

## Thief 311

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#### Chapter 311: Cultivation Laws!

One year passed in a flash...

The Iron Demon City finally stabilized after the public execution of 'Mad Thief' ten months ago, and it was a shocking event when the people find out the mad thief was a vagabond demon who had committed many crimes before.

After the problem with the mad thief was 'solved', the Iron Demon City returned to its peaceful state and former glory as of the second-biggest city of the Ocean Demon Dukedom.

Furthermore, for this kind of thing never happened again, the City Lord Elian Gold Iron publicly pledged he'll eradicate the criminal's entire clan and even compensate the victims of Mad Thief.

Anyone could tell the City Lord was serious because, after the execution, the patrolling guards didn't stop patrolling the streets as if they were still searching for the mad thief.

Everyone was glad about this, and they felt more secure than ever.

This was how the matter regarding the mad thief ended, while people started to forget about him. But he was still a legend, people of iron demon city dread and abhor him!

Inside the Underground Secret Basement,

Ace and Noa were completely oblivious to the events outside and engrossed in their things.

Both of their improvements were substantial, especially Ace, who was completely monstrous in this aspect.

Noa was also pretty good. She had already bought the Thief Assassin Principal's Technique from the shop and was shocked when she found out that she could open nine soul gates and establish a nine-gate foundation, which was considered legendary and perfect in this world!

The cultivation technique which can establish a nine-gate foundation was all in the royal zone or the Demon King's Castle and considered priceless treasures.

Meanwhile, Noa had a perfect soul cultivation technique which was even rarer than a perfect martial cultivation technique even Royal Zone might not have a perfect Soul Cultivation Technique.

However, what Noa was most astonished by this soul cultivation technique was this matched her perfectly as if she was made to cultivate this technique and this make her progress even faster than normal.

Every being with special traits, bloodlines, and supernatural abilities like Devils, Demons, and Hunters, ..., were long for a matching cultivation technique that can bring out their full potential.

In this prospect, Humans were much more advanced than other races. After all, they didn't need any kind of suitable cultivation techniques because they didn't have bloodline limits to speak of, they were

just like blank papers, and this was what made them extremely deadly if they get their hands on some perfect cultivation technique!

Some high-level races possessed these kinds of cultivation techniques left by their predecessors, but not everyone's predecessors were on that level where they can create perfect cultivation techniques tailored-made for their race, and Night Demon was one of such races.

Night Demon Clan had an eight Qi gates cultivation technique, but that technique wasn't completely suitable for their race and that's why they can't reach their full potential and very few reached the end of their bloodline potential like Noa.

However, things were different for Noa now because she could feel the Thief Assassin Principals were made for her Night Demon bloodline.

What she didn't know was Thief Assassin Principals can't be cultivated by anyone, no matter how much top talent they possess. Only the thief house members can cultivate these techniques given by the system because of the Thief Recruitment Token!

If anyone dared to practice these techniques without a Thief Recruitment Token, they will meet an antagonized death!

Thief House Members were just like Ace. Without the system, he can't practice Heaven Stealer Technique, and the thief house members weren't any different!

Ace at this moment finally opened his eyes, which were filled with vigorous and confidence.

"Status!" Ace wanted to see his progress after two years of training.

[Status Panel]

[Host: Ace White]

[Race: Human]

[Bloodline: Sealed]

[First Heaven: Mortal Sky Heaven]

[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]

[Skills: 8]

-Heartless Stealth (Art):

[Breathless Stealth: Perfection

Pulseless Stealth: Perfection

Heartless Stealth: NONE]

-Misperception Sky Steps (Art):

[Camouflage Steps: Low

Lightning Steps: Middle

Misperception Steps: Low

Sky Steps: NONE]

-Soul Shattering Eyes: [Middle]

-Soul Piercing Bullets: [Middle]

-Soul Guardian Barrier (Art):

[Soul Barrier: Middle

Soul Guardian: NONE]

-Pick Pocket: [Perfection]

-Treasure Opening Hands [Art]: [5th Form]

-Lock Eraser King Technique:

Lock Eraser Master: Novice

Lock Eraser Grandmaster: None

Lock Eraser King: None

[Cultivation Technique: 5]

-Heaven Stealer Technique: Volume 1

-Dual Shadow Swords: 1st Realm (Sword as Limb)

-Heavenly Rune Crafter Foundational Manual: Tier-3

-Soul Words [Despair Manual]:

1. Deep Despair Soul Words: 0.3%

[Three Stages: Low at (10%), Intermediate at (50%), High at (99%)]

2. Extreme Despair Soul Words: 0.0%

[Three Stages: Low at (10%), Intermediate at (50%), High at (99%)]

3. Deadly Despair Soul Words: 0.0%

[Three Stages: Low at (10%), Intermediate at (50%), High at (99%)]

-Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Manual [First Vol]

Three Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Principles:

1. Treasure Dismantler Principles: 5-Star Treasure Dismantler
2. Alchemy Dismantler Principles: 4-Star Alchemy Dismantler
3. Runic Dismantler Principles: 6-Star Runic Dismantler

[Law(s): 2]

-Despair: 0.03%

-Sword: 0.01%

[Thief Point(s): 1,538,450]

[Mission(s): 0]

[Side Mission(s): 0]

Ace was quite pleased with himself when he looked at all those raised skill levels and techniques. Especially the Heaven's Stealer Dismantler Technique, in which progress can be considered monstrous.

On the contrary, he was completely helpless about the Soul Words Technique that he can't do anything about. Furthermore, the percentage's appearance didn't shock him at all because he knew this technique differed from other techniques.

However, when his eyes focus on the newly appeared section of 'Laws' he was astonished.

But his pleased and elated expression turned ugly when he saw the little bit of percentage of two laws that the system was currently showing.

"System, just what are these damn laws?" Ace couldn't help but ask in frustration. He couldn't accept the pitiful percentage of both [Sword] and [Despair]. This was a blow to his confidence.

"[Host current authority level nor host's comprehension or cultivation is not enough to understand a law essential completely. But the host could still learn the superficial meaning of law because it is extremely important to enter the --- realm!]

"[Host could consider a Law an upgraded version of an element. But thousands of times more dominant and authoritative.]

"[One could start controlling the element Qi in the atmosphere for a short time around them when they formed a river core while one could conjure an element from nothingness when they enter soul realm and so forth...]

"[But if one could grasp a Law, even at the lowest level of proficiency, one could call a rainfall or deadly storms with just a thought as long as they had the Qi to support them. While if someone completely comprehends a law at 100% proficiency, they can change or control the comprehended law like drinking water and these existences were akin to deities in the eye of a mortal...]"

Ace suddenly gulped dryly as he was visibility shocked, hearing about what the law was and what it can do. He even felt like he discovered something far earlier than he was supposed to. Especially when he found out the requirement to enter the eighth cultivation realm was a law!

Just like the system said, he wasn't at that level yet when he could comprehend a law, and those two laws were probably the fruits of his cultivation techniques and some lucky encounters. He didn't comprehend them on his own!

However, the very next moment, Ace's eyes shone with determination and longing to become powerful.

'It seemed like I had to contemplate over those two techniques more. Even dual shadow blade techniques can only help me comprehend the law of [Sword] to a pitiful 0.01% even though I'm using this technique for the very start of my cultivation journey and this is also probably the reason why I can't enter the second realm of this technique!' Ace mused deeply and got the guts of the problem of why his technique was at the stalemate.

Nevertheless, since he already got the answer and inspiration of how he could move forward with these two-cultivation techniques, he'll pay more attention to it. It was just that he still didn't know how he could raise his comprehension of laws.

'Well, there's no need to be agitated. This is just the beginning!'

Ace's confidence rose when he thought about the vast, mighty demon continent and the boundless Golden Sky World. He could be considered just stepped into the real cultivation world and there were many things to explore and this was just the beginning of his journey!

With this mindset, Ace slowly stood up on his feet, which were numb from remaining sitting for a long time, and his robes were filthy.

Ace looked at his vagrant-like appearance and smile bitterly.

'I should take a shower first. Besides, it's been quite a while since I've gone outside. It's time for the entrance of Sky Stealer in Mighty Demon Continent!'

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#### **Chapter 312: Time to make an Appearance! (1)**

Ace looked around and saw Noa was still deeply engrossed in her cultivation, and he could feel she was at the crucial juncture of breakthrough.

'She's already at the Ninth Soul Gate Stage and very close to establishing a perfect foundation, so I should not disturb her and take a stroll out in the city.'

After deciding to leave Noa here since this was the perfect safe place and no one will disturb or find her even if she causes a commotion while breaking through a major realm.

He silently left the hidden chamber after two years of isolation, and he felt quite refreshed when he felt the scorching breeze of summer and golden sunlight on his face.

There wasn't anyone close by, and he knows a water source around this ruin.

After taking a bath and changing into his thief trainee hood and adjusting its color and size to his liking, he felt much more relaxed and complete. He quickly changed his face to Pablo and, in stealth, left the Silver Iron Demon State.

