

However, that didn't seem to be necessary because the little trick he had in mind was working much better than he expected.

This was fortunate because Jason couldn't have been sure if the thing he had wanted to destroy was something his limited strength could even affect let alone damage.

Nevertheless, he had Solaris, whose tiny flame had been relentlessly working on burning through a specific device that hung around the dead corpse of the strongest assassin which attacked them!

"You guys should really have paid more attention to your equipment! Why leave the only runedisrupting device by someone who died?" He simply questioned before a blazing red desert eagle manifested in his hand.

"It looks like I have no choice...now, please die for me!"

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 683 - Technology

It had been a long time since he'd used Degar, but holding the blazing red desert eagle in his hand, Jason couldn't help but smile lightly.

Because cultivating allowed people to increase their lifespan, bend nature's law, and survive something normal beings would never be able to, technology advanced mostly in one direction- comfort.

As such, it was a rare sight for the Aeus and Devirs to see the desert eagle Jason was holding.

There were societies or even entire planets that were fully focused on advancing their technology, but in most cases, World bridges or other means were much more convenient for such things.

Thus, Jason hadn't even heard anything about spaceships so far.

He found this to be a little bit sad because on Argos everyone wanted to advance in technology, and had been trying to enter space, only to make no headway.

Meanwhile, the beings that were able to do so didn't even care about it.

It was evident that most guns were of little use in the face of cultivators at a much higher stage, but that didn't mean they were entirely useless.

At least, not if one had a weapon that was able to kill beings at the Prisma stage, as Jason had.

However, this was only possible with enough supply of mana, and a flame that was as strong as or even more powerful than Solaris.

To put it simply, it was difficult to find something like that for a being that was at a lower stage than the one he had reached.

There might be some exceptions to this case, but the chances were slim.

Due to this, Jason also believed that most guns were rather useless in the face of stronger beings.

He himself would rather use a bow, arrows, or his affinity to fight long-range than using the desert eagle.

It was also much more exciting to only fight using one's own capabilities without making use of guns or other similar means to kill others.

In the end, there were only a few exceptions, in which Jason would use a gun.

One of them had been the Great Argos war, where he had been forced to resort to means that would kill a large number of opponents as quickly as possible.

At the same time, Solaris' flame could burn through his opponent, turning even seemingly useless weapons into something extraordinary as long as it was used with Solaris.

Lifting the hand holding Degar, Jason saw a small flame ignite at the tip of the barrel after which he filled the blazing bullets that were loaded into Degar's magazine.

Until then, the assassins didn't expect the desert eagle to cause any real damage because the amount of mana that was inserted into the gun was not much.

Little did they know that it wasn't the blazing bullets, but mostly Solaris' flames that needed mana!

Compressing the flames within the bullet, they were becoming stronger by the second.

Unable to suppress his smile, Jason stared at the closest assassin, who stared back at him in confusion.

He was not sure why Jason had retracted his Celestia aura out of a sudden, while the black flame armor that was enveloping his body was slowly consumed as it entered the desert eagle through the gun's grip.

Nevertheless, Jason's combat prowess had decreased rapidly, and it was only his smile that would have caused the others to hesitate.

Sighing visibly, he held it before pulling the trigger.

A moment later, a thunderous *bang* resounded through the entire room as a pitch-black bullet soared through it with a terrifying velocity that was much faster than any newly advanced Prismar stage being could reach.

Thus, a fraction of a second later, the bullet pierced into the assassin's leather armor only to penetrate it without much resistance as it burned through the Devir's skin and flesh.

Screaming in pain, the Devir was flung away due to the impact, only to start burning much faster than the speed in which other assassins were being deprived of their energy.

Minutes into the fight, more than 20 assassins were already burning and about to succumb to their injuries.

Having no means to extinguish the flames within them, they were unable to do anything due to the low cultivation base they had reached.

This was exactly the reason why Jason was not bothered by them.

Instead, he was more focused on the unscathed assassins whose entire combat prowess was relatively unused.

Nevertheless, the other assassins were also able to use the runes on their weapons in the absence of the rune disrupting device.

Unfortunately, this was something they noticed too late because Jason emptied his magazine within a single second.

During the Great Argos war this would have been unthinkable, however, now his physique was able to handle the Degar's impact without much trouble.

It was still somewhat strong, but that was only obvious because the weapon had been constructed using the best materials one could find on Argos.

This meant that Degar was made of Prismar ranked materials, which might that it was not the best if he were to compare it with Manyrs' resources.

As such, it was completely different in comparison to Argos, where Prismar stage beings had been the strongest, while Degar was strong enough to kill every being as long as one had enough mana.

Nevertheless, Degar was still more than enough to kill everyone at the Low Prisma stage.

That was, if he had enough time to refill the gun's magazine with bullets, mana, and Solaris' blazing hot fire.

With seven bullets hitting and severely injuring seven assassins, there were only a handful of the assassins left who had just entered the room, eying him with a glint of multiple mixed emotions in their eyes.

As such, Jason couldn't help but smile as he flared up with his Celestia aura once again, before replacing Degar's magazine with another one that was filled with armor-piercing bullets.

A moment later, he was exerting the Floating Sky movement technique, before appearing next to the closest opponent.

With Degar's barrel pointed at the oblivious Aeus' head, Jason didn't hesitate to pull the trigger.

The young Aeus' head exploded and the insides of his brain scattered through the air, only for Jason to move ahead as if nothing had happened.

Right now he couldn't show any mercy, or afford to slow down.

Jennifer was fighting with her life on the line to protect him, thus, wasting more time meant that he would endanger her.

This was something he wanted to prevent by all means.

With that in mind, he summoned Solaris into his hand, before telling it to accelerate the devouring process of its essence flames.

After giving the command, Jason saw that the already tormented assassins were screaming in pain once again.

Seeing this, Jason's eyes remained cold as he finished off the last few opponents without further delay.

They were staring at him in fear and were paralysed with fear as Jason had already targeted them with his curses and the abyssal effect.

His mana was almost fully consumed because of this, but that didn't matter anymore.

The armor-piercing bullets had been fully empowered and using the remaining six bullets, he put the last few opponents to death.

