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Chapter 291: Entering the Iron Demon City

"Hehe, don't be alarmed, it's me. This is the effect of my toy." Ace's voice was also a little hoarse as he smiled while showing rows of sharp teeth.

"But how?! It's impossible to change an appearance so much and your aura is completely demonic and so does your cultivation!" Noa mumbled in disbelief.

It was common knowledge that every race emitted a unique aura and demons emitted demonic aura and their cultivation was also given special demonic vibes completely different from a human.

But Ace was now turned into a complete demon, with no trace of humanity left on him. This kind of skill or treasures that can do this was unheard of or even if they exist, they will be somewhere in the treasures of those powerful old monsters!

However, Noa was sure even those treasures can't compete against Ace's mask!

"Haha, what can I say? I can't survive without something like this, since my occupation is a bit high-profile!" Ace merely shrug his shoulder and chuckled while lamenting. He was stating a fact, though.

'Sigh...' Noa only sighed in wonder, and she knew this was probably one of the treasures that came from the 'Goddess' as well and didn't question anymore. But her dark eyes shone with undenied desire!

"Now, no one can tell you're from another race! Do you want me to get rid of him?" Noa nodded in understanding and looked at the real Pablo as a hint of killing intent surfaced in her eyes.

She was numb to killing since her job was killing while working under Warden Cane, and it was also natural to kill this silver iron demon and destroy his corpse because it was the only proof left that can expose Ace!

"You don't have to kill him, just throw him back to where you find him from. We don't need to get rid of him. He's not a threat, and leaving him alive is more useful than killing him!" Ace mysteriously smiled as he looked at unconscious Pablo.

"Fine." Noa didn't question Ace's order and an invisible Qi envelope the real Pablo, and she quickly left to throw Pablo from where she found him, obediently!

'It's good to have someone to depend on.' Ace smiled faintly and felt being a leader come with its advantages and wasn't that bad.

After Noa dealt with real Pablo, she came back quickly, and with a hint of adoration she looked at Ace, who was now a silver iron demon, and asked, "What further instruction leader had?"

Noa finally let go of the little bit of resistance she had toward Ace and completely depend on him.

"We're going to climb." Ace merely chucked and moved toward the isolated part of the city walls.

Although he had gained a new face of a demon, he can easily go inside the city. But Noa can't, and he also had something else in his mind, so going like thieves will be better.

Ace's words bewildered Noa, but she still followed closely behind.

After they reached an isolated part of the city wall where no one was patrolling, Ace used his soul-shattering eyes and was relieved when he saw the alarming array was only made of eight mortal grade runes and was full of flaws.

Ace took out a long rope and there was a big black iron hook attacked on its one end. It was the same rope he was using to climb and descend the walls of large cities all these years.

Noa was astonished by seeing the normal rope and quickly enlightened about what Ace meant by climbing.

But she asked with uncertainty, "Leader, this wall is probably protected by an alarming array and if we stepped on it, the city guards will instantly know we're trying to infiltrate the city!"

"I know, just trust me and follow my every step, and we'll be fine."

Ace replied with confidence as he swigged the hook with rope and throw it with full power toward the top of the two-hundred-meter-high city wall!

The hook quickly landed on the top of the wall!

Ace slowly pull the rope and when he felt the hook was strongly connected with something, he was ready to climb.

Speaking of which, this rope and hook can't be detected by any rune symbols because they were made of normal material with no Qi whatsoever!

"Remember to follow in my exact footsteps, or we'll have to run!" Ace sternly warned Noa again and started to climb slowly, so she could follow in his footsteps.

Noa also notice Ace's or Pablo's solemn face and didn't dare to take his words as wind. She carefully followed Ace's every footstep without missing even one as she climbed.

Sometimes, Ace would leap one or two-meter-high with rope, but he would always step on a particular place like a monkey.

Noa was a Qi silver river core cultivator and following Ace's movement was a piece of cake for her since Ace wasn't using a skill.

They climb for some time and finally reached the top of the city wall where the slightest chilly wind was breezing, giving the feeling of autumn.

Ace couldn't help but marvel at the sight of the magnificently lit Iron Demon City and its huge, beautiful buildings from the top of the city wall!

Noa was also feeling ecstatic since they reached the top of the wall without triggering the alarming array, and she also understood Ace just can't unlock lock doors. He had the means to overcome rune symbols!

'So, this is a real thief, huh? I never imagine one day I'll meet and even admire a thief who doesn't even mean anything in the eyes of the demon race. I don't know about anyone else, but as long as I know,

there has never been a thief in this continent's long history. He's probably going to cause a tremendous sensation here. I wonder if he's famous among humans.'

Noa couldn't help but let her thoughts wander as she looked at Ace's broad back with a hint of adoration and anticipation to see more means of this thief, and even wanted to learn them, so she could also become like him!

Ace didn't know Noa's thoughts and after enjoying the feeling and admiring the scenery for a while, he said, "Let's go down, those patrolling guards will come very soon."

He threw the rope on the other side of the wall and quickly descend with Noa without any discomfort.

After collecting the rope inside his thief's space, he looked at the iron demon city and smiled before he said to Noa, "I know a place where we can stay and no one will look for us. Let's go!"

Noa's eyes contracted when she heard Ace's claim and couldn't help but retort softly, "L-leader, you've been to this place before?"

She knew for a fact that Ace had never been on the Mighty Demon Continent because, while traveling with Ace; he asked her very common questions about it and her race. Furthermore, he didn't even know about the legendary grade, so how could he know one of the biggest cities of Ocean Demon Dukedom!

"Hehe, I can steal people's memories and before taking that demon face, I steal his memories as well, so I'm like a real silver iron demon now and call me Pablo. It's this guy's name!" Ace chuckled softly.

He didn't mind telling this much to Noa since she'll know it eventually, and it was far better than creating doubts in her head.

"L-like soul search!?" Noa's voice was filled with horror and disbelief.

She knew what soul search was, and only a soul realm cultivator can learn this ghastly skill!

But she could tell Ace didn't use a soul search on that demon because it would've probably killed him or at least turned him into a vegetable, but she could tell that demon was completely fine after she took him back!

"Soul search, huh? I didn't know it was such a well-known skill."

Ace suddenly sneered coldly as Gordon's face surfaced in his mind since he learned this name from him and even experience this painful skill himself!

"No, it's not soul search but one of my thief abilities that are like soul search, but it wasn't painful, nor I can use it on just anyone." Ace suppressed his grievance, and clearly, Noa's misunderstanding.

"Despite that, this kind of ability is unheard of and by looks of it, your soul search is more powerful than a soul search of soul realm cultivators because I heard they can only extract memories until the victim remains alive or sane. Besides, it can't be used in broad daylight. But Leader's soul search completely on a different level!" Noa's voice was filled with admiration and wonder, but there was a hint of dread in her voice.

She was now clearly afraid of Ace because by the looks of it his 'soul search' was sneaky and meticulous. If he used it on her, she might not even know, just like what he did with Pablo!

"So, this skill is this vicious, huh?" Ace's eyes turned cold as his hatred for that clone freak reached a new height. 'I'll fucking play that guy to death once I become powerful and returned!'

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Chapter 292: Mission Complete!

In the shade of night, two silhouettes entered the territory of one of the three founding clans of Iron Demon City, Silver Iron Demon Clan!