Ace's perfect pulseless stealth was so strong that probably no one in the entire Iron Demon City could not find or sense him if he didn't want them to. Only a soul realm cultivator could sense him with its strong martial or soul sense.

Furthermore, because of his trainee's hood effect, which grants him a 5% increase in Thief-related skills, he didn't have to be afraid of someone who just enter the soul realm as well!

Now he was confident to protect himself in the inner provinces of Mighty Demon Continent. As long as he didn't encounter a Demon Duke or Demon King level character, he was a fish in the water!

But this doesn't mean he can do thieveries here like there was no tomorrow. He had to be meticulous in his craft because if he drew too much attention to himself, many powerful demons might come after him.

Nevertheless, he had already decided how to start on the mighty demon continent, and his first target was naturally the Iron Demon City!

Two years ago, when he took Pablo's face and left him alive, he had already made this city his starting point. Although, he failed to create a secret organization because of the variable, All-Knowing Parrot.

It didn't stop his plans. All he had to do was to make some changes, and he was back on track.

Ace finally stop using his pulseless stealth and started to leisurely walk around the clean city streets, which were made of some brownstone bricks, making the city more beautiful and harmonizing with the unique tall buildings of demon civilization.

Many demons glance at Ace or Pablo, who had an expressionless face and wore a long blue robe with a silver 'V' shape on the back, giving him the look of a refined young master of a prominent clan.

Pablo was handsome, to begin with, and Ace's demeanor make him even more eye-catching, even if he didn't want to. Ace was like a young scholar and this demonic look gave him the air of a Young Wise Warrior.

Ace didn't pay attention to those demons, and he was going toward a specific place where he wanted to go from the start but held himself back years ago.

After some twists and turns, a tall blue building with twenty floors appeared in front of Ace, which was quite bustling with activities. A wine bottle shape name board was hanging on the entrance, 'Hell's Liquor'!

Ace come to this place because he liked Jade Wine very much and wanted to try Demon Continent's Wine as well.

Because of Pablo and Buck's memories, he found out that these liquors were nothing like Jade Wine of lower lands because they were made with special means and high-quality materials which don't even exist on Human Continent.

Every Demon like drinking to the core and that's why there were many alcohol shops in every city and there weren't as many restaurants as these alcohol shops! This was a fact!

Ace liked this prospect of Demon Continent a lot, and he was somewhat sick of drinking only Jade Wine all the time, but he was helpless since there wasn't any superb wine like Jade Wine in lower lands.

However, things were different in Might Demon Continent. There were thousands of types of alcohol, and some demons even fought tooth and nail for them in auctions.

There was even a discipline of vinification and brewing in Alchemy called Alcohol Alchemy and many demons practiced it, and they were famous all over the golden sky world!

Ace enter Hell's Liquor and saw many demons sitting at round tables. Some were sitting around a large counter and everyone was drinking and laughing.

However, what draw Ace's attention was all those colorful alcohol bottles behind the counter, and he could smell the scent of strong intoxicating alcohol even from the door.

Ace felt even more curious as he quickly sat on an empty chair beside the counter and looked around with great interest.

A female demon wearing revealing clothing with dark green skin quickly approached Ace and was a little bit shocked seeing it was a silver-iron demon and by the look of it his status was probably quite high in the silver-iron demon clan.

With a coquettish smile, she asked him, "Young Master, what can I do for you?"

Ace naturally wasn't interested in demons, much less this bimbo, so he blurted, "Give me the special 'Hell's Visitor', please."

The demoness felt this was somewhat regrettable since 'Pablo' didn't seem interested in her and quickly bring his order without showing it on her face. This was a normal occasion here.

Many demonesses wanted to grab powerful inflection demons' thighs, so they could sour with a single step, but alas if it was just that simple!

A beautiful wine glass filled with fiery red color wine was quickly placed in front of Ace. He knew this was 4-star alcohol, since these wines were made of Qi herbs and Qi fruits by alchemists, and that's why they can also be measured with the same grades or ranks.

Without stopping, Ace quickly drank a mouthful and his eyes widen ever so slightest. He felt his mouth was on fire for a moment before a sweet yet sour flavor mixed with different tastes filled his tongue.

"Good Wine!" Ace couldn't help but praise, compared with this wine, the Jade Wine seemed like shit.

Ace quickly finished a wine glass and was about to order more when suddenly a system's notification rang.

[Consumed a small amount of liquid with a high density of Qi]

[EXP: 1]

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

[EXP: 21,001/50,000]

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

[SP: 20,000/50,000]

Ace was suddenly stunned with a blank expression when he quickly come to his sense and grinned ear to ear, 'Heh, a new way of acquiring EXP and I like this one the most!'

Ace didn't seem too surprised by this sudden discovery because this was made of Qi herbs and Qi fruits. On the contrary, he would've been surprised if the system wouldn't give him any EXP for this!

"One more!" Ace said out loud with a hint of excitement.

A demon who was sitting a chair away from Ace couldn't help but smirk, "Brother, it seemed you aren't afraid of death to even dare to drink Hell's Visitor like water!"

This demon had kind intentions because this wine was like a four-star medicine and far more potent than that because too many materials were used to make it. If consumed too much, one could get seriously injured or even Qi deviation was a possibility.

However, Ace merely smiled and said, "What is the point of drinking with restrain? If I die, I'll die a sweet death!"

The demon was rendered speechless for a moment before he grinned widely and nodded. "You have a point, brother! Waiter, give me and my brother here both Hell's Visitors!"

Ace felt this demon was not bad, and they started to chat like friends while drinking.

After a while, he couldn't help but ask when he saw many guards passing by, "Brother Pol, what's with all the serious patrolling do you know about it?"

This demon's name was Pol, and he was a Steel Iron Demon who earn his living by hunting in Iron Forest.

"Brother, you don't know about the biggest event of Mad Thief's execution a year ago?" Pol looked at Pablo as if he was an alien.

Ace's attention was finally drawn when he heard the 'Thief' word and couldn't help but asked with uncertainty, "No, I wasn't in the City for some time and I just returned, so I don't know about it. But this mad thief character seemed quite intriguing!"

Pol click his tongue in understanding and said, "No wonder you didn't know about the Mad Thief. Let me tell you, this thief almost brought Iron Demon City on the verge of destruction one and half years ago!"

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Pol click his tongue in understanding and said, "No wonder you didn't know about the Mad Thief. Let me tell you, this thief almost brought Iron Demon City on the verge of destruction one and half years ago..."

Pol started to tell Ace about the mad thief from the start and how it terrorized the entire Iron Demon City.

Ace, on the other hand, couldn't help but felt something was not right when he heard how this Mad Thief robbed rich people here and there, while the timing perfectly matched the time when Noa started to 'gain experience' as a thief.

Ace was a hundred percent sure this mad thief was Noa, and he couldn't help but marvel at her way of theft by cutting off the hand, he even considered this was an excellent method!

Ace smiled wryly and thought, 'She didn't even tell me about such a big event she had caused. I wonder if she was embarrassed or afraid of telling her deeds.'

Anyhow, he was happy that his house member wasn't incompetent and even more daring than him when he first started stealing.

Furthermore, Ace was sure that the execution was a fake event orchestrated by the founder clans of the Iron Demon City, so they could protect their own dignity and city economy.

Because the thieveries were stopped at the same time when Noa returned and start resting her foundation, and it never happened again because she wasn't gone out for the entire year.

Or why did the City Lord still let those powerful guards keep patrolling even after the mad thief was dead? He was clearly afraid of something, and it was not just the fear or care about the mere city protection.

However, one thing Ace had admitted was these demons react too quickly, and they were much more ruthless than humans since they kill many suspicious demons when they were still searching for the mad thief.

Just like that, the sun started to set and Brother Pol was completely drunk while Ace was a little intoxicated. If he circulated the HD-Qi, this will be instantly resolved, but he didn't since he wanted to enjoy this feeling for a lit while.

Ace paid a million and a half high-level Qi stones for all the drinks, which made the shop owner sure that Ace was an aristocrat of the silver-iron demon clan, and he was very polite to him.

Brother Pol also became somewhat sober after a while, since he was a peak Qi river realm cultivator and his recovery speed was quite good. He thanked Ace for paying and promised to pay next time and leave while bidding farewell.

Ace didn't mind paying since he had billions of Qi stones even after recycling, after sorting out the storage rings, just the treasure mountain had given him over five hundred million peak level Qi stones and over three billion high-level Qi stones don't ever talk about his previously accumulated Qi stones. Money was really just a number for him now.

However, he still wasn't satisfied with this because he knew on the mighty demon continent there were grade Qi stones, and they were far more precious than peak level grade stones.

If he wanted to exchange a Low-Grade-1 Qi stone with a peak level Qi stone, first, no one with a right mind would have made this exchange, and even if they did, they would exchange 10,000 Peak Level Qi stones for just One low grade one Qi stone!