Though it appeared to be an easy victory for him, Jason's mind felt as if it had been mashed, and thrown into a mixer afterward.

Multitasking had never been his forte and only after his brain had been refined multiple times owing to Solaris' baptisms, the bloodline awakening, and the refinements his brain had to undergo when he split his mind to create the sub-areas that he had reached his current state.

Fortunately, he wouldn't have too many problems when Spyro, the Spiral Spirit, would finally hatch, enhancing his mind and brain, instead of his physique or mana core.

Jason was already awaiting this day with high expectations, but for now, he could only turn around to see that Jennifer was finally able to focus on fighting against the last few assassins that were still standing.

'How long will it take before I overwhelm her?' He suddenly wondered, seeing how powerful she truly was, causing him to shake his head.

'I am too greedy...forget it!'

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 684 - Seeking Truth

Jason was still astonished that none of the assassins had realised the threat of his desert eagle because it was a relatively simple weapon.

The bullets weren't special either, and it was only his flame that made everything a little bit more complex, and lethal for others.

As such, the assassins grew wary of the Degar the moment a black flame manifested on the tip of the barrel.

Nevertheless, Jason was quite happy about the change of expressions on the assassins faces, the more they were apprehensive, the less effort he would have to put in.

Thus, he used Byakur to finish off the remaining, heavily injured assassins that were still burning from the inside out.

Despite them attacking the manor and making the first move, Jason felt that something was off about the assassins.

If he didn't perceive it wrongly, they seemed too reluctant to attack him.

That was not the case with everyone, but some of them had conflicted expressions as if they were doing something against their will.

Owing to this, he was not even sure whether the attack on the manor was as simple as he assumed before.

'The expression of the auction house's higher-ups was...weird, but that didn't necessarily mean that he, or someone from the auction house, was involved in the attack on the manor... But, it's still possible!'

Sighing deeply, Jason had almost forgotten that he was dead tired which caused him to almost slump to the ground.

Fortunately, he didn't. Instead, Jason focused on allowing Solaris to absorb the essence from the inside of the dead assassins.

After that, he collected their spatial rings in order to earn a small fortune, while simultaneously trying to find out the origin of the assassins.

With a total of more than 30 spatial rings gathered, Jason had one of his eyes trained on Jennifer, who was almost done with her battle too.

Under normal circumstances, he wouldn't be so calm because other women under the City Lord were unable to use the equipment that allowed them to strike others with lethal attacks, or protect themselves.

As such, many problems were bound to occur in the other rooms of the Manor owing to the rune disrupting device.

Unfortunately, Jason was not strong enough to help because he knew that all the newly advanced Prismar stage assassins were focused on him.

Thus, there was not even a single assassin he could defeat anymore.

With that in mind, Jason focused on finding more about the attack, instead of doing something that would cost him his life.

Furthermore, even if he were to rush to the others' aid, Jason was either bound to reach too late or even distract other women whom he wanted to help.

Jennifer was much better at helping others because she was strong enough to do so!

Jason was not sure how high her combat prowess was, but even the Initial rank Ascendion stage assassins were not strong enough to face her alone!

The strongest assassin which Jennifer had assassinated by shooting through the wall, had even been at the Low rank of the Ascendion stage!

After Solaris' had absorbed its essence, and Jason had collected most of the spatial rings, he glanced in Jennifer's direction before searching through the spatial rings for a moment.

Though the spatial rings weren't filled to the brim, a fact Jason had expected already, what confused him were the things he found inside.

'Each spatial ring has the exact same size, two manuals, the exact same amount of cultivation stones, a photo of their target...that's it?'

The Ascendion stage assassins' spatial rings Jason had collected looked similar, just that the rewards were much higher, along with a picture of Jennifer's disguised form in it.

However, Jason found this extremely confusing.

'Did they hire all of these people? But...that makes no sense in accordance with the emotions which I sensed and even saw through the Emperor Eyes' emotion hues...'

It was weird, and Jason couldn't help but feel suspicious about everything.

Unfortunately, before he was able to proceed questioning about the attack, Jennifer rushed past him, while saying,

"I'm done, you take care of the rest!"

With that, she disappeared through the door, rushing towards the closest ally that required her help.

In the end, not many were able to defeat opponents with a higher cultivation base, let alone a higher stage.

Jason and Jennifer were exceptions to this, which was, however, not the case with the others.

Fortunately, they didn't have to fight opponents at a higher cultivation stage, as they had already advanced to the Ascendion stage.

Thus, they were able to fight with a few opponents head-on.

Despite all of that, the biggest disadvantage was the fact that nobody could use equipment with runes.

As such, the enemy's numerical advantage couldn't be balanced out with better equipment.

In the end, even the City Lord didn't expect the perpetrators to possess more than a dozen rune disrupting devices.

They were extremely expensive, difficult to produce and procure, and normally only renowned powerhouses could purchase them.

Jason had also learned some things about unique items when he was in the auxiliary tower's library.

Because of that, he was able to roughly understand that everything was slightly more difficult than he'd initially assumed.

'Did the royalty really initiate a strike against the Tritans and us because we are supporting them? But...does that even make sense given the recent commotion at the borders of the Julandra region...

Aren't there enough problems already...why suddenly attack? And what was wrong with these Aeus and Devirs that attacked us? Their expression and attitude were not that of assassins, or at least, they weren't eager to kill me and Jennifer...'

Scratching the back of his head, Jason was so lost in thoughts that he didn't even realise that the entire room and hallway had been completely destroyed.

In fact, the entire building was about to collapse, and Jason was still simply staring at the Aeus and Devirs corpses.

They didn't look like assassins, had flawless skin without scars or marks on their body to prove that they were used to fighting, let alone display the mercilessness of a true assassin during their fight.

Jason found that he himself was a much better assassin if they were truly what he thought they had been.

At that moment, he realised something, which caused his eyes to widen, only for him to shake his head.

Yet, a moment later, Jason halted in his tracks as he mumbled,

"Why would the Aeus and Devirs hire members of their own race to attack someone else. If it were the royalty, they could simply order them and pay later... It couldn't have been the Manyrs' doing, right?

Or is that also a devious plan of the royalty belonging to both races in order to divert our attention from them to the Manyrs.

