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Chapter 411: Silver Star

Somewhere in the middle region of the shadow mountain range,

"I have no enmity with you, nor did I provoke you? Why do you guys insist on killing me?!" a weak and angry voice pealed from a running demon.

Two burly demons were in this demon's pursuit with a compelling expressions on their faces as they watch the demon escaping like they were watching a helpless mouse.

One of the violent skin demons shouted back with a malevolent smile on his face, "Did a hunter tell its prey why is it killing it?"

Just as his vicious voice faded, the demon who was running for his life wanted to use some life-saving measure and felt his heart palpitate as he wanted to turn around. But before he could, a green arrow appeared right from the left like a wind breeze and penetrate his skull!

He didn't get to see who shot the arrow and died miserably.

A nonchalant, contemptuous voice sounded from a tree nearby, "He was only worth 100 Kill Value. He must be in the top 100,000. That's why he was so weak."

These demons were from the mist domain, and they were hunting the blade domain demons for Kill Value on their heads.

This wasn't the case for just this small group, but these ambushes were happening all over the middle region, and this put blade domain demons at an enormous prejudice.

Ace was currently stalking a resting late-grade-4 demonic beast, Jade Purple Boa, from a hundred meters away from his current position.

This was the first late grade 4 demonic beast he encountered in the middle region, and it was on top of the food chain in the middle region. There weren't many who could threaten its life, and that was why it didn't bother to hide its existence.

'This Jade Purple Boa's skin is as thick as a grade-1 defensive treasure. It would be hard to kill it with one strike without using my heavenly Qi or element sword intent.

'Furthermore, I still didn't know if this wristband can record every detail about the demonic beast I killed. If I killed a late grade-4 demonic beast at the peak of Qi river realm, it could be quite bothersome to explain, and I might draw some undesirable attention...'

Ace mused about the pros and cons of killing this powerful demonic beast if it was ever discovered.

Although he wasn't afraid of his soaring ranking in these few past days since everyone knows just what kind of capability Feng had, but killing a late-grade-4 demonic beast was still too startling, and it could backfire on him if anyone suspected something.

'Forget it, I should just kill it for EXP and store my wristband in my thief's space meanwhile,' Ace decided and was about to spring into action when he suddenly halted.

He suddenly felt ten new soul signatures entering his soul sense range, and they were headed toward Jade Purple Boa's resting place at a fast pace.

Furthermore, Ace felt a strange Qi fluctuation from one person in this group, and his eyes narrowed slightly.

"Moira opened the Live Fate Map." Ace quickly commanded.

He didn't require activating the Live Fate Map on his own anymore, he just needed to do it once, and afterward, Moira can do it for him with just a thought, as long as he had the soul Qi to sustain the ability.

This was one of the many benefits of having an intelligent treasure spirit.

"The Live Fate Map has been activated, Sir Ace." Moira's childish voice rang.

Ace quickly observed the gray map and fully zoomed it out, and his heart jolted with shock when he saw ten fate points.

All the ten fate points were red, which means they were enemies, and they will attack him if they found him.

But what truly shocked Ace was one of the ten red fate points had another circle around it and its color was glittering Silver!

"Moira, are you seeing what I'm seeing?" Ace asked with a hint of ecstasy in his voice.

"Yes, Sir Ace, that silver circle around that red point means this person had something useful for you or something which could be useful for you in the near future, or maybe this person might lead you to this thing. I'm not sure what it is." Moira's voice sounded in affirmation.

Ace knew about the silver color indication, but he never thought he would see it so soon.

Because he knew there weren't many things that could be useful for him because of the system, and anything that fell into the 'useful' category had to be very important in a normal cultivator's view.

Nevertheless, it still made Ace thrilled; he found a silver fate point, and he was now eager to see what it was.

However, he didn't act recklessly because he felt something from this person and that was why he used the Live Fate Map.

Furthermore, just as Moira explained, this person might not have this treasure on him at all and might lead him to it. That was why he won't take action before making sure what he required was on him, not somewhere else.

"Close the map. Let's observe this group first. Since they're moving in a group, and they are my enemies despite their new soul signatures, I don't want to risk exposing myself too soon." Ace commanded and slowly crept deeper into the tree crown while using his heartless stealth and start waiting.

It didn't take long before voices of different footsteps could be heard, and a group of different skin demons appeared in Ace's view.

Ace's eyes directly fell on a white skin demon who looked extremely ordinary, and he was at the very end of this group, quietly following them.

'It's him!' Ace quickly marked this white skin demon and closely monitor his actions.

The leader of this group was a tall bulky yellow skin demon that had a giant axe on his back as they kept moving toward the Jade Skin Boa, unknowingly about its existence.

However, the moment this group entered fifty meters radius of the beast, the white skin demon suddenly roared, "Idiot, there's a late-stage, grade-four demonic beast quickly run!"

But alas, it was too late. Just as the white skin demon's voice petered out, everyone felt a tremendous pressure descend on them before a deadly hiss sounded from the forest.

It didn't take long before a giant head of a snake appeared, and its body size was over a hundred meters. With jade purple color skin and gem-like vicious blue snake eyes were coldly looked at the group like they were merely food!

Everyone's heart palpitated when they felt icy killing intent from those snake eyes.

"B-brother..." The demon with a giant axe on his back stuttered as he looked toward the white skin demon with a pleading expression on his face.

The white skin demon cursed at this moment, "Useless trashes, move to the side!" completely breaking off his disguise as an ordinary henchman.

Every respectfully moved behind the white skin demon.

He coolly looked at the giant boa without any hint of fear and sneered, "You can only blame your bad luck coming in my way!"

