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Chapter 261: Mission Complete!

Everyone from Nightmare Ghosts Organization, Pill Flame Organization, and Beast Calling Organization were thinking about how to preserve their life instead of the technique slate right now.

But first, they had to collect all the treasure mountain inside storage rings again, since Gordon was gazing at them like a bloodthirsty snake.

Ace watched all those people start to collect the treasure mountain with shinning eyes and mused, 'Although I tricked him now and somehow make him give me the treasure mountain. But how should I escape? This old monster would not wait until for the talisman to lose its effect.'

Ace knew the real test was to leave this place alive, not just acquire the treasure mountain!

While everyone inside the myriad ghost trapping talisman was collecting treasure mountain as fast as possible, not too far away out the trapping talisman ten people were stealthily observing the condition inside from the moment Gordon attacked Ace!

They were naturally the ten Sky Thieves of Sky Stealer Society who were coming here to scout the treasure mountain just like Ace when they observed the sudden commotion broke out and people start running for their life.

This didn't scare these ten sky thieves and only made them more curious as they quickly reached here.

But when they saw the dark transparent barrier and Ace hooded figure standing extremely close to the edge of this barrier, they instantly assume some situations.

But when they felt the power of that man who attack Ace like a ghost, their heart throbbed, and they all knew that person was a scary existence that can kill them ten thousand times like ants.

However, when they saw Ace defending against those horrifying attacks and even 'subdue' the white hair man, everyone's eyes shone with worship and the respect for their lord reached the level of a deity.

"Brother second, Boss is invincible, he even subdued the enemy's leader, and now they're probably collecting the treasure mountain for the boss!" A person in a purple owl mask spoke hysterically.

"No, it's not so simple, if he subdued that white hair man, then Lord Sky Stealer will make him deactivate the formation barrier first." Second Sky Thief gravely spoke as a matter-of-factly.

"Let's observe more and if things go south, we'll act!" First Sky Thief ordered sternly as she continued to look toward Ace's figure with a hint of trepidation and anxiety.

In five minutes, the entire treasure mountain was vanished and turned into fifty storage rings!

Every person caring a ring come to Gordon and respectfully handed them to him.

However, one person asked with a trembling voice as he handed the last storage ring to Gordon, "M-my... L-lord, will... will you kill us all?"

Everyone instantly stopped in their tracks as they looked toward Gordon with hopeful eyes. They all naturally wanted to know the answer to this exact question.

Gordon coolly take the last storage ring and looked at everyone, excluding consciousness Dulce there was a total of 127 people, most of them being assassins from Nightmare Ghosts Organization.

"How could I kill you all who work for me all this time so tirelessly and seamlessly? I'll reward everyone with..."

Gordon nonchalantly speak like a kind elder, and everyone's listless eyes instantly lit up with a hope to leave this place alive. Some of them even start to scheme about how they could sell this information about dark slate to others and profit from it. But they didn't dare to show it on their face.

However, Gordon's next word made everyone's heart go stopped, literally!

"I'll reward everyone with... Death!"

A total of 127 gray light streaks abruptly shot toward everyone's heart, shattering them completely!

Everyone died with their eyes wide open as they were filled with incredulity and abhorrence for Gordon!

Ace looked calmly at those dead bodies, he knew from the start Gordon would never let them leave this place alive, especially not after learning about the 'technique'.

Gordon nonchalantly looked toward Ace and smile meaningfully, he put all those fifty rings inside Ace's ring in his hand and throw it toward Ace without even caring about if Ace would go back on his words since he had clearly just shown his might.

Ace's eyes were fixed on Gordon's, he was closely watching if Gordon would make a sudden move he would quickly take out the black page, but Gordon just stand there without even twitching.

Ace finally caught the ring and put it on his finger, and all those fifty rings entered his thief's space the very next moment.

The very next moment thereafter, the system's voice enter his mind which was like a voice of a goddess at his time.

[All the reaming 24 Treasuries has been theft]

[Mission: Opportunity Makes a Thief]

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[Status: Compete]

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However, before the system could complete the announcement, Ace quickly transmitted in a hurry, "Cut the crap, we have all-time in the world after I escape this old monster, quickly complete your damn upgrade and active the shop!"

Ace has put all his hopes on the system after his plan of tricking Gordon into giving him the treasure mountain was to succeed. He was planning on instantly raising his stealth and lightning steps with those

pills in the system shop, and then playing a game of hide-and-seek with Gordon until the talisman time was run out!

However, what he never expected was the system's next words would instantly send him to the pits of hell!

[System upgrade is available]

[Cost: 1 Million Thief Points]

[Reward: Level-1 Authority]

[Time: 23:59:59]

[Host has already authorized the system upgrade]

[1 Million Thief Points has been deducted]

[Thief Point(s): 1,818,400]

[Upgrade has been started, please wait plenty]

[Time: 23:59:58]

Ace was gobsmacked by the series of notifications and only snapped out his stupor when he saw the twenty-four-hour ticking clock!

Ace suddenly felt his heart stop, and he thought listlessly, 'You Traitorous System, you fucking played me to death!'

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Chapter 262: Soul Search

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[Reward: Level-1 Authority]

[Time: 23:59:59]

[Host has already authorized the system upgrade]

[1 Million Thief Points has been deducted]

[Thief Point(s): 1,818,400]

[Upgrade has been started, please wait plenty]

[Time: 23:59:58]

Ace nearly went insane from the stunt that the system just pull. The system never told him before the upgrade would take whole twenty-four hours to complete, and it wasn't free either.

Now, not only the system had 'cheat' him out of one million thief point, but he didn't get shit in return except a fucking clock that look more like his death clock right now.

"It was my fault for putting so much trust in this bitchy system. If I escape alive today, I'll make sure you pay for it, bastard system!" Ace resentfully cursed the system in his mind.

But the system did not fault in this matter either because foremost, Ace never ask about the condition of the upgrading process nor did he bother since he was too busy thinking about how to theft and complete the mission which was getting in his way.

And second, no one would've imagined Ace would be trapped like this and face someone like Gordon so soon and unexpectedly. Now all these unfortunate events have pushed Ace to the corner.

If his plan of hoodwinking Gordon has been succeeded and the system upgraded instantly, Ace was ninety percent certain of escaping this talisman alive. But his luck was just too bad, and now his ninety percent chance dropped below five percent!

Because this last method was just too risky, and it was just a theory if Ace was wrong or even delay for a moment he'll be killed by enraged Gordon!

"What are you waiting for, since I give you the entire treasure mountain without holding back? I also expect you to complete your promise without pulling any tricks!" Gordon's coldly looked at Ace, who was just standing there like a sculpture.

"R-right, since Senior put his truth in me, how could I go back on my words?" Ace smile wryly, 'Death or life will depend on this.'

Ace inhaled deeply before his eyes turn resolute and shape, "Senior, please proceed with this 'soul search' first!"

Gordon narrowed his eyes as he quickly rejected, "No, I want the 'Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate' first, the soul search can wait. I trust you this much!"

How could Gordon agree to this, what if Ace died during soul search, and he was planning to kill him from soul search as well? He had to take ownership of Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate first and then kill Ace with soul search.

If this was before, Gordon won't hesitate to use a soul search on Ace, but this time it was completely different. This sequence can't be changed no matter what, Gordon won't risk killing Ace as long as the Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate' was still in his possession!

However, Ace shook his head and decisively sneered, "I can't transfer Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate first no matter what, what if you go back on your word and don't try to pull the oath contract trick on me!"