But...in that case, it wouldn't make sense to send some half-cooked fighters that were afraid to fight me...'

Jason was still confused, and not exactly sure what was going on.

Unfortunately, he was unable to be inside the Manor for long to study the corpses because it was crumbling.

Its main foundation had suddenly been damaged because a tremendous amount of energy had been released.

Averting his gaze to the direction in which the energy originated, Jason couldn't help but bite his lower lip.

He was able to see several things through his Emperor Eyes, and they were not something he was glad to see, not one bit!

Jennifer had released the tremendous energy that shook the entire manor and consequently damaged its foundation. She was under the influence of wrath and agony, the purest bloodlust he had ever seen through his eyes. Meanwhile, two women that belonged to the City Lord, were lying on the ground devoid of even a single energy fluctuation.

They were dead, killed by the assassins because they had been too weak and unable to defend themselves properly, and Jennifer had just found them.

This caused the rational part of her mind to be momentarily switched off as she let go of all the emotions she was currently feeling.

Seeing Jennifer in pain made Jason feel a profound sadness he hadn't sensed in a long time.

It was different compared to his masters' death, and he was not close to the two women who had died, but it was still sad because everyone inside the City Lord's abode had been nice to him.

'Just...what is happening?'

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 685 - At What Costs

Quickly escaping the Manor that was collapsing, Jason rushed past the room Jennifer was still inside.

Jennifer was still releasing the tremendous pressure and energy currents that were filled with her wrath, frustration and agony, and Jason couldn't help but feel odd and helpless.

He wanted to stop and help her, but there was nothing he could do right now.

As such, Jason decided that it would be better to pay more attention to his own safety as he rushed outside the manor.

Taking a deep breath, he turned around to scan the manor and assess the entire situation with his Emperor Eyes.

The attack of the assassins, or whatever they truly were, had just begun a few minutes before. As such, many were still fighting, ignoring the collapsing house.

Instead of leaving, they were trying to make use of the sudden change to surprise attack each other.

This worked only partially, and in most of the cases, in favor of the assassins.

Nevertheless, Jason couldn't help but feel astonished that they had lost only two of the City Lord's people yet.

That was an impressive feat, even if it was sad for the two that succumbed to their grave injuries.

Jennifer was still filled with the ravaging emotions that were dominating her.

As such, Jason didn't think that anyone close to her would die, not anymore.

At least, that was what he comprehended by looking at the situation in front of him.

There were more than a hundred assassins left, fighting more than ten of the City Lord's closest subordinates, before Jennifer jumped in the melee, intervening in their fight.

Using the three cultivation energies that were intertwined with her emotions and both of her affinities at the same time, she was able to reach an extremely strong combat prowess.

Jason was already aware of the same, but from the looks of it, Jennifer was not using anything additional to increase her strength further!

Her speed rivaled that of a lightning bolt after she had stored the bodies of the two deceased friends, reaching the next opponents in no time.

While he and Jennifer had it quite easy to defeat their opponents, this was not the case for the others. For most of them, it was already a challenge to evade their attacks and stall for more time, let alone defeat a single assassin they were facing.

Their combat prowess was not high enough to overcome several ranks of their own cultivation base.

This was perfectly normal, and anomalies like Jason and Jennifer were simply too rare to come across.

Furthermore, the foundation of their high strength was based on a combination of their genetics, soul awakening, and the influence exerted by the races they originated from.

Jason was not sure how much time had passed as multiple things happened at the same time.

First, he saw that Jennifer finished off the remaining opponents with terrific speed, shocking the others who also belonged to the City Lord.

Most of them struggled to fight, were already severely injured, and were unable to continue fighting against the opponents that were mostly at the Ascendion stage.

Meanwhile, the City Lord, who seemed to have sustained several injuries that looked severe and lifethreatening returned to the manor which she quickly inspected.

At that moment, Luna already noticed that something was off, and the moment she flew above Jason, not noticing that he was below her, she received a voice transmission.

[They used rune disrupting devices!]

According to the emotion hue around her, Luna seemed to be confused and worried. Because of that, he thought that it was best to tell her the most important fact instead of launching a tirade so he mentioned the rune disrupting devices.

They were the culprits of everything, and when the City Lord looked down at Jason, there was no hesitation in her eyes as she rushed towards the ruins of the Manor.

There were only a few opponents left, but the moment Luna appeared above the Manor, they were killed by her without much effort.

In the end, there was no other Specta stage powerhouse that could defend the weaker ranked assassins anymore.

The City Lord defeated them, launching a suicidal attack on the unfortunate ones who were still alive as she had a premonition about what must have happened inside the Manor.

Nevertheless, she had been forced to leave with the other two powerhouses before, otherwise, the situation might have escalated in an even worse way.

Despite that, the City Lord only now understood Jennifer's state.

Not knowing what happened, it took her a few moments before realisation struck her like a bolt of lightning.

"Where are Hina and Nua??"

Her voice echoed through the manor, awakening those that were on the brink of collapsing, as they instinctively released their energy currents to inspect the surroundings.

Unfortunately, they didn't find the two missing people but came across Jennifer's released energy that transformed further.

The fight was already over and everyone was exhausted, yet, Jennifer was still enraged and filled with agony.

As such, she could barely control herself before she left the Manor's ruins to lay the two corpses onto the verdant grass.

When everyone saw or sensed the two corpses, a deadly silence permeated the surroundings, and even Jason couldn't help but hold his breath in anticipation, feeling the tension around him.

Time seemed to have stopped and nobody moved a muscle before the City Lord slowly flew towards the two corpses. Bending down, she reached for their faces before closing their eyes.

"May your next life be a glorious one!" Luna murmured in a choked voice as a single tear trickled down her cheeks.

Afterward, she lifted her body, diverting her attention from the two corpses to Jennifer, embracing her in? a tight hug, ignoring the ravaging energies.

The moment the City Lord hugged her tightly, Jennifer screamed loudly, letting go of the pent-up frustration and sorrow. This helped her release the pressure and energies that dispersed into thin air.

They had emerged victorious, but at what costs?

Jason knew that the death of only two people was nothing, given the tricky situation they had been in.

