

## Thief 381

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#### Chapter 381: First Half of the Chain Mission

Livy's mild voice rang, "Enter!" and the cultivation chamber's doors also opened.

Charlee quickly entered the room and bowed toward Livy.

Livy said coolly, "Butler, speak your mind."

Charlee was his most loyal subordinate, and he also treated him as an elder. That's why Livy was quite lax with him whenever they were alone.

Charlee quickly said respectfully, "Aura Duke just sent a messenger."

Livy's brows knit together, and he said with uncertainty, "At this hour? What did the messenger say?"

Charlee continued respectfully, "Aura Duke summon your highness in life wine pavilion, and it seemed he asked you to come stealthily for some reason."

Livy's expression turned strange. Just three days ago, Aura Duke made it clear he didn't believe him, nor he was willing to listen to his explanation, and now he suddenly summoned him in this kind of way.

He mused, 'Could it be he was afraid of Maddux? That's why he didn't dare to openly support me, and now he was finally showing his true colors?'

Livy felt this was the only plausible explanation, and he didn't share his thoughts with Charlee, nor asked for his opinion.

He stood up from his position and said to Charlee, "I'll go. Please look after the preparation while I'm out."

Charlee bowed slightly and nodded solemnly. "Please be at ease, your highness."

Livy nodded and left the cultivation chamber in large stride, and he didn't ask Charlee to leave. After all, he knew he would leave on his own because he would not dare to remain here if he didn't have a death wish.

However, Livy didn't see Charlee's wily smile the moment he exited the door.

'This was quite easy. I thought he would ask about Charlee's viewpoint, and then I have to reveal more information, which will draw more suspicion since I'm not supposed to know what happened that night. Now, however, Livy would only suspect I played him by Aura Duke's name, nothing much.'

This Charlee was none other than Ace in Charlee's disguise, and Abdiel was also none other than him.

After he easily fooled Charlee to leave the mansion with one of his prepared faces from his secret visit to the servant quarters.

He activated Charlee's face, which he saved that day in the sham of his ritual, and quickly came back to start his plan, which was to steal Livy's storage ring first.

As for why he went after Livy's storage ring first, it was because his lock picking skills weren't high enough this time around. Although Noa had already told him where the treasury was, she also told him it was a low-grade-three lock protected and many low-grade-three alarming arrays and traps.

That was why this time he planned to pick-pocketed Livy's storage ring first and the treasury key and other array controlling plates would be also inside his ring, which will make things far easier with his second half of the mission.

However, this also had its own risk because the moment he removed Livy's Qi mark, Livy would instantly notice his missing storage ring and quickly head back to the mansion.

That's why Ace had to be extremely quick this time and do his work before both Charlee and Livy can head back to the mansion.

But before that, he had to pickpocket Livy's storage ring first and then hope he won't notice it until he was far away from the mansion.

That's why he first released his heavenly sense for a moment and tested if Livy notice it or and just as he expected, he noticed nothing, not unless Ace wanted him to notice.

Ace quickly activated his heavenly sense again and Livy was quickly detected going toward another room, so he could leave through the window silently. He was completely believing Charlee's words for now.

Ace's lips curls upward, and he quickly sent a soul thread Livy's way.

In the middle of the night, Livy jumped into his back garden and quickly left toward the secret exit to meet with Aura Duke.

However, at this moment, he completely failed to notice an invisible fine orange thread had wrapped around his finger and when he just was in the complete dark, that fine thread abruptly vanished with his storage ring!

Inside Livy's cultivation chamber, a beautiful gray storage ring has appeared in Charlee's hand, and his eyes shimmered in elation.

System voice rang at this moment.

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**[Pick Pocket Succeed]**

**[Host steal]**

**[Space Treasure(s)]**

**-Low-Grade-3 Storage Space Treasures: 5 (All Locked with Qi Marks)**

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**[Alchemy Treasure(s)]**

**-Low-Grade-1 Pills: 14,429**

**-Intermediate-Grade-1 Pills: 6,242**

**-High-Grade-2 Pills: 2,681**

**-Low-Grade-2 Pills: 1195**

**-Intermediate-Grade-2 Pills: 521**

**-High-Grade-2 Pills: 95**

**-Medicinal Alcohol: 320 Barrels High-Grade-2**

**[Smith Crafting Treasures]**

**-High-Grade-3 Weapon: 1**

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**[Rune Crafting Treasure(s)]**

**-Nine-Star Arrays: 5**

**-Intermediate-Grade-1 Array: 1**

**-High-Grade-3 Slave Contract: 1**

**[Qi Stones]**

**Low-Grade-1: 900 Million**

**Middle-Grade-1: 350 Million**

**High-Grade-1: 132 Million**

**Peak Grade-1: 84 Million**

**Low-Grade-2: 3.3 Million**

**Middle-Grade-2: 49,990**

**High-Grade-2: 1,5359**

**[Reward(s)]**

**-Rewards: 150,000 Thief Points**

**[Thief Point(s): 17,580,000]**

**[Thieveries Rank(s)]**

**-High-Level Thievery**

**-The Thief Farewell Note will be automatically filled because this thievery is part of the chain mission.**

**-Auto-filled Thief Farewell Note: I'm Back!**

**-Please select where the host wants to imprint the Thief Farewell Note!**

**[Note: The host has only one minute to choose a location for the Thief Farewell Note or in case of times run out, the system will choose on behalf of the host.]**

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Ace was a little startled when he saw the system had auto-filled the Thief Farewell Note in the same way he made his new Qi coins and smiled the next moment.

'Well, we agree on something,' Ace commanded coldly. "Imprint it on his face!"

He also liked the name of the first mission, and he wanted to make that demon who tried to refine him puke blood with anger, and this 'I'm Back' was a vicious slap on its face.

That was why he had already written these particular two words on the farewell note if he score high-level thievery, which was highly likely since he was pick-pocketing a demon duke, and he won't just carry cheap or ordinary goods on him.

However, he was still somewhat disappointed when he didn't find any soul-type materials inside Livy's storage ring.

'It is quite possible the soul-type material should be in the treasury. I don't know if tribes with demon duke title would get any quota or not for the soul-type material and soul pills. Well, I hope they had.'

Ace's eyes shimmered with excitement, but he didn't make the system remove those Qi marks on Livy's storage ring and the stronger rings inside these storage rings. Because Livy would still not reach too far, and he wanted to wait for some time before he starts.

However, if Livy found out about his missing storage ring very soon, Ace wouldn't have any kind of advantage anymore, and he might suffer terribly.

That's why he waited for five minutes before he would alert Livy on his own accord.

Five minutes were more than enough for him who know the location of the treasury and have the keys to the secret passage and treasury.

Ace used his eye skill on the cultivation chamber, and he could only see some vague outlines of runes. And he smiled wryly.

'I need a higher-level eye skill again, and I also need to upgrade my lock eraser king technique, but I will only get one chance, so what should I choose?' Ace felt quite bitter when he thought about it.

In Azure Wind Continent, lower lands, his skills would always be overpowered however, here, in Might Demon Continent, his skills were only subpar, and he was forced to think of other ways to achieve his goals, or he might be done in by his own mistake.

Five minutes pass quickly and Ace remained inside Livy's cultivation chamber patiently waiting for anything.

However, Livy didn't appear, which means he still was unaware of his missing storage ring.

"Five minutes starts now..."

Ace mumbled as he quickly commanded the system to open every storage ring with Livy's Qi mark.

The system took an instant to complete the task.

Ace quickly search the main storage ring that Livy wore, and he quickly found a black complex rune key. He quickly took it out and when he poured some Qi into it, suddenly the cultivation chamber trembled before a dark passage appeared right where Livy was sitting!

Ace scoffed coldly when he saw the passage and quickly entered it while holding the rune key without hesitation.

He already knew this cultivation chamber was the place where the treasury was hidden, and only Livy can open it. Furthermore, only some loyal followers know about it, Warden Cane being one of them, and Noa found out from him.

That's why Ace never left this place and chose the identity of Charlee because Livy would think Charlee would leave right after him like always.

But alas, this wasn't Charlee...

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#### **Chapter 382: Second Half of the Chain Mission**

Right at the west corner of the duke's estate, which was three miles away from the duke's mansion.

A tall, burly silhouette abruptly appeared right in front of a remote wall.

This silhouette promptly made a hand gesture with something in mind, however, after a moment, nothing happened.

A confused voice rang, "Why isn't the array key... baaaawwww"

However, he was cut short and puked a mouthful of blood abruptly.

The silhouette thought someone had set up an ambush for him, however, he quickly threw that notion out of his mind because only he and his father know about this secret passage out of this estate, and it was guarded by an intermediate-grade-2 lock array and grade one illusion array.

"My Qi-Mark! My storage ring!"

His voice was filled with fright and incredulity when he guessed how he was suddenly injured internally and only a forced Qi mark removal could injure him to this extent and this time, he felt almost all of his Qi marks were stripped clean in one fell swoop!

Thereby, he quickly looked at this right hand and his soul almost left his body when his guess became true, and he trembled when someone came into his mind who can only do this!

"NO... NO... NO.... NOOOOOOOTTTTTT... THHHAAATTTT...THIEF!!!"

Livy roared at the top of his lungs before he turned around and darted toward the duke's mansion with his full power while mumbling madly with blood tinkling from his mouth continually. But he didn't seem to care at all...

"It's not him.... It's not himmmmmmm..."

Charlee appeared right in front of a large building with a stern expression on his old face and when he saw everyone was busy working, doing their tasks diligently, his expression loosened a bit.

Suddenly, his eyes fell on a particular ocean demon who was carrying a large wooden container, and he was going toward a carriage to load it.

