

## Thief 241

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#### Chapter 241: Shopping...what?!

While the Nightmare Ghosts Organization, Leap Kingdom's Branch Master was almost infuriated to death.

The reason for her indignation was leisurely sitting hundreds of miles away inside an abandoned cave while roasting some demonic beast meat and drinking Jade Wine!

Ace was looking at the notification panel in front of him that he received after robbing the Nightmare Ghost branch's treasury two hours ago. He was busy 'leaving' the place, so he doesn't have time to see what rewards he got.

[Notification Panel]

[A target's treasury had been theft]

[One Low-level Thievery has been added to Thievery Count]

[Low-level Thievery: 2,746]

[Thief Point(s): 2,793,400]

[Mission Panel]

[Opportunity Makes a Thief]

[Mission: Theft everything from Three Giants' ten main branches in Top Ten Kingdoms of Middle-Level Lands.]

[Rewards based on Host Performance]

Ace doesn't react much to seeing the reward because he knew after the thief rank advancement; the system has increased the reward evaluation procedure. Because if he had robbed this branch before his thief rank advancement, this thievery would've been middle-level one, not just low-level.

Nevertheless, he had accommodated an ample amount of TP before his rank advancement, and he still had 29 targets and all the middle-level lands to theft from. He was confident no one could stop him as long as they weren't a Bronze River Core Cultivator.

Just like what happened to Nightmare Ghosts' Branch a few hours ago, he easily fooled those assassins and even 'clean' the treasury in less than an hour after they took their eyes off of him.

With soul-shattering eyes, he can enter and leave any formation as long as it wasn't a grade-2 or perfect, and he knew this was impossible!

The mission that was almost seemed impossible before was now a breeze for Ace after he entered the Heavenly Dark Sea realm.

Ace enjoyed the meal after he was done with the notification panel, he didn't remember when was the last time he was this relaxed and enjoy a proper meal.

Although after a cultivator enter the Qi river realm they didn't need to drink, sleep, or eat anything as long as they had Qi and Qi stone to replenish it. Furthermore, the lifespan of a Qi river cultivator was also 500 years long.

But some cultivators still relished the high-quality delicacies and beverages.

Just like Ace, he was a mortal before stepping in the path of cultivation and because of his poor background, he always ate cheap and insipid food with reserved, so he could save money for rainy days.

However, now he was as rich as someone could be, and he knew he would not stop anytime soon. That's why he likes dining while traveling, he stopped by and eats anything that caught his fancy. He even had some good cooking books about how to cook a demonic beast, it wasn't a big deal for him to remember all of them.

Furthermore, he felt more human by eating and drinking once in a while; he believes as a human he should preserve and never forget humanly natural habits and become mindless slaves to power.

After he was done with a hearty meal, he didn't leave immediately and practiced the skills that he typically used, like his sword skills and technique, which still didn't show any sign of entering the second realm even after he found a way to lose the bottleneck. It was as if he was still missing something very important, but he don't know what.

However, his ruin crafting was a completely different story because he could feel he can become a Tier-1 Heavenly Rune Crafter as soon as he mastered everything he learned with his Heavenly Wind Soul Qi.

He was already halfway done and in one or two days he was confident in covering everything. He was looking forward to the reward that the system didn't give him before, Basic-Talisman Crafting Technique!

After he was done with his daily routine. An excited smile surfaced on Ace's face as he mumbled, "I almost forgot about that, it's time for shopping!"

"System, open the shop for me!" Ace commanded with a huge grin on his face.

[System Shop]

The familiar system shop panel appeared in front of Ace's eyes.

Ace completely ignored the skill section since he had already emptied it last time and said, "Open Techniques section!"

[Available Techniques]

"I want to buy everything!" Ace said, like a rich scion. Before he didn't have enough TP or one could say he didn't even have any TP to buy these expensive techniques.

But now, he can empty the system shop without even looking at the prices.

However, the system's next reply almost made him puke blood,

"[The system shop is not available at this moment. Please upgrade the system!]"

"WHAT?!" Ace almost had a stroke while his expression was cloudy.

Ace gritted his teeth and asked with indignation, "Then why the hell you open the damn thing if it was unavailable?"

"[To let host, see.]"

Ace's face was as dark as charcoal after hearing his, and he pursed his lips while yelling at the system, "You did it on fucking purpose, right?!"

However, no reply came, which made Ace even more credulous that the system had pranked him. But alas, he can do nothing but fume in resentment.

Now, that his shopping plan had gone down to drain, he wasn't in the mood of relaxing anymore, and he felt even more urgency to upgrade the black-hearted system.

Because there were many things in the shop that he was planning to raise his strength further, like those Low-Grade Insight Pills that can instantly raise any skill proficiency by a single stage!

His only relief was he still had those leftover grade-one pills he purchased before heavenly punishment.

But he was still determined to complete the system mission as soon as possible!

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#### **Chapter 242: Next Target!**

The Royal Leap City of Leap Kingdom.

The city was bursting with activities like usual, but if someone was a local, they could tell there was something strange going on because the city was filled with patrolling guards. If someone caused even a little bit of commotion, that person will instantly detain with no question asked.

The city gates were also tightly closed, and no one could enter without a thorough inspection of their belonging including storage rings and even their appearances were analyzed with different scanning treasures.

This was going on for over a month now, and it was all started after the incident of earthen mist forest.

Some people believe all this security was because the Leap King was afraid of someone, while others believed this security against the newly rising organization, Sky Stealer Society.

Speaking of which, just about a week ago, the Sky Stealer Society finally made a move after its founding. They robbed a dukedom of a 2nd-grade kingdom which was ranked 28th in the kingdom's ranking!

However, they weren't as slick as their 'Lord', Sky Stealer, in the end, they were noticed by guards, and they caught five of their members.

But, they still managed to theft the entire treasury of the dukedom because the guards weren't able to recover stolen treasures. Furthermore, the confined members instantly commit suicide so no one can get the information out of them.

They even used the same type of owl symbol that Sky Stealer used and imprint it on the treasury wall of that dukedom's treasury. But it wasn't as vivid as the real thing and cruder, but no one cared though, as long as it was a dark owl.

The owl somehow becomes the symbol of Sky Stealer now!