Even though the security was quite high around here, these two silhouettes move with no hindrance or tripping any trap or alarm like they knew where they were stepping and assimilated the structure of this state in the back of their head.

Both silhouettes reached a remote area where old remains of some buildings were left untouched.

"This is the place. There should be a hidden door right under that broken wall!" A hoarse voice with a hint of excitement sounded from one of the silhouettes.

These two intruders in Silver Iron Demon Clan's territory were naturally Ace and Noa!

After Ace assimilated the memories of Pablo while taking his appearance, he got the memories of the entire silver demon state and even found a hidden place that was only known by Pablo!

Pablo stumbled upon this place when he was young, but this was just an underground room with not much of a value inside. However, this was the perfect hidden place, since not even those elders and leaders of the silver-iron demon clan know about this secret room.

However, Pablo never used it before, even after he was expelled to live on his own. He never thought about living here safely because foremost, he can't infiltrate the silver-iron demon's state without alerting the entire state. Secondly, he can't live without resources and remain here idle for the rest of his life, so this place was meaningless to him.

However, for Ace and Noa, this place was the perfect spot to remain hidden as long as they wanted and with Ace's soul-shattering eyes, they can come and go as they wish!

Moreover, Ace's purpose for coming here wasn't just this hidden room!

Ace reached the broken wall. After carefully scanning the ground, he finally found the hidden door position!

He started digging with his hands, since it would be troublesome to use Qi here, and they might alert those powerful elders of the silver-iron demon clan.

Noa was guarding Ace and vigilantly observing their surroundings. If she found any danger, she'll get rid of it instantly.

After digging half a meter, Ace's hand met with resistance, which means there wasn't any more soft soil here, and it was what he was looking for!

Ace quickly clear the soil and a two cubic meter old stone door surface. This door was unlocked and with no protection, that was the reason Pablo could enter the underground hidden room in the first place.

With some strength, he slightly slides the old door from a hollow opening. The stone door trembled slightly before sliding to the left, and a dark stony stairway appeared beneath the stone door.

"Let's go!" Ace call out to Noa and quickly enter the dark passage as he slowly descended the stairs without hesitation.

Noa, with no delay, followed Ace while she closed the stone door again, and with the slightest movement of her hand the dugout soil again covered the stone door and everything become like before as if nothing had ever happened or someone had just dug a hole here!

Ace enter a spacious room that was thirty cubic-meter in size, and it was completely empty except for a layer of thick dirt was all over the place.

"This is our hideout for the time being!" Ace nodded in satisfaction. He was happy with this hidden place, and he didn't need to show his face in the city as well.

Ace was planning to stay here for a while, at least until he sorted out his skills and further increased his strength, and achieve his goals. Furthermore, there was the looming threat of Demon Duke Livy, and it would be wise to wait until the matter between him and Noa die down.

"This place is really well hidden and made of special material. Even my martial sense can't escape this room, nor can I find it from outside." Noa exclaimed with a hint of astonishment in her voice.

"Is that so?" Ace noted in astonishment.

Because he could easily feel his surrounding with his soul sense, it wasn't hindered in the least bit and after Noa's revealed this particular trait of this room, he activated his heavenly sense for an instant, and it wasn't hindered either.

'Is this because of my heavenly soul cultivation?' Ace quickly reached this conclusion, 'This is also great since I don't have to worry about those elders and Clan Leader anymore and this place remain hidden for all these years is also probably because of this same reason. But why is this room so special and made with his precious material? There had to be something unique about it, and it might hold some big secret!'

Ace's mind raced as many kinds of possibilities appeared in his head. He never heard of this kind of martial that can hinder martial sense, much less an entire room from it.

But he wasn't too surprised since he wasn't in the lower lands anymore, and he knew there were still many things he didn't know and that's why he was wary of wondering outside this soon, not at least without evaluating his strength.

Ace carefully scan the room with his soul-shattering eyes, but he found nothing hidden or anything special about this place.

'Either my soul-shattering eyes are not high enough to see through this room, or I'm just thinking too much,' Ace mused and stop caring about it anymore.

If his first conjecture was true, then it was meaningless to further think about it, since he didn't have skills right now.

At this moment, Ace heard the system's voice.

[Thief House]

- -The system had deemed the house leader's mission complete!
- -Did the house leader want to release the rewards of the mission?

[Yes/Delay]

Ace suddenly remembered the mission he had given to Noa, and he almost forgot about it after reaching the Iron Demon City.

"Why would I delay it? I'm not you!" Ace snorted with contempt, "Released it!"

Ace knew the pain of delayed rewards, and he didn't want Noa to feel the same since she work hard all this time protecting him. She earned it fair and square.

Noa on the hand was still admiring the hidden room when the system's crisp voice rang in her head as she released a low shriek in startle. But she quickly calmed down when she remembered the voice of 'goddess'.

Her eyes become extremely respectful as she attentively listened to the 'goddess voice' and read the 'god decree' in front of her.

[Thief House Leader Mission]

Mission: Escape the Crisis!

Description: Escort House Leader (Ace White) out of the Ocean Demon City safely and find a safe place.

[Status: Complete]

Reward:

- 400 House Points
- Night Demon Body Transformation Technique

[Reward has been released]

[House Status has been updated.]

Noa's eyes instantly filled with ecstasy when she heard and read the content of this 'god decree'. But the next moment, her eyes suddenly opened wide as she released a low shrill in pain.

Ace frowned as he noticed Noa's strange condition and suddenly remembered something and blurted, "Hold it! It's probably the information about the technique being transferred into your knowledge sea. It's only temporary!"

How could he forget his own experience when he started receiving information about things from the system? Now he was numb to it, and it was also related to his powerful soul as well.

But Noa wasn't a soul cultivator, nor has she ever experienced this method of receiving knowledge, so she was caught off guard.

However, the moment she heard Ace's explanation, this was the information about the body refinement technique that she always dreamed of. Noa clenched her teeth and stop screaming and endure the pain in her head!

Ace saw Noa's enduring the blood-curdling pain and couldn't help but admire her resolve and willpower.

'She deserved to be in my thief house!' Ace nodded in approval, like a leader who had just accepted the rookie wholeheartedly.

After a while, Noa's bloodshot eyes eased up as she breathed sharply. It was clear that she had successfully endured the pain, and now it was over.

After catching her breath, her watery eyes shone with extreme excitement and elation as she mumbled while one could see drops of tears dripping from her mask's edge, "I finally got the refinement technique and complete the dream of my ancestors!"

Ace said nothing and leave her to calm down since he could feel her turmoil emotions, and it was better to let her alleviate herself and released the pent-up emotions.

Nevertheless, he was happy for her and even looked forward to Noa's future growth with the system's help!

Although Ace didn't know what would Noa's future be like from here on out. But one thing was evident.

'I'm looking forward to it!' A thievish smile bloomed on his demonic face!

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Chapter 293: Night Demon Body Transformation!

After sorting her emotions and shedding tears for a while, Noa finally calm down and for some reason, she felt refreshed and euphoric after releasing all of her sentiments.

Her eyes were now clear of any doubt or hesitation, and what remained was everlasting resolve and determination.

Noa looked behind toward Ace's direction and saw he was calmly looking at her with a faint, knowing smile on his demonic face.

A hint of embarrassment flashed past her eyes as she complained, "I'm sorry for showing such an embarrassing sight to the Leader!"

"Don't mention it, sometime we all have our moments." Ace said nothing else since she might take it the wrong way.

