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Soul Demon Sect was a sect that was not particularly large. Most of the buildings were constructed from piles of stones, and there wasn't even a decent mountain gate to speak of.

It seemed that life in Soul Demon Sect was quite challenging. It was evident that living deep within Demonia Mountain was far more difficult than at the foot of the mountain.

Had it not been for the ostracization and scorn they faced, perhaps Soul Demon Sect would not have moved to such a harsh land.

"Mr. Chadwick, the conditions deep within Demonia Mountain are far more challenging than at the foot of the mountain. I apologize if it appears a bit crude to you," Serena said awkwardly.

Kai gave a faint smile and said, "Ms. Pruitt, as cultivators, we should prioritize our cultivation above all else. Everything else is merely fleeting, like smoke in the wind."

At that time, outside the gate of Soul Demon Sect, over a dozen cultivators were waiting.

It was safe to assume they were waiting for Serena and Clifford.

A slender figure who appeared to be malnourished, a member of Soul Demon Sect, said anxiously, "Clifford, Serena, you're finally back. Master is not doing well, and Dr. Livingstone has been urging us to find you!"

Upon hearing this, Serena and Clifford immediately rushed anxiously toward the sect's entrance. "How could this happen? Let's see what's going on!"

Seeing the others following behind, Kai also decided to join them.

At that moment, the entire Soul Demon Sect was already in complete chaos, and no one was paying attention to Kai.

Kai, on the other hand, followed behind Serena and Clifford. After all, he was unfamiliar with the place. He couldn't just run around aimlessly.

Kai followed two people into a slightly larger room, where he saw an elderly man with white hair lying on the bed.

The old man's face looked extremely distressed. His breathing was very weak, and the aura within his body had almost ceased to flow!

He gave off a feeling of being on his last legs instead of suffering from any illness.

"Master! Master!"

Serena and Clifford rushed to the bedside, tears streaming uncontrollably from their eyes. On one side of the bed, a slightly overweight middle-aged man was taken aback upon seeing Serena and Clifford.

However, that expression was fleeting. Immediately after, the slightly plump man said, "Ms. Pruitt, I wonder if you have obtained the Demoniac Dragon Ginseng?"

"Dr. Livingstone, I have it! I have it!"

Serena hurriedly pulled out the wooden box, then took out the Demoniac Dragon Ginseng.

Upon seeing the Demoniac Dragon Ginseng, Stephen Livingstone's eyes lit up. Without hesitation, he took the Demoniac Dragon Ginseng into his possession.

Stephen waved his hand and said, "Everyone, please leave. I need to treat Mr. Pruitt now."

Upon seeing the situation, Serena and Clifford, despite their reluctance, had no choice but to withdraw.

The door of the room was closed, and then, Stephen began to administer treatment in the room.

Numerous disciples of Soul Demon Sect anxiously awaited outside.

"Clifford, Serena, why have you taken so long to return? Where are the other fellow apprentices?"

The slender man who greeted them directed his question toward Serena and Clifford.

Hearing that, both Serena and Clifford fell silent, their heads bowed in quiet contemplation.

Upon witnessing this scene, it seemed that the other disciples of Soul Demon Sect had also come to understand something.

Only then did Kai realize Serena and Clifford weren't the only ones who had gone after the Demonica Dragon Ginseng.

After a good while, Serena finally lifted her head and said, "The rest of our fellow apprentices have been sucked into Demon Devouring Cave. I'm afraid their chances of survival are slim. I was delayed because Clifford and I were being pursued and attacked for taking the Demonica Dragon Ginseng."

Kai was instantly taken aback when he heard her talking about Demon Devouring Cave.

"Ms. Pruitt, are you implying that this Demonica Dragon Ginseng was dug up near the Demon Devouring Cave?" Kai asked.

"Indeed, only in the vicinity of Demon Devouring Cave can one find this Demonica Dragon Ginseng. The spiritual energy within this Demonica Dragon Ginseng is unlike that of other herbs. Dr. Livingstone said that only the Demonica Dragon Ginseng could save our master," Serena explained.

