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Chapter 351: New Memories

Ace's eyes shone when he heard this and couldn't help but become curious about this caravan because he heard from Noa that Dark Cloud Demon Clan was the chief clan of Cloud Demon Tribe.

Furthermore, this Cloud Demon Tribe had a special status in Ocean Demon Duchy, because this tribe was a branch tribe of the Ocean Demon Tribe. That's why very few demons dare to offend them!

"The back four carriages are filled with peak Qi river realm cultivators, ten in each carriage, while the front four had silver Qi river core cultivators, three in each. The carriage right in the middle is very special, there are only two demons, and both of them are at the peak of the Qi river realm." Ace said with an ambiguous look on his face.

Noa suddenly said, "It seemed they're escorting those two demons in the middle carriage, and they might have a superior status in Dark Cloud Clan."

Ace nodded, "Yes, it's obvious they're going somewhere, and this road only leads to the Ocean Demon City. I wonder why such an entourage was going toward Ocean Demon City?"

"It seemed we missed something..." Noa mumbled, even though she found this entourage strange.

"Heh, don't worry. We're going to get all the information we need very soon." Ace chuckled mysteriously.

Noa became confused at first, then suddenly a flash of understanding shone in her eyes. She clearly remembered Ace's 'soul search', which was quite sneaky, and the other party won't even know what happened.

But she didn't know he can use it while the other party was still conscious and from this distance. Nonetheless, she remained silent and watched.

Ace was planning to use his soul probe on one of the demons in the middle carriage. He knew if these demons were important, then they might have some inside information he needed.

Furthermore, none of these demons can detect his soul Qi, that's why he was fearless.

Ace waited for the carriages to enter his soul sense range and when they were two hundred meters away, he used his soul probe!

An invisible soul force shot toward the carriage in the middle with Ace's extreme control and invaded one demon sitting inside the carriage's mind.

The demon affected by the soul probe had no idea that his memories were being read by someone, as he was chatting with the other demon happily.

'Pick-pocket!' Ace suddenly tried to activate the pick-pocket with his soul probe. He wanted to see if he could rob someone's memory with it.

He didn't forget about this job mission, which was as easy as it was difficult.

However, he was disappointed when it didn't work. How could it be so easy to steal a memory?

Smile bitterly, he just focused on refining the memories he was getting for now. He knew he had time, so there was no need to rush this thing.

Within five minutes, Ace had already got all the memories of the other demon, and he was shocked to find out that this demon was the youngest son of the Dark Cloud Demon Clan's Leader, Miler Dark Cloud.

But what shocked Ace was the finding of the Demon Gate Trail in 24 months, a chance to enter the royal zone!

However, Ace thought about something else entirely. 'This announcement was too timely, just three or four days before the annihilation of Iron Demon City. Could it be someone from the royal zone did all this?'

Ace couldn't help but feel this way, and this will also explain the appearance of the extremely powerful formation. He couldn't think of another power that could take out such a formation beside the royal zone.

This also made Ace even more vigilant because if he was targeted by someone from the royal zone and that person was even willing to annihilate an entire city and millions of demons just to make sure he won't escape alive.

Then he had to plan his thieveries from now on and only after making sure that he could escape will he act, or he might find himself in a terrible situation.Â

"Let's go. We're not going to the cloud demon city anymore." Ace told Noa about his abrupt change in plan, and they both vanished deep into the forest.

"Leader, what happened?" Noa finally asked after they were far away from the caravan. She didn't know why Ace change their route, but she knew it had to do with the 'soul search'.

Ace finally stopped and said deeply, "I think the person who wiped out the Iron Demon City is from the royal zone."

Noa's eyes went wide, and she couldn't help but retort strongly, "How could that be possible? Royal Zone won't involve itself in the matter of common provinces, much less they will destroy the iron demon city themselves when they can just give the command!"

Ace sighed, "I also think the same, but I'm quite sure it was them. Only the royal zone will dare to use such formation so openly, and they won't easily let those Demon Kings have it. Just think about it, if a demon king possessed a formation capable of incinerating a large city like Iron Demon City, then I don't think there's any need for all those rules.

"Besides, Henrik was also killed, which I don't think a demon king dare to do since he was a soul realm demon, an asset. Only those from the royal zone will kill a soul realm demon without batting an eye and without fearing a demon king's wrath afterward."

Ace told how Henrik's Qi mark vanished with all the other storage rings he stole from the dark gibbon tribe's higher-ups.

Noa was astonished when she heard Henrik was dead because she had a very deep enmity with the ocean demon tribe, and Henrik was one of the strongest pillars of the ocean demon tribe. She also knew the relationship between Blade Demon King and Old Ocean Demon Duke.

Furthermore, Blade Demon King was very famous for his upright and fearless character, so there weren't many who dare to provoke him by killing a soul realm demon with the demon marquis title from his fief.

"But why would they come after the iron demon tribe?" Noa couldn't help but question.

Ace smiled wryly and said, "They're not after them. If I'm correct, they're after me. If you think carefully, I stole from a demon marquis and then disrupt an active noble tribe title war challenge and even managed to escape while humiliating the ocean demon tribe. If the ocean demon tribe has retaliated, I wouldn't be shocked. But I don't think this was enough reason for the royal zone to look this way. There's still something missing that I don't know of. Furthermore, this announcement was too timely made as well."

"What announcement?" Noa narrowed her eyes.

She was now feeling quite vexed when she thought they had drawn the royal zone's attention without even knowing why. Being a demon herself, she knew just how terrifying powers lived in the royal zone!

"Oh, I almost forget to tell you about it. They made a big announcement just days before the iron demon city's demise, which came directly from the royal zone, and that's why I thought of them.

"They're holding 'Demon Gate Trial' on the outskirts of the royal zone twenty-four months from now. Any demon with a soul realm potential bloodline, age below 100, and cultivation below the River Core Realm is eligible for participating in this trial. After passing this trial, they can directly take part in the actual trials of three Demon Institutes of the Royal Zone.

"Those cloud demons were going toward the ocean demon city because Ocean Demon Tribe invite every youth who was qualified for these trials in the city, so they could form the Ocean Demon Duchy's Team.

"Then Livy himself will take them toward King Domain. Blade Demon King has given his decree that every eligible youth will go through eighteen-month training in his King Domain before he'll take everyone toward the trial grounds himself. Currently, such movements were happening in every province outside the royal zone."

Noa's eyes shimmered with disbelief. "They're letting anyone inside the royal zone as long as pass the trial?"

She couldn't help but asked because she never heard of the royal zone opening before for outer provinces and this made her very emotional.

"Yes, anyone, those large clans are even recruiting young demons from those wild tribes. I think as long as they manage to have someone close to them enter the royal zone, they'll get enormous benefits. That's why no one wanted to miss this chance."

Ace knew from the memories of Miler just how big of a reaction the dark cloud demon clan had when they got this news, so he was very clear about what this event represented for a demon.

At this moment, Ace heard the system's voice, and he nearly fell from trepidation.

"[A Main Mission has been issued!]"

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Chapter 352: Want to Kill Me? Watch me Steal!

"[A Main Mission has been issued!]"

Ace suddenly felt like crying, because he knew every time this notification rang, his luck would turn for the worse. He somehow started to synonym main missions with bad lucks.

He can't be blamed for this, since he nearly died completing the last one, and these missions were always out of his league.

Noa didn't see Ace's ugly expression because of his hood and asked, "Then where are we going now? Since the people from the royal zone are here, we should lie low until they left and increase our strength in the meantime."

She wasn't a fool. She knew this Demon Gate Trail had nothing to do with them because they were not like the others. After all, they had a 'God' looking after them and providing them with heaven-defying techniques and skills. They don't need to enter any trail to gain some status or resources.

However, Ace bitterly shook his head and said, "I don't think we'll be able to lie low now."

Noa was confused by Ace's unexpected response because she didn't think he was a reckless person, and he won't do anything excessive while the royal zone was looming over their head.

Ace opened the mission after taking a deep breath. He knew this was bound to happen since he didn't get a primary mission after the system's upgrade. The main missions were always deeply related to the events he goes through.

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[Mission Panel]

[Mission: Want to Kill Me? Watch me Steal!]

-Synopsis: Someone had tried to kill the host with a High-Grade-7 Killing Formation and refine the host's blood. This is unacceptable!

-Mission Type: Chain Mission

[Chain Mission: 1]

-Mission: I'm Back!