Even though Ace didn't know what this soul search was, he knows this has something to do with the memories in the knowledge sea, and it was probably had the same function as his soul probing.

From the start, Ace had planned to let Gordon use this soul search on him because he knew the system was somewhere inside his mind, and it won't let anyone search his memories or probe someone in its home wantonly.

Moreover, after associating with the system for so long, he knew this system was extremely arrogant, and it might be some omniscient existence that can go toe to toe with heaven itself, so how could this kind of existence let an ant-like Gordon disturb it?

Ace wanted Gordon to suffer the consequences, and at that moment he'll kill Gordon instantly. This was his last resort, and he still didn't know if all this conjecture of his will even worked or not, since the system can simply decide to not act at all.

That's why he didn't want to take this risk, but now he had no choice but to take this risk because after exchanging blows with Gordon, he knew Gordon was probably experimenting with him before, and if he truly wanted him dead, he can not block all of his attacks.

The difference of cultivation was just too great since Gordon was almost half step into Qi Soul realm!

Gordon's eyes turned cold when he saw Ace was bent on not giving up the Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate so easily, this put him into a dilemma.

Although he was confident in making sure Ace won't die of soul search, what he was truly afraid of was, he won't remain sane after soul search, and won't be able to transfer the Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate!

"You win brat!" In the end, Gordon gritted his teeth and instantly appeared in front of Ace and move his hand toward Ace's head.

Ace didn't dodge either this time, since he didn't sense any killing intent from Gordon, just frustration.

Gordon knew Ace has sensed something from his words, and he would not give up the Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate easily now.

So, he simply decided to soul search for the memory related to Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate and nothing else. This will keep Ace sane and only damaged his soul.

However, Gordon was still going to kill Ace and do another soul search after Ace give him the Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate!

Sparing Ace wasn't an option anymore!

Ace suddenly felt a foreign Qi enter his brain, and he felt his head split as a huge pain attack him. He felt this Qi was drilling inside his knowledge sea forcefully. He never thought this soul search would be such a vicious method, it wasn't like his gentle soul probe at all!

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Chapter 263: Ace's Knowledge Sea

Ace suddenly felt a foreign Qi enter his brain, and he felt his head split as a huge pain attack him. He felt this Qi was drilling inside his knowledge sea forcefully was Gordon's martial sense!

He never thought this soul search would be such a vicious method, it wasn't like his gentle soul probing at all.

Gordon wanted to use only superficial soul search on Ace since the full prowess of it will turn him into a 'vegetable'. Furthermore, this technique was for a soul realm cultivator, but he was using it on the river core realm, only he can do this since his real cultivation was much higher than his clone, but this action has its consequences. Like it would take a huge toll on Gordon's body and mind, or even cause a back backlash if he used it for an excessive amount of time.

However, Gordon was confident to finish it in a few moments since Ace was only Qi 'river' cultivator. Although he can't sense Ace's cultivation. But after his exchange with him, he was completely sure that Ace was only at Qi 'river'. He only thought of this as a Concealment Skill left behind by his parents as well.

But the moment Gordon used the soul search on Ace, his calm expression changed ever so slightly, first because he can't go past his mental defensive with the power he was using right now.

'Hmm? Why is this brat's mental defense so high? Is it because of the slate?' Gordon instantly reached this own conclusion, since it was the only possible explanation he could think of.

The very next moment, Gordon increased the output of his power and finally managed to breakthrough Ace's mental defense.

However, what he didn't know was Ace was the one who lowered his mental defense or Gordon wouldn't find out about his soul cultivation and also spare himself from the excruciating pain.

But Ace never thought the soul search would become even more dominant and menacing after breaking past his mental defense! He suddenly felt the pain he once experienced when the system first time enter his head!

But he gritted his teeth and endure since he knew the time of regret was way past now, and he was hoping for the system to act, or he'll die right now!

'What a strong will!' Gordon silently admired Ace's endurance because if it was someone else they would've screaming right now and begging for mercy even though he was using only thirty percent prowess of soul search!

'Since you can endure this much, I won't have to worry about you turning into a vegetable anymore. Let's see if you hide anything from me about the technique or not!'

Gordon's martial sense instantly goes toward Ace's knowledge sea however, Gordon was instantly gobsmacked the moment he saw Ace's knowledge sea.

'H-how is this possible?!' He was completely flabbergasted this time.

Typically, a normal person's knowledge sea looked like a large lake with shimmering stars inside, those stars represent a person's memory fragments. The brighter the star, the deeper the memory fragments.

However, if a person was a one in a million genius, then his knowledge sea would be like a large river, and it would be covered by a defensive mist, so it would be hard to search it.

Nevertheless, if a person was a one in a billion genius, then his knowledge would truly be like a sea with thick mist protecting it, and it was quite troublesome to soul search this kind of person and if the person

using soul search was not careful enough, he can even suffer a backlash and table can turn on him in an instant!

However, this type of genius was extremely rare in Golden Sky World and if this kind of genius appeared in any race, they would do anything to protect it, even if this mean the war with other races.

This type of genius has extremely fast cultivation speed and comprehending abilities, they can understand a technique, art, or skill within days that will take a normal person almost a year!

These geniuses were the hope of their races and always protected by powerful protectors wherever they go, and killing them was extremely cumbersome.

However, Gordon was shocked silly by Ace knowledge sea because it was almost like an endless inky ocean and there weren't any mist or memory stars in it because it was pitch black, there was nothing but darkness!

Furthermore, the more Gordon saw, the more he felt this was more of an endless abyss than a knowledge sea and if he dared to try searching it, he'll forever be lost in it!

Suddenly, Gordon felt a chill run down his spine and he felt he was thrown into an icy lake abruptly, he just felt someone terrifying just gaze at him from that inky sea!

'If you gaze into the abyss, the abyss gazes also into you!'

This phase suddenly came into Gordon's mind for some reason, he wanted to quickly retract his martial sense he had a feeling someone was very wrong with Ace's dark knowledge sea, and he had a feeling something was terrifying residing here.

However, when he tried to retract his martial sense from Ace's dark knowledge sea he found out he can't, furthermore, he was glued to his place like a state!

Suddenly, he felt a sliver of wind, but Gordon knew wind couldn't exist in a knowledge sea, and how could he have felt a sliver of wind?

The moment he felt this sliver of wind, his martial sense turned into nothingness!

Ace knowledge sea returned to its tranquil state after Gordon's martial sense was turned into smithereens by an unknown sliver of wind.

Ace did not know what had happened inside his knowledge sea, nor he could gaze at it until he reached an extremely high realm.

However, for some reason, Gordon's calm rosy face has turned deserted and ashen as his soul suddenly trembled.

The pain from soul search instantly vanished as well, and Ace's eyes lit like torches in elation, and he knew his plan was succeeded!

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Chapter 264: On the Brink of Death

Ace did not know what had happened inside his knowledge sea, nor he could gaze at it until he reached an extremely high realm.

However, for some reason, Gordon's calm rosy face has turned deserted and ashen as his soul suddenly trembled as if he just received a massive soul attack. His hand on Ace's head also trembled, and he vomited a large amount of blood the very next moment.

The moment Ace noticed the anomaly in Gordon's demeanor, the pain from Gordon's soul search also instantly disappeared, and Ace's eyes lit like torches in elation, and he knew his plan has succeeded!

