Henry was confused by what he had seen.

This broken sword was from the Loulan Desert, and Henry knew how sharp it was. So he wasn't surprised that it could cut the creature's skin open.

What puzzled Henry was the fact the creature was so scared of the broken sword. It definitely couldn't just because it was sharp.

Henry stuck the broken sword inside of the cage. The creature cried out in frightening. His whole body shrank and trembled.

"Henry, what is this treasure? Why the King of the Jungle scared of it so much?" Flynn stared at the broken sword in Henry's hand with curiosity.

Henry smiled and put away the broken sword, "You probably will scare it to death just by a kitchen knife."

"I'll give it a pass," Flynn shook his head, "I don't want to be bitten by that thing. So what next? We are going out of this place with that thing?"

"I don't think so," Henry declined Flynn's suggestion, "The Ba-Serpent is scared of this monkey-like creature because it doesn't know the creature is injured. If the other creatures see this is how their king looked like, they will definitely run over and devour it to get its genes."

"But we should figure out a way to escape," Flynn looked worried, "The food and water are about to run out. You know they have already passed sell-by-date. If it weren't for the fact that I'm famished, I would never have eaten them. Just for the record, I will never touch those experiment sample bodies, god knows what they are!"

Seeing the monkey-like creature had already scared to death, Henry stopped cutting its claws. He also didn't want to draw too much of Flynn's attention onto the broken sword. Henry shut the gate of the cage and put the cage to the side, "Are you familiar with the surroundings?"

Flynn shook his head, "This whole year, I trapped myself inside of the lab, didn't dare to go anywhere. I haven't had a peaceful sleep for a long time."

Henry sighed and said, "You go and take a nap. I don't think there will be any danger in a while. When you get up, we have a lot to work on."

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Two days had passed in the blink of an eye.

In the underground world of Recluse Association just outside of the entrance of the Purgatory.

Andrew and Sackcloth Visitor stood in front of the stone wall. Andrew's two men weren't with them.

"He hasn't come out yet. I guess he had found himself an exit to run away," Sackcloth Visitor said in a hoarse voice, "Once Henry leaves, you don't have any reason to call him back. He has fulfilled his promise to come to Recluse Association."

Sackcloth Visitor seemed to tell Andrew about his loss, but in fact, he was warning Andrew that he was longer about to force Henry to do anything.

"No way," Andrew shook his head, "We've already explored the whole area. There is no other way. The area is surrounded by a layer of black matter, which makes it impossible to breakthrough. He is playing delaying tactics, and I'll play with him."

Thousands of miles away, in Yinzhou City.

It was the ninth day of the lunar new year, most of the business had returned to their normal business hours.

On the top floor of Lin's mansion, Sylvia was sitting in her office. The cup of top-quality Blue Mountain tea was on the office desk, vaporizing hot steam.

Sylvia held a card in her hand. The text on the card was Wedding Invitation.

Staring at the name of the bride, Sylvia frowned. It was Milan Xiao.

Sylvia wasn't alone in her office. A middle-aged man was sitting there too. He was Milan's adoptive father, Chris Xiao!

After a long time of silence, Sylvia let out a long sigh and tossed the invitation on the desk, "Uncle Xiao, do you mean that the Xiao Clan kidnapped her?"

"Yes," Christ had aged a lot from the last time he met Sylvia, "When I was managing the Xiao Group, the Xiao Clan has been supporting me. So the business of the Xiao Group was getting better and better. Henry then helped me to obtain the patent. That's why I came on top of the business world in Xi Du. The outsiders all think that I'm sitting on top of the world, but no one knows I'm just the Xiao Clan's puppet. Now, the clan is forcing Milan to marry Kurt Xiao. You saw that kid before. I think he was introduced to you when you visited Xi Du."

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Sylvia pondered for a moment. She did not remember having met with this Kurt Xiao.

Henry would sure remember Kurt. Before Henry had mastered Qi, he had fought with Kurt. Henry was trying to learn Kurt's fighting style before Kurt's uncle stopped them and took Kurt away.

