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Even without Yuver's orders, a few generals couldn't restrain themselves. They swung open the city gates and rushed out with a fiery determination, their hearts ablaze with the need to unleash their emotions through merciless slaughter.

As Xandros watched the soldiers pour out of Imperial Beast City, he was struck by disbelief. These were the very soldiers who had suffered under Tigerus oppression for so long. It was hard to fathom that they still harbored any trace of hostility. After all, Tigerus had dealt with the aggressive ones long ago.

Yet now, the soldiers of Imperial Beast City, once appearing meek and timid, appeared courageous and fearless.

Before Xandros could issue the order to retreat, tens of thousands of scouts met their demise. The soldiers from Imperial Beast City brandished their weapons with wild abandon.

Unfazed by the specter of death or the sting of pain, their ferocious onslaught compelled the Norwal City troops to abandon their weapons and armor in a frantic scramble for retreat.

As Yuven observed the unfolding scene, a sense of relief washed over him.

Nevertheless, he understood that even though the sudden attack had momentarily caught Lucian off guard, the challenges ahead would be even more daunting.

Thus, Yuven issued the command for his soldiers to retreat to the city, fully aware that once Lucian regained his senses, there would be no escape for any of them, and survival was all but impossible.

Imperial Beast City gradually settled back into its former peace and tranquility, with only the lifeless bodies dotting the hills serving as a grim reminder of the recent massacre.

The gentle sunlight cast an eerie glow upon the crimson stains, casting a reddish hue across the landscape. A few crows circled overhead, their harsh cries filling the air. What followed the brutal blood bath was a profound sense of sorrow.

Every soldier was inundated with sorrow and despair as they gazed upon the countless lifeless bodies strewn across the ground.

“Dad, let’s head back and get some rest. It’s getting dark now, and Norwal City’s soldiers probably won’t launch another attack,” Ivasha whispered.

However, Yuven remained motionless. The fallen soldiers below were all his subjects, and his heart bled for them.

Seeing that Yuven refused to budge, Ivasha chose to remain by his side, her eyes fixed on the lifeless forms scattered beneath Imperial Beast City.

Time stretched on, and as the sky gradually darkened, the full moon ascended high, casting a silvery glow over the somber landscape.

“Dad, look! What’s that?” Ivasha exclaimed as she suddenly noticed a dark silhouette charging toward them. Simultaneously, Xandros, who was on the hill’s summit, also caught sight of the approaching figure.

“Dad, there’s something over here!” Xandros called out. Lucian emerged from his tent and lifted his gaze to the sky, where he finally realized what it was above a massive airship.

“An airship?” Lucian furrowed his brow. “Why is there an airship here? As far as I know, the only airship in this region belongs to the Stellaris Sect, and it shouldn’t be flying over this area.”

He was perplexed, struggling to grasp the reason behind the unexpected appearance of the airship.

“Should we take it down?” Xandros inquired, but Lucian waved his hand to dismiss the idea.

“No, let’s hold off and see who they are and why they’ve brought the airship here.”

Airships were a rare and costly asset, affordable only to a select few.

Their construction demanded substantial investment, specialized technicians, and abundant resources.

Even Norwal City lacked the means to build one. This was precisely why Lucian dared not make any rash decisions, convinced that only extraordinary individuals would possess such a craft.

If he were to provoke influential families or sects during such a crucial moment, it could lead to significant repercussions.

Therefore, both Xandros and Lucian observed as the airship ascended into the sky above Imperial Beast City. Meanwhile, Yuven, stationed on the wall, finally wore a smile as he gazed at the approaching airship.

“Mr. Chance! It must be Mr. Chance who has returned!”

Yuven knew without a doubt that Kai was with Stellaris Sect’s Cloud, so it didn’t come as a shock that Kai might return on an airship.

“Kai? But how can he return on an airship? Don’t they follow specific routes?” Ivasha inquired, puzzled by Kai’s ability to return via airship.

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Yuven responded with a faint smile and remained silent, keeping his attention fixed on the airship in the sky.

The airship gradually approached the heights of Imperial Beast City, and Kai finally spotted the vigilant soldiers standing guard on the city walls.

“Mr. Chance, what’s going on here? Look at all the bodies on the ground! Has there been a battle?” Cloud exclaimed as he took in the gruesome sight.

The goriest sight he had ever encountered was a clash between two sects resulting in around a hundred casualties. However, what lay before him now was a staggering mound of corpses-tens of thousands of lifeless bodies.

It was a scene of unfathomable bloodshed and sheer horror. Upon seeing that, Quinley felt a surge of nausea, and she began to vomit. Kai’s brow furrowed, a grave expression washing over his face.

He recognized that there was only one plausible explanation for this grim scene- Norwal City had initiated a conflict with Imperial Beast City. This was the aftermath of a clash between two cities.

