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Chapter 346: Spatial Treasure

"I just wanted to eat some fried angel wings..." Lily Gomes muttered.

Tyler raised an eyebrow. "So, did you get him?"

The two of them sat close together inside the cave, cuddling, as if neither wanted to let go. It was clear they had missed each other deeply.

"Nah... That guy disappeared the moment he saw a Giant Abyss Beast." Lily scowled in disgust. "Well... I kicked him, and he fell through the butt hole of that Giant Abyss Beast. I don't even want fried angel wings anymore."

Tyler blinked. "Wait... what?"

"The image will haunt me forever," Lily sighed dramatically.

Tyler shook his head and finally took a good look at her attire. His eyes narrowed.

"Why are you dressed as a man?"

"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society." Lily said with a straight face.

Tyler stared at her, completely lost for words.

A moment of silence passed before he finally muttered, "Yeah... Old Defective Lily... I never expected this personality would come again..."

Lily smirked and leaned in closer. "You can make me come (cum) anytime."

Tyler immediately pulled back. "Did you get possessed by Mathilda?!" he asked, suddenly concerned.

"Heh... don't talk about other girls in front of a girl. Alright, so you did miss me a lot." Lily grinned mischievously. "How about this—after we escape the Abyss, we get engaged? That way, you can also hook up with all the crew girls."

Tyler's face twitched. "Why are we talking about this?!"

Lily tilted her head. "I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life."

Tyler groaned, choosing to ignore her and instead walked deeper into the cave's inner pathways, scanning their surroundings.

"Can we talk about something else? Like... how did you get here?"

"Hah. As expected, you're avoiding the topic." Lily sighed dramatically, following behind him. She paused, then placed a hand on her chest, feigning deep emotion.

"I walk around like everything's fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off."

Tyler stopped in his tracks and turned around slowly. "...What?"

Lily's deadpan expression cracked into a grin.

Tyler massaged his temples, exhaling a long sigh. "I can't keep up with Defective Lily..."

Defective Lily, the Queen of Cringe...

Lily twirled her hair. "Ahem... ."

"Just tell me how you ended up here."

Lily finally sobered up and leaned against the cave wall.

"After I chased off the Angel Guy, I realized I lost Astrid."

Tyler's expression darkened. "You lost her?"

Lily nodded. "Yeah... So, I went to search for her. Somehow, I ended up running into a slave of the Abyss Hunters—one that had been left behind by the others. She was already beyond saving..."

She paused for a moment.

"But since I tried to save her anyway, she told me about a treasure hidden somewhere in the mining area."

Tyler frowned. "Treasure?"

"Yup. So, I dressed up as a man, snuck into the mines, and stole a collar from a dead body to blend in. It had already lost its function. Since there are so many slaves here, no one noticed an extra one sneaking in."

Lily smirked and gestured toward the cave around them.

"This whole cave? I dug it myself."

Tyler blinked. "You dug an entire cave just to get to a treasure?"

Lily grinned proudly. "Damn right I did. And now I'll show you what I found."

She grabbed his wrist and dragged him deeper inside.

At the end of the tunnel, there was a massive glowing ore embedded in the cave wall.

It pulsed with a soft, radiant light, illuminating the entire chamber.

Lily placed her hand on the ore and turned to him.

"Touch this."

Tyler hesitated for a moment but then pressed his palm against the glowing surface.

The moment his skin made contact—

A powerful force pulled him in.

His vision blurred.

And in the blink of an eye—

Tyler found himself standing in the middle of an endless landscape.

Above him, white clouds drifted peacefully across a vast blue sky.

The air was fresh and crisp, filled with the scent of blooming flowers.

Lush green fields stretched as far as the eye could see, dotted with lakes and gentle hills.

It was an entire world contained within the ore.

"What is this place?" Tyler muttered in awe.

Before he could explore further—

He was ejected.

In an instant, he found himself back inside the cave, his hand still touching the ore.

Tyler staggered slightly, feeling disoriented.

Lily smirked. "Pretty cool, huh?"

Tyler took a deep breath and looked at her.

A Hidden Treasure

"Is that a spatial treasure that can store living beings?" Tyler asked, his eyes gleaming with excitement.

Lily smirked, crossing her arms. "Yeah... But the actual treasure is deeper inside. This ore is just a connector, which means we can't access it fully from here."

Tyler frowned. "Then let's dig it out and take it."

Lily rolled her eyes. "Yeah... Let's not." She grabbed his arm and dragged him away from the glowing ore. "I worked years to stay hidden here without getting caught. Now is not the time to start digging."

Tyler let out a small sigh but nodded.

Lily led him to the other side of the cave, where they crouched behind a large, pulsating rock.

A few seconds later, an Abyss Hunter flew inside, standing on a hovering sword.

The guard glanced around, scanning the cave, before swiftly flying away.

Lily smirked. "See? I know their full routine."

Tyler gave her a thumbs-up. "Nice work."

Lily flicked her hair dramatically. "Obviously."

Sharing Stories

"So, what have you been up to?" Lily asked, eyes glinting with curiosity.

Tyler leaned against the rock.

He began to narrate his experience. How he entered the Abyss, how he got betrayed by my own bodyguards, and ended up stuck in the Village of Vale.

