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Chapter 301: Noa's Missions (3)

[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

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

Noa tentatively closed the mission panel. She still didn't understand why Ace didn't just tell her beforehand about these strange mission strings and let her deal with it on her own.

'Is he testing me?' Noa thought because this was the only plausible explanation, and she wasn't some four-year-old to not understand this point after seeing the second mission.

Ace naturally had the same intention when he gave this mission to Noa. He wanted to see how she'll complete the task with little clues he gave her through missions.

He could've just told her his true intentions and been done with it. But he didn't because he knew their future was filled with difficulties and thorns and Noa was new to the concept of theft.

That's why he made these missions to test her adaptation and acclimatization abilities because a thief knows how to change and react to the situation and remain calm even when the odds were against it.

The first mission was to her patience and fighting skills, which Ace knew she would complete with little of a hitch.

This second mission was to test her reconnaissance ability because this All-Knowing Parrot was an information broker and a slippery rat who was wanted all over the Dark Ocean Demon Dukedom!

Many people were searching for All-Knowing Parrot and wanted to tear him into a million pieces because he knew too many of their dirty secrets and his means of collecting information were astonishing and mysterious.

That's why some people were specifically searching for him to reveal this secret or enslave him to work for them. But to this day, no one has ever captured this All-Knowing Parrot, nor did anyone know his real identity because he was too cunning and meticulous.

As for how Buck was in contact with All-Knowing Parrot, even Pablo didn't know, but Pablo was once a member of Wolf Demon Bandits and one of the vice leaders because of his former high status!

This bandit group was made by Buck to rob caravans of his clan's competitors and made trouble for them, so his own clan's business can flourish, and remain on top of the Iron Demon City business's food chain.

He also had his father's full support!

Pablo was rough in his early days and somehow befriended Buck and then roped into Wolf Demon Bandits by shrewd Buck, who knows about Pablo's status as the youngest son of Silver Iron Demon Clan's Leader!

However, what Buck never expected was Pablo would turn out to be trash and even be expelled from Silver Iron Demon Clan because of his misgivings and early scandals.

In the end, Pablo was kicked out by Buck from the Wolf Demon Bandits as well because of his status as trash, and he was also afraid Pablo would drag him down with his meager strength.

Pablo naturally had no choice but to endure and kept a lid on it. He didn't dare to reveal Buck's dark operations, nor can he afford to, and even he exposes Buck. No one would believe trash and exile!

Besides, he can't kill Pablo openly. Even if he was an exile, he was still the son of the Silver Demon Clan's leader!

That's why Buck left Pablo alone to wallow in his own misery.

However, what Buck didn't expect was Ace would steal Pablo's memories and then hunt him down, so he could find the All-Knowing Parrot through him.

When Noa interrogated Buck about the All-Knowing Parrot, she was also astonished and finally understood just how difficult her second mission was.

She even remembered hearing about All-Knowing Parrot from Warden Cane once, but she never paid much attention to the outside world. She wasn't interested enough, nor did she have time to waste because she wanted to become strong to get her revenge.

"How did you contact All-Knowing Parrot?" questioned Noa coldly to Buck.

Buck was also feeling perplexed because it seemed his new 'master' knows everything about his operations and secrets.

What he doesn't understand was how did Noa know about All-Knowing Parrot and him? Because he was always very cautious to never talk about All-Knowing Parrot with anyone and only his two Vice-Leaders com close aids know about it which were now dead beside him.

However, he was confident those two dead men didn't betray him, so who does? Well, the time of mulling over was long gone, and he can't hide anything from Noa because of the slave contract!

Unless he didn't want to die garishly, he had to tell the truth about everything.

"I-I don't... we always contact through middlemen and I never meet the real person!" Buck replied truthfully.

Noa's eyes narrowed because she knew Buck can't lie to her and this mean she was chasing after a ghost!

"What deals have you made and where is this middleman?" Noa coldly asked with a hint of killing intent. She was naturally feeling dispersed now because five hundred house points were on the line!

Buck's heart trembled when he felt the killing intent. He knew if this 'master' of his didn't get what she wanted, he was dead!

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Pablo quickly told everything about how he contacted and deal with All-Knowing Parrot.

"Wasn't he an information broker?" Noa coldly inquired.

Pablo quickly replied, "Yes, he's an information broker and with money, you can buy any kind of information from him. As long as he knows, he'll sell it to you, no matter how big of a secret it is!

"However, this was just the part of what All-Knowing Parrot does, and only people who made a deal with him know about it. Although he's infamous for his dark information network, he's also running a black market!

"Those people called it the 'Spica Syndicate' and All-Knowing Parrot seemed to be the leader. Furthermore, this syndicate was backed by many powerful people, mostly criminals and people like me, who wanted to keep their hands clean."

'This is troublesome. Who would've thought this All-Knowing Parrot is running this dark syndicate all along, and this was probably the reason he wasn't caught yet.' Noa mused gloomily, 'Should I go back and report it to Leader, he probably didn't know about this, right?'

Noa was right, Ace didn't know or ever imagine that the little information broker he wanted to capture was a syndicate boss all along, or he would never make this kind of mission for Noa!

'No, if I go back without even trying, the Leader might think to belittle me! I have to complete this mission no matter what, at least I can't go back until the hundred days' time limit was over!' Noa quickly threw the idea of going back to the side and strengthened her resolve.

She has to find the solution to her plight on her own. Furthermore, it's not like she didn't have any clues to work with!

"I want you to contact this middleman right now!" Noa knew if she wanted to reach the All-Knowing Parrot, this was her only way!

"Y-yes right away!" Buck quickly agreed!

Buck knew he just got a new lease on life, so he quickly moved as he guided Noa toward the other part of the large forest, which was quite barren. There wasn't anything special about this place. It looked normal as it could be.

Noa also scanned her surrounding but found nothing special about this place.

However, Buck seemed to know where he was going, and very soon he stopped in front of the tallest tree in this area. Without waiting for Noa's command, he took out a small white stone which was engraved with a special rune symbol!

Noa coldly observed without interfering with Buck's actions. She saw Buck place the white stone on the slightly hollow tree trunk and the moment the stone touched the tree trunk, a small door appeared!

"An illusion array!" Noa snorted coldly, with a hint of astonishment in her impassive eyes.

"Yes, this is one of the All-Knowing Parrot's methods of communication!" Buck nodded in affirmation as he opened the small compartment and said, "We just have to place the letter in it, and they'll know."

"How will they know you place it here, right in the middle of nowhere?" Noa naturally had her doubts.

"This..." Buck was also perplexed about how he could answer this before he said with a small sigh, "Truth to be told, Master, I didn't know about this as well, but they will respond in exactly seven days!"

"Fine, let's wait here for seven days and if no one comes, I'll place your head in that compartment after seven days!"

Buck shuddered to hear Noa's words laced with killing intent. He knew this lady wasn't joking in the least bit!

"Please spare me, master!" He quickly pleaded for mercy.

Although he was a slave, he could tell Noa wasn't interested in him from the start. She probably approached him because of All-Knowing Parrot and if she found him useless, he'll be dead and done!

"Shut up!" Noa coldly scoffed. If not for Buck's value, she would've killed him right now and gotten rid of this burden!

Buck's light golden face was ashen, but he didn't dare to retort, and quietly followed Noa and hide in a hiding place very close to the tall tree. They could see everything from here while they remain well hidden.

'Oh, great deity Baphomet, please save this lowly one just this once, and I'll stop doing these crimes!' Buck can now only pray to their great deity, nothing else!

