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Although only their spirits were left, the Demonic Cultivators could revive pretty easily. All they needed was to find a new body or pills that could regenerate their bodies.

They might have lost a portion of their power, but it was better than dying for real. If they hadn't protected their spirits with demonic fire earlier, Kai's Demon Flogger would've ended their lives for good.

"We need to head back as soon as possible and tell Lord Inferno Devil about that brat's Demon Flogger," said one of the Demonic Cultivators before they continued flying away.

However, a few minutes after that, they encountered three people. All three of them possessed powerful auras and the aura of a demon.

"It's Ms. Baptiste!" The two instantly became excited and flew toward that side. These three people were Lynette and two demon guardians. They had come to check out the place where the souls were sealed and planned to take Kai away.

When Lynette saw the spirits of the two Demonic Cultivators floating toward her, she frowned.

"How did you two end up like this?" she asked coldly.

"You must avenge us, Ms. Baptiste! We didn't expect those people to escape from the cave! Not only that, the cave collapsed and trapped the spirits underground!" one of the two Demonic Cultivators said, then recounted the entire incident.

When Lynette heard about Demon Flogger, her expression became tense. "You're saying that that brat knows how to use demonic fire and has Demon Flogger in his possession? Is he really only a Third Level Body Fusion Realm cultivator?" How could someone like him know so many tricks? Also, how did Demon Flogger end up in his possession?

"It's true. Although the brat is only a Third Level Body Fusion Realm cultivator, his spiritual sense is massive. It's thanks to him that the others could escape. I apologize for our incompetence. We will accept any form of punishment, Ms. Baptiste." The two Demonic Cultivators knew they had ruined the operation and would need to be punished for it.

However, they were optimistic that their punishment wouldn't be too severe since they had already lost their bodies.

"You two indeed should be punished for your incompetence." Lynette narrowed her eyes, and a flame in her palm instantly engulfed their spirits.

The two Demonic Cultivators screamed, "Have mercy on us, Ms. Baptiste! We've been loyal to the cause and done many things for so many years! Why do you want to exterminate us completely?"

They couldn't understand why Lynette was killing them both. "It's precisely because you two have done many things that I need to kill you both. Otherwise, there's a risk of you two spilling our secrets to others." Lynette eliminated the two Demonic Cultivators calmly as though she were squashing two bugs.

The destruction of the spirit seal and the appearance of Demon Flogger was a huge blow to the demons.

Demonic Cultivators were already living a tough life, and Inferno Devil had finally recruited a new batch of subordinates after so many years.

If that news were to spread among the Demonic Cultivators, it would cause panic. Some might even escape. To keep everyone calm, Lynette had to crush the two incompetent Demonic Cultivators. Soon, the spirits of the two Demonic Cultivators were incinerated by her demonic fire.

"What do we do now, Ms. Baptiste? Should we continue searching for the man or return to report on the situation?" one guardian asked.

"Don't tell Master about this yet. We'll capture those who escaped and that brat before we discuss this matter further. The only way to ensure Master doesn't get enraged is to present Demon Flogger to him. Otherwise, if we return now, we'll be admonished severely."

Lynette knew that Inferno Devil would scold her if she did not handle the matter well even though it was the two dead Demonic Cultivators' fault. Inferno Devil had entrusted the matter to her, so she was responsible for it.

She didn't mind being scolded, but she absolutely didn't want Josephine to become Inferno Devil's new favorite. Otherwise, her losses would be significant.

She wanted to capture Kai first before reporting the issue to Inferno Devil.

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"Ms. Baptiste, the vast expanse of the far north is boundless. I'm afraid it'll be quite challenging to locate someone," one of the guardians said.

"Barken, the three of us can split up and search. Even if they run, they can't get too far. Once we find them, make sure to restrain all of them. If that's not possible, at least capture that brat who can use demonic fire!" Lynette ordered.

"Ms. Baptiste, that's... not a good idea. It's risky for you to act alone. If something were to happen to you, Lord Inferno Devil would blame us," Barken said worriedly.

"Hmph! There's no need to be afraid of a few insignificant cultivators like them. Even if they possess the Demon Flogger, what can they do?" Lynette snorted, her Top Level Ninth Level Body Fusion Realm strength bursting forth.