Qi stones were also divided into eight grades with different four levels named low, middle, high, and peak respectively, and below grade-level Qi-stone levels were the same as the lower lands of humans.

However, fragment Qi stones, low Qi stones, and middle Qi stones were only used in outer provinces, while inner provinces only High-level Qi Stones were acceptable all the way to the peak Grade 1 Qi stones which were mostly in the hands of Demon Duke and Demon King level existences.

As for core provinces only, grade stones were acceptable there and no one know about the royal zone!

That's why Ace wasn't as rich as he seemed and was only slightly richer than a Demon Barron, which was nothing to brag about.

Ace didn't wander around the city after nightfall, since there were even more security guards this time around, and they have the authority to check your belonging.

Brother Pol even said, those guards been taking advantage of this authority for a while now, and they rob anyone they want in the pretext of City Lord Order or you won't comply they'll just call you a troublemaker and through you in the dungeon, so Pol told Ace to be careful at night.

However, Ace wasn't worried about those guards at all since they were just small fries and quickly tour around the market and remembered every large shop related to alchemy, treasures, books, and... alcohol!

He was going to cause a tremendous storm and make a thunderous announcement of Sky Stealer's arrival!

Deep in the night, every shop in the market district was closed. If this was a year ago, these shops would be open all day and night. However, after the incident of the mad thief, it was a rule to close shops after middle night. The iconoclast will be harshly punished.

Even though this action would harm the business of many, this was all for their own good, so they had no reason to not cooperate.

However, Elian never would even imagine that this action of his will greatly benefit Ace, who wants nothing more than unprotected treasures which were guarded by only locks and arrays!

Although, anyone would say these shops were deeply protected and not even a flea can't enter these guarded shops without alerting the arrays, a thief like Ace who had soul-shattering eyes and the lock eraser king technique these shops were nothing less than open shops which were just begging for him to steal away everything!

Right at this moment, Ace's hooded figure appeared right outside the Hell's Liquor shop, which was also close, and only dim light could be seen, which meant someone was still inside.

However, Ace wasn't fazed by it in the least bit because he had expected this much since the shop owner will be a fool to leave all those expensive wines unguarded and Ace was counting on it.

With a smirk, Ace again entered pulseless stealth while constantly using his soul-shattering eyes. He didn't go through the front door and go toward the back of the building. There was a door used by staff members.

Ace quickly notice an array lock with a small alarm array on this door and sneered as he used his treasure-opening hands technique to carefully open the door and successfully entered the back of the shop.

With extreme care, he closes the door, making no sound because he could sense a soul signature of a peak Qi river realm just ten meters away from this place.

After making sure he was entered unnoticed, he observed he was in a small lodge and there was a stair going upward while a door beside the stair which was probably opened inside the interior of the shop.

The person was right on the other side of the door, while the upstairs door was completely unguarded. So, he checked the upper floor first.

Just like he entered, he quickly opened the door upstairs and enter a dark room.

Ace observed from this room he could clearly see the ground floor and shop interior on the other side, and he also found the demon who was sitting inside the shop.

He was definitely a guard since he was completely clad in black armor and there was a long spear resting beside him.

However, this demon was currently holding an alcohol bottle and drinking with a blissful expression on his red ugly face, and he was almost drunk. One could easily tell by his intoxicated expression and almost closed eyelids.

Ace couldn't help but smile coldly, 'Just sleep tightly. You'll become sleepless very soon.'

Ace stop paying attention to that idiot drunkard and again observed the room where he was. There was only a desk and a few chairs, nothing else. However, Ace wasn't looking with naked eyes.

He soon discovered there was something underneath that desk and when he crouched down, he smiled widely because it was a low-grade one illusion array, and beneath it was a low-grade one lock array which was clearly guarding something precious!

However, at this moment, Ace's expression greatly changed when he detected two very strong soul signatures approaching the shop's back door.

"Bang... Bang... Bang..."

Three loud bangs rang on the back door and Ace was stopped in his tracks!

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#### **Chapter 314: King Domain**

Ace frowned slightly before he retracted his hand.

Now he only had two choices. First, he leaves the room, and the only way out without being noticed was the back door, which was impossible right now, and if he opened the door, that expert might notice him.

Because that demon was continuously using his martial sense as if he was afraid of being followed by anyone.

So, he was left with the second option, which was to remain stealthy and stay in this room, which didn't have any hidden spot. But he was confident in escaping the martial sense if he just stayed put, so he quickly stood still in the dark corner of the room.

Ace was continuously observing the two demons with his soul sense. 'Why did these powerful demons appear here? One of them is probably at the bronze Qi river core stage while this second one's cultivation is golden Qi river core, and he was probably a third stage golden core cultivation and half step into Qi soul realm! I can always count on my bad fucking luck to give me an inauspicious start!'

Ace cursed his bad luck a million times while remaining still.

The loud bangs almost scared the shit off the drunk demon, and he came to his senses, but it was still hard to move in this state.

'Banggg...'

Another loud banging rang from the back door, and this time the person clearly seemed unhappy and agitated.

"Fuck, just who the hell is causing a commotion at this hour? Go away, the shop is closed, or this father won't show mercy!" The drunk demon guard cursed out loud, but he didn't bother to move.

'Bang...Banggggg...'

However, the visitor seemed unfazed by his threat, and he started slamming with more force.

Finally, the drunk demon's already red face turned dark red with anger, and he lumbered toward the back door. He was clearly unhappy and furious. He was going to teach this party popper an unforgettable lesson.

He finally opened the door, however, the very next moment, before he could even utter a curse, a red streak flashed past his cheek, all the way to the other side.

Before the guard could fathom what had happened, he felt his eyes turning dark and his half-dismembered face landed on the floor dying it red, a small fountain of blood appeared from his still standing body, and it also landed right on his half head the next moment.

An annoying voice rang at this moment, "What a vile creature."

"Hmph... he deserved to die!" A nonchalant yet angry voice said in agreement before he said, "Now, get rid of this mess you created."

"Fine, incinerate!"

Ace, when he heard these voices and imagined what had happened at the back entrance, couldn't help but feel this thing was not going in a good direction, and it also seemed these two demons were quite ruthless and decisive. They kill without batting an eye like this was a normal occasion for them.

"Brother, why did we come to this unruly small city all the way from King Domain, look all the city is completely deserted at night?" The annoying voice rang again with a hint of resentment as they both enter the shop while closing the door.

"I don't know, but our spy in this territory reports something that interests his highness, the Demon King, so we're here to check the authority of that thing. Now shut up and don't ask any more questions!" The slightly heavy voice retorted with a hint of vexation.

"What a pain!"

Ace's eyes turned sharp when he heard 'King Domain' and 'Demon King' and his heart raced a little before he quickly controlled his emotion and remain calm.

He clearly knew the King Domain was the title given to the territory where the Demon King Castle was, and a Demon King resides there!

'Just what could a demon king be interested in here?' Ace's interest was quickly piqued.

Those two unknown demons quickly enter the main shop, and now was Ace's chance to quickly leave the shop.

'Leave or stay?' Ace was in a dilemma after hearing those two demons' conversation, and he knew there was something big and this was probably an opportunity.

In the end, Ace decided to stay still and observed. He was very interested in the matter regarding the demon kings and besides, those demons were not coming into this room, so he was still alone and safe.

Ace carefully moved beside the wall and looked at the lower floor and finally saw those two tall figures. They were completely covered in black cloaks, but Ace become confused because the cloak on their heads was completely normal. There wasn't any sign of horns being hidden beneath, just like a human head.

However, Ace didn't dwell too much on it since this might be a hiding technique of the demon race to cover their horns.

They quietly sat at a table as if they were waiting for someone.

'They were talking about a spy, so they were waiting for him.' Ace thought.

"Brother, just tell me what kind of treasure we're taking back. It's not like I'll tell anyone?"

"Sigh... even I don't know, but the instructed was to bring it back without alerting anyone and kill the spy as well."

"It seemed this mission is quite a high level."

"Yes, but it's also dangerous since we'll be killed if someone finds us sneaking around."

They both turned silent again.

Now Ace was even more interested in whatever these guys were here for. He also found this person calling the other demon 'Brother' a loose mouth and hasty while the other was quiet and wise, and

they're probably blood-related, or it was him, he would've never brought this kind of person on this kind of task!

At this moment, he sensed another person coming toward the shop's back door, emotionally agitated. Ace knew this was probably the spy, and he even felt this soul's signature familiar.

This time there was no sound of knocking and the door slowly opened on its own, which meant this person had the array key.

'This is the owner of this shop!' Ace quickly thought of the skinny red demon he met this afternoon.

When this thought came to his mind, another possibility surfaced, 'What if the treasure that demon king is interested in was here in the treasury? It was highly likely, but what if I was wrong and alert those two?'

Ace knew this was a risk, but the reward was just as tempting, and he had little time to mull over it because the shop owner was already making his way toward those two 'guests'.