The Jade Purple Boa seemed to understand the meaning of white skin demon's words and, infuriated by his unsympathetic gaze and sprang toward the group while opening its giant black maw, clearly wanting to devour the group whole!

The white skin demon remained unfazed and snorted before a gray paper appeared with blue rune symbols engraved on it.

The very next moment, the symbols on the gray paper shimmered and the youth's malicious voice rang, "You should feel honor, dying under the Mist Lance Talisman!"

Theater, a fifty-meter gray lance, suddenly appeared while the talisman completely vanished, and before Jade Purple Boa could react, it was already too late.

The Mist Lance Talisman was already locked and shot toward Jade Purple Boa's opened maw, extinguishing all its defenses and killing it, giving no chance of resistance.

The boa's enormous body fell to the ground, creating a small dust cloud.

The white skin demon spoke at this moment, "Fuck, didn't our scout say there weren't any late stage grade-4 in our way? Now, because of their blunder, I had to use my precious Mist Lance Talisman. Mural, kill those incompetent idiots the moment we saw them!"

"Yes." the demon with a giant axe on his back respectfully replied. He knew if it wasn't for this guy, they would all be dead.

After this minor incident, the group moved again in the same formation, as the white skin demon again took the low-profile position and Mural took the puppet-leader position again.

This time, they also send two scouts ahead, so they won't have to encounter the same dangerous situation again.

Ace saw all the entire event play out and smiled thievishly as he saw the group leaving, 'Heh, this guy is really my Silver Star...'

Without further delay, Ace crept behind the group and followed them!

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After half a day of tailing this group, Ace found nothing peculiar, but remained stoic and kept monitoring them from the shadows.

At this time, another group of five demons with dark brown skin appeared in front of this group.

One demon said, "Brother Mural, we found one of the targeted in Top Hundred Kill List."

Mural's eyes narrowed and said, "What is the name?"

"Sedrick Wild Leaf, Rank 19. He's hiding in a cave ten miles north from here, and he seemed injured." The demon replied.

"What about the five names I gave you? Did you find any of them?" Mural seemed completely unfazed by this Sedrick fellow who had 1500 Value Point on his head.

"No, brother Mural, we aren't able to track those five for now, but other scout parties are still looking for clues. It won't be long before they found one of them." The demon truthfully replied.

Mural nodded before saying coldly, "Which one of you report about the path being cleared before?"

The five of them looked at each other and an awful premonition suddenly rise in their heart, but one of them still replied, "It was old four who scout the passage."

Just as his voice trailed off, Mural abruptly hack his Giant Axe toward the skinny demon, who seemed to be startled by Mural's sudden action and was too late in evading the giant axe before he was hacked in two!

Those other four blink before they quickly draw their weapon and roar, "Bastard, you dare to kill our brother! Die!"

They all attack madly Moral because they were all blood-related and very close to each other, so the fourth brother's abrupt death made them lose their reason.

"Heh, you're knocking on the hell's door yourself." Moral sneered as he swigged his giant axe without much effort and two of the demons were sent flying, and the other two were barely dogged with their weapon, but they were still injured with an enormous impact.

However, the other two escaped the giant axe range and were about to jab Mural with their spears when two from the Mural's group made a sudden move, and the next moment, two heads were rolling on the floor.

"Hmph... I don't need your help!" Mural snorted unhappily.

"Don't waste time!" another burly demon coldly said before he pointed his finger toward two demons who were trying to escape.

Two red beams shot from his finger and penetrate the back of their head, and they fell on the floor there and then, killed, making no sound.

Mural seemed to be afraid of this burly demon and didn't retort again and merely gave an unhappy glance before he looked toward the white skin demon.

He said respectfully, "It seemed those five are deep in the middle region. We should move toward scout team eleven's rendezvoused point. What do you think, Elder Brother?"

The white demon thought for a moment before nodding, "Let's move, then. The faster I complete my mission, the sooner I could go back and all of got your rewards."

The group advanced again.

Ace naturally followed them with a wintry smile on his face, 'This entourage is from the mist domain, and they're playing pig here, and they seemed to come here specifically for some five demons here. Hehe, I should soul probe every one of them and see if they had something I need...'

Within two hours, Ace had already soul probed the nine demons from the mist domain except for the white demon because he wasn't confident doing it without being noticed.

But he got all the important information he needed.

This group of ten weren't ordinary demons, but the nine were top talent of six mist clans of mist demon tribes and the white demon was none other than the second son of Mist Demon King, Prince Santos, who was disgusting himself as a white mist demon!

Furthermore, Santos was not only disgusting himself, but he was also a silver soul river core cultivator who shouldn't be here at all.

This was already announced that no demon with cultivation above the river realm was allowed in the shadow mountain range until the first phase ended. But not only did Santos's presence break this rule, but this was also all planned and orchestrated by none other than Mist Demon King!

Although those nine didn't know why Mist Demon King wanted to merge this two-domain competition and then sneakily sent Santos in, one thing that was clear, this had to do with the five names they were searching for.

Their mission was very simple. They had to attain at least three heads from these five names and handed to the third mist prince, who would take them back, and they would be handsomely rewarded by the Mist Demon King.

Although Santos can handle this matter by himself, he can't reveal his real cultivation if it wasn't absolutely necessary or the soul realm blade envoys who were monitoring the Qi fluctuations in the shadow mountain range with a powerful formation will instantly detect his presence, and it would be over for mist domain.

That was why Santos was carrying some talismans given by his mother because using treasures wasn't forbidden here, which makes it quite easy for Santos to complete his mission and earn huge rewards from the Demon King.

