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Chapter 2526 Grateful

Emily nodded, and only then did she flash a faint smile.

“Kai, why don’t I go with you to gather herbs? I’m familiar with the terrain here.”

Percy wanted to tag along with Kai to collect herbs.

In fact, he had another plan in mind, which was to learn some skills from Kai. If he could acquire alchemy skills and become an alchemist, that would be great.

Kai could fathom Percy’s intention, but he said, “Percy, you can come with me to gather herbs another time. Ali and the others are hurt, so you should escort them back to the village for now.”

“Kai, please let Percy go with you. We’ve already left the Demon Wolves’ territory, so there shouldn’t be any more danger. We can make it back on our own.” Ali also wished Percy could learn more from Kai.

After all, Kai was an outsider who could leave Rock Village at any time. If Percy could become an alchemist, he would become a significant asset to the village.

Hearing Ali’s words, Kai agreed and left the party with Percy to collect some herbs.

As the spiritual energy of the Ethereal Realm was abundant, there were countless spiritual plants in the mountains. Those plants would be priceless treasures in the mundane world, but in the Ethereal Realm, they were no different from wild grasses, left unharvested.

Even though the mundane world’s spiritual energy had been restored now, those spiritual plants couldn’t mature within a short period. Some spiritual plants required ten years or even a century to grow.

“Percy, do you see this? This oval, light green leaf is called...” Kai explained to Percy as he gathered the medicinal herbs.

He was merely imparting the latter with some fundamental knowledge for being an alchemist.

After all, there was no way for one to qualify as an alchemist if one couldn’t differentiate between herbs.

Percy was a dedicated student. He remembered everything Kai had taught him after only one explanation. Then, he started helping Kai to collect the herbs.

Before nightfall, Kai and Percy returned to Rock Village with many herbs. Ali and the others had long since returned. Antonio had already arranged for

others to help those injured clean their wounds and apply a black ointment. Those were folk remedies from Rock Village. Some people who couldn't afford medical treatment could only apply those remedies to their wounds; whether they could heal was up to fate.

When Kai and Percy arrived at Rock Village, Antonio and all the villagers were waiting for them in the village square.

At the sight of Kai's return, Antonio and everyone from Rock Village knelt before him.

"Mr. Chance, thank you for saving Rock Village!" Antonio uttered in agitation. If Kai hadn't rescued Ali and the others, Rock Village would have lost its younger generations, and their survival would become even more difficult.

"Mr. Antonio, what are you doing? Please stand up." Kai hurriedly helped Antonio up and asked the other villagers to get to their feet as well.

"Mr. Chance, if it weren't for you, Ali and the others wouldn't have made it back this time. Ali told me everything. I didn't expect you to be an alchemist. You sure are adept at concealing your talents," Antonio said to Kai.

"This is my obligation. If it weren't for Rock Village, I probably would've died in the jungle."

As Kai spoke, he took out all the Demon Wolf carcasses from his Storage Ring and said, "Mr. Antonio, have someone deal with these carcasses. I'm going to craft some pills to speed up Ali and the others' recovery."

"Okay, all right, sure! Feel free to let us know if you need anything, Mr. Chance. Everyone at Rock Village will be at your service from now on," Antonio responded fervently.

Kai didn't ask for anything. He merely requested a pot and then hastened back to Emily's house to start crafting pills in the courtyard.

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Chapter 2527 Hard Bargain

Medicine to treat external wounds wasn't challenging to craft for Kai. He made some medicinal powder and told Antonio to apply it on Ali and the others. In just two days, those people were completely healed.

As for Emily's injuries, they recovered within a day under Kai's care, and there weren't even any scars left on her body.

After the villagers knew Kai was an alchemist, they sought his help for their ailments. Kai suddenly became the village doctor. Nevertheless, he was always ready to help those people.

"Kai, we're going to the town to sell the Demon Wolves today. Will you come

with us?" Emily asked Kai.

"Sure!" He nodded.

After staying in Rock Village for several days, he wanted to venture out and experience the human culture of the Ethereal Realm.

At that moment, at Rock Village's entrance, Ali and the others had packed up the Demon Wolf carcasses and were waiting for Kai. When they saw the latter approach, they all expressed their gratitude.

