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Chapter 391: Conversation with All-Knowing Parrot (1)

"... I am known by the name... All-Knowing Parrot!"

Ace's eyes narrowed the moment this familiar name rang from the cube.

How could he not know about the All-Knowing Parrot, since he went after him for his secret information organization at one point and failed miserably?

He never thought the person he once wanted to find and capture would turn the table on him one day. He also seemed to thoroughly underestimate this All-Knowing Parrot's capabilities of collecting information, and it seemed he wasn't just a small-time information broker and syndicate boss, either.

Although he had already known about the Spica Syndicate for some time now, since he can't get his hands on the boss, he almost forgot about it. But now the boss of this syndicate approached him out of nowhere and instantly put him in a disadvantageous position. How could he not lament his bad luck?

Ace couldn't help but let loose a bitter chuckle as he said, "Who would've thought the rumors about Boss All-Knowing Parrot information network being the number one in the entire almighty demon empire would be true and well deserved."

He admired this person's abilities to collect information, and couldn't help but felt bitter when he thought he didn't have such a network, or he might not fall into such a situation at all.

All-Knowing Parrot said, "Heh, I can't hold a candle to you Mr. Sky Stealer, you dare to provoke the royal zone despite knowing our positions and even taunt them again with your last 'public stunt' I didn't know if you're courageous or reckless."

Ace pull a wry smile and thought, 'It's not like I wanted to do that, but I have no choice in this matter.'

However, his mind suddenly jolted at this moment, 'Knowing our position... what did he mean by that? He also said first... I'm also like you... which implied something else. Could it be that he's the real?!'

Ace couldn't help but be startled by this notion, and just as he was about to question, the green cube dimmed down and returned to its dormant self.

Ace quickly opened it and saw the Qi stone has turned into powder, which implied it has been completely depleted within two minutes.

But Ace sighed in relief since it wasn't broken. This means he just had to put more Qi stones to activate it again and he does so just that.

Again, the connection was established and All-Knowing Parrot's cheeky voice sounded, "This Myriad Miles Communication Cube can burn quite several Qi stones, but it seemed you don't have to worry about it."

However, Ace wasn't in the mood to discuss this Myriad Miles Communication Cube and quickly questioned sternly, "Are you a Hex Magic-User?"

He wasn't a fool and could easily guess this All-Knowing Parrot also contact him because he also thought of him as a hex magic user, while he deliberately gave hints that he was the same as him.

Furthermore, he also found it quite strange that this person was so friendly toward him and even used this precious Myriad Miles Communication Cube to contact him. But he still didn't trust him enough to show his face, but he wanted to use this precious communication cube to talk with, which also showed he wanted to see if Ace was worthy to meet him or not or was qualified to pull him on his side.

All-Knowing Parrot playfully questioned back without even intent to deny this, "Since you already know, why are you asking the obvious?"

'Fuck, you dare to say this? You are easily living a comfortable life while being the biggest enemy of the demon race, while I'm being hunted despite not knowing anything at all and not having anything to do with you guys at all? Are you freaking kidding me?!' Ace cursed inwardly, but he didn't say it out loud.

First, he wanted the information about this hex magic, and second, this All-Knowing Parrot seemed to know about many secrets, so he wanted to see if he could use it to his advantage. Lastly, he wanted to see if he could fool this guy into revealing himself, so he could get his information network just like he wanted first.

Ace ambiguously answered, "Is that so? Why did you approach me?"

All-Knowing Parrot didn't find this question strange since she also knows Ace was quite capable, and he didn't need her help at all, nor did he have any reason to work for her when he can easily escape even demon dukes.

All-Knowing Parrot said truthfully, "It's very simple actually, I have something which you won't be able to refuse and we both need it, so I'm proposing a collaboration."

'Something we both needed? Means something court by a hex magic user and since he was to collaborate with me, this means he can't get his hands on this thing alone. Let me see what you want.'

Ace quickly guess All-Knowing Parrot's predicament and said coolly, "Oh, what kind of collaboration can you please tell me? If it's something useful to me, I don't mind working together with you."

All-Knowing Parrot answered as if she already guessed Ace's answer, "I know the location of Myriad Hex Manual!"

However, Ace's reaction was only subpar when he heard this name because he had no clue what this Myriad Hex Manual was, nor he was interested. But All-Knowing Parrot can't see Ace's expression, so she didn't know this, and this gave Ace an absolute advantage.

Ace pretend to be elated as he blurted, "What?! Tell me where is it and how do you know about it?"

However, All-Knowing Parrot wasn't just going to give away all the information either. She was planning to hold this information to control Ace.

She said through the cube, "Heh, I know Mr. Sky Stealer will be interested in our most important secret manual which was taken away by the royal family after our tribes' destruction since it can't be destroyed. But I can't trust you completely with such a thing. What if you escaped with it and I know you are capable of such a thing, and I know you won't trust me either, right?"

Ace narrowed his eyes. He got quite shocked when All-Knowing Parrot revealed such a vital piece of information which gave him some understanding of this hex magic user thing.

'So, this hex magic user was an entire demon tribe but was destroyed by the royal family, and it seemed they were quite capable since the royal family has to make a move personally. But this secret manual seemed even more astonishing since it can't be destroyed. But he would be a fool to think if I would be agreed to snatch something from a tiger's mouth,' Ace mocked inwardly.

After inserting another Qi stone into the cube, he said, "So, what do you have in mind to make both of us trust each other?"

All-Knowing Parrot promptly said as if she was waiting for these exact words, "Since we are both remnants of Hex Demon Tribe, there's no need to fight with each other and I know how it felt to live in constant fear and famine. So, if we're able to snatch our tribe's biggest legacy, the Myriad Hex Manual from the royal family, we can revive our tribe, and you don't need to stoop to the level of a mere thief as well. So, we'll form a Hex Soul Pack. With this pack, we can't betray each other, and we won't have to be wary of each other in the future as well. What does Mr. Sky Stealer think?"

'Hex Demon Tribe...' Ace's eyes shimmered in understanding at this moment.

He finally had some understanding of what was going on here and what this hex magic user was about.

'I'm dragged into this in this conflict of generations unknowingly, and it seemed this All-Knowing Parrot is determent to get his hands on his secret manual and even willing to form this Hex Soul Pack which seemed quite a big deal just by name.

'If I agreed too quickly, he would suspect me and if I don't agree then I'll expose myself by alternatively telling him I'm not interested in this secret manual which might rub this guy in the wrong way, and I'll make a powerful enemy for no good reason, and he knows about element sword intent which I don't want to anyone finding out yet.

'Who knows the royals might go crazy after finding out their arch enemy can use element sword intent, and they used the entire power to get rid of this future trouble, and I'm not confident in escaping this continent and I have no idea where to go from here so either I have to get rid of this guy or control him...'

Ace's eye gleamed with a dark light as he said, "I agree with your suggestion."

Ace merely said these words and didn't open his mouth for anything else. He might give himself away if he tried to be smart.

All-Knowing Parrot ecstasy overlapping voice sounded, "I know Mr. Sky Stealer will see the bigger picture. Since it's a Hex Soul Pack, we need to meet. But I know you can't leave the blade domain, but we'll get our chance very soon. I'm looking forward to meeting a fellow tribesman!"

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Ace was startled hearing those ambiguous words, 'We can meet soon? He knows something!'

He asked, "Likewise, but can Boss All-Knowing Parrot tell how we're got this chance?"

All-Knowing Parrot replied, "Hehe, Mr. Sky Stealer will find out soon, but you have to be extremely careful meanwhile because all four big clans of blade demon tribes are targeting you."

Ace's eyes narrowed. He had already thought about it, but he didn't have any solid proof before, but now it was made apparent by All-Knowing Parrot.

He asked with suspense, "What do they want with me?"

All-Knowing Parrot chuckled and replied, "Hehe, those four clans are eyeing the Demon King position for a long time, but they didn't dare to show it because of Blade Demon King's prowess nor did they have any manifestation realm expert in their ranks, so they always suppressed their ambition.

"However, from my sources, it seemed they wanted you or more precisely Feng's cultivation method because they think it has the clue about weapon intent just like the cultivation manual of Blade Demon Clan. But they didn't dare to strive for it. However, Feng, on the other hand, is an easy target."

Ace's heart turned cold as he retorted, "Couldn't they just go find Demon Sword Tribe if they need his cultivation method? Why go after a genius who even Demon King held in high regard?"

The cube again dimmed down at this moment and Ace inserted another Qi stone.

All-Knowing Parrot's cheekily replied in a dark voice, "Hah, it's not just your cultivation manual they want, they also want Feng's bloodline!"

Ace's heart trembled when he heard this, and couldn't help but think about how the royal envoy also wanted to refine his blood.

He said with a frown, "Can you tell me what's the deal with this bloodline robbery, or how can it be beneficial to others?"

Ace had no idea about the customs of demons, and he didn't know why these demons wanted to refine their fellow demons' blood.

All-Knowing Parrot sneered and coolly replied, "It seemed Mr. Sky Stealer didn't know much about how the bloodline of our demon race works and the hidden dirty secret of the demon race."

