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Chapter 2485 Barging Into Evil Heart Sect

Quindon directly brought Kai into the secret realm of Evil Heart Sect and reminded him, "The dungeon is behind the hill, but to get to the dungeon, you'll have to pass through three arcane arrays. You must find a way to control a member of Evil Heart Sect and have them take you inside. We cannot approach the dungeon ourselves, so you're on your own now. Tanner might not be here at the moment, but you must remain cautious. If there's any disturbance in the arcane arrays, Tanner will sense it. I need to hurry to the secret realm of Divine Quest Sect to avoid arousing Tanner's suspicion. You need to act swiftly." After giving his instructions, Quindon left.

He needed to find a way to delay Tanner to prevent him from locating Kai.

Once Quindon was gone, Kai started observing the terrain.

He noticed a courtyard at the foot of the mountain. Concealing his aura, he walked over, knowing that there must be members of Evil Heart Sect inside.

Being unfamiliar with the layout and the locations of the three arcane arrays, Kai did not dare to rush into his rescue mission.

Upon arriving outside the courtyard, he heard a familiar voice.

The person let out a haughty laugh and said, "Today is the day the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation will be activated. Once the spiritual energy is restored, we'll no longer be confined to this tiny secret realm. The entire mundane world will be under our control!"

"Mr. Malphas, will Lord Tanner really reward the purple-robed emissaries with lands and titles once the spiritual energy is restored? It seems like those individuals hold a higher rank than you within the sect," one of the sect members remarked.

Malphas responded with a cold snort, "Those few individuals are nothing more than resources of Lord Tanner. How could he possibly grant them titles and positions? Once the spiritual energy is restored, Lord Tanner will turn them into his cultivation resources. We're the true core members of Evil Heart Sect and Lord Tanner's confidants!"

As Kai listened to Malphas' words, he realized Quindon had not deceived him. It seems Tanner doesn't consider the purple-robed emissaries as his own people.

Aware of the urgency of the situation, Kai did not linger to hear more. He strode directly into the courtyard.

With Kai's current skills, dealing with Malphas and the few Evil Heart Sect members present would be a piece of cake.

"Who are you? How dare you barge into Evil Heart Sect?" one of the sect members bellowed when he saw Kai walking into the courtyard.

Malphas quickly stood up and looked over, freezing in place as he recognized Kai.

"Kai Chance?" His face was filled with astonishment.

The other sect members were just as stunned when they heard his name. They never expected that Kai would dare to come to the secret realm of Evil Heart Sect.

"You've planned everything so well, but do you think you can take others for fools? Are they really that naive?" Kai sneered indifferently.

"Kai, w-what are you doing here? Shouldn't you be in Divine Quest Sect's secret realm? Your girlfriend is still there. Don't you want to rescue her?" Malphas asked in utter confusion.

"Of course I will, but not now. I have a more important matter to attend to right now." Kai's aura instantly burst forth, overwhelming everyone in the courtyard. They struggled to catch their breath under the terrifying pressure.

Sensing the horrifying aura emanating from Kai, both Malphas and the other sect members were petrified. They could not believe Kai's current strength had reached such terrifying heights.

"Stop him. I'll contact Lord Tanner right now!" Malphas quickly gave orders to the other members, instructing them to prevent Kai from advancing any further while he informed Tanner about the intruder.

Just as Malphas was about to turn and run away, a radiant light flashed across Kai's body. Immediately after, the sword spirit, Zelda, emerged.

"Zelda, I'll leave those small fries to you," Kai said.

With a swift leap, Kai positioned himself directly in front of Malphas, blocking his way.

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Chapter 2486 Compromise

Meanwhile, Zelda engaged in combat with the members of Evil Heart Sect.

Her strength far surpassed that of those small fries in the sect.

"You think you can run away from me?" Kai sneered while gazing at Malphas.

"Kai Chance, what exactly brought you to Evil Heart Sect? Lord Tanner and Skylar are not here. Did you come merely to kill us? You should know we're of little importance to the sect," Malphas said to Kai.

"I have no intention of killing you. If you lead me to your dungeon right now, I'll spare you," Kai replied.