This news rocked the entire middle-level lands, and every noble knew things were slowly going out of their hands if they didn't stop this organization of thieves.

But all of their efforts were in vain, and they could only increase securities around their domains and fume, nothing else.

At this moment, a tall and athletic, handsome man, in a royal blue long trench coat was sitting in the Jade Pavilion of Leap City.

Seemingly, he was in his early thirties, with dark blonde, long hair, 6 feet height, and light blue eyes shining with brilliance.

Currently, on the handsome face of this tall man, a faint frown could be seen as he looked at a dossier.

On the cover of this dossier were three words, 'Sky Stealer Society'.

'Sigh...' A gentle sigh escaped his mouth before he muttered under his breath, "Just when did I form such an organization? And why the hell they're using my name and thief symbol, just create your own if you want one!"

This handsome man was apparently Ace in his face 5 disguise of that purple assassin, without his mask of course.

He entered the leap city just two days ago and when he was strolling around the city he heard about this new organization which had his name.

This obviously draw his attention and after some investigation and buying some information from an information broker, he was astonished by these people who founded this organization of thieves.

He never thought he would one day 'inspired' so many people to walk the path of a thief, and those members seemed quite faithful to their cause as well.

Although, he didn't mind other people using his name to create a thief organization since it will only increase his fame.

But when he learned people dying and most of them were youngsters because of this meaningless cause, this made him uncomfortable since they were following his footsteps.

Ace had complicated emotions about this organization and those people joining it, even if he wasn't the one who founded this organization, he was the cause and this entire organization idolize him like some hero.

"Who would've thought, people want to become thieves of their own free will and I started all this. Sigh..." Ace sighed bitterly, "Well, it's not my problem, since they started all this, they can handle the consequences. As long as they didn't interfere with me, they can do whatever they want for all I care."

Ace's eyes turned sharp as black lightning shot out from his finger and cover the entire dossier like a cocoon and when he retracted it, the dossier was completely turned to ashes.

After enjoying his lunch in Jade Pavilion, he 'refiled[1]' his Jade Wine Flask and left toward the exit gate of the city since he was already done with his purpose here.

Ace had already collected the information he needed from the Leap City, and this was also the reason for stopping here. He got quite useful memories from this purple assassin, like locations of information brokers and black markets.

Their network was quite wide and this cover entire middle-level lands. As long as you had a password and money, you can buy any type of information or even a person's information if you had the correct identity.

Even Ace had to admit this network was quite useful, especially for assassins.

If those ghosts know their secret network was benefiting Ace now, they would undoubtedly call him shameless and a thief, which he already was, so he didn't care as long as he got what he required.

Money was the only number for Ace now!

After two days, at night,

The beast city was a few tens of miles south of Royal Leap City.

The Beast City was quite large, but it wasn't as large as the leap city, but it was still magnificent with many towering beast statues around the city.

Only organization members could enter this city and only guests who had invitations can step inside and without it, even the Leap King had to go right back from where he came from!

In the center of the Beast City was the Beast Manor where the overseer of this place lived, a peak stage Qi river Beastmaster!

Inside the Beast Manor, it was quite large and only servants and some beast masters could enter this place.

However, unbeknownst to those beast tamers, someone has already infiltrated the Beast Manor without alerting the guards or ticking the alarm or any formation.

Who could it be, but Ace, who was here for the Beast Calling Organization Treasury!

Ace meticulously probed the old beast master's memories without even alerting him, it was also quite easy since he found him strolling around the manor's garden!

He already collected information about this old beastmaster from leap city and know his face since he was quite famous.

Now, Ace was already moving toward the treasury area.

Ace stopped outside a deeply hidden room, but he didn't open the door or even look at it as the matter of fact, and only squatted.

With no delay, Ace's finger shimmer as pressed on the ground and dip in the solid ground like it was made of water. The very next moment, a clicking sound rang, and a circular metallic door appeared beneath his feet!

'Heh, at least they were creative about it...!' Ace sneered mockingly and opened the underground door.

There was a metal ladder going underground after he descended the ladder he reached an underground corridor lit with white light and at the end of this corridor was a two-meter golden door!

With a faint smile, Ace moved toward the golden door. Just like before, he used his treasure-opening hands and the golden door opened!

Inside, were a thirty-cubic-meter spacious room filled with Qi stones, pills, manuals, weapons, and there was something new this time, he saw a shelf at the very end of this treasury, and it was filled with colorful eggs!

Ace's eyes narrowed, as he examines those colorful eggs with his white pupils, because of soul-shattering eyes, and was a little astonished because of faint life fluctuations coming from those eggs!

'Well, what do you expect from an organization that deals with beasts? I wonder if I can incubate those eggs and tame them like those beast tamers!'

Ace's eyes shimmered with expectation as he looked toward those eggs and then his eyes shifted towards those manuals which were related to beast taming since they were stored in this treasury!

With no further pause, he start 'working' and after five minutes the entire treasury was 'shinning clean'.

Ace saw the dark owl mural emerging, but there weren't any letters between its wings, which means it wasn't middle-level thievery.

[A target's treasury had been theft]

[One Low-level Thievery has been added to Thievery Count]

[Low-level Thievery: 2,747]

[Thief Point(s): 2,818,400]

[Mission Panel]

Slightly disappointed, he left the treasury after closing every door carefully.

Now, without entering this treasury, no one could tell it was already empty!

Just as he entered the Beast Manor with no hindrance, he left in the same manner as well.

However, Ace didn't stop for a stroll and left the Beast City and goes toward his next target, the Flame City, which was half a day's walk from this place!

[1] You know what I mean. XD

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### **Chapter 243: Tier-1 Heavenly Rune Crafter!**

The Flame City of Leap Kingdom wasn't as magnificent as its counterpart in the Damien Kingdom, nevertheless, it was the biggest city of Leap Kingdom, and it was the den of pill business.

There was only one Blue Alchemist in this city, and he was also the overseer of this place, a Pill Master. There also wasn't any Flame Palace in this city, but there was a Pill Mansion.

Furthermore, there wasn't any token requirement for entry, but the entry fee was off the charts and alchemists here charge an arm and leg for their services, but no one dare to complain.

However, at this moment, the flame city was under tight security, and entry was only given to merchants who had shops in the city, no one else.

