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“Haha! You’re brazen, but I like that. Your cultivation will belong to me in no time!” The figure laughed madly before disappearing into thin air. Then, it morphed into a ball of black fog and enveloped Kai.

Although Kai wanted to devour and refine the black fog, he suddenly remembered something the moment he opened his mouth. He instantly dismissed that idea.

Soon, Kai’s body exuded a golden glow as he activated the Golem Body. Within seconds, the dazzling glow pierced through the dark fog, which solidified into a figure again. It stared at Kai intently.

“No wonder you were able to force me to reveal my original form even though you’re just a Martial Arts Saint. Looks like you are the Golden Dragon’s True Form... However, your body is of no use to me. On the other hand, I can make use of the Power of Dragons lying within you!”

With that, the figure dashed forward. Before Kai could react, he felt a heavy blow on his chest, causing him to stagger a few steps backward. A gap actually appeared in the Golem Body!

Kai frowned. If a mere soul remnant could be so powerful, it was unimaginable how terrifying its original form was. “Who are you? Why did you leave a remnant of your soul in Mr. Campbell’s body?” demanded Kai.

“You speak too much. Do you think I’ll tell you? Even though you shouldn’t belong here, you insist on being nosy. The hidden realm is not as simple as you envision. Do you think that the hidden sects do not care for worldly affairs? It’s just that those external places do not have the resources that they want. Otherwise, do you think that those hidden sects would’ve remained idle? Remember that humanity is greedy. No one is capable enough of attaining a peaceful life without succumbing to temptation.”

With that, the figure attacked again at an even greater speed. It was so fast that Kai could not even discern any movement in time.

Thud! Kai’s chest received another blow, sending him staggering backward a few steps again. The Golem Body gradually faded before it eventually melted into thin air.

From how the soul remnant could destroy the Golem Body with two blows, the extent of its powers was obvious. “Looks like you’re going to treat me like a weakling if I don’t attack.”

After Kai finished speaking, rays of golden light shot out of his body, illuminating the entire room in an instant. He immediately aimed a punch at the figure. "Sacred Light Fist..."

Multiple fist shadows, enveloped in a golden glow, surrounded the black figure within seconds. "Hahaha! I'm just the mere scrap of a soul. Can you even touch me?"

With a loud laugh, the figure suddenly became a ball of black fog and disappeared. Soon after, a huge gust of wind attacked Kai from behind. Although he dodged sideways instinctively, he still got hit. His body fell forward, smashing the chairs and tables in front of him.

"Haha! Be obedient. All I want is the Power of Dragons. Your body will still be yours. Even if you lose the Power of Dragons, your abilities won't fall significantly," said the figure to Kai with a burst of maniacal laughter.

Kai frowned as the expression on his face became gloomier. He scanned the room, knowing that he had too little time to react in this enclosed space.

As the opponent was just a soul remnant, it did not leave behind any aura fluctuations even when it moved. In that case, it was difficult for Kai to detect its traces.

With a flick of his wrist, the Dragonslayer Sword materialized in his hand. A greedy glow appeared in the figure's eyes when it spotted the Dragonslayer Sword that Kai was holding.

Kai transferred the Power of Dragons into the Dragonslayer Sword. In an instant, it shone with a yellow glow as a golden dragon wrapped around the blade.

"Slash!" Kai slashed the sword, flooding the entire room with the sword's aura. When the figure saw that, it instantly morphed into black fog. The light pierced through the fog and slashed the four walls of the room.

Boom!

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With a deafening boom, the room was smashed into smithereens. The debris flying in the air was also blown away into the far distance by Kai's aura. At that moment, Kai and the soul remnant were exposed in the wide-open courtyard.

The huge explosion also attracted a lot of disciples from Luminous Sect. By then, Matthew had almost recovered completely. As he stared at Kai and the figure facing off in mid-air, a grim look spread across his face.

“Mr. Campbell, this soul remnant has been hiding within your body. It’s the source of the years of torment that you’ve suffered through,” declared Kai as he pointed his sword at the figure.

Fury raged in Matthew’s eyes as he glared at the figure. He swung his arm, causing orbs of light to rise from the Luminous Sect. These orbs rose mid-air and formed a shapeless web that surrounded the figure..

The figure finally revealed a hint of panic when Matthew did that. A solemn look appeared on its face. “Blazing Sun!” bellowed Matthew. The shapeless web was instantly engulfed in scorching flames before it began to shrink in the figure’s direction, blocking any path of escape that it might have..