"To the dungeon? What for?" Malphas was surprised by Kai's demand.

"That's none of your business. Just take me there!" Kai snapped, growing impatient.

"I'll never take you there, even if you kill me!" Malphas responded, fully aware of the dire consequences he would face if he were to bring Kai to the dungeon.

Recognizing Tanner's capabilities all too well, Malphas understood that aiding Kai would lead to a fate more dreadful than mere death.

"It's not your decision to make." After finishing speaking, Kai released a radiant aura that penetrated Malphas' body, causing him to freeze in place.

Suddenly, flames seemed to ignite within Malphas, and it was as though his organs were being seared over a scorching fire.

Despite the intense pain, Malphas was unable to move or utter a single sound, forced to endure the torment of the searing flames.

Beads of cold sweat formed on Malphas' forehead as his face twisted in a grotesque expression.

He stared at Kai in disbelief, unable to comprehend how, in just a few months, Kai's power had surpassed his own by such a tremendous margin.

In the presence of Kai, he found himself utterly defenseless, incapable of mounting any form of retaliation. It was a stark contrast to a few months prior when he had dismissed Kai as inconsequential.

With a flick of Kai's finger, a beam of light instantly struck Malphas throat, allowing him to make sounds once again.

Malphas let out a piercing shriek of agony. The other members of Evil Heart Sect, upon hearing his anguished cries, immediately lost their will to fight and desperately tried to escape. However, their attempts were in vain as Zelda swiftly dispatched each and every one of them, leaving no survivors.

"I-I'll take you there..." Unable to bear the torment any longer, Malphas finally gave in.

Hearing that, Kai made a hand gesture, causing a spiritual light to fly out from Malphas' body. As a result, Malphas was finally able to breathe a sigh of relief.

The sensation Malphas had just experienced was akin to being cast into the depths of hell and subjected to torture by fire. It was unbearably painful.

Gasping for breath, he took a while to recover.

"Don't waste any more time. Take me to the dungeon," Kai commanded Malphas.

"I can take you there, but I can't dismantle the arcane array. Only members of Evil Heart Sect marked with the imprint of Lord Tanner can pass through it. Otherwise, attempting to cross the arcane array will trigger it," Malphas explained to Kai.

"Just lead the way. You don't need to worry about anything else," Kai replied.

Reluctantly, Malphas nodded and guided Kai out of the courtyard.

Kai placed a mark on Malphas' forehead to ensure he would not play any tricks.

Zelda transformed back into Dragonslayer Sword and returned to Kai's body.

With Malphas in the lead and Kai following closely behind, they made their way toward the back of the hill.

After a short walk, Malphas said, "Ahead lies the first arcane array. To pass through it, you must break it."

Kai gazed ahead, extending his spiritual sense to detect the presence of the arcane array, but to his surprise, he could not sense any trace of it. This left him perplexed and unsure of what to make of the situation.

"Why can't I sense the arcane array ahead?" Kai asked, feeling bewildered.

"Lord Tanner set the arcane array up himself. Once I pass through it, you'll be able to sense it," Malphas explained. With that, he advanced forward, and soon, a surge of spiritual energy accompanied by shimmering lights enveloped him as he passed through the arcane array.

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Chapter 2487 Special Guard

After passing through the first arcane array, Malphas looked at Kai. "This arcane array is quite powerful. Did you get a clear look this time?"

Kai bobbed his head. When Malphas passed through the arcane array earlier, there was a fluctuation in the spiritual energy. That was when Kai noticed the existence of the arcane array.

The arcane array was indeed powerful, but Kai was not afraid of it. He wore a calm expression and a smile as he walked through the arcane array. There was a fluctuation in the spiritual energy before Kai disappeared into the arcane array.

Malphas looked incredibly serious as he watched Kai disappear. There was no doubt Kai was trapped in the arcane array, which meant the latter would not be able to stop Malphas if he were to abscond right there and then.

However, when Malphas thought about the mark Kai left in his mind, the former shelved the idea of running away. If Kai has the guts to pass through the arcane array, that means he's confident in himself.