Ace's eyes finally narrowed at this moment and quickly made up an answer, "Forgive my ignorance, but I grew up in mountains and only recently stepped onto the mainland, so I know little about our demon race."

"Oh, I never thought you have such a past." All-Knowing Parrot seemed to be astonished by this piece of news and said as she concealed nothing, "Well, consider this my goodwill, then. Mr. Sky Stealer should know about the Body Refinement Techniques of our demon race, right?"

Ace truthfully replied, "Yes, I heard Body Refinement Techniques can grant us the body as strong as grade weapons and even supernatural abilities. But all these techniques are mostly in the hands of Demon Dukes or Demon Kings, and they are quite extravagant to cultivate."

All-Knowing Parrot replied, "Yes, but the information about Demon Dukes having those techniques is absolutely false. Did you find such a technique in Ocean Demon Treasury?"

Ace frowned, he finally paid attention to such a point. Before he didn't look at all those books he stole from the ocean demon treasury, but now that All-Knowing Parrot reminded him, he finally skimmed through them and was startled when he found nothing about body refinement.

He replied after inserting another Qi stone, "No, there isn't any kind of body refinement technique in ocean demon treasury."

All-Knowing Parrot said as she already knows, "Hehe, let me tell you this rumor was fabricated by royal demon council because this will give extra protection to demon duke title tribes and that's also why the duke title tribe challenges seldom happen because no one would be suicidal enough to face a tribe with a body refinement demon in it."

Ace understood, but he frowned and said, "But why does this have to do with bloodline robbery?"

All-Knowing Parrot chuckled and said, "Hehe, it had everything to do with it. You see, there are eight Demon King Grade Bloodline Clans in eight demon provinces excluding the royal zone and there are also five more Demon King Grade Bloodline Clans out in the wildness or, more accurately, Tribes of Natures! Those demon kings are also known as the Wild Demon Kings, and you're already close to one of the successors of Cheveyo Wild Demon King!"

Ace was bewildered when he heard this, and he instantly thought of Thomas. Although he already knows Thomas's identity wasn't ordinary, he never thought he was also the scion of a Demon King as well.

Because on the mainland continent, the common population only knew there were eight demon kings, and they only thought of wide tribes as barbarians, but who would've thought there are five more hidden demon kings in those wild tribes?

All-Knowing Parrot continues, "Those Wild Demon Kings' existences deliberately kept hidden to the masses and only known to title Demon Kings and Demon Dukes. Anyway, my point is don't you find it strange that there are only thirteen demon king grade bloodline clans, not tribes?"

Ace's mind trembled after hearing this point. He never thought this deeply about the demon race, but now that point was raised, he finally gave it his utmost attention.

He finally reached an astonishing conclusion and said, "Are you telling me those demon kings grade clans are not natural but made artificially?!"

All-Knowing Parrot's overlapping voice sounded with a hint of disdain, "Yes, those clans didn't have a manifestation bloodline inborn, but it was stimulated with body refinement techniques and just the materials needed to cultivate those techniques are astronomical and from billions of demons only thirteen clans were chosen to progress their bloodline to manifestation grade potential.

"Although our demon race can cultivate smoothly, we are all shackled by the limits of our bloodlines, and some Body refinement techniques can help us cross those limits, but the price is quite steep."

Ace didn't know what to say. He also knew about this point because of Noa and that's why she had bloodline up-gradation options in her system shop.

But it seemed he still didn't understand the true value of Noa's body refinement technique before, and it seemed it was going to be quite difficult to cultivate it.

All-Knowing Parrot further explained, "To break those limits on a demon's bloodline, it's essential to have another bloodline which has reached the limit of its potential, and it had to be of the same potential. Simply put, Feng right now is an essential medicinal material for any king-grade tribes with a body refinement method. Do you understand now what kind of trouble Feng is right now?"

Ace felt a chill run down his spine as he finally understood why those four clans coming after him.

He couldn't help but ask in uncertainty, "Then what about demon king grade clans? Could they be interested in Feng?"

All-Knowing Parrot merely chuckled and replied, "No, foremost, those Demon Kings Grade Clans didn't have a high-level body refinement technique that can break the limit of their bloodline. Second, the materials for such a body refinement technique can only be found in the royal family's hands. Lastly and most importantly, they needed a natural Demon King Grade Bloodline or Manifestation Grade Bloodline, not an artificial one.

"In the entire history of the demon race, only three such bloodlines exist, and one of them was schemed against and butchered by the other two just so they could also break their bloodline limits!"

Ace took a sharp breath at this moment. Despite the All-Knowing Parrot's overlapped voice, he could feel the boundless hatred in it, and he finally understood everything, especially why that envoy wanted to refine his blood.

He couldn't help but asked for confirmation, "So, the Hex Demon Tribe was exterminated because of their bloodline, and it seemed they still wanted our bloodline, right?"

All-Knowing Parrot frowzy voice sounded, "It's seemed like it and if my guess is right that royal envoy is Crown Demon Prince who wanted to strengthen his Demon Emperor Grade Bloodline which will make his chances of entering the seventh realm rise tremendously, making him the bona fide future Demon Emperor!"

'Fuck!' Ace cursed silently since he guessed was right.

All-Knowing Parrot's jeering voice sounded, "Hehe, afraid now? Well, I can't blame you since you live in mountains, but now that you know I want you to remain low-key until we got our tribe's secret manual, only that manual can give us a chance to fight!"

Ace wanted to say that; he had nothing to do with this, but he knew he can't, or he'll lose this important Informative.

After his talk with All-Knowing Parrot, Ace wanted to pull this guy on his side because his abilities were just too much help to him in the long run, and he knew how he could do it.

Ace sighed softly and said, "I understand. I have to thank you for sharing this important information with me, though, or I might've lost my life here!"

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Chapter 393: King Domain Competition

All-Knowing Parrot's overlapping voice sounded with a hint of satisfaction, "As long as you understand. Just watch out for those four clans. Although Blade Demon King has a high opinion of you, he won't stop those four clans as long as they don't leave any proof behind."

Ace's eyes turned cold and chuckled, "As long as it isn't the demon king himself, I can manage them." He was telling the truth.

All-Knowing Parrot replied, "I know you can. Since we have already settled our matters, I should also get going. Keep this Myriad Miles Communication Cube safe and don't show it to anyone because only demon king grade clans have a single pair of them. Furthermore, since I have the main cube, so only I can contact you. Just keep a Qi stone in it all the time, and you'll know once I contact you."

Ace was astonished to hear this cube was so precious, and couldn't help but felt it was a pity he can't get his hands on more pairs.

Nonetheless, he agreed with All-Knowing Parrot's settlement, "Fine. Can you get me soul-type materials or pills? I can pay you or exchange them with martial material or pills?"

Ace quickly remembered All-Knowing Parrot dealt with these kinds of things, and he wanted to see if he can get his hands-on soul-type material and pills without any impediment.

All-Knowing Parrot giggled as she said, "Hehe, I thought you never asked. I know we Hex Demons needed soul-type resources, and they are quite hard to get our hands on. But don't worry, I can help you with it since we are allies. Just find the Lionheart Shop Owner in Inner Domain's weapon market and show him the other token I left you in the storage ring. She'll know what to do. Anything else?"

'So, he even has people in the inner domain, huh? It also appeared he's a soul path cultivator as well. Heh, I'm looking forward to meeting this All-Knowing Parrot.'

Ace smiled faintly and said, "Nothing else, Boss All-Knowing Parrot, has already helped me enough. I can't ask for more."

All-Knowing Parrot replied, "Heh, it's only natural to help a fellow tribesman, so please don't stand on ceremony. I'll see you soon."

Just as the All-Knowing Parrot's voice faded, the green cube dimmed down before tuning into normal.

Ace opened and see the Qi stone was still intact, which means this time All-Knowing Parrot has cut off the connection from the other side. He changed the Qi stone with the new one and after making sure the cube was not activating; he put it in his thief's space.

"Four demon clans of Blade Demon Tribes, huh, I have to watch out for them. As for the royal demon council, I don't think they can scheme against me because of the loyalty contract. But I can't rule out the possibility, either. Since the Demon King Grade Tribe has those body refinement techniques, they might have supernatural abilities..."

Ace mulled over it a long time before he sighed deeply and worried about it after he encountered any problem and rest for now.

The all-Knowing Parrot had a lovely smile on her deadly gorgeous face as she fiddled with a green cube, the same as Ace, in her slim hand, but this green cube had a marking on its surface as well.

She mumbled, "Interesting, he knew nothing about the demon race, and he also didn't query about the Myriad Hex Manual again at all. I can understand his ignorant, but his indifference toward Myriad Hex Manual is strange.

"It seemed I have to prepare a soul contract first and have him sign it before our meeting. I can't just put my safety in jeopardy on a chance. Not with this person. He had to show some goodwill as well."

The all-knowing Parrot called in a mild voice, "Aliya!"

A beautiful demoness entered the room and bowed deeply in front of All-knowing Parrot as she respectfully said, "Your Highness!"