“How dare you injure me, Matthew? I’ll make you pay the price a hundred times over! Don’t forget this is only my soul remnant. Even if you destroy it, it won’t affect me much. However, I will ensure that Luminous Sect will be doomed beyond redemption...” threatened the figure in the face of the fire web, which kept shrinking in size.

On the other hand, Matthew merely snorted coldly. The flames burned even more ferociously. “Argh!” The figure finally let out a shriek of pain. “Don’t kill it, Mr. Campbell!”*

When Kai saw that, he immediately rushed in front of Matthew to stop him. However, it was too late. The figure had already been reduced into ashes, leaving no traces behind. Kai could not help but sigh when he saw that the figure had disappeared. “Was there a reason you wanted to spare the soul remnant?” asked Matthew.

“Mr. Campbell, the soul remnant managed to remain in your body for so many years. Even though it had been forced out, it was still so powerful. Evidently, the person in his original form must be highly skilled. More importantly, his original body won’t be too far from here! The soul remnant one leaves behind after one’s death is the weakest. There aren’t a lot of Demonic Cultivators that can create soul remnants alive. There are distance constraints when it comes to controlling these soul remnants, so it’s not like they can be controlled from any distance possible. Hence, I wanted to let the soul remnant escape so that we can track it and find where the original body of the Demonic Cultivator is,” explained Kai to Matthew,”

That was the reason why Kai had not absorbed and refined the soul remnant earlier. Destroying a soul remnant would not harm the Demonic Cultivator’s original body significantly. However, now that the soul remnant had been eliminated, it would be much more difficult to find the actual Demonic Cultivator.

At present, Luminous Sect was out in the open while the Demonic Cultivator remained hidden in the shadows. If the latter wanted to attack, Luminous Sect would not have time to defend itself.

After hearing Kai's explanation, Matthew also realized that he had acted too rashly earlier. Yet, now that things had reached this stage, there was no choice but to deal with the situation step by step.

"Young man, since you've saved my life, I'm eternally grateful. Just tell me if you want anything. As long as it's something that Luminous Sect has, I definitely won't be petty with it."

Matthew thanked Kai. "You saved my life too, Mr. Campbell. We're even now." Kai smiled faintly. Matthew was stunned for a while before bursting into laughter. "We're even. However, since you've already come to Luminous Sect, stay here for a few more days. Let me fulfill my duty as a host."

"Sure!" Kai nodded. Since Kai still planned to find out more information about the Spring of Regeneration from these hidden sects, he was more than happy to receive Matthew's invitation to stay. Coincidentally, he wanted to ask Matthew about the sects and learn more about them.

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"Skyler, Archer, aren't you going to apologize to Mr. Chance?" Matthew asked as he looked at his two young disciples. Upon hearing that, a red-faced Skyler hastily went up to Kai. "I'm so sorry, Mr. Chance. I misunderstood you earlier..."

"Don't worry about it, Ms. Loulland. Anyone would've reacted strongly under those circumstances," Kai said smilingly. Archer, on the other hand, stood rooted to the spot.

"What's the matter with you, Archer?" Matthew chided, his brow knitted into a frown. Alas, the young man gritted his teeth and ran away, still refusing to apologize. "Gosh. This child has too much pride..."

Matthew muttered with a sigh. "Please don't mind him, Kai. It's my fault for having spoiled my disciples." Kai curled his lips into a smile. "Not at all!"

"Skyler, gather some people and clean this place up. I'm going to have a chat with Kai..." Matthew instructed, prompting Skyler to give a quick nod of acknowledgment. With that, he led Kai to another room.

In all honesty, Matthew had many questions for Kai. He couldn't understand how the latter had mastered alchemy at such a young age or how he could take on a Martial Arts God despite only being a Martial Arts Saint.

After pouring Kai a cup of coffee, Matthew was about to express his queries when the young man spoke up. "Mr. Campbell, can I ask you something?" Matthew nodded eagerly. "Of course, Kai. Go ahead!"

"Are you aware of the Spring of Regeneration, Mr. Campbell?" For a moment, Matthew was taken aback. "How do you know about the Spring of Regeneration? More importantly, why are you looking for it?"

Kai hurriedly explained his situation, stating that he only wanted to use the Spring of Regeneration to save someone. "The Spring of Regeneration is a secret kept by us hidden sects. Not many people outside the hidden realm will know about it," Matthew replied. "It does have the power to regenerate bodies, but unfortunately, not everyone can harness that."

Needless to say, Kai was boiling over with excitement. "Where is the Spring of Regeneration, then? Can you take me there, Mr. Campbell?"