Ace wasn't a mortal brat or youngster with no experience whatsoever anymore. Although he was only eighteen, he had robbed many people of their memories and some of them lived for two centuries. This was enough to change his entire mindset and view of things in a certain way.

"Forget it. Tell me about your new refinement technique? I'm eager to know why all the demon race is crazy about it?"

Ace quickly change the topic, and he was also telling the truth about his interest in this refinement technique that can make a demon's body as tough as a grade weapon!

Furthermore, from Noa, he found out that his body was probably as strong as a grade-1 weapon or even higher. Since they both interact because of his exact reason. He did not know about this since he never fought someone physically, nor was he required to.

Besides, he had no idea how his body become so strong, even reaching this level without his knowledge, but he had his suspicions that it was related to heavenly punishment somehow, but he didn't have any solid proof. If not for the pool liquid he bathed in the duke's mansion prison, he still probably remained ignorant about this point.

Thereby, he was planning on utilizing his powerful physique. It was just that he did not know how yet!

Noa's eyes also shone with excitement as she recalled the Night Demon Body Transformation Technique. She nearly overlooked it because of her burst of emotions and embarrassment.

Now that Ace mention it, she quickly arranged a large amount of information in her knowledge sea.

However, Noa's eyes suddenly turn gloomy as the information on the Night Demon Body Transformation Technique was arranged completely.

Ace also notice the change in Noa's emotions and asked, "What's the matter? Don't tell me you don't receive complete technique? Even if that's the case, you'll get it eventually as you progress with it."

He was too familiar with the system's ways and this was a very normal event for him since he still had many seal skills in his knowledge sea. But he always got significant information after he progressed in them, so he never complained about it.

"N-no, 'Goddess' gave me complete technique from 1-Star Night Demon Body to High-stage Night Demon Legendary-Grade Body. I-it... it is just that the materials needed to reach higher levels are so rare and some of them I never even heard of them before...

"Furthermore, one needed to be an alchemist to concoct the refinement liquid and the strange thing is this alchemist had to be... me or whoever cultivate this technique. I can't ask for anyone's help in the process of concocting, or I can never use the refinement liquid!"

Ace's eyes narrowed when he heard about this particular requirement to practice this refinement technique, and it was simply asking the person to become an alchemist.

But it was much harder said than done because alchemy was never easy and only a handful of people had a talent for it among thousands. That's why a high-level alchemist status wasn't any low than a rune crafter because both of them were too rare.

"I can still learn alchemy and even complete the requirement of possessing the same grade bloodline as the refinement liquid grade with 'thief assassin shop' help.

"However, it even described that I had to acquire a special fire to successfully concoct refinement liquids of legendary grads! If this fire was what I'm thinking it was, then I'm destined to never possess a Legendary Demon Body!" Noa's depressed voice sounded, and her eyes become listless in the end.

Ace's frown deepened as he asked, "What kind of fire?"

He never heard of alchemists needing a special fire to refine anything before. As far as he could tell, those alchemists used some kind of fire stones if they don't have fire Qi in refinement.

Ace even had the memories of blue grade alchemists, and he knows as much as a blue grade alchemist about alchemy, even if he never tried it before. He was confident in concocting blue-grade pills after some practice!

"A Fire Spirit!" Noa's voice was a little hoarse as she spoke while clenching her fists.

"Fire Spirit, what's that?" Ace had never heard of this name before. That's why he quickly questioned.

Noa had used to Ace's ignorance after traveling with him for days, and she knew his knowledge about this world was quite shallow as if he lived in some backward village before.

Sometimes she even doubted his status as the Leader and how he got the approval of the Goddess? But she never dared to state her mind out loud, afraid of offending him and 'goddess'.

However, the matter regarding the fire spirit was a top-secret that was only known by the top three races of this world. Not even humans know about it despite their status!

"It's only a legend that was reverberating in our race for the past hundred years that in the last gathering of three ancient races (Devils, Demons, Hunters), no one returned alive from the 'Fiery Hell Secret Realm' except from one Devil that was on the brink of death.

"Rumor has it before he died, he only utter two words... 'Fire Spirit' and after that not only three ancient races become excited and almost gone mad, but they send more people to get this 'Fire Spirit' and even put a huge reward on it.

"But whoever goes after it never came back alive and like this, the fiery hell secret realm closed with no one getting their hands on this 'Fire Spirit'. But the three races' stance was clear, they will come back again for it at the next gathering when the secret realm opened again!

"However, I don't know if this was true or false since this news was leaked from the royal zone eighty or so years ago, and it was a hot topic back then. But it slowly died down as time passed. But to this day, no one has neither confirmed nor denied it.

"My tribe was still around back then, so we naturally got the wind of this news, and it also became quite popular between us as well. That's why when I read the name 'Fire Spirit' in the requirement, my thought instantly wander to that incident.

"But I still don't know if this was merely a false rumored or true, much less snatching it from three ancient races or even come back alive from that secret realm. That's why I said I'm destined to never possess the legendary body." Noa mumbled dejectedly in the end.

Ace's eyes shimmer with uncertainty when he heard Noa's explanation about this Fire Spirit and this 'Secret Realm'. His attention also landed on 'three ancient races gathering' as well.

"So, you're telling me this fire spirit is something that three races wanted so bad they didn't mind paying any price? But they just don't send their elite there. If they wanted to retrieve it, why ask others?" Ace had to ask since this didn't seem right to him.

"Who knows? I'm just like you about this as well. We demons outside the royal zone don't even know what 'Fiery Hell Secret Realm' was and where it is. If this news wasn't leaked from the royal zone, no one probably knew about these things." Noa shook her head dejectedly.

"System, what's a fire spirit and Fiery hell Secret Realm?" Since he can't get anything out of Noa, he turned to the all-knowing system.

"[Fire Spirit: An undying Fire born in an extreme environment filled with pure Fire Qi]

[Secret Realm: An independent space, a space fragment, a secret world, a manmade space, a...]"

Ace's eyes turned sharp and shone with astonishment and elation as he read the information about two things he just asked! He never imagined the system would disclose this kind of information so easily without batting an eye or asking for TP in return, like always.

'Is it because my authority level increase?' Ace couldn't help but wonder.

Nevertheless, he was happy since it was a good thing, and after reading the details about those two things, especially the long list about 'Secret Realm', his heart raced.

This suddenly broadens his horizons and understood just how much he still lacked in knowledge department and view of this world. He suddenly wanted to go there and explore this secret realm.

"Royal Zone, huh." Ace muttered softly as his eyes shone with a thievish glint!

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Chapter 294: Professions of Golden Sky World!

Ace quickly snapped out his thoughts about Royal Zone, since it was too far from him right now. He can't even tread in Ocean Demon Dukedom without getting into danger, much less the most powerful place of Mighty Demon Continent.

"Don't worry about the Spirit Fire. For now, we'll leave tomorrow's problem to tomorrow." Ace told sulking Noa, "What about the levels that don't need the Spirit Fire?"

Noa's eyes brighten a bit. Hearing Ace's conciliate words, she looked at Ace's silver eyes deeply, which shone brightly with confidence, with no hint of worry.

'I almost neglected the source of his confidant is a God, and I should also remember this as well.' Noa's listless eyes suddenly brighten, and all her vexation turned into smoke.

"I understand. Thank you for advising me, leader!" Noa nodded toward Ace with grateful eyes.

