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"Mr. Chance, were you using the Divine Cauldron to make the pill earlier?" Matthew asked Kai as they walked. "That's right." Kai nodded. "I remember you lent Isaac the Divine Cauldron. When did you take it back?" Matthew asked curiously.

"Hahaha. This Divine Cauldron is an ancient artifact. How could I lend it to Isaac so easily? Besides, Isaac is obviously the kind who borrows without returning. I don't trust him at all, so I merely gave him a fake previously." "You're indeed wise, Mr. Chance. That Isaac is a despicable man. You did the right thing. Mr. Chance, Matthew uttered admiringly.

The party chatted as they moved further into the abyss. Still, they simultaneously kept their guards up to prevent anything unfortunate from happening again.

They traveled down the slope and reached the bottom uneventfully. As they continued deeper into the place, the intense negative energy and howls from the wind made them feel as if they were in hell. Soon, a door tens of meters high appeared in front of Kai and the others. The doors were shut, blocking their way forward.

They looked around. Smooth stone walls extended left and right. There was no other exit in sight. Opening the door was the only viable. option for them to enter.

Kai stepped forward and pushed the door but found it incredibly heavy and impossible to budge. "Let's all try to push the door together and see if we can open it," Kai said to everyone. Hearing that, the crowd hurried forward and used all their strength to push the door.

Still, the door didn't move an inch. Most of the people there were Martial Arts Gods, while some were even Martial Arts Sovereigns, yet they failed to push a door open even with their combined effort.

"I think this door is installed with an arcane array. Brute force can't move it. We need to locate the core of the arcane array," Great Diviner said while staring at the enormous door.

Kai nodded. Then, he began searching for the core solemnly. He gently placed his palm on the door. Streams. of spiritual energy spread out in all directions as Kai shut his eyes and felt the arcane array on the door.

However, after investigating for a long time, he couldn't detect any arcane array. The door was just a regular door without any arcane array installed on it. "That's weird. No one set up any arcane array on this door." Kai furrowed his brows.

Great Diviner was momentarily dazed. The next second, he stepped forward and took out a copper coin. He blew on the coin forcefully, causing it to buzz, before throwing the copper coin ahead. Surprisingly, it stuck on the door and started to spin.

Great Diviner was baffled. "There's indeed no arcane array on the door. But why can't we open it? With our capabilities, we can even flatten a hill, yet we can't open this door? Mr. Chance, if there isn't any arcane array, there must be a hidden mechanism to unlock the door. Perhaps we can open it by finding the switch."

"Mr. Chance, look up," Skyler said to Kai while pointing at the top of the door. Everyone lifted their gazes and noticed a plum blossom-shaped carving on the door. The shape wasn't etched but carved into the door.

Kai jumped up, floating in midair, before the plum blossom-shaped recess. Looking at the smooth surface, he figured the recess was man-made. "Could this be the mechanism to unlock the door?" Kai groped the recess. "But what is needed to open it?"

"Mr. Chance, this must be the hidden lock. mechanism since a sudden recess is carved into such a smooth door. Perhaps we can open the door by inserting a similar-shaped key." Great Diviner also leaped into midair and sized up the recess.

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"But where should we look for a key with this shape?" Kai was rendered speechless. They didn't have the key, nor did they know the whereabouts of the key or where to find it.

They would not be able to enter without the key. "Mr. Chance, that skull seems to be familiar with this place. Maybe it knows where the key. is. We can try asking it," Great Diviner reminded.

Only then did Kai recall the skull's existence. However, since the skull had lost its luster, it hadn't responded no matter how much he called out. Kai wasn't sure if the owner of the skull was still there.

Nonetheless, Kai retrieved the skull from his Storage Ring. However, when he took out the skull, he was astonished, noticing the initially translucent and crystal clear skull had turned entirely black.

A plum blossom-shaped picture was shining at the top of the skull, which was glaring in contrast to the black skull. Kai stared at the skull in his hand in a daze. "Mr. Chance, could the key be the skull you're holding?" Great Diviner was similarly shocked at that sight.

"It's possible." Kai held the skull and gently moved it closer to the recess of the door. All of a sudden, a strong suction force pulled the skull onto the door, and the door began to creak.