-Description: Steal the entire treasury of any Demon Duke Tribe, including the Storage Space Treasure of the Tribe Chief!

-Reward (1): 50,000 EXP & 50,000 SP

-Reward (2): Instant Level-up in any system's skill of the host's choice!

-Thief House Members: Allow

-Time: 60 Days

-Punishment: Reset Mission with 3X Difficulty!

[Chain-Mission: 2]

-Mission: Lock

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

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Ace suddenly felt a chill run down his spine when he saw the synopsis, 'High-Grade-7 Killing Formation and refining my blood?!'

Ace's eyes turned icy the next moment. He never thought these demons would be so ruthless, or this demon from the royal zone.

He finally understood the demon after his life was not an ordinary demon from the royal zone because a seven-grade formation was probably a national treasure for these demons, and it seemed this demon wanted to refine his blood for some reason as well.

Which made him confused and angry at the same time because he had just theft some demons. He didn't kill anyone, so they come after him so heavily and even wanted to refine his blood?

There was definitely something he didn't know, and he could guess they were taking him for someone else or guessing wrongly who he was.

'No one knows I'm a human except Noa, so everyone thought the sky stealer is a demon with special traits... Special Trait...' Ace's eyes shone as he spoke out loud, "A Special Bloodline!"

"What?" Noa was stunned.

"They're thinking I'm a demon with a special bloodline, so they want to refine my blood for some reason and whatever they're taking me for, it had to be a very high-level existence of the demon race that probably went extinct. I think this demon race blood is beneficial somehow and some powerful demon tribe from the royal zone knows, that's why they react so quickly and fiercely."

Ace wasn't a fool. He had experienced this same situation with Gordon when he thought his parents left a very important treasure with him, and he considered it very beneficial to himself. That's why he stopped at nothing to get it!

This time, the situation seemed the same but more complicated, and he wasn't facing degraded Gordon anymore as well.

Noa was shocked by Ace's words. She didn't know how Ace come to this astonishing conclusion so abruptly, but she could tell Ace was extremely certain by his grave voice.

She said in a grim voice, "Isn't it more of the reason for us to stay low now?"

Ace suddenly smile coldly and said, "No, I want to see just how far they're willing to go or just how desperate they are for this bloodline. I'm going to play with their prestige, and it's also something I have to do. I have no choice in this matter."

Ace was telling the truth. Although this mission was more of a warning to him, and it would not be simple as well, he gladly accepted it because of the compelling rewards, as well as he wanted to teach whoever wanted to refine him an unforgettable lesson.

Ace was very confident in escaping now. If things go south, that's why he had become more determined to complete this mission. But he knew he had to change his ways now, or he'll never know how he died!

'Want to Kill me? Watch Me Steal, Heh, I get the meaning behind it.' Ace smiled coldly before he looked at bewildered Noa.

He said softly, "Let's go, we're going toward the Ocean Demon City!"

Noa's heart raced at hearing Ace's mild yet commanding voice, which was compelling her to follow him, and she did without asking any questions!

Somewhere inside a bright room,

Killer was currently standing respectfully in front of the sitting masked demon at this moment.

The masked demon's gentle yet powerful voice sounded, "Do you find the origin of those twelve little birds we capture with Cursed Blood Compelling Formation that day?"

Killer answered respectfully, "I'm ashamed of letting your highness down. I only found those birds are common Rambo Sparrows, and it seemed that Hex Master was controlling them with a mind-shifting hex and watching our actions. The moment we activate the Cursed Blood Compelling Formation, he quickly cut off the connection to escape the formation detection while suffering a heavy backlash."

The masked demon remained quiet for a while. No one could tell what he was thinking before he said, "This isn't your fault. I think we're dealing with a Flawless Hex Master with Flawless Hex Demon Bloodline.

"Because a Mind Shifting Hex is an advanced hex of hex demon race and using it on multiple targets is not an easy feat, especially if you're controlling a cultivator that's why those Hex Demons used it on ordinary small life forms like insects, birds, fish. This was also the reason the Hex Demon Race nearly became the ruler of our Almighty Demon Empire!"

His voice was filled with boundless killing intent at the end of his sentence.

Killer sneered coldly, "But they were still parish in the hands of the imperial clan!"

"Sigh... it's not that simple. But we're not here to discuss history, now, are we?" the masked demon coldly chuckled before saying, "You said that demon whose face was used by the hex demon had no memory of the hex demon, right?"

Killer didn't dare to say anything about the past again. He knew this was a very sensitive topic, and he didn't want to stumble upon something he can't handle!

So, he quickly nodded in affirmation and replied, "Yes, Your Highness, after soul-searching that piece of trash, I found nothing. It seemed that hex master just randomly selected him."

"It seemed to be the case. We need to try another approach then. We need to bait that hex demon out, and since he loved stealing and didn't know the fear of death, let's play his game. Put the Myriad Hex Manual in the upcoming auction of Life Demon Association and announce it publicly. I want every demon to know about it. Let's see if he can resist the temptation of his clan's biggest secret hex manual!" The masked demon's malicious voice rang.

However, Killer's eyes narrowed as he said, "Your Highness, are we really going to set a bait with the original manual?"

"Yes, that manual is very special. As long as a demon with hex demon blood touched it, the manual will react."

"But what if someone else bought it, or that hex demon did not appear at all?" Killer still was against taking such a risk with this deadly manual.

"Don't worry, no one will get that manual as long as I'm here. Besides, those ants will be courting death if they eyed my possessions!" His voice was laced with bloodlust as he said those words.

"Yes, your highness, I'll immediately contact the Association Head in common provinces. I don't think he won't give his highness face." Killer finally agreed.

"One more thing." The masked demon suddenly said before Killer could leave.

Killer respectfully asked, "What is it, your highness?"

"Investigate this Spica Syndicate, I heard their leader, All-Knowing Parrot, is quite capable, and he has the biggest secret information network in common provinces. I want that network and this person. He'll be a good pawn in common provinces..."

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Chapter 353: Thief's Charity (Inverse and Reverse)

The Ocean Demon City was bustling with visitors nowadays and this made the atmosphere of the duke city very lively.

As for its reason, it was all because the Ocean Demon Duke announced forming a team of his duchy for the upcoming Demon Gate Trial. He invited every heroic youth from his duchy to Ocean Demon City.

If this was all, then there might be some ambitious tribes who'll choose the path of going alone and hoard all the benefits without sharing them with anyone, but now they can't.

Because of the Blade Demon King's decree about training every youth who was eligible for this trial in his domain and he'll even bestow resources on promising youths.

Everyone knows about Blade Demon King's reputation, so no one doubted his words.

That was why everyone chose to send their participants toward the King Demon and let them train under King Domain's experts, and this will also increase their chances of passing the trail tremendously.

Furthermore, the Blade Demon King wasn't the only one who made such promises every Demon King in eight provinces announced as such and now every tribe was sending their youths toward King Domains, which were always off-limits for title tribes below Demon Marquis.

Demon Duke Livy had given two months' worth of time to everyone to get here, or he won't care about those who were left behind. No one dared to disobey him and even if those demon marquis tribe wanted to head over toward King Domain, they don't dare offend Livy, because offending Duke Livy will not go in their favor because of the connection between the old ocean duke and the demon king.

Moreover, everyone knew the tragic fate of Iron Demon City and the Dark Gibbon Tribe. Those tribes vanished in a single night, leaving only a black wasteland in the Iron Demon City's place.

This naturally made every demon in ocean demon dukedom terrified, and they thought it was Duke Livy's doing, so they didn't dare to antagonize him.

Livy was also flabbergasted with the Iron Demon City condition first and the disappearance of Henrik, but he got the Blade Demon King's letter about Henrik's death, which made him depressed to no end.

Henrik was, after all, one of the four soul realm cultivators of his tribe, so how could he not be depressed when he died just because of a thief?

But he can't do anything about it. He knew the person behind Henrik's death was a terrifying existence who can make the ocean demon tribe's fate the same as Iron Demon Tribe and Dark Gibbon Tribe.

So, in the end, he just suppressed the news about Henrik's death and pretend as if nothing has happened, and didn't mention Iron Demon City ever.

But he remained vigilant because Blade Demon King warned him that the hateful thief was still on the loss and to keep an eye for him since he appeared twice in his territory.