Nevertheless, every loss was a tragic one, and Jason could clearly understand how the others must be feeling.

One after the other, the survivors found their way out of the collapsed Manor before tears began to stream down their cheeks, the moment they saw the corpses of their close friends.

Ignoring their severe injuries, they rushed towards their friend's bodies in disbelief not wanting to accept that they had truly died.

Meanwhile, Jason looked at everything from further away, feeling conflicted emotions surging within him.

It was still unknown who had attacked them, and even if they knew, there was no way that they could simply counterattack the perpetrators.

Nevertheless, Jason felt that knowing your opponent was the bare minimum of information you should have in order to be prepared for another attack.

The fact that the assassins had been using the rune disruptive devices in such a huge quantity indicated that they had received them from the person who hired them.

At the same time, Jason was not sure why they had even been hired because some of the assassins had still been reluctant to fight him.

Due to this, he was not sure if the perpetrator truly belonged to the royalty of the Aeus and Devir race, because there might have been other forces that tried to disrupt the future actions of the Tritans' organisations.

However, this was just an assumption and nothing else, which caused Jason to sigh deeply, as he waited to see what was about to happen now.

'We won't initiate a counterattack, right?' GOD'S EYES

Chapter 686 - Commotion

It took several hours before everyone had regained some of their calm.

The entire situation was still not fixed, given the tears that were still streaming down most of the women's faces, but the City Lord had ordered everyone to gather.

Apparently, there was something she wanted to announce, which caused Jason to follow them slowly.

Meanwhile, the two corpses had already been transferred to coffins and they would be buried soon.

Standing in front of the City Lord, Jason simply looked at her waiting for her to say something which didn't take long to happen.

"I know most of you, including myself, are still in pain because of today's loss. Hina and Nua were good women, and I was, and still am proud to have accepted them into my rows.

Nevertheless, I'm glad that everyone else survived, even if the injuries almost everyone had sustained are severe, and need time to be healed.

Many of you may question who attacked us, and I cannot answer this for sure. The Specta stage powerhouses were unknown to me, and the content of their spatial rings was nothing special. However, given the high cost of rune disruptive devices, we can safely say that someone with high authority purchased them!

Given the fact that the Aeus and Devir race entered a truce, only for both of them to attack the Tritans' cadet camps and the manor with combined forces, it looks like their royalty is behind everything.

However, that is not something I can be certain about for now!

Even if it's hard for all of you, please tend to your wounds and focus on recuperating for the next few days.

Getting adequate rest will be the most important for all of you because we never know what may happen in the future!"

With a grim expression, she stated everything that was on her mind, only to sigh in the end.

After she was done speaking, Jason opened his mouth to say something only to close it again thinking that it could wait.

Luna noticed this which caused her to look straight at him.

It was only then that she truly realised that he was completely unscathed, which was majorly the case because Jason had already changed into a fresh set of clothes, discarding the burned and soiled ones.

"What is it, Jason? Just speak what's on your mind."

The City Lord was not even thinking about being harsh to Jason, just because he was a male.

Her injuries were aching hellishly, and she was just dead-tired, feeling like she could fall asleep right on the spot she was standing at the moment.

"If the Aeus and Devirs really attacked us, why were a few assassins reluctant to fight against us? It might have only been in my fight, but despite everybody receiving a uniform payment stored inside their spatial ring, indicating them to be assassins or mercenaries, they didn't seem to be either of that.

It might be wrong to say this right now because everyone is exhausted and injured, but I just wanted to ask, is there any chance that the Manyrs might be behind this?

There might be a human, who can produce the rune disruptive devices, and even if there is not, a black market should still have such devices!

I don't want to ignore the possibility that the royalty of the Aeus and Devir race could have attacked us, but I think it's weird that there was not even a single human amongst the few hundred assassins!"

Initially, Jason would have waited a few more days before revealing his assumption because by then everyone would have calmed down.

However, now that he had already revealed it, Jason noticed that he was eyed by almost everyone suspiciously.

Several seconds of silence passed before the City Lord shrugged her shoulders.

"Well, that could be the case, but let's not jump to half-baked conclusions. It might be the Manyrs that are trying to start a war between the Tritans, Aeus and Devirs, but everything could also be an elaborate scheming of the Devir and Aeus' royalty, who knows?"

Jason just nodded his head, knowing that the City Lord's words were certainly true.

Afterward, without wasting any more time, Luna said.

"For now, let's focus on recuperating!"

With that being said, the City Lord took out her messenger card before she called someone.

Only half an hour later, everyone who had been working in the Manor returned to the collapsed ruins.

Several days before the assassination occurred, most of the people had been sent away in order to prevent the deaths of those who weren't even targeted by the perpetrators.

As such, when they returned, they were shocked to find corpses littering the ground, in addition to the magnificent Manor that was now reduced to ruins.

However, the most shocking thing for them was the fact that the City Lord had sustained multiple severe injuries.

This terrified the workers, who couldn't remotely comprehend what had happened when they had been away.

Not much after the workers had arrived, a team of construction workers that didn't belong to the City Lord, arrived as well.

Seeing the corpses, they were terrified, but soon after they had been told to focus on reconstructing the Manor.

This was easier said than done and would take them several weeks if not months, but time was what they had the most.

At least they thought that they had more than enough time, only to realise soon enough that this was not the case.

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Two weeks flew by, and many things had happened after the attack on the Manor.

While Jason had cultivated a few hours every single day, the vast majority of his day focused on expelling the dead mana vein out of Spyro.

It was taking much longer than Jason expected and became only more difficult because the little Spiral Spirit began to grow at a rapid pace.

The small egg had already attained the same size as regular eggs, and Jason was glad to see that its Spiral cultivation veins seemed to be recuperating well too.

Happy to see this, Jason almost forgot about the incident that had happened two weeks earlier.

Despite that, the others were unable to forget it, and with the news of the City Lord's manor having been destroyed, and Luna's severe injuries, rumors about her supposed incompetence had spread through the entire city like a wildfire.

Most citizens were not sure if Luna should remain the City Lord because she had failed to protect her own Manor, let alone her subordinates or herself.