Lily whistled. "That's rough."

Then the encounter with Raptor.

"A Raptor?"

"Yeah. A humanoid bird-man. He is probably has one of the high position in this Abyss Hunters group."

Lily tilted her head. "Huh... so when you cook it, do you eat just the bird part or the whole thing?"

Tyler blinked. "What the hell is wrong with you?"

Lily shrugged. "I'm very hungry."

Tyler sighed and reached behind his slave collar, where he had secretly hidden his storage ring. With a flick of his fingers, he retrieved some food.

Lily's eyes lit up as she immediately started eating.

"You have no idea what I've been through. I had to steal scraps and eat wiggly worms for years," she muttered between bites.

Tyler paused. "Those weren't worms..."

Lily stopped chewing. "Huh?"

"...Never mind."

She shrugged and continued eating.

"Oh yeah—by the way, I saw your bounty ..." Lily said casually.

A Dangerous Discovery

"Where...?" Tyler asked, his eyes narrowing.

"The supervisor's room," Lily said, leaning against the cave wall. "I sneak around whenever I get the chance. A few years ago, I found your bounty document."

Tyler stiffened. "And?"

Lily smirked. "I burned it."

Tyler exhaled. "Who the hell is searching for me?" His mind immediately went to Immortal Feng.

Lily shrugged. "No clue. But don't stress about it. Bounties in the Abyss are extremely rare. No one really cares unless there's a ridiculous reward."

Tyler frowned. "Why?"

"Because to collect the bounty, they have to travel to the world where it was posted. And guess what? Most Abyss Hunters can make more wealth just by staying here. No one wants to waste time hunting someone just to get stranded in another realm."

Tyler exhaled, feeling a small sense of relief. "So... they won't actively hunt me?"

"Exactly." Lily grinned. "You're safe... for now. They won't even remember your face since the document is burned years ago...."

Tyler didn't like the sound of that.

After many hours of planning and talking, a loud bell rang in the distance.

"That's my cue." Tyler stretched. "I have to leave... I'll be back tomorrow. We'll work together."

Lily grinned. "Alright, alright. Just don't get caught." She tilted her head. "Unlike me, your aura is already registered by those Abyss Hunters they might check if someone is missing."

Tyler sighed. "I know."

Lily activated her Phantom Mask, and in an instant, she vanished.

Tyler took a deep breath and stepped out of the cave, carefully making his way back toward the slave encampment.

As Tyler slipped back into his cage, he heard a familiar voice.

"Huh... you're still alive?"

Tyler turned and saw Kaiser sitting casually in the corner of the cage, arms crossed.

Tyler opened his mouth to explain, but Kaiser simply shook his head.

"Doesn't matter where you went," Kaiser said. His tone was calm but firm. " don't even try to drag me into your trouble. Just make sure you keep practicing Tidal Waves."

"Yeah... Don't worry, I won't say anything." Tyler nodded.

Kaiser smiled.

"I am just trying to escape."

Chapter 347: Practice and Practice

The underground mountain was cold and damp, but the occasional breeze that found its way through the cracks in the rock brought a refreshing chill. In the dim light of the cavern, Tyler and Lily stood near a jagged wall, their breath visible in the cool air.

Lily's sharp eyes flickered with curiosity as she watched Tyler clench his fist. A faint blue glow surrounded his hand before disappearing just as quickly.

"I didn't sense any Aura or Prana just now," Lily remarked, tilting her head.

Tyler relaxed his fingers and nodded. "That's because it's not Energy-based attack. It's called Tidal Waves. An old man in my cell taught me..."

As they stood in the quiet depths of the cave, Tyler explained the technique without hesitation. Lily listened intently, her mind absorbing the details.

Rather than digging deeper into the cave, Lily sat cross-legged on a nearby rock, lost in thought. Meanwhile, Tyler continued practicing Tidal Waves.

He exhaled and clenched his fist again. This time, his hand glowed slightly, and he threw a punch at the cave wall.

Crack!

A small fracture appeared, but the rock remained mostly intact.

Tyler sighed. "Not enough power." He concentrated again, refining his control over Tidal Fist.

Lily, who had been meditating, suddenly opened her eyes and asked, "What happened to Silvia and Zuzia?"

Tyler hesitated for a moment before answering.

"Silvia was taken away by the Elves. As for Zuzia, she left long before I entered the Abyss. She likes to travel great distances now. Last time we talked, she said she was learning something powerful."

"Tsk... i wonder if we can eat elves...?"

"Just delete that thought in your mind."

"Alright."

Then, she closed her eyes and continued meditating.

Several hours passed in silence.

Then, Lily suddenly opened her eyes and muttered, "Got it..."

Tyler, who had been practicing, turned toward her. "Got what?"

Lily didn't answer immediately. Instead, she raised her hand—and electricity began to crackle around her fingers.

Tyler's jaw nearly hit the floor. His eyes widened in shock.

Lily clenched her fist, electric arcs dancing across her knuckles, and then she punched the cave wall.

BOOM!

A massive hole appeared where her fist had struck. The sheer force of the attack sent cracks rippling through the cavern.

Tyler stared in disbelief. He immediately focused his senses, trying to detect any energy fluctuations from her attack—but found nothing.