'What did she understand?' Ace was slightly bewildered, hearing this, but he still stiffly nodded. 'Well, as long as she doesn't lose her confidence.'

"Before legendary grade, there are nine-star levels of Night Demon Body Transformation Technique just like weapons and I required to be a 'Nine-Star' alchemist to start the process of concoction from 1-star to 9-star." Noa softly told Ace about the levels before Legendary Grade.

Ace, on the other hand, wasn't too shocked hearing 'Nine-start Alchemist' because after assimilating Pablo's memories. He knows in Golden Sky World there were different ranks of alchemy, crafters, and runes crafters, completely different from lower lands.

Here there weren't any color ranks for alchemy or mortal grade for rune crafters, there were star ranks, and he was astonished to find out that the entire world used these ranks not just demons which mean the knowledge of lower lands were inadequate or someone kept it that way!

Alchemist or Rune Crafters had Nine-Star Ranks from one-star being the lowest while nine-star being the highest just like crafters and here crafters identified as 'Crafter-Smiths' not 'Qi Crafters'.

If a Crafter-Smith also knows how to create runes symbols, then those Crafter Smiths were known as 'Runic Crafter Smiths'!

After the nine-star ranks come the 'Legendary Grade', which had '8-Grades', and each grade was further divided into three small stages, 'Low, Intermediate, and High'.

As for rune crafters, they were also divided into three types: 'Talisman Rune Crafters, Array Rune Craters, and 'Formation Rune Crafters'.

The reason for separating rune crafting into these three types was because each type had a very broad and profound discipline and one could spend their entire life, but still don't reach the end of the road in either of these three disciplines.

Now Ace knew all those rune crafters in lower lands were just jokes here, and he finally understood all this time he was living in a barren village.

He also got to know that whether it was Alchemist, Crafter Smith, or Rune Crafter, they all were respected and prominent figures, and no one dared to offend them!

Even though Ace didn't know why there was no ninth grade, since the system had clearly told him there were Nine-Grades in mortal sky heavens. But he didn't have prior knowledge about it, and he was just too insignificant to even bother himself with this topic.

"So, that's how it is," Ace mumbled, deep in thought.

"Yes, but the key ingredients needed for these star levels were also quite rare, and I don't think anyone with a sane mind would sell them. There are even grade-1 ingredients required to concoct the nine-star level refinement potion.

"Although I had never learned alchemy before, I learn about 'poison alchemy' in my tribe, since it helped a lot in the art of assassination. That's why I know a lot about these herbs since Warden Cane knew

about the Poison Alchemy of our tribe, and he helped me a lot to hone my skill in it, for his own selfish motives."

Noa's eyes turned cold as she remembered how Warden Cane encouraged her to learn poison alchemy back then. Before, she thought little about how did he provide her books on poison alchemy since it was quite a rare branch of alchemy and few practiced it since it's very dangerous and deadly to play with poison.

But after she found the truth about her tribe's massacre, she finally understood where all that knowledge came from. It was her own heritage, plunder from her tribe after they exterminate them!

Noa knew better than anyone that Night Demons had a strong resilience to poison, and that's why they can easily practice this dangerous art of poison alchemy. Warden Cane also knew it, and that's why he made her learn, so she could be the perfect weapon!

Noa also didn't disappoint Cane because her talent was astonished, and for revenge, she learned everything about the poison alchemy of her tribe!

"Poison Alchemy?" Ace clearly never heard of it before.

"Yes, you can say this is the dark side of alchemy, and no one dared to practice it if they don't have confidence in handling poison. But each 'Poison Alchemist' was a dreaded existence!..." Noa sternly told Ace about Poison Alchemists.

Ace suddenly felt a chill run down his spine when he heard a powerful Poison Alchemist can poison some to death without even being found out.

'It seemed I was living in a flower house all this time,' Ace reflected gravely.

But when he remembered his strong immunity to poison, he felt more assured and confident in dealing with these poison mongrels if he ever encountered them in the future.

Furthermore, he even wanted to learn this poison alchemy since there were many practical uses in theft and make a mental note to ask Noa to teach him in the future, since he had other things to focus on right now.

"I don't think it would be difficult for you to learn alchemy since you had experience in poison alchemy, right?" asked Ace.

Ace would be lying if he said; he didn't have ulterior motives after he learned Noa had to learn alchemy because he could easily have made her create pills for him in the future, which also means a steady supply of EXP!

This wasn't the biggest advantage, but the real advantage was Noa had to walk the soul path according to her thief assassin shop, which meant she will become a 'Soul Alchemist' who can make soul-type pills!

Soul Alchemists were far too rare since everyone talented in soul preferred to walk on the path of a rune crafter because many people consider soul alchemy a waste of soul-type talent!

That's why soul-type pills were so rare and precious, and Ace never encounter any soul heard except for Blood Rose, much less a soul-type pill.

Now that he had a house member who can become a soul alchemist, this will completely solve his problem of soul points in the future. That's why he was even more eager than Noa to let her start practice in alchemy!

"Yes, I can easily reach six-star alchemist rank. But after that, it was the question of wealth, since alchemy is all about resources." Noa said with uncertainty.

It was common knowledge that alchemy was a huge money-burning discipline, and the rate of failure was much higher than the success rate.

That's why only rich ones dare to study alchemy!

Ace naturally understood what Noa meant and suddenly remembered all those things he recycled a few days ago and felt his heartache. 'I should've never used that recycle shop, damn it!'

Ace cursed himself for his own stupidity when he thought of all those materials could've used by Noa. But quickly calm himself since the milk was already split there was no need to cry over it now, he reassured himself, 'Well, those materials were all low-level one and only enough to make white, green or 1-star pills or two-star pills. The real precious materials are in the rings filled with treasure mountain!'

When he thought about the huge treasure mountain, he felt a lot better and quickly said with confidence, "You don't need to worry about expense, I can support you for a while. Even if we run out of material, I can always 'get' more than enough!"

Noa was naturally dumbfounded by Ace's arrogant words.

"Hehe, remembered I'm a thief? I'll take whatever I want, and now you're too!" Ace said with a thievish smile.

"I understand!" Noa quickly nodded in understanding.

"Now that this is out of the way, I had a mission for you!" Ace's silver eyes shimmer mysteriously as he looked at Noa.

"What mission?" Noa's heart suddenly race after hearing about the mission because a mission meant more house points and rewards for her, which she desperately needed right now!

Ace only smile mysteriously and transmitted in his mind, "System open the mission making interface of thief house!"

Ace always had a weakness, and he was nearly killed because of it last time, but this time he won't be going to make the same mistake since he had a helper, and he was quite confident of achieving it, after seeing Pablo's memories!

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Chapter 295: Ace's Ambition!

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From Pablo's memories, Ace could tell the mighty demon continent was quite resourceful and there were many unexplored mysterious things just waiting to be explored.

That's why Ace first decided to find a hideout where no one would be able to find him and then create an... informational secret organization from this hidden place!

Before, he had no plan or even thought of taking this step because it would require too much time and manpower. However, after recruiting Noa and getting Pablo's memories and the way the demon race does things, Ace didn't think it was completely impossible anymore.

Besides, he had some experience with how a secret informational organization work from Nightmare Ghosts Organization's secret information network, and he always wanted a source of information like this when he was roaming in lower lands.

But alas, he never had a chance, he was teleported here, after a near-death experience.

