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Arthur became able to understand what was happening .

After he possessed the zombie, he didn't linger off inside it much longer . He left the body and appeared beside the walking Lucy .

The language of the Underworld sounded a bit weird at first but since he got the skill, it became much easier to understand the current situation .

It seems this crowd of zombies is going back to their territory which is also known as 'The Silent Graveyard', not too much was said about this place except being the homeland of the undead including zombies, skeletons, ghouls and so on .

As for why there were scattered corpses of zombies here and there, it was because they were rebelling zombies .

It was quite simple if you follow the leader you live, and if you try to revolt you get instantly beheaded, pretty easy thing to grasp, however, some zombies would try run off or cause trouble which results in them dying .

The leader of this crowd is known as a Zombie General, Arthur also heard that he was a '4th-grade Immortal' .

He didn't get what that meant but one thing was certain, it's that the leader was an Immortal, which made things even harder and worrying .

There were random conversations about fights and loots but these were not important so Arthur ignored them and focused on what's important .

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The crowd kept slowly marching non-stop, Zombie's didn't have endless Stamina like skeletons, however, they still had an immense reserve of it, so it can be considered endless in a way .

Even after walking for 4 days, there didn't seem to be an end to those desolate lands .

Lucy and Arthur had infinite Stamina . As for eating, it really wasn't anything necessary, someone like Arthur can spend years without eating because he just got too many skills and characteristics he got from the corpses he possessed that allowed him to leave without food .

Lucy was not like that, nevertheless, she could still hold on more or less 10 days, plus, it's not like it's prohibited to eat in this crowd .

Due to zombies not needing to eat, none of them bothered to do that, moreover, even if they wanted to, they can't as there was no food unless they eat each other, there was nothing else to eat .

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"We are now entering our territory, so we'll move faster!"

Arthur heard someone talk with a very loud tone, just from the domineering presence and the power of the shout, he immediately guessed that it's the General .

Although he didn't know what he meant by moving faster, he didn't pay it much heed as it was probably running or flying and doing this was beneficial to him and Lucy as it would make the travelling easier and faster .

Walking with this crowd is simply too slow and boring so a change of things is rather good .

As Arthur was pondering on the meaning of 'moving faster', his eyes landed on a grave not too far away .

It was a crude looking grave with parts of it destroyed and not a couple of meters from it were other graves .

He didn't focus too much on his surroundings as they were still in the desolate lands, however, there were some graves here and there .

It must've been because of this that the General decided to travel faster, these graves must be some kind of mark indicating the border of their territory .

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When the zombies heard the General, all of them stopped walking and just stood there .

Not knowing what was happening, Arthur and Lucy also stopped and patiently waited .

Arthur couldn't help but tense up for a bit, it was very unlikely that they were discovered, but anything can happen in a place like this .

He saw a figure flying high in the sky, it was a zombie, but its appearance was very different from the normal ones .

This zombie was wearing a silver armor accompanied by an iron helmet and leg guards, there was also a 7 feet lance on his back .

He didn't look threatening but he emitted an invisible pressure that made others fear him .

This was the zombie General who shouted at the crowd earlier . He looked down at the crowd of zombies, his eyes were full of contempt and superiority .

It was obvious that he didn't value those zombies, they were a meat shield for him and a mean for him to earn some military achievements .

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With a wave of his hand, Malark, the Zombie General summoned a huge floating boat .

It was a very big boat, made from special black wood and reaching the skies, its frame completely shocked Lucy and Arthur as it was the first time they saw something like this .

This boat could probably hold thousands of people . The boat floated on the air while sometimes emitting some creaking sounds, it looked a bit old but that only made it look greater .

"Now line up and proceed in order toward the Spirit Boat!"

Malark said that then flew on top of the boat which was called a Spirit Boat, he sat on a corner and completely ignored the zombies, acting as if they never existed .

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The zombies didn't seem bothered or angry about his behavior, they followed his orders and made neat and quiet queues and proceeded one by one onto the Spirit Boat .

Arthur and Lucy did the same and joined a random queue and began waiting, but each time they advanced, Arthur felt more and more anxious, he really had a bad feeling about this but it was too late to back off now, if he diverted from the queues and escaped with Lucy, the Zombie General wouldn't stay idle and would probably give chase .

Actually, Arthur had confidence in his speed, when running in a straight line, his lightning form was the best, but what if this Zombie General was stronger than the Immortal Demon they fought in the tournament? What if he catches up to them in a split second?

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Time slowly passed and the pair were advancing in the queues until finally, it was their turn . Arthur and Lucy slowly flew to the ship while trying to not attract the General's attention, who was sitting in a corner .

Contrary to Arthur's expectations, nothing happened, the General didn't even flinch or react when they flew to the boat, although their clothing and appearance were definitely weird, he either ignored them or viewed them as weaklings .

The boat was very big and although the zombie's numbers were high, there were still a lot of empty areas, so Arthur and Lucy sat on a corner with few zombies .

The tension finally subdued and the boat began moving after a few more hours, the Spirit Boat could still hold more people, which was surprising but what shocked Arthur, even more, is its speed .

It was extremely fast, if it was compared to his speed, it was at the very least 4 or 5 times faster than him, so while feeling astonished, a sense of dread was also lingering in his heart .

If it's only a Zombie General and he has this Spirit Boat, then what about Hades? Or the woman who took Saly . .

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Arthur being a parasite, there are things that are limited and undoable by him, for example, he can't Lv up normal skills he got from corpses .

Even though his dark magic power is increased when his stats rise, the same thing for all skills, it's still not the same as increasing a skill's Lvl .

By Lvling up a skill too many times, you can master it and even create a magic unique and only used by you . Zodiak is a good example for this as he created the dark magic .

Arthur can't do things like that, he can only lvl up his dark magic if he gets the other remaining power portions of Zodiac .

There is no skill except the Lost Magic that he can Lvl up . And even for the Lost Magic, only the one which creates weapons or clothes and so on can be upgraded by increasing his Mental Power .

It was an unfortunate thing but that's how things are, he is already a cheat race, so if he could do that then he would become undefeatable .

Despite being unable to Lvl up skills, it was not the case for Qi related techniques . Be it a defense or offensive technique, or movement techniques, they can be upgraded by constant practice .

But the requirements are very hard and almost impossible to achieve . Take Arthur's movement technique, for example, it's already in the Spirit Realm but it was only due to possessing someone who already had it on that Realm if not, Arthur would need years to do that, if not decades .

Excluding all those techniques, there were simple but effective techniques such as meditation, which allowed one to absorb the Earth's Qi and relax one's mind .

By absorbing enough Earth Qi, one would be able to increase his strength and achieve greater results so this kind of techniques are used by everyone who practices in Qi .

Anastassia also told him that Mana and Qi are forms of energies that are commonly used and that her master told her that there is countless other forms and types of energies, some are dangerous and some are miraculous .

In this Underworld, Arthur could not feel any Qi even after mediating, besides calming his frustrated mind, he couldn't absorb Qi, maybe not all worlds have Qi, Earth for example .

As for Mana, Arthur could feel it but compared to Astria, the amount of mana present in here is very meager .

He could also feel another form of energy, but he could not absorb it or manipulate it so he didn't pay it much attention for the time being .

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It has been a few hours since the boat started flying at high-speed, normally, nothing should have happened, however, while it was flying it suddenly crushed into something which resulted in tremors and a bit of destruction .

The shock was so strong that some of the Zombies flew out of the boat, it was fortunate that they could fly or they would have died from that fall as the height the Spirit Boat was flying at was extremely big .

Arthur was also startled, he shifted his gaze to inspect and see what happened and what faced him was 5 floating figures .

3 of them had a lizard appearance with a green skin and some scales in the legs and neck, as for the remaining two, they had bull faces and burly bodies, each held big hammers which were double their size .

They were grinning and intensely staring at the Zombie General .

"Malark! Come out! You dare steal the 'Yin Flower' and slaughter our comrades and you want to run away just like that? Dream on!"

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The 5 people looked angrily at Malark, ready to erupt at any second, but you could see arrogance and contempt lingering in their eyes .

They seemed to look down on Malark for some reason .

As for the Zombie General who was peacefully sitting on a corner, once the Spirit Boat crashed into that invisible barrier, he was already standing .

Although there were 5 opponents, and each one of them appeared strong, Malark didn't seem startled or anxious .

Arthur already appraised Malark when he first saw him and he knew that he was a 4th-grade Immortal, he didn't know what 4th Grade meant but he was certainly an Immortal .

When these 5 showed up, the first thing he did was appraise them to see their Realms and have a grasp about their strength .

Lizard Kimu (Monster Race) : Immortal 2nd Grade

Lizard Kima (Monster Race) : Immortal 1st Grade

Lizard Kimo (Monster Race) : Peak Deity

Nàkhbu (Monster Race) : Peak Deity

Kashron (Monster Race) : Immortal 1st Grade

Arthur was not surprised by this, he expected them all to be Immortals, but two of them were at the peak of the Deity Realm which was a bit reassuring, however, that didn't mean that the situation was good .

He didn't know the difference between the grades, but he already guessed that the higher the grade, the more powerful you are .

And by seeing the calmness of Malark made Arthur even more sure of his guess .

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Malark stared at the five of them while saying

"The five of you are not my match, you're simply courting death by coming right at me"

As he said that, he took out his lance and pointed it at the five of them, specifically at the Lizard Kimu, who was most likely the strongest among them .

"Just because you're a 4th Grade Immortal you think you can hold all of us together? ha! Laughable"

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Lizard Kimu retorted while sneering at Malark .

Of the five of them, four charged at Malark while the last one flew toward the Zombie army, clearly planning to finish it .

The one who headed toward the Zombie army was Nàkhbu, since he was at the peak of Deity Realm, he would be mercilessly killed if he fought against Malark .

But surprisingly, the other Lizard, who was at the peak of Deity Realm too, didn't rush at the army but went with the others .

Each of the four charging at Malark wielded a special weapon, the bull-like person had a gigantic hammer, as for the three lizards, they had similar swords which were covered with some green liquid .

The green liquid was spit by their mouths and it was a special poison which their race can use and produce .

The fight already began and explosions and energy waves began emitting from the several clashes .

Despite fighting 1v4, Malark completely suppressed them with his absolute strength, a single sweep sent a lizardman flying a hundred meters .

His prowess was just too great, one man and one lance fought marvelously against the enemies, albeit receiving attacks from all directions and sword slashes filled with poison and mystical laws, he managed to withstand them either by dodging or dissipating them with a counter-attack .

Arthur flew back with Lucy, getting away from Nàkhbu, who was fighting against thousands of normal zombies, despite him being more powerful than him, it was not that easy as there were some Heavenly Realm Zombies .