The critique of the oblivious citizens was harsh, but Luna didn't mind them.

Rather, she focussed on finding the culprit that had caused everything.

Whether it was for taking revenge, or simply to know who wanted to create trouble, Jason didn't know the reason.

However, what he knew for sure was that the entire situation inside the Julandra region was escalating because one specific event was about to happen.

It was the resurfacing of Kinra Island, the land of the legacies!

Jason did not know what kind of Island it was, but according to the information Jennifer shared with him, it had to be extraordinary.

The island was said to resurface every few centuries, at an unknown date, and year.

However, when it emerged out of the water, it would remain above the surface for a specific period between six months to an entire year.

Somehow, Jason felt odd with the provided information, but after intently listening to the benefits one could obtain from entering Kinra Island, he realised why so many things were suddenly occurring in succession.

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 687 - Kinra Island

There were only rumors about the event, but owing to the fact that the information hailed from beings at the Specta stage, most people around the Julandra region were inclined to think that it was anything but a rumor.

However, even the races outside the Julandra region seemed to be excited about the event because the warfares on the adjacent borders were becoming fiercer by the day.

Jason hadn't heard a lot about the races that tried to infiltrate the Julandra region, but there were quite a few.

This indicated that the Julandra region had to have something unique like special treasures or areas with extremely high amounts of natural cultivation energies.

If Jason were honest, he had yet to read more information about the region he was inside, let alone the adjacent regions.

Nevertheless, the information about Kinra island was interesting, and he was eager to find out more about it.

As such, Jason wanted to search for information inside the auxiliary tower's library.

The auxiliary tower appeared to be relatively unscathed, a fact which had astonished him, but at the same time, it shouldn't have been a surprise because the materials it was made of were stronger and sturdier than those used to construct the rest of the Manor.

However, before he was even able to enter the auxiliary tower, he had already received a message from Jennifer.

Apparently, the City Lord sought him, and with that in mind, Jason decided that he might as well ask Luna about information pertaining to Kinra island.

Inside the main hall, which was still under the reconstruction process, he saw Jennifer, the City Lord, and a few beings at the Prismar stage.

Jason was familiar with some of them, which allowed him to realise that they were cadets of the Tritans' hidden training camp.

He nodded his head, greeting them before directing his attention to the City Lord, who began to explain why had called upon them.

"Today, I asked a few of you to gather because I have both a request and an opportunity to give you all.

I want you guys to enter Kinra island after it finally resurfaces! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity I can provide you.

However, in exchange, I want you to search for a specific item. If you can provide it, the finder will be rewarded very well.

Sadly, if nobody manages to procure the item, I would only complain about my misfortune....so what do? you all think about my offer?"

While the others' eyes twinkled with excitement and joy, Jason couldn't help but be confused. Jennifer had provided him with some information about Kinra island, but he was still lacking the most basic things.

As such, he couldn't help but ask,

"I don't want to sound rude, but why do you want us to enter Kinra Island? Wouldn't others at the Ascendion stage, or you be a better choice to procure that item?"

Unaware of the questioning gazes he was thrown, Jason simply looked at the City Lord, without any ill intentions.

'Does he not know about Kinra island?' The City Lord asked herself, only to recall that Jason didn't belong to Manyr, let alone the Julandra region.

Because of that, she accessed her spatial ring.

Taking out a document, she used her mana to make it fly towards Jason as she said,

"The file is filled with information about Kinra island.

However, to put it into simple terms, there is a barrier, preventing everyone with a cultivation base at or above the Initial rank of the Ascendion stage from entering Kinra island!

It should have been constructed in order to prevent those who were not eligible to receive an inheritance from entering it.

Furthermore, one has to be younger than half a century, which means that the barrier restricts both high age and cultivation base.

Rumors say that the barrier also restricts someone's talent, but that is something I cannot say for certain.

A long time ago, it was said that someone at the peak of the Specta stage wanted to enter Kinra island, but before he was even able to break through the barrier, the island began to move, vanishing in the depths of the ocean!

With that being said, it's not that others are unable to enter it, but the moment the island moves underwater we are unable to pursue it.

Maritime beasts are simply too ferocious and there are too many of them with a high cultivation base!"

Jason just nodded his head, without saying anything, before he heard the eligibility criteria to enter Kinra island.

This made him squint his eyes before he asked,

"So...people like Jennifer will be able to enter Kinra Island...in that case, am I not too weak to enter the Land of Inheritances, if we compare my strength to Jennifer's??"

Jason definitely wanted to enter the Island after hearing all the treasures he could find there, even more so after he learned that there was not one but multiple Ancient ruins and Inheritance sites on it.

Each of them was said to have been constructed by a being above the Specta stage, which made him curious about them.

Nevertheless, he was too weak, if people like Jennifer with combat prowess at the Ascendion stage were able to enter it.

Furthermore, the competition would definitely be fierce, which made it more unlikely for him to survive the trip, let alone receive an inheritance.

Inheritances would change the entire future of those who obtained them, possibly changing their constitution or other specific traits.

Seeing Jason's visible dismay, the City Lord smiled slyly, knowing what Jason had on his mind as she took out several manuals that released a faint aura.

'Heaven-ranked techniques!' Jason thought immediately, which caused him to look at Luna in confusion.

"Because I am aware of the dangers of Kinra island having once entered it myself, I shall give all of you one Heaven's ranked technique.

According to the provided information, it will take two months for the Island to resurface. Until that time, I want everyone to work hard and increase their strength as much as possible!

Afterward, I want my technique back, and you may retrieve it once you return from Kinra Island!"

When he heard the City Lord, Jason couldn't help but feel enlightened, only to realise that she was trying to use the technique to bait them.

Even if they started practicing it from today, they would still not be proficient enough in it two months later. Thus, they wouldn't require it anymore.

As such, after coming back from Kinra, they would have to return to the City Lord's manor, under the premise that they wanted to have the technique returned.

Owing to that, it was only obvious that some cadets doubted the City Lord's decision.

"I hope City Lord doesn't find this question rude...but what kind of item are we even supposed to search, and what can it be used for?" One of the other cadets suddenly asked, looking skeptically at the levitating Heaven's ranked technique.