Kai fell silent. He indeed sensed the celestial energy within the Demonica Dragon Ginseng, yet there was something peculiar about it that he couldn't quite put into words.

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At that moment, a sudden burst of light flickered within the room, immediately followed by a long, resonating sound.

As the door creaked open, Stephen said slowly, "You may all come in now. Mr. Pruitt has already awakened..."

Serena and Clifford quickly rushed in when they heard that.

"Master!"

The two individuals lay at the head of the bed, crying with intense emotion.

At that moment, Trystan Pruitt's complexion was glowing, even his white hair had turned black, as if he had suddenly become many years younger.

Just moments ago, he was an elderly man with white hair, on the brink of death. But in an instant, he had transformed into this state.

"Why are you crying? See, I'm already fine!" Trystan said with a faint smile.

"Master..." Serena and Clifford were still crying.

Trystan slightly furrowed his brows, then, as if recalling something, he asked the two, "Where are the fellow disciples who went with you to dig up the Demoniac Dragon Ginseng?"

Trystan's words made the two people cry even more heartbrokenly.

At that moment, the skinny member of Soul Demon Sect on the side said, "Master, all the other brothers have been sucked into Demon Devouring Cave. Only Serena and Clifford have returned. Moreover, they were pursued and attacked on the way, and their Demoniac Dragon Ginseng was almost stolen!"

"What happened?" Trystan asked, momentarily taken aback.

"Master, more than a dozen of our fellow apprentices were drawn into Demon Devouring Cave, and they never came out again. After I had dug up the Demoniac Dragon Ginseng with Clifford, we were suddenly pursued by a few individuals who appeared out of nowhere. They were after our Demoniac Dragon Ginseng. Moreover, these people all possessed Soulbinding Beads. The techniques Clifford and I practiced were simply ineffective against them. Soulbinding Beads belong to our Soul Demon Sect. There must have been a traitor within our ranks. The matter of excavating the Demoniac Dragon Ginseng was known to very few, yet those individuals were aware of it. Someone must have leaked the information!" Serena said through her tears.

Trystan was instantly seething with rage when he heard that.

"Issue an order to all members of Soul Demon Sect. No one is permitted to take a single step out of the sect. Anyone who disobeys will be treated as a traitor and dealt with accordingly. I am determined to find out who betrayed our sect. I will tear him to a thousand pieces!" Trystan roared in fury.

“Mr. Pruitt, you’ve just recovered. It’s best to keep your anger at bay. It’s not good for your health. Since you’re all right now, Mr. Pruitt, it’s time for me to leave!” Dr. Livingstone was persuading Trystan, and he then prepared to turn around and leave.

“Dr. Livingstone, I truly can’t thank you enough. My Soul Demon Sect is indebted to you and we have no means to repay you. Rest assured, if there’s ever a time when you need my assistance, Soul Demon Sect will not hesitate to help.”

Trystan hastily rose to his feet, expressing his profound gratitude toward Stephen.

“Mr. Pruitt, you’re being too polite. As an alchemist, it’s only right for me to treat and save people. There’s no need for such formality. If you experience any discomfort later on, feel free to come find me...” Stephen said very politely.

“Of course!” Trystan personally escorted Stephen out.

Kai stared at Stephen, a hint of suspicion in his eyes, for he had sensed a faint aura of the Demonica Dragon Ginseng emanating from Stephen.

Although Stephen tried his utmost to conceal the aura of the Demonica Dragon Ginseng, Kai still managed to detect it.

There was also something weird about Trystan, who was full of energy.

Although it appeared that Trystan had become much more robust, with his hair even turning black, the aura of vitality within Trystan was extremely scarce.

Instead, it was in his chest where a buildup of death energy resided. It was estimated that it wouldn’t take long for this death energy to spread, and then Trystan would inevitably meet his end.