He didn't waste a moment as he brandished his long dark blade sword with despair lightning and quickly go after Gordon's neck.

Gordon was in a state of shock after that dreadful sliver of wind destroyed his martial sense cruelly, and he also felt the approaching death. He finally understood that Ace was going for this from the start, and Ace fooled him into soul-searching him.

Everything became as clear as that at this moment.

He knew Ace has used this chance to finish him at his weakest moment and right now, he can't even move from his spot or block any Qi attack. The attacks that can hurt martial sense were extremely rare, but this kind of attack can be very deadly and Gordon knew it undoubtedly.

'I have to protect this cultivation clone at all cost or my cultivation foundation would be shattered this time and I won't live much longer without the cultivation and longevity that come with it. But if I used that trump card it will kill this brat and the technique slate would probably vanish with him.

'That dark knowledge sea might also be the product of the dark slate and this brat was clearing hiding it from me before, so he could lure me in his knowledge sea and used this particular function of that dark technique slate and take advantage of it afterward.

'That technique slate might be even more heaven-defying than this brat divulged before. He also might already cultivate that technique, and the part about cultivating it in Qi soul manifestation was more likely to be a farce to fool me.

'I was truly blinded by greed and overlooked this possibly and underestimated this brat... no, I underestimated the Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique's wonders and played right into this brat's hand.

'But I have to protect my life, or all the treasure in this world will be meaningless to me. What if he's also telling a lie about destroying the Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate with me as well?

'I don't believe a technique like this can be destroyed by a meager existence like this brat, and even if it did, I don't care anymore since I won't be in this world to cultivate it!'

At that moment, Gordon made up his mind to save himself, his life was more important than Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate, anyway.

Even though Gordon's cultivation technique has many pros like it can help him cultivation much faster than his peers and as long as he matured a cultivation clone and absorbed it, he won't encounter any bottleneck in his cultivation.

But this technique also had just as many cons, like if he lost two clones in a ten-year cycle his foundation would instantly shatter, and he'll become a cripple.

Although he can afford to rebuild his foundation, he was already over a thousand years old; it was already half of the lifespan of a soul manifestation realm cultivator.

The moment Gordon's cultivation vanished, the longevity with it also be gone, and he'll turn into a dry corpse within a few hours!

That's also why Gordon never made over one clone before but as he was reaching half of his lifespan and he was already too far away from the next realm, so, he created two clone seeds and send them in his place which was quite safe.

However, Gordon never imagine that someone like Ace would appear and kill one of his two clones in this forsaken place. That's also why he was hurrying to descend in this final clone to take it back and absorbed it quickly, he can't take any chance of it being destroyed within ten years cycle.

But his greed for Ace's secret made him stay, and now he was again done in by Ace and was about to lose his second clone's life, which was equivalent to losing his life for real!

Gordon never would've thought the protective talisman he made those underlings of Emperor Gordon create in high-level lands was going to waste on a Qi 'river' realm brat!

He was saving this talisman for the 'ancient path' that lead back to the royal lands, but now Ace has pushed him to the brink of death, and he cares more about his life than a treasure he won't be able to use after his tragic death.

"Boy, blame yourself for courting death!"

Gordon's weak voice filled with malice and madness entered Ace's ears who was about to chop off Gordon's head with his long sword, he was just a centimeter away before the dark lightning would touch Gordon's neck.

Ace's heart palpitated suddenly when his soul sense rang in terrifying alarm, he knew something was amiss and Gordon had something dreadful up his sleeve!

However, it was already too late because Ace's long sword was jammed a hair away from Gordon's neck and Ace found himself under some powerful restriction force.

Ace, perplexed, eyes suddenly landed on a black cube that has mysteriously appeared in Gordon's hand. A symbol on it was shimmering at his moment, and Ace knew this abrupt development exactly because of this dark cube!

"Die!"

Gordon's voice was like the voice of a grim reaper at this moment in Ace's ears.

Ace saw suddenly enveloped by a dark light whole, and he didn't even know what has happened, but he felt his consciousness start to fade mysteriously as he felt extreme coldness creep inside his body, he was on the brink of death!

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Chapter 265: Random Teleportation Life Coin!

At that one moment, as Ace's consciousness was descending into darkness, Ace saw his entire life flashing through his eyes. He somehow knew he was going to die very soon and everything would be over once and for all.

'My only regret is I won't be able to see little sis, Alina, anymore, and I even got Eva killed together with me. If there is an afterlife, I hope Eva found someone better than me, who could bring her the happiness and joy she deserved.

'As for you, bitchy system, even though it's annoying to be your host, but I have to admit without you, I won't be what I am and probably living a meaningless miserable life in those slums without being able to experience this magnificent, mysterious world.

'I won't blame you or felt resentful toward you for my death, it was me who was too reckless. I never thought I would say it but... I enjoy being a... thief, and I'm very thankful to you for giving me this chance. Likewise, I hope you could find another worthy host who can be a better thief than I ever was.

'However, if there is a chance please save Eva, I know you can just consider it my final wish...'

However, right at this exact moment when Ace was about to take his final breath system's voice rang and this time it was the other playful voice that sound like it was laughing at Ace's 'confession'.

But, Ace was almost conscienceless right now or might blush and curse the system for making fun of his heartfelt emotions.

"[Don't worry, the host cannot die right now, not until that 'item' is still in effect.]"

A series of notifications rang in Ace's mind like ringing bells in the system's usual icy voice.

[Warning: The system detects a life-ending danger to the host's life.]

Lifesaving Protocol: Detected

[Random Teleportation Life Coin: 1]

[Status: Available]

[Activation: Automatically activated]

[Warning: The system has already activated the Random Teleportation Life Coin. The host will be teleported randomly, please brace yourself.]

The very next moment, Ace's figure which was enveloped by the dark light of the cube symbol mysterious vanished into thin air with a blink without even a trace of him left!

Ace never would've dreamed that he would be saved by the random teleportation life coin which he once bought on a whim, and he always complained about it and call it a scam of the system since he can't use it himself.

Now that Ace was gone, the dark life suddenly lost its target, and it also faded.

Gordon weakly looked at the fading dark light with pity, he knew Ace was probably dead by the 'Soul Killer Light Talisman' which was a Grade three soul attack talisman!

He wanted to save it for his journey back, and he knew this talisman can't be created anymore since he has already been lucky before to find all the materials in Crimson Sword Empire's treasury.

But he was forced to use it on Ace, and he could blame only himself for being too greedy and greatly underestimating Ace.

'I hope the technique slate can still be retrieved from his corpse.'

Gordon expected Ace's cold corpse to fall when the light disappeared, but his expression suddenly changed because there wasn't any corpse or even Ace's dust when the dark light was faded!

"How is that possible?!" Gordon muttered in incredulity and bewilderment.

He naturally knew the effect of this talisman and it by no means can obliterate the corpse of the victim since it was a soul attack talisman, not a martial attack!

"Did that brat destroy the technique slate and turned to dust with it??!"

The more Gordon think, the more he felt it was the only possibility, and he felt extremely depressed about it. He never even considered Ace would escape the soul killer light talisman, nor he could escape the still active myriad ghost trapping talisman.

In his eyes, Ace was dead and gone forever with the Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate!

"What a waste, I gain nothing and lose almost my life... sigh..." Gordon sighed weakly as his eyes were filled with grievance and wrath, "I should leave this damned cursed place as soon as I returned to my peak condition."