While Noa and Buck were hiding not far away from the tall tree, out of both of their sights, a tiny bird only a size of a fist was observing the duo with its intelligent eyes without blinking.

After the little bird 'saw' Noa and Pablo hiding instead of leaving the area, its small beak opened and close a few times, but no sound was made as if it was mute.

However, at this moment when the bird's beak open and close, far, far away from Iron Demon City inside a spacious room filled with beautiful paintings and decoration, a fairy-like demon was meditating but her mesmerizing eyelids snapped open, revealing two ocean blue eyeballs.

A hint of astonishment flashed past her eyes before the slightest killing intent leaked before vanishing completely as she returned to her tranquil, aloof self.

She mumbled something and a few moments after, a small bird flew inside the beautiful room and sit on her slender icy blue finger.

"Iron Demon City hideout has been compromised. Sent my order. Stop all the deals within that area!"

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Chapter 303: Mission Fail?!

Days after days passed as Ace was completely engrossed in training with no hint of time whatsoever. Except time to time rest, he ignored and forget everything.

This was a rare chance for him to completely focus on his skills and techniques without being worried about anything.

On this day, Ace was immersed in Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual's Runic Dismantler Principals, which were the most profound and difficult principles of this manual but also the most useful to Ace.

At this moment, an already finished formation plate was hovering between his hands and a set of fifteen rune symbols were slowly breaking loose from the formation plate, like they want to slip away from the formation plate.

"[A new notification is available!]"

However, the system's impassive voice rang in Ace's mind at this important juncture, and he lost his focus for an instant and the formation plate and symbols turned into dark dust!

"Fuck you!" Ace cursed in vexation. He was very close to disassembling the five-star formation plate, but the system's voice has distracted him for a moment, and now the entire formation plate was destroyed!

This was probably the biggest disadvantage of Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual because if he failed to dismantle and recover the materials, the compressed Dismantle Qi will instantly turn the object into dust or sometimes blasted it!

This part set aside, Ace just recently found out he was very good in Heaven's Stealer Dismantler's Principals for some reason and his progress was monstrous!

With a vexed expression, he opened the notification panel to see just why the system ruined his parade,

[Notification Panel]

[Thief House]

-The system had deemed the house leader's second chain mission failed!

-Reason: Time Limit End

-Punishment: None

"Hmm?!" Ace's eyebrows knit together when he saw the failure report, which was out of his expectation.

Because in Ace's point of view, capturing the All-Knowing Parrot should be easy for Noa since she had the help from Buck, but it seemed he either overestimated Noa or underestimated this All-Knowing Parrot!

With an ambivalent expression, Ace commanded with a sigh, "Made new mission!"

Deep inside the Iron Forest,

Noa wore a frosty yet ashamed look in her eyes as she looked in front.

[Chain-Mission: 2/3]

- Mission: Use the Bandit Leader!

- Status: Fail

- Punishment: None

[Note: Third Chain Mission was erased because of the second mission failure!]

Buck was kneeling beside Noa with an exhausted and listless look in his eyes. He knew he was dead because it's been over a hundred days since they were searching for All-Knowing Parrot or any clue about him.

After no one come in the first week when they left the letter in the tree compartment, Buck knew something was amiss.

However, Noa didn't kill him and spare him because she didn't think it was worth it to kill him just yet because Buck was quite useful, since he was the son of the city lord.

Noa wasn't some mindless killer, and she was extremely intelligent. She just wanted to intimidate Buck before, so he would split out everything if he was hiding.

However, things didn't go as she planned because even after waiting for thirty days no one come to this place, and she almost clobbered Buck to death. But she controlled herself and start searching for any other clues with Buck's help since he knew the forest in the back of his hands.

But as time passed, they found nothing at all and soon her time limit reached an end and resulted in mission failure.

Right now, Noa's killing intent skyrocketed because she was ashamed of herself for failing this mission and facing Ace after she told him she'll not disappoint him.

Buck naturally became the target of her killing intent, since it was all happening because Buck can't contact the All-Knowing Parrot and didn't even know anything about him.

Buck just kneels there with a deadpan expression, even with this intense killing intent. He had long accepted his death from the moment the middleman didn't show up.

Noa was just about to chop Buck's head off to vent some of her frustration, but the system's voice rang again in her mind, telling her there was a new mission, and she quickly open the panel with uncertainty while ignoring Buck for now.

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

[Thief House Leader Mission]

-Mission: Come Back!

-Description: Bring the bandit leader, Golden Wolf King, back to House Leader!

-Reward: 10 House Points

-Time: 10 Days

-Punishment: -500 House Points

'He's angry!' Noa mused, seeing the mission and punishment, and she felt her heartache for some reason when she thought Ace was angry with her.

However, she quickly ignored that feeling and looked at listless Buck and felt a relief that she didn't kill him too soon, or she would've lost five hundred house points!

"Get up, we're going back!" Noa coldly stated.

"Hmm? You're not killing me?" Buck was naturally confused since in his eyes Noa was a terrifying existence who'll kill without batting an eye!

His survival for all these days was already like a dream to him and every day he thought it was his last day, and now, she again didn't kill him.

"Just get up if you don't want to lose your tongue!" Noa said with a hint of vexation.

"Where are we going now, I don't know any other place anymore we search the entire forest, just kill me and be done with it!" Buck said bitterly with no hint of resistance anymore, he had accepted the fact he was a dead man no matter what.

"We're going back to the iron demon city!" Noa told the truth to motivate Buck again.

She could've used the slave contract to force Buck to move, but she knew once a demon accepted its death, it would not move by anything, even if you torture them to no end.

This was the inherited trait of demons!

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Chapter 304: Those who are emotional shouldn't make decisions!

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Even Noa only submit to Ace because he had the support of a 'God'!

"Going back?!"

Just as Noa expected, Buck's listless eyes instantly lit up as his will to live aroused again. Because in Buck's mind, once they enter the Iron Demon City, anyone would easily recognize him because of his tribe's traits.

Once those guards at the checking duty saw his wrenched appearance and his tatter clothes, they'll naturally find it untoward and help him without hesitation because of his status as their lord.

"Yes, we're going back. Now move!" Noa coldly said before she started moving toward the place where the plump demon said to meet him if she wanted a ride back.

Noa knew now she had to be extremely careful since Buck was now going back with her. Nevertheless, she was determined to complete this mission, either by hook or by crook!

Inside the underground secret room,

It's been seven days since Ace had issued the mission to bring Buck back.

Ace can't seem to focus on his training anymore after he found out Noa has failed the mission, which should be very easy for her.

Furthermore, she wasn't back yet, and now he was starting to be concerned.

"Was I too harsh on her?" Ace mumbled as he felt somewhat guilty for giving such a tough mission to Noa and if anything happened to her, he can never forgive himself.

At this moment, the system unexpectedly speaks with a hint of playfulness in her voice.

"[The tender-hearted aren't suited to command an army, martyrs shouldn't manage finances, and those who are emotional shouldn't make decisions!]"

"Hmm?" Ace was baffled by this sudden comment. He never heard of anything like this before from the system nor read in books.

But he could tell the deep meaning behind these words, he mumbled after a rigorous mulling, "Who is emotional shouldn't make decisions? I shouldn't let emotions cloud my judgment? Is this what the system wanted to tell me?"

Ace's eyes brighten at the very next moment. "System is right. As a leader, I should never let emotions be clouded by judgment. If I went too easy on her, she might think I'm looking down on her!"