“Cloud, bring the airship down immediately!” Kai shouted. Cloud nodded and promptly directed the airship to descend toward Imperial Beast City’s central square.

Many residents of Imperial Beast City had never seen an airship before, so they swarmed around it in curiosity. At the sight of that, Yuven hurried down from the city walls with Ivasha, too.

When Kai emerged from the airship, Yuven joyfully exclaimed, “Mr. Chance, it’s really you! You’ve returned! This is great!”

At that moment, Kai felt like a stranger to Ivasha, as his aura appeared to have undergone a profound change.

“What happened?” Kai asked Yuven.

“Mr. Chance, why don’t we talk about this in the palace instead?” Yuven suggested. He then instructed Ivasha to get someone to keep an eye on the airship.

After they entered the palace, Viola, Aislin, Ghaylen, and the others who had learned of Kai’s return hurried over to greet him.

A short while of exchanging pleasantries later, Yuven turned to Kai and said, “Mr. Chance, Norwal City has initiated an assault on our city. Although King Lucian appears to be testing our defenses, we have still incurred significant losses. Leifr and his comrades have all perished in the battle...”

A pained expression washed over Yuven’s face. When Kai learned of Leifr’s demise, his brows furrowed in anger, and a fiery resolve burned in his eyes.

“Given Imperial Beast City’s resources, can we withstand Norwal City’s assault?” he inquired.

Yuven shook his head sadly. “During Tigerus’ time as king, he caused the death of many citizens of Imperial Beast City. Some fled as well, diminishing our city’s strength. It’s extremely challenging for us to fend off Norwal City’s attack now, unless we have help.”

“The real question is, who within the Ethereal Realm would come to our aid? Nevertheless, I’ve already asked Ms. Feenix to send word to the other cities. If

they're willing to mobilize their forces, King Lucian will undoubtedly withdraw," he added, explaining his strategy to Kai.

While the plan seemed reasonable, Kai immediately recognized its inherent risks. If the forces from the other cities arrived but decided to unite against both Yuven and Lucian's factions, it could result in a dire situation.

All the kings and archons had chosen to maintain the status quo and dared not infiltrate Imperial Beast City and Norwal City because they were too far away. Plus, the two cities were in a collaborative relationship, so they would certainly support one another in times of invasion. This was precisely why the other cities had reservations about attempting to conquer both cities simultaneously.

However, with Imperial Beast City and Norwal City now at odds, the other cities could seize the opportunity to join forces and launch a joint invasion.

There was another possibility: the other cities might ally with Norwal City instead, with the intention of capturing Imperial Beast City before dividing the spoils amongst themselves.

This was another potential scenario that they needed to consider and prepare for. While Yuven understood the pros and cons of the plan, he had no other choice and no one else to turn to for help.

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Kai fell into deep thought. It seems there aren't many people we can turn to for help in the Ethereal Realm. Aside from the Tall family and Jipsdale, which may offer assistance, no one else would lend a hand. However, the Tall family and Jipsdale are too far away to provide immediate help. At the moment, we can only rely on Imperial Beast City's own strength to withstand the attack from Norwal City.

"Right now, we must figure out a way on our own. We cannot pin all our hopes on others. How much do you know about the true strength of Norwal City? With Norwal City's troops deployed, does that mean the city itself is now poorly guarded?" Kai asked Yuven.

"This time, King Lucian is leading the army personally, and most of the personnel from Norwal City have been mobilized, indeed leaving the city's defenses sparse. Could it be that you want to relieve the crisis at Imperial

Beast City by attacking Norwal City, forcing King Lucian to return?" Upon hearing Kai's questions, Yuven quickly grasped what he was planning.

"That's right!" Kai nodded.

"Mr. Chance, that's a good idea, but unfortunately, Norwal City's army has besieged the entire Imperial Beast City. Even the secret passages are guarded by their soldiers. There's simply no way for us to leave! If we can't get out of Imperial Beast City, how are we supposed to launch an attack on Norwal City?" Yuven knew that was a viable strategy, but unfortunately, they couldn't dispatch even a single soldier under the current circumstances.

"There's definitely a way. Everyone should get some rest tonight because tomorrow, Norwal City will definitely resume attacking." At that moment, Kai hadn't figured out how to leave Imperial Beast City without alarming Lucian.

Hence, he suggested everyone rest first while he took his time to devise a solution. Yuven nodded before heading off with Ivasha to get some rest. Instead of calling it a day, Kai headed straight to the top of the city wall with Cloud.

Gazing down from the city wall at the mountains of corpses and bloody mess before him, Kai fathomed the battle the next day would undoubtedly be more brutal than today's.