Soon, the door, measuring tens of meters tall, swung open, and the skull returned to Kai's palm. Kai was stunned. If this door can only be opened with the skull in my hand, does that mean this place was built by the owner of this skull? What exactly is going on?

Kai was bewildered. He couldn't wrap his mind around the situation nor figure out the identity of the skull's owner. "Mr. Chance, look!" Matthew exclaimed at that.

moment, pulling Kai back to reality. Kai looked in the direction Matthew was pointing and saw a valley behind the opened door. The ground was littered with countless bones.

The small hills on both sides of the valley were bare, with only a few withered trees. There were also many skeletal remains and weapon fragments scattered on the hills.

The valley was no longer in pitch darkness, allowing everyone to take in the scene, but the sight of the blurry night and bones covering the floor merely added to the eeriness of the place.

"There are so many bones here. No wonder the negative energy is so dense here," Great Diviner said, his mouth wide open in surprise. Kai merely strode inward silently, and the crowd followed him into the valley.

The valley was unnaturally quiet, prompting everyone to hold their breath. Right then, a few crows flew by and startled everyone. "How can there be living creatures here?" Matthew asked confusedly.

"Master, t-this isn't the real hell, is it? I'm scared..." Skyler trembled all over. After all, she was still a girl. It wasn't surprising for her to be frightened by such a scene.

"This place can't be hell. Hell is the underworld. With our capabilities, we can't leave the mundane world and enter another dimension yet. Nevertheless, this place is indeed creepy, like purgatory," Great Diviner said with a frown.

"Regardless of which world this is, we should brace ourselves and plow ahead since we're already here. Everyone be on your toes and don't get lost," Kai reminded.

When he stepped through the door just now, he sensed an extremely dangerous aura approaching. Everyone huddled closer together, on high alert.

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"Mr. Chance, since there are living creatures here, could there be people here as well?" Archer asked curiously. "I don't know either. In any case, this place is quite peculiar, so everyone needs to stay vigilant," Kai replied..

With that, the party followed closely behind Kai with the utmost caution, slowly moving forward. Although they were being extremely careful, they couldn't avoid stepping on the numerous white bones scattered everywhere.

The number of bones was so overwhelming that it layered the entire valley. They couldn't avoid stepping on the bones even if they practiced caution.

Crack! Crack! Suddenly, a rhythmic sound rang out. The noise was exceptionally ear-piercing, echoing through the hushed valley. Kai stopped abruptly and scanned his surroundings alarmedly.

Everyone else was also in a state of panic, trying to pinpoint the source of the disturbance. However, it didn't take long for them to realize that the clattering sound was now reverberating throughout the entire valley.

"Mr. Chance, look!" Skyler shouted. The next second, everyone saw that the bones strewed across the floor had started moving. The white bones slowly levitated and began reattaching to form humanoid skeletons.

Gradually, more and more of those humanoid skeletons were formed until almost all the bones on the ground were used up. Thousands of skeletons surrounded Kai and his party. The sudden turn of events filled everyone's chest with dread and helplessness.

"W-What's happening?" Even Matthew panicked. Soon, thousands of weapons-wielding skeletons closed in on Kai and his group. They had no room to retreat further. Kai waved his hand and brandished Dragonslayer Sword.

"We'll fall back for now. Let's not move deeper into the valley." Kai planned to lead Matthew and the others out of the valley first. Now that something like that was happening. right after they entered, he couldn't fathom what other perilous situations might await them if they ventured deeper.

Kai took the lead and swung his sword at the skeletons, smashing a dozen or so into smithereens. After he dispatched the dozen or so skeletons, several faint and undetectable auras seeped into Kai's body. However, he didn't notice the auras because they were too indistinct..

"Attack!" Matthew and the rest also drew their weapons and charged at the skeletons. However, they soon discovered a problem. The skeletons that Matthew and the others defeated were shattered, but they were able to quickly reassemble themselves.

Only the skeletons Kai slashed with his sword disintegrated into dust and truly disappeared. Everyone was perplexed by the circumstances. Even Kai didn't understand the reason behind. it.

After fighting for some time, Matthew and the others failed to defeat even one skeleton with their combined effort. Although the skeletons were not particularly strong, their numbers were overwhelming, and they were mindless entities that didn't fear. death, focused only on rushing forward relentlessly. Soon, Matthew and the rest began to feel tired, and they slowed down..