Charlee was momentarily shocked and couldn't believe what he had just seen and shouted, "Abdiel?"

Abdiel, who was going toward the carriage with the wooden container in his hand, was shaken up visibly when he heard someone calling his name and he thought it was one of those bullies from servant quarters.

He sheepishly twisted his head and when he saw the old demon in butler attire, his eyes widen, and he quickly knew who this old demon was. He promptly put down the wooden box on the grass ground and bowed deeply.

"This lowly one greets Head Butler!"

This made Charlee's expression sink even more than he asked gloomily, "Why the heck are you playing at? Tell me, how did you reach here before me?" His cultivation pressure also surged, which made Abdiel shiver to no end.

Abdiel doesn't know what had happened or what Charlee was talking about. He quickly pleads in a trembling voice, "I-I... I didn't g-go anywhere, please... spare me!"

Charlee's heart trembled because he could easily tell Abdiel wasn't joking, and his expression changed in myriad ways. 'Just what the fuck is going on?!

Suddenly a grave possibility surfaced in his mind, 'Could it be the duke's mansion has been... infiltrated?!

Without any hesitation, Charlee turned around and run back at full speed with an extremely ashen expression on his face. He didn't stop to confirm it with Head Beast Tamer as well.

He wanted it to be just his paranoia and only someone's prank on him.

But if it wasn't and something happened to the duke's mansion while he was easily tricked, he will lose his old head!

Ace was currently standing inside a fifty-square meter room with a huge grin on his face.

This room was neatly arranged into three sections: knowledge, treasures, and medicinal.

Without any further delay, he started to collect everything as quickly as possible. He knew he doesn't have much time before Livy and Charlee would come back.

This wasn't something new for him, so it wasn't taken long before Ace emptied the entire room without even leaving a single shelf.

His thief symbol has already appeared on the central wall with his name and thief farewell note 'I'm Back!'.

However, he was frowning at this moment. 'Ocean Demon Tribe's Treasury doesn't have soul materials or soul pills? But it doesn't make any sense. I don't believe a demon duke title tribe won't have a single soul material! There has to be another treasury which was only known by Livy or tribe chief!'

Ace's eyes shimmered with a white glint as he scanned the treasury. However, he doesn't find any out of the ordinary.

But he didn't give up so quickly.

Thereupon, Livy's storage ring appeared in his hand, and quickly he scanned it with his soul sense, and the very next moment thereafter, twelve rune keys appeared in his hand.

Although he didn't know which one was for which lock, it doesn't matter as he quickly activated them all at once and all twelve rune keys shimmered in different lights.

Suddenly, Ace felt the south wall tremble slightly, and his eyes lit up. He quickly found a particular red rune key, which was strongly reacting at this moment.

He quickly approached the wall and pressed this red rune key on it and thereafter, it slides upward, revealing ten square meters of space behind it.

Ace saw ten shelves with pill bottles and fifty storage rings, neatly arranged on a jade table. He suddenly felt his soul Qi surge slightly when he breathed, and his heart couldn't help but beat in ecstasy.

"I was indeed right to first go after Livy's storage ring and didn't try to break in here alone, or I might've failed this time. This lock is probably low-grade-4. There's no damn way I could've broken it or found it with my current skills!"

Ace felt quite satisfied with his plan this time and quickly store everything. This was his biggest haul of this thievery!

After he was done, he quickly left while leaving the treasuries and the passage opened because he wanted Livy to see this and died from anger!

At this moment, when Ace had just exited Livy's cultivation chamber, he felt a strong martial sense envelop the area.

His lips moved upward. 'He's here!'

Ace know Livy's soul signature very well, and he could tell the other party was in a complete frenzy and inflamed state.

If this was before his breakthrough, he might've already been locked in by Livy's martial sense. However, now, Livy stood no chance of finding Ace, not unless his martial sense was at the peak of the diamond soul realm.

That was also why Ace didn't panic and swiftly moved toward the other exit of the duke's mansion without waiting for Livy's livid face with his thief symbol.

Just as Ace exited the corridor, Livy's disheveled figure appeared with bloodshot eyes filled with murderous intent.

However, when Livy saw his cultivation chamber was still opened, his heart nearly burst out of his chest and he quickly entered the cultivation chamber hoping that the worse has not happened!

But alas, he was destined for a massive shock when he saw the secret passage toward the treasury was also opened.

"NO!"

Livy shrielled before he ran into the secret passage and when he saw the golden treasury door completely opened and white light was illuminating the passage, his heart practically stopped.

With trembling steps and erratic breathing, Livy entered the treasury and instantly saw the imposing owl imprint and the name on its one wing 'Sky Stealer' and then the two words on its other wing 'I'm Back!'.

Livy instantly puked a huge amount of blood on the white floor.

"Hahahahaha..."

He was so angry and felt despaired that he started laughing like a lunatic.

Everything was completely gone. This wealth wasn't just his, it was accommodated in five thousand years of his tribe's history. Especially the soul pills and materials. They weren't just some star tier pills or materials, but grade pills and materials!

However, what truly sent Livy into an icy abyss was the fact that the infamous thief struck his home and completely fooled him.

If it was just that he could still endure it, but this thief's appearance here meant the one after him will come here to investigate.

Especially that imperial envoy who turned the iron demon city into a black wasteland.

Just thinking about this point sent chills down his spine.

"MY LORD!"

Suddenly, Livy's mad laughter came to an abrupt halt when he heard this extremely familiar voice filled with alarm.

"CHARLEE!"

Livy couldn't help but grind his teeth in hatred when he thought about how he was fooled to leave because of Charlee.

Charlee suddenly emerged in the treasury. He was quite familiar with it since Livy would take him here.

However, he had no idea what had happened. He was here to report about how he was fooled by an imposter, and after some inquiry, the gate guards also seemed to see him entering the mansion shortly after he left.



This made Charlee even more uneasy, and when he finally saw Livy's bent back and blood on the floor, his expression changed.

He was about to say something when his eyes landed on the owl imprint, and he heard only one word filled with abhorrence and indignation, which was also the last word he would ever hear...

"TRAITOR..."

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#### **Chapter 383: Loot & Treasure-Bonds**

Inside Feng's cultivation chamber,

Ace swiftly appeared out of thin air in Feng's disguise without showing any emotions and calmly sat down cross-legged while closing his eyes and began to recover.

After half an hour, Ace opened his eyes and smiled as he murmured, "So, he didn't cause any commotion or sent anyone to investigate. I was right, he wanted to keep this under a tight wrap and Charlee was most likely dead since he was probably the first one to see Livy's face and knew what happened."

Ace had already thought of this scenario long ago, and that's why he was prepared for it as well. However, it wasn't the right time to start.

"Let's see my gains!"

Ace's eyes shimmered with excitement as he commanded, "System, give me the list of what I stole from the treasury and my rewards!"

#### **[Stolen Treasure(s) List]**

#### **[Space Treasure(s)]**

**-Low-Grade-3 Storage Space Treasures: 50**

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#### **[Alchemy Treasure(s)]**

**-Six-Star Martial Pills: 9.4 Million**

**-Six-Star Soul Pills: 32,900**

**-Seven-Star Martial Pills: 5 Million**

**-Seven-Star Soul Pills: 25,000**

**-Eight-Star Martial Pills: 3.6 Million**

**-Eight-Star Soul Pills: 21,043**

**-Nine-Star Marital Pills: 2 Million**

**-Nine-Star Soul Pills: 9,420**

- Low-Grade-1 Martial Pills: 865,000
- Low-Grade-1 Soul Pills: 2,000
- Intermediate-Grade-1 Martial Pills: 400,309
- Intermediate-Grade-1 Soul Pills: 502
- High-Grade-1 Martial Pills: 91,000
- High-Grade-1 Soul Pills: 35
- Low-Grade-2 Martial Pills: 39,542
- Intermediate-Grade-2 Martial Pills: 18,005
- High-Grade-2 Martial Pills: 4,389
- Low-Grade-3 Martial Pills: 2,550
- Intermediate-Grade-3 Martial Pills: 310
- Medicinal Alcohol: 5 Million Barrels (From 6-Star to 9-Star)
- Medicinal Alcohol: 2 Million Barrels Grade-1 (Low, Intermediate, High)
- Medicinal Alcohol: 500 Barrels Grade-2 (Low, Intermediate, High)
- Raw Materials (Martial): 130 Million (From 6-Star to 9-Star)
- Raw Materials (Marital): 50 Million (From Low-Grade-1 to High-Grade-1)
- Raw Materials (Marital): 20 Million (From Low-Grade-2 to High-Grade-2)
- Raw Materials (Marital): 3.53 Million (From Low-Grade-3 to Intermediate-Grade-3)
- Raw Materials (Soul): 2.93 Million (From 6-Star to 9-Star)
- Raw Materials (Soul): 200,810 (From Low-Grade-1 to High-Grade-1)

[Smith Crafting Treasures]

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- Low-Grade-1 Weapons: 10,090
- Intermediate-Grade-1 Weapons: 3,893
- High-Grade-1 Weapons: 412
- Middle-Grade-2 Weapons: 130
- High-Grade-2 Weapons: 19
- Low-Grade-3 Weapons: 2