"Calm down, Kai. The Spring of Regeneration is at the foot of Kazillion Mountains, which also happens to be the meeting point for all sects of the hidden realm. Because of that, the spring is jointly managed by the nine powerful sects. This year, it's Alchemical Sect's turn to use and manage it. Luminous Sect will only get to use the spring next year, so if you want to save your friend now, you'd have to get permission from Alchemical Sect. "In that case, where can I find Alchemical Sect? I'll look for them..." Kai piped up..

"Stay here for a day first, Kai," Matthew urged. "I'll go with you to look for Alchemical Sect tomorrow. I can also use the chance to ask why they failed to detect the soul remnant in my body... Alchemical Sect has been asking for a ton of resources from Luminous Sect over the years, yet their amp pill has only been able to suppress the evil energy in my body! If it weren't for your help, who knows how much longer Alchemical Sect would demand resources from us?"

Seeing how angry Matthew was, Kai tried to calm him down. "Failing to detect soul remnants is normal. Even I didn't realize you were plagued by one at the beginning. However, it's odd that the amp pill created by Alchemical Sect can suppress it... Once a soul remnant enters the body, you'd have to find a way to force it out. It's unlikely that you can use pills to counter its effect. Honestly, not even I can cultivate a pill to rein in a soul remnant."

As much as I hate to say it, there's something fishy about Alchemical Sect. The fact that their amp pill can suppress a soul remnant is too good to be a coincidence! For all I know, the soul remnant may somehow be connected to Alchemical Sect, and the latter's using the opportunity to demand resources from Luminous Sect!

"We shall find out when we visit Alchemical Sect tomorrow. Please have a good rest, Kai!" Matthew said before leaving Luminous Sect. Alas, no one knew where he was headed to....

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Kai sat cross-legged in his room as he refined the energy he had just absorbed. Meanwhile, Archer stood at the entrance of Luminous Sect and puffed glumly on a cigarette. There was no denying that Kai's appearance had dealt a heavy blow to his ego, especially since he kept getting crushed by the former..

It was bad enough that Archer lost to Garthor because of Luminous Sect's lack of resources, but it was even worse that he couldn't beat a mere Martial Arts Saint like Kai!

Just then, Emiliano led a handful of men to Luminous Sect and smirked when he saw Archer sulking away. "Oh, my. Why is Luminous Sect's top disciple smoking all alone here? Is something bothering you?"

Archer stared at the group before him with undisguised contempt, his gaze cold and menacing. "What are you doing here at Luminous Sect, Emiliano? We don't have any dealings with Stormwind Sect, do we?"

Argh! The members of Stormwind Sect disgust me! "That's right. However, I heard you guys have taken in a Demonic Cultivator, so I brought some other clans to check it out! By the way, wasn't it said that Luminous Sect doesn't dabble in Demonic Cultivation? Why would you still embrace a Demonic Cultivator, then? Are you not aware that they're the public enemies of the martial arts world?" Emiliano scoffed.

"F*ck you! You guys are the ones who took in a Demonic Cultivator. Don't try to pin this on Luminous Sect!" Archer fumed. Emiliano didn't lose his temper, but a middle-aged man beside him was boiling with rage as he slapped Archer hard.

No one had anticipated the man's move, so by the time they realized what was happening,. Archer's cheek had turned red and swollen. "Watch your words, kid. I don't want you cursing and swearing. Understood?" the man warned. as he glared at Archer. Having felt the aura emanating from the middle-aged man, Archer was so scared that he didn't dare utter a sound.

"Don't bother yourself with this brat, Mr. Westwood. So what if he's Luminous Sect's top disciple? In my eyes, he's nothing but trash!" Emiliano said, an ugly sneer on his face.

Needless to say, Archer was furious. However, with such a formidable fighter on Emiliano's side, he knew better than to do anything reckless.

The next second, an elderly man stepped forward and glowered at Archer. "Where's Matthew? Get him here to explain the situation to us. Does he really expect a small fry like you to receive us?"

"My master isn't here, Mr. Preston. He has gone out..." Archer said politely. As it turned out, the elderly man was one of Purple Wind Sect's elders, Nedley Preston, which meant he was far more powerful and influential than Archer. Therefore, the latter was most courteous and respectful toward him.

Emiliano chuckled. "Gone out? Is he trying to hide because he knows we're coming?" "Stop spouting nonsense, Emiliano. Master has only just gone out. How could he have known about your visit?" Archer replied while staring daggers at Emiliano.