Chris stood up from the couch and walked in front of Sylvia's desk. To Sylvia's surprise, Chris bowed deeply.

"Uncle Xiao, what are you doing!" Sylvia stood up quickly and urged Christ to stand up.

However, Chris insisted on bowing, "Sylvia, I know I'm bothering you and Henry. But before Milan was kidnapped, she told me that only Henry could save her. Please help us! I would do anything for both of you for the rest of my life to repay your kindness."

"Uncle Xiao, please stand up," Sylvia tried to make Chris stand up. "Uncle Xiao, do you know why Milan said that? Because she knows that Henry and I will not leave her behind! You can rest assured that no one can force her into a marriage she doesn't want!"

Somewhere in Europe, deep underground.

Henry was sitting in the watchtower. He was holding a piece of paper in his left hand and a pen in his right hand. Henry was writing something on the paper.

"Henry, you're here," Flynn came out from the staircase, yawning, "I couldn't find you when I woke up. You gave me a scare."

"Haha," Henry chuckled. He looked at Flynn, who still looked tired, "You have slept for two days straight. Good job!"

"Alas!" Flynn sighed and said, "My nerves haven't been relaxed for the whole year. This is the first time I can put my guard down for a moment. If it weren't for the fact that we were still trapped here, I could have slept for some more!"

"Well, try to wake yourself up since you are here, anyway. The more you sleep, the more tired you feel," Henry walked up to Flynn and gave him the piece of paper, "I did some recon these days. The map and rough situation are written on that piece of paper. Get yourself ready. We'll leave in half of an hour. I can't promise you that you'll be able to come back here once you leave."

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After some preparation, Henry and Flynn left the lab and headed toward the south.

This was the first time in more than a year that Flynn stepped out of the lab. During the past year, he only walked along the tunnel in hopes that he could run into the rescue teams.

Flynn did encounter a couple of human beings, but they were all eaten by the Ba-Serpent.

Except for the tunnel, Flynn knew nothing about this area. His only source for outlooking was the view outside of the watchtower and the surveillance videos.

Henry and Flynn packed several cans of food and bottles of water before leaving. As for the monkey-like creature, Henry had left it behind in the lab.

He did that out of two considerations.

First of all, the genes of the King of the Jungle would attract many creatures. At this moment, no one had attacked it because they didn't know the monkey-like creature was injured. If the other creatures saw how bad the situation the King of the Jungle was in, they would swarm in to get a bite of the monkey-like creature. It would be a catastrophe if anyone of the creature would evolve from the genes of the King of the Jungle.

Secondly, Henry didn't know whether they could make it out there. If things turned out bad, they would have to return to the lab. The presence of the King of the Jungle would shield the lab from the attacks of the other creatures.

Things in the area looked dark and gloomy. Even trees looked darker than the trees from the real world. With the effects of different minerals, everything took on a strange appearance.

"Henry, this place gives me chills!" Flynn followed Henry, scared.

Henry was a little speechless toward Flynn's reaction, "You are a master of Qi-controlling Realm. The normal monsters here won't be able to harm you, would they?"

Flynn said with a chagrined face, "I don't want to act like this either, but I'm really scared!"

"Let's go. After you have beaten down a couple of them, you won't be

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scared anymore," Henry patted Flynn on the shoulder and strode forward.

Flynn took a deep breath and tried to cheer up. But he was only able to hold the posture up for a few seconds. Flynn returned to his scared self and followed Henry. He whispered, "Henry, don't go too fast. Wait up!"

The place Henry tried to reach wasn't far away from the lab.

In consideration of accessibility, people would set up the lab at the location closer to the entrance of the area.

On the way, even though Henry and Flynn had been extremely careful, they were still attacked by a few creatures. Those experiment samples were very sensitive to the smell of human bodies, and they were also hungry for human genes.

After killing almost a dozen creatures, Henry realized that the creatures here were much stronger than those of the other connected underground world. He couldn't figure out why.

According to Andrew, the other connected world had been cleaned out by Recluse Association. At this moment, the creatures there were from this area. How come every single creature here was much more powerful than those in the other world? Since they were all from the same lab.