It was odd for her to award such a valuable technique so easily. As such, the item which the City Lord was looking for, had to be extremely valuable!

Luna had already expected such a question, and without thinking too much about the suitable answer she said.

"The item I'm looking for is called Divine, or rather an Immortal Eye. In fact, it's an orb, which you can find in every single Inheritance site, but the number of people who have acquired one of the Immortal Eyes was scarce.

As for the reason why I need the Immortal eye, I do not want to tell you. Either accept that or I won't take you to Kinra island.

Without the help of a being at the Specta stage, you won't be able to come even close to the island!!"

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 688 - What's Wrong With You Two?

Apparently, Kinra Island would always resurface in an extremely dangerous territory filled with many ferocious beasts that even some beings at the Specta stage feared.

As such, it was required to have someone strong enough nearby, who could protect them if something were to occur.

Jason had already realised it the moment the City Lord had said that she would take them with her.

Because it was necessary to be guided to the entrance of the Island by a being at the Specta stage, only a small number of mostly powerful individuals would be able to enter it.

Amongst those individuals, the majority were likely to be the Specta stage powerhouses' disciples, which was what everyone clearly understood.

Owing to that, Jason was not sure if it was really logical for him to accept the City Lord's proposal, even if she were to hand out a Heaven-ranked manual.

Meanwhile, the others had heard of the Immortal Eye before, which made them frown as they were unsure of what to say.

Within the last millennia, there had only been a few individuals who were able to procure the Immortal Eye, and because of that, the cadets knew that the City Lord was playing with fire.

However, this shouldn't matter for the cadets because if they were able to receive the opportunity to enter an Inheritance site, they may as well try looking out for an Immortal eye.

That shouldn't be much of a problem as they could at least give it a try.

As such, they were willing to accept the City Lord's proposal.

The opportunity to enter Kinra island was already great enough for them to ignore such a minor inconvenience, and the fact that they received additional support in form of techniques spoke volumes about Luna's need for the said item.

Yet, the very same reason made Jason feel confused.

'Why does she need the Immortal Eye, right now, right after we have been attacked? What's even the use of this object?'

Jason doubted that the Immortal Eye had nothing to do with the attack on the manor, but he didn't say anything.

Instead, he waited for the other cadets to agree to the City Lord's proposal.

After that, they were able to choose one of the Heaven-ranked techniques.

Picking the right one was not difficult because most of the cadets already had a permanent cultivation technique, which forced them to continue using it.

If they wanted to change the cultivation technique, they would have to destroy their entire cultivation, and start from scratch.

This was not something they would want to do, not when their cultivation base had allowed them to receive the opportunity to be able to enter Kinra island in the first place

After the other cadets were done, they looked at Jason, who was yet to make his decision.

However, rather than saying something, he remained silent as he contemplated his options.

In the past, he had acted recklessly, and if he were to have the same mindset, Jason would immediately accept the City Lord's proposal.

There was not much for him to lose if he were to increase his strength in the next two months.

Yet, that was exactly what caused Jason to halt in his tracks.

'How much can I improve my strength in just two months?'

Jason was confident that his combat prowess would improve a lot, but the difference between owning one prismarine crystal vs. two was already extremely vast.

With that in mind, Jason had realised that a single solidified prismarine crystal was roughly equal to owning anywhere between 20,000 to 25,000 liquefied mana drops.

This was something Jason could attain without too many difficulties, but twice, or triple that amount was not something he could easily achieve.

Doubling his strength in two months was already close to impossible, but reaching the peak Low stage of the Prismar stage's first threshold with three solidified prismarine crystals was not only impossible without a miracle, but it also wouldn't help Jason.

Everyone would be stronger than him, even if he could make the impossible possible, and there was only one state in which he would be able to defeat someone with a much higher rank.

Either, he would have to actively use external means like the Chaos attribute that didn't belong to him, or he would have to forcefully unseal his bloodline until it would almost tear his body apart!

Both the options were extremely bad because he didn't want to harm his body.

As such, he was about to reject the City Lord's proposal in order to walk the safe path, for the first time in a very long period, before Luna suddenly added something, out of the blue.

"Why are you already thinking of rejecting my proposal before even looking at the technique?"

This made Jason lift his head, only to look straight into the City Lord's eyes as two manuals appeared in front of him.

They were both Heaven-ranked cultivation manuals!

Jason didn't expect that the others would not choose the cultivation manuals, but after thinking about it again, that made sense to some extent.

'I guess they never hoped to get a Heaven rank technique, and thus chose a permanent Terra-Peak, or even -Superior cultivation technique?'

With his eyes glued on the manuals, he picked one to lightly skim through it.

However, not even ten minutes passed before he closed it once again with a frown on his face.

Picking the second manual suspended in the air, Jason read it as well, and similar to the first time, he closed it, barely within ten minutes.

With a deep sigh, he returned both manuals to the City Lord, only to state,

"I'm sorry, but it looks like I have to reject your proposal. With these cultivation techniques, I would be restricted to use only those two on a permanent basis... I want to be able to switch my techniques later!

Without a suitable technique, I won't be able to reach the combat prowess I have to achieve in order to survive on Kinra Island, even if I give my best..."

This caused the City Lord to stare at him in disbelief as she blurted out,

"Now you are picky too?! What is wrong with you and Jennifer, do you guys think we are at a charity event? How can you two be so weird?

As if you would easily find a Lunar ranked cultivation technique!!"

Looking at Jennifer, she simply grinned lightly, for the first time since the incident. Noticing the grin, Jason decided to reply with a smirk

"I'm pretty sure that even the Lunar ranked cultivation techniques won't limit me...I'm greedy you know!"

'And I know just how powerful my father's race is!!' He left the line unspoken while continuing to look at the City Lord as if he had nothing else to say.

Yet, only a moment later, Luna tried to calm herself as she turned towards the cadets.

"You guys can start preparing yourself! Jennifer will take you back to the hidden mountain. She will also accompany you guys in two months when it's time to depart!"

With that being said, Jennifer and the cadets were excused as they walked out of the main hall.

Jennifer was confused, but she had to train the cadets that were impatiently waiting to practice in their new techniques.