He slaughtered left and right and received some minor injuries, but those injuries were healing at a very fast pace .

The normal Zombies only used primitive attacks such as grabs, punches and kicks, most of the time it was useless, as for the ones in the Heavenly Realm, they would wait for a good opportunity to deal some damage before succumbing to their death .

Zombies don't feel pain so it made them even more crazy in fights, which was a good thing as they would not be held back by the immense pain coming from having one's limb chopped off or severely wounded .

Arthur hid in a corner while he watched the occurring fights and assessing their strength, he didn't want to join them and doesn't want to get involved in their fights as it was dangerous .

By seeing the main fight between Malark and the other four, he regained a bit of confidence, the four were powerful, but he was sure he could deal with them as they are not good at cooperating . Well, the

three lizards have good synergy, but the bull creature only attacks randomly, even Anastassia had more accurate attacks .

But the accuracy is not everything, a single strike from his can cause a lot of damage, well not to Arthur but Lucy can suffer a bit .

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Malark's might was unbelievable, his lance caused tremors and huge pits on the grounds despite the fight being at the sky, a simple sweep or thrust of his lance would produce energy whirlpools that strike his enemies .

Kashron, the bull-like monster was now in a bloody state, he was struck by Malark's lance and it struck his chest which resulted in a heavy injury .

He was bleeding profusely and panting heavily, the exterior wound was nothing as it would heal after sometimes, but Malark's attack hit his meridians .

The meridians, acupoints were the main thing for people in the Immortal Realms . Once someone breakthrough to the Immortal Realm, they construct energy meridians and a dantian which are very important .

They help the person absorb special kinds of energy and produce attacks from it, whether it's skills or techniques, they would be much powerful if you used energy refined by the meridians and stored at the Dantian .

The attack of Malark managed to break through his defenses and injure his meridians which greatly reduced his fighting ability .

Malark stared at Kashon's state and at the three lizards while sneering .

"A bunch of weaklings, you ambushed me and wanted to snatch back the 'Yin Flower' with this pathetic strength?"

"You "

One of the lizardmen was angered by Malark's taunting words as he didn't like being looked upon, but he was stopped by another lizardman .

"Third brother, don't fall into his trap, he's provoking us to make us attack him recklessly due to rage"

Kimu, the strongest lizardmen, held his little brother's shoulder while saying that . Although they didn't receive injuries similar to Kashon, they were still a bit injured and they felt a bit of fear from Malark .

Malark is known amongst the undead to be a strong and overwhelming individual, he's one of the top generals and is respected by many .

They indeed overestimated their capabilities, but for someone with their strength and age, they always have a plan B and a precaution .

"We cannot beat him like this, we are in their territory, it won't be long before reinforcements come, Malark is not stupid to not use a voice talisman to inform the Headquarters of our ambush, we must get done with this quickly!"

Lizard Kimu spoke with a low voice and told his brothers to use 'that' .

Malark stood there, without doing anything, he only needed to gain some time for the reinforcements to come, he could beat them but to kill them all would be too hard .

The more they waited the better it was, so why would he just go there and attack them .

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Nàkhbu was still fighting the zombies while laughing, he massacred half of the crowd of zombies and he was closing into Arthur and Lucy .

"Hahaha, these are free points, too easy too easy!!"

He laughed maniacally as he crushed yet another zombie with his hammer, he didn't use any special attacks, just brute strength was enough as his Realm as already very high compared to these weaklings .

Simply showing up and engaging with both parties would be reckless and stupid, Arthur decided to help Malark, whether this zombie general would be thankful or attack him would be unknown but that's the best choice for the time being .

"Lucy, you finish this idiot and I'll help the Zombie General, alright?"

Lucy nodded as she didn't question his intentions, she knew she couldn't beat an Immortal Realm, even Arthur could barely fight equally against a first grade, as for second grade, it would be quite hard .

He had many attacks and trump cards such as the heavenly arrow and the ancient flames, but even those are insufficient against Immortals .

People at the Immortal Realm had augmented physique and a special kind of energy is like a layer around their body, it constantly protects them .

The Heavenly Arrow Arthur used with Lucy against that demon back then managed to instantly kill him, however, that consumed way too much Mana, he would only be left with 20% if not less .

As for Lucy, she would be unable to fight if they used it, so that was the last trump card and they would only use it at a desperate situation .

As for now, they would wait until Nàkhbu gets too close to finally strike, he would somehow attack the four above, and Lucy would deal with Nàkhbu, with her ability, it should be enough .

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The three lizards finally made a move, Lizard Kimu gritted his teeth as he took out a worn out yellow scroll from his storage ring .

It was crude looking and dirty, it didn't look like anything special, but this scroll was a special item given to him by his superior and the cost of using it is heavy .

Malark, who was nonchalantly gazing at them was a bit alarmed, he was not afraid, however, he felt a bit of unease seeing that scroll, they were also generals of the monster race so seeing Kimu taking this scroll, it must be at least a Mystic Item .

Items in the Underworld and in the high-Realms in general and separated by different Realms too, just like people's Strength .

It is Common, Spirit, Mystic, Heavenly, Godly, Mysterious with Common being the lowest and Mysterious being the highest .

People who had high enough position can have this kind of items, even Malark had one but that was only for emergencies and the cost of using it is no joke, it could save his life but there is a high chance of dropping an entire Realm if not becoming a cripple in some extreme cases .

Malark tightened his grip on his lance and stood in a defensive stance, ready to dodge or back off at any moment, he was not dumb enough to receive a straight attack from that scroll, assuming it's really a Mystic Item .

What Malark didn't know is that it's actually not a Mystic Item, but a peak grade Spirit Item . Whether it's a common or Spirit item or whatever it was, it was divided into 3 grades with 3rd grade being the highest .

This yellow scroll was a 3rd grade Spirit Item, its prowess was equal to a Mystic item .

As Kimu took out the scroll, his two brothers spit two golden drops of blood which flew toward the scroll . As for Kimu, he spat two drops too, which resulted in 4 drops entering the scroll, then without hesitation, Kimu opened the scroll toward Malark, who had already backed off more than a thousand meters .

But it was already late by this time, an ancient rune was drawn on the yellow scroll and an immense scroll fell on Malark, completely sealing his movements and crushing his insides .

He felt like he was suppressed by a mountain, mouthful after mouthful of blood came out of his mouth as he retreated, but no matter how much he retreated, the pressure didn't stop, instead, it increased by the second .

His face turned pale and he couldn't fly anymore, his body was sent flying as he struck the ground like a meteorite, he seemed to be restrained by an invisible pressure that was crushing him, the sound of muscles snapping and bones cracking could be heard from miles away .

Just as this time, Nàkhbu, who was enjoying his slaughter, finally arrived a couple of meter from Arthur and Lucy, who were supposedly sitting in a corner and not doing anything .

Nàkhbu frowned for a second as he saw two weird zombies that were sitting and didn't attack, but he didn't pay it too much heed and struck down at both of them with his hammer, however, what he expected didn't happen .

A terrifying flame tornado that appeared out of nowhere came clashing with his hammer, it was not even a clash as his hammer was pushed away, but that was not the end, a meteorite came from out of

nowhere, it had some red liquid in it and it was surrounded by purple flames, it was just 10m in size, but the size it emitted is unimaginable .

Nàkhbu's face paled as he couldn't even lift his hammer which was struck down by the flame tornado, all he could do is try to forcefully move his body to dodge but that was not going to happen as the mysterious enemy who suddenly attacked was already in front of him, launching yet another attack

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Lucy has prepared the meteorite for some time now . Since Nàkhbu started closing in on her and Arthur, she prepared this attack, it was one of her strongest offensive attacks and is very deadly .

It had a combination of three attributes which are Earth, Magma, and her Purple Fire . It's potential and destructive is unimaginable . She created this attack not too long ago, so her achievements and control over it is not perfect, it can even be considered lacking, however, that didn't mean the attack was weak .

The only flaw in this attack was the time it takes to prepare it, but that was taken care of as she had more than enough time to do that .

The Meteorite came flying with incredible speed, the pressure and heat of the 10m huge rock were not to be underestimated .

Even Nàkhbu, who was momentarily shocked by the sudden appearance of the fire tornado, was dumbstruck by this meteorite that came flying toward him .

His face paled as he was unable to lift his hammer to block . The fire tornado deflected his hammer at the perfect time so he couldn't muster the energy to block or dodge .

The bull-like Nàkhbu, who was at the peak of the Deity Realm, was fear-stricken by this deadly attack, he sensed death approaching and he was already at its door .

As he was facing a desperate situation, Nàkhbu spat a golden drop of blood which instantly transformed into a transparent and golden shield, faced against the incoming meteorite .

He expended some of his precious Soul Essence to resist the incoming strike, but even that was useless as the golden shield was shattered after resisting the meteorite for no more than 5 seconds .

Lucy had already backed off some distance as she coldly watched Nàkhbu getting struck by her Meteorite .

Blood splattered and bones shattered as his body was smashed into the Spirit Boat, however, the meteorite didn't stop as it continued drilling into the Spirit Boat for a couple of meters before it subdued .

What layed in the huge pit made by the meteorite was a purple flaming rock and some blood at its bottom .

This sudden explosion caused energy waves all over its surroundings, it even caught the attention of Malark and the others .

Malark was busy resisting the pressure from the yellow scroll, once he saw the explosion and the pit on the boat, his face became ugly as this was his precious Spirit Boat and to repair it or buy a new one is not a simple matter .

Unfortunately, he was busy defending against the scroll or else he would have ripped apart the one who damaged his Spirit Boat .

As for the three lizards and the injured Kashron shifted their gaze to the Spirit Boat, only to see the flaming rock and the blood under it .

Kashron, who was a close friend of Nàkhbu, was enraged as he sensed his friend's life force under the flaming rock, it was diminishing bit by bit, if nothing was done then he would die in a minute or so .

He ignored the fight with Malark and flew toward the Spirit Boat with red eyes, him and Nàkhbu and very close as they fought countless battles together so they could be considered brothers .

Due to him being heavily injured by Malark, his flying speed was not that fast for someone at the Immortal Realm, but nevertheless, he used his energy to heal his meridians slowly as he charged at the Spirit Boat to save his friend .

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The three lizards didn't pay much attention to Nàkhbu, if he died then it's his fault for being weak . They were allies but not friends, after glancing at the flaming rock for a second, Kimu resumed exerting the yellow scroll's pressure on Malark .

"Getting done by these zombie weaklings, truly pathetic"

Lizard Kimu sneered as he saw the blood under the rock and Nàkhbu life force decreasing .

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Kashron was flying toward the flaming rock when all of a sudden, he felt a cold sweat down his spines, a sudden chill covered his body .