However, Ace didn't want to repeat that same mistake again and after mulling over it for some time he decided to just go for it and create his own secret network of information in Mighty Demon Continent, and he was going to start with Silver Iron Demon City!

'If we somehow manage to pull this off, it will greatly help me in future thieveries and I can always dodge incidents like 'treasure mountain' or even use it to increase my fame by spreading the news!' Ace's eyes glow like the sun as he thought of all those advantages if he was successful.

With no further delay, he started to create the mission for Noa because she was crucial in the founding of this secret organization, and he didn't have to worry about her betraying him, either. It was also a sort of test.

He could've commanded her without using the House Points, and she could've followed it without asking any further questions. But he refrained from doing it because she required a large amount of HP to reset her foundation and then re-cultivate with the system's cultivation technique.

He was her only source of HP, and it would only bring him benefits if she became more powerful. Especially when he thought about all those soul pills, she'll be able to refine in the future. Just this reason was enough to make him help her with all his might.

Noa was also calmly waiting for the mission that Ace had just promised, but she couldn't hide the anticipation in her eyes and her wildly beating heart.

After a few moments, she finally heard the system's impassive voice.

[Thief House Leader (Ace White) has issued a Chain-Mission]

[Thief House Leader Mission]

[Chain-Mission: 1/3]

-Mission: Subduing the Wolf Demon Bandits!

-Description: Subdue the gang of bandits hiding deep in Iron Forest close to the iron demon city and enslave their leader (Golden Wolf King)!

-Reward: 300 House Points

-Time: 30 Days

-Punishment: None

[Chain-Mission: 2/3]

-Mission: Lock

[Note: Please complete the first chain mission to unlock the second mission.]

Noa's eyes shone with incredulity when she saw this 'Chain-Mission' and questioned, "Leader, why?"

She naturally didn't understand why Ace wanted to subdue a gang of bandits and even enslave their leader.

"Hehe, you'll naturally know as you complete all the chain missions. Just don't underestimate this group of bandits. They had a strong backer, or they'll not roam freely until now. Kill anyone who resists. We just needed their leader, Golden Wolf King. He's probably a peak Qi river realm demon now."

Ace didn't reveal his plan just yet to Noa since he wasn't even sure himself if this will work or not, but he was eighty percent sure it'll work.

'Well, I naturally found out about it if she could complete the second mission. I have to hand it to the system. This chain mission is really handy if you want to give a series of missions at once. I wonder system would give me a chain mission in the future as well or not.' Ace thought with some expectancy.

He naturally found this 'Chain-Mission' feature in the thief house mission interface, and he quite likes it because this was the thing he needed at this moment.

"As you wish!" Noa merely nodded her head in agreement.

Since Ace didn't want to reveal it, she won't question him anymore. After all the series of events she has gone through with Ace, she won't feel shocked or question him anymore. Even if he said she'll have to kill the demon king, she'll do it with no question asked!

"As for your problem of leaving and entering the Iron Demon City, go to the market and find an old shop name 'Cloud Book Store' tell the old man that; you want to 'Eat Cloud on Sun' and he'll know what you want..."

Ace gave some more instructions to Noa, so she could safely exit or enter the city after completing the mission. He knew she couldn't pull a wall climb without getting busted.

He was naturally using Pablo's knowledge since that guy was always interested in these kinds of things more than cultivation, and probably that's why he was expelled as well.

Pablo knows many secrets about the Iron Demon City because of his background, but alas, all of them were useless after he was expelled and become broke like a beggar.

However, these secrets were a great help to someone like Ace, who wanted to create a secret organization.

After getting her instructions from Ace, Noa left the hidden basement, and she naturally remembered all the hidden traps in Silver Iron Demon State when she was following Ace.

It was a piece of cake for Noa to enter or exit the Silver Iron Demon State now!

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Chapter 296: Soul Words: Despair Manual

After Noa left to complete Ace's mission, Ace was left alone in the hidden basement.

Ace didn't want to leave this place yet because he had other things to do and Noa's presence save him much time.

He sat cross-legged and take off his hundred-face deception mask before he sighed softly. He naturally didn't like the demon face and since he was safe here and Noa know about this actual appearance, he decided to remove the mask until he stayed here.

Furthermore, he was also somewhat sick of wearing all those fake faces and a mask all the time. Although he won't feel the hundred-face deception mask on his face, it was still fake.

"I should also increase my skills while I have the chance. Let's start with the system's technique!" Ace mumbled decisively.

In lower lands, he always wanted to learn all those skills in the system shop but didn't have thief points first and when he had them, the system demanded an upgrade again, splashing a cold bucket of water on his plans.

Now here, after the system was upgraded, he got busy with his 'great escape' so he didn't get the chance again.

However, now that he was done with everything and someone was there to do his bidding, he finally got his moment to learn new skills and improve himself.

That's also one of the reasons he always hesitated to create an organization because it will cause too much distraction. One of the reasons was the system itself because it always gave him difficult missions, and so he always had to be on the move.

"System, open the technique section." Ace quickly transmitted his thought to the system.

This was the only section that remain untouched till now, and he had a feeling that those techniques were going to be a tremendous help to him!

[System Shop: Techniques Section]

[Soul Words [Despair Manual]]

[Price: 50,000TP]

[Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual [First Vol]]

[Price: 100,000TP]

"First, let's see what these Soul Words are about."

With anticipation, Ace eagerly commended, "System, confirm the purchase of Soul Words Despair Manual!"

[50,000 TP has been deducted!]

[Purchase has been successful!]

[Thief Point(s): 1,517,650]

[Soul Words [Despair Manual: Sound Soul-Path Technique]

-Description: A soul technique that used the power of [Despair] with sound waves and Heavenly Soul-Qi to temporarily controlled the victim's mind and actions.

-Warning: The power of this technique solely depends on comprehension of the laws of [Despair], [Sound], and Heavenly Soul Qi potency. Wordily soul Qi is useless. Please refrain from using this technique on cultivators with powerful souls!

-Three Realms of Soul Words [Despair Manual]:

1. Deep Despair Soul Words

[Three Stages: Low, Intermediate, High]

2. Extreme Despair Soul Words

[Three Stages: Low, Intermediate, High]

3. Deadly Despair Soul Words

[Three Stages: Low, Intermediate, High]

Before Ace could mull over the information in the system's interface, a huge torrent of information drilled into his brain without giving him any chance to react.

With a pale face, Ace quickly closed his eyes to endure the pain. This time the information was quite huge, and it took him three hours to completely accept the information in his knowledge sea and another five hours to assimilate it.

Although he only got the information about the first realm, Deep-Despair Soul Words of Soul Words: Despair Manual, it was still quite long and profound.

Ace was instantly captivated by those profound and sagacious scripts of Deep-Despair Soul Words!

He didn't know how much time pass, but he was deeply engrossed in the mediation of this wondrous soul technique.

Ace discover this technique wasn't just a random skill technique like his Lock Eraser King Technique, but it was a unique technique like his Dual Shadow Swords which was a weapon cultivation technique while the soul words despair manual was a 'Sound Cultivation' technique!

Each technique had a wide and endless path of its own. One dealt with the 'Law of [Shadow] and [Sword] while the other one contained the mysterious of [Sound], and [Despair]!

Others can only dream of possessing a technique like this, and Ace had two of them right now!

If news of it got out right now, probably the entire world would go crazy and come after him!

Each of these techniques can cause an endless and nonstop, bloody war between races!