- Raw Materials: 69 Million (From 6-Star to 9-Star)
- Raw Materials: 32 Million (From Low-Grade-1 to High-Grade-1)
- Raw Materials: 4.5 Million (From Low-Grade-2 to High-Grade-2)
- Raw Materials: 19,439 (From Low-Grade-3 to Intermediate-Grade-3)
- [Rune Crafting Treasure(s)]
- Seven-Star Arrays: 22,400
- Eight-Star Arrays: 5,690
- Nine-Star Arrays: 440
- Low-Grade-1 Arrays: 23
- Intermediate-Grade-1 Arrays: 2
- Six-Star Formations: 902
- Seven-Star Formations: 431
- Eight-Star Formations: 90
- Nine-Star Formations: 42
- Low-Grade-1 Formation: 23
- Intermediate-Grade-1 Formation: 9
- High-Grade-1 Formation: 5
- Low-Grade-2 Formation: 2
- Six-Star Slave Contract: 553 Million
- Seven-Star Slave Contract: 430 Million
- Eight-Star Slave Contract: 110 Million
- Nine-Star Slave Contract: 73.2 Million
- Low-Grade-1 Slave Contract: 7 Million
- Intermediate-Grade-1 Slave Contract: 1.55 Million
- High-Grade-1 Slave Contract: 983,991
- Low-Grade-2 Slave Contract: 320,322
- Intermediate-Grade-2 Slave Contract: 98,330
- High-Grade-2 Slave Contract: 53,000
- Low-Grade-3 Slave Contract: 2,340

**-Raw Materials: 94 Million (From 6-Star to 9-Star)**

**-Raw Materials: 29 Million (Grade-1)**

**-Raw Materials: 5.22 Million (Grade-2)**

**[Qi Stones]**

**Low-Grade-1: 4.5 Billion**

**Middle-Grade-1: 1 Billion**

**High-Grade-1: 918 Million**

**Peak Grade-1: 500 Million**

**Low-Grade-2: 97 Million**

**Middle-Grade-2: 30 Million**

**High-Grade-2: 5.5 Million**

**Peak-Grade-2: 1 Million**

**[Thieveries Rank(s)]**

**-High-level Thievery**

**[Reward(s)]**

**-Total Rewards: 6 Million Thief Points**

**[Thief Point(s): 23,580,000]**

**[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!**

**-Status: Complete**

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

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

**[Claim Reward/ Later]**

**[Chain-Mission: 2]**

**-Mission: The Second Chain Mission will be issued in seven days**

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Ace felt like he was on cloud nine when he saw the huge list of stolen goods, especially the soul-type pills and materials, and six million in thief points.

'This ocean demon tribe was really rich and if I were Livy I would've died from anger if someone stole this much wealth right under my nose.' Ace grinned wildly.

However, his attention was drawn by something at this moment as he quickly asked, "Hey system, this time you didn't count 5-Star treasures, does this mean five-star items no longer give me any EXP or SP as well?"

Ace had been long gotten adopted to this. Every time he made a breakthrough, the system would deem a treasure rank completely useless for him and didn't even bother to count them.

System's voice range in affirmation,

**"[Yes. Five-Star treasures are no longer useful for the host.]"**

Ace nodded without retorting. He knows it was common for pills to lose effects on higher-level cultivators. So, it was only natural it applied to him as well, even though he can't use them as typical.

Suddenly, Ace's eyes shimmered as he mused, 'I should give all the soul pills and materials that are useless on to Noa for her practice in soul alchemy. It would be quite helpful for her cultivation and alchemy practice. I should also have her turn all those materials into pills since pills gave me more EXP than raw materials...'

"Let's just hold on, on the reward, for now." Ace said, "System, how much SP will I get after I convert every soul pill into my thief's space?"

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**[Starting the Calculation...]**

**-Six-Star Soul Pills: 32,900 X 5 (SP per Pill)**

**-Seven-Star Soul Pills: 25,000 X 10 (SP per Pill)**

**-Eight-Star Soul Pills: 21,043 X 25 (SP per Pill)**

**-Nine-Star Soul Pills: 9,420 X 50 (SP per Pill)**

**-Low-Grade-1 Soul Pills: 2,000 X 100 (SP per Pill)**

**-Intermediate-Grade-1 Soul Pills: 502 X 250 (SP per Pill)**

**-High-Grade-1 Soul Pills: 35 X 500 (SP per Pill)**

**[Final Amount: 1,754,575 Soul Points]**

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Ace cocked an eyebrow when he saw such a large amount of SP for the first time since the start of his cultivation journey.

'If I used one million SP and Ten Million TP to complete my side mission, I'll still be left with over seven hundred thousand SP and over Thirteen Million TP... This Heavenly Fate Compass Needle is a treasure that was destroyed by the heaven, so it has to have many heaven-defying functions, especially that treasure finding function which was described in that note.'

Ace couldn't help but seriously considered this because this treasure was just too much hazard for him and without the system, he won't dare to use it.

Furthermore, the price of just subduing it was astronomical, and he wanted to make sure if it was all worth it.

Now he had only two options, used those soul points to maximize his cultivation or use them to complete his side mission.

Moreover, he still has an upcoming chain mission to worry about and if this treasure wasn't helpful, then he would waste his only chance to become strong.

In the end, Ace wore a decisive expression as he said, "System, I want to complete my side mission of Heavenly Fate Compass Needle."

Although Ace knows this was a gamble nonetheless, he still took it because Heavenly Fate Compass Needle was just too tempting for Ace to ignore!

At this moment, the system's voice rang.

**"[If the host wants to subdue the Heavenly Fate Live Compass's Spirit, the system suggests finding a cloistered place because there is a chance heavenly punishment will descend. Furthermore, the host also had to choose between what kind of bond you want to form with Heavenly Fate Compass Needle.]"**

Ace grimaced slightly at hearing this and questioned, "I can understand chances of heavenly punishment, but what is this Bond you're talking about now?"

He knew this compass was destroyed by heaven, so if heaven sensed the spirit survived, the appearance of heavenly punishment was extremely normal. Especially for Ace, who has already undergone two punishments.

**"[Whenever a treasure with a spirit born, or a spirit born within a treasure, these treasures can't be used just by anyone, and they chose their worthy holders. Furthermore, a treasure-spirit of Heavenly Fate Live Compass's caliber has even more harsh requirements for its owner.]"**

**"[But since it was nearly destroyed the moment, it was born and the treasure spirit also nearly destroyed, the requirement for it had also lessened substantially. But still, even these requirements which were not even close to the millionth of the real one can't be overestimated.]"**

**"[However, the host is different, and with the help of the system, the host can easily become its owner.]"**

**"[The host can form an 'Equal Bond' between partners or make it your Life Soul Treasure with a 'Life Bond'. These two bonds are the only bonds a Treasure Spirit can form. However, Heavenly Fate Live Compass's spirit is quite remarkable because it can also form a 'Provenance Life Bond!']"**

Ace was dumbfoundedly listening to all this astonishing information and couldn't help saying with slightly reddened cheeks, "Umm... can you explain these bonds more clearly?"

Ace's eyes shimmered with elation for some reason, and wait in anticipation for further explanation about these bonds!

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### **Chapter 384: Eternal Provenance Treasures**

Ace wait in anticipation for further explanation about these bonds because he could tell there had to be some kind of advantages that came with these bonds.

**"[With host current authority-level, it was impossible to divulge such information. However, since the host has already acquired a treasure like Heavenly Fate Live Compass and completed the conditions to subdue it, the system deemed host can access this information.]"**

Ace nearly cursed when he heard the first half of the system's sentence, but quickly shut his mouth when he heard the other half. He knew if the system deemed him unqualified; he was unqualified without any further discussion.

System static voice rang again.

**"[Equal Bond: This bond represents a partnership-like relation where the treasure and user will have a mutual relationship based on benefits and either party can easily break free from this bond if their own life is in danger. Normally, a Treasure spirit only forms an Equal Bond because it will reduce its chance of getting sacrificed or getting destroyed. Simply put, as long as a Treasure spirit senses its existence in jeopardy, it won't hesitate to abandon its user and escape, and sometimes if it found another even more powerful cultivator than its current user, it can even change sides!]"**

**"[Life Bond: This bond is very special because it will bond a treasure to its bearer for life and as long as the bearer won't die the treasure can't undo this bond or abandon its bearer even if it's meant to sacrifice itself. Life Bonds are further divided into three types, 'Master for One-Life', 'Together for Life', and 'Only Master for Life'. These three types have different pros and cons.]"**

**"[Master for One-Life: Simply means the treasure won't go as far as to risk its entire being for the bearer and still hold back a little to preserve its own life in case the bearer died.]"**

**"[Together for Life: In this case, the treasure will completely be bonded to its user, and if any one of them died or was destroyed, the other will perish as the result.]"**

**"[Master for Life: In this Life Bond the treasure will only submit to one user for eternity and if its master died, it will also be destroyed while if the treasure was destroyed the user will only suffer a backlash but preserved its life.]"**

Ace frowned when he heard about these two bonds. It won't be a lie to say he wasn't a fan of the equal bond at all because this was like caring a ticking time bomb with oneself which can abandon you at any time it deemed you useless or even turned against you.

As for the Life Bond, he felt quite better about this bond, but he would still not be willing to form the first two life bonds with a treasure because it was simply not worth it.

He can grow, but the treasures can't if they won't reforge with higher grade materials, which were quite hard to find and there was always a risk of failure and destruction in the process!

Moreover, he won't be willing to hand a treasure to someone for reforging that can take his life on being destroyed. It's far too risky.

Even if he was desperate, he would only agree to form the third type of life bond at the risk of a backlash.

"What about this Provenance Life Bond that only Heavenly Fate Live Compass can form?" Ace asked with uncertainty. He wasn't as optimum as before now, but he still wanted to hear what this special life bond was about.