All in all, this whole slaughter and then merging two competitions together were a huge conspiracy of Mist Demon King, and her goal was still unknown.

Ace was completely flabbergasted by the Mist Demon King's schemes and her ruthless means of reaching her goals.

She put millions of lives on the line just to achieve her goal, and this was the true face of the Mist Demon King!

'To send Santos here, she didn't hesitate to take out the most precious legacy treasure of Mist Demon Tribe, Mist Camouflage Mask. It's just like my mask. Not only it can change appearance but also hide cultivation and even demon kings weren't able to detect it.

'How decisive. She should be extremely confident in her plan. That's why she handed it over to Santos. If not for those nine from the same tribe, I didn't know about this mask.

'No wonder I felt two different Qi fluctuations in Santos. My soul sense was constantly picking up soul Qi. That's why I didn't dare to soul probe him. In the end, it was all because of a disguising mask.

'At least I now know my soul sense can also be failed if the disgusting treasure is stronger than it. But if it weren't overly powerful, I can still detect some clues like this time.

'But I had to admit; this Mist Camouflage Mask is really useful for Noa and I can bring her here in the blade domain with no hitch. Is this what that silver fate point indicates?'

Ace thought over it for a while because if acted now, he can easily slaughter this group even with Santos's presence after just pick-pocketing his storage ring.

He really wanted this Mist Camouflage Mist for Noa, but he still hesitated because this mask wasn't useful for him but for Noa and if he killed Santos, then he might not find the veritable treasure that was meant for him.

It would be akin to killing a goose who laid golden eggs.

As for robbing and destroying Mist Demon King's treasures and plans, he didn't care at all because no one would ever know what happened to Santos's group, nor can anyone raise questions.

At least as long as they didn't want the wrathful Lunatic Blade breaking their doors.

'First, I stole Eternal Thief Fate Compass from Mist Demon King's people and now her son is also going to deliver me more treasures and live fate map also indicate toward Mist Domain direction... could it be this compass point really pointed toward the mist domain?'

Ace couldn't help but thought of this point suddenly and thought about going to the mist domain after getting rid of Feng's identity.

However, Feng's identity was very useful, and it would be such a shame to just discard it for a chance that he didn't even know was there or somewhere else.

'I should just focus on what is in front of me for now. Since he's a silver soul river core cultivator, it would be risky to perform a soul probe on him, and killing him right now would be an even more idiotic decision. Let's just follow him around for now and let him keep the treasures for now. In the end, everything is going to be mine...'

In the end, Ace decided to not kill the goose for the eggs and patiently wait.

Santos had no idea his identity had already been exposed, and he was now a portable treasury and treasure indicator for someone else.

The moment he lost his value, it would be the last day of his life...

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In the periphery shadow mountain range, middle region,

Inside a man-mad cave, there was a small pond with crystal clear water and two wizened demons were sitting cross-legged around it.

However, there was a peculiar thing about this pond of water. Right in the center of this water was a golden array disk, glowing with silver symbols and creating a web of thin golden threads at the bottom of the pond.

The wizened demon with pale white skin said at this moment, "I had to say, this Myriad Threads Qi Detection Formation of Blade Demon Tribe is quite powerful to cover such a vast area like the middle region."

The purple skin wizened demon coolly answered, "I appreciate Fourth Misty Killer praise. But this formation is quite cumbersome to arrange and even burn a vast amount of third-grade Qi stones."

Fourth Misty Demon Killer merely chuckled and clearly didn't believe this person's words.

"Ocean Envoy, I never thought we would sit together one day peacefully instead of fighting." He said.

Ocean Blade Envoy's eyes narrowed slightly and said, "If you have something to say, just say it. Please don't beat around the bush."

These two were old enemies because both were sly old foxes, so how could Ocean Blade Envoy didn't know what this guy was up to?

Fourth Misty Demon Killer smiled with a distant glint in his green eyes as he said, "I heard Ocean Envoy's tribe got executed over two and a half months ago because your son ran away... is that true?"

Ocean Blade Envoy was none other than the old ocean demon duke and Livy's father, who was living under the Blade Demon King for many years.

Ocean Blade Envoy was naturally struck the hardest when he heard how the infamous thief appeared in his tribe and steal everything while his son ran away to save his skin.

He was extremely helpless and filled with resentment when the order of his entire tribe's annihilation arrived, and he watched how a thousand-year-old Ocean Demon City burned to ground with its residents.

He was spared because of his status as the Blade Demon King's Blade Envoy and those youngsters who left the city before the tragic event took place, and also because he begged the Blade Demon King to spare those ocean demon youths.

He even made them withdraw from this competition because he knew they might get killed, and he didn't want to lose the ocean demon tribe's remaining bloodline over the demon gate trail.

Now, besides him and those youngsters, there was only his traitorous son left of the ocean demon tribe, and truth be told, he didn't hate Livy for what he did, but he also didn't have any good feelings since his selfish actions destroyed his entire tribe.

He got back a few days ago after grieving for the deceased and then allocated this mission to watch over this array plate with six others, and they all had to pair up with a Misty Demon Killer.

This pairing was done, so any party won't get a chance to create any kind of trouble and just watch over the competition for three months.

It was all arranged by two demon kings.

However, now the Fourth Misty Demon Killer was trying to provoke Ocean Blade Envoy suddenly with a taboo topic. If this was anyone else, they would've flown in a rage.

But the old ocean duke was not provoked, he even smiled with a hint of killing intent and said viciously, "I also heard your eighth son was sleeping with your three concubines, and he even impregnated one of them and that's why you kill them. But the public knows the completely opposite story. Why is that?"