After an unknown time, Ace's eyelids slowly opened, and a dark mist flashed past his dark blue eyes.

Ace couldn't help but be astonished by this soul words technique, and he even got some understanding over it because of his early encounters with the power of despair and heavenly despair thunder.

Furthermore, his element was 'despair lightning' and after obtaining the soul words despair manual, he had a feeling that both his element and this soul technique were deeply connected with each other and both of them can give him endless benefits!

"In Deep Despair Soul Words Realm, I can only fuse the heavenly soul Qi and minor-level law of [Despair] with sound for only ten seconds in low stage, thirty-second in the intermediate stage, and for a minute in high stage.

"After that, I have to comprehend the law of [Despair] to at least low-level and the law of [Sound] to minor-level to achieve the Extreme Despair Words realm.

"This is too damn difficult since I don't even know how to comprehend a law and what the hell is this law in the first place? I can only feel the slightest power of despair, all because of my encounters and my element. That's it!"

Ace smiled bitterly as he recited the requirements just to enter the low stage of the Deep Despair Soul Words realm, much less the second realm.

Nevertheless, Ace was determined to learn this soul path technique because if he could just achieve a low stage level of the first realm, he can simply order someone who was under his control to commit suicide, and they'll do it with no hint of hesitation!

The most magical and dreadful thing about this technique was the victim won't even feel or remembered that he was assailed, or controlled with this technique!

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Chapter 297: Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual (First Vol) (1)

Nevertheless, Ace was determined to learn this soul path technique because if he could just achieve a low stage level of the first realm he can simply order someone who was under his control to commit suicide, and they'll do it with no hint of hesitation or resistance!

The most magical and dreadful thing about this technique was the victim won't even feel or remembered that he was assailed, or controlled with this technique!

This simply means Ace can control a person and asked him about the location of the treasury or anything he wanted without wasting time using soul probing, and that person would not only tell him everything, but he'll even forget about it the very next moment!

Besides, this technique can work on far more powerful opponents if he had high-level mastery over laws inscribed in this technique manual.

Simply put, he can control a soul realm expert easily if he could achieve low-level master of second, Extreme Despair Soul Words Realm right now with his heavenly orange soul core not to talk about after he broke through in higher soul realms!

That's why he was eager to learn it and fully immerse into the technique before, but alas, the requirements were just too high, and he was snapped out of that wonderful comprehending state. His level of understanding was just too low to even peek in the window of laws right now!

'Let's see the last technique as well.' Ace quickly calm down and ordered, "System, confirm the purchase of Heaven's Stealer Dismantler [1]Manual!"

[100,000 TP has been deducted!]

[Purchase has been successful!]

[Thief Point(s): 1,417,650]

[Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual [First Vol]]

- -Introduction: A Heaven Defying Profession [Dismantler] created for a Heaven's Stealer!
- -Description: Dismantle anything under heaven and earth!
- -Requirement: Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves and Heaven Stealer Technique!
- -Three Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Principles:
- 1. Treasure Dismantler Principles [From Grade-0[2] to Grade-9]
- 2. Alchemy Dismantler Principles [From Grade-0 to Grade-9]
- 3. Runic Dismantler Principles [From Grade-0 to Grade-9]

(Author's Note (Wahi): Grade-0 represents 1-Star to 9-Star Ranks or System's ranks like [Lowest level, low-level, middle-low level, high-low level...] sorry for the inconvenience)

Ace frowned when he read the information about this technique or unique profession for a Heaven's Stealer.

"Where's the information?" Ace was naturally waiting for the torrent of information this time after being caught off guard before.

However, even after waiting for a while, no information was provided, so he directly asked the system.

"[Host please donned the Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves to progress further!]"

Ace click his tongue hearing this, he almost forgot about the Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves he purchased recently.

Before, he doesn't have time, so he didn't check these gloves with an unknown grade.

Ace quickly send his sense into the thief's space and after looking around, he finally caught sight of two completely black gloves beside his swords.

These black gloves looked like they were made of pieces of thin clothing, and there was nothing extraordinary about them.

If Ace didn't know any better than they were of an unknown grade, he would've thought they were just trash and throw them away.

However, something strange happened the moment he sent his sense to take them out of the thief's space. Those gloves instantly vanished the moment they come in contact with his sense!

Ace was flabbergasted by this and frowned. "System, what is the meaning of this?"

He naturally thought the culprit was the system since other than him, only the system can fiddle with his thief's space. That's why he sternly demanded an explanation.

One had to know he had spent two hundred thousand thief points on both Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves and Technique, so he won't let the system play any tricks after taking his thief points!

[Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves have been equipped!]

[Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves: Unknown Grade]

[Owner: Ace White]

[Current Grade has been adjusted according to the Mortal Sky Heaven: Grade-9]

Ace's eyes constricted inquisitively the moment these notifications rang because, according to the system he already donned, the Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves, but he didn't find them at all since his hands were empty!

This left him perplexed and indignant, he was just about rain on the system with folly questions when he sensed something was amiss because his knowledge sea trembled even so slightest.

The very next moment, Ace's eyes almost pop out of his sockets as they turned bloodshot because a blood-curdling pain attacked his knowledge sea!

He knew this was the information regarding the Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Technique, but this was completely out of his expectation because the information was just too much and this was probably the second-longest technique he received after Heaven Stealer Technique!

However, for some reason, this was far more painful than anything he ever experienced!

Ace clench his teeth and hands as he endured the soul-splitting pain with everything he had.

If Ace could just enter his own knowledge sea, he would clearly see what was happening right now while he was enduring the pain.

Right at this moment, in Ace's dark endless knowledge sea, a black mist was gathering in the middle, right above Ace's dark sea, and slowly condensing into a pentagon shape!

After the pentagon was complete, it was congealed, but this was not the end of it. Dark engravings started to emerge on both sides of the pentagon's smooth surface!

When the engravings finally emerged, the pentagon look like a coin right now.

On one side of this pentagon-coin was a hooded face that just look like Ace when he wore his trainee hood, while on the other side were two hands, or they were just like Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves!

After the pentagon coin seemed to be complete, it slowly descended into Ace's dark knowledge sea and drowned until it completely vanished deep into the abyss like the dark sea!

Right at this moment, a vague voice rang in Ace's dark knowledge sea that sounded like lamenting yet at the same time melancholic.

"[When a 'Heaven's Stealer' born, the 'Heaven Punish' while the 'Worlds' prostrate for mercy...]"

- [1] I have chanced the 'Disassembler' into Dismantler because although both mean same while the latter sound more accurately. I chance it in the s as well, sorry for the inconvenience.
- [2] (Author's Note (Wahi): Grade-0 represents 1-Star to 9-Star Ranks or System's ranks like [Lowest level, low-level, middle-low level, high-low level...] sorry for the inconvenience)

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Chapter 298: Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual (First Vol) (2)

Inside the secret underground chamber, Ace was sweating profusely, while his face was pale.

He did not know what was happening inside his knowledge sea, as his entire focus was on enduring the stabbing pain in his head.

However, the moment that pentagon coin completely vanished inside Ace's dark knowledge sea, the pain suddenly vanished.

Ace was bewildered by this abrupt change and with a bemused expression, he mumbled, "Strange, I got all this humongous information within minutes?"

Thereupon, Ace's pale complexion slowly returned to his natural state, and he also stopped mulling over the strange thing that had just happened.