'Fuck it!'

Ace quickly made his way toward the secret treasury under the table again and after making sure that the golden river core demon wasn't using his martial sense anymore after scanning the shop owner once, he quickly got to work!

"You finally here!" The golden river core demon said coolly at this moment when the shop owner just entered the main interior of the shop.

"Greeting sires!" The shop owner seemed quite jittery and fearful of these two people.

He was just one of the lowly spies sent here many years ago, and he wasn't the one. Almost every demon king monitored the other demon king's important territories, and Iron Demon City definitely met these requirements.

"No need for pleasantries. Bring out the goods!" The imposing voice rang again. He clearly didn't want to stay here for long.

"No, wait... bring us your best liquor first." The other demon spoke at this moment.

"You..."

Before the other one refutes him, he blurted, "Brother, we're traveling for days without even stopping. We deserved a drink or two, right? Come on, we're already in a liquor shop and besides, we'll have a long journey ahead as well."

'Sigh...' The other demon sighed helplessly. He knew his brother had a playful nature, but he also had a point. "Fine, but just one drink."

"That's more like it." The other one sound quite happy and said, "Do you hear my brother? Quickly, take out your best collection!"

The shop owner quickly nodded. He didn't dare to reject the other party because he knew those two were not the demons he could offend and hurried toward the back room right behind the large counter.

Ace, who was closely listening to their conversation, couldn't help but smile coldly and thought, 'A wrong teammate is far more deadly than an enemy. What a fool.'

He carefully released the eraser essential on the array lock without releasing any fluctuations and avoiding the alarming array.

The lock was quickly erased, and a small treasury door appeared in front of him because once the lock was opened, the illusion array will follow suit. As for the small alarming array, it was now useless since the lock was already gone.

It would've been another story if someone tried to touch it when the lock was intact!

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#### **Chapter 315: When Theft Gone Wrong!**

It would've been another story if someone tried to touch it when the lock was intact!

Ace slowly open the small treasury and inside Ace only saw two feet long rectangular box made with a plank of beautiful white wood and there wasn't anything else besides this wooden box in this secret treasury!

'This should be it, right?'

Ace found nothing special about this box no matter how much he looked at it, but he knew now wasn't the time to judge and quickly took the box inside his thief's space.

However, at this moment, when the box was removed from its place, Ace's heart instantly sank because there was a dot size rune right beneath it and by the look of it, this was another tiny trap alarm!

Ace never thought, even after being this careful, he was still outdone when he was so close to completing the thievery.

It wasn't Ace's fault this time because he never encountered this kind of situation where someone put dot size alarm symbol inside a treasury and cover it with an item. He didn't even know it was possible because his mind was still of the same person who had antagonized the lower lands for years.

Ace threw caution to the wind and hurry when he saw the small symbol was starting to shine.

The demon with golden Qi river core finally felt something was amiss as he glanced toward the treasury room's direction and released his martial sense to the fullest!

Right at this moment, the shop owner also emerged, nearly destroying the door. His face was ashen and full of panic as he roared savagely, "T-thief... someone just stole the important treasure!"

There was a small blue crystal in his hand, which was blinking nonstop!

"What?!" the bronze Qi river core demon also exclaimed in alarm.

However, he didn't have a chance to curse or react when he saw his brother was already turned into the wind and left toward the back of the shop!

Without waiting for a moment, he also chased after his brother while leaving a threat behind, "If that thief got away, you can forget about your life!"

The shop owner naturally knew if the treasure went missing, then no one could save him since that treasure was something the demon king wanted!

"But how is it possible that the person only triggered the hidden alarm, not the main one?!" He was in disbelief, but he didn't have time to mull over it since the deed was already done.

He wasn't someone who was going to wait for his death or take a chance. From the main door, he escaped, saving his own life. He knew whether those two caught the person, he won't escape punishment and escape was the only option!

Ace, at this moment, was like a phantom while escaping. He could clearly sense the golden Qi river core cultivator two hundred meters away from him.

'This guy reacted too fast. If not for my lightning step, I'll be doomed this time. Well, at least I know this treasure was the thing they're here for.' Ace's mood instantly lifted when he thought he had stolen something that even a demon king wanted.

He wasn't afraid of the other party chasing after him. His middle-level lightning steps weren't just for show, and his speed was clearly much faster than the other individual. His training for two years wasn't gone in vain, and he was confident in protecting himself even if things go awry, just like what happened a few moments ago!

Ace quickly put a three-hundred-meter distance between him and his pursuer. However, at this moment, Ace felt something was amiss and quickly used his heavenly sense and saw the other person was shockingly following his every step without missing even one! He also noticed a snake-like tongue flickering every second from the cape!

The other person clearly felt the heavenly sense and couldn't help but exclaimed, "So, you're a soul cultivator!"

However, the next moment his calm voice sounded, "Give me the thing you just took, and I'll consider this a misunderstanding and be on my way. I can tell you're at least a silver soul river core cultivator with your strong soul sense, but you're no match for me, and you can never escape, so just give me my thing back, and I won't pursue this matter!"

'This person is too strange; how can he be so fast even outrunning a golden Qi river core cultivator and I can't sense him with martial sense? If not for my race's innate ability, I'm afraid he'll be able to slip away!' He thought grimly while pursuing Ace's footsteps.

He was determined to get the treasure back, or he knew he'll die a tragic death with his brother, and he can't hide because no one can hide from a Demon King!

Ace, on the other hand, finally understood the gravity of the situation, and he knew the other party wasn't bluffing when he sensed he was coming right where he was and taking the same route as him.

'Just who the hell is this person and how can he track my movement even when I'm in stealth! This is really the first!' Ace found this situation absurd, as his expression turned ugly.

He never thought, on his first thievery, he'll encounter something like this, and he had to admit stealing from big wigs won't be as easy as he thought anymore. There were many strange things here, and he wasn't dealing with just humans anymore.

These races had various abilities and if he met some race that can render even one of his skills useless, he'll be in peril just like now.

Ace ran while planning to get rid of this leach.

'Just how exactly is he following me? Pulseless Stealth can block my pulse and even martial sense can't find my traces, so he wasn't tracking me with this. It had something to do with that snake-like tongue I saw.'

Ace wasn't any animal expert, nor knew the various abilities of beasts. He only had superficial knowledge from lower lands, and the memories he stole from Pablo and Buck also weren't helpful.

Ace suddenly snapped out his thoughts because he suddenly felt the other party has speed up somehow and the distance was quickly shortening!

'This is bad, I had to think of something and fast!' Ace's heart raced as he saw his surroundings. He was running through alleyways as he could through his chaser off somehow, but it seemed meaningless.

'If I can just cause...' Suddenly an idea flashed in Ace's head.

Without even further hesitation, he took out a bomb, his favorite distraction tool! He was now only left with five of them, including this one in his hand.

Although they didn't deal actual damage, they were excellent at causing commotion and drawing attention!

Ace quickly lit the bomb pin with his lightning and throw it into an alleyway and used his lightning steps to the maximum!

After a few seconds, a huge booming sound rang, startling a quarter of the Iron Demon City!

Everyone thought that someone has attacked the city, and the city guard crazily flooded toward the attacked area.

The person chasing Ace also heard the loud boom since he was very close to the explosion, and his heart nearly jumped from his chest and thought someone was attacking him.

However, he didn't feel any fluctuations and didn't change his route, or he'll lose Ace's tracks. He was ready for a big fight since he was dead either way.

But no one was there except for dark smoke, and he also noticed many people coming this way.

'So, that was a trick to draw others' attention and scared me to back down. Heh, naïve!' He belittled coldly.

Abruptly, a blood mist suddenly appeared before covering the cloaked figure entirely. The very next moment, his speed became even faster, but his zealous aura become chaotic!

'Even if I had to burn all my blood essential, I'll capture you and make you pay for it!' Beneath the cloak, a pair of beastly snake eyes glow in a crimson color that was filled with bloodlust!

Ace also notice his plan of scarring the other party didn't work and the other person's speed become even faster and his heart palpitated.

He finally had another idea, but he didn't want to use it since it was too costly, but he didn't have another choice right now, or he'll have to face a lunatic golden river core cultivator.

'If this thing wasn't worth it, I'll fucking theft the entire city to cover my losses!' Ace clench his teeth and transmitted, "System open the Heavenly Rune Crafter Panel for me!"

[Heavenly Rune Crafter Panel]

-Rune Crafter Rank: Tier-3

-Rune Crafter Trademark: Coin

-Rune Crafter Colophon: Thief Symbol

[Talisman Section] (UNLOCK)

[Array Section] (LOCK)

[Formation Section] (LOCK)

[UNKNOWN Section] (LOCK)

Ace again transmitted as his eyes turned cold. "Open the Talisman Section, Worldly Talismans!"

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#### **Chapter 316: Talisman Coins of System**

Ace again transmitted as his eyes turned cold. "Open the Talisman Section, Worldly Talismans!"

