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Kai could feel the draconic essence entering his body. He hurriedly sat cross-legged, attempting to merge the two essences together. Soon, the two draconic essences combined, and a dazzling light erupted from Kai's chest.

Immediately, the Power of Dragons surged in Kai uncontrollably like wild horses being released into the wilderness. The powerful energy was about to break through his body and shoot straight into the clouds.

Seeing that, Kai quickly used his Focus Technique. He started refining the Power of Dragons to augment his cultivation level. Meanwhile, the people outside the bell tower were growing impatient.

"It's been one hour now. I don't see Kai reaching the top of the bell tower yet. Is he dead in the passage?" "He's only a Third Level Spirit Replicator. I can't believe that he has the courage to try it. Does he have a death wish?"

"He's from the mundane world, after all. How do you expect him to understand the dangers in our secret realms?"

The crowd started chattering among themselves, assuming that Kai was already dead inside. It had been more than an hour since his disappearance.

"Ha! He has overestimated himself and lost his life there!" Claus sneered. At the side, Hailey shot Claus a glare before shifting her attention to the bell tower anxiously.

Deep down, she was worried about Kai's safety. I should've stopped Kai from taking the risk earlier! Claus noticed the concerned look on Hailey's face. Seeing that, he harbored greater hatred. toward Kai.

"Chester, is this the person you've brought with you? Gate of Fire has lost a participant before the competition even started! If we lose this time, the Gunderson family shall bear all the cost. Zahrin Sect will not take any responsibility!" Lamar spoke furiously to Chester.

They belonged to the Gate of Fire, after all. It was the rule to have one participant from one secret realm. With Kai's absence, they were being put in a disadvantageous position for not having a contestant from the Gate of Fire.

Chester stayed silent, staring at the bell tower nervously. He was exceedingly worried about Kai's disappearance too.

"Mr. Yuchamore, I think Kai's dead inside. Let's commence the competition and stop waiting." Angus said. Everyone refused to wait any longer. Besides, Sigwin had embarrassed Violet Fulmina Sect that day, and the gang could not wait to restore their reputation.

Quindon glanced at the bell tower before turning to Chester to say, "Old Mr. Gunderson, it's been more than one hour. I'll start the competition now without waiting for him." "Mr. Yuchamore, please wait for a while more. I believe that Mr. Chance will reach the top!" Chester implored.

"Old Mr. Gunderson, so what if he manages to make it to the top? He would be badly injured by then. I'm afraid that he wouldn't even be able to lift up the hammer to ring the Dragon Bell. Let's not waste time anymore. Everyone is waiting for the competition to start!" Sigwin uttered in annoyance.

Getting humiliated earlier that day, the upset Sigwin seized that perfect opportunity to vent his anger on Chester. However, Chester paid no heed to him and looked at Quindon instead. "Mr. Yuchamore, please wait for a while more."

Chester was well aware that Quindon was the only one who could decide when the competition would start. Glancing at Chester, Quindon nodded in response. "All right. I'll wait for five more minutes before starting the competition."

Hearing Quindon's words, nobody dared to utter a word and waited. There was nothing else Chester could do at that moment other than pray silently for Kai to appear soon. "Kai, please show yourself! You'll be fine!"

Meanwhile, Hailey clenched her fists, praying for Kai too.

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Claus, who was standing beside them, gnashed his teeth in fury. Even if Kai did save Hailey's life before, she didn't have to go that far. After all, Kai and Hailey weren't close to each other, whereas Hailey and Claus were childhood friends.

Hence, Claus just couldn't wrap his head around Hailey's actions. Five minutes quickly passed, but no miracle happened Kai did not appear.

Chester let out a sigh, suddenly looking much older than before as he sat down on a stone bench. Hailey's eyes lost their sparkle, too, and her expression was filled with sorrow. Even Evangeline and Zain were disheartened and felt sorry for Kai.

"All right, time's up." Quindon stood up and swept his gaze over the crowd. He then announced, "I hereby announce that the competition begins now."

However, as soon as he announced the commencement of the competition, a figure suddenly appeared atop the bell tower. "Kai has appeared!" someone shouted.

Everyone's gaze immediately turned toward the bell tower. They saw Kai's figure slowly appear with no injuries or bloodstains on him, and he appeared to be in good shape.