Fourth Misty Demon Killer's expression turned nasty when the biggest shame of his life which he wanted to hide from the world revealed by the old ocean duke.

'Curse you, All-Knowing Parrot!' Fourth Misty Demon Killer blamed the only person who could've known and leaked the information.

He wanted to taunt Ocean Blade Envoy for his motives, but the other party turn the tables on him while maintaining his calm, which showed just how patient this old demon was.

"I told you, just come clean with me. If you want to play word games, you're not a match with this old man. I had watched my entire tribe getting killed. Do you think these meager taunts will affect me anymore?" Old Ocean Duke smiled coldly.

Fourth Misty Demon Killer's calm expression returned, and he only sighed, "No wonder you are in charge of blade domain business and logistics. Let's not beat around the bush anymore. I want Rising Sword Earl's head, and I don't want anyone to find out about it!"

Old Ocean Duke's eyes narrowed into slits as he coldly uttered, "What are you after? Do you think I would remain ideal while you killed a promising youth of Blade Domain?"

Fourth Misty Demon Killer smiled coldly, "Now who's talking in roundabout ways? Do you think we don't know how much you hate Feng Demon Sword and his tribe?"

"Because of your tribe's destruction, Demon Sword got promoted because of the former head elder Clay who had a very good relation with Feng, and do you believe he would let the remanent ocean demon tribe live peacefully after passing the demon gate trail?"

He smiled viciously and continued, "Your tribe had tormented their tribe for generations, and do you think they would let your tribe off this easily? Heh, that little brat is extremely cunning, and he misled many for lord's known how many years, and he's now 2nd rank in the ranking. We could only imagine his prowess.

"Do you really not want to get rid of this future trouble? You just had to look the other way, and I'll do it for you. All I'm asking is for you to keep this between us, and no one would ever know."

Fourth Misty Demon Killer was very confident in swaying the ocean demon envoy and getting the chance to take his head himself and then hand it to the second prince.

The Misty Demon Killers all know about Second Prince's presence in the competition and why he was here, and about the five-names kill list.

They were all allowed to do anything to complete this mission if they can, or they can just leave it to the second prince since he could complete it, eventually.

But completing it sooner and letting the second prince escape earlier would only decrease the chances of Blade Envoys finding out about this.

That was why the Fourth Misty Demon Killer wanted to take advantage of the hatred between Feng and Ocean Blade Envoy and took his head, which was on that five-name kill list!

However, Ocean Demon Envoy's next words completely gobsmacked him.

The wizened face old demon said with a deep sigh, "Even if you offered me the entire mist domain, I won't betray his majesty's trust. As for completely destroying my tribe, do you think your words are more assured than His Majesty's?"

"If you make any kind of strange move, I'll immediately send the distress signal with this array. Now shut up and do your work or scam for this old man!"

Santos's group was currently meeting with another group of scouts at this moment.

"We found one of the people in that name list." One scout said.

Mural's eyes gleamed with excitement. "Who and where?"

The scout coldly chuckled, "Young Master Mural, it isn't I don't want to tell you, it's just that we want our promised reward first. It's a fair trade, after all."

Mural's expression clouded and coldly looked at the lavender skin demon group. He coldly threw a storage ring toward the demon and said, "Speak, and if your information wasn't accurate, you can forget about your Dark Wood Demon Tribe as well."

The scout merely chuckled as he probed the storage ring first, completely unfazed by Mural's threat.

After checking the contents of the storage ring and being satisfied with the reward, he revealed,

"It's Alora Wild Yisrael, but she wasn't alone. She's with Carlee Wild Violent, and it seemed both of them are searching for something these days, and they were moving toward the Core Region.

"One of our brothers is currently following them while leaving markers for us. We'll be able to catch up with them in three days. What do junior masters think of this?"

Mural glanced at the white demon and when he saw the look, he quickly uttered, "Fine, let's go. The faster we found them, the sooner we'll be moving on to other targets."

They all left the area without even knowing something closely, listened to them, and followed them from the shadows.

Ace was coolly following them with this heartless stealth active and mused,

'Alora Wild Yisrael and Carlee Wild Violent, both of them from wild tribes and Alora had a significant background while Carlee's from a subordinate tribe of the Yisrael Tribe.

'Moving together isn't a big deal, but what are they searching for? This is becoming more interesting!'

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Chapter 414: Everyone Arrives

Four days later,

Two voluptuous demonesses were standing at the edge of a swamp.

The red demoness had smooth skin with a buxom figure. She was 2.2-meter-tall, and she wore completely, revealing her every curve.

She had an oval face with a small thin nose and rosy lips, a pair of black eyes and black long silky hair, and a pair of back long horns giving her a bewitching look, she was Alora Yisrael from Dark Fire Yisrael Clan of Yisrael Demon Tribe.

Standing next to Alora was another beauty with a plump figure, violent blue smooth skin, sky-blue eyes, and long hair. She was 2.3 meters tall wearing a light blue chest armor completely revealing her masculine stomach and tight pant.

She was Carlee Violent from Sky Violent Demon Clan and also Alora's loyal follower.

These two were more like close friends than superior and subordinate, and Alora even treated her as a close sister. That was why she always brought her whenever she goes, and Carlee followed her with no question.

Both of them were here on the conquest of searching for the fire-type demonic core of an extraordinary river core demonic beast, and this lead them here to this swamp.

Alora said with a gloomy expression on her gorges face, "I'm sensing powerful fire Qi fluctuations deeper within his swamp. But if this really is that beast, then it would be extremely dangerous to move into this swamp. What do you think?"