**"[Provenance Life Bond: Provenance Life Bond can only be formed by an Eternal Provenance Treasure. These treasures didn't have any grade or limit to their growth and every time such a treasure was born, Heaven tried to destroy it with all its power as well as their creators. However, if an Eternal Provenance Treasure survived the heavenly punishment, they can grow infinitely if they formed a Provenance Life Bond with someone.]"**

**"[However, forming Provenance Life Bond is almost impossible because there are special conditions attached with every Eternal Provenance Treasure and every bearer of Eternal Provenance Treasure will face Heavenly Punishment every time the treasure evolved.]"**

**"[Yet, if an eternal provenance treasure managed to form a Provenance Life bond, it will grow most beneficially for its user and that's why almost everyone wanted an Eternal Provenance Treasure; Gods and Immortals alike, despite a high extinction rate!]"**

Ace felt his heart rate increase, he couldn't help but asked with a slightly trembling voice, "G-gods and Imm... Immortals alike!? B... but didn't Heavenly Fate Live Compass was destroyed and this is only a needle of it, can it be called an Eternal Provenance Treasure and a-are you also...?"

Ace felt like he had solved the mystery of the system and thought it was also this Eternal Provenance Treasure because it was growing with him and its name also had 'Eternal' in its name.

However, the system's icy voice sounded with a hint of disdain.

**"[NO!]"**

Ace felt his mind tremble and kept his mouth shut and thought resentfully, 'Fuck, why are you shouting? Just say no gently and I understand.'

But he didn't dare to say anything and only smiled wryly when he thought just how powerful the system was, and it was helping him grow, not the other way around all this time, and it wasn't something an Eternal Provenance Treasure could do which needed his help to grow!

System spoke again.

**"[Host is right and wrong at the same time about Heavenly Fate Live Compass's peculiar condition. It was indeed destroyed by heaven's will, however, it also managed to survive by hiding a part of its Treasure-Spirit in its toughest part; the 'Compass Needle', and then managed to escape the complete annihilation.]"**



**"[Furthermore, it even managed to form a hoax body for itself and managed to survive umpteen years while hiding from heaven's will deduction. Although it's a destroyed and only a fragment of an eternal provenance treasure, it is nonetheless still an Eternal Provenance Treasure and if it found someone who could form a Provenance Life Bond with it, with enough time it can recover and even become more powerful than when it was born!]"**

Ace's eyes shimmered with ecstasy, he never thought a treasure that can grow infinitely will fall on his lap this easily and if it wasn't for the system, he might didn't even know this kind of treasure existed nor will he ever know the truth about this compass needle hoax body, and he might also lose his lifespan like its previous owners and died miserably.

A chill run down his spine just at the thought of it. There were just too many mysterious things in this world or heaven, and he had to become powerful just to know about them.

But thereupon, Ace felt a fire ignite in his heart to experience the unknowns, just as the thought of it gave him endless energy and motivation.

He solemnly asked, "Then tell me, can I form this Provenance Life Bond or not?"

Ace felt this Eternal Provenance Treasure was very suitable for him because he was already the enemy of heaven, and he could easily let this treasure grow infinitely as long as he won't fall. Besides, he had the system, so he was even more eager to form this life bond as quickly as possible!

System icy voice rang. However, it sounded jeering this time.

**"[The host can form any kind of bond with the system's help and bypass any natural conditions set up by these treasure spirits, as long as the host has sufficient TP.]"**

Ace grinned widely in relief. This system just never disappointed him. However, the system next words made his smile vanish.

**"[Please be warned host that any being can only form a single Provenance Life Bond with only single Eternal Provenance Treasure which suits their cultivation path.]"**

**"[Like this Heavenly Fate Live Compass is a Soul Type Eternal Provenance Treasure, so only someone with a soul path foundation can form Provenance Life Bond with it while it was completely useless for a martial cultivator.]"**

**"[However, the host is walking on both martial and soul paths, so the host can bond two Eternal Provenance Treasures, One Martial Type and One Soul Type. So please choose wisely, because this compass isn't an attack-type soul treasure, nor does it have any defensive power. It was only born to peer into the mysteries of heaven and fate. But with host influence, it can also become a special type of soul treasure, but it still has to be seen. So please choose wisely.]"**

"Only one per cultivation path?"

Ace frowned. This put him in a dilemma because if he chose to subdue this compass he will lose his qualification to bond with another powerful soul type Eternal Provenance Treasure.

However, he smiled wryly the next moment and thought, 'System you think too highly of me, who knows just how many years it will take me to found another soul type eternal provenance treasure, or

by your tone, it's clear I would be extremely lucky to encounter another such treasure in the future, so I'm content with what I already have!

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#### **Chapter 385: Ocean Demon City in Crisis**

The sky was glowing golden, but dark clouds were slowly covering the clear sky little by little as icy winds were rising.

However, this has nothing to do with this entourage of carriages moving on a particular avenue unhurriedly.

There were eighty carriages, and all of them were lavishing and pulled by at least late-grade-2 demonic beasts which looked like horses but with much larger stature and vicious looks.

Inside a carriage,

Ace was coolly sitting while enjoying the wine served by 'his' two maids.

'It's already been one day and night since we depart and with our speed, it would only take four more days to enter the blade domain. It's time to say goodbye to the ocean demon city completely.' Ace pulled a frigid smile and suddenly a panel opened in front of him.

"System, send it."

After giving his command, he again enjoyed his wine, which he stole from the ocean demon treasury!

Noa was calmly sitting like a statue with her eyes close when suddenly the system's voice rang in her mind. She promptly opened her eyes with a hint of elation.

She knows this was a mission sent by Ace just as they planned, and she quickly opened it,

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

**[Thief House Leader Mission]**

**-Mission: Downfall of an enemy!**

**Description: Start Thieving!**

**Requirement (1): Thief anyone you can and then left Thief Identity Qi Coins behind while using Thief's Charity (Inverse & Reverse)!**

**Requirement (2): Never go toward the duke's mansion or engaged in a fight with anyone, if not absolutely necessary!**

**Requirement (3): Plant the Fifty Fire Explosion Talismans all over the city and set the timer for six hours and escape immediately!**

**Requirement (4): Go toward the Stone Hills on the outskirts of the blade domain and hide until I come for you!**

**Requirement (5): If you found anything amiss in your way, abandon the mission and escaped!**

**-Reward (1): Endless Shadow Daggers Rainfall (Soul Cultivation Art)**

**-Reward (2): Endless Night Daggers Set [32 Pin-Daggers] (Legendary Grade- 4)**

**Time: 10 Days**

**Punishment: None!**

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Noa wasn't surprised when she saw all those requirements since they had already discussed them that night, but when she saw the rewards, her eyes were wide in bewilderment.

She longed for these two things the most in the thief assassin shop because she knew it will give her an enormous power boost, but she can only see them green-eyed because first; the requirement attached to them were not complete yet, and second; she didn't have fifteen thousand house points to buy them as well. Moreover, either skill or treasure was useless if she didn't have the other.

However, Ace can easily bypass these requirements since he was the leader.

But she would never think Ace would reward her with both of them while she was practically doing nothing besides causing some havoc, and he took all the risk.

Noa knows since she was getting this mission, it meant Ace had completed his theft, and Livy had also done what Ace thought he would.

'He's too good to me!' Her eyes shimmered with a complicated glimmer.

However, what she doesn't know was Ace had already profited big time from this thievery, so sparing 150,000 TP wasn't much for him and besides his 85,000 TP investment in those fifty Fire Explosion Talismans before he started his thievery. He wasn't losing anything at all.

Furthermore, he knows Noa doesn't have much HP, and these two things give her a huge power jump, so he simply bought them for her. He knew she would be alone for some time before he can sneak her into the blade domain, so she won't be wasting her time as well.

Noa's eyes turned icy the next moment as she closed the mission panel.

"Ocean Demon Tribe, Livy, you kill my entire tribe, my loved ones, and even made me destroy my face, which I never thought I would regret so much. Let me return the favor!"

Just as her icy forlorn voice rang in the dark hidden passage, Noa vanished!

Night descended on the world, and it was a dark night without any moon or stars.

The sky was filled with inky clouds, rumbling with thunderous tones.

On the outskirts of the ocean demon city, a curvaceous silhouette appeared right from the ground, just like a corpse from a grave.

She wore a dark cape and a dark mask, only her icy pitch-black eyes were visible as she looked toward the lit city a few miles away.

Noa just stood at that spot without moving and continue to stare at the city walls without blinking, as if she was in a reverie.

Three hours passed, and she didn't move and continued to stare at the city impassively.

Suddenly, at this moment thereafter, she heard a mild sound from the city's direction.

She mumbled in a forlorn tone, "It finally started!"

Head Guard Over was in charge of the ocean demon city's law enforcement.

He was currently enjoying a break in Life Wine Pavilion he got after the ocean demon team left a day ago, and now he was finally relaxed a bit.

**"Boooommm....!"**

However, an enormous explosion sounded near the pavilion, making him puke the wine on the serving waitress and cough violently in a choking sound.

"Just who..."

**"Boommmmm!"**

However, before he could curse, another tremendous explosion sounded from another direction.

Over's expression finally changed when these explosions continue to ring one after another in five-second intervals.

"We're under attack!"

Without waiting, he jumped out of the second floor, and with a grim expression, he ran toward the guard quarters.

But he was just turning around two comers when he saw something that he would never forget.

There was a crowd gathered around a fifty-meter-tall glittering hill of Qi stones!

Yes, a hill of Qi stones right in the middle of the street!

However, the strange thing was no one was going near it or taking them.

Over's heart trembled when he finally noticed those Qi stones were not crude or unshaped. They were all the exact same sizes and there were carving over them.