There was only one possibility. Some material in this area could enhance the experiment samples.

Henry and Flynn reached the lake they had seen from the surveillance video. It was the area of the Luo Fish.

Henry couldn't see it clearly in the video. Standing in front of the lake, he just realized that the water in the lake was black.

And it was especially calm. The surface didn't even have a single ripple. The lake looked like a pool of stagnant water.

However, both Henry and Flynn knew what was in the water. They both slowed down when they saw the lake.

The Luo Fish could easily devour any of them.

Henry and Flynn took a detour around the lake and continued forward.

Just like that, they had walked in the area for three days.

It was a huge area, and they also traveled slowly. They didn't want to attract the attention of the extremely powerful monsters. When they started off, Henry knew where those monsters were. But at this moment, they were already deep into the area, and Henry had no idea

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what was waiting ahead of them. They had to be extra cautious about moving forward.

"Bang!"

Henry heard a loud noise.

"Watch out!" Henry's face changed. He put out an invisible Qi shield in front of him.

Flynn, who was following Henry, was also shocked. He also put on the fight pose.

They held their breath and observed the surroundings. It was dead silence, not even the sound of the wind. They could only hear their own breathing sound.

"Henry, what was it?" Flynn whispered.

"Didn't you hear?" Henry was laser-focused on the surroundings. Henry knew that if they encountered an extremely powerful monster, there wasn't too much of a chance to run away. Any careless behavior could cost them lives.

"What was it?" Flynn was still confused, "Why are you so nervous all of a sudden?"

"You really didn't hear it?" Henry felt it strange. The noise earlier was so loud that any normal person could hear. As a master of Qi-controlling Realm, Flynn should have a set of enhanced senses. Why didn't he hear anything?

"I didn't hear a thing," Flynn shook his head.

"All right," Henry breathed a sigh of relief. He thought that his tensed nerves made him hear sounds. The past three days, neither of them had a moment of relaxation. They took turns to rest. The waking one would fight half-asleep, and the sleeping one would break into combat mode in an instant.

Henry dissipated the Qi sheld. The moment he was about to take a step.

"Bang!"

Another noise exploded in Henry's ears.

"Come out!" Henry waved his hand, and the shadow of a fierce tiger appeared behind him in an instant. The shadow lunged forward into the tree in front of Henry.

The tree split in half. Henry stared forward as the tree fell, but there was nothing behind the tree.

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"Henry, what's the matter?" Flynn asked with a puzzled face.

"You still didn't hear anything?" Henry asked again.

"No! Henry, trust me. I won't joke on our lives," Flynn looked anxious. He was worried that Henry would put the suspicion on himself.

Henry looked at Flynn distrustfully, analyzing his every word and action. In fact, Henry had never trusted Flynn. The moment Flynn started to act skeptically, Henry would kill him without hesitation.

"Bang!"

Another noise sounded. Before Henry acted again, he suddenly took aback. He finally found out why Flynn said he hadn't heard anything. The noises were coming from inside of Henry's chest.

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"Thump! Thump! Thump!"

Henry could hear that the thumping noise was getting faster and faster. At the same time, his heartbeat was rising too.

"What the hell is going on!" Henry thought in horror.

"Henry, what's wrong with you?"

Flynn came over with a worried face.

Just as Flynn walked close to Henry, suddenly Qi was around Henry's palms, and his hands were about to attack Flynn.

"Stop it!"

Henry roared and forced himself to lower his hands.

"What's going on?"

"What's got into you?"

Henry panted heavily. His heart beat faster and faster. Henry was especially agitated at this moment. He wanted to punch everything he saw.

"Henry, what are you..." Flynn stood about a meter away from Henry and said in a trembling voice, "Your eyes are turning red..." Henry's pupils suddenly contracted. In a blink of an eye, he dashed in front of Flynn's face.

Flynn wanted to defend himself when he saw Henry rushed toward him with blooded red eyes. But it was too late.