"Kai!" Hailey couldn't help but shout out in excitement at the sight of Kai. She was so elated that tears of joy streamed down her cheeks. Claus stood next to Hailey, trembling with anger as he clenched his fists tightly.

Meanwhile, on the high platform, Santiago furrowed his brows slightly when he noticed his daughter's excitement. After all, he had no idea about what happened between Hailey and Kai. "M-Mr. Chance is here!"

Even Chester leaped in joy at the sight of Kai. "Mr. Gunderson, why are you so excited? Even though he's reached the top, it'll be useless if he can't even pick up the hammer!" Lamar snickered, pouring cold water on the old man's excitement.

However, Chester paid no heed to him. He didn't care whether Kai would be able to ring the Dragon Bell. All he wanted was for Kai to stay alive.

"It's already pretty impressive for someone with the strength of Third Level Spirit Replicator to reach the top. Whether he can pick up the hammer or ring the Dragon Bell is no longer important, Chester muttered.

Quindon was surprised to see Kai reach the top. He didn't want to see the latter risk his life either and proceeded to advise Chester, "Mr. Gunderson, ask

Kai to come down and stop pushing himself to his limits. Otherwise, he might lose his life!”

Chester nodded and was about to ask the man to come down. However, he then saw Kai wave his hand, and the hammer that weighed tens of thousands of pounds flew from the ground to Kai’s hand.

Kai held the hammer in his hand, looking relaxed and without any strain. The sight shocked everyone present as they widened their eyes in disbelief at the man. Even Quindon was surprised as he fixed his gaze on Kai as if he had just witnessed something horrifying.

Meanwhile, Kai toyed with the hammer and tossed it into the air before catching it again without much effort, repeating the process several times. His actions left everyone dumbfounded.

Just moments ago, some people were claiming that Kai would never be able to lift the hammer. However, not only did he lift it, but he was also fiddling with it like it was a toy. Needless to say, everyone who looked down upon him was humiliated and frustrated. Sigwin stared at Kai, who was casually playing with the hammer, and began to doubt everything he ever believed in..

He couldn’t fathom how a Third Level Spirit Replicator like Kai managed to pull off something like that. As a matter of fact, Sigwin wasn’t the only one who was confused. Everyone else was having trouble believing what they saw, too.

Of course, Kai was oblivious to what was on their minds. The hammer felt light in his hands, and he was merely throwing it around to test its weight. Then, he turned to eye the Dragon Bell in front of him. He casually swung the hammer and struck the bell.

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Everyone watched quietly as the hammer made contact with the bell, eager to know if Kai could really succeed in ringing the Dragon Bell.

However, after Kai’s hammer landed on the bell, not a single sound was produced. The bell didn’t emit a melodious chime or any kind of terrifying

energy. The crowd plunged into chaos upon seeing that as they exchanged glances in disbelief.

Kai has picked up the hammer so easily, so how can he fail to ring the Dragon Bell? Even so, the terrifying rebound force of the bell should have sent him flying!

However, it seemed like Kai wasn't affected by the rebound force at all. It was simply unbelievable. "What's going on?" Quindon stared blankly at the sight. What is Kai getting at?

"Haha! So what if he reached the top? He cannot ring the bell even once!" Kayden burst out laughing, "Hmph! I knew he could never ring the Dragon Bell. Claus sneered. Then, he turned to look at Hailey.

However, Hailey's focus was all on Kai, and she didn't even spare Claus a single glance. After Kai struck the bell, he slowly put away the hammer.

At the same time, a deep and dull sound of the bell began to resonate in the square as if it were coming from the sky.

Ring...

The bell rang louder than it ever did, causing some to cover their ears in distress. In fact, it was so loud that even caused some people's eardrums to bleed.

Following the chime of the bell, one of the patterns on the bell began glowing, and a golden dragon soon manifested. At the same time, another pattern on the bell also began emitting golden light, forming another golden dragon that flew into the air.

It was unprecedented for two golden dragons to manifest from one strike of the hammer. Before everyone could react, however, the third pattern on the Dragon Bell also came to life, followed by the fourth, fifth, and sixth dragon....