Gordon was in an extremely weak state and his cultivation was even dropped to the complete river state because of the backlash he received after that mysterious force destroyed his martial sense.

He needed years to recover this clone's cultivation, and he wasn't planning on returning to royal lands anymore, not in this state. He was going to hide somewhere secluded until his ten-year cycle was to pass, and the looming death threat with it.

However, Gordon's expression suddenly changed when he felt people approaching at a very fast speed. He knew he was safe as long as no one in Qi river core showed up, or he was besieged by several peak Qi river cultivators.

He had already killed all the peak Qi river cultivators of three giants and even the Golden King was also dead, so he was confident in escaping this place until someone of this level showed up.

As for these people, the strongest of them all was a Qi river source, and he wasn't much worried about it. The myriad ghost trapping talisman was intact for 40 or so minutes, and it was enough time for him to move around again.

Ten black-clad figures in different owl masks showed up, they were the ten sky thieves of sky stealer society.

These ten naturally witness everything until the dark light enveloped Ace, and then he mysteriously vanished. The first sky thief was the one who rush here, and the other nine had no choice but to follow.

Truth be told, they all wanted to escape after witnessing the bitter struggle between Ace and Gordon, and after Ace disappeared in that dark light they could guess that either Ace has escaped or he's already perished.

The chances of the latter were much higher, but no one dare to speak it out loud since they knew the first thief would probably beat them to death.

"What did you do to Sky Stealer?!" First Sky Thief's voice was filled with killing intent as she coldly looked at Gordon who was coolly standing not far away from the transparent dark barrier.

Although Gordon couldn't hear her voice, he could still read lips clearly and his stoic expression turned into a sarcastic smile seeing this person was inquiring about Ace.

Gordon's lips rose in a mocking smile as he suppressed his rage when he thought about how Ace has 'snatched' Heavenly Blankness Worldending Technique Slate from him.

He simply said three words with intense killing intent, "He is dead!"

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Chapter 266: Very Soon!

A few weeks ago, before the events in middle-level lands took place. When Gordon just stepped inside the middle Sky changing border.

He crossed half the way with no problem, just like anyone could with a sky-changing pass. However, the moment he reached the halfway mark, the evidently safe path instantly lit up in many complex runes.

The next moment thereafter, a cold deathly aura surge from those glowing runes as if those runes were going to devour Gordon whole.

This sudden turn of events would scare anyone to death, and they will do everything to escape the disaster, but Gordon stood there nonchalantly with a cold smile while silently observing those runes changing as if he was watching a clown show.

Suddenly those rune symbols turned into thousands of light streaks supporting immense prowess and powerful momentum, those streaks were fallen on Gordon like heavy rainfall.

However, Gordon didn't show any fear nor did his arrogant expression change even the slightest bit, he just flipped his hand and a palm-size black cube appeared with a golden rune symbol on each of its four sides.

The light rainfall already falls upon Gordon, covering him completely in blinding white light, if it was anyone else this would be the end of them but something magical happened the very instant those light streaks touched Gordon.

They shattered into small light partials without even leaving a scratch on him, furthermore, the mysterious black cube in hand was illuminating in golden luster.

However, the moment the last light streak turned into light partials, the black cube returned to its dormant state as if nothing happened.

"A Protection Talisman... who are you?!" A deep ancient voice reverberated like a thunder rumbling.

Gordon's calm eyes suddenly contracted after hearing this ancient voice and question back with a slight frown, "Who are you?"

From Gordon's memories, he knew this formation has somehow become berserk after some fool tried to take control of it, but he never imagined a consciousness living inside this formation much less this consciousness knew about the nature of the cube in his hand.

Because he especially created this Sky Protection Talisman that can encounter these sky-changing formations and was only useful here. However, only a few bigwigs of humanity like him know about this special sky protection talisman.

What he was more interested in, how could this person know about talismans since the talisman making wasn't taught in this place at all!

"You are a 'Royal', right?" The ancient voice rang again, with no intention of answering Gordon's question.

People from Royal-Lands were known as Royals or People of Ancients by lower-level lands.

"And who might you be?" Gordon repeat his question again while silently admitting he was from the royal lands.

"Does it matter?" The ancient voice remained static, still refused to answer, "Tell me, is Humane Sage Lineage still around?"

Gordon frowned deeply hearing this question and his eyes shone with uncertainty as he thought, 'How did the owner of this voice know about Humane Sage as well, is he someone from the main family of one of the Azure Mainland Sects?'

Many questions aroused in Gordon's heart, but he found it too unbelievable since someone from a sage lineage couldn't be trapped here like this.

He thought for a moment and answered while probing, "Which Humane Sage are you referring to there are five and how did you end up like this?"

"Five?!" The ancient voice sounded startled as it was in disbelief.

"Who are you?" Gordon's voice turned icy cold as he thought this voice was messing with him.

However, this time no answer came nor did the formation act strange again, completely silent plunge the area.

Gordon waited quite a while before his patient reached its limit and coldly snorted, "Just a resentful spirit, I guess."

Without any further ado he moved on, pretending to be nonchalant, but he was still musing about the identity of that voice. He knew something was going on here he doesn't understand, and the formation might not be berserk as it seemed.

But he never heard of this kind of phenomenon before, 'I should investigate this matter and discuss it with the old man since he's a sage lineage and this formation was also made by Humane Sages, he might be interested in it and know something.'

Gordon can't control this main body while using his cultivation clone and if he retracts his consciousness, this clone would be turned to dust, and with it, Gordon as well!

That's why he also didn't dare to step into real formation and remain on the life path, he will not take any excessive risks with this clone.

At the core of sky changing formation, a naked bony man was sitting cross-legged right at top of the runic formation core, an ancient voice rang as it sounded lamenting, from the core of this formation.

"So, that traitor even changed history and create five Humane Sages while removing ancestor from the history. I should've guessed this, since they can't get the forefather inheritance through me, they will hide it from others and bid their time trying to unseal it.

"But those fools don't know that formation can't be unsealed by the likes of them, even I wasn't able to crack it back then. Just wait my traitorous disciple, very soon your master will escape this formation after refining this soul body, and seek justice for my Clavus Clan. Very soon..."

If Ace was present, he would've instantly recognized this voice because this was none other than Patriarch Empty Dream's other soul part, and it didn't seem as helpless as the one he encountered in the low sky-changing border!

At the same time when Ace's whereabouts were unknown after his confrontation with Gordon, in the edge of high-level lands, this place was filled with deadly formations and traps.

If someone crossed all these formations and traps that stretched for miles, they will reach a huge endless wall that was covered in runes.

This wall was known as the Royal Sky Changing Wall which was also the last barrier between high-level lands and royal-level lands but for some reason a few thousand years ago this royal sky changing wall was completely sealed off, cutting the connection with royal-level lands completely.

Not one knows about this matter since it was kept under tight wraps and only leaders of three giants know about it or some old monster who were in hibernation for thousands of years since it would slow down their death.

For thousands of years, the three giants were trying their best to break open this formation wall and create their connection with the royal lands again because if this news of royal land cutting the connection with lower lands and probably caged them here were released to the public it would cause a huge, unstoppable upheaval!

Because three giants only regain their statues till now because those powerful empires fear their background not them and if they even get the wind of this huge matter, everyone will band together to plunder their resources without even caring about the consequences!

That's also why the three giants create thousands of traps and formations around the sky-changing wall, so those people can never reach the main formation wall and found out about their biggest secret.