At this moment, a large caravan filled with different cargoes entered the flame city, after a throughout-search. However, no one seemed to notice or see a person in the hood laying leisurely on top of a carriage roof.

'Finally, inside.' Ace opened his shut eyes with a faint smile.

He was using this method for quite a while now because in stealth those inferior treasures were no longer a threat to him after his big breakthrough.

'I should do it after my breakthrough.'

Ace decided since it was already dawn, and he was a 'night player', besides, he was on the verge of a breakthrough in tier-1 rune crafter. He was looking forward to it for a long time, and he can't wait to unlock and study the Basic-Talisman Crafting Technique!

With a thought, Ace's trainee hood started to change into a long black trench coat while the hood merged on the back creating a 'V' shape golden necklace on the coat back and the embroidered owl vanished without a trace.

Ace was quite satisfied with this system reward since he could change it into anything he liked as long as he could imagine it, but it had to be a coat, though.

Furthermore, it can't get dirty and dust seemed to don't even touched its fiber, and don't forget about the self-repair function.

Although it didn't have any defensive features, just these few qualities made it irreplaceable in Ace's heart.

After Ace was done with his makeover, he found a random Inn and rent the largest room available.

He set many formations in the room before taking out many Rune Crafting Equipment like rune crafting brush, a special jade table for crafters, runic plates, and many ingredients such as herbs, and ores. He engrossed himself in rune crafting.

With a serious expression, Ace picked up a blank runic plate and place it in the center of the Jade Table.

After that he pick up the exquisite foot-long blue brush which was a six-star runic treasure, he 'got' it from the storage ring of that lady rune crafter.

However, if one looked carefully at the exquisite brush, one could see many small cracks as if it was on the verge of breaking. It was because of Ace's heavenly soul Qi; these treasures can't endure his Heavenly Soul Qi for much longer before breaking.

This gave Ace a headache, and he could only put his hopes on the system shop. He knew eventually the system might sell him a rune crafting brush or who knows he might get it as a reward for reaching tier one, he just had to wait and see.

Ten orange soul Qi threads were released from the brush's head and with his meticulous control, those soul threads skewer eight different herbs and two ores.

Ace suddenly released a large amount of soul Qi and his ten soul threads started to engross those skewer ingredients like a glob of orange mass. The very next moment thereafter, strange ashes rose from those orange globs like steam.

After a few seconds, the ash stem stopped, Ace, controlled those globs and slowly started to combine them one by one in a special order.

Strangely, the orange glob didn't enlarge after mixing, on the contrary, it shrunk!

After all the globs were mixed, only a thumb-size glob remained.

With no hesitation, Ace stabbed the brush tip into the small orange glob, and when he retraced it the white brush head was black as if it was dipped into ink! Furthermore, the orange glob was reduced in size!

This was the Heavenly Rune Crafting technique first level which further broke into three steps; Cleansing, Order Combination, and Ink Condensing!

With a solemn expression, Ace moved the runic brush which was completely enveloped in his soul Qi on the runic plate. With each brushstroke, a deep black cut would appear on the blank runic plate as if it was a knife cut, not just a mere brushstroke.

Ace quickly create a Wind symbol and the ink was completely exhausted. He didn't stop and again dip the brush in the condensed ink glob, and after the second time; it was only left for one last dip.

He created the fire symbol right below the wind symbol, which exhausted the ink again. With the last dip, the ink glob was completely gone.

Ace started to create the last and a new type of symbol which wasn't an element symbol because it was an auxiliary rune from Basic Myriad Runic Structural Encyclopedia which was used for combining the two symbols.

He always failed on this step, but today he was determined to complete it!



As his hand moved like lightning, many small ant-like symbols were formed, creating a small chain-like impression between two element symbols!

When the auxiliary symbol was complete, the brush in Ace's hand finally couldn't take it anymore and shattered.

But, Ace didn't even notice it as his entire focus was on the runic plate, which was shining brightly as its color kept changing between red and blue. And only stopped when it turned completely purple.

Ace's eyes shimmered with elation when he saw the jade-like purple runic plate, "I finally succeed!"

However, before he could celebrate any further, the runic plate began to wither at a fast pace and the next moment it completely turned to dust!

"What happened?" Ace frowned with befuddlement.

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#### **Chapter 244: Heavenly Rune Crafter Panel!**

"What happened?"

Ace was perplexed when he examined the completely withered runic plate and mused, 'Was it destroyed because that was a perfect symbol made by Heavenly Wind Soul Qi? Then doesn't that mean I can't create perfect arrays and formations with usual runic plates, or did I do something wrong?'

This was the only possible explanation he could think of because he clearly knew just what a perfect symbol indicated and if he wanted to create a perfect symbol, then he needed the perfect materials for it as well.

Just like the runic plates, they were made by crafters and worldly Qi, so how could it withstand Ace's heavenly soul Qi?

Before he thought of this problem, he didn't ponder on this matter since he wasn't able to create those combined symbols nor did he use his heavenly soul Qi and only draw single symbols with light soul Qi.

Now, what he was most afraid of had finally happened.

'Do I have to learn crafting as well and create my runic plates?' Ace was depressed and helpless in this matter.

Just he was about to try drawing combined symbols with light soul Qi, system's static voice rang in his mind like a morning bell.

[Congratulation Host on achieving the rank of Tier-1 Heavenly Rune Crafter!]

Ace's eyebrow raised a little since he never expected his failure would be deemed a success by the system, however just when he thought bitterly, 'There weren't any rewards this time!' the system voice rang again.

[All conditions have been satisfied!]

[Heavenly Rune Crafter Panel has been unlocked!]

[The previous reward, Basic-Talisman Crafting Technique, has been released]

[Please check the main interface]

Ace was pleasantly surprised by this sudden development as his heart raced, 'I never expected to get this massive reward!'

He knew what an entirely new panel represented; it was something big just like the thief panel, and he didn't have to clear any mission to get this as well.

With ecstasy, he opened the system's main interface, where a new blinking icon has appeared beside the thief panel icon. It was a unique symbol representing the rune crafter panel.

Without any further delay, he quickly opened the new icon and a completely new panel appeared in front of him.