Malphas was sure Kai would blast his mind if he ran away.

"Kai... Kai..." Malphas whispered loudly.

However, Kai was nowhere to be seen in the distance ahead. He was trapped in the arcane array, and the thought of it sent a rush of panic into Malphas's mind. If Kai's stuck in the arcane array forever, will the mark in my mind kill me?

Malphas was drowning in anxiety, but the same could not be said for the man in the arcane array. He could not be calmer as he studied the arcane array carefully. Although the arcane array was incredible, it was nothing to Kai.

With one glance, Kai found its core. Destroying the arcane array had become much easier now that the core was found.

After about ten minutes, Kai successfully destroyed the first arcane array, and he stepped out of the area shortly after.

Malphas' face lit up when he saw Kai coming out of the arcane array after destroying it. As long as Kai was alive, the former did not have to die.

When Kai realized Malphas was still standing at the same spot, he was surprised.

"Why didn't you run away when I was trapped in the arcane array?" asked Kai.

"What's the point? You left a mark on my mind. If I ran away, you'd definitely set off the mark and blast my brains," explained Malphas honestly.

Kai smiled at what he heard. He knew Malphas had considered running away, but the latter simply chose to stay after weighing the pros and cons.

"I'm glad you know where you stand. Well, I'll spare you if you bring me into the dungeon," said Kai.

“I can take you there, but it’s not that easy to get in. There are special guards all over the place, and their leader is of higher status than I am in Evil Heart Sect. I can’t order him around, so you’ll have to figure your way into the dungeon. As for the purpose of going in, you don’t have to tell me about it. In fact, I don’t want to know about it,” said Malphas.

“The dungeon has special guards?”

Kai furrowed his brows, for he did not expect Malphas’ identity to not be useful in the dungeon.

Well, since I’m already here, I can only go with the flow.

“You can just take me to the dungeon’s entrance. I’ll take it from there,” informed Kai.

With a nod, Malphas led Kai to the other side of the mountain.

Before Kai knew it, they had arrived in front of the second arcane array. This time, however, Kai could actually feel the presence of the arcane array.

Moreover, there was no telling just how strong the second arcane array was compared to the first one. Even Kai’s confidence was wavering.

“This arcane array messes with people’s minds. Don’t be fooled by how exposed it is. It’s not powerful at all. Its only function is to confuse the enemies and trap those who sneak into the prison cells,” Malphas informed sincerely.

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Chapter 2488 See Through Everything

Malphas knew he would not live if Kai died, and that was something the former wanted to avoid.

He was close to recovering his spiritual energy—a day he had been waiting patiently for. Once his spiritual energy was recovered, he would be able to do whatever he wanted in the mundane world. Thus, death was the last thing Malphas wanted.

“It’s not a problem. You can go over first,” said Kai calmly.

Seeing that, Malphas used the mark of Evil Heart Sect on his body to pass through the arcane array.

This time, Kai did not disappear when he walked through it.

In fact, the scenery changed as soon as he stepped into it.

To his surprise, Josephine and the others came into his view. They each stood wordlessly in front of the statues, wearing extremely calm expressions.

Seconds later, they were absorbed into the statues. Lightning flashed, and deafening thunder reverberated in the air as countless purple lightning bolts struck the statues.

Kai felt a rush of panic, and he called out Josephine's name frantically.

To Malphas, Kai looked like a fool who was shouting for absolutely no reason. He knew Kai was confused by the arcane array, but there was nothing he could do. Only Kai could get out of it on his own.

At the same time, in Divine Quest Sect's secret realm, Tanner and the rest of Evil Heart Sect members were standing right in front of the statues, which had sucked Josephine and the other people with unique physiques.

"All that's left to do is wait for Kai. Then, we'll activate the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation. The mundane world will belong to us!" announced Tanner excitedly.

Quindon and the five purple-robed emissaries merely stood behind Tanner in silence. Their hearts raced with anxiety as they wondered if Kai had rescued their family members.

"Lord Tanner, should I bring Kai over now?"

Standing beside Tanner was Skylar, who was full of energy.