The only thing Lynette sought at that moment was an opportunity. Once she acquired it, she could break through Body Fusion Realm and advance to the realm of Tribulator.

Once she overcame all the trials of a Tribulator, she could ascend to being a Semi-Demon Immortal cultivator, and that opportunity might lie with Kai, who had mastered demonic fire. Lynette's eyes blazed with intense passion.

"You're a prodigy, Ms. Baptiste. It's a given that you're not afraid of those insignificant human cultivators." Barken hastily bootlicked Lynette.

"In that case, let's split up and act separately. Otherwise, if they escape, none of us can bear the punishment from Master!"

With that, Lynette leaped up, disappearing into the vast snowy plains. The two guardians exchanged glances, then left to search in different directions. Meanwhile, Kai and his party were desperately fleeing for their lives.

Since Kai had mentioned the Demonic Cultivators pursuing them were highly formidable, that must indeed be the case. After running a distance, Kai frowned and came to an abrupt halt.

"What's the matter, Mr. Chance?" Vasily asked.

"We can't escape like this. The enemy is too strong, and they're chasing us from multiple directions, so someone has to stay behind to stave them off and buy time for the others," Kai explained.

After he finished his sentence, everyone fell silent because they knew whoever stayed behind to delay the enemies would be doomed, and no one wanted to die.

Vasily glanced at Kai, then gritted his teeth and volunteered. "Mr. Chance, I'm willing to stay behind to hold off the pursuing Demonic Cultivators. You should hurry up and run."

Kai shook his head at Vasily. "It can't be you. With your capabilities, they could kill you with a single strike. You won't keep them at bay for long. I'll stay, but I'll need several more powerful people to assist me. Jerison, Vasily, bring Viola with you and escape westward. Be quick!"

After saying that, Kai swept his gaze across Sunny, Konce, Lofton, and Cloud. After all, their cultivation levels were the highest among the group.

If weaker cultivators like Jerison, Vasily, Viola, and the others were to fight the Demonic Cultivators, Kai figured even the aftershocks of the battle could be fatal to them.

"I won't leave. I want to stay and keep you company, Kai!" Viola refused to go.

"Even if you stay, you won't be of any help and will only distract me. All of you with weaker abilities should flee at once! If anyone else wishes to stay and assist me, you're welcome. Still, I must inform you that if we don't join forces and work together now, all of us might end up being consumed by those Demonic Cultivators!" Kai uttered gravely.

"Kai, I'll stay. Putting aside the fact that you saved my life, it is my obligation as a human cultivator to eliminate these Demonic Cultivators." Sunny was the first to voice his commitment to remain behind. Following Sunny's lead, Cloud also chose to stay. Konce and Lofton exchanged glances and nodded, indicating their willingness to help as well. After all, there was strength in numbers. Not to mention, they were the most powerful in the party.

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"Mr. Stone, you two should return to Stellaris Sect. If I don't come back in a month, it means I'm already dead. You can tell my dad I died slaying Demonic Cultivators to protect the people!" Cloud said firmly to Tyrone.

"Mr. Seizon, this..." Tyrone was at a loss for words. "Go. There's no point in you two remaining here," Cloud urged Tyrone and the old woman to leave.

In the end, left with no other choice, Tyrone and the old woman departed. Viola cast a reluctant glance at Kai but eventually took her leave as well because she knew she would only be a burden if she stayed.

Once those with lower cultivation levels left, Kai began to make arrangements. At that moment, everyone willingly followed Kai's instructions since he was the one to save their lives.

After he finished giving the instructions, a figure rapidly approached from a distance and stopped right in front of Kai. The newcomer was none other than Lynette. Dressed in red with flames enveloping her, Lynette stared intently at Kai.

"Do Demonic Cultivators act so blatantly nowadays? You don't even bother concealing your aura." Kai spoke leisurely to Lynette.

Taken aback, Lynette fixed her gaze on Kai with a hint of surprise flitting across her eyes. "What sort of power do you, a mere Third Level Body Fusion Realm cultivator, possess to confront me so boldly? Did you kill my two subordinates? Are you the one who refined the demonic fire? Are you the wielder of the Demon Flogger?"

