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Chapter 1411 Are You That Afraid Of Me

Meanwhile, Kai was swiftly making his way toward the Village of Villains. Wanting to find a safe place where he could refine the Nascent Soul, he had finally decided to head to the Village of Villains. After all, a Nascent Soul isn't something one can finish refining overnight. If I go to the village, I can also seek The Villainous Four's protection.

However, someone suddenly blocked his path as soon as he left Jadeborough's borders. Kai gazed at the person in front of him with an exasperated expression.

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"Captain Jennings, what a coincidence to run into you here," he remarked, walking toward Xavier. "This is no coincidence, Kai. I was waiting for you," Xavier replied calmly.

Kai looked surprised. "Waiting for me? Whatever for?"

"Mr. Sanders would like to meet with you," Xavier informed. "May I know why?" Kai asked cautiously.

Xavier spread his hands with his palms upward. "I don't know. He just told me to wait here for you and ask you to come back with me when I saw you."

Kai hesitated for a while before finally saying, "I have something to do, so I can't go and meet Mr. Sanders. Go back and tell him that. Who knows if I'll get locked up again if I go?"

With that, he leaped forward, covering more than ten meters at once. Then, he proceeded to run swiftly.

There's no way I'm meeting with Mr. Sanders now because I have no time! I've got to refine the Nascent Soul as soon as possible and increase my powers.

The end of the year was fast approaching, yet he still had not rescued Josephine and his mother. That made him very anxious.

"Hey!"

Xavier quickly gave chase after seeing Kai suddenly run away.

However, Kai had only gone some distance before he felt a wave of aura surge toward him that immediately made him freeze in his tracks.

He was dumbfounded, not knowing whose aura it was. Whoever it is, that person must have unimaginable powers to be able to prevent me from moving with just their aura.

Just as he was looking as panicked as though he were about to face a terrifying enemy, he saw a middle-aged man wearing a suit and glasses approaching him.

It was Mr. Sanders.

With a smile, Mr. Sanders asked, "Are you that afraid to see me?"

"W-Why should I be afraid? It's just that I have something important to do, that's all," Kai replied, avoiding the man's gaze.

After Mr. Sanders exposed the extent of his capabilities, Kai did feel a little frightened whenever he saw the former. After all, the disparity between our powers is so vast that he can probably kill me with a mere wave of his hand.

"Something important, eh? You're just in a hurry to go and refine your Nascent Soul, aren't you? You can do that anytime, but the opportunity I've found for you isn't something you should let slip through your fingers. Once it's gone, it's gone forever."

Mr. Sanders' response disrupted the little plan Kai had in mind.

"What opportunity are you talking about?" Kai queried after a moment of stunned silence.

Just then, Xavier rushed up, panting heavily. "You were right, Mr. Sanders. This jerk refused to meet with you and even tried to run..."

Mr. Sanders smiled. Then, he looked at Kai and explained, "The Deragon family is organizing a Trial in two days. I've already signed you up for it."

"A Trial?" Kai frowned and quickly shook his head. "No way. I'm not participating in any Trial. How dull!"

He had absolutely no interest in wasting time joining a Trial. I'd much rather refine the Nascent Soul in the shortest amount of time possible. That's what's important.

"Don't be so quick to turn me down. Don't you want to hear where it's being held?"

"Where?" Kai asked.

"Dragon Island."

A look of surprise spread across Kai's face as soon as Mr. Sanders uttered those two words.

"That doesn't make sense. What else is there on Dragon Island that can be used for a Trial? It has already become an ordinary island for tourists."

Kai was completely mystified.

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“There’s still a place with ancient ruins on Dragon Island. The Deragon family has been very generous by choosing to hold the Trial at that spot. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Don’t you want to go there and have a look? I recall there’s something you missed on the island,” Mr. Sanders stated with a faint smile.

Kai was quiet. That was because the island carried too many memories for him.

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On top of that, Renee was still frozen in ice on Dragon Island. When Kai had gone to the island with Skylar, he had tried looking for her after they retrieved the Flame Dragon and the draconic essence. However, he had failed to find her.

The surroundings on the island had changed, so he could not locate where she was. Nonetheless, he never forgot about her and was constantly thinking of finding a chance to rescue her.

After a few minutes of silence, Kai responded through clenched teeth, “Okay. I agree to participate in the Trial.”

I can also take this opportunity to go to the island and see whether I can find Renee or not.

“Since you’ve agreed, follow me back.”

With that said, Mr. Sanders stretched a hand toward Kai. “Give me the Nascent Soul. I’ll keep it safe for you.”

Kai clasped his hands tightly in front of his chest before shaking his head. The Nascent Soul was like a precious treasure to Kai, so there was no way he would hand it to someone else just like that.