"Get out of the way, I'm the Head Guard. Let me see!" Over shouted as he made his way toward the hill.

The crowd was mostly formed of ocean demons, while there were other demons mixed within.

But every one of them had a peculiar look on their faces as they looked toward those pentagon Qi stones hill, disbelief, panic, befuddlement, even reverence...

Over finally got a good look at those pentagon Qi stones and the moment he saw owl symbols, and I'm Back, words all over the hill, his soul almost left his body as his face turned ghastly pale.

Over and everyone in the outer demon provinces knows just who this symbol belongs to, and it was as famous as any demon king families insignia or even more but not any less.

**"S-S...Sky... Stealer...?!"**

This wasn't just the scene of this particular street, but there were 49 more such hills of Qi stones with the same patterns all around the ocean demon city.

Furthermore, there were ocean demons who were panicking because their storage rings have gone missing, and they all found those pentagon coins, which made it extremely clear who the thief was.

Quickly, the entire city threw into disarray.

At this moment, a tall, skinny demon with a hideous expression was moving toward Livy's cultivation chamber in large strides akin to running.

A servant quickly greeted him with extreme respect, "Lord Right Spear!"

However, he completely ignored this servant, or he didn't even hear him in his messy mind state.

This demon was indeed the second-strongest demon after Livy in the ocean's demon tribe, Right Ocean Spear, Ewell Ocean.

Ewell's hoarse voice rang right outside Livy's cultivation chamber, filled with boundless fury and anguish.

"My Duke, the thief name sky stealer just struck different parts of the city!"

Ewell knows about the cause of Henrik's death, and they were as close as brothers, so he was the saddest when he heard about his death.

Now, the cause of his death has appeared in their backyard, and Ewell knew it would spell nothing but death for their tribe if it was handled just like the iron demon city!

However, despite all this commotion going on in the city, Livy didn't appear. He has completely gone ghost two days ago. He didn't even appear to bid farewell to Aura Duke, and Ewell had to go on his behalf, which greatly displeased Aura Duke.

Furthermore, Butler Charlee has also mysteriously vanished and, after Ewell probed about it from here and there, he got some startling answers. He wanted to discuss this with Livy, but he can't get to him.

In the end, Ewell was completely helpless. Livy just refused to leave his cultivation chamber.

Yet, now the situation was utterly dire, and it wasn't the time to remain absent.

"My Duke, please come out, you have to pacify the tribe, or we'll crumble!" Ewell's voice grew into a crying wail in the end.

However, Livy's cultivation chamber remained deadly silent, without any sound.

Ewell's skinny face visibly turned older and paler as he watched the close door in a foreboding trance...

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### **Chapter 386: Message Received!**

"Your Highness, I have an important report to make!" Killer was standing outside a closed door as he spoke with a hint of urgency in his husky voice.

"Enter." A mild voice of a male rang.

Killer hastily entered the room and saw the masked demon sitting cross-legged on a futon.

"What happened? You seem quite in a hurry? Did you find our target?"

No one can see his expression, but his voice was filled with anticipation.

Killer's respectfully answered, "Yes, Your Highness, I indeed found his recent location."

"Recent? You mean he's no longer there?" his voice grew a little forbidding.

Killer's pitch-black eyes shimmered in a dark light as he said darkly, "It happened a week ago, your highness. After I was secretly scouting the blade province's places where that hex demon might hide, I heard he appeared in the city called ocean demon city.

"This city was the duke city of the same duchy where that thief appeared before, and it seemed he never left that duchy at all, and we were searching in an opposite direction."

"Is that so? Well, I have to give it to him, I simply thought he would run away from that duchy after he knows the royal council was after him, but who would've thought he will choose to stay there and in the main city where the chances of his captivation were quite high." His voice grew extremely frosty.

Killer nodded in affirmation, "Indeed, but we can't be blamed because I already scan the entire duchy before I left for other places, but somehow he managed to escape my detection. It seemed he isn't just a simple reckless thief, and he might have some other means to his disposal, or he might not have dared to appear."

"Maybe. Tell me about what he did this time?" He asked.

Killer said, "He theft again and this time he stole the entire treasury of this ocean demon tribe and the duke tried to completely hide it. But this thief caused a tremendous commotion in the city thereafter and drew everyone's attention in the end.

"Furthermore, I didn't find the Duke anywhere when I reached the place. It's clear he escaped after failing to hide the news about the thief and from further investigation, I presumed he was hexed just like the soul realm demon we get rid of before.

"He was afraid of getting killed and ran away, abandoning his tribe. The Blade Demon King also sent an envoy who just happened to be this renegade demon's father, and he completely locked down the city to appease the situation."

The masked demon's amusing voice sounded, "Oh? It seemed our reputation is quite grand. Nonetheless, from what you just said, it seemed only this renegade was hexed this time?"

Killer replied respectfully, "Yes, Your Highness, besides this demon only the treasury was hexed with the same owl mark, and a message was left. Furthermore, this time this thief used quite a unique method to announce his arrival while only hexing one place with his signature hex. I also presumed he wanted to announce something this time with this thievery."

"What announcement?"

Killer flip his hand suddenly and a pentagon coin appeared in his hand, he respectfully handed it to the masked demon.

The masked demon flipped the coin a few times, deep in thought, as he saw the 'I'm Back' side of the coin for a while.

Suddenly, he burst into laughter.

Killer's eyes grimace. He knew this, the masked demon was completely enraged. He was also enraged when he saw this coin and the symbol on the treasury. Likewise, he could tell this thief was deliberately leaving such words, and they were most likely targeted at them.

Because they destroyed two tribes and turn the entire city into a black wasteland just to kill this thief, it seemed he was not only afraid, but he seemed to be even more daring. With this thievery, he wanted to slap their faces, and he has succeeded.

"Hehehehe... it seemed he wanted to challenge me? This degenerate wanted to challenge me?!"

His voice was filled with killing intent as the coin in his turned into fine particles.

Killer didn't dare to speak and stood there respectfully. But his eyes were also filled with boundless rage and killing intent.

"Announced in the entire provinces, as long as they can find any clues about this thief, I'll give their youths three free passes in Demon Gate Trials. I want everyone to look for this prick. Since he wanted to play, let's play!"

"As your command." Killer bowed slightly.

"As for this tribe that was fell victim to this degenerate, destroyed them. I want to let everyone know the consequences of letting this bastard roam free, and this will also motivate them as well!" He coldly uttered.

This time, Killer didn't quickly agree and hesitantly said, "This could be troublesome. I don't think Blade King will watch this time."

They both know the last time Blade King remained silent and give them face because they were only targeting some random tribes which he regarded in little value, but he was displeased nevertheless, especially because of Henrik's death.

This time, this tribe was a duke tribe, and they had deep ties with Blade Demon King. If they took such action without his opinion, that guy might fight them, and they knew Lunatic Blade was capable of such a reckless move!

"Hmph... spare soul realm cultivators and some of their promising youths. That's my bottom line. If he doesn't agree, then he can try his luck by all means. Besides, I don't think he would disagree with my decision because according to the rules of the demon empire, any tribe chief who's deemed a criminal by the royal council and then escape his punishment, his tribe had to pay! Since this demon run away without showing his face, this means he was hex, and he's a threat to our race, so he deserved to die. But since he escaped, his tribe can pay on his behalf! These ingrates are forgetting who their ruler is, it's time to tighten their leashes!" His voice was filled with vicious bloodlust.

Killer's eyes shimmered with cold light as he respectfully answered, "I'll immediately forward your order to the council."

"Since this is out of the way, did you find the other person I told you to look for?" the masked demon voice was cooled down.

Killer answered, "I have already investigated this All-Knowing parrot. It seemed no one has ever seen him and from where he operates this syndicate. But I found three demon kings are supporting this syndicate from the shadows, and I'm afraid, even they might never see this All-Knowing Parrot. It's like he's a ghost."

"Oh? Approached those demon kings in my name and tell them I want this All-Knowing Parrot and his syndicate. As long as they can do something about it, I'll grant them one free pass in demon gate trial each."

He said coolly as if this matter was a done deal.

In a spacious hall,

A peal of melodious laughter could be heard, making the empty hall's atmosphere extremely lovely and jolly. But alas, no one was there to witness or enjoyed it.

The same voice, filled with ecstasy, rang again. "I never thought you would be so daring to even appear near to the place where you almost got killed and nearly exposed me. But I had to say you're quite something to even dare to challenge the imperial envoy and slapped on his face."

An extremely alluring demoness appeared right in front of the open window as she looked at the half moon. There was a pentagon coin between her long, slender finger.

She mumbled with a mesmerizing smile, "I never thought after I heal my injuries from that backlash inflicted by that bastard, I'll receive another astonishing news about you.

"Well, it also saves me the trouble of finding you, Sky Stealer. No one on this entire continent knows you're also a genius sword cultivator with an element sword intent except me, and your art of disguising and fooling others even left me in awe. But can you hide from me with that new face of yours... Feng!"

On the tenth day after Ocean Demon City fell victim to the infamous thief Sky Stealer.

The entire outer provinces know about this now and many starting to truly fear this thief.

However, the fear for this thief reached another whole new level when a grave announcement was made by the Royal Demon Council, which sent a chill to everyone's spine.



This announcement was straightforward: the entire Ocean Demon Tribe would suffer an extinction because their current chief ran away, who appeared to be also a victim of Sky Stealer.

Furthermore, from now on whoever came in contact with the Sky Stealer or fell victim to his schemes will face capital punishment and if they dare to escape their tribes will have to pay in their stead!