Before he could comprehend what happened, a shadow appeared in front of him and with lightning speed, a dark katana was thrust toward his chest, precisely at his beating heart .

The attack was fast and decisive, and before Kashron could react, his heart was already penetrated by the sharp sword, what followed was some deadly energy that went through all his injured meridians and bones and caused tremors and strong vibrations that broke all of his bones and muscles .

Kashron never expected such a sudden attack, coupled with his heavy injured he received from Malark, this strike killed him instantly .

Actually, Kashron already died when Makaze struck his heart, however, Arthur used his green lightning to cripple his body just in case, better safe than sorry, he was dealing with an Immortal so he must make sure his opponent is one hundred percent dead .

As he sensed the enemy's death, Arthur immediately transformed into a small black whirlpool as he entered Kashron's body .

You have successfully possessed Kashron (Monster Race)

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Arthur dismissed all the messages about the skills at it was not the time to check them, then he continued slowly flying toward the flaming rock .

For a parasite like him, despite possessing an already crippled body, it made no difference, as long as the body is whole, then whenever he possessed him, it will regenerate instantly .

Arthur did not know anything about Immortal Energy or the meridians since he didn't break through the Immortal Realm, they can't use that energy or use the meridians to make his techniques even more powerful .

The reason he continued flying toward the flaming rock is to not attract too much attention, he would act for a bit then strike the lizards when they have lowered their guard .

He calmly approached Nàkhbu, who was buried under the rock, when he was next to the rock, its purple flames disappeared and what was left was only a dark red rock which had some steam and magma coming out of it .

Arthur pushed the rock and looked at what was under it .

There layed a bloodied corpse, there were no signs of the left arm and some of the waist .

Nàkhbu was barely breathing as he was slowly dying, his wounds were too serious . The meteorite was just too strong, despite using his Soul Essence, it didn't hold for even a minute .

When the bloodshot eyes of Nàkhbu landed on Kashron's figure, he felt happy yet a bit embarrassed . He was really thankful to have a close friend such as Kashron .

However, before he could muster the strength to talk, Kashron pointed at the spot between his eyebrows and said with a low voice that only Nàkhbu could hear .

"Die . . "

A white beam of lightning came out of Arthur's head and penetrated Nàkhbu's skull, killing him on the spot .

The Godly Lightning burst Nàkhbu's head as brain matter and flesh exploded out of Nàkhbu's head, it splattered on the surroundings and some of it even landed on Arthur .

Arthur was not going to let an enemy live, he came here to not attract attention and to finish this person .

After killing Nàkhbu, Arthur glanced at the not far away from Lucy and slowly nodded, he already planned everything with her earlier .

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The lizard trio was still dealing with Malark, who was still being suppressed by the scroll, his face was filled with disbelief as he panted heavily, he couldn't advance no matter what he did, but this was enough, he just needed to buy some time .

As the three lizards were injecting their energy to the yellow scroll, an enraged Kashron flew toward them, he was holding a small-sized person who had a hood on his face .

Kashron was holding this person by the back of his neck, he had a ruthless face and bloodshot eyes as he stared at this person .

"Oh? Kashron, did Nàkhbu die? And who is that person?"

Kimu, who was the strongest out of them, asked Kashron with a frown, although he already knew the answer, he still wanted to ask, he wanted to humiliate him(Kashron) . They were allies but Kimu always believed that his blood lineage is better than Kashron and the others, moreover, he always looked down on their way of doing things .

People like Kashron were ruthless and reckless, they would not think before acting which made them the first to die .

"He's dead!!"

Lizard Kima snickered as he heard that and said

"Tsk ts! To think he died while fighting a bunch of weaklings . . . is he really a general?"

Kashron's face turned even uglier as he retorted while yelling loudly

"You!! Kima, don't take things too far! Nàkhbu was killed only because he was ambushed by this bastard"

As Kashron said that, he tightened his grip on his hostage's neck as if causing more pain and suffering .

Lizard Kima ignored Kashron, he glanced at the hooded person's figure for a second before he resumed injecting his energy to the scroll .

He already knew this hooded-man's strength was at the Peak of the Deity Realm, but he still believed that he was an ant, a weakling who is not worth paying attention to .

Kashron slowly floated near the trio's location, he continued cursing at his hostage as if he was angry .

"Wait till we go back! Hehe, I'll make you wish you were dead!! I'll skin you alive you little bastard!"

The act continued, Arthur, who was possessing Kashron's body, managed to approach the trio without alerting them .

Once he was 10 meters away from them, he stopped and faced Malark, who was struggling against the immense pressure .

He loosened his grip on the hostage, who was also Lucy, all he did was acting, he of course never tightened his grip on her neck or whatever was acted out .

With a quiet tap on her back, he indicated that he will act out . Arthur never looked down at Lucy, her strength was almost equal to his and in some aspects, she overtook him by a long margin, the reason he brought her as a hostage is to help him take care of these three with a sneak attack .

After he readied himself, Arthur began channeling the Godly Lightning to strike from above, it takes a dozen of seconds to strike so he patiently waited for the most perfect moment .

Before just a second that he thick white streak of lightning struck, Arthur used [Faster than Death] and teleported behind the lizard trio with Lucy .

Makaze was already when he appeared behind them, at the same time, a bolt of lightning came down from the sky, the sound was deafening at stricken Lizard Kimu .

Arthur was not hoping to kill this second-grade Immortal, he just needed to paralyze him for a split second so he could finish the other two .

With his Peak Mastery in Sword, Dark magic embodied around the sharp sword edges and [Dark Burst], Arthur slashed at Kima's neck, aiming to behead him, as for Lucy, she punched with all of her strength .

Lucy's strength was leagues above someone at the Peak of the Deity Realm, coupled with the purple fire, the punch was not something that should be looked upon .

This sudden turn of events was not left unnoticed by the trio, however, they never expected someone to suddenly appear behind them, not only that but that someone is Kashron, who was supposed to be their ally .

"Wha . . . "

Before Lizard Kima was able to react, Makaze sliced his head off, it was a clean slash and there was no resistance whatsoever from his neck .

The Lizard's head flew out of his body, blood splattered on his two brothers, who were dumbfounded by what just happened .

Kimu was still numb from the lightning, although it didn't kill him, it still caused a lot of damage, he used his Soul Essence not long ago, so he was weakened and was caught off guard so he couldn't protect from the strike .

He coughed a mouthful of blood as his control with the yellow scroll began weakening .

As for the last Lizard, he received Lucy's fire punch just right at his abdomen, his intestines, organs, and bones shattered, the purple fire burned his flesh and scales and his body was sent flying hundreds of meters .

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By the time Kimo was sent flying, Lizard Kimu regained control of his body, the numbness is gone, so, without hesitation, he spat a golden drop of blood and retreated with incredible speed away from Arthur and Lucy .

However, Arthur was not planning to let him flee, Kimu's speed was very fast due to him using his Soul Essence and some mysterious techniques, but Arthur was very fast too .

With his movement techniques, Petal Footsteps and his high Agility stats, his speed was only slightly slower than Kimu .

He was chasing the lizard and slashing with Makaze, long and black slash arcs were produced, this powerful sword energy was even faster than Kimu, no matter how fast he was, he couldn't be faster than Arthur's slashes .

Not only that, Arthur was closing on Kimu while using dark magic to follow up with countless dark spears .

Lizard Kimu, who just breathed a sigh of relief as he backed away from Kashron, was dumbstricken when he saw this slashes and the enemy's bombardment of weird dark spears .

Kashron was never this strong, he also didn't use this weird magic, moreover, he was a hammer user but this Kashron clearly had a long black sword .

Arthur slashed exactly two times, these two black arc slashes which contained his sword energy, struck Kimu, but the Lizard used the scroll in his hands to shift the pressure from Malark to the incoming attacks .

He was powering the scroll by himself, which made it ten times more difficult, not only that, by shifting the pressure, Malark was now free so it made things even more dangerous .

The pressure clashed with these two slashes and the countless dark spears, although it was an invisible pressure, you could see Arthur's attacks facing some barrier which stopped them, their momentum was being lost every second and some dark spears even shattered .

Seeing that he blocked these attacks, Kimu was relieved but by the next second, Kashron who was flying at him, suddenly disappeared from his view and appeared behind him .

A chill ran down his spines as he felt strong killing intent aimed at his back .

With his sword in hand, Arthur slashed with his sword at the lizard's neck, he wanted to behead him just like the last one .

However, just as Makaze was going to cut off Kimu's head, a violet liquid came out from his scales situated at his neck, this liquid was aimed exactly at Kashron chest .

Arthur didn't know what this liquid, but he was absolutely sure that it was not a good thing, he sensed danger from it, it was most likely the lizard's trump card .

Without hesitating for even a split second, Arthur left Kashron's body and appeared next to it .

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Once the violet liquid touched Kashron's body, the body started melting and deteriorating, it was a gory and horrible sight .

Makaze flew from Kashron's hand to Arthur's, then Arthur used [Faster than death] to appear a distance away from Kimu, who was overjoyed to have successfully landed his most deadly poison, but it came at a cost .

This poison was his life-saving trump card, it was too deadly and could even heavily injure Malark if not kill him, but the cost of using it was no laughing matter .

He dropped to the Immortal 1st grade, but at least he managed to get rid of Kashron .

Kimu didn't dare celebrate his victory yet, he shifted his gaze to Malark, but the latter was already flying at him with lightning speed .

Lizard Kimu just used a heavy price to kill Kashron, he needed a couple of seconds to recuperate and use the scroll, but unfortunately for him, he was not given this time .

A meteorite even bigger than previous one was flying at him from above, its speed was faster than Malark, but was even worse was that this meteorite had dark red flames instead of purple flames .

The pressure he felt from the meteorite made him freeze, facing this desperate situation, he didn't know what to do, even if he tried dodging, it would result in his death .

Kimu could only lift the scroll and inject all the energy he could muster to activate it, not only that, he spit 2 golden drops of Soul essence which integrated with scroll to strengthen it more, but even with that, he still felt the pressure of the incoming attack .

Malark, who was flying toward Kimu was alarmed from the huge meteorite which was double the size of the previous one, he stopped in his tracks and gazed at it . He didn't dare attack Kimu as he feared the flaming rock very much, he could feel its heat even from a long distance .

The yellow scroll's pressure faced the meteorite, trying to stop it . The meteorite was unstoppable as it faced the invisible pressure, the scroll's power only managed to slow it for a bit .

Kimu used this time to flee, he abandoned the scroll which was now floating by itself and facing the meteorite .

But what faced him was a black-clothed person with a big bamboo hat and the previous hostage of Kashron .

Despite seeing them blocking his escape route, he charged straight at them, after all, facing them was better than facing the meteorite .