All-knowing Parrot nodded in acknowledgment and said coolly, "Go to the blade domain and took over Lionheart Shop, and if Rising Sword Earl approached you, I need you to observe his purchases and what he exchanged. Report every tiny detail to me. Now go!"

Aliya was bewildered hearing this order because she knew who this Rising Sword Earl was, and she didn't understand why he would approach them and how he know about their secret dealing den.

Nonetheless, since she already got the order from her mistress, she didn't dare to question or neglected it and quickly left toward the blade domain.

The all-knowing Parrot mumbled with a mesmerizing smile, but hidden deeper within was a hint of deadly coldness, "Mr. Sky Stealer, don't betray my trust or else..."

After that day Ace spend his days in peace without any incident while he also hung out with Thomas for drinks.

But the surveillance on him didn't stop and only increased by one more demon, which make it all the four big clans of the blade demon tribe.

However, those observers didn't dare to make any move on him because he was still in the blade domain and if they tried anything funny, the Blade Demon King will not forgive them.

Especially after Ace's last appearance, anyone who made the slightest bit of trouble will instantly detain without any consideration of their background.

On this day, the demoness who bought Ace and others to their inn appeared again and summon every young demon to post hastily in a spacious plaza.

After everyone appeared, the plaza almost became full of swirling tens of thousands of young demons who were here from all over the might blade province.

And it was just one of the plazas with such a scene, and there were more such venues arranged because of the number of these youths.

Ace was also in this plaza with the same broad sword, demoness. Even he felt quite shocked, seeing this many demons in one place.

At this moment, a 2.9-meter-tall, muscular demoness in tight purple robes appeared on a tall platform and there was a huge broad sword belted on her back.

She smiled and said, "Silence!" while imbuing her voice with Qi, which rang like a thundercloud in the vast plaza, making everyone shut in their traps.

Seeing everyone's attention was finally on her, she said, "My name is Kori Green Blade, and I'm your guide and instructor for the period of your training program set up by his majesty!"

Everyone exclaimed as they whispered to each other.

Ace frowned as felt this was not going according to his assumption.

Kori said with a smile, "You are all supposed to go into the inner domain first and meet with your fellow competitors, but because of the huge number of promising youths of our might blade province it would be quite troublesome to let everyone enter the inner domain at once.

"Furthermore, only demons who had proven themselves valuable can enter the inner domain. That's why his majesty the Blade Demon King decided to start this training program ahead of time, and it is personally drafted by his highness as well."

Thomas chuckled at this moment. "It seemed they didn't want to let just anyone enter the inner domain."

Ace nodded with a grave expression on his face. With this sudden turn of events, his previous plans completely turned to dust. Going into the inner domain held a huge advantage to him, especially after his conversation with All-Knowing Parrot, but it seemed things have just become troublesome.

Kori completely ignored some youths' ugly expressions and continue, "This training program is divided into three phases. With every phase lasted for five months. Only those who can pass the first phase can get the qualification to enter the inner domain!

"This is also a competition with rankings and the higher your rank is, the more rewards you'll get from the reward pool, and whoever ranked within the top hundred participants will get to cultivate under Blade Demon King for three months!"

Every demon's eyes turned fierce with burning desire. The demons were an inherently fight-hungry bunch, so it was only natural for them to rile up in the name of this competition. Especially the promise of cultivating under the blade demon king, which was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Furthermore, this will also increase the chances of passing the upcoming demon gate trial in twenty-two months with the Demon King's guidance. So, this competition was going to be extremely bloody!

Kori nodded in satisfaction at seeing everyone in high spirits and announced with a smile,

"We have opened a newly 'Training Guild' not far away from here for you guys. You have to first register there before starting the first phase of your training, and you'll also get information about your reward points distribution and corresponding rewards from there.

"As for the first phase, it is very simple. Each individual has five months to hunt down one hundred late third-grade (Peak Qi River Realm) demonic beasts from the Shadow Mountain Range, right on the outskirts of the blade domain!"

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After Kori announced the first phase of the training program, every young demon's blood boil as they were eager to start this competition as soon as possible.

However, some young demons have ambiguous expressions on their faces as they were scanning through the surrounding crowd with hidden coldness.

Kori's thunderous voice rang again, "Now, everyone heads toward the Training Guild for registration and after this was done, please head toward the west domain gate for further instruction!"

Finishing her sentence, Kori left the platform and all those young demons quickly left the plaza in a hurry and head toward this training guild.

Ace, with Thomas, was also going toward the training guild as well.

Thomas said at this moment, "It's more like a survival trail than a hunting trail. What do you think, brother Feng?"

Ace was startled for a moment and nodded in agreement with Thomas and said, "Yes, killing those late stage third grade demonic beasts is not difficult for most of us since almost everyone is on the same level, but what is truly difficult is founding those hundred beasts.

"If my guess is right, there might be over thirty million demons taking part in this training phase and individual hunts a hundred beasts each we would need over three hundred million beasts and I don't think this many demonic beasts of satisfactory rank even exist in the shadow mountain range.

"So, those who wanted to pass this first phase had to plunder from others, and no one will let go of such an opportunity just like that. In the end, it will be a bloodbath, a survival of the fittest!"

Thomas solemnly. He had the same thought as Ace.

He sighed and said, "This is the easiest way of getting rid of the weakest bunch and only the strong will remain. I don't think only the blade demon king is doing such a thing, and it might happen all over the mainland as we speak."

Ace chuckled and said, "Well, no one can blame them since this demon gate trail was becoming so big they had to use some methods to cut down the numbers. If you're afraid, why don't you go and accompany sister Milly, huh?"

Thomas sneered at Feng's joking words and said, "Fuck off, who's afraid? Those brats better pray they won't encounter me, or they can say goodbye to their dear life. You, on the other hand, have to hide since everyone seemed to after your title."

Ace smiled. He knows what Thomas was saying. He was a demon earl and didn't have any big background, so everyone might target him for his title and fame.

He said while shrugging his shoulder, "I just have to run then."

"Shameless!" Thomas spat in frivolity with fake disdain.

They had become close friends these days and always joke around like this.

Just like that, they finally reached an enormous building which look newly built and there was a golden signboard in the front 'Training Guild' and there were fifty long queues right outside the entrance slowly moving.

Thomas couldn't help but exclaimed while cursing, "Shit, we have to wait for hours like this and there are still demons coming!"

Ace also frowned, seeing the long queues.

"Waiting is only for weak, strong made their own way!"

At this moment, an imposing voice sounded from behind them and many demons turn around to see just who this arrogant guy was with cold eyes.

This newcomer was 2.5-meter-tall with a toned build. He wore plain violet color robes with a silver blade insignia on its back. His face was overly handsome and masculine, with bright silver skin and crimson eyeballs like burning flames. His long red hair was fluttering in the wind like a raging fire, while his two silver horns were as sharp as two thin blades.

A long sword was sheathed around his waist in silver scabbards. He had a provoking smile on his pale silver lips as he looked at Ace.

Ace frowned. He could feel faint hostility from this guy, and he was giving him a familiar feeling for some reason, but he knew he had never seen this guy before, or he knows from his soul signature.

At this moment, a demon exclaimed within the crowd of demons, "T-that... crimson eyes and silver skin and sword... could it be the Sword Genius of Silver Blade Clan and youngest son of His Majesty Blade Demon King... Prince Peter Silver Blade!"

This small voice was like a stone in the calm river, which create many ripples as everyone started exclaiming in low voices and looked toward this demon with reverence in their eyes.

Peter was the youngest prodigy of the dominant clan of Blade Demon Tribe, and he was the only one of his brothers and sisters who walk on a different path from his father, the path of dual blades!

Furthermore, he even achieved startling progress and achievement in the sword path by comprehending the half sword intent before the age of seventy, becoming the youngest genius of mighty blade province.

Until someone else appeared not younger than him and that sole genius status shattered, this person was none other than Rising Sword Earl, Feng Demon Sword!

Peter didn't hate Feng to snatch his fame at all, on the contrary, he saw Feng as his rival and wanted to compete with him because from a young age Peter had no rival of the same age nor did anyone dare to provoke him because of his status and father. This made him somewhat lonely.

But after Feng appeared, Peter felt this person was worthy of being his rival and looking forward to competing with him.

Peter didn't need to take part in these competitions at all, but he insisted on doing to test Feng and see if he was worthwhile his attention or if he was also just like others and only barked with no prowess at all.

Ace naturally heard the whispering of the demons around them and Thomas also seemed to identify this demon as he said with a smile, "Heh, I never thought I would meet His Highness in a place like this."

Peter seemed to finally notice Thomas as he heard his easygoing voice without any hint of fear or respect.

Others also found Thomas's behavior quite daring and couldn't help but thought he was offending a tiger without being afraid of being eaten alive.

Peter's eyes flashed with a hint of enlightenment and said ambiguously, "I never thought I would meet someone other than him who can give me some challenge."

This comment made the other demons flabbergasted because it was like Peter acknowledged Thomas's existence and prowess, which made everyone wary of Thomas.

Peter naturally knows about the existence of five Wild Demon Kings, and he had heard one of the heirs of the Wild Demon King was also here to train for the demon gate trial, and he was a soul cultivator.