The reason for the three giants hunting Ace was also this exact reason because he could escape the low sky-changing formation alive, and they all wanted to capture him alive, so they could find out if Ace could help them escape this formation as well.

But alas, they still didn't know all those people they send after Ace was dead, and Gordon probably took away their chances of connecting with the royal lands again after nearly killing Ace.

However, this had nothing to do with this black-cloaked individual who was standing not far away from the endless wall, this person somehow reached this royal sky-changing wall despite all those formations and traps!

"So, this is the final boundary between royal-level lands." A lovely voice exclaimed in awe.

"Hmph... what a waste of resources creating all this formation and then that wall just for some scheme or personal motives. Heh... typical human behavior." An old voice sneered in disdain from this person's mind!

"Senior, where is that ancient path you told me about, and are you really sure we should leave without retrieving the map stolen by that scoundrel?" the beautiful voice questioned with uncertainty.

"Hmph... let the thief keep it safe for us and once you'll retrieve my full inheritance from Beast Continent, you can always retrieve it back and took revenge on that thievish brat. Besides, that brat is the perfect sacrifice and with that map on him, we can easily find him when the time comes. Similarly, it is useless in any human hand since you know that location is in --- continent!"the old voice harrumphed coldly.

"It was indeed my fault for being ignorant, I'll definitely live up to your expectation and take my revenge on that bastard and pay him back for this mark he gave me!"

The beautiful voice was filled with resentment as she looked at her slender snowing ring finger and there was a tattoo of an imposing owl!

"Don't worry once you kill that brat this mark will definitely disappear, now follow my instructions closely if you take even half a step wrong you'll be dead!" The old voice solemnly warned.

The cloaked figure vanished in the depth of the royal sky-changing wall.

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Chapter 267: Teleported?!

Ace didn't know what happened, but when his consciousness was almost on the brink of exhaustion, he suddenly felt a strange warm power enter his cold limbs. Abruptly, after that, he felt he was in the middle of a vortex.

'What is happening?! Is this a path to hell?' Ace thought as he finally regained some of his stability. But he still can't seem to open his eyes, and he could only feel his surroundings.

Furthermore, Ace still assume he was dead, and he didn't know about the activation of the life coin.

'Bang...'

Ace groaned in pain when his body suddenly landed on a rocky surface. 'Why can I feel pain even after death?' Ace knew something was not right as he tried to open his eyes.

To his elation, this time, his eyelids responded to his wishes and, with some difficulty, he opened his eyelids. However, the very next moment a deadly pain attack his head and he knew he was not dead as he could feel his mind space and martial space.

But he was horrified when he saw the problem of that deadly pain. It was his true soul because it was full of cracks and his orange soul core was missing half of its core!

Before it was like a full moon, now it was more like a half and even the reaming core was also on the verge of breaking.

Ace guessed this was probably the aftermath of Gordon's last attack. 'It almost shattered my true soul. I'm afraid, if not for the soul core taking most of the damage, I'll be dead. No... I should be dead, but somehow, I managed to survive. Didn't this mean I'm still in that old man's hand?!

Ace instantly became anxious when he thought about it and in that intense soul pain, he again opened his eyes with extreme difficulty while enduring the soul's pain. Even if he was alive as long as he was in Gordon's hand, there was no point in being alive at all.

However, Ace was flabbergasted when, with some difficulty, he observed his surrounding with his blurry eyes. He saw a crowd of remarkably tall humans surrounding him, and they were babbling something that he can't understand since his ears were ringing because of pain.

'Where is this place?! Did I escape that old man, but how?!' Ace was now even more perplexed as the pain intensified even more, 'What the hell is going on?! Wait a moment, with this kind soul injury, why the hell is I'm still awake?!'

Ace finally notice this point and the very next moment he heard the system's voice, which clear some of his confusion.

[Random Teleportation Life Coin has been used!]

[Host has been teleported to a random location!]

[Temporary healing effect cooldown: 499:59:58]

[Warning: Host soul has been greatly damaged and the healing effect of random teleportation coin can not completely heal host's true soul. The host has five hundred hours to heal the true soul, or the life coin temporary effect of holding the true soul together will be exhausted. This will cause the host's true death. Please refrain from using any soul skill before healing the soul core completely, or the temporary effects will be weakened tremendously!]

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Ace finally understood what has happened and how did he had survived that sure-kill soul attack. His soul pain was also reduced to a tolerable level after this notification.

'So that life coin wasn't a scam after all, but my condition is really grave, and I only have less than twenty-one days to at least heal my soul core, or I'll be really dead this time around, and by system tone that life coin will not save me again.

'But that life coin is really a life-saving treasure, and I'm glad I bought it at that time. I should buy the remaining two after the shop opens again. But first I have to find some treasure that can give me soul points, this is the only way I can fast heal my soul core.' Ace mused, he knew he had only this way to heal his soul quickly since the soul-related treasures will not be going to work on him typically.

'But where the hell I should find those soul treasures? They're just too damn rare, and I still have to deal with that old man. He will probably go after me if he found out I'm still alive. But foremost, I have to find out which kingdom I'm teleported to since this life coin can only teleport me to a random location.'

Ace still didn't forget he was right in the middle of some street, and he was still wearing his thief's trainee hood and his swords were still in his hands.

Now that his soul's pain was bearable, he quickly stored those two swords in his thief's space first, and his eyes also become clear. He finally has a close look at the surrounding people.

However, Ace's eyes contracted in alarm when he saw the 'people' surrounding him. He felt he was dreaming or hallucinating because of his damaged soul. He closed his eyes and circulate his Heavenly Darkness Qi and opened his eyes again, but the scene in front of him didn't change at all!

In front of him were a crowd of 'people', their heights were completely abnormal as the shortest of them was 1.9-meter-tall while the tallest of them was probably reaching almost three meters!

But what Ace was truly horrified about was, these 'tall people' skin color was completely blue, furthermore, they all had two bovine-horns of different sizes on their foreheads, as for their eyes they were completely light blue, and they didn't have pupils!

Ace's heart palpitated, seeing all those pairs of blue eyeballs curiously looking at him as if he was a rare monkey. He wanted to quickly stand on his toe and run, but because of his soul injury, he couldn't move right now, and he needed some more time before he can move around, much less run.

However, he had a terrible feeling seeing all those 'people' and he knew something has terribly gone wrong during his teleportation.

'Bastard System, where the hell did you just throw me?!'

Ace wanted to cry right now as he looked toward a completely dark golden sky which compared with the sky of middle-level lands... it was like comparing genuine gold with a fake half-ass imitation. He also noticed the density of Qi was thousands of times richer in this place as well.

Although the system has said the life coin has teleported him to a random location but this 'random' seemed quite an underrated word, seeing he was probably teleported out of the azure wind continent!

Ace even had some idea where he was. He had seen some records about this peculiar race which grow horns on their forehead exactly like these 'people' surrounding him in three giants' secret records, but he didn't want to believe it. Since it was too damn unbelievable to be teleported to an entirely different continent, and if his guess was right, this was 'the' continent, not just any continent!

'Why the hell is my luck so bad? I messed up even a random location!' Ace complained in his mind as all the happiness of escaping Gordon's alive vanished in smoke.

After his encounter with Gordon, Ace knew the world beyond the borders of lower lands was much more developed, and he was probably living in a remote village all this time.

But he never expected to throw right in the middle of this scary continent, which was like a hegemony compare with the human continent!