Henry put one hand on the top of Flynn's head and pressed it hard.

Flynn's eyes were filled with terror. Before he could gather his thoughts, the tree beside him exploded, and the explosion started at the level where Flynn's head was.

"Run!"

With a roar, Henry dragged Flynn and ran toward the direction they came from.

Flynn just realized that Henry saved his life by pressing his head down. Otherwise, what exploded would be his head.

Flynn didn't have the luxurious time to express his appreciation. He circulated Qi around his feet and ran with Henry.

While escaping, Flynn looked back to see what attacked him. What he

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saw made him gasp.

The thing looked like a giraffe. Flynn had seen this creature feeding on tree leaves a couple of times on the surveillance video. It looked like any ordinary giraffe, but observing from a close distance, the creature was no less ferocious than any of the monsters here. It had a mouthful of sharp spikey teeth, like those in the month of the King of the jungle. In its month, there was a red long tongue like which of a frog's, only longer and thicker. The tongue was covered with backward-facing spines. The spines looked so harsh that they could strip the flesh off of anything they touched.

While Flynn was staring at the creature, it attacked Flynn again. The monster rolled out its tongue targeting Flynn, like how a frog catches its prey.

The tongue pierced through several big tree trunks, but nothing slowed it down.

Flynn was frightened by what he saw, and he sped up.

"Roar!'

Flynn heard the noise near him. At the same time, a foul-smelling blooded open mouth rushed toward Flynn.

Flynn screamed out of fear. All of his power suddenly came to him, and he barely escaped from the attack.

With the sound of fabric tearing, Flynn felt a chill on his back. The mouth ripped the back off Flynn's shirt.

The creature that attacked Flynn was a huge hippo-like creature.

Flynn saw that creature's eyes were also blooded red.

"Don't stay, run!"

Henry yelled. At that moment, Henry could feel the desire for violence and blood was rising in his heart. All Henry wanted was to rip all the monsters apart and swallow them. He was so scared by his thought that he didn't even dare to turn back and touch Flynn. As Henry's heartbeat got faster, it grew harder and harder to suppress his desire for blood.

In the past three days, Henry and Flynn moved very cautiously. They also spent a lot of time exploring the surroundings. As a result, they didn't move too far.

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After forty minutes of running, they reached the lake of black water they saw three days ago.

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"Henry, we can't get past it. Why are there so many monsters?"

Looking at all the creatures standing around the lake, Flynn's face went pale. All the creatures had a pair of blooded red eyes.

"We pass over the lake!"

Henry shouted. He then ran to the bank of the lake and jumped up using all of his strength.

The lake wasn't huge, and its size and shape were similar to which of a soccer ball field. But Henry and Flynn were standing by the short side of the lake. They sure had no problem jumping over the distance of the short side, but in order to leap over the distance of the long side, they had to land somewhere on the surface of the lake.

Seeing Henry had already jumped up, Flynn was nervous. He still remembered the extremely powerful monster in the lake.

However, with more and more monsters gathering around them, Flynn had no choice but jumped over as Henry did.

Flynn ran toward the edge of the bank and then accumulated all the Qi on his feet. Like a launched rocket, Flynn leaped into the air.

Seeing Henry and Flynn were jumping over the lake, all the monsters were growling in anger. Then they released their desire for blood on each other.

Flying over the lake, Flynn stared at the surface of the lake nervously.

A wave suddenly appeared on the originally calmed surface.

"It's coming!"

Flynn's nerves tightened. He prepared himself for anything that would come his way.

At the same time, a blooded mouth appeared below Flynn.

Flynn was scared out of his wits. He didn't notice where the Luo Fish came from, but it had already reached him. The Luo Fish was way too fast for Flynn to notice its whereabouts.

"Get lost!"

With an angry roar, Henry, who had fallen into the water, grabbed the thick tail of the Luo Fish.

"Aaaah!"

Henry roared and wiggled the monster's tail vigorously.

The monster's sharp teeth had already touched Flynn, but Henry dragged it down before the monster's mouth smashed Flynn to death.