So, the moment Peter sensed the deeply hidden soul Qi fluctuation from Thomas, he quickly knows his identity but didn't expose him.

In a sense, Thomas's status was equal to Peter's, it just that it can't be made public, but since he already knows who Thomas was, it would be rude for him to treat him like a side character.

Thomas merely chuckled at this moment. He had already guessed this guy had found out about him, just like Feng.

A weapon cultivator's sense was always sensitive toward danger, and a soul cultivator like him was extremely dangerous!

Feng finally spoke at this moment. His tone was not supercilious nor overly polite. "Waiting is only for weak, strong made their own way... His Highness's words are wise. This Feng is convinced of his highness's wisdom."

Peter's eyes narrowed slightly. He could tell Feng wasn't afraid of him at all and only speaking out of courtesy, nothing more.

"Hand them over," Peter said to the old man behind him, who seemed to be invisible all this time, and everyone finally noticed him.

The old man smiled slightly as he suddenly threw something toward Feng and Thomas.

They both caught it with slightly knit brows.

Even Ace felt this old man was extremely powerful, as even he didn't notice his presence and thought of him as a mortal and became even more vigilant toward him.

Nonetheless, they saw they were storage rings and looked toward Peter for an explanation.

Peter chuckled, "There are your participant tags and other information you needed to know about this training season. You both don't need to stand here any longer. Follow me now. I'll take you to a good place where only someone like us can enter! Of if you're afraid, you can just return them to me and enter those queues."

Thomas looked at Ace, and Ace nodded with a smile.

"Please lead the way, your highness." Both of them said in unison.

Everyone looked at those two leaving with Peter with envy, but they know they didn't have the qualification to enter the Demon Prince's eyes, and they can only prove themselves with this competition!

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Chapter 395: First Phase of King Domain Competition

Ace and Thomas followed Peter and the silent old man toward the west gate of the blade's domain.

Peter said at this moment, "Since you decided to follow me, let me tell you we aim to hunt ten early grade-4 demonic beasts, not like the others. Furthermore, this is a special training program for those who have at least a 70% chance of passing the demon gate trail. You two are not the only ones with such goals, but here are one thousand such individuals, including me and my tribesmen. It's just that we didn't make it public to not cause any confusion."

Ace found it quite reasonable because it would be too easy for talents like Thomas to pass this test, which completely lost the meaning of training, and they could also take advantage of this and gain all the resources easily.

But hunting ten early grade-4 demonic beasts was also not a joke because demonic beasts didn't have any cultivation techniques, every demonic beast would be akin to a cultivator who had formed an ordinary river core, and they have powerful bodies like demons as well.

This simply means they have to hunt silver river core demons. Despite being at the peak of the Qi river realm, this was an accurate test for geniuses.

Thomas couldn't help but ask, "Did more tribes of nature also included in these thousand individuals?"

Peter looked at Thomas and only nodded without giving away any further information, which made Thomas frown.

Although Ace had some idea why Thomas was here despite Thomas still hiding his real identity, he could still feel Thomas was quite worried after getting confirmation from Peter.

But he didn't force Thomas to tell him and patiently wait for him to reveal his motives on his own.

Thomas was a great friend. He just didn't want to drag Ace into his mess after becoming friends with him, so he just kept his mouth shut about his identity and motives, despite Milly nagging him about it.

They finally reached and crossed the west gate and moved toward the outskirts of the blade domain.

Now, both Ace and Thomas had already got all the information they needed to know from the storage rings given to them by Peter.

There were also golden wristbands on their wrists now, which they got from the storage rings.

These silver wristbands were their special identity tags with some special functions.

The first function was to record the kill count of the demonic beasts they killed. As for how they worked, Ace had no idea, but he still found them quite interested.

Furthermore, these wristbands will only count the demonic beasts which meet their kill requirement criteria. Simply put, if they kill a grade-three or low-grade-four demonic beast, this wristband won't count them only if they kill the early grade 4 demonic beasts or higher, will this wristband count them in succession!

The second function was the ranking system, these wristbands can be used to manage their ranking accurately with kill points they will get after killing their targeted demonic beasts or higher.

The late grade-3 demonic beast was equal to 10 Kill Points.

The early grade-4 demonic beast was equal to 100 Kill Points.

The intermediate grade-4 demonic beast was equal to 1000 Kill Points.

The late grade-4 demonic beast was equal to 10,000 Kill Points.

The early grade-5 demonic beast was equal to 100,000 Kill Points.

This kill point system gave talented demons an absolute advantage and make ranking authentic.

Although, as long as they can complete their allocated quota by either killing or plundering, they can continue with the training program.

But the reward points they will get minimum and those in the training ranking will get most of the reward points which can be further exchanged with cultivation resources, skills, techniques, and weapons from the training guild in the inner domain.

Since Ace and Thomas were in a special category, they were given a free hundred, reward points.

If one wanted to measure a value of one reward point, it was equal to a peak grade-3 Qi stone, which was the highest-grade Qi stone present in the outer provinces!

This will give these demons even more motivation to strive for higher ranking and hunt for stronger demonic beasts.

But there was also another function of these wristbands which was if any participant killed another participant they will get 10% of their accumulated points from their wristband.

This also clarified that killing was not forbidden at all, and they were even giving reason to the participants to kill each other.

Ace felt this competition was extremely brutal, but when he thought about how these demons killed each other without bating an eye, there wasn't anything startling about it.

The demon population was extremely huge, and they can reproduce like humans, so killing the weak with such methods was quite normal for the demon race. Only the strong may remain alive here!

They quickly reached the peripheries and saw mountains surrounded by dense, gloomy forests. This was the west entrance of the shadow mountain range.

The old man behind Peter spoke at this moment while looking at Peter with a solemn expression, "I can't accompany you anymore your highness, since you chose to participate in this training program you have to follow the rules as well and no one will come to your aid even if you face life-threatening danger. So, I asked you again, do you want to continue?"

Peter chuckled, "Butler Jerome, I know you meant well, but I don't need anyone's protection. You can protect me now, but you can't protect me in the demon gate trial, so I have to follow this path alone."

Butler Jerome sighed, "I have watched you grow up to such a fine young man, your highness, and I'm proud to say you have finally reached the qualification to seek your sword path, and you don't need my instruction anymore."

Peter's eyes shimmered with a complicated glint as he bowed slightly and said sincerely, "I'll remember your teaching... Teacher!"

Butler Jerome smile in gratification and looked toward both Thomas and Ace, who were silently observing from the side.

Truth be told, they didn't know why Peter had approached them in the first place and why they were following him.

Butler Jerome said sternly, "You two are probably the only ones who can become his highness allies in the upcoming demon gate trial. I don't know if you know or not, but let me tell you if you want to enter the royal zone, you need powerful allies or others will eat you alive.

"Although you are extremely strong, you two are far from enough to overcome all those forming teams of the other provinces and if you're alone, they will eliminate you first. Remember, not everyone can enter the royal zone and the seats are limited, so if you're a thorn in others' way, they will cut you the moment they got the chance.

"So, allies are extremely important, and this training program was made to form teamwork among the most powerful youths of this province. I want you three, you overcome your arrogance and help each other in this trial while watching each other's back."

Peter frowned because he wasn't here for this. He was here to compete with Feng, not getting his help.

Thomas and Ace also frowned. They can help each other, but leaving their backs on Peter was something they weren't comfortable with since they did not know him.

Butler Jerome sense the three of them discomfort and only said, "Sometimes pride is nothing in the face of survival, so I just hope you all can conquer your pride. Please forgive my rudeness, your highness, I'll be taking my leave now, Good Luck."

He bowed before vanishing from the sight.

Peter said at this moment, "Don't take Butler's words to heart. I'm not looking for allies or anything. I just wanted to challenge you guys. Let's see who can get a higher ranking than the other. What do you think?"

Thomas nodded with a provocative smile, "Hehe, I also wanted to see his highness's prowess. I agree."

Ace merely chuckled, "I would make my move first, then."

Without waiting for the other's replies, he vanished into the dense forest. He also didn't want to work with anyone else since it would only expose him, and he also had other things to do, so moving alone was the best option.

"Brother Feng, you're being audacious again." Thomas cursed and also use a movement technique to enter the mountain range.

Peter was slightly dumbfounded by those two guys and couldn't help but smile as fighting intent flashed past his crimson eyes.

"Interesting!" He also used his sword steps to enter the forest.

At this moment, Butler Jerome appeared again with two more demons. One was an old demon with some of Thomas's features while the other was a middle-aged demon who resembled Peter or Peter who resembled him!

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Chapter 396: Shadow Mountain Range

At this moment, Butler Jerome appeared again with two more demons. One was an old demon with some of Thomas's features, while the other was a middle-aged demon who resembled Peter or Peter who resembled him!

These two newcomers were none other than the Blade Demon King and Maddux, who had vanished for days and now appeared with the Demon King!

Blade Demon King chuckled at this moment, "Jerome, it seemed those three completely ignored your advice."

Jerome smiled wryly and bowed lightly, "Your Majesty, you already know about it, but you still make me do it. If it were your majesty instead, I don't think they would've dared to ignore it."