Seeing that, Mr. Sanders chuckled. “It’s fine if you don’t want to give it to me. Just don’t regret it if someone snatches it.”

“I won’t regret it,” Kai replied firmly.

Mr. Sanders did not say anything else, and the group returned to Jadeborough.

Time flew by quickly, and in the blink of an eye, two days had passed.

Hordes of people gathered at a square in Jadeborough that day. There were way more people at the Deragons' training session than the one organized by the martial arts association.

The reason for that was the other training session had only been open to those chosen by the martial arts families who were also members of the martial arts association. Back then, Skylar and Howard had managed to gain some experience there thanks to their connections with Zion. However, they failed to retrieve the Trial's treasure.

Things were different now, though. All the martial arts families could select whoever they wanted to join the event on the condition that they were at least a Martial Arts Grandmaster. Hence, there were many young and promising Martial Arts Marquis among the participants.

It was then that Kai realized there were actually many talents among the younger generation. It's just that many of them shy away from showing off in public. As for those elite fighters listed on the Sage Leaderboard, they all like to flaunt their skills.

Just as he was about to look around and see if there was anyone he knew, he heard someone call his name. "Kai!"

Turning around, he saw three people around his age approaching him.

The one in the lead was already a Martial Arts Marquis. He did not attempt to conceal his aura, parading it for everyone to see.

Kai studied the trio but discovered he did not know any of them. Hence, he turned to the group's leader and asked, "You guys know me?"

"Of course! You're so famous that few in the martial arts world wouldn't know you," the leader responded with a smile.

His response left Kai feeling incredibly embarrassed. He had not sought such fame, and he could not help that others kept causing trouble for him.

Not knowing what their intentions were, Kai was at a loss for what to say when he suddenly spotted a familiar face and rushed after that person immediately.

"Howard!" Kai called out while patting Howard on the shoulder.

When Howard spun around and saw Kai, he looked pleasantly surprised. "Kai! Are you here for the Trial, too?"

Kai nodded.

“I can’t believe the Deragon family would be so magnanimous. You beat Edgar within half an inch of his life, yet they’ve still allowed you to be here.”

Howard could not help feeling astounded. After all, it was a private event organized by the Deragons, and they could very well have prohibited Kai from participating.

Kai merely smiled without explaining anything. It was Mr. Sander’s request, so I believe that’s why they dared not refuse.

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Chapter 1413 Dazed

“Howard.” At that moment, the three people who had talked to Kai walked over as well. Howard sized up the leader of the party of three and said disdainfully, “Jace, I didn’t think you’d be here.”

Taking in Howard’s facial expression, Jace merely smiled faintly in response. “I certainly cannot let slip this wonderful opportunity. I consider myself very fortunate to join Kai and witness his capabilities this time. Kai is the leader of the Sage Leaderboard now, as well as the most outstanding martial artist among the younger generation. He outshines almost all the newer-generation geniuses in the martial arts world.”

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Despite Jace’s bootlicking, Kai remained unfazed. Nevertheless, Kai felt Jace’s name sounded familiar, but he could not recall where he had heard it from.

Howard sneered while listening to Jace’s flatteries. “Why didn’t you praise Kai as the most outstanding martial artist among the younger generation and that he was the leader of the Sage Leaderboard when you published the challenge invitation on the martial arts forum in the past?”

Upon hearing that, Howard instantaneously remembered the person who mentioned he wanted to challenge him in a fight on the martial arts forum was that man standing before him at that moment.

Jace immediately felt a little awkward after Howard questioned him. “I was merely kidding at that time. I am not qualified to be Kai’s opponent with my abilities.”

Howard snorted before dragging Kai along and moved to one side, seemingly unwilling to entertain Jace and the others further.

“Kai, you should steer clear of Jace in the future. He’s easily swayed toward whoever is in power and is always scheming something,” Howard reminded.

Kai merely smiled faintly. "I don't know him, nor am I interested in getting acquainted with him."

As Kai spoke to Howard, a commotion suddenly erupted among the crowd. Immediately afterward, the horde of people automatically stepped aside to clear a path.

Kai caught sight of a beautiful girl with a heavenly presence ambling into the crowd.

Many people gaped at her because of her extraordinary temperament. They were astonished when they sensed her aura, which suggested she was a Martial Arts Marquis.

That acknowledgment shocked Kai. I can't believe a girl as young as her is already a Martial Arts Marquis. This is incredible!

Just as he was about to ask Howard about the girl's identity, he noticed the latter gawking at her and was so close to drooling from his open mouth.

"Howard, Howard..."

Kai gently nudged Howard a couple of times before the latter regained his senses.