Kai had gained significant respect in Rock Village, and the villagers now also considered him one of their own.

The party set off toward the town. The closest town to Rock Village was Quakersville, about a hundred kilometers away. Many nearby villages sold goods in Quakersville and bought household items there.

In truth, life for those lower-tier cultivators in the Ethereal Realm was basic. Although everyone had dreams of becoming immortals, not everyone could ascend to that level.

For the lower-tier cultivators, it was rare even for one among millions of them to attain immortality as the path was arduous and required vast resources. Despite the hundred-kilometer distance, the journey didn't seem long to those cultivators. They used only an hour to reach Quakersville.

Kai was surprised to find Quakersville wasn't as grand as he imagined; it was just a village with a higher population. A square was situated on one side of Quakersville where people sold their goods.

Most were there to sell demon beast carcasses, while some sold odd-shaped stones or spiritual plants, but Kai noticed those items attracted little attention. Upon arriving, Ali's party didn't sell their goods like others. Instead, they went straight to a stone house. Even before stepping into the place, Kai caught whiffs of a strong stench of blood.

"Mr. Leeson, we've brought goods!" Ali shouted outside the house.

A second later, a burly man stained with blood walked out of the house. After seeing Ali, he said, "Oh, it's you, Ali. What do you have for me today? You haven't been here for a while."

"Mr. Leeson, I'm here to sell ten Demon Wolf carcasses today!" After saying that, Ali directed his men to place the carcasses on the floor.

The brawny man, Heath Leeson, glanced at the Demon Wolf carcasses and said in disbelief, "Ali, did you all hunt these Demon Wolves?"

"Of course. What else? Do you think we snatched these carcasses from others? We, people of Rock Village, are not like those of Cyan Village, who are just a group of bandits!" Ali was furious at the thought of the villagers from Cyan Village.

Heath glanced at Ali, parting his lips but hesitated.

After dithering for a moment, he uttered, "Ali, I can only offer you five spirit coins per carcass."

"What? Five spirit coins? That's too little!"

"That's right. A few days ago, we were able to sell one Demon Wolf carcass for twenty spirit coins!"

"Mr. Leeson, you're really driving a hard bargain."

Right after Heath finished his sentence, the villagers started to complain.

Ali also wore a slight grimace. "Mr. Leeson, we've known each other for some time now. I know how much a Demon Wolf carcass is worth. Isn't five spirit coins per carcass a bit too cheap?"

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Chapter 2528 Vibrant Health Clinic

Heath scanned his surroundings. Upon noticing no one was looking in their direction, he uttered to Ali in an undertone, "Ali, it's precisely because we've been acquainted for a long time that I'm offering you five spirit coins per carcass. If you were to sell them to others, they might not even dare to buy them! The people from Cyan Village have spread the word. They claim their hunting party has gone missing and was killed by someone on the Demon Wolf's territory! Therefore, the people of Cyan Village have decreed. If anyone comes to sell a large number of Demon Wolf carcasses, we cannot accept the goods and must report to them. They claimed these Demon Wolf carcasses must have been stolen from them. I'm already taking a huge risk, buying these carcasses from you for five spirit coins each. I suggest you dispose of these carcasses as soon as possible. If others discover and report it to Cyan Village, Rock Village will be in danger."

Ali was stunned, listening to Heath's explanation. He had initially thought they could make a fortune with so many Demon Wolf carcasses. However, now, it seemed he was overly optimistic. He didn't anticipate the members of Cyan Village would act that way.

The other villagers also looked very disappointed, especially Emily. She had planned to use her share of money from selling the Demon Wolf carcasses to hire Brutus to treat her grandmother's eyes. Unfortunately, with the current reduced selling price, she wouldn't receive much money.

"Those Cyan Village b*stards! They should all be killed," Percy muttered in anger.

"Mr. Leeson, can you please increase the price a little?" Ali pleaded with Heath.

“I can’t. If you don’t want to sell, then forget it.” With that, Heath was about to return to his house, but Ali called him back. “Mr. Leeson, I’ll accept the deal. Five spirit coins it is, then.”

Ali had to compromise. If Heath didn’t buy the carcasses, it was even more unlikely that others would.