[Heavenly Rune Crafter Panel]

Rune Crafter Rank: Tier-1

Rune Crafter Trademark: Coin

Rune Crafter Colophon: Thief Symbol

Ace was intrigued by the Rune Crafter Trademark and Rune Crafter Colophon. He didn't know about the coin was about, but what the thief symbol represented, he knew.

As he studied the new panel further, his eyes shone with ambiguity, 'Why is there's an unknown section?' He didn't know nor did he care any longer since there were still two sections grayed out, and he had to unlock them before it.

Before he considered Talisman some powerful formation technique, but after seeing the formation was still locked, this implied Talisman was something completely different and new.

Furthermore, he still didn't get any information about those two techniques, which means those two rewards were part of this section, not for him. 'Well, as long as I had the system, they're mine, period!'

However, he was thoroughly wrong because the moment he tried to open the talisman section, a tremendous amount of information was released by the system into his brain like a tidal wave.

Ace was caught off guard, but he was accustomed to memory transactions and quickly focus on the incoming memories. But he still underestimated the quantity of the information the system released, and finally felt the pain of brain splitting.

However, after he got about ten percent part of the massive information, the remaining ninety percent was sealed by the system inside his knowledge sea just like the rune crafting technique.

Nevertheless, just ten percent was enough for Ace to take six hours before he managed to turn the information into his own.

The moment Ace tightly shut eyes were opened, astonishment was all over his face and a hint of excitement could be seen in his eyes.

"So, this what a talisman is, no wonder I never heard about it before." Ace mumbled with a hint of elation in his voice.

Ace got the information about the basic talisman crafting technique just know, it was divided into three parts meant for the first three tiers (1 to 3) of heavenly rune crafter.

He only got the information about the tier one talisman crafting techniques while the other two parts were locked and as he would advance his crafter rank, they would be unlocked.

Furthermore, he also got the information about the other three tiers (4 to 6) of talisman, it was his new reward, the intermediate talisman crafting technique.

As for reaming (7 to 12) tiers, he just knows they exist but doesn't know when he would get them.

However, he didn't think much about them yet, since he was far away from tier-7 and completely focused on the tier-one talisman crafting technique.

Actually, the talisman creating was another branch of rune cratering, and it was also unique and difficult, that's why very few people would practice it. Because the method was just too difficult, and the materials related to it were also quite precious.

Furthermore, it was only a one-time use item and can't be used again and again like array or formation. However, which made it unique and scary as it didn't need any time to be active and anyone can use it as long as someone had just a sliver of Qi!

Talismans come in different forms like charms, amulets, totems, idols, papers, and many other things, but Ace only got the method to create coin talismans. It was a trademark of a thief!

'So, I can either create one on my own or...' Ace commanded, "System open Talisman Section."

This time the talisman section was opened without any further surprises!

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#### **Chapter 245: Please Upgrade...**

'So, I can either create one on my own or...' Ace commanded with a hint of excitement, "System open Talisman Section."

This time the talisman section was opened without any sudden surprises.

[Talisman Creation Section]

Heavenly Talisman Available: 3 (Tier-1)

Worldly Talisman: Available: 10 (Tier-1)

Ace wasn't surprised by this distribution because he already knew the method of creating these 13 talismans and the more he improved his rune crafting, the more talisman he would unlock in the future.

Without any further delay he opened the Heavenly Talisman, he wanted to know just what kind of difference this panel made, and he knew he can only create a heavenly talisman with this panel help, or he might suffer another result like his first combination symbol.

Besides, the heavenly talisman was closely related to his heavenly soul element, meaning, he can only create Heavenly Talismans related to wind whether such a restriction wasn't on the worldly talisman, he can create any element talisman as long as he had the method, structure, and combination of correct symbols.

[Heavenly Talisman]

Tier: 1

Available: 3

Wind Slash: Soul & Martial Attack Talisman

Gale Arrow: Soul & Martial Attack Talisman

Wind Blade Storm: Soul & Martial Attack Talisman

Ace's scalp tingled the moment he saw materials for three heavenly talismans because just those wind-element demonic beast cores were enough to give him a huge headache, much less those rare herbs and ores.

A beast core was formed in a demonic beast when it reached the Qi river realm or soul river realm, however, it was extremely rare. The chance of a beast core appearing in a demonic beast was one in a ten thousand!

Furthermore, he didn't know where to find those wind element beasts.

Although he knew the materials from the memories he got before he opened the panel, he never expected the system requirements to be the same, and it was even charging him TP!

He didn't mind paying the system for heavenly talismans since their attacking prowess was quite high, but he didn't know where to find those materials.

With a bitter smile, he opened the Worldly Talisman section to see if there was anything different, or it was also the same.

[Worldly Talisman]

Tier: 1

Available: 10

Earthen Sword Spikes: Martial Attack Talisman

Fire Arrow: Soul Attack Talisman

Blinding Fire: Martial & Soul Attack Talisman

Earth Golem: Martial Attack Talisman

Water Bullet: Martial Attack Talisman

Wind Bullet: Soul Attack Talisman

Water Barrier: Defensive Soul Talisman

Earth Wall: Defensive Martial Talisman

Gale Slash: Soul and Martial Attack Talisman

Fire-Wind Explosion: Soul and Martial Attack Talisman

Ace's eyes suddenly glow like torches when he saw the worldly talisman section and mumbled in excitement, "So, unlike me, the system doesn't need materials for worldly talisman creation. Even though it would cost me Qi stones and TP, it's much better than searching for those materials."

What Ace doesn't lack were Qi stones and TP at the moment!

However, his expression suddenly changed when he remembered something he didn't want to and asked while holding his breath while feeling amiss, "Um...system this heavenly rune crafter panel...is active, I mean, I can use it, right?"

"FUCK YOU!" Ace didn't let the system even finish before he starts cursing, since he knew the next phase of the system's 'famous sentence'!

"What the point of unlocking all this if I can't even use the fucking thing!" Ace wanted to strangle someone.

He finally understood the feeling of possessing a mountain of gold but being too weak to take it!

"[System has already released the talisman technique information, so the host could make them himself.]"

"Shut up!" Ace wasn't in the mood for squabbling with the system anymore.

Even though the system was telling the truth, and he can create those talismans himself, he was missing many materials.

Furthermore, now that he knew, the system can do the rune crafting for him as long as he raised his rank to higher levels and without failing. He preferred the system.