Arthur already expected this outcome, dark strings, which were almost invisible were shot from his fingertips and wrapped around Kimu .

These strings were very tight and strong, their speed was incredible as in a matter of seconds, they restricted Kimu, who was already weakened from Arthur's attack and using his Soul Essence too much .

In fact, Soul Essence is the most important thing for people at the Immortal Realm and above, if one used Soul Essence drops, they can never recover it no matter how much time passes, moreover, if one expends all his Soul Essence, he would most definitely die .

Kimu used too much of his Soul Essence and his Realm was too weak, so how could he resist these threads .

"Yo-You!!! . . . "

He gazed at Arthur and Lucy with hatred, he was unwilling to die here, but no matter how he struggled, he couldn't free himself .

The scroll, which was not powered by Kimu anymore, lost its effect and fell from the sky, as for the meteorite, it resumed its fast momentum and finally struck the immobile Kimu, but that was not the end .

In a matter of seconds, Kimu was crushed and burned to ashes by the dark red flames, the meteorite kept falling from the sky at fast speed until it struck the ground .

Boom!!

An earth-shattering, ear deafening explosion happened when the meteorite struck the ground, dark flames burned the ground and a huge pit was made from the explosion, it was a terrifying sight .

A very large dust cloud was formed on its surroundings, blocking the view, but one could feel energy ripples all over the place .

What followed that was a gigantic blood red rose made by the ancient flames, it rose very high up in the sky and illuminated the gloomy sky . Dark red flames raged as the rose emitted a hellish heat, the desolate ground was turning black and the zombies' corpses which fell from the Spirit Boat were turned into black ashes .

Lucy stood beside Arthur as she gazed at the dark red flaming rose, she couldn't help but mutter

" . . Beautiful . . . "

It was attacked which combined her meteorite attack and Arthur's ancient flames, its might was not something Kimu could withstand, not only that, after the meteorite struck its target, a dark red rose would bloom and cause even more destruction, it would burn everything in existence, including the energy of this world .

In the Underworld, far away from where Arthur and Lucy were, there was a dark-haired middle-aged man with a good build, he was sitting cross-legged and had his eyes closed .

It has been countless years since he moved or even opened his eyes, however, at this very moment, the middle-aged man opened his eyes and said with a very deep voice .

" . . . This pressure, the heat . . . it is unforgettable but it's still too weak from the original . . . how come it is here?"

The man stroked his chin as he was reminiscing about the past . After some time, he sighed and said

" . . . I can't even perceive its user . . . "

Then, as if he felt something, a look of surprise appeared on his normally emotionless face as he continued muttering

"Zodiak . . . how come I feel your magic too . . . old friend, where are you . . . "

Malark was shocked by the power of the meteorite, he could not help but unconsciously tremble at this mind-numbing sight .

He only snapped out of his daze when he saw two individuals slowly fly toward him .

It was the black-clothed man with a big bamboo hat and the supposedly 'hostage' of Kashron .

He didn't know if they were enemies or allies, they indeed helped him but they could be aiming for the 'Yin Flower' and only got rid of the enemies to deal with him after .

Arthur noticed Malark's anxiousness, so he didn't waste time and said

"Senior, do not worry, we mean no harm to you or your people"

Malark relaxed a bit when he heard that, but he dared not put down his lance .

"W-Who are you?"

"We joined your zombie army not too long ago and marched with it, we are a couple who were cultivating in seclusion for a long time, we happened to meet with the zombie crowd and decided to join . "

Malark stayed silent as he stared at Arthur and Lucy, after some time, his face turned from caution to disbelief and fear .

"Y . . . You . . . you're both at the peak of the Deity Realm? How is that possible!"

It was indeed shocking to see two people at the peak of the Deity Realm deal with those lizards, who were at the Immortal Realm, normally, it should be impossible .

"Senior, we cultivate a special technique that increases our attacks if we join forces, the cultivation divides our Realms and make it harder to breakthrough but with each breakthrough, our strength increases by leaps and bounds"

Arthur fabricated some lies and spoke with an honest tone, he only explained to not cause Malark to be too suspicious .

He wanted to befriend Malark to learn more about the Underworld and the woman who abducted Saly .

"Oh . . . So it's like that . . . but even so . . . for the attacks to be so powerful "

The reason it sounded so believable is because the world is so big, many techniques and cultivation manuals are mysterious, so it is not surprising to see one which divides the Realms of its users but make them stronger than the ones at the same Realm as them .

Despite somewhat believing them, Malark kept a cautious attitude, their strength is not just 'decent', it's too damn terrifying .

That meteorite attack could have killed him too .

What didn't know was that meteorite attack was also one of Arthur and Lucy's trump card, of course, it could not be compared to the one used at the tournament, but this one expended a lot of Mana and Mental power too .

Especially for Lucy as she used it two times in a row without resting, she prepared the second one in just 20 seconds whereas she needs 2 or 3 minutes to normally make one, so she was currently depleted of her Mana .

Moreover, the Mana in this world is not like Astria, the quantity is meager so it made the recovery a bit slower albeit her having very high Mana recovery .

Silent ruled over the place as none of the parties spoke, so Arthur decided to cut this silence and spoke again .

"Senior, as I said, we were cultivating at seclusion and very rarely go outside to roam, if you don't mind, we would like to accompany to ask you about the recent matters of the Underworld and perhaps become friends at the future"

Arthur was too direct as he stated his intentions without much hesitation, he had a strong feeling that being honest toward Malark would be better than making up lies, although he just lied about the cultivation bull-shittery a second ago .

Malark was the calm type, but he appeared to be a person who regards friendship highly and is not like some crafty people .

"Hahaha, friend, I like your attitude, stating your intention straight out! How can I be uncourteous to someone saved my life!"

It was a bit exaggerating to say that Arthur saved his life as the trio lizard couldn't possibly kill Malark, but what astonished Arthur even more than that is the very sudden change in attitude .

It just too abrupt for him to keep up, he expected Malark to be suspicious or even reject him, he never would have predicted that this Zombie General would do a 180-degree change in attitude when he said that

Chapter 85

Not long after the meteorite explosion occurred, several beams appeared in the sky .

These beams were the reinforcements Malark was expecting, however, they arrived a bit too late for the show .

When these people arrived, the first thing that caught their attention is the still burning rose, although its size decreased, the pressure and heat it emitted were still present, coupled with the destruction it caused, it's no wonder it caught their eyes .

They were precisely 3 people, or rather, it was 2 people and one . . skeleton .

The first two wore a battle armor and were twins, as for the skeleton, it just wore a long grey robe and held a long black staff in its hands .

After dazing for a couple of second at the sight, the trio snapped out of it and shifted their gaze toward Malark, who was still chatting with Arthur .

"Malark, what's going on here!"

One of the two twins, which was apparently a zombie too, questioned Malark as they came to help him yet here he is happily chatting as if nothing happened .

Malark was with Lucy and Arthur on his Spirit Boat, although it was a bit damaged, he didn't get angry too much on them, his attitude change was still shocking Arthur .

The Zombie General turned his head in surprise as he someone calling out to him . It has been only a few minutes yet he already forgot about the previous fight, Arthur and Lucy's existence shocked him and left an unforgettable imprint on his mind, especially their powerful attacks .

"Oh? Velice?"

Only now did Malark remember he called for reinforcement at the previous fight .

"Don't show us that look, didn't you crush the sound talisman?"

Velice said that as he glanced at the flaming red rose, he and the other two purposely stayed away from it as they sensed danger .

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Arthur, who was on the side, stared at them as appraised them when they were in range as the appraise skill can't be done from a very long distance .

Velice (Undead) : Immortal 2nd grade

Karnal (Undead) : Immortal 2nd grade

O'lex (Soul) : Immortal 3rd grade

'Soul?'

Arthur was a bit confused over this 'Soul' Race, it was clearly a skeleton and it should be regarded as an undead, so why does it say Soul?

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After a short conversation, it was apparent that Malark held a higher position than the other three, although they were a bit angry they come for nothing, they didn't dare shout or blame him .

They boarded the Spirit Boat and proceeded deeper into the Silent Graveyard . The two zombie generals sat a corner and mediated, as for the skeleton, O'lex was scribbling some notes on a shabby looking book .

Arthur got to knew a lot of things of Malark, this Zombie General was really not bad .

It seemed that he looked down on weaklings, especially the ones who do not try to get stronger, that is why he never held the simple and lazy zombies in his eyes .

"The Underworld is divided into 3 Territories, the first is at the south, it's called 'The Abyss Valley' and is ruled by a single entity, its called the 'Void Behemoth', it is the biggest territory in the underworld and no one dares to recklessly invade it as there are other strong beasts lurking there .

At the North-West, there is the 'Monster Archipelago', it's ruled by the monster race . As for the North-East, it is the home of the Undead, also known as 'The Silent Graveyard', it's ruled by the Lich king Aborak .

The only remaining area is the middle of the three territories, it was a rectangle area, small than the others but it is ruled by a mysterious alliance which does not join the fights of the three territories .

It is also not attacked by neither of the three factions as it had some strong individuals"

Malark explained thoroughly to Arthur, not missing any details . He had long since believed that Arthur and Lucy were really a couple who were in seclusion for a long time .

In fact, Malark was 500 years old and it was considered very young in the Underworld . If he heard Arthur's age, he would surely spit blood .

Moreover, despite Malark being at the Immortal 4th grade, he was considered weak compared to the undead elders or the Lich King .

There was a rumor that the Lich King had already broken through the God Realm, but none confirmed it yet .

"Oh, so it's like that, then Senior Malark, could you explain the grading system in the Immortal Realm? Since I and my comrade are still at the Deity Realm, we do not know much about the higher Realm except that between the Deity and Immortal Realm, there is a huge power-up . "

The pale-faced Malark nodded continuously at Arthur and resumed explaining, he seemed rather enthusiastic about this matter .

There was always competition about the generals, so very rarely would he sit like this and spend time chatting .

"It's actually pretty simple, after breaking through to the Immortal Realm, it will be different from the Deity Realm, The Immortal Realm and above are divided into 9 grade with the first being the lowest . Each breakthrough to a higher grade would make much stronger . for example, two people at the Immortal 3rd grade will necessarily not be able to defeat me, a 4th-grade Immortal"

Arthur slowly nodded as he listened carefully, his guess about the grade was correct, however, the 9 grades thing was a new thing to him .

"I see . . thank you for your help, Senior"

"Hahaha, no problem no problem, always glad to help my life savior, hahaha"

Malark laughed heartily while the other three stayed silent and threw Arthur and Lucy a couple of suspicious gazes .

Although Malark said that they saved him, these three were still suspicious about Arthur and Lucy's identities .