She bombarded Kai with a volley of questions, not taking him seriously at all due to their vast difference in capabilities. In Lynette's opinion, she could do away with Kai effortlessly.

"You asked me so many questions, so which do you expect me to answer first? But yes, I did all those things you mentioned," Kai replied. "You're quite straightforward. Since you're the culprit, why aren't you running away? Were you waiting for me?"

Lynette's interest in Kai was piqued. She couldn't fathom why a mere Third Level Body Fusion Realm cultivator like Kai dared to face a Ninth Level Body Fusion Realm expert like her without showing any signs of fear.

"Why should I run? You Demonic Cultivators should be the ones to flee, isn't it? After all, you're the despicable ones. Indeed, I was waiting for you here. I wanted to see for myself who you really are. You're a Demonic Cultivator, yet you so brazenly flaunt your aura," Kai sneered.

Hearing Kai's words, Lynette laughed instead of getting offended. "Now that you've seen me, what do you plan to do?" Lynette asked teasingly.

"If you were a man, I'd kill you. However, you're a female Demonic Cultivator and fairly attractive at that. Therefore, I'm planning to have some fun with you before ending your life," Kai uttered with all seriousness.

Lynette burst into laughter. "Hahaha! You're so amusing! I've never seen someone as funny as you. You possess the Demon Flogger and even refined our race's demonic fire. This shows your fate is intertwined with us demons. Why not join me? Become one of us. By then, I'll let you have all the fun you want with me. We can even cultivate together so you can refine more demonic fire. What do you say? Bear this in mind. I'm not an easy woman. I only reveal my feelings to those I truly like."

A seductive expression spread across Lynette's countenance as she tried to entice Kai.

"Why should I comply with your request just like that? What if you go against your words later?"

Kai was unconvinced.

"In that case, why don't you tell me what I can do to make you believe me?" Lynette chirped. "Take off your clothes and serve me well. If you satisfy me, I might just go with you," Kai uttered solemnly.

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Meanwhile, Cloud and the others who were hiding not far away were confused as they listened to Kai and Lynette's conversation.

They could not understand why Kai had started flirting with the Demonic Cultivator and had even suggested cultivating together. Were they going to watch a grand show for free?

Lynette was still smiling even after hearing Kai's words. "I'd like to have a good time with you now, but there are other people around, and I can't possibly let them see my body. Once I kill them all, I'll take off my clothes and let you admire my body."

With that, flames burst out of her and surrounded Kai to stop him from escaping. However, just as the flames wrapped around Kai, Kai's body started turning transparent before disappearing entirely.

Lynette's smile froze, and she furrowed her brows. "You're just a Third Level Body Fusion Realm cultivator, but you're capable of creating a shadow clone with such ease. You even tricked me. You're really not a nobody."

Lynette had never thought that this was merely Kai's shadow clone. She had thought it was his real body and had not noticed anything amiss at all because the aura of his shadow clone was no different from his original body.

Even Cloud, Sunny, and the others were shocked. They had no idea when Kai had gained the skill to create a shadow clone. Like Lynette, they had thought he had been truly standing there.

It turned out that Kai had been buying time by chatting with Lynette. "Aren't you guys going to make your move? She has already discovered the trick."

At some point, Kai had appeared behind them. Four people-three Eighth Level Body Fusion Realm cultivators and one Seventh Level Body Fusion Realm cultivator-began moving when they heard Kai's voice.

As they moved in for the attack, they each released a spiritual energy chain to tie Lynette up. Cloud spat out a mouthful of blood essence to make the ground shake, and ice walls rose up to trap Lynette within them.

"Radiant Ensnarement!" Konce roared. Numerous thin threads of light interwove and turned into a massive net above Lynette. When the net came down, it trapped Lynette within. Now that Lynette was bound by spiritual energy chains, surrounded by a wall of ice, and wrapped in a net, it looked like she had been completely controlled.

"Hmph! You're nothing but a group of foolish men!" Lynette scoffed. There was no trace of panic on her face. Instead, she seemed to be mocking them.