[Talisman Creation Section]

Heavenly Talisman Available: 9 (Tier-1 to Tier-3)

Worldly Talisman: Available: 20 (Tier-1 to Tier-3)

[Worldly Talisman]

Tier: 1, 2, 3

Available: 20

Earthen Sword Spikes: Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 10 Million High Qi Stones & 100 TP]

Fire Arrow: Soul Attack Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 20 Million High Qi Stones, 1000 Peak Qi Stones, & 150 TP]

Blinding Fire: Martial & Soul Attack Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 15 Million High Qi Stones, 1000 Peak Qi Stones, & 100 TP]

Earth Golem: Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 25 Million High Stones & 200 TP]

Water Bullet: Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 5 Million High Stones & 50 TP]

Wind Bullet: Soul Attack Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 10 Million High Stones, 500 Peak Qi Stones, & 100 TP]

Water Barrier: Defensive Soul Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 50 Million High Stones, 10,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 500 TP]

Earth Wall: Defensive Martial Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 40 Million High Stones, 5,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 400 TP]

Gale Slash: Soul and Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 50 Million High Stones, 5,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 450 TP]

Fire-Wind Explosion: Soul and Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-1)

[Creation Cost: 100 Million High Stones, 20,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,000 TP]

Light Shield: Soul and Martial Defensive Talisman (Tier-2)

[Creation Cost: 500 Million High Stones, 100,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,500 TP]

Ice Shackles: Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-2)

[Creation Cost: 250 Million High Stones, 50,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,200 TP]

Earth Split: Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-2)

[Creation Cost: 300 Million High Stones, 75,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,300 TP]

Wind Roar: Soul Attack Talisman (Tier-2)

[Creation Cost: 150 Million High Stones, 25,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,100 TP]

Golden Chains: Soul Attack Talisman (Tier-2)

[Creation Cost: 500 Million High Stones, 150,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,500 TP]

Dark Mist: Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-3)

[Creation Cost: 300 Million High Stones, 90,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,200 TP]

Earthen Ice: Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-3)

[Creation Cost: 400 Million High Stones, 100,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,300 TP]

Hundred Silver Swords: Soul & Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-3)

[Creation Cost: 550 Million High Stones, 200,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 2,000 TP]

Fire Explosion: Martial Attack Talisman (Tier-3)

[Creation Cost: 700 Million High Stones, 150,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,700 TP]

Wind Wail: Soul Attack Talisman (Tier-3)

[Creation Cost: 750 Million High Stones, 200,000 Peak Qi Stones, & 1,800 TP]

After reaching tier-3 rank in the heavenly rune crafting, he unlocked five tier-two and five tier-three talismans while three heavenly talismans of tier-two and similarly three heavenly talismans of tier-three respectively, and light and dark elements were new elements he learned to symbolize.

However, he didn't use the system to create the talismans when he saw the requirement and prices. Although he didn't care about Qi stones, he cared about Thief Points.

Ace was planning to make these talismans himself, but he didn't have some materials for tier three talismans, and that was one of the reasons he come out to 'get' some materials as well.

However, he encountered this annoying foe, and now he had no other choice but to create and use these talismans from the system. It was not the time to save the thief points; it was time to use them relentlessly!

"System, give me One Earthen Sword Spikes Talisman, Two Fire Arrow Talismans, One Blinding Fire Talisman, three Wind Bullet Talismans, Two Earth Wall Talismans, Five Ice Shackles Talismans, Fire-Wind Explosion..."

Ace quickly made a lengthy order of different types of talismans. Although he never used them, he knows damn well what their functions were, and he was confident to take down even a Golden Qi River Core cultivator if he used them correctly and in a particular order!

[35,800 Thief Point, 5.3 Billion High Qi Stones, & 10.2 Million Peak Qi Stones have been successfully deducted]

[30 Talismans have been delivered to thief's space]

Ace's heartache a little when he saw a large and small mountain of Qi stones vanish from his thief's space. This was his first time spending so much at once.

However, it wasn't the time to dwell on it, since the enemy was only two hundred meters away from him and quickly closing the distance. His previously caused explosion also alerted the city guards, and he had to end it quickly and then escape.

Ace knew he had little time to deal with this guy, not to talk about his brother, who was still nowhere to be found. But he didn't forget to keep a watch for him as well.

Ace quickly entered a precarious alleyway. 'This one is narrow enough.'

The next moment, two-inch pitch-black jade-like pentagon coins appeared in Ace's hand, which was as smooth as jade and no one could think it was a talisman. On one side was engraved, Ace's thief symbol, Dark Owl, while on the other side was much more detailed as a beautiful tiny symbol string was engraved around its edge and a single symbol of the earth was right in the center.

This was Ace's first time seeing this talisman coin, and even he had to admit this was a piece of art, and he wasn't confident about making it this delicate and beautiful.

Nevertheless, this was a consumption item, and he can make as many as he wanted as long as he paid the system enough.

The next moment, Ace marked it with his heavenly mark and throw it on the sidewall and the coin's talisman side instantly attach to the wall before it completely blended into the darkness.

This was one of the talisman coin functions that was made by the system, 'Stealth and Camouflage' just like a trap, and with Heavenly Mark, Ace can trigger it anytime he wanted between two miles of area distance!

This was just the function of worldly talismans not to talk about Heavenly Talisman, which can be triggered from a hundred miles radius, and they were also undetectable!

'It was worth it to pay for just these functions! Even though I can make them myself. Yet, I can't achieve the same efficiency as the system and probably achieve half of the effect.'

Ace set nine more talisman coins in the alleyway, and he was satisfied with them and his choice of talismans. He knew only the soul realm cultivator's martial sense or soul sense could probably detect those hidden talismans, so he didn't have to worry about this guy finding them.

He also took two defensive talismans and attached them to his own body. Furthermore, he still felt this was not enough and attached two more, just in case... he attached one more and finally felt at ease.

Ace didn't have to wait for long before his pursuer finally reached the alley entrance and stopped.

The person looked at Ace's dark hooded figure, which was standing on the other side of the alleyway with his glowing crimson snake eyes with killing intent. He didn't take a step forward so quickly because he had a rich fighting experience and encounter many deadly situations before.

He knew his opponent was a 'soul cultivator' and won't just give up just because he feels like it and his intuition telling him something was wrong, but after using his amplify martial sense, he didn't find any trap or trick.

But he still didn't take the step forward since he blindly trusted his instinct and said in a raspy voice, "Just give me the thing you took from the shop, and I'll leave!"

He really didn't want to fight now after sensing danger and changed his mind about taking revenge.

"Why don't you just turn around and leave? I'll consider it a favor!" Ace said in Pablo's powerful voice. He didn't think this guy would stop right outside the alleyway and start taking peace.

"I can't do that. I had no choice in this matter, or I might really consider it. Why don't you do me a favor and give me the thing you just took? I'll compensate you with high-grade-1 Qi stones?" Said the snake

eyes man while coldly staring at Ace. He was cautiously using his acute senses to see what Ace was trying to achieve.

"High Grade-1 Qi stones, huh, aren't you a generous one..." Ace sneered before coldly retorting, "How about I'll give you the same offer?"

"I already said I don't have a choice in this matter, or I really consider it." He rejected without even blinking.

At this moment, the snake eyes man finally felt something amiss and quickly used dark blue Qi to a barrier and coldly said. "Your paltry tricks won't work on me!"

Yet, he still didn't move from his place and only remained firmly still while kept using the barrier.

Ace's eyes contracted when his soul thread skill was seen through and failed for the first time!

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#### **Chapter 317: Fight in Dark Alley! (1)**

Ace's eyes contrasted when his soul thread skill was seen through and failed for the first time!

One had to know for all these years, Ace's soul thread was like an invincible skill, and it had never disappointed him before. However, this snake-eyed individual has seen through it and blocked it.

Ace wanted to pick-pocked this demon storage ring, so he could render all his trump cards useless, just like he always does whenever he fought. But it seemed he greatly underestimated the myriad races of golden sky worlds and belittled the second hegemony race, the Demon Race, far too much!

"The System makes thirty more talismans like my previous order and adds five more light shield talismans this time quickly!" Ace knew it wasn't the time to save thief points and quickly order a new set of talismans.

This time he paid 50,800 thief points more and a huge amount of Qi stones for these new thirty-five talismans!

The snake-eyed demon was coldly staring at Ace and wanted to see his face behind the hood, but alas, he can't no matter how much he tried. Furthermore, he was now ninety percent sure that the alleyway between them was a gigantic trap, and the hidden danger he was sensing was probably this alleyway!

That's why he was sure, as long as he could avoid this alleyway, his chances of getting the treasure back would increase tremendously. He was also waiting for his brother to come as well because it would increase their chances many folds. It was difficult to deal with a soul cultivator, especially someone like in front of him, who could elude him!