"In that case, we'll wait for him inside..." the latter said before trying to barge his way through. To his surprise, Archer stopped him in his tracks. "Outsiders aren't allowed to step into Luminous Sect without Master's orders."

"What? I've brought so many clan elders along, and you're still denying us entry? Luminous Sect sure is arrogant, huh? Do you not have any respect for us?" Emiliano fumed, clearly inciting the other sects to protest against Luminous Sect.

Within seconds, the other clan elders were smoldering with resentment. "Is Luminous Sect such a big shot that not even elders like us can enter?" Nedley bellowed. A troubled expression instantly crossed Archer's face. "Mr. Preston, this really is Master's rule. I don't have a choice!"

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"What if we insist on going in? What can you do about it, Archer? Not only did Matthew not come out to greet us, but he's also not letting us go inside. What could Luminous Sect possibly be hiding from all of us?" Emiliano taunted, a devious smirk tugging at his lips. "Your sect is the one that is harboring secrets from us all."

Having heard the commotion, Skyler brought some people with her and instantly rushed to the scene. A glint flashed past Emiliano's eyes at the sight of the woman.

"Ms. Loulland, you really are getting prettier by the day. I didn't know that body of yours could get any better," he drawled, the sleaziness in his gaze unable to be concealed as he looked Skyler up and down. Archer felt rage coursing through his veins at the sight of Emiliano's eyes on Skyler.

Everyone in Luminous Sect knew that Skyler and Archer were a match made in heaven. The two had been close since they were young, and Archer never managed to hide his

pure affection for Skyler. Certainly, he wasn't about to take Emiliano's disgusting behavior sitting down.

"Shut up, Emiliano, unless you want to know what it feels like to live with dentures for the rest of your life," Archer barked angrily. Emiliano burst out laughing at the man's threat. "Hahaha! As if you would be able to lay a finger on me. If you think you have that capability, go ahead and make a move. I'm standing right here."

Emiliano stretched his neck forward, so he was looking Archer dead in the eye and taunting the latter to start a fight. Skyler, on the other hand, tugged at the corner of Archer's shirt, stating, "Don't act rashly, Archer. He's intentionally provoking you."

If Archer started a fight, he would automatically be in the wrong. Moreover, he would have a hard time defending himself if he were to make a move in front of so many people. Still, Archer went red in the face as he dug his nails into his palms and emanated a fiery aura.

Emiliano smirked at the man's inaction and said, with a smile, "If you don't have the guts to make a move, then get out of my way. Hand over the Demonic Cultivator, or let us go in and get him ourselves."

Emiliano's cockiness was more than one could bear. Archer's anger reached its boiling point, and his fist moved before he could think. In the blink of an eye, he was already sending a punch flying Emiliano's way.

Before the punch could touch Emiliano, however, he nimbly dodged the attack, and a heavy punch came swooping toward Archer right after.

Archer hadn't even had time to retract his arm when Emiliano's fist appeared right in front of his face. The latter was clearly prepared and was only waiting for Archer to strike.

Bam! Emiliano's fist landed squarely in the center of Archer's chest, causing him to stagger backward. He only managed to stop himself when a fellow Luminous Sect member caught ahold of him.

Archer looked up at Emiliano, anger blazing in his eyes. He could not swallow the stinging humiliation of being punched by Emiliano in front of so many clan elders.

Archer was not afraid to admit that he was no match for Garthor. However, Emiliano was not stronger than his older brother. Hence, Archer and Emiliano should be equal in their abilities.

The two of them should have been evenly matched, yet Archer was staggering backward after a single punch. This caused him great embarrassment. "I'm going to kill you, Emiliano!" Archer bellowed as he dashed toward his opponent.

Just then, Kai calmly made his way out and arrived at the entrance. Facing people from numerous clans, he asked, "Are you all looking for me? Am I the Demonic Cultivator you speak of?"

Emiliano tossed him a glance before questioning, "Are you Kai Chance?" "That's me." Kai nodded. "You're the one, then. You're the Demonic Cultivator and the person who injured my brother, correct?"

An unruffled Kai merely nodded upon hearing the man's statements. "You're referring to Garthor Fairchild from Stormwind Sect, right? Indeed, I was the one who injured him. Do you have a problem with that?"

"How dare you hurt my brother? You're just a lowly Demonic Cultivator. A pest like you needs to be exterminated, and that is precisely what I am about to do!"

Emiliano's expression took on a darker hue as he flipped his palm. Soon, a sword appeared in his hand. The sharp and deadly blade shone a dark, threatening crimson.