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#### **Chapter 387: Second Chain Mission**

Any King Domain was divided into three parts: Outer Domain, Inner Domain, and Demon King Castle.

Blade King Domain was spread over two hundred square miles and towering walls were surrounding this entire domain.

A dense forest surrounded the outside of the blade domain walls.

Eight gates will grant entry to the blade domain and security was very tight, far stronger than normal because of what happened over a week ago with the ocean demon tribe.

Ace was completely oblivious to the fact that someone had already guessed his new identity and might contact him very soon.

At this moment, he was standing in a vast plaza with his maids, and Thomas was also beside him with his wife.

Maddux and Aura Duke had left them the moment they entered the outer blade domain at the Demon King's behest.

Thomas said in a grim voice at this moment, "Who would've thought the infamous thief, Sky Stealer, will raid the ocean demon city right after we left, and they suffer such a tragic fate because of their incompetent leader?" He didn't mince his words as he said.

Ace's eyes shimmered with a distant glint as he coolly said, "Indeed, but with demon council on his tail, I don't think he would survive much longer."

Inwardly, Ace sneered, 'That bastard ran away the moment he knows the doom was coming for him, without caring about his tribe. It seemed I overestimated him. But that person from the royal zone is ruthless, openly giving a duke title tribe the death sentence and only sparing the youths who come with us and soul realm experts to appease the blade demon king. It seemed he took my message to heart.'

Ace was gloating when he heard this news of the ocean demon tribe's demise, but he still felt it was quite a pity that Livy slipped away unharmed while two more soul realm experts were spared, as well as the future hope of the ocean demon tribe.

However, he knew Blade Demon King would never let them kill assets like soul realm experts without any good reasons, so he had to live with it for now.

Thomas nodded in affirmation, "You're right, after the royal zone announced the reward for accurate information on that thief, even I'm tempted to go on a thief hunt."

Milly coldly snorted at this moment, "Hmph. Wake up from your delusions. If that thief can theft a demon duke's entire fortune, then he can strip your entire being without even letting you realize it first."

"Hahaha... sister-in-law is indeed right!" Ace laughed out loud.

Jason rub his nose in embarrassment, as he knew they were just pulling his leg.

Dolly and Flora on the hand were gazing at Ace with befuddled expressions on their beautiful faces. They were like this from the moment they heard the news Ace had robbed the duke's mansion while he was inside the carriage the entire time.

Both sisters know who Ace truly was, and they also know about his disappearances from his room, since he always left them to cover for him. So, they naturally guessed he had already theft the treasury before he left, but they still couldn't understand how he appeared again in the city after they left.

They only guess he had another partner who was as thievish as him, and this made them revere Ace even more.

Now, they were extremely obedient in front of him and followed his every order even more vigorously.

They couldn't help but darted their gazes at the ocean demon team, who looked extremely pale at this moment, especially those youths who had families living in ocean demon city.

They still didn't dare to believe everyone they once loved would die today just because their tribe chief run away from his responsibility, and all because of a mere thief.

"It seemed we have to wait for now before we got the audience with His Majesty. Since a duke-level tribe from his domain is going to face capital punishment, he had many things to take care of. He won't care about us juniors for now." Thomas quickly changed the embarrassing topic.

"Everyone, can I have your attention?"

At this moment, a crisp voice rang, drawing everyone's attention.

They saw a youthful female demon facing them with a gentle smile on her greenish face. She was 2.9-meter-tall, muscular and there was a huge broad sword belted on her back. She was giving off a sharp, heavy aura of a fourth-stage intermediate diamond soul realm.

She said with a sharp smile, "You all must be newly arrival juniors, right?"

Everyone couldn't help but gulped when they felt this woman was emitting a freezing aura despite her smile, and some demon youths' hearts palpitated.

One of the youths with light blue skin respectfully bowed and answer, "Yes, my lady, we just arrive from the ocean demon duchy."

The woman's eyes grimace when she heard it and said ambiguously, "I don't know if you all are extremely lucky or extremely unlucky."

Ace's eyes narrowed when he heard this, and Thomas also frowned before he became completely expressionless.

Thomas said, "We're not from ocean demon duchy, nor we're with them. I'm from Cheveyo Demon Tribe and this gentleman here is from Demon Sword Tribe and newly appointed Rising Sword Earl."

The woman's expression suddenly took a drastic turn when she heard Thomas's introduction and quickly looked toward them deeply.

She looked at Feng with a deep curiosity and said, "So, you're the sword genius who causes a huge commotion?"

Ace felt this woman was somewhat happy to see him for some reason. He replied respectfully, "I'm merely lucky. I don't deserve senior praise."

Her white eyes shimmered with elation, and she nodded in approval. "Hehe, don't disappoint me, little junior. Everyone followed me. I'll show you your temporary resting quarters."

After an ambiguous comment, she didn't pay any attention to Ace and lead young demons toward the northern part of the outer domain.

The king domain was extremely beautiful, filled with tall buildings of different styles and many uncommon trees on the side of clear spacious roads.

The duke-level city completely paled in comparison.

They all quickly reached their destination. It was a lavish inn.

The demoness with the sword on her back approached an olive color demon male and after giving him some instruction, she took everyone into the lobby and assign them their rooms.

She said before departing, "I'll come to get you all in ten days. In the meantime, you all can explore the outer domain at your behest. But don't cause any trouble, or the domain knights will detain you on the spot!"

She chuckled coldly before she shot one last glance at Feng and left.

Ace frowned. He felt this demoness was eyeing him, but he can't put his finger on it, so he can only sigh in resignation.

Thomas said at this moment with great enthusiasm, "Let's go, brother Feng. I heard there are many tourist spots in blade domain, we have to see them."

However, Milly reprimanded him, "Leave brother Feng alone, let him rest for a day or two, and I also felt tired after a long journey, so you're not going anywhere!"

She mercilessly dragged resentful Thomas away without waiting for Feng to say anything.

"Mistress Milly sure is fierce." Dolly couldn't help but comment with deep admiration for Milly, and Flora nodded in agreement with great awe in her eyes.

Ace chuckled and said, "Heh, that annoying fellow deserved it. It was clear she wanted some alone time with him, but that idiot wanted to drag me along with them. I don't know how he got a caring woman like Milly to marry him. He just too damn lucky."

Dolly and Flora giggled as they all left toward their rooms.

"Finally, it all went smoothly, and no one target or investigate us since we left first." Ace had a massive sigh of relief when he felt he managed to pull this off.

"I wonder if Noa safely escaped. Since the mission was completed, she should be fine for now. I can't let her roam alone anymore, since every demon is looking for me now. It wouldn't be strange if someone suspects an alone demon like Noa." Ace mumbled with a hint of worry.

Although he was confident in Noa's stealth abilities, he still felt he can't just leave her alone for long in this situation while he enjoyed the safety.

Furthermore, he was already inside the blade domain, and he had already got the second chain mission four days ago, which startled him for a while.

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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 refined the host's blood. This is unacceptable!**

**-Mission Type: Chain Mission**

**[Chain Mission: 2]**

**-Mission: I'm Here!**

**-Description: Steal the entire treasury of any King Domain Level Branch of Life Demon Association, Life Demon Treasure Pagoda!**

**-Reward (1): 150,000 EXP & 150,000 SP**

**-Reward (2): Random Pick Pocket Talisman**

**-Reward (3): A Clue about Mind Stealing**

**-Thief House Members: Allow**

**-Time: 500 Days**

**-Punishment: End of Chain Missions!**

**[Chain-Mission: 3]**

**-Mission: Lock**

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

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**Chapter 388: Increasing Strength!**

Ace was calmly sitting cross-legged and mulling over the new chain mission, which seemed like a disaster.

Even though he had managed to theft a duke-level tribe and a demon duke; this new mission was on a whole new level.

Because firstly, he had Noa's intellect to help him exceedingly in the last thievery, while this time he had to rely on himself.

Secondly, he managed to easily fool Livy and got his storage ring to help him with the last thievery, but this time he literally didn't know who might hold those keys.

Most importantly, this was the Life Demon Association which had almost the same status as the royal council and this was the organization had multiple high-grade rune crafters which simply mean their security measures might be even more solid than the royal council and Ace simply didn't have skills to see through or bypass their security.

This naturally put him in a tough spot. Although this mission punishment was something Ace would appreciate at any other time, however, the rewards were extremely alluring for him to just give up on. Especially the reward of Hint about Mind Stealing, which might help him complete his job mission as well.

That was why Ace was completely unwilling to give up without even trying.

'I still have over 495 days to figure it out. I have to raise my thievery skills, especially the lock eraser king. I can't take the risk of pick-pocketing the storage ring of the branch manager, or I might get multiple soul realm or even embryo realm experts on my tail. And after what happened to the ocean demon tribe, Demon King will involve if he knew I'm causing trouble in his domain.' Ace sighed deeply in frustration.

The higher he goes, the more powerful enemies he'll face, but the reward of every success was also just as bountiful.

'Well, I think about it after entering the inner domain, since the Life Demon Treasure Pagoda is located in the inner domain. The number one spot for buying and selling treasures in the entire Blade Domain or any other king domain. Heh, if I pull this off...' Ace smiled thievishly with great anticipation.

Life Demon Association has three different branches all over the demon continent: the first was, Life Demon Guild, where all the life professions can register and practice. Second, Life Wine Pavilion, only for alcohol alchemy.

Third and last, the Life Demon Treasure Pagoda, was where the Life Demon Association sell their premium products and traded with traders. This branch can be said the most important branch of the association because all their wealth was there and many astonishing treasures that even demon kings desired.