Blade Demon King replied faintly, "A relation built on force is nothing but a sand castle. Peter has never interacted with his peers since anyone dare not to approach him, and he was surrounded by double faces people in his entire life. Although he's bright, he still lacked experience, and this will be a good chance for him to experience the ugliness of life."

Jerome sighed. He knew Blade Demon King's intentions or if he had given his absolute command, Peter would've never been able to enter this competition no matter how much he struggled.

Maddux said at this moment, "I still have to thank your majesty to choose Thomas for being an ally with his highness, Peter. This will help him tremendously if he grasped the chance."

Blade Demon King smiled. "Don't worry, it's Peter's fortune to have Thomas here. I know your character Maddux, so I also know you would not marry your granddaughter with just anyone, and it seemed I was right."

Maddux bow respectfully and said, "You jest your majesty, I'm merely a subordinate of Wild Demon King. How could I dare to go against his highness' order?"

Blade Demon King merely sneered, but he didn't pursue the topic as well. He knows Maddux was nothing but a mere subordinate.

He said, "As for that Feng fellow, he's too sharp, and the rumors won't even give him the justice he deserved."

Both Maddux and Jerome were shocked to hear Demon King's praise since they both know Blade Demon King won't just praise anyone.

Jerome said at this moment, "If your majesty has such a high opinion of Feng, why doesn't his majesty stop those four clans?"

How could Demon King not know about his fellow tribesmen's schemes and their constant monitoring of Feng's moves with no prior notice?

He was the King here and nothing can hide from him, it was just that he completely ignored them since they wouldn't impede him in any way.

He sneered and said, "Those four clans have been in the power for so long, and they keep forgetting about my existence, but since they are my people, I ignore them, because they didn't dare to cross the line.

"Now is also the same. They wanted to improve their bloodline to manifestation grade and I won't stop them as long they won't deploy any soul realm cultivator on training grounds.

"But if they think they can succeed, they are wildly mistaken because that Feng is akin to a wolf in sheep's clothing. His senses are too sharp even, I feel exposed for a moment, or it was just my imagination, but that brat is hiding a tremendous power. Those clans were going to suffer this time. Hahaha."

Jerome and Maddux were startled by Blade Demon King's assessment of Feng, and they simply thought Blade Demon King was exaggerating because of his high opinion of Feng.

How could a soul manifestation cultivator get exposed in front of a river cultivator without any marital sense? Even they won't be able to find Blade Demon King if he didn't want them to find him. So, it was even more impossible for Feng!

Blade Demon King said coldly at this moment, "Jerome, deploy Earth Troll Race and make sure no soul realm entered here and also secure the border of the core region of the shadow mountain range.

"Although those juniors can't be reaching that area. But just to make sure if anyone appeared there, they won't seek their death by entering it. Besides this, there's no need to save anyone, not even Peter. Let them experience the baptism of blood for these five months. They found out soon it was just the start!"

Shadow Mountain Range has spread thousands of miles, and it was also a border between Mighty Blade Domain and Mighty Mist Domain.

However, without the safe passage and routes, this mountain range was absolutely deadly for even peak soul realm cultivators.

Many powerful demonic beasts were living here with many wild demon tribes, which weren't different from the demonic beasts in nature.

The entire mountain range was divided into three regions, the outer region covered the biggest area of the shadow mountain range. The middle region where river core demonic beasts roam freely and last, the core region where soul realm demonic beasts reside.

Furthermore, this mountain range was rich with many herbs and other natural treasures, but the more precious the treasure, the deadlier its protector.

That was why many hunting teams came here for adventure and to try their luck.

However, this time young demons were entering this place, numbered in millions, and all those professional hunting teams weren't given any kind of command from the blade domain, which could be taken as anything.

Like, they could completely ignore those youths, or they could even kill them if they found them an eye sour.

This made this competition even deadlier and the survival rate dropped even more.

However, what these youths who had entered from the blade domain didn't know was that there was the same kind of movement happening on the other side of the shadow mountain range.

The youths from the mighty mist province also entered the shadow mountain range, and they have a completely different goal from the mighty demon blade province youths.

The relationship between Blade Domain and Mist Domain was always tense, and both demon kings could be said old enemies.

Blade Demon King didn't know about Mist Demon King's malicious move yet, but once he found out, it was going to be a tremendous storm!

At this moment,

Ace was crossing trees on a stony pathway and going toward the depth of the shadow mountain range.

'I sense Maddux with that Butler and another presence before it completely vanished and even my soul signature can't find it, nor my soul sense. Just who could that be? I did the right thing to not try to probe anymore, or I might've got exposed.'

Ace had already sensed Maddux's presence two hundred meters away from their position when Jerome was talking with them, and he also sensed Blade Demon King for a moment before he completely concealed himself after sensing something awry.

Blade Demon King was shocked at that moment because he sensed exposure for a moment in Feng's presence, so he quickly used ten percent of his power to hide even more thoroughly and then paid more attention to Feng, but he found nothing amiss again and thought it was just his imagination, but he still couldn't forget about that feeling.

That was why he shared it with Maddux and Jerome, but they also won't believe it even for a second.

But who would've thought it was true!

That's why Ace quickly left toward the depth of the shadow mountain range, and he wanted to enter the core region because he wanted absolute isolation because of what he was about to do.

As for the competition, he didn't care at all, since he can always kill those required demonic beasts anytime he wanted.

However, this sudden start of the competition threw his other plans out of rail, which included him going into the inner domain first and then visiting the Life Demon Treasure Pagoda and then Lionheart Shop.

Furthermore, the Lionheart Shop visit was important since it included the All-Knowing Parrot showing herself after interacting with him.

At this moment, Ace was suddenly startled before his brows knit together.

After making sure no one was around, he jumped on a tree and hid its large crown, and then took out a green cube that was blinking.

The moment he took it out from his thief's space, it glowed in green light before an overlapping voice sounded with a hint of playfulness.

"Mr. Sky Stealer, I hope you're enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Shadow Mountain Range."

Ace smiled wryly and said, "Boss, All-Knowing Parrot sure got the news fast. But I have to disappoint you. This place is gloomy with eerily silence, so I don't think I can admire any scenery here."

"Hahaha... I kind of like this kind of environment." All-Knowing Parrot laughed lightly.

Ace only sighed and asked, "So, what can I do for Boss All-Knowing Parrot? It seemed I won't be visiting your establishment anytime soon."

All-Knowing Parrot replied knowingly, "I know, such a shame, I was looking forward to our business dealings. But we also have to postpone our meeting for eight months since I can't come here at the moment. Nonetheless, I contact you to warn you about the Mist Domain...!"

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Chapter 397: Heavenly Fate Live Compass Revealed!

Ten days pass since the start of the blade domain competition and over thirty million demon youths had already entered the Shadow Mountain Range and started hunting for demonic beasts madly.

Many demons formed hunting squads for their safety and hunting the demonic beasts more efficiently. There wasn't any rule about not working with others, heck, there wasn't any rule at all as long as they would complete their quota. It doesn't matter what they did.

This also made the environment in the shadow mountain range deadlier and more chaotic.

Some started to ambush others, while others started to kill, steal, and take advantage of the situation from the shadows.

But this didn't stop those demons from continue taking part in this slaughterer.

The rankings would also appear at the end of the 30th day on everyone's wristbands. It can only show the ranking of the top hundred, but everyone was working hard to get on those hundred rankings.

At this moment, three figures in dark cloaks appeared in the inner region of the shadow mountain range, which was extremely gloomy and dark even during the daytime.

A voice rang with a hint of helplessness from one figure. "Did you find any trace of Feng?"

A rough voice rang in reply, "No, I don't know how he entered the middle region in ten days, but the earth trolls can't be wrong in tracking his movements. However, even those earth trolls can't pinpoint his exact location. But it seemed he's moving deeper in the mountains."

Another depressed voice sounded, "I never thought we would be led by the nose by a mere river realm brat. But it seemed we underestimated him. I'm sure the other three clans are also facing the same problem."

"Don't worry the middle region is not as vast as the outer region, those earth trolls will soon cover the boundary of the inner region, and we'll know about his exact location soon from our spies within their race." the first one spoke in absolute confidence.

"I just hope he doesn't enter the core region, or we'll be helpless to do anything and might lose our chance to create a demon king grade bloodline." The third one lament.

The second one chided him harshly, "Don't jinx it, we, the Evil Blade Clan, will rise as the silver blade clan! That brat is not foolish enough to enter the core region, nor can he outrun the Earth Troll Race's ability to move on earth and escape their tracking. As long as he moves on the ground, they will find out about his whereabouts, eventually. We just have to react before the other three clans!"

However, those who were searching for Feng on the outskirts of the middle region have no idea he was already halfway from entering the core region.

Not even the Earth Troll race, the subordinate race under the Blade Demon Tribe, can catch up with him if they didn't deploy a soul realm earth troll which was forbidden by the demon king!

Furthermore, Ace was constantly moving without stopping for anything while also meticulously avoiding the demonic beasts with his soul sense and didn't confront any demonic beasts yet.