In the end, nine golden dragons circled in the air, their roars reverberating across the area. Everyone froze in astonishment like statues. They dared not move a muscle or say anything. Nobody had expected Kai to summon nine golden dragons by only striking the bell once.

The nine golden dragons continued to circle in the sky, and finally, they combined and transformed into a giant golden dragon. It opened its mouth wide and breathed a mouthful of fire that shook the entire castle. Everyone finally regained their senses as they eyed the surreal scene before them and broke into heated discussions.

The giant golden dragon suddenly plummeted and returned to the bell. The nine patterns on the Dragon Bell were replaced by a single golden dragon pattern. Kai reached out to touch the bell, which quickly shrank until it was the size of a teacup that fit snugly in his hand.

He eyed the hammer and the Dragon Bell in his hand and threw them into his Storage Ring without hesitation. After all, the two items were priceless divine weapons. When Kai first held the hammer, the Wordless Tome in his mind had shown him the origin and usage of the hammer.

Otherwise, he would have panicked when he couldn't ring the bell earlier. Now that he knew both the hammer and the bell were treasured divine weapons, there was no doubt that he must take them away with him.

After keeping away both items, Kai leaped back onto the platform. Meanwhile, Claus and Kayden's faces flushed red from humiliation. They felt as if someone had slapped them on their faces.

Just a moment ago, they were confidently mocking Kai for not being able to ring the bell. Hence, the fact that Kai ended up summoning nine golden dragons just by hitting the bell once was a bitter pill to swallow for them. As if that wasn't frustrating enough, Kai even kept the Dragon Bell for himself!

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Sigwin glared at Kai solemnly for he felt pressured by the latter. It seems like I'm going to lose my spot on Supreme Honor Rankings soon! "Nice one, Kai!" Hailey shouted in excitement and jumped onto the platform.

Claus, who had been by her side all this while, had a grim expression on his face. Upon landing on the platform, Hailey was so ecstatic that her pretty eyes were shining brightly, and her gaze was filled with affection and admiration..

Seeing that, Kai, with a tender look in his eyes, flashed her a faint smile. Since Kai had to rely on Hailey to infiltrate Violet Cloud Palace, he had no choice but to forge a good relationship with her.

Someone saw Hailey and Kai exchanging fond glances with each other and joked, “Mr. Hargreaves, is Kai your future son-in-law? Why have you never told us about him?”

Santiago knew that person was merely pulling his leg, but he still frowned and yelled at Hailey. “Hailey, mind your manners! You can’t get onto the platform as you wish! Get down!” Upon hearing Santiago shouting at her, Hailey pouted and got off the platform.

“Mr. Yuchamore, something’s off here. How did Kai manage to ring the Dragon Bell? Either the hammer or the Dragon Bell must be broken! Kai is only a Third Level Spirit Replicator. How could he have easily picked up the hammer and summoned nine golden dragons? This doesn’t make any sense! If neither the hammer nor the Dragon Bell is broken, this fellow must be concealing his true strength! Now that he had shrunk the Dragon Bell and kept it away, it’s safe to assume he knows the secrets of the Dragon Bell!” Sigwin roared. He refused to accept the fact that a Third Level Spirit Replicator had beaten him.

Quindon was also weirded out, so he furrowed his brows and asked, “Kai, how did you shrink the Dragon Bell and keep it away? Do you know the secrets of the Dragon Bell? Is that how you could easily summon those nine golden dragons?”

“That’s right. I know the secrets of the Dragon Bell. Besides, it’s actually mine!” Kai nodded. As soon as those words fell, the crowd went into an uproar.

Meanwhile, Quindon was staring at Kai in disbelief. I don’t understand. The Dragon Bell has been here for so many years. How does it suddenly belong to Kai?

“You’re so full of yourself, Kai! The Dragon Bell has been here for more than centuries. How could it be yours? You’re still so young!” Sigwin thought Kai was talking through his hat. In fact, like Sigwin, everyone else also thought Kai was lying through his teeth.

“I don’t care if you believe me or not. What matters now is that the Dragon Bell belongs to my family. Hence, I have the right to take it back,” Kai uttered calmly.

“Your family?” Quindon furrowed his brows.. “Who’s your father? Who are your ancestors? How did the Dragon Bell become theirs?”