Just as Ace was deep in thought, his soul-sense tintinnabulation abruptly, snapped him out of his stupor.

While he stayed in this place for over three months, he seldom sensed any presence here, which clearly implied that this place was deserted by all the members of the Silver Iron Demon Clan, or even guards rarely come here to patrol.

With a little focus, Ace found one of the two soul signatures extremely familiar. Thereupon, his lips curled into a satisfactory smile.

'I was worried about nothing!'

Ace quickly put on his hundred-face deception mask and active face 6 and again become the silver iron demon, Pablo, while appearing completely cold and expressionless!

At this moment, the hidden door of the secret chamber suddenly opened and a slender demoness wearing a dark mask gracefully walked inside in front of Ace, and behind her was an unconscious demon wrapped in dark Qi hovering close to her.

Without even a word, this graceful demoness fell on one knee while keeping her head down and said solemnly, "I disappoint you, Leader!"

Ace pretended to be impassive as he looked at Noa, but at that moment, a helpless smile appeared on his demonic face as he took off his mask, revealing his real, extremely handsome face.

He said, "I told miss Noa, before please don't kneel or do anything like this in front of me, I'm not a dictator, just a petty thief. Anyhow, I'm glad you're safely back, and that's what matters the most."

Before Ace thought to coldly reprimand Noa since she failed her mission and taunt her, but after seeing her and feeling her emotions, he couldn't bring himself to act according to his plan.

His personality wasn't like this, and he felt extremely uncomfortable pulling a fake face in front of his own team member, which just doesn't go well with his morals and integrity.

Even though he was a thief, he still had his own principles and the system also gave him a clue to just go with his own convictions.

There was no need to be fake or pretend to be someone else. He just had to be himself.

Noa didn't know if Ace was joking or not, but when she saw his honest smile and clear eyes with no hint of anger or any fakes. She couldn't help but felt even more guilty that she let him down while he was still treating her with such an attitude.

If it was Warden Cane, he would've punished her harshly!

"Don't give me that complicated look. We're thieves and if I scold you, it will just as a thief call another a thief." Ace sneered jokingly.

"I..." Noa was speechless at Ace's words and couldn't help but felt a little warmth in her heart. It was the first time after a long time that someone treated her so warmly.

"Released her rewards." Ace transmitted with no hesitation.

Noa also received the notification about the completion of her mission, and now she had 710 House points, but she wasn't happy about it in the least bit, since she failed her actual mission.

She still wanted to say something when

"Tell me about your garners."

Before Noa could utter anything, Ace solemnly asked, he wanted to know just what goes wrong with her mission!

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Chapter 305: Failure is the mother of success!

After that, Noa told everything that transpired when she was doing her mission and about the details she collected from Buck, who was still unconscious.

Ace was now frowning, as his brows were slightly interwoven together. He was quite astonished when he heard about All-Knowing Parrot in detail and finally understood why Noa had failed her mission.

'This All-Knowing Parrot is a syndicate leader; how could it be so easy to track him down, and Noa was not at fault here! It's me who underestimate the target and gave away a mission with little thought!

'But even if this All-Knowing Parrot was a cautious and scheming person, it made little sense! How did he know Noa was hiding there waiting for the middleman and easily avoided her?

'There has to be someone or something close by that helps All-Knowing Parrot, and it even avoids Noa's detection. Well, welcome to Mighty Demon Continent, Ace!' Ace smiled in self-ridicule when he thought about all the possibilities, and he knew anything was possible here.

Truth be told, Ace wanted to capture the All-Knowing Parrot and then assimilate his memories, so he could then easily form a dispensed secret information network with all the information sources of All-Knowing Parrot.

Noa would be the creator and in charge of this secret organization in his place, while he'll remain hidden and continue to cultivate. However, this All-Knowing Parrot has greatly exceeded his expectation, and this character wasn't just a simple information broker at all.

'This person is probably very resourceful and ingenious. It won't be easy to capture him, but one thing is certain: he's extremely cautious and cognition. But it also meant this person had very astonishing means to collect information and dispense them without being caught by anyone,' Ace mused.

The more he thought about this All-Knowing Parrot, the more assured he became he can't catch him anytime soon and this person might not be in Iron Demon City at all, so he decided to forget about it for now and focus on the things on hand.

Ace said with a deep sigh, "Miss Noa, it was my fault for giving you this impossible mission with brief consideration. Please forgive me!"

Noa whiffed her head and said, "No, it wasn't the leader's fault at all. This All-Knowing Parrot is just to clever and prudence."

She knew Ace was genuinely admitting his mistake and apologizing to her and this much was enough for her, and she was also at fault here since she didn't report her discoveries sooner and persist in acting on her own accord.

"Let's set this matter regarding All-Knowing Parrot aside, for now, we'll capture him eventually since this kind of person is bound to make a mistake, or who knows he comes after us since he loves to collect information I don't believe he won't be interested in us in near future." Ace smiled ambiguously when he said the latter part.

"Come after us?" Ace's words naturally baffled Noa since she didn't understand what her leader was implying.

"Heh, you'll find out soon, but before that, I should deal with the 'guest' you bought here." Ace merely smile as he shifted his focus on the unconscious Buck, who was wrapped in a dark cloak by Noa so no one could identify him.

She had gone through much trouble to bring him back, and only she knows just how difficult it was to move while carrying the son of the city lord!

But she didn't complain since she knew Ace had confidence in her and that's why he gave her this mission in the first place.

Noa quickly reported another thing, "Leader, I think the iron demon city guards are searching for him. When I was coming back to the city, that coachman was talking about the disappearance of one of the young masters of the Golden Iron Demon Clan, and the clan leader was madly searching for him. I even saw many guards on the streets on my way back here."

"It's only natural since he's the clan leader's son and also the living proof of his fraudulent conduct. If someone gets their hands on this information and spread it, the Silver Iron Demon Clan and Bronze Iron Demon Clan would get the reason to band together and overthrow the Golden Iron Demon Clan from the city lord position." Ace sneered scornfully.

He knew about the conflicts between the three founding clans of Iron Demon City and the Golden Iron Demon Clan was quite strong and had vast connections, so no one dare to easily target it.

But once the news of the Golden Iron Demon Clan's dark business leaked, the other two founding clans would not let this opportunity slip by and attacked the Golden Iron Demon Clan under the pretext of justice mortality, and no one could help the Golden Iron Demon Clan at that time.

Now, even Ocean Demon Duke will middle into this matter anymore, since it would only be akin to splashing dirty water on himself!

That's why the Golden Iron Demon Clan's leader was madly searching for his son for months after he disappeared from the iron demon forest. But alas, how could he have found Buck so easily when Noa was constantly moving all over the Iron forest and her cultivation was only one or two small realms above him!

Ace finally made his move, as he used soul probing from his sitting position, and invisible heavenly soul Qi shot toward the unconscious Buck's head like an arrow.

Noa also felt the inviable Qi and was astonished when she felt the potency of this Qi. She didn't know this Soul Qi because she never came into contact with it and was unfamiliar with its traits.

Furthermore, Ace's soul Qi was heavenly, and it would be quite difficult to completely verify it. Only if he used the worldly soul Qi, then people could specify it.

Noa only considered this was a special 'soul search' skill of Ace which he previously used on Pablo and this Qi was related to it, so she thought little of it and only observed.

If she knew this was the Soul Qi not just Qi laced with some random skill, she will be scared out of her wits because she recognized Ace was a martial cultivator after traveling with him, and it was impossible for someone to possess both types of Qis, even gods might not able to do it!