If they came to help, why would they cover their appearances, anyone would think they are suspicious! It's just that Malark is either stupid or doesn't particularly care . But if they knew that the flaming rose from earlier and the destruction was caused by them, they would surely freak out .

Malark didn't give too many details, he just casually said that they helped him kill the enemies, he didn't even say what Realm the enemies were so they just assumed the enemies to be at most 1st Grade Immortals .

The trip back didn't more than 2 days, the Spirit Boat arrived at an enormous city, there was no end to it .

There were black walls at its edges, they had a height of a whopping 40 meters, buildings with various sizes were scattered all around the city .

It was bustling with people, Arthur saw zombies, ghouls and even death knights which had a black aura around them .

The Spirit Boat landed outside of the city, they proceeded at feet from then on as it was prohibited for them to fly inside the city .

"No one is allowed to fly inside the city unless they are important figures such as Commanders, Elders and so on . . "

As he noticed Arthur confusion, Malark kept explaining everything to Arthur .

"These walls are made from the Void Stone, which is a very rare material and is able to withstand attacks from any Immortal Realm head on without being damaged . . . moreover, this wall creates a defensive barrier around the whole city, protecting it from sudden enemy attacks"

When Arthur heard that the wall can withstand any attack from an Immortal Realm, he wanted to test his heavenly Arrow with Lucy and see the results .

After the previous fight, he regained a lot of confidence . It appeared that he underestimated himself because he could barely beat that Immortal demon from before, but now his stats were different from the past so his prowess is obviously better too .

If it is 5th or 6th-grade Immortal, there is a big chance to defeat them with Lucy, as for higher, he didn't know .

He never thought or imagined the strength of a Divine Realm individual as it was too dreadful, just thinking about the woman at the God Realm which Zodiak sealed in that orb made Arthur feel amazed by Zodiak's strength .

He sealed her so easily, which made Arthur curious about his Realm . He never heard of a Realm higher than the God Realm, perhaps his strength is not enough to know that . .

He still didn't reach the Immortal Realm yet he wants to know what's beyond the God Realm, it seemed rather funny .

Chapter 86

After they entered the city, Malark proposed to Arthur and Lucy to stay the army's headquarters, however, his offer was rejected as Arthur wanted to tour the city and learn more about Saly's location .

From what he already knew, Saly was most likely at the mysterious place in the middle of the three factions and that's because the woman who abducted her is not a monster or an undead, so the only plausible place for Saly to be, is there .

"Don't forget, if you need anything, just go to the Army's headquarter at the West of the city and call for my name"

As Malark said that, he handed a badge to Arthur, it was a silver badge with a skull engraved on it, apparently, it's their symbol .

After they bid farewell, Lucy and Arthur began roaming the undead city . It was full of undead left and right, with all kinds of shops and weird places .

The most shocking thing is all of the people Arthur saw, the lowest one was Lv700, There were also a lot of Spirit, Heavenly or Deity Realm people in the city .

Arthur even spotted numerous Immortals, they didn't look like an undead and were probably strangers traveling and just came here to visit or 'sightsee' .

There was even an old man who was an 8th-grade Immortal . He had a long red horn and a black-ish skin . From his appearance, one could tell he came from the Monster Race .

It was easy for them to find a place to temporarily stay at with Arthur's comprehension of the Underworld's language .

There were several inns in the city as it was extremely huge, it spanned dozens of miles, so it was hard for them to explore it .

Moreover, they were not planning to do so, their only purpose in coming to this world is to retrieve Saly and possibly go back to Astria .

They chose a random inn and entered, it was a five-story building made from unknown grey stones, it didn't have a bad appearance and compared to the inns in Astria, this one can be considered top class .

The problem was the currency, Arthur did not ask Malark about the currency because it would be too idiotic, no matter if he was in seclusion for decades or centuries, it was basic knowledge to know the currency used here .

He didn't know if Zodiak has been here or not, his storage contained so many things he couldn't use or didn't know its use .

The couple didn't immediately head to an inn, they observed the shops to see the currency used and in just minutes, it was obvious that the currency was some form of a stone .

It was small, the size of a thumb and had a red color .

Arthur rampaged through his storage ring, which used to belong to Zodiak, he tried finding similar red stones .

The search took a couple of minutes as the storage was extremely big, he didn't search all of it, he stopped when he stumbled upon a clump of red stones .

They were all sizes, there was another batch of blue and violet stones too . He ignored the other two and checked the red ones .

They had three sizes, one the size of a thumb which had the lowest numbers, the other was a size bigger and the last one was the size of a fist .

Seeing this gem resembling stones, Arthur remembered that when he found Zodiak's tomb, he found a chest full of gems too .

He brought his consciousness toward the chest and checked its contents, they were indeed stones with various color, however, these ones were different from the previous ones .

These stones or rather gems had a cluster in them and were all the size of a fist . Be it black, red, white or yellow, there was all color, moreover, the big chest was full of it .

There was also another chest full of unknown material, it looked like gold, it was full of coins with a unique symbol on them, he still didn't know what the contents of these chests were exactly .

Arthur checked the red stones one more time to ascertain that they were the same as the ones used in this world . After he was one hundred percent sure, he split all the red stones and put them in storage rings .

He handed Lucy some storage rings which small and big red stones and kept some for himself .

In fact, storage rings cannot be put into other storage rings, however, this law didn't apply on Zodiak's storage as it could hold countless storage rings .

Whenever they retrieved the rings of their dead enemies, it was always put on Arthur's storage as it was more convenient .

He wanted to hand the large storage ring to Lucy, but it was unfortunate as she can't use black mana so she can't open it .

As they walked toward the inn's reception desk, a ghoul female welcomed them with warm smiles as she didn't mind their appearances .

"Welcome to the Misty Inn, how could I help you?"

The female displayed a very warm and friendly attitude, but that's to be expected for someone who works as a receptionist .

"We want to book a room"

The receptionist continued smiling as she respectfully replied

"Honoured customers, would you like a normal or VIP room?"

Hearing this, Arthur frowned as this concept of VIP room was not present in Astria, there was a larger room which cost more, but there was no such thing as VIP rooms for rich customers, moreover, in Astria, no nobles or wealthy people would stay at an inn .

"VIP?"

"Hai! VIP rooms have denser Nether Energy, they are also more comfortable and bigger than normal rooms, what's more is that "

The receptionist kept babbling about the advantages of VIP room for a couple of minutes, as for Arthur, he was curious about this Nether Energy . .

" The cost of the VIP room is 20 Red Spirit Stones per day, as for the normal rooms, it's 3 Red Spirit Stones per day . "

"We'll take the VIP room then "

Arthur casually replied, in fact from the very beginning he decided to choose it, all the babbling was a bit needless .

The female receptionist was ecstatic as she saw that her 5 minutes non-stop talking paid off, she accepted the 20 Red Spirit Stones from Arthur and guided the customers to their room .

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The room was indeed very wide, it had luxurious furniture and a large bed . Although people at the higher-Realms don't need to sleep, it doesn't mean that they can't .

Some people prefer sleeping every day instead of mediating, for them, it made them calmer and in a better mood .

For Arthur and Lucy, sleeping is needless yet they still do it, nothing is better than sleeping in each other's embrace .

When they entered the room, Arthur didn't feel much, as for the dense Nether Energy, he couldn't feel it or absorb it .

However, Lucy sensed the thick Nether Energy, when they were outside, she could feel an unknown energy but she didn't pay it much heed, however, now that the energy is thicked, her body became unconsciously absorbing it like a whirlpool .

"This it's absorbing it on its own?"

Lucy was confused as she felt her strength rising at an alarming pace and the unknown Nether Energy entering her body at a very fast pace .

She sat cross-legged on the comfortable bed and began assisting her body in absorbing even more Nether Energy .

As for Arthur, he sat next to her and stayed silent, he knew she was most likely breaking through, there was a very meager amount of Mana present, but it was noticeable by Arthur, he could clearly feel it being absorbed by Lucy, she was like a bottomless pit .

Nether Energy invaded her meridians, slowly opening them, her strength never ceased rising .

When all her meridians were fully opened, they started madly absorbing the Nether Energy, which made it much easier for Lucy . The Meridians are meant to absorb the Energy and transform it into attacks or barriers or anything the host wishes .

Lucy's facial features matured by a bit, it was almost unnoticeable, but her height also increased by a few centimeters .

Parts of her body changed and some areas which were still growing became fully developed .

Her womanly charm increased and her skin became softer and smoother .

After an hour, sweat began coming out of her body, she was like a sponge filled with water . She absorbed too much Nether Energy, her body felt like it would explode at any given second .

Lucy patiently guided the energy to her a specific place, it was a bit under her stomach, that's where the Dantian is formed .

The energy began compressing, it was extremely painful, but Lucy didn't stop, if she failed this process then she would most likely not breakthrough and would instead receive a backlash .

One more hour passed, Lucy's body was soaking wet and her face was red, at her Dantian area, a very small ice blue orb was formed from the repeated compression of the Nether Energy .

It was when the blue orb was formed did Lucy stop madly compressing the Nether Energy .

She finally broke through to Immortal Realm . She could feel her body surging with power, her meridians no longer absorbed Mana and only focused on the Nether Energy as it was better .

If she didn't focus and absorb the energy herself, her meridians would still absorb but at a slower pace .

"Lucy, Congratulations!"

Arthur gave her a warm hug as he appraised her and saw that she was already at the Immortal Realm . Her prowess sky-rocketed and she would probably not lose if she faced Malark alone!

She wrapped her arms around Arthur and rested on her head on his chest as smiled .

"Hehe, thank you . . . You'll breakthrough very soon too, I can feel it . . . then we'll go take Saly back . . "

Arthur nodded at her as he embraced, they rested for a couple of hours to calm their minds, too much happened since they came, and her breakthrough was just the beginning .

TITLE: NONE

Level: ????

RACE: Half Demon/ ??????

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Realm: Immortal 1st Grade

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Strength: 45m

Intelligence: 60m

Agility: 45m

Wisdom: 60m

Vitality: 45m

Dexterity: 60m

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Health 34m Health Regen 30000/s

Nether Energy 40m Nether Energy Regen 35000/s

Stamina infinite Stamina Regen ????

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Attack: 75m Defense: 39 . 9m

Magic defense: 9 . 9m

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Enigma abilities : Ice Spirit

Mental Power : 1008

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Elemental Resistances:

Fire: 85%

Water: 5%

Wind: 0%

Earth: 25%

Light/holy:-50%

Magma 60%

Lightning 5%

Ice 100%

Chapter 87

The next day, Lucy and Arthur headed out of the inn, there were so many things to do and staying on the room all day won't help them solve the problems or neither find the location of Saly .

Each second passes, the two of them became more anxious and worried about their daughter Saly, she was an important existence for them .