Ace was now skimming through all the information of Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual's three principals.

Just like that, hours passed and Ace was still engrossed in Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual with an impassive face while his eyes were tightly shut.

When his eyes were open, they were filled with incredulity and wonder. His expression was solemn.

Strangely, Ace looked at his hands and with a thought, 'Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves!' two dark hand symbols emerge on the back of his palm.

'So, the part about they're merged with me is true, and I can't take them off, either. Only death can part us now. Well, this is also acceptable since these two gloves are essential for Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual, and they can't be destroyed!'

Even though Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Gloves didn't have any combat or defensive power, they were far more precious than any kind of treasure!

Ace was elated and full of excitement because of this heaven-defying technique.

With another thought, those two dark hand symbols again vanished in the back of his palm with no trace. He knew these two gloves were always active, and he didn't need to summon those symbols every time he wanted to use them.

Suddenly, a small dagger appeared in his hand. It was a three-star rank. With no further delay, black mist gushed out from his hands, completely enveloping the small dagger.

'So, this is the 'Dismantle Qi' that can only produce with Dismantler Gloves after filtering the Heavenly Darkness Qi!' Ace scrutinized the dark mist like Qi.

'Next step is to synchronize the dismantle-Qi into the object. I wanted to Dismantler and then used the pertinent Dismantler Principle suitable for the object. Since this is a weapon, and it falls in the category of Treasure Dismantler Principles!'

Ace carefully began to compress the dismantle-Qi with both hands or Dismantler gloves, and it entered the small dagger, which was the sign of synchronization.

After compressing for a while, sweat was beaded on Ace's forehead, but his eyes were sharper and focused. Finally, the silver of dismantle-Qi completely synchronized into the small dagger!

Before the small dagger was silver, however now it was completely black, and strange small royal blue dots had appeared on different parts of the dagger.

Ace knew these small dots were proof of the successful synchronization, and the dagger was ready to undergo the next and most difficult phase.

He recited the Treasure Dismantler Principles in his mind.

Although this dagger was of three-star rank, he didn't have any lower-level treasure than this one. Nevertheless, he was just testing. Even if he didn't succeed, he just wanted to see the magical effect of this profession that was made for a thief!

The very next moment thereafter, small royal blue strings began to emerge from Ace's fingers and entered those royal blue dots on the small dagger.

Strangely, since there were only seven small dots on the dagger, the strings were also seven.

Something magical happen thereupon, the small dagger started to break apart from the seven dots, and it was completely dismantled into seven small pieces hovering between his hands.

Ace's eyes shimmered with ecstasy when he saw the second phase was also successful and only the third and final step was left!

With a solemn expression on his face, he mumbled, "Treasure Dismantler Principles, Dismantle and Origin Condense!"

The moment Ace uttered, the Dismantler gloves' dark symbols appeared on the back of his hands again and started to glow darkly.

In Ace's astonished eyes, those seven broken pieces trembled before their forms started to change.

However, at this moment, a piece suddenly turned into dust while reforming and, one after another, this phenomenon repeated until only one last reforming piece was left.

Ace's solemn expression didn't change. He knew this was bound to happen because he was applying the One-Star Treasure Dismantler Principle on a three-star treasure.

But there was still hope since one piece was left.

At that very moment, something magical happened. The last piece suddenly developed into the shape of a crude silver stone and the symbols of hands after disappeared just like they appeared as if their job was done.

Ace also felt the Dismantler gloves also stop absorbing his Qi, which means the process was over and

The small silver stone also stopped hovering and dropped into Ace's hand!

"So, this is one of the seven materials that dagger was made of, and I recovered it with the Treasure Dismantler Principles!

"This is unheard of since no one can recover the materials once they were forged into something, but this technique can disassemble anything and then returned them to their origin!

"I finally understand why the system once says I can theft those treasure doors and rune symbols engraved in the places. Before, I never thought it was possible, but with Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual's three principles, I can simply disassemble anything and everything!

"But I still needed practice and I have time as well. Once I reached the higher levels of three principals, I can simply disassemble those high-grade treasures and recover those materials!"

The more Ace thought about the benefits of this technique, the more his heart thumped. With this technique, he was simply a fish in the water, and he also has ample treasures to practice with it as well.

Furthermore, even if he runs out of materials for practice, he can always steal more. The thought of buying them never occurred to him even for a moment!

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Chapter 299: Noa's Missions (1)

While Ace was completely engrossed in his training and raising the levels of his skills and new techniques, without even caring about the outside world.

Noa was currently hiding in a large carriage, which was carrying some large boxes outside the city. She reached this point after she followed Ace's orders and approach the shop owner, he told her.

Just as Ace said after she told the secret password to the shop owner, he only charged her a 'small' fee, and without asking any further questions, he prepared this carriage for her.

Noa was hiding inside one of the large wooden boxes inside the carriage. However, her box was engraved with small symbols from inside which were hiding her presence!

She didn't dare to release her martial sense because these runes can't hide it, and she can only wait for the carriage to pass the city gates.

After an unknown time, the carriage halted,

'Tap, tap...tap tap..."

When Noa heard this special taping sound, she knew her stop has arrived!

She quickly opened the box and vigilantly exited from the back of the carriage.

Outside, a tall, plump demon with blue horns was beaming at Noa when she disembarked from the carriage.

"Miss, we're already at the edge of the iron forest." He said with a hint of pride.

"You did well." Noa coldly nodded without a hint of emotion in her eyes.

She waved her hand and a pile of high-level Qi stones appeared on the ground.

"Hahaha, it's nice doing business with you, my Lady!" The plump demon grin while showing his white beastly teeth as he quickly stored that pile of Qi stone in his storage ring.

"Remember, my caravan passed from here every week at dawn. If My Lady wants a trip back... be on time!"

After uttering, the plump demon again embark on the carriage and left without waiting for Noa's reply. He deals with these kinds of demons on regular bases, so he had vast experience, and he could tell this lady was too dangerous, so he quickly left, afraid to annoy her.

Noa didn't even spare a second glance at the departing carriage, and after activating her stealth, she vanished into the dense forest with towering trees with large crowns.

Ace had clearly described the hideout of these wolf demon bandits to her and, after she bought a map from the same plump demon, she easily reached outside a well-hidden large cave opening deep inside the forest.

Noa's eyes shone with elation as she thought, 'It seemed Leader's soul search is even more powerful than I imagine!'

She didn't charge right inside because Ace clearly told her that the leader of these bandits was a very cunning fellow, and he only appeared once in a while in this hideout for collecting the loot or when he planned to loot some caravan.

After she used her marital sense, she only sensed five demons with early Qi river realm cultivation and mused, 'So, that guy isn't here yet. I have to wait!'

Three more days passed as Noa lay in wait, but the leader, Golden Wolf King, didn't show up. She only noticed minor movements of those five small fries, nothing else.

Just like that, one week passed,

"Where is he?!" Noa mumbled in frustration.

It's not like she was an impatient person or anything, it's just that she was anxious about her mission because it only gave her thirty days' deadline.

Although Ace didn't set any punishment if she failed but for Noa, this was like cutting off her flesh because her House Points were on the line!

That's why she was getting annoying, but she can't do anything about it either since she did not know who this guy actually was and where he was.

'Really, why did the leader need to enslave this bandit leader?' Perplexed, she had no answer to this question and only lay in wait.

It was deep at night of the tenth day when Noa noticed movement not too far away from her hiding position!