At that point in time, he was already a Top Level Manifestor. Once the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation was activated, he could achieve Breakthrough and have the powers of the Body Fusion Realm. When that happened, he would be a half-immortal with the unique physique of Inferno Devil's Form.

Skylar could already picture himself roaming in the Immortal Realm. He never imagined someone like him, who was once an ordinary martial artist, could join the Immortal Realm.

What he did not know was that the journey of becoming immortal was incredibly difficult. Even if he achieved the Body Fusion Realm, he was only halfway there, hence the name “half-immortal.” The second half of the journey was the toughest and cruelest.

One could ascend realms after passing the hurdle, but the resources needed at every cultivation level were unpredictable. There were thousands of cultivators in the world, such as a cultivator of the secret realm, a spiritual energy cultivator of the Ethereal Realm, and other realms.

However, very few manage to become immortals. Even if some succeeded, thousands had already lost their lives during the journey.

Skylar was currently just a Top Level Manifestor. It was a ridiculous scene to see him dreaming of becoming an immortal.

Tanner simply cast Skylar a glance before saying flatly, “There’s no need for that. I’m sure he’ll be coming here soon. Judging by Kai’s personality, he would never abandon his girlfriend.”

“True. Kai won’t do that. He’ll definitely come. Let’s just wait a little longer,” agreed Quindon.

All Quindon and the others could do was stall for time so Kai could save their family members.

Tanner turned around to glance at Quindon, smiling meaningfully without saying anything.

That smile of Tanner’s had Quindon shuddering and sweating buckets.

And when Quindon met the man’s gaze that seemed to see through anything, the former could not help but feel even more nervous.

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Meanwhile, at Evil Heart Sect, Kai had recomposed himself. Countless rays of golden light flashed past his mind, allowing his spiritual sense to return to its normal state.

At the same time, the scenery before him returned to its original state. The sight of Kai calming down sent a rush of relief into Malphas' heart.

"Kai... Kai..." Malphas called out.

"Let's go," Kai prompted as he marched forward. Just like that, he had destroyed the second arcane array.

Watching Kai from the back, Malphas could not help but swallow hard. Thank goodness I didn't fight him head-on. If not, I would've died a horrible death long ago.

Malphas took a few hurried steps so he could lead the way for Kai.

Soon, the dungeon's entrance appeared before them. A light barrier flickered in front of it, blocking the path into the dungeon.

Malphas explained, "This is the third arcane array. You'll be able to enter the dungeon after this, but I'm not qualified to go in. There are other people guarding on the inside."

Kai merely nodded, walked up to the light barrier, and touched it gently with one hand.

Shutting his eyes, Kai allowed the spiritual sense in his mind spread throughout the arcane array. Soon enough, he found the core.

In just a matter of a few minutes, the light barrier before them disappeared. Kai had destroyed the third arcane array.

Malphas was too stunned to speak. All he could do was watch Kai walk into the dungeon.

Malphas was about to warn Kai about something when the doors opened, and out walked a monster with the head of a bull and the body of a man.

The scene was so shocking that Malphas stood frozen on the spot. He never knew there were such creatures in the dungeon.

After all, he had never been in there.

Even Kai was shocked too seeing the minotaur.

“How dare you barge into Evil Heart Sect? Are you asking for death?” the minotaur questioned sternly in human language.

A frown formed between Kai’s brows as he poured his spiritual sense into the minotaur, only to be shocked by the latter’s aura.

The aura exuded by the beast was drastically different from the disciples of Evil Heart Sect. In fact, it was different from those of the mundane world.

That aura seemed to come from someone in the Ethereal Realm instead. Kai sensed it on the armored beast before.

However, that minotaur’s aura was stronger than that of the armored beast.

Although the armored beast could speak the human language, it still had the form of a spirit beast. The minotaur, however, was already half-human. From the looks of it, it would soon become human completely.

Thus, it only made sense that the minotaur had a stronger aura than the armored beast.

“You’re not a demon beast from the mundane world. You’re from the Ethereal Realm, aren’t you?” asked Kai.