Carlee had the same opinion as Alora and said with uncertainty, "There aren't many fire-type beasts who lived in swamps, and each one of them is extremely toxic."

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But the next moment a resolute glint flashed past her eyes, "But this is also whether young lady wants to complete her secret skill or not, I'll follow you anywhere, even if it's mean hell!"

Alora's alluring lips curled upward into a gorgeous smile as she said, "If we pull this off, I'll help you pass the demon gate trail with everything I had!"

Carlee seemed touched by Alora's heartfelt words and nodded with slightly misty eyes.

Alora's smile widen and said, "I don't think we need to go in the swamp. If this is a fire-type demonic beast, then it won't resist this..."

Just as her melodious voice trailed off, a crimson apple appeared in her hand with a strange red pattern on it. The moment this apple appeared, a very rich sweet aroma filled the air, making even Carlee gulp.

Alora teased, seeing Carlee's silly expression. "Hehe, you can't eat it unless you want to disintegrate. This is a Lava Core Apple, a high-grade-5 fire type Qi-Fruit and only someone with extremely high attainment in fire element can consume it.

"Even I can't consume it without entering the Qi soul realm. I only borrow it from my mother without letting my father find out, or he would never let me take it. Only three Lava Core Apples are remaining in our clan, so this is quite precious, so I have to safely return it if I didn't find the fire demonic core.

"Nonetheless, this Lava Core Apple is extremely entrancing to fire-type demonic beasts as well. No matter if it's a Martial demonic beast or Soul demon beast, they can't resist this Qi fruit's temptation because it had a direct effect on fire-type demonic beast's bloodline!"

Carlee was astonished when she heard the true value of the Lava Core Apple and became even more assured about their ability to find the demonic beast with the fire core.

"You hold this Lava Core Apple and stand here while I arrange the array plates and hide. We can't let this beast escape once it appeared." Alora's eyes turned sharp as she sprang into action.

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Carlee didn't mind being the bait and does as she was told, asking no questions. She had complete trust in Alora and wasn't afraid she would betray her, not after giving her this precious Lava Core Apple, which was extremely hot to touch.

Unbeknownst to both beauties, their every action was being monitored by an ebony color demon fifty meters away from their position and after hearing their conversation, greed shone in his dark brown eyes.

'If there is a demonic beast with a beast core here, we can exchange it for huge cultivation resources from mist domain and even auction it in the upcoming auction.

'I have to disclose it to big brother or those mist tribe scions will snatch this demonic beast from us... but what if I leave, and they acquired the demonic core and leave? I won't have a chance to ambush them, and I'm not strong enough to overpower those two women alone...'

Just as this ebony demon was in a huge dilemma, he felt something and a dark diamond with white symbols appeared in his hand and all the symbols were shimmering at this moment.

'Fuck... there's already here!' he cursed before gritting his teeth and left toward the other direction after making sure Alora was still busing with the setting array.

Five hundred meters away from the swamp, a group of demons appeared and one of the ebony demons in that group was holding the same dark diamond, with white runes, as the other ebony demon.

"Dom is here somewhere. Since his reactor is active, then he might be on his way here. Look, it's becoming brighter... he's coming!" the dark Wood demon said to Mural.

They had followed the markers left behind by Dom for four days and finally reached this place where his Diamond Trace Reactor reacted to its other half of the pair.

These diamond trace reactors were the easiest way to find someone, but their range was very limited, and they had to be active with peak Qi stones all the time.

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Nevertheless, they were the best thing to find each other or even tracked enemies' movements if you snuck one of these into their rides or clothing.

Thereupon, the ebony demon appeared and jumped from the tree, and greeted everyone with an ambiguous expression in his eyes, "Brothers and Young Masters!"

The dark wood demon said with a smile, "Where's the target?"

Dom pulled an embarrassing expression and said, "I lost them two days ago because of a small tide of Bronze Monkeys..."

Everyone's expression changed, especially Santos's group, and only Santos's eyes narrowed slightly.

Mural barked with an ugly expression on his face. "What do you mean, you lose them?! You can't even avoid a group of monkeys? Are you guys playing with us?!"

Although Mural was enraged, he knew the tide of demonic beasts who lived in colonies was quite difficult to handle, especially cunning and agile Bronze Monkeys.

Those beasts were very difficult to deal with, and it wasn't news if Dom become occupied with them and those two demonesses escaped his view.

But this still pissed Mural off because this was the first person they found on the five-name kill list, and they missed the chance after coming so close to it... this was truly frustrating.

However, at this moment, before anyone could inquire further, Santos's aggravating voice rang filled with killing intent, "I have enough of you five slaves, tricks. Rashad, open up the Dark Barrier!"

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The burly demon with dark gray skin instantly reacted, and black rune symbols shimmered from his chest plate of his metallic armor before a ten cubic meters dark barrier appeared around everyone, closing all the escape routes.

Everyone in the scout group's heart trembled when they saw all the routes were closed off with this ordinary-looking demon's command.

"You, what..." Dom's expression turn nasty, but before he could utter another word, Santos' murderous voice cut him short, "Kill everyone, expect this trash..."

Rashad smiled coldly before needle-like red beams manifested in thin air and shot toward everyone in the scout group except Dom.

Those dark wood demons perform some skills and even took out some defensive treasure to block those red beams, but they soon found out it was all useless because those red beams passed through their defenses, completely ignoring them and penetrating their skulls!

They were all dead in an instant.