This made Livy, even more, perplexed his hatred for this thief was too deep, and he didn't want to suffer the same fate as the Iron Demon City, so he had all his men patrol around the city twenty-four hours and check every demon thoroughly who enter the city.

If he had the choice, he didn't want to let any other demon enter his city, not until that thief was caught or appeared somewhere else from his duchy. But just like any other demon, he would not miss this chance to plant his clansmen into the royal zone, so this risk was worth it!

However, what Livy wouldn't ever expect was the thief was none other than the foreigner who appeared mysteriously in his city over two years ago and escape with the help of a traitor.

He almost forgot about those two, since they were just some insignificant characters in his eyes. He just suppressed the news about the foreigner being escaped his imprisonment and since no news come in these years, he has completely forgotten about them, thinking they're killed by those wild tribes.

But what Livy would never have thought was those two insignificant fugitives were currently eyeing his city gates from a distance without any good intention!

Ace looked at the long line of carriages outside the Ocean Demon City and chuckled, "It's quite lively here, huh?"

Noa's eyes were icy as she looked at the tall city walls and snorted, "That bastard, clearly vigilant of the Leader coming here."

"Well, I don't blame him. If he still didn't become vigilant after the Iron Demon City tragedy, then he'll be an idiot." Ace chuckled coldly before saying, "Do you think they've found out about your tribe's secret passage?"

Ace was hoping to enter from the same hidden passage they escaped from last time. It was extremely convenient and Noa can also live there since it was quite spacious.

Noa didn't have any means to change her appearance like him, so it won't be good if someone managed to discover her real identity, and Ace knew there was a chance her identity might be exposed since she live once in the city. So, he wanted her to remain in that hidden passage and only came out after she master her movement technique.

Noa also understood Ace's intentions, so she replied, "I don't think they discovered it, and it'll be the perfect place for our hideout."

"Let's go then. I still need to find a new face, though." Ace smiled faintly.

They both move toward the direction of the hidden passage.

Just as Noa said, no one found the hidden passage of her tribe, and they didn't find anyone else trails.

After they cover their tracks, they go toward the hidden room, which was connected to the alleyway in the ocean demon city.

Ace turn around and looked at Noa. He could feel her anxious emotions and said, "Don't worry, I won't do this without you, but you still can't go out right now, not until grasping your movement skill."

Noa nodded in understanding, but there was still a hint of unwillingness in her eyes.

Ace sighed before he took out two untied books from his thief's space and handed them to Noa.

"See, if you could learn those skills, they're created by me and very handy when it comes to stealing and spreading your fame. The first one is 'Soul Threads' and the second one is 'Thief's Charity (Inverse and Reverse)'. Both skills are soul skills and go well with each other. I explain the usage of both of them as well. I know you'll like them!" Ace smiled ambiguously.

He was giving away his core stealing skills to Noa right now. Especially the Thief's Charity (Inverse and Reverse), was the improved version of Thief's Charity. Not only it can send a small item sneakily, but it can also pick-pocket small items like storage rings.

Although it wasn't as powerful as the original pick-pocket that can steal any size of items or as stealthy as the actual skill, it was still enough for Noa as long as she used it carefully!

One had known the original pick-pocket was a skill; fuel on heavenly Qi, and it was the only basic skill Ace was still using, and it has not lost its effect at all!

On the other hand, Noa's eyes were open wide with astonishment when she heard Ace saying he created those two skills himself, and they were also soul skills on top of that!

She wasn't like Ace, who didn't know the immensity of heaven and earth. She knew just how difficult it was to create a skill, and only someone with extremely deep comprehension abilities can achieve such a feat.

Nevertheless, Noa knew Ace was very young, and he wasn't even a river core cultivator yet, but he still created those two skills. That's what made her truly shocked. His sky-like potential!

If Ace told her this wasn't the only skills he created and there were still his sword skills and movement skills, she might curse him.

A thought surfaced in Noa's mind, and she asked quickly, "L-leader a-are you a soul cultivator as well?"

She clearly remembered seeing him using martial Qi, but she now felt doubtful when she thought about Ace's mysterious abilities like 'soul search' and now he was giving her soul skills and without any prior understanding of the soul path, he can't create these skills.

But even she didn't dare to believe he can use both soul and marital Qi together. She didn't think it was possible, even if you have the help of a goddess!

"I'm a soul cultivator..." Ace smiled ambiguously, "But also a martial cultivator!"

'Boom.'

Noa's mind went blank when she heard Ace confirming her guess, as she stared into the void for a long time. She didn't even know how to react. She didn't have words for it. Furthermore, she just felt she was daydreaming.

Ace chuckled amusingly, he expected this kind of reaction and said jokingly, "It's my cultivation method that only I can cultivate and that's why I'm your leader!"

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Chapter 354: Thousand-Face Mask

Today, the night sky was filled with dark clouds while icy winds were blowing and the clouds were rumbling occasionally.

Everyone knew it was going to be a stormy, rainy night, but the Ocean Demon City was bustling with activities as those cultivator demons didn't feel the cold of winter.

Ace was currently walking on the ocean demon city's streets in stealth, and no one could see him at all as he passed them. He looked like someone on a stroll.

'This city is more than twice the size of Iron Demon City, and there's a strong defensive formation surrounding it. Livy used it last time to entrap us. I also have one of their legacy formation in my hand, but my run crafter rank is too low to repair it.' Ace thought as he scrutinized the city.

Ace was clearly planning his thievery. He wasn't worried about the treasury location because of Noa, nor he was worried about their escape route. Now, all he had to do now was to make sure no one get in his way.

Furthermore, he was looking for 'faces' and this time he wasn't just looking for some random faces, he was looking for faces that will not draw any attention but also help me get close to Livy!

Because not only did he have to steal a treasury of the demon duke tribe, but he had to steal the tribe chief storage ring as well and Livy was the tribe chief of the ocean demon tribe, so he also had to make sure he flawlessly completed this mission.

That's why he was going toward the quarters of all those young demons who were here to join the Ocean Demon Duchy's team. What could be a better place than this for Ace to look for a face that will indefinitely come in contact with Livy in a few weeks?

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

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[Hundred-Face Deception Mask upgrade has been completed with the item upgrade token!]

[Thousand-Face Mask: Grade 3 Rune Item]

-Ability(s): It can save 1000 faces in the [Grade-2 Memory Gem]. It can also increase and decrease cultivation realms according to the wearer's will. The cultivation realms are only limited to the Golden River Core Realm (Soul & Martial)

-Limit(s): It can deceive Qi Soul Manifestation Cultivators, Soul Embryo Cultivators, and Grade-6 Detection Runes!

[Current Save Faces: 6]

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Ace couldn't help but smile gleefully after seeing the new Thousand-Face Mask. He finally decided to use the item upgrade token on this mask because, after some deep considerations, he deemed this mask was his biggest defensive wall and if it was strong enough, he'll be able to fool anyone as long as he acted according to the situation.

Furthermore, Ace also considered he wasn't using this mask to its full potential at all for all this time, and he only used it as a cover to hide his appearance when he could do far more with it.

Besides, Ace knew he would eventually come in contact with a soul manifestation realm cultivator or even over one, and there might be one on his tail right now.

So, he was afraid the Hundred-Face Deception Mask wasn't enough to protect his identity anymore. That's why he quickly decided to upgrade it.

Now, he doesn't have to worry about getting found out. Even if some soul manifestation realm demon saw him, they won't be able to see through this mask.

Ace smiled coldly while thought, 'I should get to work now.'

Inside the Ocean Demon Duke Estate,

On the east part of the estate, there were guest quarters, and right now they were half filled with the promising youths of the ocean demon duchy and their attendants.

This place was the most secure place in Ocean Demon City because no one thought someone would dare to break inside a demon duke territory.

However, they were wrong as someone was already entered this area despite a strong detection array protecting all of the Ocean Demon Duke Estate. Furthermore, all those patrolling guards didn't even notice when this intruder entered their registration room, where all the information about those youths was stored!

Ace looked at the big white registration crystal and smile faintly since it was nighttime no one could enter the duke's estate nor exit. So, this room was empty, and only two guards were protecting it.

But Ace had already probed the memories of one of the head guards, and he now knew every corner of the ocean demon duke's estate, so it was very easy for him to reach this place.

After making sure no one was paying attention to this room, Ace quickly active the white crystal, which was square and two feet in diameter, like a white screen.

Thereupon, charters appeared on the white crystal screen.