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The Luo Fish fell into the water, caused a huge splash.

Flynn free fell down to the lake. Before he fell into the water, Flynn felt something propped him up. He looked down and saw Henry was lifting him up from below him.

"Run! To the lab! Hurry up!"

Henry put all his strength into his arms and threw Flynn forward.

"Henry!"

Flynn shouted Henry's name. Flynn was surprised that Henry sacrificed his life to create a surviving chance for Flynn.

Just like Henry, Flynn didn't put his full trust in Henry either.

But at this moment, Flynn trusted Henry completely.

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Half of Henry's body raised above the water. After sending Flynn away, Henry breathed a sigh of relief.

The thumping sound of his heartbeat didn't slow down. On the contrary, it was getting faster. Henry estimated that his heart rate had reached a hundred and fifty beats per second. Only a fetus could have a heartbeat that fast.

At the same time, it had become very hard for Henry to control his fury and thirst for blood. He wanted to rip apart every living thing in front of him.

Henry decided to release all his desire for violence and blood at this place. Otherwise, Flynn would sure be his victim when they got back to the abandoned lab. The little sense Henry had left told him that Flynn was his key to level against Andrew.

"B*stard, only you and I now. Come, show me how powerful the monster from the Classic of Mountains and Seas can be!" Henry stared at the surface of the lake.

A shadow was slowly approaching Henry from the bottom of the lake. It suddenly jumped out of the water and opened its bloodied mouth.

"Ha, you can only sneak on me?"

Behind Henry, a shadow of an eagle was formed. The shadow eagle snatched the Luo Fish that had just leaped out of the water.

Henry didn't only desire violence, but also blood. But he didn't want to swallow those monsters. Who knew what were those? Henry didn't want himself to turn into one of those. So he thought he might just pick one of the strongest to satisfy his desire for violence first.

On the dark surface of the lake, the shadow of the eagle and Luo Fish collided with each other, water splashing all around.

Around the lake, countless creatures with bloodied red eyes were tearing each other apart.

Flynn ran back toward the lab as fast as he could. He was attacked countless times, especially in the area near the lake. After escaping from his death many times, he finally made it back to the lab, covered in blood. One of his legs was severely injured. The wound was deep to the bones.

Because of the presence of the King of the Jungle, the lab area wasn't

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attacked by the other creatures. Otherwise, Flynn wouldn't be back there alive.

As soon as he got into the lab, Flynn heard a roar. The King of the Jungle was wrestling with the locked cage violently, and it too had a pair of bloodied red eyes. However, because of its injury, the King of the Jungle wouldn't be able to break free.

Flynn was relieved. He then looked into the distance.

"Henry..."

Suddenly, there was darkness in front of Flynn's eyes. He fell to the floor and fainted. He was poised by the creatures who attacked him.

Sometime later, Flynn woke up. He had no idea how long he had been passed out. There was no clock, no calendar, and even no window for him to check. He looked toward the cage. The King of the Jungle had already calmed down, lying on the bottom of the cage with its eyes closed.

Flynn tried to get up, but he realized that he couldn't feel his legs and right arm. He then took a deep breath and hoped to gather Qi to strengthen himself. But he realized that he couldn't do that either. The poison in his body was too strong. His weakened muscle couldn't support him to circulate Qi.

He looked toward the door of the lab. A man was lying on the floor, covered in blood.

Flynn's face lit up with joy. He shouted in surprise, "Henry!"

There was only one man who could be lying there, and that was Henry.

It was obvious that Henry was also severely injured. He couldn't hear or respond to Flynn's calling because he was in a comma.

Flynn used his only functional arm to crawl toward Henry.

Back to the underground world of Recluse Association.

Andrew and Sackcloth Visitor were still waiting in front of the stone wall.

Sackcloth Visitor lowered the brim of his straw hat and said in a hoarse voice, "Commissioner Andrew, it's been five days, and Henry hasn't come back yet. He may be already dead."

With a snort, Andrew responded, "Sackcloth Visitor, what's the matter? You really don't want the Europe Recluse Association to get the secret of the eighteenth level of the City of Hell, do you?"