Ace coolly collected all the memories of Buck and as quickly assimilate them. After the sudden incident with Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual, his speed of assimilating and collecting the memories became even more astonishing.

It was as if his knowledge sea received some kind of boost. He just doesn't know if it was all his assumptions or reality. Nevertheless, he was happy because it will only boost his strength further.

After a few minutes, Ace finally stopped his soul probing because he got everything out of Buck.

Ace's eyes shimmer with uncertainty when he saw Buck's memories about the All-Knowing Parrot and his deals with him. He was telling the truth when he said he never meet the real person and always deal with different middlemen.

What caught Ace's attention was every middleman sent by All-Knowing Parrot was a demon with no cultivation. One could even say it was mortal!

'What a cunning fellow, using mortal demons to do his bidding and even if they got caught, they'll be negligible and in the eyes of cultivators they were just insignificant bugs they might not even bother to suspect them.' Ace suddenly reached this conclusion and find this All-Knowing Parrot character even more interesting.

Nevertheless, he didn't let these thoughts wander too long and said to Noa, "Throw him inside the fifth room through the window at the main resident of Silver Iron Demon Clan after destroying the slave contract make sure no one finds you, and he won't wake up too soon as well."

Ace's lip curled into a mischief smile when he told Noa how to deal with Buck. He didn't save his face because, in his eyes, every slot was precious, and he didn't want to fill it with demons.

Since he already had the face of Iron Demon Tribe's demon, he didn't want another and these demons' potential was low, to begin with. He can't raise their cultivation above their specie, or it would attract too much-unwanted attention.

That's why he had long decided after taking Pablo's memories that he would only save faces of high-level bloodline demons or in case of emergencies.

He only had a hundred slots, and he knew better than anyone that for a thief these were far from enough, and he didn't know when the system shop would upgrade as well, so it was better to be safe than sorry!

Noa felt Ace's smile of one who wanted to sow discord after she heard his plan of dealing with Buck and couldn't help, but her eyes become bright with a hint of excitement.

"I'll do it right away." She quickly agreed to this task!

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Chapter 306: Preaching about the way of Thief!

Noa was about to do her task when Ace asked her ambiguously, "Where is his storage ring?"

He didn't get the theft notification at all this time, while he gets the killing notifications, which means Noa never took those dead bandits or Buck's storage rings. This was the only thing unacceptable for Ace.

Noa didn't know what Ace was getting at, but she still replied, "No, I never took my targets' belonging whenever I kill them."

Ace pursed his lips and asked, "Then what about him?"

"He's a slave, and it's beneath me to take a slave belonging!" Noa replied with no pause.

Noa was telling the truth. All her years of working under Warden Cane, she never took the belonging of her targets even if they were filthy rich because her tribe believe every dead person left their resentment and regrets in their belonging, and they become cursed.

Ace frowned. This was not the thing he wanted to hear and solemnly said, "Tell me if a person called himself an alchemist, but he didn't know a thing about alchemy. Can he really be considered an alchemist just because he called himself one?"

Without waiting for Noa's answer, he continues sharply,

"We are thieves, and it's our job to steal, or we won't be thieves if we don't do what we are supposed to do. Furthermore, don't forget that you still need to collect materials for your refinement technique and alchemy practice!

"Who knows, the ring that guy is wearing might have one or maybe even two key materials for your refinement technique in it, and you're just going to throw them away with him?"

"We are thieves, not killers. We have our own morality and integrity! When we do theft, we steal what we fancy without caring about the victim's feelings. It is a whole another thing if you're stealing from the poor or bullying the weak. But as long as the target is rich, we just take what we want because these rich bastards deserved it!"

Noa's eyes shone with skepticism when she saw the stern look in Ace's eyes. She didn't have words to refute him at this moment because he was telling the truth about her being a thief now or the Thief Assassin was just an empty title.

Although Noa had completely accepted being a vessel of a 'thief goddess' but her conventions remain the same. She is an arrogant proud woman with integrity and pride.

How could she change herself and throw her integrity away so soon? Everything needs time, after all.

Noa sighed softly before she replied, "I understand I was wrong. Please forgive me, leader!"

Ace knew it would take time for Noa to come clean with herself just like him, and he can't force her to do things against her free will. He can only take things slow.

"It's better that you understand and don't worry. I won't force you to steal from someone who doesn't deserve it, nor I ever have done it myself. But that guy indefinitely deserved this and his entire clan.

"He kills and plunders whoever he deemed a threat to his clan's business, while his father fully supported him. Meanwhile, his clan eradicates whichever clan poses a threat to them with no hint of remorse.

"Death is only mercy for the likes of them, so that's why we steal their everything and left them to live like dogs afterward. Killing is extremely easy, while thievery is extremely difficult, but with more benefits and self-satisfaction." Ace patiently explain what he thought about the path of a thief.

Although he knew he had no right to teach anyone while he was still just a 'trainee thief', according to the system. But he didn't mind sharing his own experience and insight with a fellow thief and house member. This will also fulfill some of his parts as the house leader.

Noa also understood what Ace was trying to tell her, that thievery was not just some hideous path, a crime, or an immoral path. As long as you don't use it for crime, will it really be thievery?

Besides, this was the world of cultivation, a dog eats dog world, where the rule of the jungle reigns. The law was just for the weak, while the strong make the laws for the weak. This was that simple!

A thief was just a title in the world of cultivation, nothing more, nothing less. Even a martyr can rob someone here out of their treasures under the pretext of salvation and mercy!

With no hint of hesitation, Noa finally strengthen her resolve and took off the storage ring from Buck's ring finger.

Ace smile faintly in satisfaction when saw this and the next moment heard the system's notification.

[Thief House Member Noa Night theft successfully!]

[Open here to check the detail]

[Reward: 30,000 Thief Points]

[Thief Point(s): 1,447,650]

'So, if a house member does any stealing I'll only be rewarded with thief points, no low, middle, or high-level thieveries, and thief symbol also didn't trigger. I can also see the details of what these members loot. Well, this much is enough, I guess!'

Ace was elated with this discovery and also understand how the thievery did by the thief house members worked. Even without level thieveries, just the boon of Thief Point was enough for Ace.

Noa, in the contrast, also heard a much different notification from Ace.

[Theft Successful!]

[Theft: One filled Low Grade-1 Storage Space Treasure]

[Open to look at further the details]

[Reward: 3,000 House Points]

[Noa Night Thief House Point(s): 3,720]

'What?! I can earn House Point this way as well!' Noa's mind was blown this time when she saw the notification and huge tally of HP with disbelief!

She never thought there was this way to earn house points, and all she had to do was to steal.

Furthermore, when she remembered the other seven bandits she killed without taking their storage rings, huge regret washed over her, and she almost cried.

Ace also saw the panel in front of Noa and couldn't help but narrowed his eyes with a hint of astonishment, 'Three Thousand house points are equal to thirty thousand thief points and the exchange rate is the same as exchange shop. Well, this also means the more house points they earned, the ten-time thief points I'll get!'

As for the reward of house points Noa got, Ace wasn't much shocked about it because it would be quite unfair to Noa if she got nothing after stealing the other and the system would do anything to motivate the house members to theft.

Noa exclaimed as she quickly told Ace about her new discovery. In the end, she was very grateful to Ace and said, "Thank you, leader, to show me the correct way, or I might miss this tremendous opportunity!"