Although his capabilities had attained significant advancement, when facing a fray involving more than tens or even hundreds of thousands of enemies, his power alone appeared somewhat inadequate.

Kai was also thinking of crippling the enemy's ranks by defeating their leader first, but Lucian was a formidable opponent. In addition, Kai was sure the latter would be closely protected by multiple experts.

Hence, it would likely be an arduous task for him to break into the enemy camp and seize Lucian.

"Mr. Chance, there are spiritual lights flickering around Imperial Beast City. Evidently, an arcane array has been laid out. Therefore, you don't have to worry too much."

Noticing the glimmering spiritual lights around Imperial Beast City, Cloud swiftly concluded an arcane array was in place.

Moreover, he reckoned the large arcane array established around a city like Imperial Beast City would certainly not be weak and wouldn't be easily broken through.

Kai had already realized the presence of the arcane array around Imperial Beast City, but the arcane array possessed merely limited power and wasn't that robust.

"Although there is an arcane array around Imperial Beast City, it's just a defensive one, and it's not durable enough. It'll definitely be breached tomorrow," Kai said with his brows furrowed.

"What should we do then? Without the protection from the arcane array, the walls of Imperial Beast City alone would be insufficient to ward off Norwal City's army," Cloud responded in a panic after listening to Kai's analysis.

After all, Norwal City's army was made up of transformed demon beasts. Without the obstruction provided by the arcane array, the enemies could easily leap over even the towering city walls.

The city walls could only impede ordinary people. There was simply no way such a barrier could stop the Norwal City's army.

"Follow me out of the city. I need to lay out another grand arcane array, so you'll have to guard me," Kai said to Cloud.

"Okay!" Cloud nodded. Subsequently, the two jumped up and headed straight out of Imperial Beast City. After choosing a suitable location, Kai asked Cloud to stand guard over him. Then, he took out a few charms and started setting up the arcane array.

Kai was planning to install a Death Trap Formation since a defensive arcane array alone couldn't possibly halt the grand army of Norwal City.

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Kai casually tossed the charms in his hand toward the sky. A few balls of flame erupted the next second, and the charms slowly descended in all directions. Kai muttered, "Sever the entry paths of all intruders!"

Immediately afterward, he waved his hand, unleashing a ray of golden light all around. The few burning charms all burrowed into the ground like moles.

Soon, tranquility was restored, and the scene reverted to its initial state, as if nothing had occurred.

Cloud, standing at one side and watching Kai setting up the arcane array, felt the green-eyed monster rearing its ugly head within him.

He couldn't fathom how Kai could be so strong and simultaneously proficient in so many skills. Could this be a matter of innate talent?

While Kai was establishing the arcane array, Xandros quietly observed the scene on a large boulder not far away.

"Mr. Xandros, someone has emerged from Imperial Beast City, and there was even a flash of light earlier. Whether they're out to collect the corpses or set traps is uncertain. Should we inform King Lucian for him to make a decision on our next move?" a general in armor whispered to Xandros.

"That won't be necessary. Father has already retired for the night, so let's not disturb him over such a trifle. We'll investigate the situation ourselves." Xandros waved his hand dismissively.

"Mr. Xandros, King Lucian had issued the order to forbid you from getting close to Imperial Beast City. It'll be troublesome if you encounter any danger," the general persuaded Xandros.

"What danger could there be? Besides Yuven, there are no other Tribulator cultivators in Imperial Beast City, so what is there to fear? Unless Yuven himself leaves the city, no one can lay a finger on me," Xandros retorted confidently.

"Mr. Xandros, I still think it's better if we report to King Lucian." The general didn't dare take the risk. If any mishaps were to befall Xandros, he would be doomed.

"You're such a useless coward! You actually call yourself a general? As a Top Level Body Fusion Realm cultivator, what are you afraid of? If you won't go, I'll head over by myself!" Xandros rebuked in displeasure, prepared to head toward Imperial Beast City on his own.

"Mr. Xandros, you're too willful!" Just as Xandros was about to move in Imperial Beast City's direction, an elder in a white robe with a goatee showed up and blocked Xandros' path, his facial expression stern.

At the sight of the newcomer, Xandros instantly behaved himself and flashed an awkward smile. “Mr. Quayle, why aren’t you sleeping at this late hour? I saw someone coming out from Imperial Beast City, and I’m worried they might be setting traps, so I’m planning to go and check it out.”

“Even if someone came out of Imperial Beast City, you should report this incident instead of acting rashly on your own. As the prince of Norwal City, if you were captured by people from Imperial Beast City, they’d use you to threaten King Lucian. That would put King Lucian in a difficult position,” reprimanded the elderly man, Remus Quayle.

Xandros could only lower his head, not daring to speak anymore. It was apparent that he was scared of Remus.