At this moment, Ace suddenly step inside the alleyway and the snake eyes demon's eyes narrowed. Now, he was having other thoughts because if this alley was a trap, then this person would never step into it. After all, if he triggered the traps now, this thief would also be affected by them.

Ace was calm and collective after a brief moment of shock and decided to step inside the alley when he felt his pursuer was too cautioned and this was the only way to mislead him, or he'll have to think of another way to get rid of him, which he didn't have right now.

Ace also felt this guy was wasting time and quickly concluded he was waiting for his partner, and he knew it would be hard to deal with two demons with strange abilities together. Especially when this demon was at the golden river core stage.

He was confident in dealing with a bronze river core cultivator or silver river core, but the golden core was another matter, and he wasn't confident in dealing with a golden river core cultivator without talismans and sneak attacks.

That's why he was risking it by stepping into talismans attack range, but he had no choice right now or this demon will catch up to him eventually and at that time he would not be at an advantage like right now.

"Since paltry tricks won't work, let's see if my Swords can do the trick!" Ace passively said as the very next moment his two, a long and a short, dark blades swords materialized in his hands.

The snake-eyed demon was a little startled and astonished when he saw this thief was going to fight him even after knowing he was stronger than him by a whole stage, and it wasn't just any stage, it was the peak of the golden river core stage!

Nonetheless, he found it an opportunity to get rid of this person and end this battle quickly. Because he knew if he confronts this soul cultivator thief with lower cultivation than him in a face-off battle, he'll definitely win.

He also thought this thief was probably at his wit's end, so he wanted to struggle to the end, and he didn't find it too strange. In the end, despite being extremely cautious, he stepped inside the alleyway!

A crimson long broad sword appeared in his hand which was giving off the feeling of bloodlust!

Ace's expression was solemn seeing the crimson broad sword because the feeling of bloodlust was too heavy, and he didn't know just how much blood this sword had drawn, and his opponent was also extremely prudent.

However, he knew he can't avoid this fight, and he also had to end it quickly before the other demon arrive!

Abruptly, the snake eyes demon brandished his broad sword and its crimson blade instantly glow with a dark red sheen, and he swing it toward Ace like a hammer!

Ace's heart pounce at rapid speed when he felt the deadly presser from the enormous blade and the short sword quickly disappeared from his hand, replacing it with a pentagon dark coin!

The snake eyes demon also noticed this change, but he didn't stop his charge and cover himself with a powerful element Qi barrier. He didn't know what that coin was, but he was confident that his middle grade-2 weapon can easily cut through it or even shield him if needed!

The dark pentagon coin in Ace's hand instantly vanished and out of thin air, and a hundred silver swords manifested, and rained down like silver lights at the snake eyes demon, completely catching him off guard!

'A talisman!' The snake eyes demon's heart palpitated when he finally understood the origin of that small dark pentagon. He clearly knew about talismans, but he had never seen one like this thief just used.

Even though talismans were common in the mighty demon continent and one could buy them from big shops in duke level cities. But they were too expensive, and even the most common ones: 1-star talismans were sold for a thousand low grade-1 Qi stones!

As for the talisman that Ace just used Hundred Silver Swords, a tier-3 talisman, the snake eyes demon could tell it was not a common talisman at all. He felt dread in his soul!

This also meant this was a talisman that contain a soul attack that was by no means a common talisman and probably sold for tens of thousands of peak grade-one Qi stones!

However, no one would sell a soul talisman even if it was a one-star rank because they were as rare as a soul cultivator and despite being made by a rune crafter and soul Qi. A soul-type talisman was too hard to make because it was made with soul-type materials!

That's why this demon was greatly shocked when he sensed this unique talisman's terror and quickly swing his crimson broad sword toward those silver swords to protect himself because even if one of them manage to wound him, that wound will be akin to a soul wound and greatly affect his mind and soul!

He'll definitely perish at that time. He was even regretting fighting Ace head-on right now and cursing his luck to encounter a rich soul cultivator!

Ace was full of excitement when he sensed his opponent's dismay emotions, and he knew his strategy to fight with talismans and using the Hundred Silver Swords Talisman was an excellent decision.

Ace quickly brandished his long sword with despair lighting and slashed it toward the waist of his opponent, which was wide open after he blocked the talisman attack!

The snake eyes demon also sense the impending danger, and he knew if he tried to dodge it now he'll definitely wound by at least twenty silver swords, which would immediately spell his death!

"Sneaky bastard!" He cursed as his storage ring flashed and a one-meter round silver-blue shield appeared right between Ace's sword, quickly protecting him from receiving a fatal wound!

Ace's dark blade long sword clashed with the silver-blue shield and instantly emitted sparks filled with dark lightning.

'At least a low-grade two shield!' Ace quickly appraised the shield because there weren't many treasures that can block his sword!

'Well, it was me who wanted to end this fight without using more talismans, but it seemed I have to pay the price to deal with a veteran!' Ace decisively retracted his long sword and turned around, dashing toward the alleyway exit.

The snake eyes demon thought he was trying to escape while he was busy dealing with the talisman attack. But he also felt relief because he can completely focus on dealing with his talisman attack now, and he can find Ace afterward again and made him pay.

He won't be going to be tricked again, and he was almost sure that Ace didn't have more of these talismans on him, and it was his last trump card, so he was even more confident of capturing him after dealing with his situation!

However, what happened next instantly send this snake eyes demon into the abyss of terror!

A small owl symbol suddenly flashed not far away from him at this moment, and another pentagon coin turned into a hundred silver swords and instantly rained toward his back!

Realization finally dawn on him. Entering his alley was probably the biggest and last mistake he ever made in his life!

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#### **Chapter 318: Fight in Dark Alley! (2)**

A small owl symbol suddenly flashed not far away from him at this moment, and another pentagon coin turned into a hundred silver swords and instantly heaped toward his back!

Realization finally dawn on him. Entering his alley was probably the biggest and last mistake he ever made in his life!

He never thought this mere thief had two same types of soul attack talismans, which can be considered a luxury even in King Domain. Although he was shocked, it only last for a moment.

He had experienced many life and death plights, and this swiftly help him remain calm and think rationally. The silver-blue shield quickly maneuvered in the air and instantly appeared on his back.

However, he knew this shield can't block all sliver-sword lights, and he had to pay the price no matter what. He can't escape unscratched.

Furthermore, his biggest worry right now was to leave this alleyway because he could tell all those traps were probably hidden here when he saw Ace's action of withdrawing instantly while he was preoccupied!

He wanted to leave from here as quickly as possible and just he was about to squirm through toward the opposite direction of Ace without worrying about injuries anymore. He was confident in preserving his life after escaping this catastrophe.

As for the treasure in Ace's hand, he didn't care about it anymore. His life was more important. If he reported what happened and his discovery about Ace, he might be able to preserve his life, or if he stayed here, he didn't have had that luxury!

He understood too well; the soul cultivators were far deadlier if they damaged your soul or find out your soul was injured, and he didn't want to experience it himself!

Ace clearly saw his opponent wanted to escape and give up on the treasure, and he wasn't the least bit surprised by this, since anyone would try to preserve their life in this kind of situation.

However, he had already used two expensive talismans, and the enemy was the strongest one he had ever encountered except Gordon, who was too strong to even give him a chance to fight.

Ace didn't want to let this type of experienced and decisive guy escape, so he could come back to bite him in the future, and it will also reveal his existence to a demon king far too soon.

If these two didn't find out about him, he would be more at ease, but this demon had already seen his talismans and react decisively, which gave Ace even more reason to get rid of this future trouble!

'Ice Shekels, Earth Wall, Earthen Sword Spikes, Fire Arrow, Wind Bullet, and Fire-Wind Explosion, activate!' Ace instantly activated six more hidden talismans in the alleyway with no hesitation.

He won't let this guy escape, no matter what!

Six dark owl symbols flash in different directions of the alleyway's walls and all kinds of Marital Qi and Soul Qi stir before creating instant powerful skills!

The snake eyes demon's heart turned cold when he felt all the new Qi fluctuations around him, and he knew his opponent had more talismans, and he didn't intend to let him leave alive. A chill run down his spine!

His glowing eyes completely turned bloodshot as he spat a large amount of blood mist before it completely covered his body. The dark cloak on his body also turned into ashes under that blight red mist and a tall brawny figure was revealed!

Ace's eyes narrowed when he saw the head of this demon was covered in shining crimson diamond-like scales and there wasn't any kind of pair of horns on his demon's head, which was a signature of the demon race.

However, Ace didn't have time to dwell on it because he felt his opponent's aura instantly skyrocket after absorbing that red mist, and it was very closed to the Qi soul realm!

Without hesitation, he activated the last three soul attack talismans as well!

"If I don't bring you to hell today with me, I won't be a Nāga!" His heavy, raspy voice was laced with hatred and bloodlust.

He had already exhausted his entire blood essential to gain his temporary boost in power, and he knew he'll die after completely exhausting this power. But he didn't care about his life anymore since he already used this suicide move. All he cared about was bringing this thief down with him who cornered him and force him to take this step!