Trystan could act the way he was acting because it seemed as if he was experiencing a terminal lucidity.

As it turned out, Stephen had employed his unique methods, stimulating the last vestiges of the aura of vitality within Trystan’s body. This made Trystan appear as though he had recovered.

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Just as Stephen was preparing to leave, Kai suddenly said, "Wait..."

Everyone was taken aback, then their gaze shifted onto Kai. Trystan slightly furrowed his brows and asked, "Clifford, who is this person?"

Upon a single glance, Trystan recognized that Kai was not a member of Soul Demon Sect.

"Master, this gentleman, Mr. Chadwick, is the savior of Serena and me. We were ambushed on our journey, and he was the one who rescued us. When I was injured, it was Mr. Chadwick who treated me. He is also an alchemist," Clifford hastily explained.

Upon hearing that Kai was an alchemist, and moreover, the savior of Serena and Clifford, Trystan became extremely courteous.

"Mr. Chadwick, I really can't thank you enough. Is there something you need?" Trystan asked Kai.

The expression on Stephen's face noticeably darkened when he heard that Kai was an alchemist.

With a serious expression, Kai said to Trystan, "Mr. Pruitt, in reality, your health has not improved, nor have you been suffering from any illness. It seems that your life is nearing its end. You are on the brink of death. As for this so-called Dr. Livingstone, he did not offer the Demonica Dragon Ginseng to you. He merely ignited the little life force you had left within you. The reason you're able to move freely now, and even your hair has turned black, is because you've been rapidly burning through your life force. If this continues, I'm afraid you won't survive more than three days!"

The extremely thin member of Soul Demon Sect yelled at Kai, "What did you say? Are you cursing my master to die?"

Trystan also furrowed his brows, then turned his gaze toward Stephen.

Upon seeing Trystan look his way, Stephen felt a surge of panic. He immediately turned to Kai and bellowed, "What nonsense are you spouting? I've dedicated my life to medicine. Everyone in the depths of Demonica

Mountain knows me! How dare you question me? You claim I didn't provide Mr. Pruitt with the Demoniac Dragon Ginseng. Do you have any evidence? You accuse me of causing Mr. Pruitt to burn his life force. What proof do you have? Are you relying solely on your baseless allegations?" Stephen questioned Kai skeptically. He didn't believe Kai could produce any evidence.

Although what Kai said was correct, it was incredibly difficult to produce evidence for such a matter.

Kai looked at Stephen, then shook his head. "I can't provide any evidence. The Demoniac Dragon Ginseng has been tossed into your item pouch, so I can't find it. Unless you willingly take out your item pouch for inspection, or I kill you and inspect your item pouch myself. As for burning one's life force, there's no way to prove it now. However, in two days, Mr. Pruitt's health will deteriorate once again. Then, he will await the arrival of his life's decline, ultimately leading to his death!"

"Hmph! You dare to slander me without any evidence. You have the nerves of steel." Stephen sneered, then turned to Trystan, saying, "Mr. Pruitt, I kindly offered to treat you out of goodwill, yet this fellow slandered me. Shouldn't you give me an explanation?"

"Dr. Livingstone, perhaps Mr. Chadwick has made a mistake. Please don't be angry."

Trystan hurriedly consoled Stephen.

For him, he had even more faith in Stephen's medical skills. After all, Stephen was quite famous in the deep parts of Demoniac Mountain.

"Mr. Chadwick, Dr. Livingstone's skills are indeed remarkable, so you must have misunderstood!" Serena quickly pulled Kai aside.

Clifford also hurriedly chimed in, "Mr. Chadwick, there is no doubt about Dr. Livingstone's medical skills. He doesn't just treat anyone. It took us a great deal of effort to bring Dr. Livingstone here."

"If you wish to inspect my item pouch, I can bring it out for you to see. If there's no Demoniac Dragon Ginseng inside, I swear I won't let this matter rest!"

Stephen, as he spoke, actually took out his item pouch.