The destination they were head to is called 'The Treasure Pavillon', Malark informed Arthur about that place and told him that it's a very famous place to exchange, sell or buy weapons or treasures .

This Treasure pavilion is merely a branch from a more famous power, and its expansion is not only in the Underworld, what's more, the pavilion located here and in other cities cannot compare to the ones in the higher-Realms .

Although the Underworld is considered a Higher-Realm, it is in fact kind of a prison, no one can get out of it unless they have a very high-Realm, not even people at the God-Realm can escape this world .

The Underworld is very vast and chaotic, it is not a planet but sealed world, there were numerous rumors about the reasons it was sealed, but none of them were confirmed yet .

The two of them exited the inn and walked to the Treasure Pavillon . Since the city was extremely big and flying was prohibited, they had to walk, they could also teleport multiple times but they would rather walk as it was much better moreover, teleportation is still a big deal even at a place like this, especially a skill like [Faster than Death] which let him teleport without any cost and unlimited usage .

The problem with [Faster than Death] in a fight, is that you have to focus on a location then teleport, just focusing would take more or less a second, and this second can change many things in a fight between two individuals at a very high-realm .

It was not a fight between two Mortal Realm people, their speed would be slow and exchange would last a couple of seconds, comparing it to the fight of powerhouses is a joke .

Back when Lucy broke through to the Immortal Realm and with the apparition of the ice blue orb in her Dantian, she subconsciously transformed whether in power of appearance .

Her body became more developed and she unconsciously emitted a bit of frost energy, it was quite ironic knowing that she practices fire oriented magic .

Moreover, after checking her Status Window a second time, she discovered that her resistance to Ice is 100% and she could use Ice magic proficiently, it was a strange occurrence which surprised both of them .

Not only was she able to use Ice magic, her Ice magic was a bit special in itself . Arthur could also use Ice magic, but he only had Medium ranked Ice magic, as for Lucy, she had Peak Ranked Ice magic, just like Arthur's sword mastery, adding to that is that her Ice is a bit special .

The color seemed pure and the coldness of her Ice is at another Level . The only conclusion she could think of is her origins .

She only knew she was a half-demon, so there is a strong chance that one of her parents or ancestors was good at Ice magic so she inherited it, there was no other explanation other than that .

If one broke through to the Immortal Realm, they would not gain such things as her, it was preposterous .

There was also one more thing that was quite surprising for both of them, it was the system . The status window, the blue notifications that pop up when something happens to them, these things do not exist in this world .

One's strength is judged based on their overall prowess, for example, if one becomes able to fly, then they are most likely at the Spirit Realm . If he could condense a normal protective barrier around one's body, then he's at the Heavenly Realm and so on .

The Immortal Realm is like a threshold is the higher-Realms, if you become an Immortal then you can be considered a proper cultivator . All the Realms below that are disregarded by the strong individual as the difference between them is meager .

A young genius would easily be able to defeat a Deity Realm while being at the Heavenly Realm, however, to defeat an Immortal Realm while being at the Deity Realm is nonsense .

Arthur is able to do that because of his cheat like race, stealing stats is an outrageous thing, moreover, Lucy gains 80% of his stats, so it is understandable that she is powerful too and even if she does not gain 80% of his stats, she would still be powerful, not to this degree of course, but she would have been at the Spirit Realm at the very least .

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It took them about an hour to arrive at their destination, it was a very big building, it had 5 floors and looked luxurious . It was made from some unknown red stone that made it look even more eye-catching, with a golden door and a notice at the front .

This building could be considered top of the crop, from what Arthur has seen since he was reincarnated, this was by far the best building he saw, except the huge castles and manors of course .

Next, to the golden door, there was a glass wall which exposed several weapons and treasures, they looked grandiose and alluring to the eye, many passersby would stop for a couple of seconds to assess these .

As for Arthur and Lucy? They had the appraise skill, nothing can escape their eyes, whether it's a fake item or not, they will immediately know it .

What was displayed was a couple of treasures, there were sets of equipment, an armor, gloves, and boots, they were purple in color and had a tiger symbol inscribed on them .

There was a price under them, with Arthur's comprehension of the Underworld knowledge, he managed to comprehend what the weird symbols are written on the wooden plate under the equipment meant .

However, even if he didn't do that, a simply appraise could tell him what that was about, at times like this, the legendary appraise skill could not be more useful, especially for Lucy, who had yet to understand or learn the language .

Agony Spirit (Full set) : 2,500 Medium Red Spirit Stones .

There was also a big brown halberd, it had some blood stains on it and even through the glass, Arthur could feel the stench of blood coming out of it .

Blood Halberd of Massacre : 15,000 Medium Red Spirit Stones .

The prices vary, but from the displayed items, the halberd was by far the most expensive one . Arthur didn't have as many Red Stones as Gold, but the amount he had was by no means meager . Buying these treasures is not a problem, but the reason he came here was not for that .

Be it halberds, axes or even swords, he had tons of them in his storage, some are weak and others cannot be used by him .

Lucy tested some of the unknown treasures and weapons he had on his storage, not all of them could be used but there was a bunch that worked when injecting Nether Energy on them .

Their prowess was amazing, but there are some strange treasures that they didn't know their uses, so they ignored them for the time being .

The two of them came here today to look for weapons, precisely sabers .

Lucy wanted to buy a weapon for her to practice with . She liked sabers the most and from all the sabers they had on the storage, not one suited her tastes .

She was a fire-oriented mage, but now the Ice magic was added, it was on equal footing with the Magma and Purple Fire, if not stronger, she wanted to get a good saber that works with both attributes .

It was practically impossible to find something like this, as Fire and Ice are considered opposites and even using them both in combat would only result in hurting the meridians .

This simple concept that was known by everybody, didn't apply on Lucy, it was true that she couldn't attack using both attributes, but she could channel both of them and attack successively with them .

After looking at the exposed items and not finding interest in any, the duo finally entered the huge building .

The interior was just as good as the exterior . There were many guests in the big room, a red carpet was laid on all the floor and there were luxurious stairs at the end of the room leading to the next floor .

Standing next to the staircase were 2 men, they had tall build and muscular bodies, they were most likely security of some kind .

Arthur and Lucy were not in a hurry, they started checking the items displayed on the first floor first, what didn't catch the interest of many may be a hidden treasure to them, who can use appraise . . .

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Arthur followed Lucy as she browsed through the treasures . The first floor contained low-grade weapons and items, so there wasn't anything interesting that caught their eyes .

The floor had a lot of customers, some were even looking longingly at these treasures . The prices of these treasures were considered low for Arthur, but for normal cultivators, it was an astronomical price, moreover, each and every one of those items was good .

They were all common ranked items, however, albeit the low rank, their prowess is by no means meager . Even if an Immortal used the axe displayed outside, which is a 3rd-grade Common item, the destruction and power he could do with that are unimaginable .

After looking around for a couple of minutes and finding nothing worth their attention, Lucy and Arthur decided to head to the second floor .

As they headed toward the staircase, the two tall men standing near it stopped the couple and said

"Stop! To proceed, you need to pay 100 Red Spirit Stones"

Hearing this, Arthur frowned as he stared at the man who spoke .

'Maybe because of our appearance, he wants to take advantage of us and gain some money? Or . . '

"Pay? . . . "

Seeing the confusion of Arthur, the man explained

"The second floor is not allowed to anyone, you can't proceed until you prove you have enough money to go there, it's not a place to sightsee after all"

It was kind of sad that in most worlds, rich people are treated way better than poor people, but there was nothing he could do, with a wave of his hand, Arthur threw the Spirit Red Stones to the tall man then he proceeded upwards with Lucy .

Even if they ended up not buying anything, it was certain that they would not give back those 100 Spirit Red Stones and it's not like Arthur minded that, it's just that he didn't like this way of doing things .

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The second floor was another level compared to the first one, with less people and more treasures, there were some decorations and ancient paintings that added to the luxury and demeanor .

The number of people here was less than half the people on the first floor .

When they entered the second floor, a young female walked toward the duo while showing a bright smile .

She had a voluptuous body and wore tight purple clothes that showed her two mountain picks and her curves . Although people at a high-Realm are mostly not interested in things like woman and sex . There is some who do, by properly dressing this young woman and making her serve the customers, it would make the atmosphere more lively and in some rare or extreme cases, the girls would 'serve' the customers at a price .

Although it's a treasure pavilion if the girls are willing, and with a reasonable price, anything would work .

"Welcome to the second floor of our Treasure Pavillon, customers, please inform me if you are looking for something specific so I can help you . . "

Despite her exceptional beauty and charm, Arthur didn't stare too much, first because Lucy would quickly get jealous and ditch him for a day or two, and second because it was neither the place or time for that, finding Saly and saving her is what's important at the moment .

He waved his hand nonchalantly and replied to the young woman

"No need, we are just looking around . "

The young woman's smile twitched for a second before it returned to its brightness, Arthur's reply was a bit unexpected so she was a bit taken aback, however, she regained her attitude in a split second and merely nodded .

What she thought was completely different to what she showed, for a customer to not want any help and paying a whopping 100 Spirit Red Stones .

After years of experience, the young woman knew that Arthur's partner was a woman . Seeing that her charm didn't affect him, it was obvious that he either was not interested in women or the person next to him was his partner .

Lucy's head was covered with the hood, however, her clothing didn't completely hide her womanly features, especially after her breakthrough .

Whether it's her waist, hips or chest area, they all have grown significantly and you could easily guess that she's a woman with a glance .

It's not like she didn't have any womanly charm before, but the difference from before is apparent and exposed even more of her beauty .

Soul Instrument (Spirit 2th Grade); Effect : Could be used to strengthen one's soul and heal it if it's injured

Cost : 25 Medium Spirit Red Stones

There was a box which had a green feather inside of it, Arthur cast appraise on it to see its effects and it greatly interested him .

This was not for him obviously, but for Lucy . He had [The Sacred Soul Steal], and his soul could be considered strong now .

Since he devoured "Abhuva's Soul", the soul of the Ma clan's personal dungeon, he was not able to devour any other souls .

Inside his consciousness, the blob of light, which was his soul, became brighter and had its size increased by more than three times .

There were still chains enveloping it and the mysterious Orb of the Fallen Overgods floating above his soul .

"I'll buy this . "

Lucy calmly said that as she gestured to the young woman from earlier, she was standing not far away and gazing at both of them . When she saw Lucy waving at her, she walked toward her with her usual bright smile .

"How may I help you, dear customer?"

Lucy said that as she pointed toward the box with the green feather inside of it .

Kara glanced at the red box and the green feather and was a bit shocked, this Soul Instrument is not the most expensive item on this floor, but its price is by no means small .