However, that upgrade has become the biggest obstacle in his way and he needed to clear it as soon as possible.

In a sullen mood, Ace looked outside, and it was already getting dark. After cleaning the room, he checked out the Inn and directly moved toward the Pill Mansion.

'I can't give up on those talismans so easily, and who knows I might find some materials for one or two Worldly Talismans in this city since it's the flame city of alchemy. It would be extremely disappointing if they didn't even have materials for one worldly talisman.'

With some expectant and hope, Ace's walking figure slowly vanished in the streets of Flame City without even a trace of him left.

However, he didn't know someone in the high-level lands has already completed his absorption of memories and experience of his cultivation clone and was just about to head toward middle-level lands!

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#### **Chapter 246: Approaching Enemy!**

Far West of the high-level lands was completely barren, there wasn't any trace of life. The reason for this abnormally being the sky-changing border between middle-lands and high-lands was located here.

Furthermore, the sky-changing border here wasn't like the low-sky changing border between middle-lands and low-lands, because even if someone had a sky-changing pass they can still die while crossing it!

The reason for this cause was unknown, but it all started over a hundred years ago when a powerful emperor tried to take control of this massive formation, as for the reason behind it, no one knows but the sky-changing border completely changed after that emperor enter the formation and never returned!

Now, the middle sky changing border can only be crossed between a particular period that lasts for three months and after that one had to wait for right months if they wanted to safely cross the sky changing border.

Furthermore, the sky-changing pass has become useless because anyone could travel freely as long as they knew when the safe period starts, but this secret wasn't known to the public and only bigwigs knew about this shocking fact.

However, no one seemed to be interested in middle lands besides three giants and one or two empires because the Qi density was just too low in the land of kingdoms compared to the land of empires.

Right at this moment, a handsome middle-aged in the white emperor's robes appeared just outside the barrier of the sky changing border like a ghost. He wore a mild smile while his long white hair fluttered in the wind as his blue eyes gave the feeling of a bottomless chasm.

Although this person looked in his late thirties, the air around him was as if he live for hundreds of years and there was a ghostly aura surrounding him, anyone with high enough cultivation would be scared shitless by this aura even when he was controlling it.

This white hair man was none other than, the Crimson Sword Emperor of Crimson Sword Empire, Gordon Crimson!

It didn't just 'Gordon' black hair that turned white over a month, but Gordon was a completely different person altogether.

"Although this abandoned piece of land wasn't worth much, I never expected there was still something like ghost sword monolith buried here. Even in Azure Mainland, it would cause a storm if any sect got the wind of it.

"It nearly causes me to lose connection with this clone, but I had to thank little pup Ace when I see him for somehow destroying the connection between this chode and ghost sword monolith.

"Well, who would've thought, my caution of sending two of my 'Qi clone seeds' to this abandoned lands, so they could mature safely would turn out like this. One of them died and the other almost gain his freedom.

"But the rewards I'm going to gain after sacrificing one of my clones make it worth it!" White hair, Gordon chuckled sinisterly.

This person was none other than the Qi Soul Manifestation Realm Cultivator whose clone [Mathies] was killed by Ace in low-lands a few years ago.

If not for the mysterious ghost sword monolith, this person would've descended to middle-level lands three years ago.

Nevertheless, this person's real identity was too shocking and his means, even more incredible.

"Well, little pup Ace now you had ghost sword monolith and the secret left behind by your parents on you, don't die before my arrival!" Gordon said faintly, with a fiendish glint flash past his eyes as he stepped inside the sky-changing formation barrier with no hesitation.

If someone were to see this, they would've considered Gordon dead because there were still a few months left before the border become safe to cross.

While Gordon's fate was unknown as he stepped inside the middle sky changing the border, Ace wasn't sitting around leisurely.

It has already been one month since he theft the Flame City Treasury of Leap Kingdom.

Although the theft was quite easy, he found nothing helpful in his talisman making. This left him aggravated.

However, this doesn't stop his steps, as this wasn't the only theft he does in this month.

After he was done with the Leap Kingdom, he entered the Earth Kingdom and robbed the Nightmare Ghosts Branch since it was in his way, and to his surprise, they weren't on guard against him like he thought.

This clearly implied that the Branch Master of Leap Kingdom didn't tell anyone about this to hide her blunder and escape from punishment. This makes things easier for Ace.

Without any hitch, he was already done with the beast city and flame city of earth kingdom, and they weren't on guard against him either, which also meant they didn't find out about the empty treasuries yet.

Right now, he was already in a Lion City of the Blue Kingdom which was at the edge of Blue Kingdom, he just reached here today.

As for why he was in this city, it was obviously for the Nightmare Ghosts Organization's branch of Blue Kingdom. He was planning on going there at night.

Ace wasn't even considering resting, since he was hell-bent on completing his mission as soon as possible, so the system could be upgraded, and he could use all those functions again.

Just thinking about all those new functions, he can't use, made him enraged and cursed silently.

However, something shocking happened this time when he got to the nightmare ghost's hideout in the blue kingdom, it was completely empty!

'So, that dwarf branch master of earth kingdom reported the incident back. Well, this is going to be troublesome now.'

Ace's expression was unsightly. He never expected them to react this way, at most he presumed the branch master would carry the treasures on himself, but these assassins had completely abandoned their hideout.

'Sigh... being a thief is difficult.' Ace sighed bitterly.

"Hey, system tell me now, if all those branches emptied their treasures and hide all their treasures or collect them in one place, what would happen to my mission then?"

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#### **Chapter 247: It's very simple**

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"[It doesn't matter if someone hides, reposition, or even destroyed the treasures, that's a thief's job to predict all the circumstances before starting a theft. What would a thief do if someone moved or hide their entire wealth?]

"[It's very simple, everything between heaven and earth can be theft as long as it exists. A thief just had to find a way to theft it. Just like right now, the host had to find those relocated treasures. It doesn't matter if they all collected thirty treasures together, as long as the host theft them the mission will be deemed complete!]

"[Remembered host, it's one of the ironclad creeds of Heaven's Stealer, 'If Heaven's Stealer start a thievery, it had to be complete no matter how tidiest, complex, or dangerous the theft is, Death is the only escape!']"