'Please sweep your access crystal card.'

Ace was already expecting this security measure, and a white crystal card with runes appeared in his hand. He just 'borrowed' it from one of the guards outside.

Ace quickly sweep the card in a small slit beside the white crystal screen and the screen instantly changed, and he saw many sections of information, like visitors, family member entries and exits, guard entries and exits.

Ace quickly select visitors with his finger and an extensive list appeared with red and yellow names. The red name means the visitor was already inside the duke's estate, while the yellow means they left.

Ace quickly gazed at the large red list which has been updated regularly, and he was astonished when he saw over three hundred demons staying inside the guest quarters and there were over five hundred attenders with these demons.

But Ace's job become easy when he saw the neatly arranged information as these important demon names.

'Lilly of Black Flower Demon Clan, Age: 75, Cultivation: Compete Qi River Realm. Attribute: Dark Wood, Room allocated: 406.

'Mark of Shadowless Demon Clan, Age: 43, Cultivation: Flowing Qi River Realm, Attribute: Shadow, Room allocated: 505

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Ace quickly skim through this list and select a few for his plan, and he didn't leave those attendants alone either.

After making sure he got everything he wanted, he quickly turned off the crystal and with the thief's charity reverse, the white crystal card from his hand vanished and appeared in the guard's pocket without him noticing a thing.

Ace quickly exit through the glass window, which was protected by a small alarming array, but he easily opened it with his treasure-opening hands, and he quickly closed it as well. Now, no one could tell someone just broke in and then exit.

Now, Ace's destination was the guest quarters.

He quickly reached a tall building that looked like a luxurious hotel, and guards were standing in front of the main door. The building was surrounded by small traps and arrays, which naturally can't hinder Ace in any way.

Ace quietly enter the building from the back and saw a big reception hall right between two stairs going upward toward the second floor. He took the stairway without being noticed by the receptionist, who was a first stage iron river core cultivator!

Ace saw on the second floor were rows of rooms in the large corridor, and there were small golden number plates in those rooms.

'There are five hundred rooms on the first three floors allocated to the servants, so straight to the fourth floor, the VIP floor!' without any hesitation, he strides through the stairs and quickly entered the fourth floor, which was much more spacious than the other three floors.

There was a wide corridor beautifully decorated with blue shining marble and some paintings and decoration.

There were only twenty rooms on this floor. One of Ace's main targets was in room 402!

He vividly remembered the details about this demon,

'Feng of Demon Sword Clan, Age: 51, Cultivation: Compete Qi River Realm. Attribute: Dark Earth, Room allocated: 402.'

'Extra Details: Dual Sword Wielder, Arrogant, Highly Talented, First Born of his house, A ruthless personality, ...'

Ace specifically chose this demon because first, he used dual swords, and second; he had an earth element that perfectly sat with him because although he can take a demon appearance, he can't mimic their attribute Qis if he doesn't have it himself, that is.

That's why to make his disguise more flawless he chose this exact demon because he matched him perfectly, and he can also use the earth element Qi as well, so no one would discover any flaw in him as well.

Furthermore, Ace wasn't just thinking about the momentary benefits he will get from Ocean Demon Dukedom, but he was thinking about the future benefits he'll get if he used this identity very carefully!

Ace knocked on Feng's door as he was now standing without his stealth while his long hood was on, with a faint wintry smile on his handsome face.

"Which bastard is disturbing this young master's rest?!" A vexed voice sounded with a hint of irritation before one could hear footsteps coming toward the door.

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Chapter 355: Game of Words?

The door pushed opened and a tall demon with a burly build appeared, his skin was bronze color while his face was very ordinary with golden eyeballs filled with fiery vigor, and sword-like eyebrows, his curved goat like golden horns were only one foot long with bright blond short hair, this was the young master of Demon Sword Clan, Feng Demon Sword!

This Feng also belonged to a Demon Marquis Tribe which was on the edge of Ocean Demon fief, but this clan had the same potential as the ocean demon tribe, a soul rank potential tribe.

If only for the suppression of Ocean Demon Tribe this tribe might've already challenged Ocean Demon Tribe for their title, but alas, Ocean Demon Tribe would never let a snake mature in their own backyard, so they always assassinate whoever Demon Sword Tribe's demon was close to breaking through into the soul realm.

Because this tribe was a weapon cultivator demon tribe which has a very huge chance of comprehending a sword intent after reaching the soul realm, which was very threatening to Ocean Demon Tribe, that's why they keep a close eye on them.

After the news of the Demon Gate Trial, the demon sword demon naturally thought it was a chance to break free from Ocean Demon Tribe suppression, but who would've thought Livy would send Right Ocean Spear personally to 'escort' their young master to the ocean demon city, so he could join the ocean demon duchy's team.

The clan leader of the demon sword clan already knew if they don't comply, then they would forget about sending any tribe member to the demon gate trial, so Feng ended up coming here, so he could pave the way for Ocean Demon Tribe's young generation.

But this Feng was an extremely ruthless demon. He killed whoever offend him without batting an eye, and he was already planning to kill Ocean Demon Tribe's young generation once they reached blade king domain.

No one could move against him there if he showed his talent. As for the ocean demon tribe's retaliation by killing his tribesmen, he doesn't care about them because he thought of them as cowards. He didn't even care about his father, who groomed him with care and love.

He was extremely ambitious, and he was very confident in passing the demon gate trial and entering the one of demon institutes in the royal zone, and then he would live like a king.

But alas, he never thought he would become Ace's target just for his dual sword style and earth attribute.

Feng's eyes instantly narrowed when he saw Ace's hooded finger, which was two heads shorter than him, and he felt a very dangerous feeling from his short 'demon'.

"Who are you?" He asked while circulating his Qi to the maximum while he gripped both of his sword hilts on his wrist.

Ace replied, "I just want your face..."

Before Feng could draw his swords, he felt a deep pain in his head before a blurry punch blasted right below his sharp chin, knocking him backward.

Ace's body was extremely strong and, with a single punch, he knocked Feng cold while using a small soul-piercing bullet. He didn't want to kill Feng right now, not until he got his memories. He was very interested in his dual sword style, and this was the biggest reason he chose Feng!

Ace closed the door and entered Feng's room. No one noticed a thing.

Ace saw the interior of the room was quite lavish. There was a hall, 3 rooms, and one cultivation chamber.

Ace dragged the unconscious Feng toward the cultivation chamber, which was 20 cubic meters, and he activated its soundproof array and set up another concealing formation of his own.

After making sure the room was completely sealed off, Ace first Pick-Pocket Feng's storage ring, which gave him a measly 2000 TP but no low-level thievery notification was sounded.

'So, all the thieveries I do while a job mission is active will go to waste. The only relief is the thief symbol is working.'

Although System has already warned him about this, he still felt depressed when he confirmed it himself.

'Well, now, I have a test subject and some time to waste. I should practice as much as possible. First, I have to figure out how I can probe the exact memory I want.' Ace was very motivated to start his experiments.

He wasn't in a hurry to save more faces since he can't get rid of everyone or this might cause an unwanted commotion.

That's why he decided to eliminate one target and pose as him all the time. This way he'll easily achieve his goals, both long-term and short-term.

And Feng was just too perfect for this!

Furthermore, he could also use Feng as his experiment subject for his job mission while he spread his web for his first chain mission.

'Soul Probe!' Ace used an instant soul probe on unconscious Feng while thinking about his dual sword style.

Ace's eyes shimmered for an instant before a memory fragment surfaced in his mind and when he saw it was just a useless memory of Feng's childhood, he shook his head in disappointment.

'It seemed it does not depend on what kind of memory I want or think. Let's see if what he thinks bore any results or not,' Ace mused.

The next moment, a complete back faceless mask appeared in Ace's hand with a small red ruby-like gem in its center. This was the new Thousand-Face Mask.

Ace quickly commanded, "Save face seven!"

Instantly, the red gem flashed a crimson light on unconscious Feng for a second before a notification rang in Ace's head.

"[Face-7 has been saved!]"

'So fast!' Ace was astonished before becoming elated.

Before, it would take some time for the mask to scan the others, but now, it does it almost instantly, which made Ace very satisfied with this upgraded version.

Ace wore the mask and activate Pablo's face for now.

He didn't probe into any more memories, afraid it would affect his 'research', and it didn't take long before Feng woke up with a groan. He still felt a burning pain on his face and stabbing pain in his brain as he finally opened his eyes in confusion.