Fiery red flames erupted from her body and shot into the sky like a dazzling fireworks display. They altered the hue of the sky and sent tremors through the ground. In the blink of an eye, the net and the ice walls turned into dust.

Cloud and the other three were forced to move back because of the intense flames. Despite their swift retreat, they still felt the backlash of that heat wave. Nevertheless, without stopping, the four of them shared a look before launching attacks at Lynette again. They knew that they would lose their lives if they did not go all out now.

The four individuals unleashed their abilities, conjuring a tempest imbued with formidable power from all four directions and directing them at Lynette.

At the same time, Kai summoned a fire dragon that roared and charged toward Lynette. The next second, roars and hisses came from the arcane array Kai had set up as various beasts with frost energy started dashing toward Lynette as well. Everyone gave their absolute best, leaving nothing in reserve.

Kai had quickly moved backward after summoning the fire dragon. He was not running away. Instead, he was hastily drawing a complicated pattern on the snowy ground..

He was setting up another arcane array. What he needed most was time. In the face of so many terrifying attacks, Lynette actually laughed.

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"You insignificant creatures, do you think a cultivator who is about to enter the realm of Tribulator is someone you can easily defeat? How ridiculous. Don't think you're as powerful as me. We're worlds apart! When you reach my cultivation level, you'll understand what I mean. All I need is an opportunity to reach the realm of Tribulator! Maybe you'll be my opportunity..."

Not only was Lynette not afraid to be up against so many people's attacks, but she even seemed excited. She had been stuck as a Ninth Level Body Fusion

Realm cultivator for a long time, and the opportunity she sought had never once appeared. Perhaps this was her opportunity..

Lynette raised her hands, causing orbs of flames to materialize around her. A total of seven orbs of demonic fire spun around Lynette.

The orbs spun faster and faster, gradually merging into a towering pillar of flame. Lynette vanished from their view as if she too had become part of the flames. Everyone's eyes widened as they felt a faint tremor in their hearts.

Along with the continuous rotation of the flaming pillar, the colors of the sky shifted, and the snow in the vicinity evaporated, revealing a crystal-clear ice surface.

The flame pillar grew larger and larger until a searing, blinding ball of fire emerged at its core. That was the purest form of demonic fire.

The ball slowly descended, and the others were surprised to find Lynette in the ball. Cloud and the others' attacks, when came into contact with the fireball, were instantly crushed before turning into spiritual energy that dispersed in all directions.

Even the fire dragon that Kai had summoned was absorbed by the fireball when it approached the ball. And before those beasts could reach Lynette, they were turned into nothingness by the hot flames.

Shock was written on the faces of Cloud and the others. They wanted to retreat immediately, but the scattered spiritual energy struck them and sent them flying backward.

Each and every one of them looked at Lynette resentfully. Despite working together, they were no match for Lynette. Not even Kai's involvement did anything to change the situation.

Lynette, who was still in the fireball, looked at them in disdain. "Foolish creatures, have you finally realized the difference between us?"

Shen then lifted her arms. The fireball continued to rotate, and the surrounding spiritual energy began to condense. Cloud, Sunny, and the rest could only turn to Kai, putting all their hopes on him.

By then, Kai had already completed his drawing of that complex arcane array and dropped a drop of crimson blood essence in the center of the arcane array.

Seeing Lynette charging toward Cloud and the others, he leaped out of the arcane array and shouted, "Quick, get inside the arcane array!"

They swiftly ran into the arcane array Kai had set up. Although they had no idea what kind of arcane array Kai had set up, they placed unconditional trust in Kai at that moment. That arcane array would certainly save their lives.

"Still trying to run? Dream on!" Lynette sneered. At that moment, Kai had taken out Demon Flogger and struck it at the gigantic fireball Lynette was in A sharp crack echoed as Demon Flogger shot out a beam of light.

It struck the fireball, and Lynette's body stiffened. She could feel the immense pressure coming from Demon Flogger despite being inside the fireball.

While Lynette was momentarily stunned, Kai took the opportunity to get inside the arcane array as well. The second the arcane array was activated, a white curtain of light slowly rose around it.

"Teleportation Array? So you're trying to escape with Teleportation Array! I will never let you get away with this!"

Lynette jumped into the arcane array as well.