'Gulp...' Ace couldn't help but swallow a mouth full of saliva. He suddenly felt his heart race after he heard the creed of heaven's stealer.



Ace even felt the system's voice was somewhat chilly this time, despite being static as usual. 'Is system angry?'

Whatever it was, he didn't dare to inquire anymore since he already got the answer to his question, and he also felt he learned something grave unknowingly.

'It seemed I have to hurry toward Beast City and Flame City before they do something like Nightmare Ghosts Organization.'

Ace quickly left the gloomy woods and headed toward the capital province of Blue Kingdom without stopping.

Fifteen days later,

Inside an Inn's room of Blue Royal City, Ace was sitting with a gloomy expression.

It was all because two days ago; he raided the Flame City of Blue Kingdom but to his daunt, the Pill Master with the entire treasury was missing from the Pill Mansion. If not for the second in command's memories, he would've wasted time while waiting.

Furthermore, Ace also got a piece of bad news from that alchemist's memories.

It was not just Flame City's Pill Master but the Beast City Beast Master was also with him, they both left together two weeks ago.

'They know!' Ace's expression was heavy as a mountain.

He could guess they were probably moving all the treasures after they found out about the Earth Kingdom and the Leap Kingdom heist.

They probably deemed him unstoppable and extremely dangerous after his meticulous thieveries despite all those security measures and, finally, conclude collecting all the accommodated treasures and hiding them somewhere he could never reach.

'If they move all those treasures in a single place and hide them, I just had to find out those people who know about the location of the treasures. But where do I start from? It's not like they would collect all the treasures in one place, since they're three different organizations.

'Furthermore, the knowledge of those three locations will probably only know by three or two extremely important personals or worse, only one person from each organization would know about it. Besides, they can also be more than three hidden locations.

'Since they know my methods, they would be fools if they left the treasures in a storage treasure. Sigh... this is becoming more complicated!' He soughed continuously.

Ace felt his head hurt after thinking about all those possibilities and scenarios.

The land of kingdoms was so big he would probably go mad from searching, and who knows they might transfer all those treasures to high-level lands instead of hiding them in middle-level lands.

Just thinking about this possibility make Ace sulk nonstop, and he knew; the chances of this scenario were highest!

While Ace was wrecking his brain on how he should proceed, somewhere inside a spacious room, four people were having a secret conference.

Well, it was more like slaves reporting to their master since three of them were kneeling in front of a sitting, whiter hair man!

"My Lord, as per your order, we already gave the command to collect all the resources in every branch, and they all will arrive here in five more days." A man in a crimson mask, wearing black clothing, respectfully reported with a hint of trepidation in his voice.

If anyone in middle-level lands' Nightmare Ghosts Organization saw this crimson mask man kneeling in front of an unknown person, they would be shocked silly because he was the third in command of the Nightmare Ghosts Organization and only below two people, 'Elder Black' and 'Vice Elder Black' and above everyone else!

However, despite being in an extremely lofty position he was kneeling in front of this white hair man and one could even see him trembling so slightly as if he was facing a deity!

"Good, as long as you follow my directions I won't mistreat you and even bestow some good fortune before my departure." The white hair man casually praised.

"Now, Little Pill and Little Beast-Driver, it's your turn to show your usefulness like Little Child Killer here. If anything goes wrong, you know what will happen after I feel annoying." Utter the white hair man nonchalantly, but those two old men kneeling beside 'Little Child Killer' trembled like leaves in a stormy wind.

The 'little pill' and 'little beast driver' were none other than persons in charge of Pill Flame Organization and Beast Calling Organization right now, just like the assassin beside them!

As for how all these three extremely high and mighty bigwigs of three giants end up like some loyal dogs, it was all because of this white hair man who showed up over a month ago!

This white hair man was indeed none other than, Gordon!

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### **Chapter 248: The start of mayhem 1**

After somehow leaving the middle sky changing border without even a scratch, Gordon moved toward the Damien Kingdom's royal province. It was closest to the sky-changing border, and his destination was also happened to be in the same way.

Just at the outskirts of the royal province of Damien Kingdom was a marshland filled with poisonous beasts and deathly fog.

Right at the center of this deathly marshland was located the headquarters of Nightmare Ghosts Organization, Ghost City!

This city was protected by a powerful concealment formation, and only assassins with ghost tokens can find its location and enter it safely without being effective by any traps.

However, on this day, a white-haired man in emperor robes entered the ghost city without even caring about being seen by anyone.

He nonchalantly moved while folding his hands behind his back. This was naturally Gordon.

Many assassins in their black uniform and mask were bewildered by this white hair man walking in ghost city street so nonchalantly as if he was on a stroll.

"Intruder Die!"

A deep voice rang in thin air as a sharp blade wrapped in silver Qi instantly appeared behind Gordon's neck.

"Hmph, preposterous!" Gordon only sneered, and a gray strike released from his finger directly penetrated the black mask of this assassin.

'Thud...'

The sound of a body falling on the ground rang in the silent street of Ghost City, but it wasn't the white hair man's, it was the assassin who sneak attacked him and on the back of his black robes was written in white wording, it was 'REINFORCER'!

"Bastard, how dare you kill a Reinforcer so wantonly!" another enraged voice sounded.

However, this time no one attacked Gordon since he easily killed a reinforcer without even moving, he can kill others as well.

Reinforcers were supposed to be the strongest force of the organization and also the protectors of a ghost city, but this white hair man has killed him without breaking a sweat.

"Sir, we have no enmity with you, why did you come here?" A deep voice with a hint of trepidation sounded before a man in a crimson mask appeared ten meters away from Gordon.

He was currently the overseer of Ghost City, while others were still searching for two black elders. But the search didn't bear any fruit even now, and they were still considered missing, but no one dared to consider them dead.

"Cut the crap and tell me if there was any movement of Sky Stealer?" Gordon coolly stated.

The crimson mask assassin's eyes shone with obscurity and said, "Yes, he appeared."

He was feeling apprehensive about this white hair man as his intuition hone in the killing was screaming at him to escape as far away from this man, or he will die. But he also knew he can't escape no matter what, so he cooperated silently, and he wanted to handle this matter peacefully.

'Is this person from High-level lands?' The crimson mask assassin guessed since he never heard of this kind of terrifying individual in middle-level lands.