"Don't mention it, we're fellow house members, after all. Just a reminder, make sure you steal everything before the target was killed, or you won't get any HP from dead." Ace quickly gave her some pointers, since this was also related to his TP.

Noa attentively listen and realization drew to her when Ace told her about the dead person thing.

She was full of gratitude and praise for Ace and quickly represent the storage ring she just took from Buck to Ace and said, "Please accept this as a token of my gratitude, leader!"

"Just keep it, there is an unconditional rule between thieves, finders' keepers!" Ace rejected the storage ring without hesitation because it was Noa's score and needed it right now.

Besides, he can always steal more.

Ace's words moved Noa and didn't push any further. She still said if Ace ever needed anything from the storage ring, he can just tell her, and she'll give him with no hesitation.

After this brief event, Noa promptly took the unconscious Buck toward the main estate of Silver Iron Demon Clan, which wasn't too far from their secret hideout with ecstasy.

After finding out about the secret to earning fast house points, she wanted to steal more now, and all those moralities of her turned into smoke!

Ace didn't stop her and just told her to be careful and don't target a powerful person. One reason for not stopping her was, so she could earn some experience in the art of theft, while the other reason was obviously free thief points.

Furthermore, Noa was as strong as the first elders of the three founding clans of iron demon city. That's why Ace wasn't to worry about her safety. She can also hide here if things go awry and no one will be able to find her!

After Noa left, Ace was still deep in thought about all the information he got from Buck.

In the end, he sighed softly while muttering to himself, "I'll have to increase Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual's principals to at least high grade one before making an appearance. Stealing here is too dangerous. But once I start, heh, it will be the day for Sky Stealer's entrance into mighty demon continent!"

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Chapter 307: Mad Thief!

Six more months pass in a flash,

Ace remain enthralled in his training and he did not know what was going on in the outside world.

But in these six months, the Iron Demon City was not as peaceful as it was six months ago because of some shocking events.

The first event took place six months ago when the missing son of Golden Iron Demon Clan's leader was found in Silver Iron Demon Clan's First Miss room!

Rumor has it, the clan leader of Silver Iron Demon nearly killed his own daughter and Buck in a fit of rage and even spat mouthfuls of blood. If it wasn't for all elders, stopping him, Buck and the first Miss of the silver iron demon clan would be chopped into eight pieces of this infidelity.

In the end, the city lord himself had to come and take away his son, while also compensating with a marriage proposal to the enraged Iron Silver Demon Clan for his Son's 'mistake'!

The Clan Leader had no choice but to take this action or the entire Iron Demon City would be turned into a mess because Silver Iron Demon Clan was about to go to war with Golden Iron Demon.

The Golden Iron Clan Leader knew it was not worth it to engage in a war for his good for nothing son and quickly agree to the marriage of two 'lovers' even though he wasn't afraid of war, but he was afraid of the Bronze-Iron Demon clan poking its nose in this matter as well.

This news naturally became the hot topic of the entire Iron Demon City and even spread to close cities of Ocean Demon Dukedom. As for why this became such a hot topic it was because the first Miss of the silver-iron demon clan was psychologically retarded, if not for her father doting on her because of his dead first wife, she would've been dead long ago or abandoned in some dump.

No one knows what Buck Silver saw in her, but people could only lament while saying love is truly blind.

This shocking scandal was not enough. Another piece of news came from the duke's city of Ocean Demon Dukedom, which was one of Demon Duke Livy's subordinates who had become deserted and escaped with something very precious to Demon Duke.

Although the item was not made public, the culprit was a Night Demon, and a huge bounty was placed on her head and favor from Ocean Demon Duke Mansion, which stirred those local bosses and bounty hunters alike.

However, these two events were nothing compared to the third one inside the Iron Demon City. This piece of information was a thief on the loose inside the Iron Demon City!

First, no one took an interest in this thief because this thief's victim was an insignificant character and those demons only think this thief will be confiscated eventually by the city guards. Besides, everyone thought this was just a random vagabond demon who was tired of living and stripping off trouble by stealing since this was not new.

However, everyone finally took notice when another theft happened and this time this thief robbed an extreme renewal merchant off his storage ring while cutting off his entire hand!

This time, the city guard's post had to take this matter seriously as they started skimming through the city to find the daring thief. However, this was still not enough to arouse those big wigs' interest.

Another thievery happened. This time it was the hand of the eldest son of the Bronze Iron Demon Clan's leader!

This was the last straw that broke the camel's back, and the entire bronze-iron demon clan denounce the vile thief and vow to chop his head and feed it to pigs. Even those personal guards of the bronze-iron demon clan got involved in the mass search for the thief.

However, not only did they not find the thief, but the robbery incidents also didn't stop.

First, it was only one or two times a month when the thief strike, but as the time passed it became four or five times the next month as more and more hands were chopped off!

The Iron Demon City was finally thrown into turmoil and people started to vent their anger on the Golden Iron Demon Clan, who can't even capture a mad thief and people didn't feel safe on the street anymore.

Because this thief's method was too frightening, as all of its victims could never see the thief's shadow before their hands were chopped off.

No one knows where this thief come from, but it never killed anyone, and all of its victims were rich people of the Iron Demon City. People even called this thief 'Hand Thirsty Thief' since it always chopped off its victim's hand.

Every person was now afraid of wearing a storage ring on their finger, and some started to even stop wearing them and hide them so the Hand Thirsty Thief won't go after them.

However, the thieveries never stopped, nor could anyone identify the thief. The biggest commotion caused by this thief was when it chopped off the hand of an Elder of Golden Iron Clan!

This news caused a sensation and all the people wanted to see who this daredevil truly was, but alas, even after six months, no one could find this thief, and it was akin to a dark legend of Iron Demon City!

Inside a spacious room, many demons with different colors of skins and horns were sitting around a large triangular table.

One thing that was astonishingly common to these demons was that their expressions were gloomy and ugly, which made the atmosphere of this room strangling and dark.

Three tall and burly demons were sitting on each edge of this triangular table with grim faces as if someone had just murdered their fathers.

"We, the Silver Iron Demon Clan, purpose an entire city survey for capturing this bastard psychopath who loves chopping hands off innocents!" the burly demon on one edge of the triangular table with shining silver skin sternly spoke.

"Hmph! Uriah, do you think we didn't think of it? Let me tell you when you guys were sitting over your asses, we, the Bronze Iron Demon Clan, already scan throw the entire city twice!" This time, the dark bronze skin demons sitting on the second edge of the table rebuke with a hint of fury.

"Heh, everyone here knows that Bronze Iron Demon Clan was the first one who start searching for this madman but failed miserably and even lose 'Eighteen Hands' in the meantime. I'm wondering if the Bronze Iron Demon Clan is even competent anymore." Uriah scoffed disdainfully.

Uriah was the leader of the Silver Iron Demon Clan, while this bronze-iron demon was the leader of the Bronze Iron Demon Clan, Trey.

"Uriah, let's get this over with once and for all!" Trey instantly shot up as his bronze old face was fuming with intense fury.

"Fine with me. I hate your bronze face the most!" Uriah also stood up as his intense aura intensified!

"Enough!" The demon with bright golden skin on the third edge of the triangular table finally spoke as a suffocating mountain-like aura released inside the room, "We're here to discuss the matter regarding the mad thief and how to deal with it. If we keep fighting among ourselves, we'll be just doing him a favor!"

This was naturally the leader of the Golden Iron Demon Clan, and the City Lord of the Iron Demon City, Elian Golden Iron!