But the confusion only lasted for a moment, before he saw 'Pablo's' beaming face, and he finally remembered how he got knocked off by this hateful demon.

He instantly tried to stand up and fight, but soon find out he was bound by some kind of mysterious force and then his eyes landed on the shining array plate not far away from him, and he instantly guessed he was bound by that array!

He threw a vicious glaze at Ace and roared, "Bastard, did those shameless ocean dogs send you here to get rid of me?!"

Ace's eyes narrowed and asked, "Why do you think the ocean demon tribe wants to get rid of you?"

He didn't know the enmity between the two tribes, and after hearing Feng's words; he felt something was wrong. If there was really some bad blood between the two tribes, then posing as Feng will become extremely troublesome for him.

"Heh, bitch, you want to play ignorant with this father? Just go ahead and kill me. I will never beg for mercy or lower my head like my cowardly tribe!" Feng menacingly with a twisted face.

This also confirmed Ace's guess that there was really some kind of enmity between Feng and the ocean demon tribe, which made him frown. If he now killed Feng to keep his mouth shut and chose another target, then he'll definitely alert Livy.

Ace sighed and said, "I'm not from the ocean demon tribe. Do I look like an ocean demon to you?"

Feng finally noted Pablo's silver skin and narrowed his eyes. "Then who did you enter this place, and why did you want to do with me?"

"I told you I just want your face..." Pablo smiled faintly, which sent chills down Feng's spine.

"Hahaha... you're a sadistic huh... but I said it already; I'm not a coward like my tribe, so do your worse bitch!" Feng wore a maniacal expression as he hatefully looked at Ace.

Ace shook his head and said, "Well, it seemed I have no choice but to stick with your appearance. The short-term trouble still can't outmatch my long-term goals."

"What are you? A revolutionary?" Feng felt Ace was a madman after he heard Ace's words.

Ace smiled and said, "Nope, I'm not a revolutionary. I'm just a petty thief who wants to stay alive."

"Thief?" Feng's mind suddenly jolt as something appeared in his mind.

'Soul Probe!' Ace used an instant soul probe.

A new memory surfaced in his mind, and Ace was astonished when he found out that this memory was about him!

Meaning that this memory was about Sky Stealer. It was the memory when Feng first heard about Sky Stealer, the thief.

Ace's eyes glow in realization about something as he mused with a hint of excitement, 'So, in the end, it was just the game of words!'

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Chapter 356: Our Journey Come to an End!

A week passed after that day,

More and more young demons started to enter the ocean demon duke estate, and the guest quarters became livelier.

Those young demons were free to roam around the Ocean Demon City and some parts of the duke's estate during the day, while in the nighttime they could only move in guest quarters.

There were only four weeks left until the ocean demon entourage will embark on the journey toward King Domain. One month was already passed, and now only twenty-three months were left before the demon gate trial starts.

Three weeks from now, there was going to be a big gathering in Ocean Duke Mansion, and every young demon was invited to attend it.

Although this gathering was prepared for all those young demons to get along with each other and introduce to the youths of the ocean demon tribe.

But it was more like a power show, ocean demon tribe was putting to make a statement that their youths were the main characters of this entourage, and they'll be leading all these demons.

Many demons were unhappy inwardly, but they didn't dare to show it on their faces. They were afraid of getting 'eliminated' unknowingly.

But there were still fractions in all those young demons. Some of them had a very close relationship and some of them just form mutual understanding, helping each other for their benefit.

Nevertheless, there wasn't any strife between those factions for now, and everyone was minding their own business. But everyone knows this was the calm before the storm, and the strife would occur at the gathering.

While all of this was happening, one demon was cooped up in his room for an entire week.

It was none other than the Demon Sword Tribe's Feng. No one had seen him for the entire week, and some of the demons who were familiar with him knew Feng wasn't someone who remained low-key.

But they also knew the hidden enmity between Feng's tribe and the ocean demon tribe for generations. That's why they also find it understandable that he didn't want to draw unwanted attention to himself in case he meet with an 'accident'.

He didn't even see his two maids and only said he was cultivating, and no one could disturb him if it wasn't anything important.

No one wanted to get close to Feng for his sensitive status as well and since he never appeared in small gatherings, everyone completely forgot about Feng like this and Ace also wanted the same result!

Feng's disappearance naturally doesn't have anything to do with him being afraid of making trouble, but it was all because of Ace, who was perfecting his soul probe on him.

After Ace found the accurate way to use the soul probe with a hundred percent accuracy rate, he was over the moon, and with Feng's 'help', he quickly got the hang of it.

It was just as he thought, in the end, it was a game of words. As long as the other person was thinking about something Ace wanted, there was a ninety percent chance he'll get that memory fragment.

The other ten percent failure rate was because sometimes the person can also think of something else if Ace's question was too vague.

Like if he said, 'You know about the strongest person of the demon race?' then Feng would have thought of the Demon Emperor without even thinking twice. While if he said, 'You know about the weakest person of the demon race?' then Feng something thought of some juniors of his tribe or some demons he defeated before the answer was always different.

All in all, Ace concluded that as long as he made the other party think exactly what he wanted to know, he can easily get that memory fragment and if the question was ambiguous, he'll get random memories related to the same answer.

However, it was the easiest part of his job mission, and the most troublesome part was to steal a memory while making Feng forget about it completely.

But Ace soon found out that it was almost impossible to make someone forget something completely.

Because even if he stole a memory of Feng knowing his name for the first time, then this doesn't mean that he will forget his name because Feng would have many memories where his name was called millions or billions of times by others. This was almost impossible unless he stole Feng's entirety of the memories about his name, which were probably more than half of his life memories.

That's why he asked for the system to make it clear if he needed to make the other forget about only one memory or the entire thing, and he felt massive relief when the system said as long as he got the memory important to him and steal that memory it will count.

So, Ace's biggest doubts were evident, but it was still a massive headache. How will he steal the memory of the other party?

Pick-pocket will not work since the memories were not tangible, and he didn't have any clue where to start, and the system also won't even give him a clue, so he was at the dead end in his research.

On the other hand, Feng has become quite obedient when he guessed who this demon was, and he even felt a deep respect for the legend-like thief and fully cooperate with him.

Ace found it quite amusing, though, since he didn't think he would be liked for what he had done. But after asking Feng about it, he found out that he respects his boldness and fearlessness!

Going after those authorities, especially since he was going after the ocean demon tribe, Feng's hated enemy.

But Ace only sneered when he saw the memories when Feng wanted to capture him for his secrets and all that respect was only for his possessions, not for the person.

Moreover, Ace also found the core cultivation sword art of Demon Sword Clan, Demon Sword Dance, this sword art was more like a physical art with no need of Qi, and it was powerful as long as you have a strong physique and Ace found this sword art very much to his liking.

He also found a very rare dual sword drawing art, which goes very well with the Demon Sword Dance. It was called 'Twin Demon Emergence' and Ace needed sword scabbards to practice this sword drawing skill.

Ace quickly decided to practice these two sword arts with no hesitation since they didn't need Qi, and he has Feng memories to practice it at a quick speed.

Since he didn't have sword scabbards for his own swords, he decided to find a smith-crafter to make sword scabbards for his own swords later.

For now, he decided to practice with Feng swords, which were both long swords with 1.5-meter-long and 5 inches wide, and they were low-grade-one.

"It seemed our journey come to an end, Mr. Feng." Ace was currently sitting in front of Feng, who looked exhausted.

Feng thought Ace was going to release him since he was done doing whatever he was doing and thought, 'Once I become free, I'll fucking tell everyone about your face, and let's see how you'll escape my revenge!'

But he didn't dare to show on his face and quickly thanked him with a respectful expression, "I'm quite honored to help Sir Sky Stealer, please rest assured my mouth is sealed and if you need anything, just give the command, and I'll try my best to help!"

Ace smiled with a hint of mockery and nodded, "Mr. Feng is true indeed a loyal friend, and I know your mouth will remain sealed for eternity."

Feng suddenly felt something was not right with Ace's words, and before he could say anything, an electric shock rumbled in his brain before his eyes turned listless, and he lost strength before falling backward.

Ace heard a notification.

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[Killed a Compete Qi River Stage, Demon]

[Reward: 250 EXP]

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

[EXP: 32,270/50,000]

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

[SP: 20,000/50,000]

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Ace merely glance at the notification before closing it and looked at Feng's corpse and snort coldly.