After exchanging the Demon Wolf carcasses for spirit coins, everyone hung their head, appearing downcast and upset.

Kai was taken aback upon learning that. I can’t believe Cyan Village is so influential here! All these people are afraid of Cyan Village!

Ali didn’t distribute the spirit coins among the group after receiving them.

Instead, he looked at Emily and said, “Emily, let’s use this money to hire Dr. Weiss to treat your grandma’s eyes.”

Emily was momentarily dazed after hearing that. Then, she immediately shook her head and replied, “Ali, everyone risked their lives to earn this money. I can’t just take all of it. We should divide it among all of us.”

“That’s not necessary. This is what we all decided.”

“That’s right. I’m grateful we were able to survive that predicament, and that’s better than receiving any amount of money.”

“Emily, just take the money and hire Dr. Weiss. If he can cure your grandma’s eyes, that would fulfill your long-held wish!”

The other members of Rock Village who tagged along said to Emily one after another.

Moved to tears, Emily uttered, “Thank you, everyone.”

“All right. You can all go back first. I’ll accompany Emily to find Dr. Weiss.” Ali told the others to return, leaving only Percy, Kai, Emily, and himself.

Then, they went to hire Brutus with the money.

Following the narrow streets of Quakersville, they reached its end. On the left was a store with a sign that read: Vibrant Health Clinic.

“What’s with that name?” Kai was baffled by the unusual name of the clinic.

“Kai, the name ‘Vibrant Health Clinic’ means this place can ensure you’re full of vigor and vitality. Once you step into the premise, no matter how gravely ill you are, Dr. Weiss can restore the vibrancy of your health. That’s why it’s aptly named Vibrant Health Clinic,” Percy explained to Kai.

Kai smiled faintly in response. He didn’t expect Brutus to be so boastful. That piqued Kai’s interest to witness just how exceptional the doctor’s medical skills were.

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Chapter 2529 Ethics

Kai followed Ali and the others into Vibrant Health Clinic. The place was bustling with people seeking treatment. A man who seemed to be in his early thirties was sitting behind a table, calmly taking people's pulses with his eyes slightly closed.

"Kai, that person is Dr. Brutus Weiss," Percy whispered to Kai.

Kai gazed at Brutus in astonishment. He didn't expect the latter to be so young, only a few years older than himself.

Still, he thought Brutus' skills might not be that impressive since he was just a revered doctor in such a rural location.

Ali and the others waited in line. Soon, the people in front of them left, and Emily quickly approached Brutus. "Dr. Weiss, I wish to hire you to treat my grandma's eyes. I have the money now."

Brutus opened his eyes. Judging by how nonchalantly he reacted upon seeing Emily, it appeared that wasn't his first encounter with her.

"As long as you have money, I can even resurrect your grandma from death, let alone treat her eyes. Where's the money?" Brutus asked Emily.

"Here." She hastily placed the fifty spirit coins she got from selling the Demon Wolf carcasses before Brutus.

However, when he saw the spirit coins, he shook his head and said, "That's not enough."

"Dr. Weiss, there are fifty spirit coins here. You previously told me fifty spirit coins would suffice." Emily was astounded.

"That was the price a year ago. The treatment will cost at least a hundred spirit coins now!" Brutus elaborated.

Emily was stunned after hearing that. Others gave up their shares to let me have these fifty spirit coins, yet the price has suddenly risen to a hundred spirit coins? How should I gather that amount of money?

"Dr. Weiss, you can't break your word. You clearly said before that fifty spirit coins would be enough!" Ali expressed his discontent.

"That was before. It's a hundred spirit coins now. If you don't have the money, hurry up and leave. Don't interfere with my business!" Brutus' countenance began to darken.

"Dr. Weiss, I beg you. Please treat my grandma's eyes!" Emily knelt before Brutus as she spoke.

She knew if Brutus didn't agree to help her that time, she would have to take a long time to save up a hundred spirit coins.

However, Brutus was unfazed even at the sight of Emily groveling at his feet. Her behavior didn't rouse the slightest hint of pity within him. Perhaps it was because he had seen too many people begging him in that manner.

"Emily, get up. This kind of unethical alchemist can't be that skilled. I think he's just a blowhard!" Kai stepped forward to help Emily up while shooting Brutus a disdainful look.