"That was Tidal Waves... but with lightning?!" Tyler muttered.

Lily dusted off her hands and smirked. "Yeah... I applied the same principle."

Tyler blinked. "But how?"

Lily leaned against the rock wall. "Now I understand why it's called Tidal Waves."

Tyler's curiosity grew. "Wait, if you could do that... can you also use the second form or third form?"

Lily's smirk faded as she shook her head. "No. Just like you explained—First Form is called Tidal Fist. The next forms are called Tidal Waves for a reason."

She gestured with her hands as she explained, her voice serious.

"The second punch should be twice as powerful as the first."

"The third punch should be twice as powerful as the second."

"And it keeps multiplying up to Nine Punches."

Tyler exhaled. "So... why can't you replicate that with lightning?"

Lily crossed her arms. "Because only the Water Element can be manipulated as actual waves. My version is powerful, but it doesn't have the stacking effect of the real Tidal Waves."

Tyler sat beside her, deep in thought.

Then, he started massaging her shoulders.

Lily raised an eyebrow. "What's this?"

Tyler grinned. "Alright, Master Lily. Teach me."

Lily chuckled and replied jokingly. "Alright, disciple."

For the next ten days, Tyler trained under Lily's guidance.

Apart from digging for treasure, they kept testing their techniques and perfecting Tidal Fist.

During the day, Tyler trained with Kaiser in the cage, refining his control over the technique.

Little by little, his mastery of Tidal Waves grew.

Meanwhile, he and Lily worked on expanding the hidden passage beneath the cave.

Their efforts bore fruit.

What was once a small hole in the cave wall had now become a massive underground passage.

Of course, they had to be careful. The Abyss Hunters frequently patrolled the area, and any suspicious activity could lead to disaster.

To avoid detection, they placed a concealment array at the entrance of the underground tunnel.

However, they made a crucial decision.

They didn't place a concealment array in the main cave.

Why?

Because some Abyss Hunters already knew about these caves. If one suddenly disappeared from their perception, it would immediately raise suspicion.

Kaiser raised his fist and delivered a devastating blow to the incoming beast. With the second punch, the creature collapsed, into rocks.

Both Tyler and Kaiser fighting tirelessly in the small mining area, surrounded by jagged rocks and dimly lit tunnels. But the real challenge wasn't the labor—it was the Ground Element-formed beasts that emerged unexpectedly. These creatures, infused with Abyss Energy, lacked intelligence and attacked anything that moved.

A hulking, stone beast lunged toward Tyler, its jagged claws swiping wildly. Tyler clenched his fist.

Now's the time.

He took a deep breath and threw his punch.

His hand glowed faintly with blue energy as his fist connected—Tidal Fist.

The beast staggered back, cracks forming across its rocky body. But it didn't fall.

Tyler's eyes narrowed.

"One punch isn't enough. Try the next form..." Kaiser said. He brought Tyler here just to train.

He focused, drawing from the technique he had been training relentlessly for the past ten days.

Tidal Waves—Second Punch.

He struck again, this time with twice the force.

Bang!

Nothing happened.

Tyler stood in the treasure cave with Lily, staring at his fist in confusion. He had just thrown a punch, but the technique failed to activate.

"Ahh... It worked when I fought those beasts," he muttered.

Lily patted his shoulder with a smirk. "Well... maybe you need more practice."

Without hesitation, she raised her own fist and punched the ground.

Boom!

The earth trembled beneath them.

Then, something unexpected happened.

Tyler and Lily exchanged glances, their expressions shifting from confusion to a bitter smile.

"I was wondering why everything was going so smoothly..." Tyler sighed.

"Same, same..." Lily replied.

Before they could react, a blinding glow engulfed them.

The radiance burst forth from the cave, so intense that even their concealment array couldn't contain it.

Far in the distance, slaves and Abyss Hunters alike turned their heads toward the mountain.

From the patrol routes, from the depths of the mines—everyone saw the light.

Chapter 348: Escape

The guards stationed in the mine reacted immediately to the eruption of bright light. Without hesitation, several of them flew toward the source, swords drawn and senses heightened.

Other guards shouted orders, pushing the bewildered slaves back toward their cages. Chaos rippled through the mountain as the glow faded, but its impact lingered like a scar in the air.

Among the crowd of returning slaves, one man stood still for a moment longer than the rest, his gaze fixed on the distance. It was Kaiser.

"It's not him... right?" he muttered, furrowing his brows. He wasn't sure. But a strange sense told him—it might be Tyler. A gut feeling he couldn't ignore.

When the guards reached the location where the glow had erupted, they found nothing. The cave was as empty and silent as a dead tomb. The rock walls bore no sign of disturbance, and the concealment array had already reset itself, hiding all evidence.

But the Abyss Hunters didn't stop, they decided to search each and every part of the cave.

Back amidst the shuffling line of slaves returning to their cages, Tyler was already there—calm, composed, hidden among them. In his hand, he held a small glowing bead, faint with energy. It pulsed softly like a heartbeat, almost as if it was alive.

Slipping the bead into his sleeve, Tyler ducked between a group of miners and made a swift turn—away from the cages.