25 Medium Spirit Red Stones is an astronomical price for her . She didn't focus on cultivation, so she was only at the middle-stages of the Spirit Realm, she has been working here for a couple of years and the rich people she encountered were countless .

No emotions were showed on eyes or facial features, with an earnest nod, Kara picked the red box and held it in her hand .

Lucy did not appear she was done purchasing, so Kara obediently held the red box and followed the couple as they roamed the second floor .

Fruit of corruption (Spirit 3th Grade) ; effect : Eating this would make the user gain 200% Strength increase and 100% Dexterity increase for 1 minute, after that the user would gain a debuff which decreases all his stats by 20% for 5 minutes .

Cost : 10 Medium Spirit Red Stones .

The fruit had the shape of a strawberry and was jet black with some grey gas emitting from it . After a bit of pondering, Arthur decided not to buy it . As for Lucy, she doesn't like items like these, especially those which give a debuff .

She can't use appraise, but since she could see anything Arthur appraises, nothing escaped from her . Arthur appraised every single item to see its effect .

Most of them were average with some having a special effect, but besides the Soul Instrument, nothing caught Lucy's attention .

Kara silently followed them, she started explaining the item effects for them non-stop, until she was out of breath yet they seemed like they were ignoring him completely .

Albeit being ignored, she continued doing her job and thoroughly explained what was good and what was average .

Finally, she got some attention from Arthur as he turned to look at her . She was prepared to answer his question no matter what it was but what she heard next made her mind go blank for a second

"Emm, do we need to pay to go the third floor too?"

Kara's job was to try to sell these treasures and appeal to the customers, such dumb questions are not asked to her but to the two tall men standing in the staircases leading to the third floor .

'Kara, calm down, calm down, it's your job to answer every question!'

"Yes, dear customer, to proceed to the next floor, you need to pay 100 Medium Spirit Red Stones to prove that yo . . . "

Before she could finish, she was interrupted by Arthur, who withdrew a bunch of middle-sized red stones and stuffed them in her hands, which were already busy holding the red box .

Some of the stones even fell on the floor, but Arthur ignored that and headed to the next floor .

'You . . . why was I dumb enough to try and help them!'

Kara was uncertain about what to do . She called the two tall men and instructed them to collect the red stones, then she hastily followed the duo whilst pouting and stomping on the floor .

She disliked dealing with these kinds of customers the most, she could only keep the anger inside of her and customers and gods for them and they are obliged to obey them and serve them or else she would be fired or severely punished .

"Dear customers, please wait!"

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The third floor of the Treasure Pavillon was even emptier than the second . In Arthur's view, he could only see 8 people, and most of them are at the Immortal Realm with two being at the Divine Realm!

The one at the Divine Realm was a scholarly middle-aged man, with azure clothes that were made from expensive silk and jade . The strange thing is that when Arthur appraised him, something weird happened .

Azure Bai (Race : ????) : Divine Realm 9th Grade (Debuff)

Not only was his race not show, there was the word 'Debuff' displayed after his Realm, Arthur was puzzled about this, but he didn't probe any further . He did not want to do a reckless thing and cause trouble, he came here along with Lucy to buy some stuff, not to create unnecessary troubles, especially with such individual .

This azure-clothed man had an attendant next to him, she already held 2 red boxes and patiently waited for the man to finish his tour and pick whatever he liked . Despite being at the Divine Realm, he didn't emanate any strong pressure, quite the opposite, in fact, he looked like a mortal scholar . He had a peaceful expression on his face as he was contemplating a treasure piece in front of him .

The other seven people also had some kind of special attire and none of them looked like any normal cultivator .

Some youth even had an old man beside him and that old man was a 3rd Grade Divine Realm . Although he was weaker than the scholar who was a 9th Grade Divine realm .

Apart from the scholarly man who threw Arthur and Lucy some glances, the others completely ignored their presence, which suited them way better than attracting unwanted attention .

The third floor didn't contain as many treasures as the other previous floor, however, these treasures were covered with a glass and the price and effect were under them, it was much neater and properly prepared, unlike the chunk of treasures in the first floor .

The prices here were sky-high and it was not even the last floor, this building had 5 floors and they were only at the third yet the treasures here were not bad .

Arthur was not sure if all the floors sell treasures, but it was most likely the case and of course if he wants to proceed further, he needs more Spirit Red Stones, well, it's not like he was out of them, as long as Lucy still didn't find anything that suited her, they'll look at all the present treasures .

Apocalypse Gem ; effect : if it is enchanted with a proper Mystic ranked weapon then the weapon will be able to display Lightning and will deal double the damage .

Cost : 175 Medium Spirit Red Stones

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Lucy was not interested in this, however, this finger sized purple gem was caught Arthur's attention as he could use lightning freely . The good point is not the lightning effect but that it doubles the damage of the weapon!

Since he didn't breakthrough yet, Arthur needed much more damage . With his current ability, dealing with a 5th Grade Immortal may not be a problem, but compared to Lucy, he was far off .

Before she broke through, Lucy was able to handle 1st or 2nd Grade Immortals, but now that she broke through, with her outrageous physical strength and her Purple Fire and the new Ice magic, her power increased by leaps and bounds .

She most likely could handle even an 8th Grade Immortal . She still didn't test her new strength on any opponent, but just by her stats, one could say she's very strong .

If we assume that a 1st Grade Immortal have an average stats of 10 million, and that's only an assumption, then Lucy could be considered a 6th Grade Immortal .

However, it was not the case, Mental Power is what counts, increasing it makes the person more powerful . It's not that increasing the stats is useless, but increasing Mental Power is faster for the cultivators here, even for Lucy .

Just by absorbing Nether Energy for no more than an hour, Lucy increased her Mental Power by 40 .

Hence it is obvious that people would lean toward absorbing Nether Energy to increase their Mental Power as gaining million of stats is way difficult .

Due to Arthur's race, he can't absorb Nether Energy to increase his Mental Power, the only way to do so is by possessing countless people and even with that it only increases by a meager amount .

There was also the possibility of him being unable to absorb Nether Energy even after breaking through to the Immortal Realm, if that was the case then he's totally screwed as it would take ages to increase his Mental Power .

"We'll take this too"

Arthur spoke to Kara, who was standing a couple of meters behind them . She was still holding the red box and waiting for his next purchases .

Since she couldn't hold everything in her hand, Kara stuffed the two red boxes in a normal storage ring and resumed following them .

The gem was pretty useful to Arthur, he doesn't know how to enchant, neither does he have an enchantment skill, but it was not difficult to find an enchanter in this city, after all, enchanting is a major thing in this world and higher-Realms .

His only weapon, Makaze, is a black katana that grows with him, so he never needed to change it, if there is a way to increase its potential by a fair bit, then why not do so?

Makaze was a Mystic ranked weapon, it was 2nd Grade . It's to be expected and it grows with him and whenever his stats are increased, it's sharpness and power also rises .

It is an extremely sharp and deadly weapon, one can easily deduce that by the way it easily cut through the Immortal Lizard's neck .

As for the armor and so on, he didn't rely much on them . For Arthur, wearing heavy armor would slow him down, what's more, he found them pretty uncomfortable .

He just wears Zodiac's black robe in fights as it increased Mana Regeneration and it is comfortable to wear . He had a guess that once he breaks through, the robe would change too and it was most likely the case .

Zodiac, a mighty figure like him would not use such trashy robe when he was at such a high Realm, there must be a secret behind the robe or else why would he still be wearing it when he died?

Energy Recovering Pill(Spirit 3rd Grade) : effect ; Recover some of the user's Nether Energy at a faster pace for a short period of time

Stock : 300

Cost : 1 Medium Spirit Red Stones per pill

'So there were such things?'

Arthur assessed the pill as it was not bad at all . For some reason, Zodiac didn't have a single pill in his storage, so he presumed that the pills are useless and there is no need to use them anylonger .

Furthermore, alchemy is pretty much non-existent in Astria . He possessed a person that gave him basic Alchemy skills but he didn't have the time or materials to try them .

Some of the materials were present in Zodiac's storage but some were not which made him give up on that idea .

Thinking about Alchemy, Arthur also had that mysterious Soul Flame, which was a grey flame, it was not harmful and apparently, it could only be used to refine and make pills .

"We'll take all the stock of these pills too"

Lucy was the one said that, in desperate fights, especially versus strong opponents, such pills are needed to recover some of their Nether Energy .

Nether Energy was not like Stamina and it was certainly not endless, it also depleted faster than Mana so Lucy didn't hesitate over buying these .

"A-all of them?"

Kara was taken aback as some people would take a stock of 10 or even 50 but not the whole stock! It was quite wasteful!

Even if they needed such pills for fights, it was crazy to buy them all . One pill would be more than enough to allow them to recover in a fight, it's not like they are going to war to buy them all .

Albeit her surprise, Kara went to the reception desk at the third floor and talked with another attendant .

The other attendant remained calm despite what was told to her, she was working on this floor for ages so seeing a couple who was willing to buy the whole stock is not surprising .

Compared to her, Kara was still shocked, she didn't come to the third floor very often, in fact, it was only her second time here as she was not allowed to come here, she was only able to come because she 'became' the customer's personal attendant .

There was a rule in this Treasure Pavillon and it stated that once you become a customer's personal attendant then you must serve him until he steps out of the building, no matter where he goes, the attendant must follow him and help him buy whatever he wishes, and in some cases, explain to him about the effects of certain mysterious treasures .

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The attendant left to prepare the pills for Lucy and Arthur, as for Kara, she returned to their side and continued doing her 'job' .

One more reason Arthur wanted to come here is to purchase a Spirit Boat, the highest quality there is!

Simply traveling without a Spirit Boat is way slower, so with their immense fortune, it would be a waste not to buy a good Spirit Boat .

They once saw the speed of Malark's Spirit Boat and it left a strong impression on them .

"Oh come on! It's just the fourth Volume, can't you lower the price a bit more?"

As they were browsing through the displayed treasures, Arthur and co heard someone speak with a rather loud and annoyed tone .

It was actually the Peak Grade young man from earlier who had an old man next to him . He was talking to an attendant while pointing at a yellow book .

The attendant remained calm despite being yelled at, the authority and power of the Treasure Pavillon far exceeded the power of the factions here, the branch in here is just one of many in this Underworld and the headquarters of this powerful force is not even in this world .

"Young master Yun, you are a VIP customer at our Treasure Pavillon and have a 20% discount on anything you purchase, we cannot reduce the price any further, it is the rules . "

The attendant spoke respectfully, but you could sense a hint of contempt in her words . She didn't show it as she maintained an expressionless face, but she actually looked down on people like him . He already had enough money to buy it even without the discount yet this bastard kept nagging about lowering the price .