"Clear the way, the Demon Guards are coming!" Someone in the crowd suddenly exclaimed, with a hint of fear and respect in his solemn voice.

Although this language was foreign, Ace could clearly understand it because of his ancient god language, because all the languages were originated from it.

This was more like a supernatural ability of a person who could understand and speak the language of ancient gods, and Ace had it from the start, but he never paid much attention to it. However, now that he could clearly understand this foreign language like a fluent listener, he finally understood, this was quite handy at a time like this.

However, he wasn't happy at all because this concludes this guess was indeed right after hearing the word 'Demon' and he knew he was in huge trouble!

'Bitchy system, you fucking send me to 'Mighty Demon Continent' of all the places in this vast world?! If you want me to suffer, just send me to 'All Devil Continent' and be done with it!'

Ace didn't care about the system, had just saved his life because it probably made it much worse right now.

As the name suggests, the Mighty Demon Continent was home to Golden Sky World's second hegemony race, the Demon Race!

Ace preferred to send into hell than Might Demon Continent!

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Chapter 268: Detain in Mighty Demon Continent!

Mighty Demon Continent was the home of the demon race which, according to rumors, can go toe to toe with the Devil Race and the difference in strength between these two mighty races wasn't too great.

However, for some unknown reason, Demon Race never strive for the first spot, and neither were they hostile toward Devil Race. On the contrary, the relationship between these two races was quite friendly.

This left every other race perplexed and because of this exact reason, no one dare to offend either of one race because they would have to suffer the wrath of two races together and these two races were already strong enough to destroy any race, alone!

The Mighty Demon Continent wasn't divided like human's azure wind continent, nor did there were different fractions. This continent was unified under the banner of the Demon Emperor, who was known for his cruelty even toward his race.

But everyone knows this was the nature of demons. Anyone with powerful fists can get a status in Demon Race. But this rule only applied to a member of the demon race and if any other race dared to cause trouble or harm any demon, the entire race would become united, and the offender had to suffer the retaliation of the entire demon race!

This was what makes the top three races of Golden Sky World so scary. They stand up for their own and remain unified against a common enemy. Although other races were also like this to their own, they didn't have means or prowess like Devil, Demon, and Ancient Hunters!

Right at this moment, Ace was lying flat right in the middle of a demon city's street.

All those demons were shocked and terrifying when the hooded Ace with two black swords appeared out of thin air, right in the middle of this crowded street. They were all prepared to struggle for their lives, but this 'intruder' didn't do a thing, as he just 'lay' there like some retard.

So, this naturally aroused those curious demons' curiosity because every big demon city like this was protected by a powerful defensive formation, and it was night impossible for other races to enter without startling the guards.

Which also gave all these demons the wrong impression that Ace was a wounded demon who somehow appeared here in the process of escaping for his life.

That's why they also didn't attack him and watch him with pity. This was one of the rules of the demon race. No one can attack a wounded fellow demon unless he was a traitor, criminal, or in a duel with another demon.

However, they can't help this 'demon' either without an investigation or they will suffer serious punishments if this demon they helped turned out to be a criminal or someone who just run away from an 'honorable demon duel'!

At this moment, loud footsteps filled with imposing auras rang in the crowded street.

"Quickly, clear the way the Demon Guards are coming!"

A path between the demons split opened and ten tall, sturdy personnel clad in black heavy armors and holding towering spears and halberds quickly surrounded Ace as they released their oppressive deep auras of Qi Bronze Core Realm.

Ace's heart palpitated who watched these ten small giants like demons surrounding him, and he felt even more dread from each one of them than Gordon, who was a peak silver core cultivator!

'So, this is the second-strongest race, Demons. Even these guards were at Qi river core realm!' Ace thought bitterly. He knew he won't be able to escape this time around, even if he was in his optimal condition.

He finally understood just how 'safe' the lower lands were, and he never thought he would miss them this soon after leaving them!

"Lose the hood and show your face or suffer the consequences!" A three-meter-tall demon holding a halberd sternly declared as his purple eyeballs behind the black helmet were as cold as ice. He was probably the leader of this small group of guards.

'A wise man knew when to retreat.' Ace didn't take his chances and decided to cooperate obediently.

The thief's trainee hood instantly vanished into his thief's space, as well as the hundred-face deception mask.

Although he knew he doesn't have to worry about this mask since no one will be able to see through it as long as there weren't a martial sense of Qi Soul Martial Cultivator and Soul Sense of Soul River Core Soul Cultivator.

But Ace knew he wasn't in the lower lands anymore, and he will be going to encounter a Qi soul cultivator sooner or later, and who knows he might encounter them here since just these ten guards were this powerful who know how powerful would be their superiors!

Ace didn't know this decision of his storing the mask away save him from a hell of pain because these demons guards have powerful inspection grade treasures on them, and they could've instantly seen through his disguise!

The moment Ace's long coat vanished from his body, Ace's extremely handsome, actual appearance with no disguise entered everyone's view. But alas, those demons didn't appreciate it at all.

"That's not a demon!" someone in the crowd quickly exclaimed in astonishment.

"Then how did he appear inside Ocean Demon City without triggering any alarm?!"

"Who knows, maybe he's a spy from some race and was punished by Demon Emperor for holding malicious thoughts towards our demon race. Don't you see his pale face? He deserved to die!"

Those curious demons' expressions instantly turned hostile after seeing Ace wasn't from their race, and he was probably an invader from other races to 'spy' on them.

Those ten guards' eyes also turned icy as thick killing intent was released and locked on Ace. If he dared to move now, they're instantly getting rid of him.

"Detain him and take him to the dungeon for interrogation. If he resists, cut his limbs!" the demon with halberd commanded the other nine demons as it looked at Ace with a hint of killing intent.

'These demons are as fierce as the records say. It's not like I can do anything to them, but they'll probably kill me if I try to move.' Ace smiled wryly and didn't dare to even twitch. It's not like he can, though.

One of the nine demons took out a long golden rope and insert his Qi into that rope as it instantly come alive. The golden rope quickly ringed around Ace, completely restraining him.

Then the golden rope even lifted Ace from the ground like some rag doll. Those ten demons quickly left with pinion Ace, who was hovering behind those ten demon guards.

Ace was astonished as he had never seen this kind of rope before that can even lift someone, and he felt quite comfortable despite being pinned. Furthermore, he was feeling dreadful about this golden rope, and he could discern if he resisted or played any trick, he will not like the outcomes.

As they were taking Ace toward the dungeon of the Ocean demon city, Ace was examining his surroundings.

The Ocean demon city was much grander than the human cities, as they were tall buildings with beautiful interiors. But the actual differences were strange statues on every street and those local demons bowing to them whenever they saw them.

Furthermore, Ace saw strange carriages moving with no demonic beast or mounts and there were many demons in armors moving around the city carrying all kinds of weapons on them.

It was truly an eye-opener for him because in all those records he gained from three giants, demons were supposed to be bloodthirsty and fierce. Always fighting with each other and many strange things like this, but after seeing himself, Ace found out it was all but bullshit.

These demons were just as civilized as humans and probably more advanced than them as well because how could a race always fighting with each other can become number two in the race ranking, right?

However, what Ace didn't know was, demons had many subspecies in their ranks and these blue skin demons were very civilized. Likewise, he has teleported very close to the core region of the almighty demon continent and the meaningless fighting wasn't allowed here, nor did those fight hungry subspecies of demons.