"I'm only in grief at a possible fallen of a genius. My Lord thinks highly

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of Henry. If Henry is indeed dead, My Lord won't let things go easily."

"Ha," said Andrew with a disdainful smile. "Sackcloth Visitor, you don't need to threaten me with Lord Sanford Chu. Henry has accepted the warden position, so technically he is under my jurisdiction. Lord Sanford Chu can't do anything about Henry, even if he wants to. In fact, Henry went after the monsters against my will. If anyone wants revenge, they should go after those monsters there!"

Finished his words, Andrew threw his arm and said, "If you want to stay here, be my guest. I have things to do."

He then turned to leave.

Sackcloth Visitor stared at the stonewall and muttered, "Kid, you don't look like someone who can be killed easily. Don't forget about this. There are too many responsibilities on your shoulders."

In lab of the Purgatory.

Seven days had passed since Henry and Flynn escaped from the lake.

Flynn had just found the antidote of the poison in his body the day before.

As for Henry, he was lying in the dorm area on the third floor. There were hundreds of wounds on his body, and all the wounds contained foreign Qi. Henry needed to push those Qi out. Otherwise, it was hard for him to recover.

Flynn found some medicines to stop Henry from bleeding. He then bandaged the wounds with gauze. Other than those, Flynn couldn't do anything.

Henry's face was full of bitterness. He hadn't needed so much medical attention for a very long time. Before this, the wounds would have been healed before a doctor showed up.

"Henry, how are you feeling?" Flynn went to Henry's bedside and asked. He had deep gratitude toward Henry. Flynn knew that without Henry, he would have long died.

Henry replied, "That fish is strong, but its Qi isn't that well-cultivated. It just reaches Qi-transformation Realm as I do. Give me another day, I can push all its Qi out of my body."

In fact, Henry had done that the day before. To hide his true capacity from Flynn, he pretended to be unable to stay out of bed for days.

Hearing Henry's words, Flynn breathed a sigh of relief. Then he said with a face of admiration, "Henry, you are so awesome! I saw the Luo Fish from the surveillance video today. Half of its body is gone. You

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have only reached Qi-transformation Realm! I saw that thing fight with a Qi-concentrating Realm master before, and it tore that master into pieces. Doesn't it mean that, even at the stage of Qi-transformation Realm, you are already more powerful than a master in the Qi-concentrating Realm?"

Henry gave a bitter smile and told Flynn a lie, "It wasn't that. There was another monster who came over to fight the Luo Fish. I simply slipped away. You overestimated my capacity!"

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"All right," Flynn didn't put too much thought into Henry's words. He had seen the Luo Fish swallow a monster that had ripped apart a Qiconcentrating Realm master. It was unlikely Henry could defeat the Luo Fish with just the level of Qi-transformation Realm.

Henry, lying on the bed, recalled his battle with the Luo Fish, still feeling scared.

He lied to Flynn about what really happened that day.

It was Henry's broken sword that cut through the Luo Fish's body, but Henry didn't intend to tell anyone about it. The power of the broken sword completely exceeded Henry's imagination.

Another day passed. Henry took off the bandages. The wounds were almost recovered. His clothes were all tatter, so he had to find something to wear from the lab.

"Henry, what happened that day?" Flynn finally asked. He had been trying to hold back the question for a long time. "All the creatures went crazy, and you too. You all have a pair of bloodied red eyes. I was scared."

"I wanted to ask you the same question," Henry said while putting on a shirt, "You said there is an energy source that powering this lab. What is that energy source look like?"

Flynn thought for a while and answered, "If I remembered it correctly, it is a red crystal. It is put in a container at the lower level of the lab. The experimental samples were crawling all around it. I didn't get the chance to check it out closely."

"Of course!" Henry squinted.

While resting, Henry was thinking about what happened to him the other day. The sensation he had was similar to the time he was testing the Fire Crystal on Radiant Island.

After hearing Flynn's description, Henry was sure that the energy source under the lab was definitely a Fire Crystal! It could cause mood swings.