Both the leader of silver and bronze didn't have a choice, but to stop since Elian was telling the truth, and getting rid of this mad thief was more important than their personal vendetta at this moment.

Elian didn't beat around the bush anymore, since he knew those two old demons have a deep grudge against each other for a long time, and they can't stand the sight of each other for more than a few breaths before they start fighting.

He said coolly, "I know everyone has lost something to that mad thief, and he's becoming bolder and bolder with each passing day. Just today, he cut off five hands of my golden iron demon clansmen not far from our territory.

"Now demons were afraid of even leaving their houses or opening their shops. The merchants also stop trading with our city. They called it too dangerous and doubt and question our credibility to provide a safe environment for their business.

"News of this has already reached the other cities in the Ocean Demon Dukedom, and almost everyone is laughing at our Iron Demon Tribe. Just yesterday, I received the letter from Demon Duke Livy himself..." At this point, Elian stopped as his expression was grave.

Everyone inside the room exclaimed while they were looking at Elian with incredulity.

"What did Duke Livy say?" Uriah grimly asked. He knew nothing would come good from this.

Everything inside the room was patiently waiting for Elian's answer!

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Chapter 308: Iron Demon Tribe's Predicament!

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Everything inside the room was patiently waiting for Elian's answer!

It would be a lie if these people inside this room say they didn't know about Livy's character and the way he does things. He was ruthless and conclusive. He would tolerate no one who gets in his way and completely root out the problem in a way one could never even imagine.

That's why everyone in the Ocean Demon Dukedom was afraid of Duke Livy, and they didn't dare to commit crimes in broad daylight, or they know Duke Livy will get rid of them, and they won't even know when and how!

Right now, the second-largest city of Ocean Demon Dukedom was becoming like a ghost city because of a mad thief and the Iron Demon Tribe didn't seem to handle this problem well.

How could Duke Livy remain idle while Iron Demon Tribe ruining the Ocean Demon Dukedom's peace and reputation? For demon dukes, nothing was more important than their reputation and power, or the consequences will be dire!

Eliau sighed softly before he said tonelessly, "Duke Livy, his highness, only said one sentence: The Iron Demon Tribe has one month to capture and publicly execute the mad thief or there will be a challenger!"

The room was as quiet as a graveyard when they heard Eliau's words.

How could they don't know the hidden meaning behind the word challenger?

The entire demon continent knows anyone can challenge a high-ranking noble demon for its title, as long as they had power.

However, what local demons don't know was that these challenges can be stopped if you have a powerful backer and get rid of the challenger before it could even reach your doorsteps or just the influence was enough to intimidate the challenger to think twice before challenging someone with a powerful backer.

Iron Demon Tribe was second to the Dark Ocean Demon Tribe all these years because they were loyal and valuable to the Dark Ocean Demon Dukedom, so no one dare to challenge them for their Marquess title as long as they didn't want to be assassinated by the Ocean Duke Mansion!

However, now that Iron Demon Tribe was making a mess in the Ocean Demon Dukedom, Duke Livy decisively decided to get rid of them by using another's sword while reaming under the pretext of rules!

Uriah pursed his lips and said, "This is simply bullying! We're supplying the precious ores for generations to the Ocean Demon Mansion. How could His Highness, Livy, do this to us?! Did any other tribe have the ability to find those ores better than us?!"

Trey, for the first time, nodded his head in agreement with Uriah and said with pursed lips, "Brother Eliau, can you please ask His Highness to be lenient for this once, and we'll definitely get rid of this problem!"

'Sigh...' Eliau sighed before he shook his head and said with a hint of anger in his voice, "I already sent an envoy as soon as got the message two days ago, however, the envoy didn't return which means he's dead and this also conveyed His Highness rejected our plead!"

A chill run down everyone's spine when they heard this, they know this matter was now officially out of their hands. They could now either find the mad thief or prepared themselves for the fight to retain their status!

However, everyone in this room knows that once the Ocean Demon Duke started pulling the strings, the challenge won't stop after a single challenger. They would keep getting them every month after the grace period until they were completely exhausted and annihilated!

This was the scariest part about these challenges and the easiest way for the higher authorities to get rid of the problem without getting their hands dirty or ruining their prestige!

Although this rule was set by the ancestors of the demon race to make demons more ruthless, strong, and gain battle experience. However, some high-level demons use it for their own advantage, and Duke Livy was one of such demons!

"I really prefer the Old Ocean Demon Duke. His highness was virtuous and righteous, even His High Highness Blade Demon King praise him for this. But his son is completely opposite!" Trey sighed while lamenting wryly.

No one rebutted him because Trey was telling the truth. If Old Ocean Demon Duke was here, he would've never cornered them like this or even help them deal with this problem.

But alas, the Old Ocean Demon Duke retired over a hundred years ago and now was one of the most trusted aids of Blade Demon King in Demon King Castle!

"Enough, we still have a month. That's why I summon all the Iron Demon Tribe high-ranking members here. I want everyone to put aside our past grievance for once and work together as a united Iron Demon Tribe like our ancestors once did when they won the Demon Marquess Title for our Iron Demon Tribe!" Elian sternly said as a cold glint flashed past his eyes.

Elian was probably the most anxious about this matter than the entire Iron Demon Tribe because he was used to remaining in authority and riches. Moreover, he had many dark secrets which would be revealed once his position as the City Lord was gone. He would rather die than let this happen.

He even let his son marry a psycho without even batting an eye, even though he knew someone had framed his son just to keep his position secure.

So how could he let some mad thief destroy it all?

"We'll search every house and skim every living thing with powerful anti-disguise treasures thoroughly, whether the other likes it or not. Tell them it's an emergency, so cooperate, or they'll throw into the dungeons for ten years. If they still don't cooperate, kill them without mercy. Don't even leave the sewers, I want every corner of this city search, don't even leave a brick!" Elian pointedly ordered everyone in the room.

No one retorted if this was another time, they would debate to no end, but now was not the time to get something out of this. Their entire tribe's future was on the line, so no one dare to be neglected!

Everyone quickly left the meeting room after discussing some future details to hunt down the mad thief!

After the other clans were left, only the Golden Iron Clan remain in the meeting room.

One of the elders finally spoke at this moment with a concerned tone, "My Lord, w-what if we... didn't find the mad thief in a month?"

The remaining two elders remain silent and wait for Elian's reply because they also had the same question.

Elian pursed his lips and gloomily said, "We'll just have to make someone mad thief and execute him then!"

Those elders were clearly displeased with this answer because it wasn't a solution to their problem. It would only make things more difficult for them if that mad thief appeared again after the execution of the fake-made thief. It was more of a time bomb!

They would be in huge trouble if that would happen because then Demon Duke Livy didn't even need the other's knife to end them, he will do it himself since he would have a proper reason to!

"Then make sure you find that bastard!" Elian finally snapped and tremendous pressure descend inside the room.

He wasn't an idiot, and he knew the consequences of deceiving a demon duke-level existence, but what can he do? He was determined to save his own neck, and if he can't, he'll drag down the whole Iron Demon Tribe with him!

Elian was just that ruthless!

While the whole Iron Demon Tribe was searching for the mad thief high and low, the person itself was currently inside a secret underground chamber!

This mad thief was obviously Noa!

After finding out about the benefits of stealing, she hesitated no more and start her quest of collecting the House Point through stealing.

Her stealing ground was naturally the Iron Demon City.

As she stole for the first few times, she finally gets the guts of it and found her own unique method of stealing, which was by simply cutting off the victim's hands since she didn't have Ace's pick-pocket!