If he was sent a few thousand miles east from this place, Ace would've been dead within a few seconds because there live the bloodthirsty demons. Those were real savages of the demon race, and they won't even spare their kind, much less an intruder like Ace who appeared out of nowhere!

A large black gate surrounded by towering walls entered Ace's view and above this gate was golden writing in demonic language on a three-meter rectangular black timber, "Ocean Demon Duke Mansion".

Ace's eyes instantly contracted as he felt a mysterious pressure from these words or more accurately from that black timber and the pain in his soul slightly spiked. He pivoted his eyes away. But his heart suddenly raced as he thought,

'A soul-type material!'

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Chapter 269: Ace's Physique!

Ace's eyes instantly contracted as he felt a mysterious pressure from these words or more accurately from that black timber and the pain in his soul slightly spiked. He pivoted his eyes away. But his heart suddenly raced as he thought,

'A soul-type material!'

He instantly distinguished the black timber and thought in astonishment, 'These demons seemed really rich, even using a soul-type material for mere name decoration. It seemed teleported here might not be

a bad thing. If they had spare soul-type material for mere decoration, then they will definitely have more of them!

Ace's eyes instantly lit up as he thought of this possibility. He finally saw hope to heal his gravely damaged soul core and once his soul core was completely healed, his true soul will heal by his soul core!

'But first, I have to find a way to remain alive since these demons would not leave me alive if they found nothing, nor if they found anything! At least I have to stall until the system's upgrade is done!'

Ace looked at the remaining time of the system's upgrade.

[System Upgrade is underway, please wait plenty!]

[Time: 23:25:59]

Ace's heart sank, seeing only half an hour have passed, and he knew this was going to be the longest 23 hours of his life.

Those demons' guards didn't know what Ace was planning and quickly take him toward the back of this Demon Duke Livy Mansion, where a small building was located.

However, the moment they entered the small building, the Demon Guard Leader place his hand on a plain wall and instantly a green complex array structure lit up and shimmered and the very next moment the wall slid upward as an underground passage appeared.

Ace's eyes narrowed when he saw that new type of array that opened with flesh, not a key or array plate, he was accustomed to dealing with those arrays or formations which always had a simple core and key, but this array was much more complex and cumbersome.

'Escaping this place will not be easy.' Ace's expression was gloomy. He knew, even if he had his soul-type skills, he wouldn't be able to see through these arrays!

At the end of this stairway, it was lit with soft light.

Ace felt many soul signatures and all of them had a very weak Qi fluctuation at this moment. His heart was heavy as he believed they were probably other prisoners, and they didn't seem to do well.

There were many small, separated chambers covered with transparent barriers and one could see the persons inside from outside. Those prisoners were mostly rogue demons, but they all had unique characteristics than these blue skin demons.

'So, there is more than one type of demon!'

Ace suddenly figure it out, and he felt even more apprehended since he was the only person of a different race here, and they didn't seem to even care about their own kind, much less a foreign 'infiltrator' like him!

"Hoh... what have we here?" An icy voice with a hint of intrigue rang before another tall, burly built demon in a unique set of robes that these guards come in front of these demon guards.

The demon guard leader and the other nine guards quickly give a light bow to this demon, which showed he was higher ranked than them.

"Warden Cane, we detained this creature lying in the middle of city avenue and according to the witnesses, he seemed to have appeared out of thin air!" The demon guard leader sternly described the strange events related to Ace.

Ace nearly rolled his eyes when this demon called him a 'creature', even though the difference between them was only horns and skin color. But this also implied they didn't know his species, which also means humans were not 'regulars' in this place, or they probably didn't dare to enter. The latter seemed to be the more accurate reasoning.

"Fascinating, he crossed four provinces without being discovered by other 'Demon Kings' and even cross all those territories of our brethren.

"This is probably the first time in the history that an infiltrator reached this far deep in Mighty Demon Continent! Leave him here. I'll report this to Duke Livy and you all get your rewards for this contribution to Ocean demon city." Warden Cane nodded in satisfaction as he looked at Ace with a stony gaze.

Ace's heart palpitated when he heard Warden Cane's astonishing words, and he knew his situation was much graver than he thought and thought resentfully. 'It's all that black-hearted system's fault!'

"As you command!" Demon Guard Leader quickly do as he was told and handed Ace over to Warden Cane's custody and left the dungeon with his fellow guards.

"Shadow, 'clean' him and locked him in a special cell, I'll have to report this to Duke Livy as quick as possible, he'll probably jump in joy since we capture this intruder which even escaped four demon kings' provinces!" Warden Cane chuckles coldly as he turned around and left toward the other exit.

Ace was still pinion with golden rope, and he knew things were not looking good for him. He had to quickly escape this place or else he'll probably torture to death.

The very next moment, a figure materialized from Warden Cane's shadow. It was completely covered in a tight black dress and wearing a faceless mask.

This person was two meters tall and appeared to be a woman, by her curvaceous figure. However, her eyes were completely black, and she was sporting a pair of black pronghorn horns.

Ace instantly knew this was Shadow, who Warden Cane just commanded, and she was probably another subspecies of demons. But her stealth skill was even more astonishing because he didn't sense her presence until she showed herself!

Shadow impassively looked at Ace with the slightest hint of curiosity as she took control of that Golden Rope and took him deeper in the dungeon.

Ace was entered a gloomy area in the 'guidance' of Shadow and his expression turned rigged when his eyes landed on a small pool filled with boiling red liquid which smelled like potent acid!

Shadow didn't seem to care about Ace's opinion on that red liquid pool as she nonchalantly removed the storage ring that Ace was wearing and throw him in the red liquid like she was throwing trash!

Ace held his breath and brace himself as he knew these demons wanted him alive, so they won't kill him without getting some answer, so this liquid was probably for 'cleaning' that Warden Cain order Shadow to do.

However, the moment he entered this red liquid, Ace didn't feel any discomfort or pain of any sort. On the contrary, he was feeling quite warm as he was in a hot spring!

But Ace's expression slightly changed when his clothes instantly melted, and he knew this wasn't just some normal 'bathing water' and it probably had some different purpose.

Actually, this red liquid was a special liquid refined to melt everything under grade two treasures, so how could Ace withstand this torturous liquid?

Very simple, it was related to his cultivation technique, Heavenly Crystal Body, unbeknownst to Ace, his body was refined by heavenly thunder two times under mysterious effects of this technique and his body was now as though as a Grade-2 weapon, or he would've melted within seconds after entering this red liquid.

It's just that Ace never practice any physical skills or didn't fight constantly, so he never truly noticed this aspect about him. Now, only a Qi river core cultivator's Qi can truly hurt him!

Typically, these demons use this red liquid to find any hidden treasure in a person's body and torture the prison even before the interrogation because if you're hiding a treasure even under your skin it'll only make the pain worse since that treasure will melt under your skin!

However, these demons greatly underestimated Ace's body because, till now, no race seemed to possess a physique like demons.

Because those demons were born with powerful bodies and further refine them with special methods like bathing in even more potent liquid than this red-one in this small pool.

A demon's body was their deadliest weapon and in theory, its potential was so great that if one demon had resources and methods to refine their bodies to the limit, they can turn them into grade-8 weapons, it was the highest rank known to this day!

Furthermore, just a grade one demon body was quite rare since the resources needed to refine to this level were humongous and the insufferable torturous pain, but it brings greater benefits as well because with every grade level-up a demon would unlock a super nature physical ability!