"Mr. Chance, don't worry about us. Why don't you escape first?" Matthew said to Kai. Matthew knew that although they could still hold out for now, if the fight dragged on, they wouldn't be able to persist much longer. After all, those skeletons were no different from immortals to them since they couldn't kill the skeletons.

"I won't abandon all of you." With that, Kai's Dragonslayer Sword emitted dazzling golden lights. "Nine Shadows!" Kai unleashed his Nine Shadows technique. In the next instant, six shadow clones appeared.

The six identical Kais shielded Matthew and the rest of the party. Then, Kai swung Dragonslayer Sword with all his might, turning a dozen skeletons into dust with every slash.

The auras emanating from the skeletons accumulated in Kai's body.

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About two hours later, thousands of skeletons were eradicated by Kai. The ivory bones scattered on the ground vanished as they were reduced to dust and dispersed with the wind..

Kai retracted his six shadow clones and let out a long sigh. Sheer shock filled Matthew, Great Diviner, and the others as they stared at Kai. They never thought Kai's shadow clone could have actual powers.

After all, an ordinary person's shadow clone was only used to throw off enemies. Their shadow clones generally had no powers, but that was not the case for Kai. Not only did his shadow clones have powers, but they could even fight against enemies.

Kai, on the other hand, was feeling. something different. Usually, his spiritual energy could not support the shadow clones for such long hours when he unleashed Nine Shadows.

To his surprise, the shadow clones held up even though two hours had passed. Moreover, his energy never seemed to run out. At that moment, Kai felt as if there was another form of energy in his body-something different from spiritual energy and the Power of Dragons.

Immediately, he activated his elixir field and let his spiritual sense flow over his body. Only then did he notice a grey, misty aura lingering above. his elixir field.

Kai tried to refine the aura, but no matter how hard he tried, the aura could not be brought into his elixir field to be refined into spiritual energy.

"Maybe this aura needs to be fused with the Power of Dragons," Kai muttered to himself, frowning. Following that, he released a wave of the Power of Dragons, allowing it to encircle the aura so the two forces could merge. To his disappointment, the two seemed to repel each other. The Power of Dragons could not fuse with the grey, misty aura.

"What a weird aura. What exactly is it?" Kai had a tense look on his face, for he did not know if the aura would harm his body. "Mr. Chance... Are you all right?" Matthew called out when he saw Kai standing. perfectly still. He feared the latter was injured.

"Oh, I'm fine. Let's go."

Kai quickly snapped out of his thoughts and flashed a smile. He was not experiencing any side effects or discomfort yet. Hence, he did not have to bother about the aura, at least not for now. With that, Kai continued making his way into the mountains with Matthew and the rest.

They had only taken a few steps when a gale suddenly swept through the area, followed by the appearance of a blurry figure that slowly approached them. Anxiousness gripped everyone at the scene because they could sense the dangerous aura the figure was exuding. "Ah..."

Skyler shrieked in fear when she was able to see the face of the approaching figure clearly. The figure was not a human, but a horrifying- looking zombie with its ivory facial bones exposed to the air.

Even Matthew and the others were shocked to see a zombie suddenly appearing before their eyes. "Who are you? Get out of here this instant. This is the place that serves to restrain Hadad. You lot entering here is a crime punishable by death," the zombie reprimanded Kai and the rest loudly.

Its words left everyone utterly dumbfounded. Isn't this a secret realm that has all kinds of treasures? Why did it suddenly become a place to restrain Hadad? And who exactly is Hadad?

Even Kai knitted his brows in confusion. "Isn't this an ancient ruin that has lots of treasures? We're only here on a treasure hunt." "Hah. There are no treasures here. Leave now or you'll die," said the zombie with fury. Kai was caught in a dilemma. After all, the elderly man clearly said the place was filled with treasures and that Kai could summon his spirit to return to Ethereal Realm. Why are things different now?

Kai would never put in all that effort into bringing the skull there if there were no treasures. While Kai was at a loss for what to do, the air shook, and another shadow clone appeared before them. It was an elderly man with white hair and at cloak with skull patterns.