"Give me the entire detail." Gordon's eyes instantly lit up like a torch.

After the crimson assassin told him about the thieveries on their two hideouts without even a hint of shame.

"Interesting, go and investigate if he only theft Nightmare Ghosts Hideouts, with my understanding of him if he can theft your place he will not stop just there when there's bigger fish!" Gordon ordered the crimson masked assassin like he was ordering his dog.

Every assassin who heard this conversation was dumbfounded by this man's fearlessness and the way their City Master treated him. But no one dare to speak since they knew something was amiss and even City Master didn't dare to act rashly.

"Oh, someone cursed at me before, here's your reward." Gordon suddenly looked in a particular direction, and a gray streak like lightning shot in that direction.

'Thud...' another body of a reinforcer fell the very next moment!

It was all happened in an instant that the crimson mask assassin didn't have time to explain; the person was dead without even able to resist!

The city master's eyes flicker with different emotions, between fear, shock, helplessness, he finally nodded slightly and respectfully replied, "Yes."

He knew this person was probably a terrifying existence even more horrifying than Elder Black, if he didn't obey him the entire ghost city might become a real ghost city, literally!

After that, because of the nightmare ghosts' investigation, the two giants also quickly search and found out their two cities were also theft. This greatly enraged the overseers, but they didn't dare to release the news since it will make them the laughingstock of the entire land of kingdoms and no one will fear them like before.

However, they didn't know their biggest concern wasn't the thief right now, it was Gordon, who 'visit' Flame City and Beast City one by one and quickly took control of them like Ghost City!

After that Gordon, order those three giants to collect all the treasures and take them to a special place he also emptied the Damien Kingdom treasuries of three giants!

After just over a month,

"My Lord, the treasures had been completely collected in one place." 'Little Pill' quickly reported respectfully.

"Good, very good." Gordon nodded in delight as he continued, "Spread the news in all over the middle lands, 'All the treasures of three giants are collected in a place a few miles away from the Golden Hammered Kingdom's capital city. If Sky Stealer had guts, come and take them!"

Little Pill's entire body quivered as his old face was filled with stupefaction and incredulity, he didn't think this 'Lord' would do something this crazy and used this kind of bait for a mere thief.

Because all those treasures combined were enough to rival any top three empires' wealth, and now this man was using it as a mere bait!

"Y-yes my... lord." Still, he didn't dare to disobey, he knew just how terrifying this man was because he single-handedly cut opened the formation of Flame Palace when he visited!

However, what no one knows was in Gordon's eyes all those seemingly precious treasures were just scraps, nothing else. He was only interested in Ace and his possessions!

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#### **Chapter 249: The start of mayhem 2**

Today wasn't like any tranquil day in middle-level lands because of an astonishing announcement released by none other than three giants altogether!

Furthermore, this was more like a challenge than an announcement since it was only for one person and that was none other than the mysterious thief, Sky Stealer.

The content of the announcement was like this,

"The self-proclaimed thief, Sky Stealer, is continually being a degenerate while defying the laws and authorities which maintain the peace of middle-level lands and because of him, the peace of these beautiful lands were on the brink of shattering.

"That's why we, the three giants, come together and decided to end this game once and for all before the degenerate thief targeted and hurt the innocents.

"Right now, all the resources and treasures of three giants are accumulated together in the form of a 'Treasure Mountain' in a field just a few miles away from Golden Hammered Kingdom's capital city, waiting for the degenerate thief for Ninety Days.

"If the degenerate thief can theft all the treasures then it will be three giants lose, and we'll leave the middle-level lands while if those treasures remain intact he had to surrender himself and received the punishment for all his crimes.

"Anyone can come and verify the authority of treasure mountain; the treasure mountain is as real as it could be!

"Did Sky Stealer dare accept the verdict and come?"

Everyone was discussing this shocking challenge released by three giants.

"Man, this is a massive trap set by those three giants. They're finally making their move!" A man clamored while walking.

"Heh, what do you expect from the most powerful authorities of middle-level lands, once they move they'll move like this!" The second man gloat.

"Hmph...they're just afraid since they can't deal with him and the newly rising organization of thieves. Who knows if those treasures were all real or fake, right, I'm still not believing it! Who in their right mind

collect all those treasures in one place and then invite the most talented thief to theft them!" the third man sneered disdainfully at both of his friends.

This kind of heated discussion can be heard all over the middle-level lands.

Some were sneering at three giants for being so shameless, while some were pouring more oil on fire and calling the sky stealer with all kinds of vulgarities to accept the challenge.

Everyone knew if Sky Stealer shy away from this challenge, his invincible fame would go down to the gutter and the three giants would regain their dignity again.

However, the majority of the people believed this wasn't a challenge to the thief himself, but it was a challenge to the rising organization of thieves, Sky Stealer Society.

While the entire middle-level lands were boiling and waiting for some kind of reply from the thief himself, the condition of Golden Hammered Kingdom's royal family didn't seem quite good.

"Why?! Why do they have to do this circus so close to my kingdom's capital?!" The Golden King roared in anger when he saw heard this news, "And why is that bastard thief still alive?!"

Golden King knew just how dangerous sky stealer was by his personal experience in earthen mist forest.

Before he considered the thief was probably dead or lost with all those Qi river core eccentrics, however after this abrupt news he guessed something had probably happened in three giants since they were willing to come together and cause this massive commotion.

Especially when the Nightmare Ghosts Organization was involved in all this as well because they never showed their faces in light, much less worked together with their rivals.

As for the so-called mountain treasures even, he took it as a joke and simply consider it was a trap to rail the thief here which was almost impossible since he won't come to his death even if that mountain treasure was real.

However, what made the Golden King truly uneasy and dreadful was that the Sky Stealer was probably alive because his younger brother, Vance, and his daughter Dulce had a history with that thief, and it would be not exaggerating to call it a blood feud between them!

Before, he only considered the thief an ant from the low-level lands who somehow got lucky and get some lowly inheritance.

However, after he escaped the sky-changing border and made a name for himself, he finally understood the thief was by no means ordinary nor his growth.

Although his brother only forced him to enter the sky changing, and he even left alive, so the feud between them could still be salvaged. However, when it comes to his daughter, Dulce, she had massacred Ace's entire hometown not even leaving a chicken alive which by no means was something anyone could forget.