Just as Ace felt something was amiss and looked toward Shadow and his expression sank because her brown eyelids were narrowed into slits and her black eyeballs were shining with ambiguity behind her mask as she saw Ace's completely fine figure in the red liquid!

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Chapter 270: Legendary Grade!

Just as Ace discerned something was amiss and looked toward Shadow; his expression sank because her brown eyelids were narrowed into slits and her black eyeballs were shining with ambiguity behind her mask as she saw Ace's completely fine figure in the red liquid.

She mused with astonishment, 'How can this creature withstand, Level-1 Legendary 'Anti-Treasure Liquid' without losing even a layer of skin?! Did he really infiltrate this deep in the Mighty Demon Continent and even escape four Demon King's Detection?'

'Legendary' rank was above the mortal ranks of rune crafter, star ranks of crafters, and color ranks of the alchemists, and it had eight levels. All those 'Grade Treasure' in 'system's language' known as 'Legendary Treasures' and there was no ninth-grade either!

After observing for a while and confirming Ace wasn't seemed to feel any kind of discomfort, Shadow adjust her finger, and with a mysterious power Ace's body retracted from the red liquid.

Ace smiled bitterly, as he knew he had done something he shouldn't and drawn even more attention to himself, which wasn't a good thing at all. But because his knowledge about the demons was almost non-existent, he can't even make some excuse.

He really wanted to use his soul probing on Shadow but refrain himself because of system warning and Shadow cultivation was also at the Silver River Core Realm!

Suddenly, Shadow's melodious yet questionable voice with a hint of expectation entered Ace's ears, "Your body has already entered the Legendary Grade-1, right? How did you achieve it? Where did you get the refinement technique and resources?"

Even the silent and nonchalant Shadow couldn't help but inquire, with a hint of desire in her sweet voice.

A demon's body was like a treasure trove, and each demon had a special set of supernatural abilities deeply hidden in their bloodlines. To unlock these 'supernatural abilities' demons used unique techniques called, Body Refinement Techniques.

There were even some demons who awake a 'supernatural ability on their birth, and they considered the terrifying genius of their race. But this was an extremely rare case, though.

It was every demon's dream to gain a legendary grade body and inherited a supernatural ability that came with it.

Cultivation techniques and skill were only secondary to them because if a demon was cultivation in a soul path, and it also had a 'Body Refinement Technique' with resources, that's equivalent to cultivating in both martial and soul path!

Even though one won't have the martial Qi. But just the powerful body was enough to make up for the soul cultivators' biggest weakness!

Only a demon body can withstand these 'Body Refinements' and unlock these supernatural abilities. No other race can do, not even those cunning Devils!

However, the resources needed to refine a body until it reached the legendary rank can bankrupt any race, and that's why even a demon race that had ample resources can only afford to nurture a handful of demons with terrifying talent.

That's why the Royal Demon Family controlled these body refinement techniques and bestowed them on their most loyal and talented subjects.

At least you had to be a Soul Realm Demon to get the lowest level body refinement technique, which only helped with the first nine-star ranks of body refinement and the resources needed for them were also quite achievable, but still hard to find!

That's why Shadow completely discarded the idea that Ace was from some other race and deemed him a demon from different subspecies because, in her or any demon eyes as a matter-of-factly, no one can refine a body to this kind of level except the demon race!

However, what made her confused was why didn't Ace resist the detainment or tell those demon guards his 'real identity, because anyone with a legendary body had to be very high ranking within the demon race status quo and quite famous. But she never heard of Ace, nor did his 'subspecies'.

That's why she asked these questions and wanted to know if he had stumbled upon some old demon inheritance and get the refinement technique and resources to get his body to this stage.

But Ace does not know what Shadow was talking about, and this made answering her question more difficult for him. He didn't know what a legendary grade-1 represent or about the refinement technique.

All he knows was that this demon woman was really interested in that refinement technique, and he somehow had made her believe he had one, and all this happened after he 'bathed' in that red liquid!

'I should probe her actual intentions, first.' Ace didn't dare to speak carelessly and only questioned back impassively, "What has it to do with you?"

Shadow's eyes only shone with uncertainty. She knew if Ace really possessed a body refinement technique, then he won't tell her and since he already obtained a 'legendary body', he probably exhausted all the materials to reach this stage.

'How did he end up like this, even with this legendary body?! Why isn't he just announced his achievement and he'll be treated like a 'Demon Duke'? Is this demon slow in his head?'

Shadow was really perplexed about this point, and she didn't know if this 'demon' was pretending to be an idiot, or he was just messing with Demon Duke Livy!

Because offending a demon with a legendary body was like offending a Demon Duke, who was only below Demon King in status.

Shadow didn't want to offend this demon with the legendary body. She was just a subordinate under Warden Cane and her subspecies were also different from all these blue skin demons, so they won't hesitate to discard her to save their own skin!

"Please forgive me. I'll keep your secret." Shadow nodded slightly in understanding toward Ace and with a thought, she untied him.

Ace was flabbergasted when he heard this demon woman's unexpected words, and she even untied him with a hint of fear and respect in her voice.

'What the hell is going on?!' Ace did not know what made this demon woman so afraid and what secret she was talking about.

Nevertheless, he won't let this chance slip by, he just had to pretend now and do his best to not blow his cover, which he was quite good at.

Ace's face was impassive as he stood up since he had recovered the ability to move. He was completely naked since all his clothes were melted in red liquid and his ripped body was with no scratch. Besides his soul injury, he was completely fine physically.

However, Shadow didn't seem to even faze by Ace's naked body since demons had negligible sex differences here, nor did Ace have any discomfort since she was from a different race and had horns.

"Please wear these prison robes if you want to continue your act!" Shadow handed Ace a black prisoner attire, with a hint of respect in her voice.

But no one can tell if she was really respectful or just wanted to get on Ace's good side.

Shadow concluded that Ace was likely here to mess with Duke Livy since it was a normal occasion in Mighty Demon Continent when a demon come challenging a demon for his status. But she can't afford to offend either of them, so, she played it safe.

'If I can just grasp what makes her so sheepish, it'll be much simpler. It probably had to do something with that legendary grade body which changed her attitude,' Ace mused as he wore that prisoner's attire.

Although Shadow seemed somewhat submissive right now, he could tell she would not let him escape or help him as a matter of face. If he even slipped a little, he would lose the little bit of hope in escaping from here, and he needed someone from inside, like Shadow, to achieve it.

Furthermore, Shadow didn't seem to notice his soul injury, and he guessed she was thinking he was faking it for some reason.

Ace suddenly realized something as he impassively said, "Did you want that refinement technique?"

He closely observed her emotions when he asked and just as he thought, Ace felt a huge ripple in her soul fluctuation as Shadow's dark eyes show a hint of intense desire when she heard the name 'Refinement Technique'.

'So, this is really about this technique, heh.' Ace was elated when his blindly fired arrow hit the mark.

"C-can I?!" Shadow's eyes show some hint of hesitation and uncertainty.

She knew just how precious these techniques were, and only the most important personnel can have Legendary Body refinement technique. She was just a subordinate of a Prison Warden and her subspecies didn't have the potential to reach Soul Realm either, so this body refinement technique was her only passage.

In fact, any demon in her stead would've been tempted after hearing about a refinement technique of legendary grade, and Shadow was not different from those demons!

"Yes, I can give it to you, but it's not on me, you can even check my storage ring, as long as you can get me out of this place, I can hand it to you once we reached my 'abode'!" Ace quickly reacted.