After all, no demon beasts from the mundane world could transform into humans yet, let alone speak the language of humans. It was considered good enough if they were sentient and could understand the human language.

Feenix was a different case. She was never a spirit beast from the mundane world but a phoenix spirit beast from the Ethereal Realm that was exiled to the mundane world.

The minotaur was taken aback by the question, but it quickly recollected itself and roared, “What are you talking about? I don’t know what you’re saying. You deserve to die for barging into Evil Heart Sect.”

It let out a furious roar before bringing down a huge axe on Kai.

Kai did not bother to dodge the attack. His body emitted a golden light, and Zelda appeared in front of him, blocking off the axe. With a slap, Zelda sent the minotaur flying into the distance.

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Chapter 2490 Enter The Dungeon

The minotaur looked at Zelda in shock. “Sword spirit? How could a sword spirit condensed from the sword-cleansing lake show up here?”

The minotaur’s words confirmed Kai’s suspicion—it came from the Ethereal Realm. Otherwise, it would not know about the sword-cleansing lake.

Right then, another sword materialized in Zelda’s hand, and she swung it at the minotaur.

“Don’t kill it.”

Kai stopped her because he had something to ask the minotaur.

They were in Evil Heart Sect’s secret realm, which was a part of the mundane world. Yet, the minotaur was a demon beast from the Ethereal Realm. It puzzled Kai how the demon beast came here and became the guard of Evil Heart Sect’s dungeon.

Could Evil Heart Sect have connections with Ethereal Realm?

A sense of foreboding rose within Kai. If his suspicion was true, then Kai’s mission of eliminating Evil Heart Sect had only become more challenging.

Kai walked toward the minotaur and stared at the beast coldly. “Are you from Ethereal Realm? Why are you here? What’s your relationship with Evil Heart Sect?”

Kai bombarded the minotaur with a series of questions, hoping to get some answers from it.

Alas, the minotaur only grinned and said, “Since you already know about Ethereal Realm and that I come from that place, then you should know Evil Heart Sect is just—”

Before the minotaur could finish its sentence, it suddenly shook violently and erupted into flames.

In a few seconds, the minotaur died, its body as black as coal.

Kai furrowed his brows tightly at the sight.

Turning around to look at Malphas, who was already scared out of his wits, Kai asked coldly, "How many of these monsters do you guys have?"

"I-I don't know. I never knew we had such monsters."

Malphas shook his head fervently.

It was his first time seeing a monster like that minotaur.

"Aren't you in charge of Evil Heart Sect's Black Robes? That makes you one of the higher-ups, no? How could you not know about it?" asked Kai in disbelief.

Malphas blushed, feeling a little embarrassed. "I'm in charge of the Black Robes, but Lord Tanner's the one who has the final say in most things. Besides, I've never been in this dungeon. Lord Tanner never lets us in."

"Looks like this dungeon has some unspeakable secrets. I'm going to check it out."

With that, Kai headed straight into the dungeon.

While watching Kai leave, Malphas pondered on it before following after the former. After all, Malphas was curious about it, too.

As soon as Kai stepped into the dungeon, he caught a whiff of something damp, cold, and extremely unpleasant.

From time to time, drops of water fell from the ceiling of the dungeon, which explained the dampness of the interior.

It was so damp that the stone walls were covered in moss. The place was in terrible condition.

Judging by the state of the dungeon, Kai knew why Quindon and the others needed him to rescue their family members.

No one could bear to see their family members locked up in such a place.

Kai continued making his way down a dimly lit tunnel. What surprised him was that there were no traps or guards in the dungeon. The minotaur at the entrance was the only defense.

“Could this dungeon be unimportant? Why aren’t there any guards or traps around the place?” Kai muttered under his breath as he made his way forward.

There was a look of wariness in Zelda’s eyes as she followed closely behind Kai, protecting the latter at all times.

Malphas, on the other hand, dared not harbor any ill intentions despite walking behind Kai.

Soon, Kai’s path was obstructed by a bronze door. Immediately, Kai knew that was the first level of the dungeon. According to Quindon, his family members were on the third level, which meant the trio needed to pass through the door.