He moved quickly but cautiously, trying not to draw attention as he slipped through the narrow tunnels.

Unfortunately, not everything goes as planned.

"Where are you going?" a cold voice asked.

Tyler froze.

An Abyss Hunter had appeared at the end of the tunnel, floating slightly above the ground, sword hovering at his back. His eyes locked onto Tyler's, suspicious and sharp.

Tyler's mind raced—Run? Fight? Bluff? He hadn't prepared an excuse, and his aura was still registered as a slave. One wrong move and he'd be restrained—or worse.

But before Tyler could respond, a fist came out of nowhere and slammed into the Hunter's face with a loud crack. The man was launched backward, crashing into the stone wall before collapsing unconscious.

Tyler turned, startled, only to see Kaiser grinning as he lowered his arm.

"You..." Tyler breathed in relief.

"You're welcome," Kaiser said with a chuckle. "Man, I had a feeling it was you."

"Thanks for the save," Tyler said. Then, after a pause, "Do you want to leave this place?"

Kaiser's smile faded into a serious expression. "Of course I do. Do you have a plan?"

"I might," Tyler said. "But First— your collar."

Kaiser looked hopeful. "If you can remove it, I'd owe you one."

"You already taught me some good fist moves without anything in return. So don't worry." Tyler waved his hand.

From his storage ring, Tyler pulled out a slender metallic pen. Kaiser blinked in surprise.

He was surprised because Tyler sneaked in a Storage ring and was not detected by Guards.

"Don't use any energy after removing it," Tyler warned. "I don't want some higher level Abyss Hunters discovering us with some energy fluctuations."

Kaiser nodded seriously.

In a few moments, Tyler expertly tapped the pen around the collar's locking mechanism and used some laser to adjust the collar. With a soft click, the collar fell to the ground.

Kaiser stared, stunned, before bursting into laughter. "Good brother Tyler! You have my eternal gratitude!"

Tyler gave a modest shrug. "Don't mention it. But we're not out yet. Got any ideas on how to escape?"

Kaiser thought for a moment, glancing down at the unconscious Abyss Hunter. "Disguise."

"Huh?"

"We dress up as guards," Kaiser said. "They're lots of low level guards like him, they might not notice us. Plus, they come and go on different shifts. If we keep our faces mostly hidden, we might pass."

Tyler nodded slowly, considering it. "Risky. But it might work."

He knelt beside the unconscious Hunter and checked his pulse. Still alive. That was important.

"I'm not sure if they can sense when one of their own dies," Tyler muttered. "Let's not take that chance."

"I agree," Kaiser said. "We leave him alive."

Kaiser carefully stripped the guard's uniform and armor, and Tyler helped. Once the man was dressed down, Tyler took out a Concealment Array Disc and tossed it into a small pit Kaiser had dug. They placed the unconscious Hunter inside, added a few healing pills to keep him stable, and activated the disc.

"Now he's invisible and safe," Tyler said. "Let's move."

Kaiser dressed up in the guard uniform and adjusted the fit. The armor was slightly tight around the shoulders, but it would do. He then picked Tyler up as if carrying an unconscious prisoner.

"Think this'll work?" Kaiser asked.

"It better," Tyler whispered. "Otherwise we're both screwed."

With a whoosh of air and a flare of qi, Kaiser floated upward, mimicking the levitation technique used by the Abyss Hunters. He passed two patrolling guards who simply nodded at him before flying past.

No suspicion. No questions.

So far, so good.

They traveled through the winding tunnels, approaching the outer section of the mine where the slave registry and exit place were monitored. Their disguise, while effective for now, wouldn't last long.

Once outside, they would need to disappear fast.

As they reached the boundary checkpoint, a senior Abyss Hunter glanced at them.

"Another troublemaker?" he asked, nodding toward Tyler's 'unconscious' body.

Kaiser grunted. "Caught him sneaking around near the old caverns. Supervisor wants him processed separately."

The senior nodded. "Just don't damage him too much. We have yet to raid a world and get some slaves."

Kaiser gave a stiff nod and flew past.

Only when they were clear of the guard's sight did Tyler open one eye and whisper, "That was too close..."

"Yeah," Kaiser whispered back. "Let's not stop now. Once we're out of this section, we vanish."

They were moving quickly through a dim, narrow tunnel that seemed to stretch endlessly beneath the mountain.

The air was heavy with the scent of rock and mana residue, but the silence was shattered by a sudden voice.

"STOP!"

The thunderous shout echoed through the tunnel, making Kaiser's muscles tense instinctively. He turned swiftly, eyes narrowing at the figure blocking their path.

An Abyss Hunter stood there, cloaked in dark robes with lightning crackling faintly around his body.

Tyler, who was being carried by Kaiser like a prisoner, immediately shut his eyes and went limp—pretending to be unconscious. He didn't even dare to activate his divine sense, not wanting to risk exposing himself.

"Hand over that slave," the Abyss Hunter demanded, stepping forward with a sharp glare.

"I'm taking him to the Supervisor," Kaiser replied smoothly, showing no sign of panic. His voice was calm, as though nothing were amiss.

The Abyss Hunter's eyes narrowed. "What do you mean?"