That's why Ace was greatly alarmed when he got the chain mission and could only smile wryly. Although he got the mission to theft an entire treasure trove, he knew many hidden snakes were protecting this treasure trove as well.

Nevertheless, Ace was still hopeful.

"System released the EXP and SP rewards and also convert 754,575 worth of Soul Pills and Marital Pills in SP and EXP," Ace commanded with a tranquil expression on his face.

Ace was holding his breakthrough because he was still moving with two experts, and also because he wanted to first enter the blade domain to safely raise his strength.

Furthermore, he didn't use the other one million SP because he was saving them for his side mission. He still has to find a secluded place first, and it wasn't feasible right at this moment since he had to leave the outer domain.

Although he was confident in leaving the outer domain without being detected by those knights, he won't be doing it because someone might be monitoring him. Even though no one investigated them, he still didn't take out the possibility of being secretly watched by some overly prudent fellows, so he had to remain where he was.

Lastly, he didn't use all those soul materials because he wanted Noa to practice with them and convert them into soul pills, which will give him more SP than converting them raw.

Moreover, there might be some materials that Noa required to practice her body refinement technique as well, so he won't be using them until it was extremely necessary!

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**[50,000 EXP and 50,000 SP rewards have been released!]**

**[754,575 EXP and 754,575 SP worth of pills have been converted!]**

**[Total of 804,575 EXP and 804,575 SP have been released!]**

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Just like always, a huge torrent of Heavenly Soul Qi and Heavenly Marital Qi started to enter his true soul and marital space.

His Qi Sea started to fill with dark liquid Qi, while his soul core was releasing a deeper color of orange soul Qi.

After ten minutes, the system's voice sounded.

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**[Congratulation, host, on achieving the fifth stage of Heavenly Sea Realm and fifth stage of Orange Soul Form!]**

**[Host status has been updated]**

**[Martial Cultivation: Heavenly Dark Sea [Stage-5]]**

**[EXP: 250,000/250,000]**

**[Soul Cultivation: Orange Wind Soul Core [Stage-5]]**

**[SP: 250,000/250,000]**

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This time, however, Ace's soul sense didn't increase, which left him somewhat disappointed, but he remained expressionless.

Half an hour passed and the system's voice rang again.

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**[Congratulation, host, on achieving the sixth stage of Heavenly Sea Realm and sixth stage of Orange Soul Form!]**

**[Host status has been updated]**

**[Martial Cultivation: Heavenly Dark Sea [Stage-6]]**

**[EXP: 500,000/500,000]**

**[Soul Cultivation: Orange Wind Soul Core [Stage-6]]**

**[SP: 500,000/500,000]**

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Abruptly, Ace finally felt his soul core tremble slightly and revolved at an astonishing speed, creating a vortex of orange soul Qi around it.

The very next moment, Ace's soul sense again made a breakthrough as it expanded!

400M... 450M... and it reached an astonishing 500M, it finally stopped and settled down.

Furthermore, his Qi Sea was also half full at this moment, shimmering with a dark luster as the dark void hover right in its center like a black hole.

The system's crisp voice rang again,

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**[Congratulation, host, on achieving the seventh stage of Heavenly Sea Realm and seventh stage of Orange Soul Form!]**

**[Host status has been updated]**

**[Martial Cultivation: Heavenly Dark Sea [Stage-7]]**

**[EXP: 36,845/1,000,000]**

**[Soul Cultivation: Orange Wind Soul Core [Stage-7]]**

**[SP: 24,575/1,000,000]**

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Ace's breakthrough finally ended as he opened his eyes, and a dark current flashed past them.

He smiled in elation and murmured, "I never thought my soul sense would become equivalent to a Platinum Soul Realm (Platinum Embryo Realm) cultivator after I passed the sixth stage threshold. It means after every three stages I can get some benefits."

Now, Ace was even more assured about his upcoming thievery. As long as he didn't encounter anyone with a stronger soul sense or marital sense, he can easily detect them and counter them.

Besides, the surge in his power was also substantial as well. Although he wasn't sure, he could probably fight with a Platinum River Core Realm expert and even kill them as long as he can surprise them with his half shadow sword intent!

As for diamond soul realm experts, he wasn't sure since he never fought with one, but he had experienced Livy's pressure, and he was sure he could fight on equal footing with him with his sword intent, but he still wasn't Maddux or Aura Duke's match right now.

Nonetheless, Ace was content with this progress, and now he turned his focus toward the second reward of his last mission.

"System, I want to use my second reward, instant Level-up my Heartless Stealth Art!"

Ace had long chosen his stealth art because he was going to need it the most this time, and he had already mastered the pulseless stealth. With this instant level up, he will enter the last stage of this art, the Heartless Stealth, which granted him Invisible in Martial Sense of Qi Soul Cultivators or Soul Sense of Soul Embryo Cultivators.

He would then only have to look out for the manifestation realm eccentrics only.

The system instantly answered in affirmation, and Ace suddenly felt a cold sensation gripping his brain before he entered a trance-like state.

At this moment, nothing but Heartless Stealth Art was in his mind as he got the essential of the last level of heartless stealth.

Abruptly, Ace's heartbeat started to decrease little by little until it reached the point of almost stopping.

But Ace was still breathing steadily.

After eight hours, Ace's sitting figure suddenly started to fade before he completely vanished. It was as if there weren't anyone in the room, and it was empty.

Not even soul realm cultivators could find Ace's presence at this moment.

Thereupon, Ace's sitting figure again appeared before he finally snapped out of his trace.

System's voice rang at this moment.

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**[Host has successfully achieved the low-level mastery in the Heartless Stealth stage of Heartless Stealth Art.]**

**[Host status has been updated]**



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Ace's lips curled upward after he heard the system's testimony. He looked outside the window, and it was already dusk, so he decided to rest.

However, what he didn't know was not too far away from the inn where he was staying, a tiny bird was gazing toward the Inn with its tiny intelligent eyes!

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#### **Chapter 389: Identity Exposed?**

The next day,

Ace opened his eyes from his slumber and he felt all his fatigue was completely gone. After taking a warm bath, he left his room.

He was planning to go on a stroll to see the outer blade domain's liveness and some scouting. He didn't take anyone with him because he didn't want to draw any unwanted attention to himself.

However, unbeknownst to him, there were three pairs of eyes monitoring him very closely from shadows. These demons were completely mixed with a large crowd of demons.

But how could Ace didn't notice them with his newly fortified soul sense? They were tailing him for a while and with his soul signature, he could easily tell something was amiss with these three soul signatures constantly moving around him.

'Could they be set up by the Demon King to keep an eye on me?' Ace mused as he pretended he noticed nothing.

'They're all second-level iron river core cultivators and keeping a distance of at least fifty meters from me. But they're moving separately. Could it be three different powers are monitoring me? It's not impossible, since there are four more powerful clans of Blade Demon Tribe, slightly weaker than Blade Demon Clan.' Ace mused as nonchalantly move within the crowd.

Those three had no idea that Ace had already detected them, so they continue to follow him around.

Since they didn't have any malicious intentions, Ace let them do as they pleased. He also wanted to clear any doubts about him and the ocean demon tribe incident. This would be a perfect chance to free himself from any suspicion.

It was only natural if someone were to suspect Feng of being in the cohort with the thief since he had the biggest grudge with the ocean demon tribe.

Ace was skimming through various shops with great interest when suddenly, a skinny demon bump into him and got knocked back because of his sturdy body.

"Watch where you're going!" Feng coolly said and moved on without even giving a second glance at the skinny demon, who seemed to be apologizing.

However, Ace's eyes shimmered ambiguously at this moment.

Soon, he found the Life Wine Pavilion, which was an ancient structure building with thirty floors.

Ace coolly entered the building and, after showing his demon earl token, he got a private room on the fifteenth floor.

After making sure he was alone and no one was monitoring him, nor there were any arrays or formations.

Ace suddenly put his hand in his robe's pocket and took out a folded white paper.

This paper was slipped into his pocket by that skinny demon who bump into him, and it was not an accident.

Ace instantly notice this, but he didn't react and that demon slip this note into his pocket. It was very clear that whoever sent this note wanted it to be a secret, and they also knew he was being followed, and they want something from him.

He frowned slightly; he knew no one in this place, nor did he want to tangle with troublesome people or offend anyone who might get in his way. That was why he let this incident slide.

Ace had no intention of doing whatever was written in his note, but it won't hurt to see the content of it.

However, when he started reading the note, his expression abruptly changed. It read,

[Dear Mr. Feng, I know who you are, and I mean no harm. I just wanted to have a chat with you. If you agree, then just left the window of your room open tonight. If you didn't, I'll consider this as a no. Oh, by the way, I admire your 'Element Sword Intent'!]

Ace's eyes dilated as his heart trembled when he saw the last words 'Element Sword Intent' and his expression was icy at this moment.

'They know about my element sword intent?! But how could it be possible I never used it in public and only used it once accidentally? How could someone find out about this? This also means they're not bluffing about knowing my real identity. Just where did I slip?!'

Ace grimaced at just the thought of it. He knew if news of his real identity was exposed, it would be a huge calamity and many will know about his abilities. Right now, the others only know he can change his face, but they didn't know he can also use sword intent or even bypass loyalty contracts of the royal demon council.

It would be a tremendous headache if they started to suspect everyone, and this might blow up his cover.

'Just who the fuck is this guy and how did he know about my ability and even guess my identity so accurately!?!' Ace's heart turned cold.

But he knew since the other party approached him and didn't reveal his identity, this mean they wanted something from him or want him to do something for them.

Ace's expression was extremely frosty. It was his first time falling into such a position, and he didn't even make any mistakes or left any loophole for anyone to exploit.