Dom's legs went limp seeing his associate die without being able to put any kind of resistance and felt his heart grow colder and colder.

At this moment an icy voice rang which spelled a ticket straight to hell for Dom, "Torture him, since he dared to lie in front of me, he had to be punished. But don't kill him, or we won't be able to find out what gives this slave the guts to lie!"

Half an hour later, the dark barrier finally vanished and only Santos's group of ten appeared. The group beneath them was filled with blood and gore.

Santos had an ecstatic smile on his face with a hint of disbelief, "I never thought there's a beast with demonic core here, and I would be stumbled upon it by just following Majesty-Mother's mission. Hehe, my luck is really great. This will be my extra reward for my effort!"

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Chapter 415: A Demonic Soul Beast!

Ace naturally saw and heard everything with his heavenly sense, and he was even more glad that he didn't take impulsive actions and left Santos alone.

Because Santos led him to this place where a very rare demonic beast lived with a demonic core. But he frowned a little thereupon.

'Although, this fire demonic core can be used for creating the Tier-6 Soul Blast Heavenly Talisman. So, does this mean the silver color fate point was referring to this demonic core?' Ace mused, still unconvinced.

"Moira, what do you think?" Ace asked Moira since she was the brain of the Eternal Thief Fate Compass.

Moira replied ambiguously, "I don't know, since I can't completely evaluate the hidden opportunity on his silver fate point. But I'm sure this wasn't limited to some beast cores.

"The fate points and fate locations that indicate a treasure or favorable location to Sir Ace are divided into three colors and three shades of these colors; Silver (Light, Bright, Glittering), Golden (Light, Bright, Glittering), Amber (Light, Bright, Glittering), respectively.

"Since this demon had Glittering Silver-point, this means the opportunity or treasures have to be at least something more precious than a beast core. Sir Ace should wait and also observe the Fate Live Map.

"If this demon's purpose was really to lead you to a location, then the Live Fate Map might also undergo a chance. Fate is the most mysterious thing between heaven and earth, and it can be changed at any time with simple actions or some variables... I can only say this much. Please be careful."

Ace's eyes narrowed slightly. There was some kind of warning and a hint in Moira's last words, "Fate can be changed by actions or variables? What do mean?"

Moira's helpless voice sounded, "Apologies, but I can't answer your question."

Ace was perplexed because he knew why Moira can't answer, and he also noticed long ago that Moira never mentioned the system even once. He found it strange but never asked because he knew the system had restricted her, so if it didn't want Moira to talk about it, she can naturally do nothing.

'Sigh...' Ace merely sighed helplessly and didn't make things difficult for Moira, since she never refused his question and always answer him as long as she can, unlike a certain something!

'Fate can be changed by simple action or variables... and I have to be careful. What did it mean? She even told me to observe the Live Fate Map. Could it be there's some kind of connection, or I'm just thinking too much about it?' Ace couldn't help but become alert.

He had already got a warning from the system that messing with fate can draw heavenly punishment and even make his next realm crossing heavenly punishment more powerful.

As for how he didn't know, but he knew it was related to his half-complete eternal provenance treasure.

'Well, since the system didn't warn me or limited my use of Live Fate Compass, it means there's no problem to use the Live Fate Map. I hope so...' Ace thought before again focusing on the group.

Right now, they were sneakily creepy toward Alora and Carlee's position, making no sound.

Santos had already planned to observe and, at the last minute, made his move and win it all.

Ace had also activated the Live Fate Map and observed it as Moira recommended, but he didn't see any change. Santos was still shining in a glittering silver circle.

On the other side,

Alora had already set up her array, and she was ready to act as long as the beast appeared while Carlee was standing right in the center of the array, holding the aromatic lave core apple, clearly didn't mind being the bait.

The Lave Core Apple truly didn't disappoint Alora as, within an hour, half of the swamp was covered with its sweet aroma.

Even Santos's group couldn't help but eyed the crimson apple in Carlee's hand, and Santos had already got it, even if the demonic beast with the demonic core didn't appear.

Another two-hour passed and everyone was waiting for their opportunity.

'Blrrr...'

At this moment, a strange sound rang in the silent vicinity, drawing everyone's attention toward the dark swamp surface, there were bubbles were rising on the calm surface while the swamp dark water became restless as if something was rising from deep within toward the surface.

It also clarified that this dark swamp was extremely deep.

Everyone held their breath as they looked at the rippling dark water with anticipation, greed, and trepidation...

They also didn't have to wait for long before two big dark gray eyes rise from the and a long-narrowed jaw.

This beast's eyes weren't like other demonic beasts, they were filled with vigilance as it coldly looked toward Carlee a hundred meters away from it and then its eyes landed on the crimson apple in her hand, and they turned into slits and shimmered with desire.

However, it didn't lunge toward the crimson apple nor did it show its entire body, but an invisible force suddenly gushed out from the water and enveloped a 150-meter radius area.

Carlee's expression changed as she shouted, "Not good, this beast might be at the peak of Platinum River Core Realm, and it might be a soul-type demonic beast. We're in trouble!"

Alora's expression also turned a bit ugly, although they had found a beast who had formed a demonic core. Not only was it at the peak of the river core realm, but it was also a soul beast, not a martial beast!

This greatly decreased her chances of killing it because they aren't a match for a soul beast at the peak of the platinum river core realm with no soul protective treasures.

However, Alora knew if she missed this chance, she might not get a second chance again, and she won't be able to complete her secret skill.

The soul beast seemed to sense Alora's presence as well, and it also glanced in another direction where Santos' group was hiding, 100M away from it.