However, now his mind was filled with madness, and he no longer cared about blocking all those talismans' manifested attacks. He directly charged toward Ace, completely shattering the icy chains and earth sword spikes that failed to penetrate his skin.

Ace's heart palpitated when he saw a snake-like vicious face filled with madness and killing intent charging toward him without caring about all those grave attacks, and it seemed it was working as well. His talismans seemed useless right now!

He saw the crimson broad sword in this snake-like demon's hand was releasing smoky red Qi, which spells death!

Without any hesitation, Ace throws two more fire-wind explosion talismans. He knew running wasn't an option right now because his opponent can easily catch up to him in his state, and it was also a disadvantage to turn his back on his opponent right now.

The snake face demon's entire body was filled with deep cuts and charred skins. His aura was on the verge of exploding and his heart was as cold as ice, but he was still charging with everything he had.

Although he looked immune to martial attacks, it can't be said the same for the soul attacks, but he still wanted to hack his broad sword on Ace's hooded head even if it was the last thing he did before dying!

At this moment, two dark pentagon coins appeared before his bloodshot snake eyes, and he only saw an owl flash with dark luster before his eyes filled with golden fire!

'Boom... boooooommm...'

Two more loud booming sounds reverberate in the vacancy, filled with hissing winds.

A cubic shape light barrier appeared around Ace, completely enveloping him and saving him from the close-range explosion.

Right at this moment, the entire alleyway was turned into rubble and debris and even the houses around a twenty-meter radius were turned into ruins because of Ace's powerful talismans.

However, Ace was completely unfazed by everything else. He was solely focused on the snake face demon, which had vanished into dust and smoke. He could feel his aura was quite fragile at this moment, like a flickering candle.

Yet, Ace didn't dare to become careless, and he knew this light barrier limit was ten-second, but he quickly dispelled it and enter stealth. He was sure his opponent wouldn't be able to sense him anymore after being injured to this extent, and he was already on the verge of death!

After the dust was settled,

Ace was astonished when he saw a completely mangle humanoid figure kneeling while one of his hands was completely gone and a broad sword was laying a few centimeters away from him as one could see a severed hand on its long hilt.

The snake face demon's eyes weren't glowing anymore and were almost lifeless.

Ace finally has a soft sigh. This was his first time fighting for this long, and his opponent also remained alive, even though it was barely alive. It was still alive after taking this kind of beating.

Ace knew if he only had one or two talismans, he would've never been able to emerge unscratched from his battle, and couldn't help but think he was still too inexperienced and weak.

Nevertheless, the winner becomes the thief; the loser becomes the king. [1]

At this moment, the snake face demon's lip slightly moved shakily and a weak yet pleading voice sounded, "Please... spare my... brother..."

These were the last dying words he uttered before the slightest light in his eyes drained, and they turned cold.

Ace couldn't help but feel respect and admiration for this foe who, even at death's door, didn't forget about his kin.

'He was probably fighting this desperately because of his brother as well...' Ace thought with a hint of melancholy.

At this moment, the system's voice rang in his mind.

[Killed a Golden Qi River Core Stage, Blood Nāga]

[Reward: 10,000 EXP]

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

[EXP: 31,020/50,000]

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

[SP: 20,000/50,000]

However, Ace wasn't the least bit fazed by this and came out of his stealth while saying coldly in a mild tone, "Why didn't you help him?"

No reply came as if he was talking to the air, but Ace still goes on, "You were here from the moment he entered the alleyway, but you didn't lend a helping hand even when he was about to die... I wonder what he'll think if he found out his brother didn't even feel anything when he died, and he perished fighting for your sake. What a tragedy."

[1] the actual term is: 'The winner becomes the king, the loser becomes the thief'

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#### **Chapter 319: A Thief's Night!**

Ace instantly vanished from his spot before storing this demon's storage ring, crimson broad sword, and silver-blue shield.

Surprisingly, he wasn't going toward his hideout, but moving in the completely opposite direction!

Ace left the corpse of this Nāga behind, so the approaching crowd could easily find him.

If he wanted he could've just destroyed or stored, this Nāga's body to get rid of another time, but he didn't do so because he wanted the others to find out and this will probably cause some trouble for the Demon King behind this Nāga fellow.

Because there weren't many races like Nāga on the mighty demon continent, it would be easily discovered who this Nāga was subordinate to once someone with authority started to investigate.

Although it wasn't enough to harm a Demon King; it was enough to cause tensions between two Demon Kings and inflation suspicious about why this spy acted so boldly in another Demon King's territory.

Furthermore, Ace had the treasure that the demon king was after, and by doing this, it would not draw attention to himself even if he started his grand plan of theft around the Iron Demon City.

No one would probably believe that a mere thief killed a strong golden Qi river core stage cultivator because anyone with this kind of prowess will not stoop to the level of a thief. It was simply absurd.

But Ace knew as he showed his prowess and means of the thief, he'll change everyone's view of a thief and at that time many will be after him just like what happened in lower lands.

Nevertheless, Ace wasn't worried about it, since all his conjectures could be wrong and this incident might not even reach that level at all. Others might think this was just a fight between rogue cultivators and buried this incident after some hoo-hah.

But the peace of Iron Demon City was going to be again short-lived, and the Iron Demon Tribe might suffer the most if they didn't react carefully this time around.

Right at this moment, Ace was moving at full speed while crossing alleyways like a ghost.

Thereupon, Ace finally spotted a blurry shadow and his lips rose in a stiff smile, "Hundred Shadows Mirage!"

The dark blade sword moved at this moment in a beautiful dark arc, and a hundred swords' shadows filled with dark lightning instantly rained toward the blurry shadow like lightning.

The blurry shadow seemed to sense the approaching danger and quickly try to dodge, but alas, failed and was instantly engulfed in the sword shadows, and groaned anguishedly and in disbelief.

A horrified and pleading voice sounded at this moment, "Senior, please spare me!"

This staggering voice was obviously the Bronze Qi river core cultivator partner of the deceased Nāga and also his blood brother.

As Ace said, this guy had reached the fighting spot quickly, but he didn't join or help the other and silently observed from a distance.

When he saw his brother was going to die, he escaped without even thinking twice, nor did he show any emotions of sorrow or hatred, as if he didn't care about the death of his own brother at all.

But how could he escape Ace's detection? His brother probably also sensed him long ago but said nothing and even plead for his life while taking his last breath...

Ace was naturally disgusted by this fellow to the core and chased after him. This guy wasn't a threat to him at all.

Ace impassively saw the bloody figure kneeling right in front of him while pleading for his life. The cloak on him was also shredded by Ace's attack and his snake-like face was also revealed, which also signifies that he was really from the same race, Nāga.

Ace asked coldly at this moment, "Why didn't you help him?"

The bronze Qi river core Nāga was naturally scared out of his wits when he was somehow discovered by this person who even killed his strong brother, and now he was just a fish on the chopping board since he wasn't as strong as his brother and this person was too strong for even to him escape!

"I... It was a hopeless situation... even though my brother knows senior is so strong, he still dared to fight senior... H-he deserved to die! I didn't want to offend senior, so I just didn't disturb senior and take my leave!" His face was hideous and filled with terror as he spoke.

"Is that so?" Ace coolly said.

"Y-yes!"

Ace shook his head and sighed, "Sigh... you're lying, well, it doesn't matter... you can just tell the truth to your brother directly!"

If he was a little bit more powerful, he might've soul probed him, but he could sense this Nāga's soul was stronger than him, and so he simply decided to end him!

"N-no..." He roared unwillingly and finally decided to struggle to the end, since the other party didn't plan on sparing him, there wasn't any need for pleading.

He wanted to take out a treasure, but was instantly horrified when he felt his storage ring was now... gone!

Before he could fathom what had happened, a thousand sword shadows suddenly manifest right above him and just a tidal wave completely engulfed him the very next moment thereafter!

Ace received two new notifications at this moment.

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[Successful Pick Pocket Count: 1]

[Total Rewards: 10,000TP]

[Low-Level Thieveries: 1]

[Thief Point(s): 1,461,850]

[Low-level Thievery: 2,748]

[Killed a Bronze Qi River Core Stage, Blood Nāga]

[Reward: 1,000 EXP]

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

[EXP: 32,020/50,000]

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

[SP: 20,000/50,000]

Ace paid little attention to these expected notifications and mused, 'So, not demons, huh? They were probably one of the servitude races under the demon race, the Nāga Race. This race could detect me even with my pulseless stealth... I have to be more careful about this race in the future and learn more about all the other servitude races under demons...'

Ace only smile wryly when he thought there was still more to learn about this world and stopped mulling over the matters which were out of his hands for now.

He coldly glanced at to mingle Nāga's corpse and leave the area, leaving behind this one for the city guards as well.

'Should I continue with my original plan? The entire city might be on high alert tomorrow night, and this night is still long. The guards will be busy dealing with this matter first, leaving the market completely unguarded!' Ace wore a thievish smile and again headed toward the market area.