How could he not know just what kind of guy Feng truly was after watching his entire life? He was someone who held a grudge very deeply, and he was even planning to sacrifice his entire tribe after killing the ocean demon tribe's youths.

Ace would never allow someone who didn't even care about his family to roam freely after seeing him.

After incinerating Feng's corpse, he finally activated Feng's face and turned into Feng. He put those sword scabbards around his wrist and adjust the trainee's hood color and patron. He nodded in satisfaction when he saw his flawless disguise. Likewise, he even activated the earth element Qi, which he never used before, just in case.

'Let's see if I meet some important persons...' Ace smile faintly before he moved toward the exit of Feng's room.

Ace was now ready to start his plan!

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Chapter 357: I'm your Daddy!

When Ace came out of Feng's room, there wasn't anyone in sight, and it was already morning.

He was just about to descend the staircase when he saw two beautiful demonesses with the same distinguishing features as Feng coming to the fourth floor. Ace frowned slightly because he knew these two were Feng's maids, and they had a very 'deep' relationship.

As Ace's eyes landed on them, those two maids also saw Feng, and their eyes lit up. They quickly rush toward Feng and greeted him in their crisp voices, "Young Master, you finally came out, and you didn't even inform us!"

They both acted coquettishly with Feng as they pout beautifully.

Although Feng was ruthless and decisive, these two were not afraid of him because they knew Feng was very kind to both of them, and they were terrific in bed and their pleasure techniques, that's why he never goes too hard on the outside bed!

However, Feng was now dead and the person in front of them was none other than Ace who had Feng's memories, he knew for Feng those two were nothing but playthings, and he was just kind of them on the surface for his own needs nothing else.

But he was also shocked when he felt those two maids' emotions. They differed completely from what they showed on the surface. They were filled with hatred for Feng and as they keep pretending those emotions became even clearer.

'Those two hide it too well. If my soul sense wasn't at this level, even I might get tricked by them, but why did they hate him?' Ace's interest was piqued.

He said while smiling, "I was cultivating, so don't have time for you two, and I'm planning to continue until we reached the king domain."

The maid with a round face pouted cutely and said with a hint of resentment, "Young Master, you don't want us anymore?"

'Good acting!' Ace was really impressed by this maid's acting. It was on par with his, but they can't hide their emotions like him, though.

"Flora, Dolly, you two are my favorite maids. How could I forget about you two? Let's go on a stroll." Feng flashed a lustful grin on both maids, and they blush.

The trio finally enter the lobby, which was a little crowded with other demons, and headed to the dining area of the guest quarters.

Those demons also shoot looked at Feng, but no one dare to greet him because of his special status. Although they were also with soul realm bloodline potential, but their potential wasn't as great as the demon sword tribe, and they were all here to test their luck.

Ace very much appreciated this isolation, but he felt a headache when he felt those maids sticking their 'assets' on his arms from both sides. Although their appearances were only above average in Ace's view, their figures were very busty and curvaceous, which could arouse any man's hidden desires.

But for Ace, this was nothing but a distraction, and since he knew those maids' inner emotions, he felt even more uneasy while having these two demonesses so close to him. There were both Flowing Qi River Cultivators after all, even though they pose no threat to Ace, but he didn't want to reveal his prowess for now.

"Oh, if it isn't Young Master Feng?"

Just as Ace entered the dining area, he heard a jeering voice from the side, and as he turned over. He saw a handsome blue skin demon with a wineglass in his hand. He was beaming at him with a hint of sarcasm.

'Isn't this?' Ace felt quite strange when he saw the appearance and remembered who it was.

"Oh, it is good to see you, Young Master Miler."

Yes, this was the same cloud demon Ace encountered on the road toward cloud demon city, and it was also because of Miler's memory that he changed his route. He never thought he would encounter him here like his.

Miler was sitting with another beautiful Dark Cloud Demoness which was his younger sister, Grace. She was looking at Feng with disgust when she saw those two bimbos sticking with Feng like glue in public.

On the other hand, Miler felt his blood boil when he saw those two busty maids. He suddenly saw Flora winking at him with her lustful expression, and he felt even more vehement, but he quickly hid it with an ambiguous smile.

But how could this thing escape Ace's senses? His eyes suddenly turned icy. 'These two definitely hatching some plot. I have to get rid of them!'

"I heard young master Feng was diligently cultivating without showing his face. Consider me impressed!" Miler clearly was provoking Feng since, in his view, he also thought Feng was hiding inside his room and didn't dare to show his face.

At this moment, the other demons also noticed Feng and Miler face-off, and they all watch with great interest.

Feng merely smiled and said, "I'm glad Young Master Miler sees me as his idol. I'm extremely honored to get such an admirer from Cloud Demon Tribe. If you wanted to any pointers, please don't hesitate to ask. Now, if you excuse me, I'm going to drink. You're free to join me."

Everyone became dumbfounded when they heard Feng's shameless words. He was simply implying that Miler wasn't his match, and he made himself his idol and completely mock the cloud demon tribe. This was a huge slap on Miler and the cloud demon tribe's face!

Miler quickly snapped out of his stupor and his face turn slightly red as he shouted at Feng, who was already walking away, "Feng, you have gone too far!"

Feng merely turn and chuckled coldly, "What? Didn't the young master say you were impressed with my diligence? You're going back on your words? Does the cloud demon tribe didn't have any backbone? Look, everyone young master Miler just said he's impressed with me, and now he's even bending reasons! Young Lady Grace, please take young master Miler to his room. I think he drinks too much and can't handle it."

Everyone felt this Feng was just too shameless, it was quite clear that he was the one who was bending reasons, but it still made Miler speechless since he really said he was impressed but who would've thought Feng would use his own words to humiliate him and even drag his tribe into this.

Now, if he retorted he lost face, and if he didn't, he'll still lose face, he was in a huge dilemma!

Grace's face also turned slightly red when Feng shamelessly ordered her to take her brother away after humiliating him. She never left her home before, and she didn't know what to do now.

"Hahaha, young master Feng really has my admiration. Why don't you come and drink with me, since young master Miler seemed quite drunk." A deep, jolly voice sounded from the other side.

Everyone looked and saw who dare to add oil to fire and weren't afraid of getting burned.

Ace also turned and see a skinny demon with tan skin who look even more handsome than Miler, he was sipping over alcohol alone.

Miler's expression turn ugly when he saw who it was and rebuke coldly, "Thomas, who the hell do you think you are to decide I'm drunk or not!?"

Thomas merely chuckled and said without even looking at Miler, "I'm your daddy of course, what already forget?"

Everyone's expression twisted when they heard this completely unexpected answer. They were all holding their laughter.

Grace took out a dark whip with metallic thorns. She spitefully waved the whip toward Thomas. He really went too far with his mouth.

However, Miler's expression changed, and he wanted to stop Grace because he knew they both combine weren't Thomas's match despite being in the same realm, the peak of the Qi river realm. Furthermore, Thomas had a very special status!

However, something completely unexpected happened: someone caught Grace's thorny whip with his bare hands.

This was none other than Feng or Ace.

Grace tried to get her whip free from Ace's hand and also wanted to tear off his hand, but it was completely stuck in his hand and there wasn't any trace of blood as well!

Feng chuckled coldly. "Young Lady Grace is indeed a thorny rose, beautiful but unapproachable. Consider this Feng fallen. But you can't wave this thing around, or you might hurt your tender skin."

Thomas nearly choked on his drink when he heard Feng's words. He was ready to receive this attack, but he never thought Feng would intercept it and even shamelessly flirt with Grace.

"You scoundrel, you dare to tease me!" Grace's entire face was blushing heavily.

She never experienced this kind of humiliation before in her own house, and now she was at a loss for what to do besides attacking Feng.

"Enough!" Miler's stern voice sounded and shoot a vicious look at both Feng and Thomas before he looked at his sister and said, "We're retiring!"

He looked at Feng and Thomas again and said hatefully, "I'll remember this. I'll see you two in the gathering!"

Miler clearly threatened both of them to take revenge on the gathering for three weeks for now, since he can't deal with them on his own. This didn't mean his cousins from the ocean demon tribe won't!

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Chapter 358: Free Tribes of Nature

Thomas merely chuckled seeing Miler leaving and wave his wineglass and said with a grin, "Cheers, young master Miler!"