But somehow someone found out about his element sword intent and then connected him to sword genius Feng. After thinking about it for some time, he smiled bitterly because he was too oblivious.

If it was him, and he had known about the element sword intent, even he would suspect Feng because the thievery happened soon after when Feng got his status as demon earl and no one would've suspected him.

But he didn't know how can they could be so sure that he was the thief, and that the incident was not just a coincidence. There was something he didn't know again, and this put him in an extremely disadvantageous position.

'Could they know about Noa as well?' A faint killing intent surfaced in his eyes. 'No, if they have her, they might use her to directly as leverage and threaten me. But I can't throw this possibility to the side either. I have to make sure they didn't have her.'

Ace quickly opened the house panel and wrote a mission.

Although he can't contact her directly, this mission system was a good way to communicate, even if it was vague. But it still worked for him as long as he knew she was safe.

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**[Thief House Leader Mission Creation]**

**Mission: Are you safe?**

**Requirement: If you're safe, then circulate your cultivation art and use your movement technique once.**

**Reward: 10 House Points**

**Time: 30 minutes**

**Punishment: None**

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**[Are you sure you want to issue this mission to Old Member Noa Night?]**

**[Sent/Edit Again]**

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Ace sent it without any hesitation and wait with an anxious expression on his face.

However, he didn't have to wait much because within five minutes the system voice rang again.

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**[Thief House]**

**-The system had deemed the house leader's mission complete!**

**-Did the house leader want to release the rewards of the mission?**

## **[Release/Delay]**

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Ace had a massive sigh of relief as he released the reward.

He didn't know if Noa were to be taken as a hostage, what would've he done? But he was glad that things won't turn to worst and Noa was still safe and sound.

However, the fact remained that someone was aware of his identity and wanted to talk with him.

If he wanted, he could easily escape right now and gain a new face and plan something else, but he was afraid the other party would release the news and make things difficult for him even more.

Furthermore, Feng's identity was too good for him to just discard right at this moment.

'Since they didn't invite me to any other places, this means they are also wary of people monitoring me and wanted to meet in my room where I can easily get rid of them if I don't like what they said. But this person might not be such a fool since he dared to purpose this meeting. He might be extremely confident coming out if unscratched. Let me see just who you are!'

In the end, Ace decided to meet this mysterious person and see what he wanted from him before deciding what to do next.

It's not like they can stop him if he wanted to leave. Now only a demon king can find him, not any random tom, dick, or harry.

Ace quickly left the Life Wine Pavilion, he wasn't in the mood to drink anymore and returned with a vexed expression on his face.

On his way back, he encountered ocean demon youths as they stare daggers at him with hostile gazes, and he completely ignored them.

He also bumped into Thomas and Milly, who quickly invited him for sight seen, but he refused, saying he wasn't feeling well and left the couple alone, which made Milly smile.

As for his two maids, he also told them not to go outside, for now, and just cultivate.

Ace patiently waited for the night as he was calmly gazing at the opened window...

## **Eternal Thief**

### **Chapter 390: I am known by the Name...**

In the middle of the night,

Ace was still waiting for the person who sent him the secret letter, and his soul sense was working at its peak without startling anyone.

If he sensed any suspicious movement, he'll instantly know the very beat.

However, everything was normal, nor did he sense anything amiss, but he didn't lose his patience and remained expressionless.

Suddenly, at this moment, Ace's eyes narrowed slightly as he sensed something, and thereupon a blur flashed past his window before a small dart sound rang from the room's ceiling.

Ace looked toward the ceiling with frowned brows and saw a black arrow.

Thereafter, he made a grabbing gesture before green Qi enveloped the black arrow, and it landed in Ace's hand.

The arrow was ordinary, but Ace spotted a black ring on the arrow shaft, and he quickly guessed what this ring could be and brake the arrow while grabbing the ring.

Ace quickly used his Qi to envelop the ring and just as he thought the ring was an open storage ring and Ace quickly imprinted his Qi mark to see the content inside.

The space inside the ring was only ten cubic meters, and there were three things inside. The first was a small, simple looking two inches green cube. The second thing was a three inches token in a triangle shape and the last thing was a folded note just like this noon.

The note appeared in Ace's hand, and he opened it with knitted brows. He had no idea what this person was playing at, but one thing was extremely clear now, whoever this was, it was extremely cautious!

There was only one simple instruction written on this note.

"Insert a peak grade-2 Qi stone inside the green cube and see the magic..."

'Is this some kind of trap?' Ace's expression was extremely overcast when he saw this playful message.

He didn't know just what this guy wanted or what it was playing at, but he can't just follow this instruction blindly because this could be a gigantic trap for him or something else that can harm him.

He knows many things can harm others with no need for others to present on the spot. His talismans were such a tool, and that's why he was extremely cautious of such things as these.

Nevertheless, he still took the green cube out and examined it with his eye skill, but to his surprise, he can't see anything amiss with this thing, which means his eye skill was not high enough to see past the secret of this cube.

Ace also spotted a tiny black dot on one side of the cube, but he didn't fiddle with it.

'What to do? This thing is extremely mysterious and since my soul-shattering eyes can't see through it, this means it's at least grade two or might be even higher. Since it also needs peak grade two Qi stone to activate, then it isn't simple at all. However, this person won't go to all this trouble just to make a scene and since he knows who I am, he also knows I can easily escape even if he set up this trap. So, to activate it or not...'

Ace was in a huge dilemma and in the end, he took a huge breath as a decisive light flashed past his eyes he quickly pressed the dark spot while he was ready to act instantly.

However, nothing explosive happened. The only thing that transpired was the cube was opened from that spot like a box lid and Ac was astonishing when he was inside, was empty.

But all the sides of the cube were filled with rune symbols, and some of them were even he couldn't recognize yet.

He quickly guessed, 'So the Qi stone will go here to give energy to these symbols before this thing will activate. Since it needed energy from a peak grade two Qi stones, this has to be made with at least high grade two runes or even low grade three runes. Some of these symbols are extremely peculiar, and I see them somewhere before...'

Ace mulled over it for a long time before his eye shimmered with uncertainty and the very next moment a formation plate appeared in his, and he examined it carefully.

After a whole five minutes, he exclaimed, "So, my guess was right. Some of these symbols are the same as this communication formation I got from the treasure mountain. But since if only half of the full set I can't use it and this can only send messages, not receive them. They probably used it to send reports to the high-level lands. But this cube is much more complex than this formation, and it seemed this is also some kind of communication tool and probably a high-level only some demons could've got their hands on this thing as well. It seemed I underestimated this mysterious demon's resourcefulness. Just who are you and what do you want?"

Ace felt even more apprehensive when he guessed the origin of this cube and couldn't help but felt he should make his escape while he still had the chance because someone who could get their hands on this cube was nothing but ordinary, and he was now completely in the open while the other party was in complete dark which put him in a huge disadvantage, and he didn't like it the least bit.

After some thought and consideration, Ace decided to use this cube. He wanted to see just what kind of message the other party wanted to send him through this, and he was also curious to see this cube's capabilities.

Ace put a peak grade two Qi stone inside the cube and close the cube again. If there was anyone else, they would've thought twice before using a peak grade two Qi stone because of their rarity however, Ace was extremely rich, and he didn't care about one or even thousands of peak grade two Qi stones since he can always 'get' more!

The moment the cube was closed thereafter, it shimmered in green as Ace saw different white runes appear on six sides of the cube as he carefully examined them.

However, Ace still didn't lose his vigil since this cube could be a trap as well, and he might be wrong about its nature, so he was also ready to throw it away if he felt anything amiss.

"You finally decided to activate it..."

Suddenly, a voice rang from the cube, which was a mixture of a male and female. Both voices were overlapping and one couldn't tell the gender of this voice at all.

Ace's eyes contracted the moment he heard this mysterious overlapping voice, and he was astonished because it seemed the voice was not recorded.

Ace asked coldly, "Who are you?"

He wanted to see if his guess was right or wrong and if he was talking with the other party at this moment, or if this was just a recording.

"Hehe... I'm just like you..." the overlapping voice playfully answered.

Ace was momentarily shocked this time, not because of the answer, but because he was communicating through this small cube with someone from afar.

However, he knew it wasn't time to become excited over this small discovery and said with uncertainty, "So, you're also a sword user like me?"

He just can't admit he was the thief right from the start, right?

The voice playfully said, "Heh, you and I both know you're not just a random sword genius, right? Mr. Sky Stealer?"

Ace coolly said, "I'm not the person you're looking for and if you continue to slander me, I'll have to bring this matter to 'His Highness' let's see if he can 'help' you with this search of yours."

He deliberately dragged the Blade Demon King into this because first it was confirmed he was going to meet with the Demon King very soon, so it would also intimidate the other party as well as it would also give the impression he wasn't afraid because he wasn't the infamous thief.

However, the next words that came out of that cube left Ace completely speechless,

"Hehehe... do you think just because you sign that contract of royal demon council, you can hide your identity and remain protected? What if I say I can easily prove you're not bonded to that contract at all? Wanna bet?"

Ace didn't know just where this person's confidence was coming from, but he didn't dare to take its words for wind after he saw this person's ingenuity.

This person could even find out about this element sword intent mysteriously and even know about the royal demon council loyalty contract, which means this person's connections were extremely deep.

For the first time in his life, he was frustrated.

He sighed and said in a meaningful tone, "Can you tell me who are you?"

The voice seemed not concerned about this question at all as it answered with no pause.

"Although I'm not as famous as Mr. Sky Stealer, it is also quite possible you might already hear about me. I am known by the name... All-Knowing Parrot!"