As for the wooden box, he simply decided to take a look at it when he returned to the hideout and also sort the storage ring at that time as well.

This was the night of theft and also the entrance of Sky Stealer into the mighty demon continent!

On the other side of the Iron Demon City,

Ace was completely right about his conjuncture because after the commotion he caused while fighting with the golden river core Nāga, the entire Iron Demon City's guard regiment was on the move, and they finally reached the fighting scene. Even the residents were gathering there, creating a large crowd.

When everyone discovered the Nāga's corpse, they were horrified when they thought an outside race had infiltrated their city with malicious intention. Unknowingly, Ace became a hero in these demons' hearts since he dealt with this threat and leave without even taking any credit or demanding rewards.

Right at this moment, when the crowd was going crazing over this matter, an imposing voice rang, "Everyone please withdraw fifty-meter distance from the fighting scene and don't worry this creature is a Nāga, from a servitude race of our demon race. He wasn't an infiltrator to our continent. He was probably gone rogue and tried to rob someone, but met with an expert of our race and reached his deserving end!"

A tall demon clad in golden armor with gold skin, and horns appeared, followed by city guards. This was the commander of the Iron City Guard Regiment.

Everyone finally had a sigh of relief when they heard this was just a slave gone rogue and cursed the entire Nāga race for being ungrateful and traitors.

However, what this commander didn't tell everyone was the Nāga race was a close aid of a Demon King and kept this matter to himself. He didn't dare to voice out this truth, or it would be akin to directly pointing his finger at a Demon King!

He left this matter to the higher-ups, and he knew this was huge trouble for Iron Demon City!

'First, mad thief, and now the traces of another demon king. Just why is my Iron Demon Tribe facing all these tribulations? Just what have we done wrong...' the commander lament deeply.

However, what he didn't know was this was just the start of a disaster for Iron Demon City and the real trouble will come this morning when a thief's name would be made known to the demon race and become one of his legends...

## Eternal Thief

### **Chapter 320: The End of Iron Demon City! (1)**

The night of occurrence finally passed in the Iron Demon City and the world welcome new dawn, but for the Iron Demon City, it was destined to be an unforgettable day.

Right now, almost the entire city knows about the last night's fight. However, this didn't hinder the city market, which was the central hub of the Iron Demon City's economy and prestige.

The merchants didn't care about fights between cultivators as long as they didn't hinder or involved them, they just wanted to make money and earn a reputation.

'Sigh... it seemed like the Iron Demon City is no longer like the past. Even a slave dared to be brazened here now.'

A wizened face demon was deep in thought at this moment while sitting in a large luxurious carriage pulled by two demonic beasts which were moving toward the Iron Demon City's market.

'If Duke Livy is as assertive as the rumor said, he'll probably replace the Iron Demon Tribe by silently giving the order to open challenge them. I should evacuate my shop and family from the iron demon city, just in case the challenge really happened. The city will be turned into a battlefield.

'Beside... it's time for me to move on to a duke-level city and expand my business. I have already secured the required amount of Qi stones to buy an extensive property and my reputation has also reached the threshold for me to open a shop in a duke level city...'

This wizened face demon was a well-known merchant and quite famous for his premium quality goods in Iron Demon City Market and quite respected in the merchant circle in the ocean demon dukedom.

On the mighty demon continent, merchants can't open a shop on a whim, just anywhere. One, you have to be rich, and second, you have to be highly respectable and popular.

Only then can one open a shop in high noble rank cities like Iron Demon City, and it was even more difficult to enter a demon duke rank city's market. Because one could earn a hundred times more profit in a duke city's market compared to a marquess level city market.

Not to talk about the businesses in a king domain.

Nevertheless, this wizened demon was already planning on leaving the Iron Demon City and moving to the Ocean Demon City and after the event of the mad thief and last night, he finally decided to collect everything he accommodated for all these years from the secret treasury in his shop and leave this place.

Not just this wizened demon thought like this, but almost all the respectable and high-status merchants were considering the same point after the last night's event.

These merchants weren't born or the kin of Iron Demon Tribe, and they were only businessmen, which only followed profit, and Iron Demon City was losing its credibility in their belief.

The carriage finally stopped outside a huge building. The wizened demon disembarks the carriage, still musing as he plodded toward the entrance, followed by two powerful personal demon guards.

However, he suddenly frowned because he didn't see the shop guards anywhere and snorted coldly, "It seemed the Iron Demon Tribesmen really didn't care about the city economy anymore. You two, if they come back, broke their legs and throw them out."

Those two demon guards merely nodded in affirmation. They were with this wizened demon for over twenty years now, and they knew his temperament, and they knew he hated inaction and unprofessionalism when it came to business.

"T-this... how is this possible?!!!"

The wizened face demon was about to unlock the door when he heard an anguished, shrill howl from the next building. He was quite familiar with this voice. He quickly turned around and headed toward the next shop to see what has happened.

Just as he entered the shop, it was totally different from what he remembered because all the illustrated treasures were completely gone from their showcases.

'Is Edwin also trying to evacuate to another city?' He thought with uncertainty, but when he thought about the scream just now, he knew something was not right and quickly goes toward the open door behind the glass counter.

They finally reach an underground room and were flabbergasted when they saw a demon with silver hair listlessly kneeling right before an open vault. There were four corpses of demons that were beheaded not long ago.

However, the wizened demon's focus was right inside the completely empty vault, and his eyes were fixed on a three-meter dark owl mural and its blade-like wings, there were two eye-catching words imposingly written on the owl wings in demon language.

"Sky Stealer?" He mumbled.

Edwin seemed to sense his friend and business rival's presence and started to laugh like a maniac, "Hahaha... Old codger, my life wealth, treasures, everything is gone... hahaha... stolen... hahaha."

The wizened demon's heart palpitated, not because of his friend's loony laughter, but when he remembered two missing guards. Without even replying, he used his full power to run toward his own shop.

Those two demon guards also followed behind with grave expressions. They also felt something was amiss.

"Who is Sky Stealer...?!!!!"

At this moment, they heard another roar right from the other side of the street. It was a high-end wine shop!

The wizened demon heart nearly jumped out of his chest when he heard again a familiar voice, which was chanting the tone was his friend!

He didn't even use the key and break inside his own shop as the alarming array started to cause a huge commotion, but the demon wasn't even heard it when his old face showed myriad emotions between

uncertainty, shock, fascination... his entire interior was completely empty not a single displayed treasure was on their place!

He quickly goes toward the upper floor while trembling with fear and when he broke the door of the second floor as well it was also empty!

"No, no, no, it was just an illusion!" He crazily started to mumble as he moved toward the third floor.

Yet, nothing changed. Every floor was made clear of any valuable items and when he reached the last floor, where his life's wealth was hidden. He saw the hidden treasure vault was completely opened, and the same owl mural was printed on the center wall and the same name, Sky Stealer.

His entire body was staggered suddenly when he finally vomited a large amount of blood!

"Mister!"

Both guards quickly support him, but their faces were also filled with incredulity as they saw the entire shop was robbed clean and the thief was so lethal that he didn't even trigger any trap or alarm and even open the middle grade one treasury!

Their eyes were filled with trepidation when they looked at that owl imprint, and they felt a chill run down their spines and the name Sky Stealer was deeply engraved in their heart!

The wizened demon said at this moment in an extremely hoarse yet cadaverous voice, "Take me to city lord manor!"

Those two looked at each other before quickly complying. They didn't know what their master was thinking, but they knew something unimaginable was going to happen in Iron Demon City!

Soon, not just this wizened demon, but almost every famous and esteemed character of Iron Demon City Market, started to head toward Golden Iron Demon Territory with sharp killing intentions.

First, everyone paid little attention to this movement, but as those carriages filled with murderous auras pass them, everyone broke into a cold sweat, and they knew something had happened.

It didn't take long before some low-end shop owner finds out all the big shops in the market were robbed clean, and this news started to spread like wildfire and quickly burn down the entire city!

What gave everyone horror was this was doing of a new thief who leave behind an owl imprint on some shops and in some imprints, he even dared to arrogantly leave behind his name!

The name 'Sky Stealer' quickly become known in the Iron Demon City and everyone thought the Mad Thief was just a toddler compared to this Sky Stealer!

Although he didn't kill anyone, he robbed everyone with high status in one night, and they even forget about the fight that happened last night.

The entire iron demon tribe was thrown into disarray, especially the three founding clans because they knew this blunder wasn't even close to the mad thief event.

It was now completely out of their hands. They can't even subdue the enraged victims outside their territories. Everyone was demanding full compensation, or it was going to be a bloodbath!

But what could poor Iron Demon Tribe do? Since their own shops were raided as well, they suffer huge losses!

Everyone in Iron Demon Tribe knows it was the end, and they were right about it when, in the afternoon, a Demon Duke Decree came directly from the Ocean Demon City!