He knows those four clans were after him. That was why he wanted to enter the core region as soon as possible and then first do his own thing before starting hunting.

Another ten days pass in the blink of an eye and all those diamond river core realm experts after Ace were raging with frustration since they can't find him even with Earth Trolls on his tail.

But how could they find him?

At this moment, Ace was looking at an enormous mountain that was over 50 miles tall, and its peak was surrounded by clouds. This was the biggest mountain of the shadow mountain range and also the core region of the shadow mountain range!

Ace smiled with a hint of exhaustion on his face. He was moving without any rest, but he knew he can't be careless this time.

He entered the dark tree forest surrounding this tall mountain and vanished.

After half a day of climbing, Ace sensed an early fifth grade (minor stage soul realm) demonic beast and carefully detour around it. He didn't want to start a fight with a soul realm demonic beast while he was not in his peak state.

Night descended.

Ace finally found a cave deeply hidden within the dark trees and, after confirming it was abandoned, he quickly entered before closing it with a formation and other traps.

The cave wasn't too deep; it wasn't too small nor large, which was enough for Ace.

Ace didn't go too deep into the core region because he knew there were late-stage grade-5 demonic beasts there, and he didn't want to startle them.

Furthermore, he also encountered some savage demons roaming in the inner region, and they will attack anything they saw.

Although he didn't know why these demons didn't have intelligence, he didn't want to start a fight with those savages.

Ace spend the night recovering his heavenly darkness Qi and reached his optimal condition.

Ace opened his eyes at this moment and said, "System, do you think this place is isolated enough to complete my side mission?"

He was talking about the Heavenly Fate Live Compass Needle Spirit subjection mission, which was put to hold because of obvious circumstances.

However, now, he was in the middle of nowhere and there wasn't any intelligent life form around him who can suspect him or investigate if anything out of the blue happened.

Furthermore, he wanted to come to this place exactly to complete this side mission and if the blade domain competition didn't give him a chance, he would've come here anyway after dealing with the inner domain business.

But he got the chance soon, so he didn't want to miss it and get it over with as soon as possible while he was still alone.

The system's prompt replied came,

"[Yes!]"

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[Side Mission]

[Mission: Subdue the Heavenly Fate Live Compass Spirit!]

-Requirement (1): One Million Soul Point [Complete]

-Requirement (2): Ten Million Thief Point [Complete]

[Do you want to complete the side mission?]

[Yes/ Delay]

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Ace took a deep breath, readied himself for whatever was about to come, and said firmly, "Yes, proceed!"

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[Thief Point(s): 13,580,000]

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The very next moment, his ten million thief points were deducted and all those soul pills vanished from his thief space. A golden scroll appeared right in front of his eyes.

This was the same Myriad Live Compass Map that Ace stole from the wine shop and Nāgas. It was also the hoax body of the Heavenly Fate Live Compass Needle.

However, this scroll was not dormant at this moment. It was dazzling in dark golden luster, which gave off a very powerful suppression, far stronger than anything Ace had ever felt.

At this moment, a deafening roar rumbled directly within Ace's mind in a completely foreign language, but he completely understood it because of the obvious reason.

"Shameless Heavenly Will, you wanted to end me? Why, why, why... the moment I was born you tried to annihilate me... you kill even my creator... if not for her last life-saving grace and sending me to the chaotic void I would've been destroyed! But who would've thought you would follow me here... since you didn't want to leave any path of survival for me, I'll use my last bit of power to damage the Heavenly..."

However, before this raging melodious voice could altogether its sentence, it came to an abrupt stop.

Ace's heart palpitated when he heard the voice of a woman who seemed to have gone nuts. He knew this was that legendary treasure spirit of the Heavenly Fate Live Compass.

He even felt its boundless abhorrence and absolute prowess, despite it saying it was destroyed and only a remnant. Likewise, he finally understood the true power of an Eternal Provenance Treasure. It was terrifying!

He couldn't help but felt it was the right decision to leave this mad treasure with the system.

The treasure spirit's voice sounded again with a hint of confusion, "**You're not Heavenly Will but a... lowly human doll. But how could it be possible for someone like you to possess heavenly Qi and then confine me? Shameless heaven, are you toying with me?!**"

Ace didn't even get the chance to speak before the treasure spirit went bonkers again. Which made him sweated and speechless.

At this moment, the golden scroll shone in the dark golden light and the very next moment, the golden scroll turned into golden dust particles.

The entire scroll was completely turned into dark golden dust particles, forming a ring around a shining decagram!

This decagram was palm size and in the shape of ten compass needle points. Half of the points were completely pitch black, while half of the points were completely white. Those ten compass needles were in black and white order (One Blade, One White, and so on).

Right in the center was a completely silver small disk connected with all those ten compass needles, and there were ten golden symbols on this silver disk right in front of each compass needle.

This was the actual form of Heavenly Fate Live Compass Needle!

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Chapter 398: Provenance Life Bond

When the Heavenly Fate Compass Needle was completely revealed, it was bright as the sun, but Ace still couldn't get his eyes off the treasure and look at it with a bewitching look on his face.

Right at this moment, right on the silver disk of Heavenly Fate Live Compass Needle, the dark golden partials started to gather and begin to form a shape.

Thereupon, a humanoid shape was formed and a tiny blurry golden figure appeared. It was the treasure spirit of the compass needle!

The same melodious voice filled with malice and hatred rang again in the silent cave, "Heh, Heavenly Will, your little plaything seemed to be in a trace just after gazing at my eternal treasure charm... It seemed you reach here really isn't all that great, and you calculate wrongly for the first time... hahahahaha... let me kill this pet of yours!"

Ace remained completely captivated without being able to pull himself from this treasure charm while the HFL Compass needle began to spin giving off a cold light, it looked completely like a round blade from its decagram form now, and it was ready to slice past through Ace's throat.

While Ace was being a sitting duck, above the sky of the shadow mountain range core region, inky clouds suddenly started to appear rambling with tri-color thunder and slowly covering the entire core region.

The whole gloomy mountain was enshrouded in complete darkness!

The old demonic beasts living on the mountain start to howl and roar in hysteria and dread while they hide in their layers.

The pressure also started to increase, even peak diamond soul realm beasts were suppressed and started to tremble on their knees.

Furthermore, the center spot of these raging inky clouds was right about a cave.

Inside Ace's temporary cave resident,

The HFL Compass Needle was about to move when suddenly a contemptuous voice full of imposing authority rang from Ace's mouth,

"[Heh, intriguing.]"

This voice wasn't Ace, but it also cleared Ace's eyes as he blinked in confusion for a moment before his heart palpitated when he saw the spinning HFL compass needle was four inches away from his neck and the blurry golden figure on top of it was suddenly seemed... quivering!

The treasure spirit's bewildered voice rang with a hint of incredulity, "W-who are you?! You're not Heavenly Will, but you're like... like... s..."

However, before it could complete its sentence, a dark blue chain suddenly shot from Ace's glabella like an unstoppable arrow and directly pierce through the quivering, blurry, golden figure.

The HFL compass needle suddenly come to an abrupt stop this very moment and started to flutter.

Ace was shocked seeing this scene and the dark blue chain from his glabella and instantly know it was the doing of the system and felt immense relief because for a moment he thought he had bought calamity upon himself.

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

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[Eternal Provenance Treasure [Damaged] has been detected!]

-Name: Heavenly Fate Live Compass [Needle]

-Type: Soul

-Condition: Damaged (95%)

[Please choose which type of bond the host wants to form with Eternal Provenance Treasure!]

[Bond options]

-Equal Bond: Contract [Enter Years Here]

-Life Bond:

1. Master for One-Life

2. Together for Life

3. Master for Life

-Provenance Life Bond: One Time Life Bound (Unable to unbound)

[Warning (1): Heavenly Fate Live Compass is 95% damaged if the host formed Provenance Life Bond, host needed a vast number of soul-type treasures and soul-type materials to repair the Eternal Provenance Treasure. While it will also grow in a completely unknown direction because of host influence, losing most of its previous (original) functions.]

[Warning (2): Please Choose within a minute or the World Eradicating Heavenly Punishment will descend!]

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Ace inhale sharply as the choice was finally here. He deeply looked at the HFL compass needle quivering with the blurry golden figure on top. All its previous brightness was completely gone, nor can it speak any longer, which was the system's doing.

He saw the decagram shape compass needle was full of cracks, and he finally understood why the system say it had barely been able to escape when it was born. He could also sense the deep hatred it had for this heavenly will, which was also his enemy.

Truth be told, he was thinking from the moment he had found out about those bonds, especially the Provenance Life Bond, which will have a completely unknown effect on him and the treasure itself.

Furthermore, it was only once a lifetime chance, so he didn't want to waste it on something he won't benefit from in the future.

But he also hesitates when he thought about just how he could acquire a soul-type Eternal Provenance Treasure which many dreamt of having but can't find or can't form the Provenance Life Bond.

He knew just how rare soul-type materials and treasures were, and he didn't have any luxury for another choice, or he wasn't sure if he would be able to find another complete soul-type Eternal Provenance Treasure in the future.