Miler's cold harrumph sounded, but he didn't turn around and quickly leave with sullen Grace.

Thomas finally looked at Feng and said with a knowing smile after he looked at those dumbfounded busty maids in Feng's arms, "Brother, you're indeed a player. Why don't you come and drink while we chat about life?"

Ace felt his Thomas was quite amusing. He didn't know which tribe he belonged to, nor did Feng have any memory of this demon tribe, but his character was quite to his liking, and he even lends a hand despite knowing Feng's status.

Ace looked at those two maids, who were bewildered by what he did. He knew Feng would've never dared to offend the cloud demon tribe so bluntly, nor he would flirt with Grace like this, so their confusion and shock were justified.

He said, "You two go to your room. I'm going to drink with Young Master Thomas and don't forget to come to my room at night, understand?"

Flora and Dolly quickly snapped out of their stupor and quickly nodded before leaving shyly, but Ace could tell those two were hatching something. But he didn't have time to mull over it for now.

Thereupon, Ace took the seat right in front of Thomas and, without his concern, Ace picked up the red alcohol bottle and pour a full glass for himself and drink it before saying, "Good liquor!"

Thomas was somewhat baffled. He never thought Feng would be this boorish, but he couldn't help but grin widely since he also liked straightforward characters like Feng.

He waved his own wine glass toward Feng and said, "It's nice to meet someone like young master Feng. You're nothing like rumor describes you to be."

Feng also waved his glass and beamed, "It is also nice to meet young master Thomas. It seemed you have quite a status yourself since even Miler is afraid of you."

Thomas merely smiled. "Nothing worth mentioning. I'm still no match for Young Master Feng's fearlessness and luck with girls."

Ace knew this guy was talking about those two busty maids and how he teased Grace and chuckled, "Nothing special, I don't believe you can't get women with your... soul cultivation, I'm I right?"

Ace deliberately whispered the last part with a faint smile on his face.

Thomas's smile suddenly vanished and shocked surface in his calm, white eyeballs. "You can sense my cultivation?"

He couldn't help but ask in wonderment, he knew there weren't many who know about his cultivation path and only those with at golden Qi river core realm or above can see through the nature of his cultivation and he could easily sense Feng was a peak Qi river cultivator, not a soul river!

That's why he was shocked when Feng easily see through the nature of his cultivation.

Ace smiled faintly. How could he not feel those soul waves deeply hidden around Thomas with his soul sense? That's why he even bothered to sit with Thomas beside his interesting character.

He wanted to know how Thomas's tribe was left alone with a soul cultivation technique without getting wiped out by greedy demons, and why Miler was afraid of Thomas.

Although he wanted to use his soul probe, he wasn't sure if Thomas would sense his soul Qi since Thomas was a peak soul river cultivator and Ace never used his soul probe on a soul cultivator and this wasn't the time to take such a risk just to assuage his curiosity.

That's why he revealed his discovery to Thomas, so he could make it clear he was not simple as Thomas think he was!

Ace said, "Hehe, is there any reason I should not be able to sense your cultivation?" He said while sipping on the strong liquor, which was quite enjoyable.

Thomas's expression finally returned to his calm self, but this time he didn't seem aloof as before. He didn't dare to take Feng as a breeze anymore. A demon who can sense his soul cultivation and remain unfazed cannot be simple!

He said with a calm smile, "It seemed I belittle young master Feng before. Let me introduce myself properly. My name is Thomas <anno data-annotation-id="1382839f-12ff-f973-6628-9dfc1b22db07">Cheveyo</anno>, from Cheveyo Demon Tribe of Spirit Mountain Range."

Ace's eyes flashed in an understanding as he said, "You're from wildness?"

Although Ace never set foot in those mountain ranges surrounding the provinces, the wild demon tribes were quite famous for being vicious and ruthless, they didn't interfere with the royal demon council or demon provinces and didn't provoke anyone unless someone look for a fight first.

All these demons living in the cities called these tribes 'Wild Tribes' and look down on them and even called them uncivilized barbarians. But no one dared to provoke them because they were all united and if they truly become annoyed, they'll start a war with these demon cities, and they weren't pushovers at all.

Even the Demon Emperor had given all those tribes their special status as Free Tribes of Nature and no one could bully them as long as they didn't break any laws of Almighty Demon Empire and this was the exact reason these wild tribes respect and revere the Demon Emperor as well and consider themselves the part of Almighty Demon Empire.

But Ace never thought he would meet someone from the wildness, and it seemed this demon had a very high status in those mysterious tribes, and even Miler was afraid of him. He became more curious about these Free Tribes of Nature.

Thomas smiled and nodded. "Heh, yes, I'm from wildness, but that sounds too coarse. We called ourselves tribes of nature, the title his imperial majesty bestows upon us."

"Please forgive my rudeness, it's my first-time meeting someone from Free Tribes of Nature, but it seemed even you guys couldn't resist the temptation of this upcoming trial, huh." Ace candidly said with a smile.

He wanted some information from Thomas about wildness and those tribes that lived there and after discovering Thomas's soul cultivation; he knew those wild tribes weren't simple, and they might be more powerful than these demon duke tribes. It's just that they don't have any ambition or there just wasn't anything here that interest them!

Thomas didn't deny Ace's words and nodded in affirmation, "Yes, we don't want to miss this chance to see the royal zone as well. That's why many of our brothers sent out in different dukedoms, so we can move toward king domains, even we can't enter there without a marquis or duke."

Ace nodded in agreement, but he ambiguously said, "I can agree with young master Thomas's plight, but I still don't believe they won't give an entry to a soul realm cultivator from free tribes, right?"

Thomas's eyes shone mysteriously before he neither denied nor agreed and answer, "Who knows since we never have any contact with provinces and even if it's true, I like the liveness of these provinces and I personally prefer to move in groups."

'Heh, what a cunning fellow, he clearly knew who Feng was and even Miler knows who you are, and you're saying you won't come in contact with provinces, I should've held on to Miler's memories and not discarded them so soon after extracting what I want.' Ace felt pity that he won't be able to guess the reason behind Miler's fear.

Nevertheless, since he now knew Thomas's identity, he can always keep an eye on these wild races.

"Hehe, my eyes are truly opened, Sir Thomas. I never thought I would meet someone like you here, and my view about your tribes is completely changed!" Ace wave his wine glass toward Thomas.

Thomas waved back and smile, "Not just yours, but mine as well. I never thought there would be someone worth befriending here."

"To new and old friends!"

Thomas toasted, and Ace accepted.

However, both of them were looking at each other with calm smiles to see through what was hidden behind their smiles.

Thomas suddenly said in a harsh voice, "Since we become friends, I have something to tell you, believe it or not, it's up to you."

Ace's eyes narrowed. This was too sudden, and still said, "Let's hear it."

Thomas said, "Your maids are not so simple."

A sharp glint flashed in Ace's eyes. 'This guy's senses are too sharp.'

However, he merely chuckled and said, "I can handle them."

Thomas felt Feng didn't believe him by his calm expression, but for some reason, he felt Feng already knew about this and his words harbor a completely different meaning, but he wasn't sure, so he didn't speak any further.

But he still felt Feng was worth befriending, and he felt his prowess was also worth having on his side for a special reason. He clearly knew Feng's status in the ocean demon tribe, so he gave him another piece of advice, just for his own selfishness.

"Brother Feng, I don't know if you know this, but if you have an individual noble demon title, others have to think twice before moving against you!"

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Chapter 359: Thomas Hesitation

"Brother Feng, I don't know if you know this but if you have an individual noble demon title others have to think twice before moving against you!"

Ace could guess what Thomas means by these words, but he still didn't reveal his thoughts and said, "Please elaborate."

Thomas keep his voice low and said, "Do you know why Miler didn't dare to make a move against me? It was not just my status as a free tribe, but it was also because I'm a Demon Earl!"

Ace was astonished. He never thought this Thomas would have a noble demon title to his name, which was quite shocking for his age. This also made it even clearer that this guy was a genius, and his tribe must've had a very special status in mighty blade province.

'Just what is he doing here, and it seemed I got his attention as well now since he was telling me all this, interesting.' Ace smiled wily, which Thomas can't see because of his mask.

Ace put on a shocking expression with a hint of admiration and said, "I didn't think I was in the presence of his lordship. Please forgive me. I've been rude previously."