"Rules or whatnot, I already packed 12 things to buy! 12! So what if you lowered the price a bit more, it's not like you'll lose anything . . "

The young master named Yun kept insisting as he acted displeased and was about to burst .

"Hmpf! If it's like that, then I must as well not buy anything, since the treatment is this bad in here . . . "

As he said that, Yun looked at the attendant but his face turned ugly when he noticed that she was neither angry nor worried from his words, it's not like no matter what he said, it would still be ineffective .

"Young master Yun, it is up to you if you want to buy from our Treasure Pavillon or not, please lower your voice as you are disturbing other customers . "

The tone of the attendant changed as she reprimanded him and kept her calm attitude, she was not the slightest bit afraid as she knew that if he dared do anything, the higher-ups of the Treasure Pavillon would not stay still .

When she mentioned the other customers, Yun looked around and stared at the 7 other customers with disdain and extreme arrogance, it's like he was looking down on ants, his gaze rested on the scholarly man for a second before he snorted and retorted

"It's just a few bumpkins with little money to spare so they wanted to come here to try to show off, hmpf!"

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Not far away from young master Yun, Arthur was looking at this youth with a strange glint in his eyes . He didn't like what Yun said neither did he have a good impression of him, but he still remained silent as it was not the time to be provoked by such a useless and arrogant person .

He turned toward Kara and said with a low voice

"That person, who is he?"

Before Kara could reply to Arthur, a calm voice rang out near Arthur's ears .

"He's the Young master of the Peng family from the Monster Race . "

It was the azure clothed man who said that, he walked near Lucy and Arthur and spoke with a friendly tone .

His steps were elegant and there was some mysteriousness in them, with a warm smile displayed on his face, he walked next to the couple .

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Azure Bai, walked next to the duo as he showed a friendly face . When they entered the third floor, he threw a couple of curious glances at them as their attire was a bit weird .

All the other customers were wearing luxurious clothes, only Lucy and Arthur had their normal clothes that covered their appearances .

"Senior, you are?"

Arthur kept a respectful tone as he spoke to the Azure-clothed man . He knew this man was at the peak of the Divine Realm, so he didn't want to offend him or cause a dispute with him .

Bai didn't seem to mind Arthur's respectful attitude, he waved his hand nonchalantly and replied .

"Ahh, forgive me, I didn't introduce myself, I'm Bai Lingyue but they call me Azure Bai, pleased to meet you two . . . "

As he said that, his gaze focused on Lucy for some time . Unlike the other gazes, he wasn't having strange and obscene thoughts, but he seemed like he was probing her .

"I'm Arthur and this is Lucy"

Arthur introduced himself to the scholarly man and didn't lie about their names as there was no need to .

Bai Lingyue nodded to Arthur as he continued staring at Lucy .

"I've traveled to numerous Realms and Worlds, yet it is very rare to find an 'Extreme Yin Body' in a world such as this one "

Hearing this, Arthur frowned and Lucy unconsciously tilted her head a bit as she couldn't understand what he was talking about, however, one thing was for sure, he was talking about her .

Noticing their puzzled actions, Bai Lingyue was a bit shocked at first then he smirked and said

"I thought it was intentional but perhaps it is an accident?"

Azure Bai kept muttering to himself as if he was presuming somethings on his own about Lucy's body .

"Senior Bai, what is an 'Extreme Yin Body' ?"

This term is completely new to Arthur and Lucy, and since it was related to them, more specifically Lucy, he had to ask about it .

"An Extreme Yin Body is a special kind of a body that allows the host of the body to have a peerless body that increases his talent and potential of growth . It is very rare, just like the Extreme Yang Body, and it is

only obtained from special bloodlines or other unique methods such as cultivating in a dense Yin environment since birth . Seeing that your friend, Lucy, has an Extreme Yin Body, I presumed that she used one of the special methods but it appears I was wrong . But this makes things even more surprising because as far as I know, there is no family or sect here that focuses on Yin energy or techniques, much less producing people who have this body . "

Lucy was a bit taken aback when she heard that . She knew that this Extreme Yin Body was not cultivated by her but just earned from the bloodline, however, what made it even more complicated is that she doesn't know her own origins .

"Senior Bai, you said it can also be earned from bloodlines, how does that work?"

Lucy was the one who questioned him this time, she was eager to know a bit of information about her origins, and this man in front of her may be able to provide some hints .

Azure Bai's eye flashed for a second as he continued smirking and replied to her with another thorough explanation .

"To earn the Extreme Yin Body from a bloodline is even more difficult, as even if you were from a family or heritage that focuses on Yin cultivation techniques, you would have a very low chance of obtaining the body through the bloodline . Not only do you need to stimulate the bloodline to be able to awaken it, you have to first have an extremely pure bloodline and be at a sufficient Realm to bear through the pain of the transformation of your body, moreover, the Yin body obtained through the bloodline is much better than any other . "

Lucy furrowed her brows as she carefully listened to Bai Lingyue, it was a bit complicated but what astonished her is she didn't feel any pain nor did she stimulate her bloodline, so how the hell does she have an Extreme Yin Body?

'Perhaps he is mistaking?'

This possibility crossed Lucy's mind but was soon extinguished as it was impossible he was wrong . First, he was at the peak of the Divine Realm, so his strength and knowledge far exceeded hers and Arthur's, second, her Extreme Yin Body can be proven by the fact that she can use Ice magic very easily when she broke through to the Immortal Realm .

Arthur couldn't feel it because he was soul linked with her, but Lucy's body emitted some kind of chilliness and coldness .

Lucy could use the Ice magic because she has an Extreme Yin Body, but if we're talking about the Yin energy, it isn't only Ice, actually, Ice could be considered the very basic stuff that her special body could do .

"Senior Bai, please excuse us for this many questions"

Azure Bai didn't seem to mind answering their questions, in fact, he appeared to be pleased with the two of them for some reason .

"No problem, if you have any more questions, do not hold back . "

Arthur understood Lucy the most and immediately understood why she asked that, so he followed her question with another one .

"I thank Senior Bai for his kindness, then does Senior Bai know of any faction that focuses on Yin techniques?"

"If we're talking about Yin related cultivation techniques, there are countless factions, you must know that the Universe is very big so there must be some that even I do not know of, however, as far as I can remember, if we're talking about strong factions then there is one . It's called 'The Yin Lotus Sect' it is part of the Milky Alliance, situated at the Local Milky Globe"

'Yin Lotus Sect? Milky Alliance? Local Milky Globe?'

All of these names were new to the duo, especially for Lucy, who never left Astria prior to this .

Despite the presence of some clues from their questions, Bai Lingyue didn't question them about their identity or origins, he just answered them truthfully without leaving any details .

Azure Bai rested his chin on his hand as if he was pondering about something, then after spending a dozen of seconds in this pose, he resumed talking .

"Leaving Miss Lucy aside, friend Arthur's body is even more strange . I encountered countless people with various types of bodies, but yours could be considered the most perfect, every cell, every bones and muscle and strangely 'perfect'? It's like they are alive and independent . . . what's more is its aura, It is rather . . . how should I phrase it . . . 'Unique'?"

After he finished saying that, he continued staring at Arthur from head to toe, assessing him and trying to find out the secrets of his body, he was looking at him as if he(Arthur) was a new species .

Well, technically, he is a new species but that will be left a secret and should never be told . Only Lucy is allowed to know his deepest secrets such as his unique race and skills, anybody else will only be kept in the dark .

Lucy was not accustomed to thanking people, especially men as she was still disgusted by them . However, that doesn't mean that she takes everything for granted, as much as there are bad and greedy men in the world, there is also kind men . That doesn't necessarily mean that Azure Bai is a good person, but at the very least he answered her questions and gave her some hints and clues about her origins .

She cupped her hands and bowed to the azure-clothed man, Arthur also did the same . It was a casual bow to express their gratitude . They would show hostility and ruthlessness to enemies, but to friends, the most basic thing to do is to help them when they are in need and thank them if they were helpful .

"Many thanks, Senior Bai"

Lucy thanked Bai Lingyue, now that she had a clue, when they are done saving Saly and when they have sufficient strength to roam other Realms without the fear of being killed by strong enemies, they can check the Yin Lotus Sect .

Maybe one of her birth parents is there, she always wanted to meet her parents and know why was she thrown away on the Human continent in Astria .

She was half-demon, so there was a possibility that one of her parents is in the Demon continent in Astria . She didn't have the time to go check it, perhaps after things cool down, she and Arthur would go check it out .

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Young Master Yun was fuming with anger, he was rather famous as he was amongst the young geniuses of the Monster Race . He was always treated with respect, some people would suck up to him to leave a good impression yet this attendant not only reprimanded him but also treated him coldly, she completely disregarded his status as the young master of the Peng Family .

Young Master Yun leaned close to the attendant and said with a low voice that only he could hear .

"You know, if you lower the price a bit, I could provide you with some good cultivation techniques from my family . There is even some that make the user younger . . "

He was VIP customer and always purchases treasures from here, so Young Master Yun presumed that if he bribed her a bit, it would work easily . However, what the content said next made him dumbstruck .

"Young Master Yun, if you try to bribe me a second time, I would be obliged to call for the Treasure Pavillon and throw you out"

Her tone was not very loud, but it was loud enough for all the present people to here . She maintained the expressionless face and a look of disgust appeared on her eyes .

"You . . . "

Young Master Yun was about to erupt and most likely cause a ruckus here, but just as he was about to burst and cause trouble, the calm yet the friendly voice of Bai Lingyue resounded in the third floor .

"Friend, it is unwise to try and cause trouble, you better follow the rules or the consequences would be dire not only for you but for your whole family . "

He was not worried for Yun but it is a pity that his whole family which has a good reputation in the Monster Race to suffer because of his reckless actions so he tried to stop that from happening . Offending the Treasure Pavillon would only result in a lot of endless trouble .

The Treasure Pavillon is merely a small branch and the power of this faction is levels ahead of the Peng Family, it has a lot of powerful individuals, heck! Just the guard in this branch is probably a lot stronger than Young Master Yun .

With his face red with anger, Yun shifted his gaze to Azure Bai and yelled furiously

"Who the hell are you? I can do whatever I want!"

Azure Bai didn't seem to mind being yelled at, he just shrugged and retorted

"I was just warning you, whatever you do is obviously up to you . "

Then without minding the young man anymore, he turned his head toward Arthur and casually said .

"So, Friend Arthur, is there anything you are searching for in this Treasure Pavillon? I could be considered a bit knowledgeable about the treasures in here, so I can lend you a hand, moreover, I could buy it for you then you'll pay me, so you can have the 20% discount . "

This sudden kind treatment was a bit unusual, Arthur didn't know if he should accept or not, maybe by accepting, this mysterious man would ask for something in return . . .