Although he easily tames this broken Eternal Provenance Treasure with Master for Life Bond, he knew then he would lose the opportunity to respire it forever or make it grow with him in the most prominent way that suits him and his path.

Ace understood one thing very clearly; he was walking on the path of a thief and there wasn't an Eternal Provenance Treasure that suits a thief unless he forged one himself, which was nothing but a pipe dream.

Furthermore, for some reason, he could feel the system wanted him to form his Provenance Life Bond with HFLC and let it grow into a treasure suitable for a thief despite its previous warnings.

Ace suddenly uttered in the same language as the treasure spirit in a calm voice at this moment while looking deeply at the treasure spirit, "I don't know what you experience from the moment you were born, but I do know what it's like when heaven tries to destroy you.

"I'm the Eternal Enemy of Heaven, Heaven's Stealer, and I chose to walk on this path willingly, and I don't know if I would ever see the end of it. But I can use someone's help. Who knows what's like to be the enemy of heaven and wasn't afraid of going against it.

"I know I might be unworthy of you even if you're broken, but you could never find someone more willing than me to go against heaven, who is willingly walking on this path of no return, so help him walk on his path until I reached the very end or perish while trying..."

"[Host has ten seconds before the heavenly punishment will descend!]"

Ace completely ignore the system's voice and calmly looked at the treasure spirit, which started to flutter more violently after hearing his words.

He said decisively at this moment, "I chose the Provenance Life Bond!"

Ace knew there was no going back after this and this sentence will affect his life forever, but he won't regret it ever and always chose to do the same because...!

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[Host has chosen the Provenance Life Bond!]

[Provenance Soul Life Bonding process has been started!]

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The very next moment, the dark blue chain shimmered darkly before it pulled the HFL compass needle toward Ace's glabella at lightning speed.

"What the..."

Ace was shocked and thought his head was going to pierce in half, but the very next moment thereafter, the HFLC needle vanished within Ace's glabella from a hair away distance.

Ace sighed while sweltering.

"Rumble...."

He suddenly heard the thunderous rumbling of thunder from outside, as if the sky was enraged for some reason.

Ace suddenly smiled coldly at this moment while completely ignoring the pressure, "So, you lose your target huh, then fuck off!"

It was just as Ace said; the moment the HFLC needle vanished, the heavenly punishment clouds lost their target and tri-color thunder rumbled fiercely as if heaven was completely infuriated by this sudden development.

But heaven was governed by laws and causality, and since its target was gone, it can't just shoot down lightning for no good reason.

That was why the inky clouds began to scatter, then its pressure vanished with no trace just as fast as appeared.

But for a fleeting moment, before the inky clouds were scattered, an inky eyeball formed right about the cave where the HFLC needle has vanished before it scattered with the inky clouds.

The life forms around the core region finally felt relief, as if they had just escaped a calamity, literally!

At this moment, at the edge of the core region of shadow mountain rang a one-meter tall elderly person was looking at the sky in full of horror with its old human-like eyes as he mumbled in trepidation,

"I have to report it to his majesty. It seemed like the birth of Beast King (Grade-Six or Manifestation Realm) or some Evil Treasure!"

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Chapter 399: Soul Split

Ace had no idea that someone had experienced the commotion caused by him this deep in the shadow mountain range, and right now this person was hastily making his way toward the Demon King Castle!

Since his entire focus was right now on his true soul because the compass needle had appeared there, after vanishing from outside.

Ace suddenly felt a huge amount of heavenly soul Qi surged in that dark blue chain and started to enter the golden figure, which was completely immobilized by the system.

He finally understood why the system needed one million soul points. It was exactly for this purpose.

As the blurry golden figure absorbed the heavenly soul Qi unwillingly, its oscillation became more violent as Ace heard shrill screams of the treasure spirit which make him deeply frown.

But he said nothing.

Although he didn't know how these provenance life bonds were formed, the system clearly stated that it was some kind of deadly trial set by the treasure itself.

However, with the system's help, he had omitted this trial, which might have consequences for the treasure, or who knows it was because of heavenly soul Qi since he knew the consequences of cultivating with heavenly Qi firsthand.

The blurry golden figure suddenly turned dark at this moment, as its screams also become more piercing, and even Ace felt his mind tremble in pain. But it was nothing, as he continued to observe.

Suddenly, the dark blurry figure made a blood-curdling shriek before it turned into dark particles and completely absorbed into the cracked decagram compass needle.

The moment those dark particles were completely absorbed into the compass needle, half of the cracks on the compass needle suddenly mended.

Ace was astonished and ecstatic seeing this, but he heard the system's voice the next moment.

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[Provenance Life Soul Bond trial has been completely circumvented!]

[Please brace yourself host, the system needed a small part of the host's true soul to complete the final bonding process!]

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Ace was startled and felt his heart turn cold. He had suffered grave soul injuries, and he knew just how much tedious they were, and now the system was about to split his soul, this would bring immense suffering.

Just as he thought this, he suddenly clenched his head and let loose a shrilled scream.

Ace's pain tolerance was quite good, but even he felt all those previous pains he felt from his soul were a child-play in front of this deadly pain.

Inside his true soul, his entire mind space trembled before a crack appeared on the true soul and a chunk of it was forcefully torn apart, leaving an opening on Ace's true soul, which was far worse than some random soul injury!

That chunk of white mist which was forcibly split by the system mysteriously turn into a white beam directly rushing toward the decagram compass needle center.

Ace had already lost his consciousness at this moment because of the unbearable pain of his soul being torn apart. Even the Demon Emperor would never dare to do such a suicidal thing, despite being the strongest expert of the Demon Race!

However, Ace's soul wasn't starting to destroy despite a hole in it and remain completely intact, while his soul core also didn't react in any way.

The decagram compass needle has completely stabilized after part of Ace's split soul entered.

Thereupon the dark blue chain suddenly split into eleven chains and one of the chains shot toward the hole in the true soul while the other ten chains pierce right into those golden symbols on the compass needle.

Suddenly, the dark blue chains turn completely dark,

System's voice rang again in unconscious Ace's mind.

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[Ten Million Thief Points have been released.]

[Final process of Provenance Life Bonding and True Soul Healing have been started.]

[Estimate Time: 719:59:59]

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The hole in Ace's true soul suddenly began to slowly mend, while the compass needle also started to undergo a huge change, and Ace lay completely unconscious inside the dark cave.

Twenty days passed,

The blade domain competition was ongoing and every day, many demon youths become targets of someone stronger and the shadow mountain range was stained in blood every day.

The competition ranking was also released at the end of the first training month.

Everyone thought that Demon Prince Peter would be on the top since he was taking part in this competition as well, or Rising Sword Earl would give him a tough time.

However, the ranking was completely out of everyone's expectations.

The current rankings were,

1. Jaxx Wild Wind: 19,500 Kill Points
2. Ramiro Wild Lion: 17,840 Kill Points
3. Alora Wild Yisrael: 14,130 Kill Points
4. Peter Silver Blade: 13,980 Kill Points
5. Eliezer Evil Blade: 9,370 Kill Points
6. Thomas Wild Cheveyo: 8,790 Kill Points
7. Alaric Green Blade: 6,220 Kill Points
8. Miya Evil Blade: 5,000 Kill Points
9. Anton Fire Blade: 4,900 Kill Points
10. Carlee Wild Violent: 4,500 Kill Points
11. Bren Evil Blade: 4,200 Kill Points
12. ...
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100. Jovanni Wile Sand: 1,100

This ranking gave quite a startle to everyone because Prince Peter, who was the favorite for the first place, was still in the fourth place and all top three positions were held by those three newly emerged demon tribes with 'Wild' middle name common among them.

Although some of those demons who belong to the marquise or lower level, noble tribes didn't know what this middle name 'Wild' represents, however, those from duke title demon tribes knew this Wide middle name represented the Tribes of Nature!

This thoroughly shocked them because these guys were always looked down upon by them since they live in wildness and mountains, but now they had taken over fifty-three top hundred positions in the top hundred rankings and this made all those demons from the mainland ashamed and enraged.

They even formed hunting parties specifically to hunt these wild tribes, but to their horror, those guys were like ghosts in the wildness, and they can easily annihilate them with their tactics. This made many hot-blooded demons dread these tribes of nature, and some of them even fled the moment they saw anyone from these wild tribes.

As for the Rising Sword Earl, he was completely forgotten because of his disappearance, and only Thomas and Peter always looked for his name.

Ten more days pass,

Inside an imposing throne hall,

Blade Demon King was sitting on his golden throne, and there was a one-meter tall old man who looked like a small cat in the towering demon king's presence.

This small old man had brown skin and pointy long ears and an extended round nose, but his eyes weren't like demons, they were like humans, with white eyeballs, dark brown iris, and dark pupils which were an extremely rare sight in the demon race.

This little old man wore a simple white robe as he kneeled right in front of Blade Demon King with an extremely respectful expression on his wizened face.

This small person was from the Earth Troll Race, which was a subjugation race of demons and under the direct control of the Blade Demon Clan, just like the Blood Nāga Race under the Mist Demon Clan.