With a crackle of energy, lightning gathered around him like a storm. His expression darkened.

"I am the Supervisor."

Before Kaiser could react, a lightning whip lashed through the air, striking toward him with terrifying speed. Kaiser had no choice—he gently lowered Tyler to the ground and met the attack with a Tidal Fist.

BOOM!

The clash echoed violently in the tunnel. Dust exploded around them as both combatants slid back a few steps. Neither had used their full strength, but the impact was enough to shake the air.

Just as Kaiser was about to retaliate, another voice interrupted.

"Huh... so you're finally here," a familiar voice said casually.

Kaiser blinked. Tyler was standing upright now, walking calmly between them.

"Oh... so this guy's an ally?" the Abyss Hunter said, lowering the whip with a slightly embarrassed chuckle.

"This is Lily Gomes," Tyler said, turning to Kaiser. "She's one of us. And this is Kaiser, the one who taught me Tidal Waves."

"Oh. A friend?" Kaiser muttered, letting out a deep breath. He'd been seconds away from going all-out. "You scared me for a second. I was worried if our fight will alert others."

The three of them began flying through the tunnel again, this time with a sense of urgency but less tension. Lily tossed Tyler a set of Abyss Guard armor she had stolen.

"She went to the Supervisor's office to steal some uniforms and other things," Tyler explained.

Kaiser turned to Lily mid-flight. "You mind telling me why you attacked me first?"

"You were carrying Tyler like a corpse," Lily replied nonchalantly. "I thought something happened to him."

Kaiser sighed. "Fair."

Tyler's eyes drifted toward the coiled whip at Lily's waist. "That whip... it looks familiar."

"I found it in the Supervisor's room," Lily said casually. "Old supervisor is a bird like creature. He was using this whip. Haven't seen him in a while. The new supervisor is a joke. Couldn't even sense me stealing his stuff with my Phantom Mask on. He is so weak."

Tyler understood immediately. That whip belonged to Raptor—it was likely he was already dead after the ambush. The current Supervisor must have taken over his office and loot, only to be robbed by Lily moments later. A string of bad luck for the new guy.

"Why aren't you using your Phantom Mask, by the way?" Lily asked, glancing at Tyler with a hint of confusion.

"I left most of my things with Mana," Tyler replied. "I only snuck in with a ring."

Despite their casual conversation, all three of them stayed alert, senses stretched to their limits as they navigated out of the mining area.

Eventually, they reached the edge of the underground domain. The tunnel curved upward and gave way to a hidden exit behind a boulder cloaked with illusion magic. As they emerged, the blinding light of the sky momentarily stunned them— even though it is not real sky and one of Abyss Floors trait. They still happy to see the sky.

But before they could take another step, a presence appeared ahead.

Standing on a rocky area not far from the exit was a fox lady—graceful and mysterious. Her fur-tipped ears twitched slightly, and her golden eyes stared at the three of them.

Chapter 349: Fox Lady Su Fei

"What are you doing here?" the fox lady asked, her golden eyes narrowing slightly with a mysterious glint.

Fortunately, each of the three carried a small device which was founded by Lily in the supervisor office. Thanks to it, they could understand the Fox Lady's speech with ease.

Lily's eyes widened slightly as she realized who they were dealing with. She quickly bowed with grace and urgency. "Lady Su Fei. It's our scheduled break time," she said politely.

Among the Abyss Hunters, aside from the main leader, there were three sub-leaders. Su Fei, the fox lady before them, was one of them. Just like other two sub leaders, Su Fei is also at Ascension Realm (Divine Seeker realm).

Tyler and Kaiser followed Lily's lead and immediately bowed, saying nothing. There was a strange pressure emanating from Su Fei that made them feel like they were standing before a beast.

"Break time is over," Su Fei said simply. "Follow me inside."

As she turned around, her fluffy white fox tails swayed rhythmically behind her, brushing against one another with a soft rustle. Her pure white ears twitched slightly as she walked, radiating an otherworldly elegance.

Tyler's eyes were unconsciously drawn to her butt.

Noticing his gaze, Su Fei smirked but didn't comment. She was used to men admiring her looks—no, she enjoyed it. That quiet, hopeless fascination they had with her form gave her a sense of pride.

But Tyler wasn't staring because of lust—he was curious. From the outside, she had only three tails, but his senses were picking up something far more terrifying hidden within them. Power condensed and cloaked like a sleeping beast. Those tails weren't ordinary.

"She's hiding her true strength," Tyler thought, silently analyzing her with the faintest wisp of spiritual sense. "I am not sure if I can fight against a Divine Seeker Realm."

The four of them flew in silence back toward the mining area. The illusion of freedom they'd enjoyed just moments ago vanished like smoke. Lily and Kaiser sighed in disappointment. They had been so close.

"I really thought we were out," Kaiser said via voice transmission.

"Yeah, almost made it," Tyler replied, just as quietly.

As they arrived, the atmosphere shifted. The other Abyss Hunters on patrol immediately straightened, bowing respectfully as Su Fei landed. No one dared question the presence of the three individuals behind her. If Lady Su Fei allowed them to follow her, that was enough.

Su Fei looked around with mild disinterest, though her fox ears twitched as she picked up on hushed murmurs and disturbed energies.