'Someone is here!' Noa instantly became alert and completely hide her presence and breath.

Three cloaked figures enter the cave entrance swiftly like blurs. But Noa could clearly see them because of her high cultivation base and specie.

'Two flowing Qi river cultivators and One peak Qi river cultivator, it should be the bandit leader and vice leaders!' Noa's eyes quickly lit up as an icy glint flashed past them.

Wasting no time, she entered the dark cave in stealth, following those three newcomers.

She suddenly heard voices,

"Greeting Leader and Vice Leaders!"

'So, they're really my target. Well, I don't have to be worried anymore!'

A dark, long double edge dagger appeared in her hand as Noa's eyes were exempt from any emotions. She was nothing, much less, of a grim ripper!

"At ease!" An imposing voice filled with authority rang at this moment. "Our target this time is Daffodil Pavilion's Caravan!"

The owner of this was clearly the Golden Wolf King, the leader of this small gang of bandits.

"Daffodil Pavilion?! Um... Leader, those guys aren't easy to deal with!" One of the five bandits spoke timidly.

"Hmph... we, the Demon Wolf Bandits, aren't afraid of anyone, scram if you're afraid!" One of the vice leaders sternly proclaimed.

The small fries instantly get on their knees and were about to beg for mercy... however, at this moment, an icy yet scornful voice rang from behind everyone,

"Is that so?"

The leader's eyes instantly contracted in horror when they heard this icy voice filled with killing intent!

"Intruder!" He barked as he was ready for a huge fight.

However, before the other could react, a dark streak flashed past five bandits and two vice leaders' throats!

Everything happened in an instant, and the bandit leader only heard seven sounds of something landing on the stone floor before the headless corpses follow suit!

"Too weak!" The same icy voice rang with a hint of disdain.

But in the ears of the bandit leader, it was the voice of his maker!

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Chapter 300: Noa's Missions (2)

Inside the secret underground room, Ace was still immense in his training when suddenly the system's notifications rang in his mind, jolting him out of his focus...

[House Member Noa Night Killed an empty Qi river realm demon]

[Reward: 100 EXP]

[House Member Noa Night Killed an empty Qi river realm demon]

[Reward: 100 EXP]

[Thief House Member (Noa Night) Killed an empty Qi river realm demon]

[Reward: 100 EXP]

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[Reward: 100 EXP]

[Thief House Member (Noa Night) Killed an empty Qi river realm demon]

[Reward: 100 EXP]

[Thief House Member (Noa Night) Killed a flowing Qi river realm demon]

[Reward: 250 EXP]

[Thief House Member (Noa Night) Killed a flowing Qi river realm demon]

[Reward: 250 EXP]

[Martial Cultivation: Heavenly Dark Sea [Stage-3]]

[EXP: 21,000/50,000]

[Soul Cultivation: Orange Wind Soul Core [Stage-3]]

[SP: 20,000/50,000]

Ace was naturally gobsmacked by this volley of killing notification and quickly questioned with a slightly excited voice, "System explain!"

Although he had already guessed what this indicated, he still wanted to confirm from the system itself!

"[Any kill by a Thief House Member will result in additional EXP or SP for Host.]"

"So, it wasn't a dream!" Ace exclaimed with ecstasy, and suddenly he asked another question promptly, "What about the stealing or theft?!"

"[Any kind of thievery by a Thief House Member will result in additional Thief Points for Host!]"

"Fuck, yes!" Ace couldn't help but exclaim out loud in excitement.

Before he only thought the Thief-House was just to nurture helper thieves, and he was getting the short end of the stick since he had to spend Thief Points and House Points also don't give any benefits to him as well.

However, now that system revealed the hidden benefits of Thief House, how could he remain calm and collective?

"This is far better than anything I could've asked for. It was truly worth it to use thief house! Should I recruit reaming two members?" Ace mumbled with excitement, deep in wondrous thoughts of his bright larcenous future.

He no longer thought of this function as a burden, and he was even more motivated to nurture more thieves because it was like a long-term investment!

However, Ace didn't know this was just the tip of the iceberg!

Back inside the Demon Wolf Bandits Hideout,

"Too weak!" The same icy voice rang with a hint of mockery.

But in the ears of the bandit leader, it was the voice of his maker!

Nothing in this world was scarier than an absolute power that can make anyone fall into despair, and this leader of bandies was just experiencing the same things.

His will to fight was long gone and the only thing in his mind was; survival!

With no hint of his previous haughtiness, he fell on his knees and prostrated in front of the cave entrance, and start begging, "Please sir, have mercy! You can have everything and I can even give riches far more than you could've imagined. Please spare my life, I'll change my ways..."

"Shut up!" Noa's exasperation voice sounded.

She never imagined this guy had no hint of integrity in him. He gave up without even thinking!

"Sign this slave contract and I'll spare you!" Noa didn't want to delay any further and throw the 8-star slave contract she bought from the plump shop owner.

The bandit leader finally showed a hint of hesitation at seeing the stone slave contract. He knew with his cultivation base, that it was impossible to break this eight-star slave contract without entering the Qi river core realm!

"W-why don't we find another way, like I have a lot of wealth..." His next words suddenly caught in his throat like a lump when he felt the cold, sharp edge on his throat.

Noa's soft yet icy voice, filled with killing intent, enter his ears,

"Either sing it or die!"

"Please wait! I'm the second son 'Buck Golden Iron' of Golden Iron Demon Tribe's Chief and the city lord of Iron Demon City. Don't kill me!"

Buck finally revealed his real identity when he almost saw the death door. Although he was unwilling, and it was also his biggest secret, it was far better than being dead!

Noa was naturally astonished when she heard him and thought, 'No wonder Leader said he had a strong backer!'

Nevertheless, she remained cold and impassive as she repeated pointedly, "I don't care even if you're a demon prince, either you live as a slave or die as a headless corpse!"

Buck felt his throat turn dry as he felt the sharp dagger pressing into his throat. He never thought his assaulter wasn't even afraid of his father, and finally, his last mental defense shattered.

He was terrified of dying and even if he became a slave of another demon, he'll still choose to live. 'Once my father found out about it, he'll naturally rip this guy apart and rescue me!'

With this thought, he sent his Qi mark on the slave contract, and a dark red mark suddenly appeared between his dark golden eyebrows before disappearing.

Noa finally put away her dagger and took the slave contract from the floor, storing it inside her storage ring. She was quite pleased with herself since she completed this mission with no hindrance.

'What's the second mission?' She eagerly waited, without even caring about listless Buck, who was now silently shedding tears of bitterness.

Noa didn't have to wait for long before the systems deemed the first mission complete and activate the second mission of the chain mission, and she attentively read the contents,

[Chain-Mission: 1/3]

-Mission: Subduing the Wolf Demon Bandits!

-Status: Complete

-Reward: 300 House Points have been added to House Member Status

[Noa Night Thief House Point(s): 700]

[Chain-Mission: 2/3]

-Mission: Use the Bandit Leader!

-Description 1: Controlled the Enslaved Bandit Leader (Golden Wolf King) to fish out the All-Knowing Parrot!

- Description 2: Capture All-Knowing Parrot alive.

- Description 3: Bring All-Knowing Parrot alive to House Leader (Ace White)!

- Reward: 500 House Points

- Time: 100 Days

- Punishment: None

[Chain-Mission: 3/3]

-Mission: Lock