That's why he supported the thief hunt with all this might, he wanted to completely uproot the problem once and for all, but now that bastard was probably still alive and has done something to piss off three giants.

By all means, he didn't even want Ace to step inside his kingdom's territory, but it was probably too late now.

'Is it related to those missing Qi river core cultivators? But why did they choose my kingdom of all places? Is someone using enmity between him and my family to lure him here? I have to visit myself!'

After calming himself, he quickly declared, "Prepare my carriage and summon my brother and Princess Dulce, we're visiting the esteemed guests from afar."

Somewhere in the land of the second-grade kingdoms,

Inside a room, there was only a big rectangular table and eleven chairs around it, while the entire room was empty except for a wall.

On this wall which was right behind a single golden throne-like chair was a mural of a dark owl spamming its blade-like wings, this was the symbol of Sky Stealer!

Except this golden throne, all ten chairs around it were filled with people wearing dark robes with dark owl emblems and owl masks.

"Let the meeting between ten 'Sky Thieves' of Sky Stealer Society, began!" A person in a black owl mask sitting at the first chair on right beside the golden throne declared.

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#### **Chapter 250: Authentic Treasure Mountain!**

Everyone presumed that the Sky Stealer Society was founded by outlaws and commoners, however, it wasn't the entire truth.

Even though almost ninety percent of the people in this organization were outlaws and commoners but the remaining ten percent were people with quite a status in middle-level lands, the highest being a member of some royal family of a second-grade kingdom!

This ten percent support the organization by providing cultivation resources, techniques, skills, weapons, pills...that's why the organization was growing so smoothly and no one was able to track down the founding members.

The structure of Sky Stealer Society wasn't complex, there were only six ranks, Sky, Earth, Golden, Silver, Bronze, and Iron.

Currently, Ten Sky Thieves were also the founding members, fifty Earth Thieves, One Hundred Golden Thieves, five hundred Silver Thieves, A Thousand Bronze Thieves, and thousands of iron thieves.

Every new member started with an iron thief rank and with noteworthy contributions to the organization they moved higher in ranks.

No one knows the identities of Sky Thieves, but they were considered the most powerful members of the organization and were extremely respected by other members.

Furthermore, the Sky Thieves don't declare themselves the leaders and only consider Sky Stealer the true leader of this organization, they called themselves his loyal adherents.

However, everyone knew without these ten sky thieves there won't be a sky stealer society, nor it could be grown to such an extent, that's why they were as esteemed as the Sky Stealer.

Today's meeting was an emergency one after the challenge of three giants was surfaced, and this also implicates them as well.

"Let the meeting between ten Sky Thieves of Sky Stealer Society, began!" A person in a black owl mask, wearing a cloak on the head, sitting at the first chair on the right, beside the golden throne stated. The voice was melodious, clearly belonged to a woman.

"First, Sky Thief, what do think about this abrupt challenge?" asked a tall athletic build person, wearing a brown owl mask, sitting in front of this black owl-mask woman called First Sky Thief.

Everyone in this room had rank from first to tenth, were first being the highest and tenth being the last. It also had special meaning because the true founder of this organization was none other than the First Sky Thief!

Furthermore, it was a woman nonetheless and her background was unknown and no one had ever seen her appearance, but she was the one who bought them all together under one roof and her prowess was no joke either.

One could even say she was as mysterious as the Sky Stealer himself.

"It's an obvious trap, Second Sky Thief!" before the First Sky Thief could reply, the person sitting two seats away from the Second Sky Thief answered with a snort. He had an average height and wore a white owl mask.

"I agree." Another woman's voice rang in affirmation.

"Shut up fools, we all know it's a trap. Let the First Sky Thief speak." A lofty man sitting with his arms crossed reprimanded.

"Sixth Bandit, who did you call just fool?!" The woman instantly snapped at Sixth Sky Thief as her beautiful emerald eyes turned fears.

"Stop!" First Sky Thief's cold voice rang again, she wasn't in the mood to joke around.

No one dare to speak anymore and quietly looked toward the First Sky Thief.

First Sky Thief slowly stood up from her chair and walk beside the golden throne where a dark owl symbol was engraved on its head. Her ocean-blue eyes shimmered with a myriad of emotions, but no one saw them as she quickly hid them and turned around with cold eyes.

"Even if it's a trap, it also showed us how our supreme leader, Sky Stealer, can even threaten those so-called giants, and now they want to get rid of them by despicable means.

"However, there is something wrong since Nightmare Ghosts Organization is also taking part in this facade. It's either they're too afraid of Sky Stealer or there's someone behind all this.

"Nevertheless, I think, Lord Sky Stealer will go, he won't let the reputation of us thieves sully so easily. That's why I've already decided..."



First Sky Thief's beautiful eyes narrowed into slits as a sharp aura emitted from her, everyone in the room held their breaths and didn't dare to blink as they looked at her with anticipation.

She announced sternly, "It's time for Ten Sky Thieves to come in light and our stage will be Golden Hammered Kingdom Capital!"

The very next day, another news released from the Golden Hammered Kingdom,

The treasure mountain was as authentic as the sky and anyone could see it from a mile away, many people saw it with their own eyes, and they could even visit it personally to check if it was an illusion.

Many people do so in the watchful eyes of three giants, and they were shocked because everything was real.

They say the treasure mountain was hundreds of meters tall, filled with Qi stones, techniques, pills, weapons, beast eggs, herb, and many things that one can't even imagine. They were many things that these people didn't even hear about before in that treasure mountain.

The most shocking thing was, the treasure mountain wasn't surrounded by thick walls, it was right in an open field!

Many people confirmed the credibility of this news and treasures mountain.

Now people wondered if those three giants emptied their treasuries and used them as bait?

And if this was the case, then what has Sky Stealer done to make them take this grave step.

Now everyone wanted to know if the infamous thief, Sky Stealer would dare to take the treasure, or he'll be a coward!

This wasn't the end of this hype, because the very next day, Golden King of Golden Hammered Kingdom also join the bandwagon and take all the treasures of his kingdom and put them in treasure mountain in front of everyone's dumbfounded eyes.

He arrogantly declared, he'll take them back when the 90 days period will over after that cowardly thief yielded!