Santos's heart palpitated when he felt the soul beast's gaze. 'This is bad, this thing is not ordinary. It can even detect me. Now I understand how it managed to grow until now without alarming anyone. Should I withdraw, or should I kill it?

'Its demonic soul core would be far more precious than a normal one if I slay it. But I need to reveal my cultivation, and this would alert those damn fellows. However, since this is a beast releasing beastly Qi, they can't move against it as well.

'If I use my talismans, I should be able to gravely injure it since, but they are for emergencies and I can't mess up Majesty Mother's mission, or I'll be punished...'

Santos suddenly fell into a huge dilemma after sensing the risk of hunting this soul beast, and he can't mess up his mission for personal selfishness, so he decided to observe what Alora would do before fleeing or taking advantage of the situation.

The soul beast's eyes shimmered in disdain when it found there wasn't anything dangerous around it and there were only insects who were hiding, so it made it move and drove toward Carlee as the soul sense became even more powerful.

But this beast didn't lose its vigilance, and if it sensed anything amiss, it would run. It had been living in hiding and avoiding dangers all its life, and it knew there were stronger beings here. That was how it could grow to this degree.

"Run backward!" Alora's resolute voice sounded from her hiding spot. She had decided to gamble it all!

Those words were music to Carlee's ears, and she dashed in the same direction as instructed, and she heard water splashing from behind.

The beast's enormous body finally appeared in everyone's view. It was an eight-meter-long, black scale crocodile with red strips on its limbs and a red scale tail.

Ace looked at this beast and his eye narrowed, 'Blazing Soul Crocodile, this is a troublesome beast to deal with even. With its soul attacks and hard body and agile tail, even if I were to go all out to fight it, I can still only run!'

Blazing Soul Crocodile suddenly opened its huge narrow jaw and rows of sharp pointy fangs appeared, and it roared toward Carlee, who was fleeing for her life.

That roar made everyone's soul shake with a hot piercing soul Qi and six people from Santos' group puke blood from that fire-type soul attack. While the others were only the slightest better, but still took damage and their faces turned pale with fear.

"Elder Brother, I think we should leave. That thing is not something we can hunt without revealing ourselves." Rashad said with a pale expression.

They finally understood just how wrong they were when they thought of killing that beast.

Santos coldly looked at every hand rebuked.

"Are you an idiot? If we leave, the girl would surely be killed and become that beast's snack, and it'll be one less head for us. Let me observe and see if that Blazing Soul Crocodile would return after acquiring that apple, or we can just... give up!"

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Chapter 416: Fight with Demonic Soul Beast

Alora and Carlee were the most effective from this soul attack because they were the closest, and Carlee even screamed while clutching her head as blood was gushing out of her orifices.

Alora somehow gets a grip of her sanity while biting her tongue, and she madly poured all her Qi into the runic white cube in her hand.

The very next moment thereafter, a barrier started to appear around the Blazing Soul Crocodile and quickly enveloped it. The soul force was also greatly reduced with this barrier, and Carlee fell unconscious on the spot the moment she was relieved from the fiery soul Qi of Blazing Soul Crocodile.

Alora didn't delay as she rushed toward the unconscious Carlee to save her. She had already greatly helped her by luring the Blazing Soul Crocodile into the trap array's center and receiving the biggest outburst of that soul attack.

The trapping array was a high-grade three barriers that can even hold a first minor stage golden soul realm cultivator at bay for half an hour.

However, they were dealing with a platinum river soul core Blazing Soul Crocodile right now that can kill golden soul realm experts on advanced stages, so how could this array hold it?

'Baammm...'

Alora heard a huge crashing sound from behind and her heart turn cold because the cube in her hand which was also the array-eye cracked, and she twisted her head and saw the barrier was also cracking under the barging of Blazing Soul Crocodile tail swings which were glowing with transparent red soul Qi.

"You can't escape!" Alora wailed and the next moment a blue paper talisman appeared in her, and she released it toward the Blazing Soul Crocodile, and it instantly turned into a blue streak.

Thereafter, a five-meter-long blue sword projection appeared and slashed toward Blazing Soul Crocodile's head, and its power was as strong as a sixth intermediate stage diamond Qi soul cultivator attack.

Blazing Soul Crocodile also seemed to sense the danger from this sword slash, and a transparent red barrier appeared around its body before it opened its jaw and spat a red streak toward the incoming Qi slash.

A gigantic explosion sounded as the barrier also completely shattered and a dirt cloud rise, making everyone clueless about the result of the conclusion.

However, Alora's expression turned nasty, as if she sensed something and gnashed her teeth before another two blue paper talismans appeared in her hand and she released them toward the dirt screen with no hesitation.

'Roar...'

An enraged roar rang in the vicinity again, with the blazing soul Qi mixed within. Blazing Soul Crocodile was still fine but efficiently pissed off because of the last attack.

Two more blue sword slashes materialized and hacked toward the Blazing Soul Crocodile and with extremely icy eyes, this time the Blazing Soul Crocodile sway its red soul Qi-covered tail toward the incoming attack.

However, something completely unexpected happened two more gray streaks appeared from the other side of the dark swamp, and the very next moment thereafter, two fifty-meter gray lances materialized and shot toward Blazing Soul Crocodile's smooth stomach, which was its soft area, and it was completely revealed at this moment.

This was a perfect sneak attack.

The Blazing Soul Crocodile sensed the incoming grave attack whose power wasn't any low than the two sword slashes, but the former damage was too grave to be scoffed off, so it instantly gave on the two sword slashes and black the lances attack!