Observing Henry's expression, Flynn asked, "Henry, does this energy source have anything to do with all the creatures' abnormal behaviors?"

Henry nodded, "You said that all the creatures were interested in it?"

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"Yes," Flynn replied, "Not just interested. I can see from their eyes that they want to swallow it. But for some reason, no one dares to take the first move."

"Of course they don't," Henry snorted. "That energy source contains the energy power equals to several nuclear power plants combined. Anyone who swallows it would die right after. They are waiting for the energy source to wane."

"Then what are we going to do now? Continue searching a way out?" Flynn asked. He had completely relied on Henry, following everything Herny said.

"No," Henry shook his head, "According to my observation, the lab isn't built near the entrance of the Purgatory, rather on the deepest location. I guess Alvin League wasn't planning on leaving this place until they got what they wanted. We can't leave the Purgatory unless we are able to fight every step of the way."

Hearing this, Flynn shook his head hard, "It's impossible. There are too many of them and only two of us. Even a dozen of masters of Qiconcentrating Realm can't do that."

"So we need to think of another solution," Henry turned his head toward the monkey-like creature in the cage. "You go and do some research. I need to know, among all the creatures, who have the best defense capacity."

"Defense capacity?" Flynn started his research but confused.

Henry was also busy with his task in the lab while Flynn was working.

Another day passed.

Flynn's eyes were bloodshot. He had not taken a rest from his research. "Henry, I got it! According to Alvin League's experiment journal, The Ba-serpent has the best defense capacity. The scales on its body can protect the creature from any form of attack, including armor-piercing ammunition. Alvin League created the Ba-serpent for wars."

"Armor-piercing ammunition?" Henry thought for a while and said, "It's very convenient for us since the creature was in the form of a snake."

Flynn looked toward Henry and saw a large pile of explosives in the center of the hall.

"Henry, what are these for?" The explosives gave Flynn a bad feeling.

Henry said with a relaxed face, "If we can't fight our way out, we look for something else to fight for us. It has been two weeks since I

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trapped here. Do you want to stay there forever?"

"Of course not!" Flynn answered without thinking, "I've been here for more than a year, and I've reached my limits."

"That's it. So grab those and follow me," Henry took several TNT and walked towards the basement. To building the lab, Alvin League had done a lot of mountain demolitions, so there had no shortage of dynamites.

Staring at the TNT in Henry's hand and thinking about what Henry said about the energy source the day before, Flynn was stunned, "Henry, are you..."

"That's right. No matter how terrifying these creatures are, I don't believe that they will survive something more powerful than the nuclear explosion."

A nuclear explosion was considered something that shouldn't be happening on the planet earth. Places that endured one would always be barren for decades.

Henry admitted that the creatures Alvin League created were way too powerful, exceeding his imagination. But he didn't think that they could survive a nuclear explosion.

For any creature that could survive a nuclear explosion, it would be the king of the world.

Henry headed toward the level below the lab with Flynn. Still in the staircase, they could hear the heavy breathes from the creatures. From their panting sounds, Henry and Flynn could tell, the creatures down below were all very powerful.

Henry had come down there before and saw the energy source. It was the Fire Crystal in the size of a baby's fist.

The Fire Crystal was sealed in a container. Henry studied the container from a distance and was sure that the container could be opened.

Around the container, more than thirty creatures were lying around. Among them, some looked like animals, some looked like humans, and the rest were half-animal and half-human. They were all staring at the Fire Crystal.

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Henry instructed Flynn to put the explosives in the entrance and gave Flynn a homemade detonator he just made.

Flynn looked at Henry doubtfully.

Henry lowered his voice, "Wait here. Listen to my signal and throw the explosives down there. You then press the detonator."

"Henry, what about us? When the explosion is triggered, we will be the first ones to die."

"The Ba-serpent will save us," Henry said with a smile on his face. "Get ready."

Henry turned to the first level of the lab. He took the cage that the King of the Jungle was in and went to the cage that raised the Ba-serpent. Henry jumped down into the hole.