Hearing that audacious remark, Brutus instantly widened his eyes and glared at Kai. "Brat, are you deliberately looking for trouble here? If you have a death wish, I won't let you leave Quakersville alive."

"Dr. Weiss, please calm down. My friend was just talking nonsense. Since you've raised the treatment fee, we'll go and gather more money," Ali swiftly chimed in when he noticed Brutus getting enraged, as he was well aware of the latter's influence in Quakersville.

A single command from Brutus could bar them from leaving Quakersville alive.

"Scram!" Brutus waved his hand.

Ali cast a look at Kai, hinting at the latter to keep his mouth shut and follow him out of the clinic.

However, Emily was reluctant to go. She wanted to beg Brutus but was forcefully dragged away by Ali.

Everyone knew Brutus was an avaricious man, so there was no way he could ever sympathize with Emily.

Shortly after Kai and the others left, a man emerged from a room behind Brutus. That man was in his forties and dressed in combat gear.

Brutus quickly got to his feet when he saw that man. "Francois, why are you here?"

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Chapter 2530 Grus Divina

"Master has sent me to inform you that a stalk of Grus Divina has sprouted on the mountains nearby. Prepare extra hands. Tomorrow you shall accompany me to the mountains to harvest it," said the man dressed in a robe.

"There's Grus Divina nearby?" Brutus exclaimed. "That's a mystical herb. How can it grow on these mountains? Are you certain there's no mistake?"

"What did you say?" The man in a robe widened his eyes.

"I simply spoke in haste. I do not doubt Master in the slightest, but gathering extra help on such short notice is a challenge."

Brutus found himself trapped between a rock and a hard place.

"That is your problem," the man retorted. "I'm only in charge of notifying you. You should know the consequences of wasting time and not following

Master's instructions, right?"

He turned on his heel and strode away, leaving Brutus frowning and fretting about manpower.

But soon, Brutus thought of a solution and ordered his apprentice, "Go fetch the four people who just left here!"

He wanted to get Kai and his companions. Now that they were in need of his assistance, he could enlist their help to pick the Grus Divina, and he would help Emily cure her grandmother's eyes.

"Emily, don't worry," Ali comforted the downtrodden girl. "Once we've hunted a few more demon beasts and sold them, we will have the money to treat your grandmother's eyes."

Emily remained silent, unable to shake off the guilt of keeping the money for herself, knowing others needed the money to sustain themselves too.

"Emily, I might be able to cure your grandma's eyes even without the money," Kai assured her, his voice gentle yet firm. "If we can find some high-grade spiritual plants, I might be able to restore her sight."

If Kai regained his power and had spiritual plants, he might be able to cure Emily's grandmother's eyes.

"Really, Kai?" Emily lifted her head, her eyes brimming with hope.

"Of course." Kai smiled.

A smile bloomed on Emily's face. As long as there was hope, she would never give up.

At that moment, a young child, no older than a teen, rushed toward them.

"Please wait! My master has asked you guys to return."

"Who is your master?" Kai asked, puzzled.

"My master is Brutus Weiss!"

Hearing this, Ali asked curiously, "Why does your master want us to return?"

The child shook his head. "I don't know. He didn't mention it."

"Ali, Kai, let's go back and take a look," Emily suggested, her heart fluttering with anticipation. "Perhaps Dr. Weiss has changed his mind about fifty spirit coins!"

"All right, let's go back," Kai agreed, and the group retraced their steps.

Gone was Brutus' haughty demeanor. This time, he was obviously more amiable.

"Dr. Weiss, have you decided to treat my grandma's eyes for fifty spirit coins?"

Emily asked, her voice tremulous with hope.

Brutus shook his head. "Fifty spirit coins won't suffice, but I'll treat her eyes for

free if you agree to my one condition.”

“What is it?” Emily asked.

“You guys have to accompany me to the mountains tomorrow to harvest an herb. Once we’ve successfully get the herb, I can cure your grandma’s eyes for free.”

“Is that all?” Emily couldn’t believe how simple the condition was. She turned to look at Ali.

After all, she couldn’t decide for them. If Ali refused to go, she couldn’t force him to tag along.