This was the direct and easiest way, and it was very much to her liking as well. However, she didn't just rob anyone, she first observed her victims and judge if they deserved it or not and then made her move.

Noa even knows people were calling her Hand Thirsty Thief and Mad Thief, but she never cares about these names and simply does her own thing.

After six months, she finally stopped because finding a victim has become more and more difficult as the Iron Demon City became like an abandoned city, and it was because of her!

Nevertheless, she had achieved her goal for doing all this, which was naturally House Points!

"House Status!" She eagerly opened her status to look at the changes!

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Chapter 309: Demonic Foundation Reset Pill!

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[Thief House Member Status]

[House Member: Noa Night (Female)]

[Race: Demon]

[Bloodline: Night Demon (Grade-1 Bloodline) (Upgradeable)]

[Thief Genre: Thief Assassin (Novice)]

[House Rank: Normal Member (Upgradeable)]

[Next Rank [Old Member]: 24/100 Thieveries]

[Martial Cultivation: Silver River Core Stage of Qi River Core Realm]

[Talent: Low (Upgradeable)]

[Technique & Skills: 0]

[House Point(s): 12,800]

[House Mission(s): 0]

[House Leader Mission(s): 0]

[House Punishment(s): 0]

[House Shop: Thief Assassin]

Noa's eyes glisten with ecstasy when she looked at her slightly advanced status. Compared to the first time, it was more detailed and her House Points were thousands of times more.

"I can finally buy the Demonic Foundation Reset Pill and Thief Assassin Principles Cultivation Technique at once!" Noa muttered to herself.

Noa knows the moment she took the Demonic Foundation Reset Pill, her strong cultivation base of Qi silver river core will be instantly gone, and she'll have to cultivate again.

That's why she first collected plenty of House Points, so she could buy the soul cultivation technique as well with the foundation reset pill. This way she doesn't have to worry about any thief point for some time.

Furthermore, she had to rely on Ace for protection when she become weak, and she felt extremely complicated about this because she'll become a burden to him. This was one of the reasons she still didn't take the pill, and she was waiting for him to complete his cultivation season before taking the next step.

Noa's dark eyes darted toward Ace, who was currently sitting while his eyes were closed just like a statue. She seldom came to this secret chamber in these six months, and every time she found Ace in the same position.

But she was puzzled about the small dark ash mound in the corner of this secret room. She clearly remembered this was much bigger than the last time she saw it three months ago.

'Just what is the leader doing?' Noa mused.

Anyhow, she didn't disturb him nor did she go out anymore because the entire city was now searching for her, and she knew this was going to draw some unwanted attention, especially from Duke Livy, who paid extra attention to his territory.

Besides, she wanted to quickly cultivate in soul path and start practicing the alchemy when she reset her cultivation because this way she'll learn the soul Qi control as well, which helped her tremendously.

She had already planned all this and now was just waiting for Ace!

Ace, on the other hand, did not know that Noa was here, nor he could feel his surroundings because he was deeply immersed in the soul-piercing bullet skill for ten days and even forget about his surroundings.

Two more days passed and finally, Ace's eyes sprang open, blazing with soul Qi, and for a moment, ten soul projectiles appeared behind him before vanishing into the air when he blinked.

His lips curled upward when he felt he could now condense ten soul bullets at once with middle-level mastery, and they were much more powerful compared with the low-level soul-piercing bullets!

Ace wanted to test this skill, but he knew this was a killer move, a trump card, not something he could try randomly. He finally noticed Noa looking at him with curiosity and anticipation not far away from him.

He smiled faintly and said, "You're finally back."

Ace would get a thievery notification occasionally, which was also a kind of report that Noa was doing fine, so he wasn't much worried about her.

"Yes..." Noa softly replied.

"How much time has passed? What about the outside world? Did something happen while I was in seclusion?" Ace did not know how long he was training and what was happening outside.

"Leader had been in seclusion for over six months and besides some minor issues, everything is normal outside. The noteworthy thing is that Duke Livy had posted a huge bounty on me a few months ago while there wasn't any word about Leader and Golden Iron Demon Clan and Silver Iron Demon Clan didn't fall out with each other as Leader think they would after finding that bandit in his daughter's room." Noa quickly reported the big incident to Ace, while clearly hiding her deeds.

Ace quietly listened and let Noa finish her report before saying, "I underestimated that Demon Duke Livy. He knew if he said anything about a foreign intruder escaping his imprisonment, his reputation would take a tremendous blow and probably be punished by higher authorities. That's why he was trying to capture you, so he could find me through you.

"As for the Silver Iron Clan and Golden Iron Clan, this was within my expectation. I just wanted to see the bottom line of the Silver Iron Clan's Leader while also measuring the Golden Iron Clan's Leader's patience and greed for his position. I had to say both of them did well."

Ace wasn't looking flustered at all. On the contrary, he smiled ambiguously, as if everything was going according to his plan.

Noa had guessed this much on her own, but she didn't know what Ace was trying to achieve here, but she didn't ask since he didn't tell her.

She quickly changed the subject and report her own matter. "Leader, I want to reset my cultivation. What's your thought about this?" She was enthusiastically waiting for this but didn't dare to do it without finding Ace's opinion on it.

"Hmm?" Ace was naturally astonished at hearing this and questioned, "Did you collect enough house points for both pill and cultivation technique?"

He didn't think Noa would be so quick to collect over ten thousand house points.

"Yes, I have over twelve thousand house points at this moment!" Noa quickly told the truth to Ace, it wasn't a point in hiding from him at all.

Ace didn't quickly agree to her request and mulled. He knew if Noa reset her foundation, she'll lose all of her power with it and had to cultivate it again.

But this will take away his powerful helper for a while. Yet he didn't want to stop her, since it would be too selfish of him and akin to blocking Noa's path. He knew the sooner she reset her foundation, the better it was for both of them.

'What the hell I'm hesitating for? I was always a loner, and I can't depend on others too much.' Ace hesitated no more and quickly said with a confident smile, "Just go for it, you don't have to worry about me. I can protect both of us."

Noa's eyes lit up in delight when she heard Ace's words, but she still hesitantly asked, "A-are you sure?"

"Don't worry if I wasn't confident. Do you think I'll let you do this? Besides, I'm not planning to go outside anytime soon." Ace chuckled.

Noa finally felt assured when she heard Ace's words. She knew this place was perfect to stay hidden as long as they wanted and no one will be able to find them because these special stones block all the Qi fluctuations from both inside and outside.

With no delay, Noa fell to her knees and she eagerly 'prayed' out loud, "Goddess, please grant me the Demonic Foundation Reset Pill with your grace!"

Ace was speechless as his eyes spasmed seeing her praying posture and felt a little bit embarrassed about it since he was the one who guide her this way.

"Ahem... you don't have to kneel or pray out loud like this. Just think, in your mind, and the goddess will grant your wish as long as you had the house points." Ace coughed to hide his embarrassment and corrected her.

"Oh..." Noa nodded in understanding since it was her first time buying anything from the shop.

[Purchased has been successful!]

[Demonic Foundation Reset Pill has been delivered to House Member storage space treasure!]

[Noa Night House Point(s): 2,800]

Noa promptly looked inside her storage ring and found a dark crystal pill with a strange red pattern on it.

'This is simply magical!' She was awed by the way to goddess delivery method. She didn't even feel a thing when her storage ring was fiddled.