"What happened here?" she asked, her voice laced with charm yet carrying the weight of command.

One of the nearby Guards stepped forward nervously. "Lady Su Fei, earlier there was a bright glow... and now strange creatures are emerging from the underground."

Tyler and Lily glanced at each other in alarm.

They didn't see any creatures while digging. It seems Tyler's luck was still there. They only crawled out after they left.

Su Fei turned toward the cave entrance, eyes narrowing as she stepped forward. The others followed close behind.

Inside the cavern, it was darker than before—darker not due to light, but because of the presence now dwelling within.

Humanoid figures staggered through the shadows. They were impossibly tall and grotesquely emaciated, as though starved for centuries.

They had four vertically slit eyes, glowing faintly with a sickly green hue. Pointed ears jutted from the sides of their misshapen heads. Their mouths were torn unnaturally wide, stretching all the way to their ears and filled with razor-sharp teeth.

Nostrils were nothing more than slits pressed into the surface of their skull-like faces, and their skin pulsed with bulging black veins, writhing like worms beneath the surface.

Instead of hands, long, curved, scythe-like bone blades protruded from their forearms. Tentacle-like appendages hung from their elbows, twitching violently as if sensing prey.

"Disgusting," Su Fei scoffed, not even blinking at the sight.

The creatures hissed and let out distorted screeches, some charging forward. But before they could move more than a few steps, Su Fei lifted her hand.

A ripple of energy—so silent and fast it barely registered—swept through the chamber.

The monsters froze mid-charge.

Then, as if a switch had been flipped, their heads began to explode—one by one, popping like ripe watermelons under invisible pressure.

Pop! Pop! Pop!

It was clean. Effortless. Terrifying.

Lily and Kaiser stared, stunned. Tyler on the other hand thought of something. He pretty sure he saw something like shrine for a second.

"Let's go," Su Fei said, walking further into the cave to investigate the source of the breach.

As her footsteps echoed deeper into the shadows, some Hunters followed her.

Meanwhile, behind them, three figures slipped away—quiet as ghosts.

Back in the cave...

Su Fei slowly walked deeper into the cavern, her white fox tails swaying behind her like waves of silk.

She soon arrived at a spot where the ground had been disturbed—the area where the grotesque creatures had emerged. Her expression darkened as she knelt and examined a series of charred lines on the stone floor.

"A broken array formation?" she muttered.

The intricate engravings, though half-destroyed, still hummed faintly with residual power. From the looks of it, it had once been a seal—meant to trap or perhaps hide something deep underground. Now, it was shattered.

Su Fei rose to her feet and turned sharply toward one of the Abyss Hunters who was lingering nearby.

"Where is the supervisor and the other two?" she asked coldly.

The Hunter trembled under her gaze. "I... I'm not sure, Lady Su Fei."

"Then go and bring them to me. Now," she commanded, her voice like ice.

With a wave of her hand, the Hunter stumbled away in panic.

Su Fei turned back to the cavern, her expression unreadable. Then, slowly, her brows furrowed. Something wasn't right.

She quickly scanned the surroundings again, this time extending her spiritual sense like a fine net across the entire mining area.

Those three were Gone.

"They're missing..." she muttered. A glint of amusement flashed in her eyes. "Interesting"

In an instant, the atmosphere changed.

The air grew heavy. The cave trembled. A strange greenish glow spread across the ground, and a crimson shrine appeared before her like an illusion bleeding into reality. The very terrain began to twist and reshape.

Nearby Abyss Hunters were thrown back by the sudden pressure, as if the laws of nature were rejecting their presence. Many coughed up blood and collapsed, unable to endure the surge of raw divine power.

Su Fei stood at the center of it all, calm as a sleeping storm.

Then, her three fox tails flared out behind her—and split into nine.

Their appearance was followed by a powerful divine wind, and her form became almost celestial. She raised a hand and spoke a single word:

"Reverse."

Reality warped.

Before her eyes, the world began to rewind. A phantom illusion appeared, showing flickering images of the recent past. She watched as time unraveled in reverse—creatures crawling back into the earth, lights dimming, footsteps vanishing.

Then she saw it clearly.

Tyler and Lily, standing at the heart of the cave, pulling out a strange glowing object. The artifact flared brightly—likely the cause of the array's destruction. She narrowed her eyes and reversed the scene further, watching as they dug through the stones, whispering to one another.

"So... these little rats were the culprits," Su Fei said with a smirk. Her eyes gleamed with excitement and a hint of bloodlust. "Clever... but Naive."

With a soft chuckle, she vanished from the cave, the illusion fading behind her.

Meanwhile...

Far away from the cavern, Tyler, Lily, and Kaiser soared over a sea of rocky peaks. The landscape was barren, endless hills and jagged cliffs stretching across the horizon under a dull sky.

"We should be far enough now," Kaiser muttered, glancing behind them.

Lily's eyes narrowed as she spotted something in the distance. "Is that... a shrine?"

Nestled between two great stone ridges was a red shrine, glowing faintly with the same energy that had appeared back in the cave.

"There's a shrine in the Abyss?" Kaiser muttered.

Tyler's eyes locked onto the shrine, and a chill ran down his spine. "No... this isn't good. She's nearby."