Thomas shook his head with a smile and said with a hint of satisfaction, "Please brother Feng, we are friends, so don't call me with this pleasantry, just call me Thomas."

Feng merely nodded, but the respectful expression was still there as he asked, "Can I ask why brother Thomas thinks I can acquire a noble demon title and so quickly at that, you should know there's not enough time for me to visit the royal demon council branch in ocean demon city and acquire a title even if I manage to pass their assessments."

Ace was telling the truth, he clearly knew just how hard it was to acquire an individual noble demon title, although it wasn't as cumbersome as a noble tribe title, it was still very difficult because of the long process of assessments and then approval on elder council.

Ace would love nothing to get a noble demon title for one of his faces because it would add another layer of protection to that face, and he would also get many benefits that come with the title itself.

But he knew only extraordinary demons have the right to strive for such titles. Demons like Feng can only just dream about it.

As for Thomas, Ace could easily guess it was because of his soul cultivation with his extraordinary demeanor. He could get himself a noble demon title. He even doubted Thomas's reason for being here was simply just hitching a ride toward the King Domain.

Thomas merely chuckled and said, "I think brother Feng had what it took to gain a noble demon title and since you're able to sense my soul cultivation, I think you have something special that will greatly interest those old men in royal demon council, and they won't miss a chance to promote such a talent.

"You have to understand that any demon with potential and special trials is always protected by the royal demon council. That's why I think if brother Feng got their attention your journey toward the King Domain will become even smoother and those flies won't even dare to look down on you anymore nor can they push you around as well not even a duke title tribe!"

Ace suddenly felt this guy had some means to get him a noble demon title, just by Thomas's confident words he could sense there was a deeper meaning behind them.

'If Feng identity really attached a noble demon title with his name, I can move freely in the libraries of royal demon council in any city with its branches and this will solve my problem of information, as well as my thieveries, will become more smoothly.' Ace's eyes suddenly glow when he thought about this point.

Feng asked with uncertainty, "My question remains the same, even if I qualify, how will I get a title this quick?"

This time Thomas didn't answer instantly, as if he was considering something, and Ace also didn't disturb him as well. He could feel Thomas had a way, but there was some kind of price which he would not pay just like for someone who he just met a few minutes ago.

'Although getting his face will make it easier for me, I don't know what kind of soul element he cultivates, and his family background is deep and him being here is for some kind of reason.

'If I got his face, then I have to behave like him and even complete his tasks, which are in no way so simple, and I can't have that distraction. Besides, if the clan behind him found out I killed their young master, then I'll officially become an enemy with the wild tribes as well.

'In the end, his face is too important and the probability of making mistake is too great, so I should just see what he wanted in return for helping me. It's not like this guy didn't have as many uses as it is.' Ace smiled while he remained impassive.

He already decided how he'll handle Thomas, and he was far more useful alive than becoming one of his disguises right now. Furthermore, he was more conformable with being Feng since there wasn't any loophole where someone suspect him.

Finally, Thomas spoke with a meaningful smile, "How about we continue this conversation in my room tomorrow morning during breakfast?"

'He's still hesitating, huh?' Ace found it quite understandable and nodded. "Of course, I also have some matter to attend to as well. I won't take brother Thomas's time anymore."

Thomas nodded when he saw Feng was quite tactful as well and said with a smile, "Haha, I'm staying in room 618 on the sixth floor. See you at breakfast."

Ace smiled and said, "It'll be my pleasure."

Ace bid Thomas farewell. He wasn't in the mood to taste those dishes any more. Meeting with Thomas hasn't changed Ace's plan at all.

Ace exited the building and headed deep into the duke's estate. As for his destination, it was the servant's quarters!

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Chapter 360: I'm Already Dead?

At dusk, Ace finally came back with a satisfied smile on his face. His visit was more than rewarding and no one suspect him.

As Ace moved toward Feng's room, his footsteps suddenly come to a momentary halt before he walked as if nothing happened, but a stiff smile appeared on his face.

'They sure are punctual.' Ace grin coldly before he opened the door with a crystal card.

A sweet and pleasant smell suddenly enter his nostril and two sweet voices sounded in unison, "Young Master, welcome back."

Ace saw Feng's two busty maids in the hall, wearing very thin white transparent lingerie only covering their 'assets' to some extent while completely showing their mind-blowing, lust awakening curves while completely revealing their long slender legs and slim waist.

Even Ace had to admit those two can really arouse lust in anyone, even he felt somewhat heated despite being a human.

Although he had many memories as a reference about these things, he was still a teenager with no prior experience in this department.

However, those dirty memories were still enough to keep him calm, especially Feng's memories, so seeing them like this hadn't had much effect on him besides a slightly natural reaction.

But the moment he remembered Eva's face and her figure, his eyes instantly become clear, and scoffed, 'Heh, you're not good enough to seduce me bitches.'

Those two maids felt Feng was not reacting according to his usual self because he would've pounced on them the moment he saw them like this, but now he was just standing there like a log.

Before they could say anything, Feng's impassive voice rang at this moment, "Stop pretending, I already knew you two are hatching a sinister plot against me, but alas, you're already too late..."

Flora and Dolly's lustful expressions instantly turned into shock and horror before killing intent flashed past their eyes as they intended to make their move. But alas, this wasn't really Feng but Ace.

How could those two Flowing River maids pose any threat to Ace?

With two small soul-piercing bullets, both Flora and Dolly's faces twisted in pain and horror before they felt an immense force waving down on them as they kneel. The pain finally stopped, and their eyes landed on a binding formation. They understood what had happened.

Flora threw a fierce look at Feng and shrieked, "You, lowlife bastard, how did you know?!"

Ace sighed. He knew they were probably after Feng because he had done something to offend them first, but Feng was already dead, and he had no memory of having any enmity with his maids.

They were both clean and from the same tribe, or his father would never let them get close to him and even kill them to get rid of future trouble.

He impassively asked, "Why did you want to plot against me? I never seemed to mistreat you, right?"

The moment Ace asked this question, he used a soul probe!

Dolly coldly snorted at Feng's question and hatefully replied, "Bastard, go die. We'll never tell you anything!"

However, contrary to both of the demonesses' expectations, Ace had already got the memory about why they were after Feng.

He said, "So, you were put on this task by my younger brother, Weng!"

Both Flora's and Dolly's expressions changed when they heard Feng already knew who their baker was!

Weng was Feng's only brother, and he was already quite obedient and never showed any kind of disrespect toward his brother. But Feng never liked him and even bully him, but Weng never retaliate in any way and endured.

Feng also never took his bullying to the extreme as well and, besides some beating and taunts, he has never done anything.

But sometimes just a seed of resentment was enough to turn it into a tree of hatred, and this was the same case for Weng as well. He hated Feng for all the bullying and his vicious suppression. That's why he decided to end him once and for all and take his revenge.

Weng found those Flora, and Dolly from an orphanage of their tribe and told them Feng was the one who killed their father and rape their mother. These two young girls were naïve and easily believed Weng's fabricated story and walked on the path of revenge while unknowingly becoming Weng's poisonous daggers.

With Weng's connections, he easily planted both sisters as Feng's maids, and after seeing their beautiful appearances, Feng gladly accepted them, completely oblivious to his brother's vicious plot.

However, Weng can't kill Feng inside the tribe, so he was waiting for a perfect chance, and it came when the demon gate trial was announced.

Feng was naturally selected for this trial while Weng was still quite young and his cultivation talent was only subpar.

But Weng didn't care, as long as he can get rid of Feng.

Flora and Dolly were also glad to finally be able to get the chance to get rid of Feng as well. They were enduring all these years and even sacrificing their bodies, so they could kill Feng.

Ace felt pity for these two sisters used by Weng for his own interest. But he also loathed Feng, who brought this upon himself because of his nasty nature.

He sighed before saying, "Will you believe me if I said I have nothing to do with your parents' death?"

Flora shook her head wholeheartedly and replied with boundless hatred, "Like hell, we believe a dog like you! Do you think we don't know about all those girls and women you rape and then disposed of? Don't even think about being disingenuous with us!"

Ace sighed again. He never thought a simple identity will give him this much headache.

He said, "Then what if I'm already dead?"

This was a simple yet complicated question with a deep mystery that caught both sisters off guard.

Dolly scoffed with killing intent, "If you're dead, then we'll naturally find peace for our parents and kill ourselves since we won't be able to escape this blame!"

Feng suddenly smile and said, "Very well."