Ace also saw the pill in Noa's hand and knew she had already purchased the foundation reset pill from the system successfully.

He has never seen those red patterns before and mused, 'They look like rune symbols, but not at the same time, and just simple lines.'

Anyhow, Ace didn't dwell on this too much since alchemy wasn't his forte and he was just a tier-one rune crafter right now. How could he scrutinize something from the system?

Noa said fervently, "Leader, I'm going to start!"

Ace merely nodded with some expectation in his eyes. He also wanted to see just how will an impossible to reset foundation will reset!

Noa quickly relaxed and calmed her mind, and finally, she took off her mask!

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Ace's eyes were instantly lit up when he saw Noa was going to remove her mask. Although he never cared about her appearance, the human was inherently curious and Noa never took off her mask before, even when she completely trusted Ace.

That's why this aroused Ace's interest, not in the wrong way, though.

However, when Noa's mask finally left her face, Ace's eyes instantly contrasted with a hint of shock before they turned icy.

He could clearly see Noa's face was completely... disfigured as if someone had beaten it with iron knuckles. It wasn't natural!

Noa suddenly felt killing intent from Ace and finally snapped out of the excitement of getting the Foundation Reset Pill. When her eyes landed on Ace, who was coldly looking at her with a hint of killing intent and anger, and then on the dark mask in hand.

She finally understood. In her hysteria, she had forgotten about her face and took off the mask, so she could take the Foundation Reset Pill.

With panic-stricken eyes, she put the mask back on and lower her head in shame and clinch a corner of her robe tightly. The excitement of getting the Foundation Reset Pill was now completely replaced with trepidation, shame, bitterness, and loss...

'Now, he'll think I'm a monster and disgust me...' Gloomy thoughts enter her head as her heart turned colder and colder.

Ace's voice rang at this moment, filled with fury. "Who did this?"

Noa was astonished by Ace's unnatural reaction because she would think he would say, 'you're ugly or disgusting' or 'don't take off your mask again' or 'carry on I'm going to do my thing', she thought Ace would avoid her from now on.

However, his words were the least she expected, and he even seemed furious about it, not disgusted or afraid.

"I-I... I... I did it myself!" Noa finally collected her courage and uttered.

Ace was shocked hearing this and couldn't help but asked, "But why?"

"To protect me from Livy because of his habit of making beautiful women his playthings... after finding out he was the actual murderer of my tribe, I-I use poison on my face and completely destroyed it. So, he would not take an interest in me!" Noa's voice was icy cold, filled with deep resentment and killing intent when she told her darkest secret.

Ace closed his eyes, hearing this, and felt aggravated by her words and daring action. He knew every woman loved her appearance the most, whether it was human or demon, and to destroy it with their own hands it'll take mountainous courage and decisiveness and the heart of stone.

'Sigh...' Ace sighed with a hint of sorrow. He again underestimated Noa's resolve, and the length she was willing to go for revenge.

Noa slightly trembled, hearing Ace's sigh. She didn't dare to look at him anymore, afraid she'll see abhorrence in his eyes. She never thought this day would come when he felt regretted her own decision so much that she wanted to die.

Before she never thought about finding someone and opening up to that person, she thought of herself as a heartless person exempt from any emotion. But after meeting Ace, she felt she was wrong all along and was afraid of showing him her own appearance.

She even wanted to heal her face, but she knows better than anyone the poison she used had no cure. She did it so if one day Livy showed his fangs he'll be helpless and can do nothing.

But alas, now she was deeply regretting her own action. Alas, there was no pill for regret in this world!

Ace definitively said. "Don't worry about we'll get revenge for you soon and cure your face, I promise."

He wasn't someone who dwells on these things much. Besides, he knew many herbs can heal this kind of thing.

Although he had heavenly healing pills from the system, he didn't give them to Noa because he wasn't sure if any other being other than him can take those pills. After all, they were filled with heavenly Qi.

Noa was a little moved, hearing Ace's words. There wasn't any hint of malice in them. With some courage, she finally looked at Ace and find his expression was the same, with not a sliver of aversion to her.

She was moved and said, "Thank you." From the bottom of her heart.

Even though she knew Ace was probably comforting her since he didn't know how powerful the poison was, she still felt moved and warm in her heart.

"You can take the pill without worry." Ace quickly changed the topic since he didn't want her to wallow in her misery anymore.

"Yes!" Noa nodded slightly.

But she turned around this time. Although she could tell Ace wasn't disgusted by her disfigured appearance, though she was!

Ace didn't stop her and silently observed.

Noa again took off her mask with resolute eyes and took the dark pill without stopping!

The foundation reset pill instantly turned into a dark mist and spread into Noa's body thereafter.

She yelped in surprise before her eyes opened wide with horror because she could feel her martial space trembling as the dark mist began to envelop it.

Even though she wanted to scream, she didn't, she was a strong will woman and this much pain was nothing to her. She had endured far worse.

Ace also notice the changes in Noa's soul fluctuations and her Qi also turned extremely chaotic

'It's already started.' Ace knew the pill has taken effect.

He didn't know how much longer it will take to reset someone's foundation from the Qi river core realm to null, but it seemed extremely painful. He felt quite lucky to have both soul and martial foundations and cultivate both at the same time.

After observing for a while, Ace finally notice the change in Noa's aura, which was slowly starting to decrease little by little as if her Qi was leaking out of her body.

Ace solemnly looked at Noa. He could hear her teeth clenching together and slightly trembling back. He knew he could do nothing or interfere in this process. She had to endure it on her own to the end.

Seeing Noa was doing fine for now and this process will take some time, he decided to practice rune crafting in the meantime. It was the only thing he didn't practice after coming to the mighty demon continent, and he was thoroughly lacking in his aspect at this moment.

Furthermore, now that the system was upgraded, he can easily make a worldly talisman with TP. But those talismans were not enough here, and he had to increase his rank of rune crafting as soon as possible.

Soon, Ace was engrossed in the mysteries of Runic Manifest Eyes Stage of Runic Eyes, which was the first part of the Heavenly Rune Crafter Foundational Manual.

This stage was only low-level mastery, and he had this feeling that he'll be soon reached the intermediate mastery of it.

Just like this, three-day passed. On this day, Ace's eyes snapped open and shimmered with a golden hue.

'I finally enter the Intermediate Level in Runic Manifest Eyes stage. It goes far smoother than I predicted. But I still can't see through this room!' Ace looked around and saw nothing with his newly advanced runic eyes technique.

'Maybe I'm really thinking too much.' Ace shook her head and stop using the runic eye technique.

He again observed Noa with his soul-shattering eyes and was astonished because her aura was now of someone in the flowing Qi river realm! She also looked much better and in control.

'It seemed she endured the worst of it.' Ace nodded in satisfaction and relief.

He again engrossed himself in the second part of the rune crafter foundation manual with no more worry.

Seven more days flash by,

On this day, Noa's martial space finally shrinks into nothingness, which was the clear sign of her realm entering the Qi Gates Realm!

Shockingly, Noa had eight foundation slates, which quickly turned into eight Qi gates. However, this time the process of resting her cultivation path intensified greatly as one after another Qi gate started to shatter!

Noa felt blood-curdling pain from every part of her body and when the final Qi gate turned to nothingness, her eyes snapped open, and she vomited a huge amount of dark blood.

Ace's eyes snapped open at this time as he frowned, seeing the small puddle of dark blood in front of Noa, and asked, "What happened?"

Noa quickly calm herself and listlessly said with a hint of excitement in her voice, "The process was successful!"