Remus was satisfied with Xandros’ submissive demeanor. He then said, “Come with me. If you’re with me, I can still ensure your safe escape even if we do run into Yuven!”

“Okay! Let’s go take a look!” Xandros nodded excitedly. Remus turned to the general. “You can continue patrolling. I’ll accompany Mr. Xandros to check out the situation.”

The general nodded and quickly left. Evidently, Remus’ status was much higher than that of the general.

Subsequently, Remus and Xandros started walking toward Imperial Beast City.

After laying out the arcane array, Kai thoroughly inspected it to ensure it wasn’t easily detectable, then prepared to return with Cloud.

However, just as Kai was about to call Cloud to leave, the latter suddenly shouted at the nearby bushes, “Who’s there!”

Kai’s heart skipped a beat. He had been focused on setting up the arcane array earlier and wasn’t paying attention to his surroundings. Unexpectedly, he didn’t notice someone approaching. Fortunately, Cloud was there to stand guard, and he managed to discover the intruders.

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Just then, two figures emerged from the forest. As they approached, Kai recognized one of the figures, and it was none other than Xandros from Norwal City.

When Xandros got a clear view of Kai's face, a sneer crossed his lips. "Well, well, if it isn't you. I thought you'd never have the guts to come back after running away."

Remus, who stood beside Xandros, surveyed Kai and Cloud. A relaxed expression quickly overtook his face, for he didn't think of Body Fusion Realm cultivators as a threat. Xandros also felt relieved when he saw Kai, as he was well aware of Kai's prowess.

While Kai's strength may have improved during this period, he would likely be, at most, a Body Fusion Realm cultivator.

After all, Remus, who stood beside Xandros, was a Third Level Tribulator cultivator. Dealing with a Body Fusion Realm cultivator would be a piece of cake for him.

"Are you not afraid of being captured when you come here in the middle of the night?" Kai was astonished by Xandros' audacity to intrude into Imperial Beast City with only one companion. He's being too arrogant!

"Being captured?" Xandros scoffed. "By who? Are there any other experts left in Imperial.

Beast City other than King Yuven? The person I've brought along is a Norwal City elder and a Third Level Tribulator cultivator. No one from Imperial Beast City can catch me when he's here with me!"

"Third Level Tribulator? That's quite formidable! How impressive..." Cloud couldn't help but chuckle when he noticed the self-satisfied look on Xandros' face. With Kai's current strength, handling a Third Level Tribulator cultivator is child's play! How audacious of Xandros to try and flaunt his power in front of us!

Xandros looked at Cloud and questioned, "Who are you?"

"I'm Cloud. Stellaris Sect belongs to my family," Cloud replied coldly.

“I see. You’re from Stellaris Sect, which explains why there’s an airship. But rather than conducting business, why did you lot come to Imperial Beast City? Are you attempting to meddle in our affairs as well?” Xandros inquired.

He then issued a stern threat to Cloud without mincing his words. “Listen closely. The matters between us and Imperial Beast City do not concern Stellaris Sect. I strongly suggest you return to where you came from in that airship of yours. Otherwise, I won’t hesitate to take action against Stellaris Sect as well.”

Xandros dismissed Stellaris Sect as inconsequential, believing he could just dispatch a random troop, and they would obliterate Stellaris Sect with ease. After all, a minor sect posed no threat to the might of Norwal City.

“You’re still threatening me even though your own fate is sealed? How ridiculous!” Cloud’s laughter carried a chilling edge as he mocked Xandros for still remaining oblivious to the impending danger.

“My fate is sealed? Haha! That’s quite amusing, don’t you think? In fact, I believe it’s the two of you who have your fates sealed!” With that declaration, Xandros took a step back and ordered, “Mr. Quayle, capture Kai and pin him

on the flagpole tomorrow. We shall make him a sacrifice.” Hearing that, Remus nodded and then turned

his attention to Kai. “Hey, you brat! What are the two of you doing sneaking around here? Tell me the truth, and I won’t torment you. If you won’t tell, then don’t blame me for not being merciful,”

With that, he emitted a powerful surge of energy which swept toward Cloud. Cloud was propelled through the air by the assault and crashed onto the ground.

However, the attack didn’t inflict much harm on him, and he slowly rose to his feet again. Remus had targeted Cloud to intimidate Kai. Kai expressed his concern, “Are you okay, Cloud?”

“Don’t worry, Mr. Chance. I’m fine.” Cloud shook his head.

“Tit for tat. Looks like I should do the same to them...” A faint smile graced Kai’s countenance.

Suddenly, the formidable energy within him erupted and shot skyward. Before Remus could react, the overwhelming power had already surged toward Xandros.

The impact sent Xandros hurtling through the air before crashing heavily onto the ground.