"What?" Kaiser turned, alarmed.

Then, as if on cue, a haunting laugh echoed through the mountain range. The sound was soft—like a bell made of pearls—yet it carried a deadly tone.

"Hahaha..."

From the mist ahead, a figure appeared, walking through the air like an immortal descending from the heavens.

Su Fei.

Her white robes billowed with the wind, and her nine tails shimmered with ethereal energy. Her presence alone distorted the space around her.

Kaiser's body tensed. His eyes turned white. His body began to crack and shimmer—and then, exploded just like those Creatures before.

"Kaiser!" Tyler shouted in horror.

From the explosion, a small glowing figure emerged—a translucent version of Kaiser, flickering like a ghost.

"Quick take his Nascent Soul," Lily said quickly.

Tyler didn't hesitate. He reached out and pulled the soul into a protective seal, storing it in a spiritual ring.

Kaiser's voice echoed weakly as his soul flickered. "This woman is dangerous..."

And with that, his soul dimmed, entering a deep sleep.

Su Fei floated closer, her expression cold and amused. "Now... it's you two."

Tyler's heartbeat thundered. Suddenly his head buzzed.

His eyes also turned white.

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When Tyler's eyes turned white, the entire world around him dissolved into a blinding void.

A strange sensation welled up from deep within his soul—an ancient voice, neither male nor female, whispered in his mind:

"Break free... Collapse the world. Sever the chains..."

But Tyler didn't act on it.

Not yet.

Instead, he raised his hand and whispered, "Chess Domain."

In an instant, the battlefield was swallowed by a massive checkerboard of alternating red and white squares. The very fabric of space groaned as Tyler's domain overlaid reality, challenging the existing rules. The shrine in the distance remained untouched, a silent observer amid chaos.

The white glow in Tyler's eyes faded as the domain fully activated.

He now hovered mid-air, face calm and focused.

"I should change the name later. The name 'Chess Domain' seems lame.." He muttered.

Across from him, Su Fei narrowed her eyes, visibly surprised. Her three tails flicked in the wind.

"Not bad..." she said, her voice sultry but tinged with amusement. "You escaped my Soul Purge. Most would've been broke into pieces."

Her praise was genuine, though her eyes glittered with a predator's interest.

Lily, meanwhile, sprang into action. With a flick of her wrist, she summoned two whips—one was her signature weapon, and the other was the stolen Raptor's Whip, humming with latent thunder. Lightning crackled along both weapons, dancing across her body like a second skin. Sparks shot from her feet as she dashed to Tyler's side.

Tyler unsheathed his trident, its blade wrapped in tendrils of swirling Abyss Aura. The weapon seemed alive, pulsing with malice.

Su Fei chuckled and casually opened a delicate folding fan, glowing with wind essence. With one elegant sweep, she flicked it in Tyler's direction.

A powerful gust slammed into him like a mountain. He barely had time to react before the wind sent him flying backwards, skidding through the air.

"Tyler!" Lily shouted.

She whipped one of her lightning-charged cords forward. It coiled perfectly around Tyler's ankle, crackling with force. With a yank, she pulled him back toward her like a stormy yo-yo.

Tyler regained balance mid-flight, somersaulted once, then hovered again. "Thanks," he muttered.

The battle had officially begun.

The red and white pattern of Tyler's domain intensified, now spreading even further across the landscape. Underneath him, red scales began to form along his arms and neck. His eyes glowed faintly.

Mode Dragon

In contrast, Su Fei's wind began to whip up violently. A tempest howled around her, buffeting the checkerboard terrain with elemental resistance. Yet the domain held strong. The two realities—wind and chess—rippled and distorted around each other like oil and water trying to coexist.

Tyler suddenly threw his trident.

The weapon whirled through the air, but what struck Su Fei wasn't just the physical weapon—it was the projection of it. Multiple ethereal copies formed mid-flight and split off in a flurry, all heading toward Su Fei from different angles.

He used his Divine Sense to control the trajectory.

She clicked her tongue and waved her fan. A barrier of wind encased her body, forming a rotating cyclone that deflected the first few tridents. But the Abyss energy embedded in each projection began corroding the shield like acid on flesh.

"Persistent," she muttered.

Then, she felt a flicker of danger.

Looking down, she saw it—a white square from Tyler's domain had materialized beneath her. A trap.

"Icicles," Tyler whispered.

The white square activated, and an invisible mental spike stabbed into Su Fei's mind—like a thousand frozen needles drilling into her consciousness. The move was one of Tyler's most deceptive techniques, enhanced within his domain. It overwhelmed the enemy's mental defenses while sharpening his own awareness.

Su Fei winced, clutching her temple as the headache flared through her psyche.

In that moment of vulnerability, Lily struck. She activated Phantom Mask and disappeared.

When she reappeared she was near Su Fei.

She launched forward, her dual whips flashing like streaks of lightning across the sky. The electric force danced in the air, echoing like thunderclaps. One whip wrapped around Su Fei's wrist, while the second lashed at her fan-hand with searing heat.

Su Fei's expression twisted. "Enough."

She clenched her fan, and it glowed with brilliant wind energy.