As such, she threw a concerned gaze at Jason before she finally left the hall.

'Nothing bad will happen, right?'

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 689 - Scheming

Once Jennifer and the cadets had left the main hall, the City Lord turned towards Jason, staring daggers at him.

"Just what's wrong with you? Where do you get the confidence to be able to procure a Lunar technique in the future?"

She sounded really annoyed which caused Jason to raise his right eyebrow as he didn't expect her to react like that.

'Why should she bother about the decision I make? It's not like I'm likely to procure an Immortal Eye, or whatever... Rather, I'll just die on Kinra island!'

His thoughts were quite straightforward, but instead of stating his thoughts out loud, he remained quiet.

"Why don't you think that I can obtain a cultivation manual at the Lunar rank? Those techniques might be mostly for Grand and Superior races to use, but why shouldn't I be able to procure a cultivation manual at that rank?"

His overly nonchalant tone caused the City Lord to look at him with squinted eyes. A few minutes passed in silence, and Jason was starting to feel uncomfortable under her gaze, only to hear a deep sigh.

"You're the same as Jennifer, stubbornly rejecting permanent techniques...are you really confident in finding a Lunar technique? How?"

Earlier, he had heard that Jennifer denied a high-graded Lunar rank cultivation technique because it would force her to permanently use it.

As such, Jason knew that Jennifer was also looking for even better techniques, even if the requirements her body needed were much higher.

If she wanted, Jennifer could cultivate in three different cultivation paths, each for one cultivation energy.

However, that would mean that she had to cultivate one technique after another.

Thus, Jennifer, or to be precise, the City Lord had to search for a suitable cultivation technique for her disciple, allowing her to cultivate in all three techniques at once.

Yet, to everyone's astonishment, Jennifer had denied accepting this technique because it would permanently restrict her from using any other cultivation technique.

This simple rejection had dumbfounded the City Lord, and those around, knowing that it was extremely difficult to find whatever Jennifer was looking for.

Fortunately enough, a Heaven-Intermediate cultivation technique with the suitable requirements had been found only a few years later, giving Jennifer the ability to skyrocketed her cultivation base to the stage she was now at.

For Jason, it would be less problematic to find a temporary cultivation manual because he only cultivated in one path.

Nevertheless, the City Lord was not Jason's master.

As such, she was not obliged to do anything for him.

Despite that, Luna decided that she would listen to his answer, before thinking of a solution because there was something that made her believe that it was essential to bring Jason to Kinra Island.

She was not sure about the reasoning, but it felt important for him, Jennifer, and even her own plan!

Thus, she calmed herself before staring at Jason, with all the impatience she could accumulate.

"I never know what my future will bring, but I'm not willing to accept a permanent cultivation technique at the Lunar rank!

I don't really care what others think about it, but owing to my heritage, I would probably be laughed at if I were to tell someone that I cultivate with a permanent Heaven-ranked cultivation technique.

To be honest, I don't think that it would be any different with a permanent Lunar ranked cultivation technique either, but I do not know that for sure!"

Jason's statement caused the City Lord to frown, but instead of complaining about his stubborn decision, she stopped for a moment, recalling the words he'd spoken.

'My heritage...laughed at...Wait!'

Staring at Jason, Luna suddenly asked with a slight hesitation.

"I think you once mentioned that your Aura and Stigma are natural...and also that your human heritage was enhanced due to your other bloodline, or am I wrong?"

Jason didn't move while looking at the City Lord but the words he said afterward caused her to feel a spark of excitement igniting within her.

"Everything you said is correct!"

At that moment, the City Lord's eyes went wide in shock.

'How did I never realise the treasure in front of me?!'

Her mind was rattling, and she forgot everything in her surroundings as she solely focused on Jason, who stood in front of her.

Suddenly an idea flashed through her mind, which caused her to take a deep breath as she released her mana in a specific direction.

This attracted Jason's interest, and he watched her curiously as she was accessing a storage device before he got distracted by the City Lord's following question.

"If I have a Heaven-ranked cultivation technique that wouldn't bind you to use it permanently, would you, first, enter Kinra Island, and second, answer me one question honestly?"

Jason was unable to comprehend why the City Lord was so desperate in trying to make him enter Kinra Island.

Because of that, he became suspicious of her intentions.

Despite that, Jason could clearly tell that she was not evil, otherwise, she would have subdued or even killed him the moment he arrived.

However, not knowing what she was scheming, he could only say,

"Even with a Heaven-ranked cultivation technique, would I be able to survive on Kinra Island? Let's be honest with each other, I am reckless and would normally enter any place that gives me specific opportunities.

Nevertheless, the land of Inheritances is something I won't be able to survive if other prodigies were to target me, which is not unlikely to happen.

One less competitor is what everyone wants after all!

I don't know what question you want to ask, but why should I risk my life for some unknown inheritance, if I have yet to fully unleash my bloodline, who knows if these inheritances are even suitable for me?

If you're serious, and you want me to go to Kinra Island, you will have to be honest with me, and even then I won't promise anything!!"

Right now, Jason wasn't going to be intimidated due to the fact that the City Lord was a powerhouse, or that she hated men because he wanted to make his stance clear.

She could force him to enter Kinra Island, but once he passed through the barrier, the City Lord would be unable to do anything to him, until the Island submerged once again.

As such, he remained honest, even if it could worsen his relationship with the City Lord.

However, that did not happen, and Luna could only look at Jason as a manual flew through the air, straight into his hands, before it stopped moving.

"Just take a look at it. Afterward, I'll tell you what I want from you, as well as some information about the inheritances.

I know you are weak in terms of cultivation base but I'm not oblivious to the extraordinary capabilities you have. Even if we ignore everything else, your eyes alone are unique enough to make me voice out a request.

You would be able to help Jennifer a lot, after all!

But now...read the technique first, afterward, I'll tell you what I truly want from you, okay?"

Jason just nodded his head, not even realising that he had already opened the manual.

Driven by his curiosity about the faintly glowing manual, Jason started to read, oblivious to the fact that his eyes were glued to the magical words written inside the technique.

Hours flew by, and it was only then that he lifted his head before he looked at the City Lord.

"This technique is...amazing!!"