Howard hurriedly wiped the corner of his mouth. His eyes gleamed as he said, "Kai, the Trial is going to be fun this time. Do you know who she is?"

Kai shook his head. He did not recognize that girl.

"Her name is Astrid Gunderson. She's the prized daughter of the Gunderson family and a certified genius, having achieved the rank of Martial Arts Marquis at nineteen years old. Astrid is probably the strongest girl among the younger generation of female martial artists in the Jadeborough martial arts world. Not only is she highly gifted, but she's also gorgeous, not to mention her divine presence. In the past, many scions from Jadeborough were captivated by her and constantly dueled one another to win her favor. However, Astrid committed herself to isolated cultivation afterward for many years. Only then did everyone gradually grow less fervent about her. Unexpectedly, she's here to participate in the Trial today!"

Howard's excitement intensified as he elaborated while fixating his gaze on Astrid the entire time.

All those participants of the Trial present were either descendants of powerful sects and respectable families or prominent figures among the younger generation of martial artists. All of them widened their eyes and stared at Astrid following her advent.

At that moment, Jace took the lead to greet Astrid. "Ms. Gunderson, I didn't expect you to be done with your cultivation already!"

Astrid nodded at Jace courteously. "It's been a few years since we last met, and you're already the leader of the Sage Leaderboard."

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Chapter 1414 I Do Not Know You

Jace's face turned red. "That is an unfounded ranking made by the netizens. My meager capabilities are nothing compared to you, Ms. Gunderson. Your talent is truly admirable."

Astrid smiled faintly. "You're flattering me. My achievements are merely the result of my hard work instead of my talent. However, there is a remarkably talented person among us."

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Surprisingly, she looked at Kai after saying that.

Kai was caught in perplexity when he sensed her gaze on him. She just completed her isolated cultivation, so how does she know about me already?

Meanwhile, Howard, standing beside Kai, grew anxious and started to experience labored breathing because Astrid was looking in their direction.

When Howard saw her approaching them, he shuddered and hastily brushed his hair with his hand.

Taking in Howard's demeanor, Kai had the urge to laugh. Howard's experience in dealing with women seems just as scarce as mine.

Astrid came to a halt in front of Kai and extended her fair and tender hand. Then, she chirped, "Hello, Kai. I am Astrid Gunderson."

At that sight, Kai quickly shook hands with her. Her hand was soft, and her faint body fragrance could easily entice any men around her.

Just as he was about to retract his hand, Kai suddenly noticed a tremendous amount of energy surging from Astrid's arm, prompting him to feel as if a pair of pincer pliers were clenching his hand.

The energy invaded his body continuously, causing his arm to go numb.

Astrid curled her lips into a faint, provocative grin.

Seeing her reaction, Kai, who was wearing a poker face, suddenly beamed at her. The next second, he mustered the Power of Dragons within him and reflected her energy to her.

The smile on her face swiftly dissipated and was replaced by an astonished expression.

“Hello, Ms. Gunderson.”

Howard was envious of Kai because Astrid had been holding the latter’s hand for some time, seemingly unwilling to let go. Therefore, he stretched out his arm and greeted her.

Seizing that opportunity, she let go of Kai and glanced at him before flashing a weak smile and shaking Howard’s hand.

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The handshake between Howard and Astrid lasted merely for a fleeting moment, but that was sufficient to cause him to be overjoyed.

“You are indeed formidable, Mr. Chance. I hope we’ll be able to face one another in a friendly match sometime,” Astrid said to Kai in a slightly displeased tone.

“Anytime,” he responded nonchalantly.

At that moment, Kai became the center of everyone’s attention. Most of the people regarded him with intense hostility and jealousy.

Among them was a slightly corpulent man, holding a stalk of rose in his hand. The enmity and malicious intent brewing in his eyes were the most severe.

“Kai, I want to challenge you to a one-on-one fight!” that fat man shouted at Kai while dashing forward.

Kai stared at him in utter perplexity, as he could not fathom the latter’s sudden outrage.

Meanwhile, Astrid’s face turned grim when she saw that man who had just rushed forward.

“Philip Sable, are you a rabid dog? Why are you constantly lashing out at everyone?” she chided that man furiously.

Kai was astounded after listening to her angry remark. She’s ruthless in rebuking others for a girl with her appearance.

Anyone would expect Philip to flip out after getting reprimanded in public.

Unexpectedly, instead of getting mad, Philip said gently to Astrid, “Astrid, I must challenge this Kai to let you see who among us is the most talented.”

“I don’t even know you. Why should I accept your challenge? Besides, this is not a place for us to fight. We’ll discuss this another time.”

Kai had no intention of dueling with Philip. Hence, he dragged Howard along and left after saying that.