He walked very fast. Within ten minutes, Henry had reached the entrance of the tunnel.

He noticed that the tree above the tunnel had gone. There was a huge gap revealing the tunnel underground.

Henry took a deep breath. He took out the broken sword and stuck it into the cage.

The King of the Jungle started to tremble as soon as the broken sword was close to the cage.

When the broken sword was inside of the cage, the King of the Jungle started to scream with fear.

Henry heard a hissing roar coming from above. He was sure it was coming from the young Ba-serpent.

Henry smiled. As expected, the young Ba-serpent was scared of the King of the Jungles, but it also wanted to eat it.

Henry sliced the back of the King of the Jungle open. Blood flowed down.

"Creak!"

The King of the Jungle screamed again.

"Roar!'

A huge triangular head suddenly poked into the hole and looked toward Henry with a pair of green eyes. It was staring at the cage in Henry's

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hand.

The Ba-serpent couldn't resist the blood of the King of the Jungle.

Henry grinned and sliced the King of the Jungle again. The blood splashed out under the Ba-serpent's head.

The Ba-Serpent looked down and licked the blood with its thick tongue. All of a sudden, the Ba-serpent opened its mouth and hissed, darted its head toward Henry.

Seeing this, Henry ran away with the cage.

The Ba-Serpent's reasoning ability could allow it to lure human prey with a backpack. So when seeing the King of the Jungle was locked in a cage, the Ba-serpent knew that the King of the Jungle had turned into a defenseless delicious meal.

The Ba-serpent was very fast. Henry's full speed couldn't even come close to it.

The Ba-serpent rolled out its tongue. At the moment when the tongue almost touched Henry's ankle, Henry jumped up and entered the lab from the hole in the old cage of the Ba-serpent.

The monster was very familiar with its old cage. It jumped up from the hole into the cage and roared with excitement. The animal instinct told the Ba-serpent that it wanted to swallow the King of the Jungle and became the most powerful and invincible force of the world.

The Ba-Serpent stared at the cage in Henry's hand with the greed of a beast.

Henry waited for the Ba-serpent in the entrance of the level below for a couple of seconds.

When Ba- Serpent rushed to him, Henry started to run and yelled, "Now!"

Standing in the entrance, Flynn saw the container slowly opened up. All the creatures around it all got up. They hissed and stared at the red crystal.

Henry's shouting voice suddenly sounded, and all the creatures looked toward the source of the voice.

Flynn then threw all the explosives down to the lowered level and pressed the button on the detonator.

"Boom!"

The huge explosion sound filled the area. Flynn could only hear the ringing in his ears. A powerful airflow blew him over. Flynn felt like he

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has knocked down midst a tsunami.

During this time, Flynn saw Henry running over with a cage in his hand. The Ba-serpent was following him with its mouth wide open.

The airflow pushed Flynn toward the mouth of the Ba-serpent. He and Henry were both swallowed by the monster.

Both of them could smell a foul odor of blood and felt the sticky mucus all around them. It was disgusting and unbearable.

"This is how a snake digests. Once the prey was swallowed, its digest system would kick into hyperdrive. The cells of the stomach would secrete digestive enzymes and gastric juices that break down proteins," Flynn heard Henry's voice, "We can survive during this process."

"Henry, are you thinking..."

"I found out that the Alvin League installed a self-destructive protocol to this lab. The protocol is to detonate the energy source to destroy this underground area as a whole. If my calculation is right, it's now..."

As soon as Henry's voice stopped, an indescribable noise sounded. The noise was like the trembling sound of the metal collision. And then, there was dead silence.

Henry mouthed some words.

"Nuclear explosion..."

In Purgatory, all the huge black trees were lifted from the ground. The water of the black lake started to boil.

In the human world hundreds of meters above Purgatory, people felt a heavy shake of the ground, and ground cracked open. It felt like a severe earthquake.

The earthquake came and passed very fast.

Henry opened his eyes and didn't know how long of time had passed. He saw only black. It was not the color of the inside of the Ba-serpent but the color of the ground.

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