GOD'S EYES

Almost everything about the technique that lay inside his hands was amazing, but the most impressive things were in fact two particular remarks.

[Remark: Mythic Essence Volume I can always be exchanged with other cultivation techniques.]

[Cautionary Warning: Mythic Essence Volume 1 requires an extreme degree of control over mythic energy; mana, superior Maest cultivation veins, very high pain tolerance, and free will.]

Jason found all of this already extremely interesting, however, there was also something else that piqued his curiosity.

[If two or three cultivation veins exist within the body, the practitioner is bound to sustain heavy injuries!]

Even if the other cultivation veins were not awakened, one would be unable to properly cultivate with the cultivation technique [Mythic Essence Vol. I].

As such, the technique was perfectly suited for Jason's current condition!

Because of that, he continued to read through the technique's first stage, only to lift his head when he realised just how strong the technique was.

Earlier, Jason thought that the difference between Heaven and Terra ranked techniques were little, but now, he couldn't help but ridicule himself to even think like that.

Shaking his head, Jason couldn't help but smile as he thought.

'As long as enough mana is in the surrounding area, It would be possible for me to accelerate my cultivation speed by multiple times...'

The requirements were harsh, and Jason knew that only races with extremely strong cultivation veins would be able to cultivate in it, without injuring themselves.

This should be intimidating, but instead, Jason couldn't help but feel that the technique was perfect for him.

Unfortunately, he couldn't openly show the City Lord how he felt because she would only continue to nudge him, trying to convince him to enter Kinra Island.

The technique was the best one he had seen in his entire life, and it didn't even force him to continue cultivating using the technique permanently.

As such, he was obviously interested in it, even more so after he realised that it was one of the unique Heaven-Intermediate ranked techniques.

In fact, the prefix 'Unique' was added because the effects it had were comparable to a technique at a higher rank, only for specific factors to degrade it to the Intermediate grade.

Thus, the manual Jason was holding had to be at the Heaven-Advanced rank at the bare minimum!

It was odd for the City Lord to own such a technique that was solely focused on mana, so Jason couldn't help but eye her for a moment.

"Are you cultivating in the Mythic Essence cultivation technique?"

Because there was no need to hide it, the City Lord nodded her head as she nonchalantly answered,

"It's one of the strongest techniques I acquired in my entire life. You may have to endure unbearable pain, but the speed at which you can cultivate is extreme. The first stage is just the beginning, and once you become immune to pain, you should try cultivating in the second stage.

Not only will the Mythic Essence technique allow you to cultivate at a rapid pace but your mana will also be purified while your Maest cultivation veins will be strengthened because they will be pulled to the extent that they almost tear apart!

The technique is dangerous, but also the reason for how I was able to reach my current cultivation base, despite being a mutant, with only a Maest cultivation path!"

When Jason heard this he almost exclaimed, only to think inwardly, 'I thought she was not from Manyr?!'

Apparently, that was wrong, which made it even weirder for her eyes to appear as they did.

Furthermore, Jason would have expected that humans that had awoken the Maest cultivation path would be treated well.

However, according to her eyes that had a faint trace of sadness lingering within them, this had to be wrong.

'Maybe their traditions have now changed compared to a few millennia ago?' He wondered, not sure how old Luna was, let alone what the Aeus, Devirs, or Manyrs' tradition had looked like during that time.

When Jason had been inside the Neutral city, he had not been able to see the true potential of their tradition as it was restricted.

Other than that, he didn't even leave the manor most of the time because he had more than enough things to pay attention to.

The fact that she was willing to hand over the cultivation technique she was using for herself, indicated that she would give up a lot as long as he would come with Jennifer and the other cadets to Kinra island.

As such, he decided that it was only fair to listen intently to what the City Lord was about to say.

While waiting for her to voice out the reason she wanted him to enter Kinra island expressly, and what kind of inheritances existed on it, Jason tried to comprehend the facts he had already acquired.

'With that technique, I might be able to enter the peak of the Lique stage in a mere two months, while focusing on other things simultaneously...'

This realisation was shocking, but at the same time, it clearly showed the City Lord's determination.

It didn't take long for Luna to start her explanation that was short but with everything Jason had to know for now.

"To be precise, I want you to follow Jennifer, and warn her about all kinds of dangers. There are hidden dangers inside the Inheritance sites, and someone who can see energy fluctuations should be able to detect most of them easily.

Your eyes are more important in places like inheritance sites than you might imagine, and your ability will come in handy if Jennifer has to face other opponents.

If you were to provide her with the necessary information, Jennifer will be able to know everything about her opponent, allowing her to create countermeasures before the opponent unveiled their trump card.

Other than that, I feel as if it's only possible to procure the Immortal Eye with your help. As such, I'm willing to lend you the technique I use, under the condition that you answer me one question!"

She didn't say anything about the inheritance sites, but instead, she handed him another file that looked similar to the first one.

However, this time it was thicker.

As such, with two files about Kinra Island Jason would have enough intel to make his final decision soon.

Considering that the City Lord asked him to follow Jennifer, he would be much safer than going alone.

She was amongst the strongest individuals that were allowed to enter Kinra Island, after all.

Thus, his reluctance dwindled to a certain extent.

Nevertheless, Jason didn't forget the fact that he and Jennifer could get separated on the island.

'With enough time before and while being at Kinra island while cultivating with the Mythic Essence technique, I should be able to increase my strength to a certain extent.

My solidified prismarine crystals should also be stronger than commonly found ones. I use unique mana drops to solidify them, after all!

His reasoning was logical and quite simple at that. As such, Jason knew that if he were to enter the Prismar stage, with a single solidified prismarine crystal, he would be able to reach a much higher combat prowess than anyone else.

Additionally, the faster he was able to cultivate, the more minor seals he would be able to break, which was quite advantageous.

In the end, he had already found his answer, but with the imminent dangers of having a majority of peak Prismar stage beings in a land where everyone wanted to obtain an Inheritance for themselves, Jason couldn't help but feel a little bit off.

Yet, just a moment later, Jason slapped his forehead as he called himself stupid.

'Since when did I start backing off in face of dangers...Aren't dangers the perfect place to overcome one's boundaries?'