Only King Title Tribes were qualified to control these servitude races.

The Earth Troll Race was the subspecies of the Iron Dwarf Race, the Seventh-Strongest Race of Golden Sky World, and the owner of the seventh continent, the Iron Heart Continent!

Earth Trolls weren't good at fighting, but they were extremely powerful when it came to speed or tracking someone and finding earthen minerals deep within the ground.

This gave the Earth Troll Race the qualification to serve under a Demon King Tribe and have high status in the blade domain despite being a mere servant race. Even demon dukes won't offend them easily.

Blade Demon King utter in a deep voice with a hint of incredulity, "Brenden, it's not I don't believe you, but this is simply impossible. First, the chances of a Beast King being born between demon beasts are almost zero, and all those beasts who have such potential are under the Demon Tamer Tribe or killed long ago.

"Lastly, the chances of an evil treasure being born on the shadow mountain range are even less than a beast king birth because you know such environs will not have left for us to benefit from.

"Still, since you experience this phenomenon by yourself, go tell Aura and Craig to investigate it without disrupting the youngsters."

Blade Demon King was naturally talking about the heavenly punishment clouds triggered by the HFLC a month ago.

But he still won't believe it completely because it's just too unbelievable since he had roamed the entire shadow mountain range himself for training and knew that place in the back of his hand.

But Brenden was still one of his most trusted aides who can't lie to him even if he wanted to, so he sent two blade envoys to investigate it since he had a situation related to Mist Domain to deal with himself!

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Chapter 400: Eternal Thief Fate Compass

Inside a cave in the core region of the shadow mountain range.

Ace opened his eyes while groaning in pain at this moment as memories before losing consciousness flooded in.

An icy chill ran down his spine just at the thought of that deathly pain from his soul being torn apart.

He said through clenched teeth, "Bastard system, can you warn me before if you want to kill me next time?!"

Strangely, that pain from his head faded while he could feel returning to his previous self.

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

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[Process of Provenance Life Bonding and True Soul Healing have been completed successfully.]

[Host has successfully become the owner of an Eternal Soul Provenance Treasure (Incomplete)]

[Because of being only a core component of the Eternal Provenance Treasure, the Heavenly Fate Live Compass didn't have all of its original functions. It will now grow with the host in a way that is most prominent for the host and unlock random functions.]

[System has created a new status column in the host status panel where the host can find the upgrade scheme for the newly born Eternal Provenance Treasure (Incomplete) and can complete it with required materials and TP.]

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Ace was startled when he heard this abrupt notification, but it wasn't the end of it.

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[Please name the newly born Eternal Soul Provenance Treasure (Incomplete)]

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Ace frowned and examined his true soul before saying anything.

He was bewildered the moment he saw the change in his true soul, not only his soul was completely headed, but the decagram compass needle was now hovering right above his orange soul core and revolving with it.

Furthermore, the five white compass points were now dark blue and the silver disk in the center has also turned into a dark blue color, while the golden symbols were now black.

But a black symbol with a black compass point was now glowing in a dark golden light, while the other nine were completely dormant.

Most importantly, the entire decagram compass needle was now complete with no ruptures or damage.

Ace instantly knows this was the work of the system and why it was called the Heavenly Fate Live Compass Needle, a newly born incomplete treasure.

Furthermore, he also guessed that the system can even repair and probably made Eternal Provenance Treasure as long as it was willing, but he only smiled wryly when he thought about the heavenly materials required for it.

It was only possible because he had found a core component of the treasure, or he might also just forget about this incomplete treasure as well.

At this moment, a delicate voice of a child rang within his true soul and completely astounded him.

"Eternal Master!"

Ace instantly knew who this voice belonged to, although it wasn't as mature as before. He would never forget that voice filled with insane frenzy and abhorrence.

He said with uncertainty, "A-are you the treasure spirit of Heavenly Fate Live Compass?"

The treasure spirit replied in affirmation, "Yes and No, Eternal Master. Although I'm the same treasure spirit core, I'm no longer the Heavenly Fate Live Compass treasure spirit anymore. I was bestowed a new life by Eternal Master, so please name me."

Ace was shocked these were in the same line as the system's explanation.

He asked again, "So, you can no longer find treasures?"

This was the main reason he wanted this treasure and even endured the pain of his soul being split. If this function was also lost, he would be really mad, and this also means the system has duped him.

"After my previous body's destruction, I could only probe fate to find some lowly treasures at the cost of my host lifespan. However, now that I'm reborn, I not only have the same function, but it is just the part of my first compass point ability!" The treasure spirit truthfully replied in its childish voice.

Ace's eyes shimmered in ecstasy when he heard this, and his heart raced when he found out this was only a function of a single ability.

'It's still incomplete, but it has already such a function, which is only a part of its single ability. What if it was the complete treasure? Won't I be invincible!'

But the next moment he asked with uncertainty, "You said lifespan and fate, what is this about? Do you need my lifespan to use this ability as well?"

"No, the Eternal Master is my true owner, and I'll be destroyed the moment the Eternal Master died, so I would never do anything to harm the Eternal Master. As for Fate, I cannot answer the Eternal Master's question because I'm restricted. I can only tell you I'm a Fate Eternal Provenance Treasure that can change Fate." said the treasure spirit.

Ace's eyes narrowed, although he knew Fate was something that can never be changed, and absolutely fabled concept, it still greatly shocked him that this treasure can change it.

This also explained why this treasure didn't have any attacking or defensive capabilities, but what it had was already far more powerful than anything.

He asked, "Who restricts you?"

"I don't know, but after I awake I have these restrictions placed on me, but they won't harm me in any way, it would just stop me from answering some of your questions which will harm you, or you weren't ready for the answer. These restrictions can only be removed, as the Eternal Master grows stronger and stronger."

Ace cursed the moment he heard this. "Fuck, I know who places those damn restrictions!"

Ace stop talking with the treasure spirit for now and asked sternly, "System, why do you have to restrict the treasure spirit and why don't you want me to know about Fate?"

"[The host is not ready, and it will only hinder the host's path. Some things can only be known with strength, or they might become seeds of calamity, like [Karma]. The system can only say this; the more host knows about Fate, the more Karma you'll incur, and it will strengthen the host's heavenly punishment by many folds, which is not recommended by the system.]"

"Now what the heck is this [Karma]?" Ace's expression was clouded.

But the system didn't reply to him anymore, and he could only sigh in a resigned manner.

"Fine, you win. As for the name of this newborn treasure; now that it will grow with me and change according to the path I walk. Let's name it... [Eternal Thief Fate Compass]."

Ace just suddenly thought of this name, the moment he thought about the system's name and found it quite fitting for the future Eternal Provenance Treasure of a thief.

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[The name has been successfully imprinted on the Eternal Provenance Treasure (Incomplete)]

[Please open status for further details]

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Ace quickly opened the newly emerged 'Eternal Provenance Treasure' on his status panel.

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[Eternal Provenance Treasure]

-Name: Eternal Thief Fate Compass

-Type: Soul (Fate)

-Current Grade: Grade-3 (Upgradable)

[Grade-4 at 4th Soul Cultivation Realm (Red Soul Core)]

-Status: Incomplete (10% Complete)

-Ability: 1

[Next ability(s) unlocked at 20% Treasure Completion]

-Completion Scheme: 1 (Available)

-To reach 20% Completion, Materials Require:

- 1. Soul Gold (9KG): Incomplete**
- 2. Lighting Wyrms Beast Core: Incomplete**
- 3. Illusion Grass (10,000 Years Old): Incomplete**
- 4. Crimson Platinum (1 KG): Incomplete**
- 5. One Eye Devil's Core: Incomplete**
- 6. Time Space Segment: Incomplete**
- 7. Five Hundred Million Soul Points**
- 8. Hundred Million Thief Points**

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Ace's expression turned livid, not to talk about founding those first six materials, he never even heard of their name before.

One had to know in the Basic Myriad Runic Structural Encyclopedia there were millions of materials that could be found in Mortal Sky Heaven, but he didn't see any of these things in it.

In the end, he could only sigh, "I'm being too greedy here. I just gain the Eternal Thief Fate Compass, and now I'm thinking about completing it without even knowing its first ability. Huh, too greedy."

The treasure spirit's voice rang in his mind at this moment filled with respect and gratitude, "Thank you, Eternal Master, for bestowing me this name, I will not disappoint you, and you don't need to worry about those materials I'll be able to sense them as long as they appeared."

Ace cocked an eyebrow as he asked, "You can see this panel in front of me?"

"Yes, I can see everything that you see and this panel in front of you is like my first ability that can only be seen by only you or your Provenance Life Bonded Eternal Provenance Treasures." The treasure spirit replied plainly.

Ace quickly asked, "Your first ability is like this panel? Mean something that can be visualized? Tell me what your ability is?"

The treasure spirit swiftly replied,

"My first compass point ability is called Live Fate Map. Eternal Master can see a Live Fate Map around you without any worry about being detected by anyone.

"But its range is directly connected with your soul sense. This means you can only see things in a 500M radius around you, and it will continue to increase with your soul sense!"