With a roar, she unleashed a pulse of divine force that rippled across the battlefield. The very air trembled. The red and white squares of the chessboard cracked, spiderwebs of light spreading outward as if the ground beneath were breaking apart.

Lily was blown backward, lightning fizzing around her body as she tumbled through the sky.

Tyler staggered, the feedback from his domain's partial collapse sending shockwaves through his mind.

Su Fei stood tall, fanning the wind like a queen of storms.

Tyler gritted his teeth as he hovered midair, blood trailing from the corner of his mouth. His body was battered, his chest scorched with residual wind marks from Su Fei's earlier attack.

Without hesitation, he pulled out a glowing pill from his storage ring and popped it into his mouth. The medicinal essence surged through his veins like wildfire, mending torn flesh and shattered bones in mere seconds.

Su Fei raised a perfectly arched brow, her lips curling into a mocking smile. "That looked expensive," she sneered. "How many of those can you possibly have, little boy?"

Tyler didn't reply. He simply wiped the blood from his chin and smirked.

Lily landed beside him, her breathing heavy, whips still sparking with electricity. "Any plans?" she asked, eyes flicking warily between him and Su Fei, who floated gracefully above the shrine with her fan outstretched and three tails flicking like serpents in the wind.

In response, Tyler hurled his trident forward.

Su Fei casually slapped it away with her fan, sending the weapon spiraling to the ground like a toy.

Lily shot him a dry look. "Any better plans?"

Tyler's eyes narrowed. "Let's attack her faster."

As if summoned by his words, dark thunderclouds began to churn above the battlefield. Within seconds, the clear sky was swallowed by ominous gray. Thunder boomed. Rain began to pour, soaking the checkerboard terrain below. Then, unexpectedly, sharp hailstones of ice began crashing down along with the rain.

"Rain Domain..." Tyler muttered under his breath, his tone calm but resolute.

Su Fei's fan paused midair. Her eyes widened slightly in surprise. "You have... two domains?" she asked, the playful tone in her voice replaced by a flicker of wariness.

Even Lily blinked, stunned. "Since when?!"

Tyler didn't answer immediately. He never trusted the origin of the Chess Spell. Something about it felt off. He feels like the Chess Spell and his abnormal luck came to him by someone. And that someone is manipulating behind the scenes.

So, during his Grandmaster breakthrough, Tyler made a decision. He constructed different Domain—not based on Chess Spell, but rooted in ancient Kunpeng Art he got from the Kun Peng Ruins. A Domain birthed from water and Sky. Since he didn't get the Peng part, his domain is not complete.

He expected with new Domain, he doesn't need to use his Chess Domain.

But instead, he found out that he can use both of his domains.

A rare Dual Domain user. Something thought to be impossible, even mythical, within the Boundless World. And now, he wielded it as his secret weapon.

"The 'Kun' in Kunpeng represents the ocean—its domain is water," Tyler explained quickly to Lily. "As long as Kun is in water, no can reach its speed.."

Without warning, Tyler hurled his trident again—but this time, it was no illusion or projection. He threw the real weapon, fully charged with Abyssal Energy and Ice Essence.

Su Fei swung her fan, expecting an easy block.

But this time, she struggled. The trident didn't bounce away. It pushed her, forced her back midair, the Abyss energy gnawing at her fan's wind aura.

And that was all the opening Tyler needed.

He vanished.

To an outside observer, it was as if Tyler had blinked out of existence, leaving only a trail of water vapor behind. Su Fei's eyes darted around, trying to locate him—but she was too slow.

He reappeared right behind her, arm cocked back, fist glowing with a reddish light.

Boom!

His speed had reached a level akin to the legendary Kunpeng swimming through the deepest currents—fluid, relentless, and nearly invisible. The Rain Domain amplified every movement, granting him velocity that rivaled lightning.

Deep Sea Punch.

The Punch that contains pressure of the deep sea.

His punch soared toward Su Fei's unguarded face.

Then—

"Reversal."

The word left Su Fei's lips like a commandment. Her three tails turned into Nine Tails.

In an instant, Tyler froze mid-strike, his body suspended in the air as though time itself had chained him. Across the battlefield, Lily too stopped in place, her lightning whips halted mid-arc, frozen like statues of energy.

The Red Shrine behind Su Fei shined brighter, pulsing with temporal power.

And then it began.

The rain moved in reverse. Hailstones returned to the clouds. Tyler felt his body being dragged backward—motion, breath, even thoughts began to rewind.

His mind screamed in protest. "What the heck is this?!"

He fought to speak, to resist, but the reversal continued.

Su Fei, however, moved freely. She floated down gracefully, stepping over the frozen battlefield as though strolling through her garden. Her tails fluttered with amusement.

"Surprised?" she cooed, glancing at the paralyzed Tyler. "This shrine isn't just a backdrop. It's my domain. With it, I control the flow of time."

She stopped inches from Tyler's who was moving reverse in slow motion, tilting her head.

"You thought your little speed trick would be enough? How cute."

Though he couldn't speak, Tyler's eyes blazed with defiance.

Su Fei continued, "The Rain Domain was impressive. Even I was caught off guard. All right. Time to end this farce."

She raised her glowing fan again, about to land a devastating blow on Tyler.