“I can’t tell you who my father is, but I know the Dragon Bell belongs to my family. If you don’t believe me, I challenge you to try ringing the Dragon Bell. Not only will you guys fail to ring the bell, but I’m also certain none of you can lift the hammer.” Kai whipped out the Dragon Bell from his Storage Ring.

Within seconds, the Dragon Bell became as tall as a person, and the hammer was placed right next to the bell. “You’re full of crap! I don’t believe you!” Sigwin yelled and approached the hammer and the bell, accepting the challenge..

However, no matter how hard Sigwin tried, he couldn’t lift the hammer after several attempts. The hammer just wouldn’t budge no matter how much force he exerted. Seeing how things had turned out, Sigwin was so embarrassed that words eluded him.

Quindon, on the other hand, shot Kai a look and bent down to lift the hammer. His body was emitting a strong wave of aura as he tried to lift the hammer, but the hammer was as heavy as lead. Needless to say, he, too, was unable to lift the hammer.

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Everyone at the scene was in utter shock. What’s going on? Quindon could ring the Dragon Bell five times before this. Why can’t he even lift the hammer now? “As I’ve said, this belongs to my family, so only I can ring the Dragon Bell.” Kai flashed a faint smile.

“Kai, you should give it another try, then. If you can ring it once more, I’ll acknowledge that the Dragon Bell belongs to your family, and you can have it!” Quindon still didn’t believe Kai. If I couldn’t lift the hammer, how could Kai?

“Sure!” Kai waved his hand in the air, and the hammer immediately flew into his grip following his motion. After that, Kai swung the hammer toward the

bell, and a melodious tune rang out instantly. The sound resembled the constant gurgling of a river and was so powerful that everyone shuddered and fell into a daze.

Although not a single golden dragon was seen this time around, the sound lasted for almost ten minutes. Throughout the ten minutes, no one at the scene moved a muscle because they were all captivated by the sound.

The crowd only regained their senses the moment the sound ended. If Kai were to launch an attack on any of them during that period while they were in a trance, none of them would survive.

“Do you believe me now?” Kai glanced at Quindon. Quindon kept mum, and a conflicted expression appeared on his face. Seeing that Quindon had fallen silent, Kai caressed the Dragon Bell gently to make it shrink and kept it inside his Storage Ring.

This time around, no one dared to stop Kai from doing so or even question him. Even Sigwin, looking as grim as ever, averted his gaze resignedly. Now that things have come to this, who would dare to doubt Kai?

After keeping the Dragon Bell away, the Power of Dragons inside Kai’s body returned to the Deragon residence. Now that I know about the history of the Dragon Bell and its hammer, I can easily control it.

As a matter of fact, one had to use the Power of Dragons to control those two ancient divine weapons, and spiritual energy alone couldn’t fully exploit the power of those aforementioned divine weapons.

Since only the Draconians had the Power of Dragons, others couldn’t use those divine weapons even if they laid their hands on them. That was why Kai could easily lift the hammer and ring the Dragon Bell.

“All right, then. From now on, the segment of ringing the Dragon Bell will be canceled in the Secret Realm Conference. I hereby announce the commencement of the duels. All participants please head to your own arena!” Quindon quickly let the battles begin to prevent Kai from further humiliating them with the Dragon Bell.

Upon hearing the announcement, the contestants proceeded to find their respective arenas. Sigwin leaped into the air and landed on the first arena, the Gate of Earth arena.

At the same time, the others quickly went to find the arenas for their own secret realms. The first person to arrive in the arena had to be the strongest person in their own respective secret realms. That way, they could prevent challengers from swiftly securing a victory.

Therefore, the top five individuals in the Supreme Honor Rankings found their respective arenas and got ready for their first battles. Initially, Lamar of the Gate of Fire wanted his son, Kayden, to fight the first battle because Kayden was the strongest man in the Gate of Fire.

However, Kai had just rung the Dragon Bell and exposed his strength. At that moment, everyone was having trouble figuring out Kai's true capabilities, so Chester and Wayne were hoping that Kai could be the first to defend their arena. They assumed they could secure their arena by doing so. Since no one knows Kai's true capabilities, they'll surely avoid fighting Kai.