The two blue slashes landed on its head, breaking off the soul barrier, and two deep wounds appeared on its upper long jaw and even damaged its one eye, which made it roar in pain and fury.

Alora's eyes narrowed when she saw the abrupt appearance of two lance-type talismans, and she quickly knew someone was hiding and wanted to fish in troubled waters.

But it seemed they knew if they miss this chance and let the Blazing Soul Crocodile deal with her first, it would be impossible to fight it alone without suffering loss. That was why they attack when the beast revealed an opening.

It was indeed the case, just as Alora predicted. Santos couldn't just let such an opportunity go by to injure the Blazing Soul Crocodile and used two more Mist Lance Talismans.

However, this also means Alora was now alerted of his presence, and she can run if she deemed this situation completely disadvantageous to her.

Alora just does the thing and after picking Carlee up, she wanted to leave the area because she knew someone who could use two such talismans can't be less strong than her or her background and she wasn't blinded by the fire beast core.

Her life was more important, and she could always look for this person as long as she investigated if the Blazing Soul Crocodile was dead or alive.

However, Santos's cold voice sounded, "Since I reveal myself, do you think I would let anyone out of here, so they could come and bite me afterward? Naïve...!"

The very next moment, a dark barrier emerged from the south of the dark swamp and enveloped the area toward Blazing Soul Crocodile at a quick pace.

Alora's expression changed because she could tell this barrier was far stronger than her small array barrier and if she was trapped in it, she won't be able to escape, so she used her movement skill to run as fast as she could since this barrier had been a limited range of area which it can envelop.

However, she again overestimated this barrier and, even with her movement skill, it quickly reached her and engulfed her. If she wasn't holding Carlee, she might've escaped, but now she fell into this cage.

But she didn't just give up, and a wipe appeared in her hand, while crimson Qi suddenly gushed out of the red wipe and start rising like thick smoke.

The very next moment, she uttered, "Spirited Fire-Snake; Plunge!"

At this moment, her red wipe came alive and turned into a huge snake projection, and she attack the barrier with this strange skill. The snake projection appeared as it opened its jaws and met with the barrier head-on!

The barrier completely shocked for a moment, but alas, even this powerful skill wasn't enough to poke a hole in it.

Santos's astonished voice sounded at this moment, "That was an incomplete secret skill, right? Why don't you help me deal with this big lizard, and I might let you leave?"

Alora's heart grew colder and colder when she heard that voice which easily distinguish her secret skill and this barrier also completely lock down the area.

At this moment, the Blazing Soul Crocodile's soul-piercing cry rang as if it suddenly fell into a frenzy and glowed in crimson, drawing everyone's attention.

"Heh, no matter how intelligent you are in the end you're just a beast and didn't know there are other ways to fight besides high cultivation... everyone in Triangle Killing Formation let's deal with this beast first, it had lost its rationality, I'll protect you from its soul suppression!" Santos quickly gave the command to nine others as they all appeared from their hiding spot.

Santos had a dark formation plate in his hand which was the formation eye of this barrier, and it was a low-grade-4 formation that can be used to trap and as a shield. This was his trump card to trap all the five targets once they appeared.

He never thought he would use it to entrap a participant and a soul beast. But he just couldn't let this golden opportunity go. A soul beast's core was just too tempting even for someone like him, and he can exchange it with many things from Life Demon Association.

The nine of them quickly surrounded Blazing Soul Crocodile from the sides and started to attack it in a pattern as they practice it many times, while Santos was using his soul sense to protect them from soul suppression of this Blazing Soul Crocodile.

Although he can't use his soul Qi or cultivation, he can use his soul sense as long as he didn't perform a soul attack with it.

Alora was amazed seeing how Blazing Soul Crocodile turn like another mindless demonic beast after getting injured once and now those ten demons were toying with it.

'It probably never suffered any injuries in its life and fell into a frenzy after being played by that guy. But this also means I'm trapped here, and they seemed to have ulterior motives, and their teamwork is flawless. Just who are they and why did I feel this deadly feeling from that white demon?'

Alora was very sharp and quickly sprang into action while the others were still busy. She attacked the barrier again, so she could leave the area as quickly as possible.

However, at this moment, Santos's panicked voice rang.

"Not good, it's about to release its ultimate soul attack with everything it had!"

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Chapter 417: Changes in Live Fate Map

Ace was scrutinizing everything and also monitoring the Live Fate Map.

But nothing changed as Santos remain the glittering silver point, but he kept his calm.

Santos's panicked voice fell in his ears at this moment, "Not good, it's about to release its ultimate soul attack with everything it had!"

Ace's eyes contracted because he felt the powerful soul Qi undulation from the Blazing Soul Crocodile, but he didn't take any action and used his soul barrier to fortify his soul defense.

After reaching the middle stage of mastery over it, he knew he could take this soul attack, which wasn't locked on him.

The very next moment, a transparent red shock wave was released from the Blazing Soul Crocodile, and the group of nine mist tribe demons took the massive damage because they were closest to it.

Their protective Qi barrier instantly shattered as they were sent flying like broker leaves in wind and Santos also suffered a huge impact, instantly coughing a huge amount of blood, making a small puddle.

Alora also wasn't spare despite being two hundred meters away from the fight, and she also protected the unconscious Carlee, but the impact was too great, and she also felt unconscious as blood trickled from the corner of her mouth.

Only listless Blazing Soul Crocodile and Santos remain standing.

The Blazing Soul Crocodile's rationality had returned after using its ultimate soul attack, and it slowly started to retreat toward the dark swamp without finishing its fight. It has many injuries all over its body and almost exhausted its soul Qi, so it wanted to retreat and recover.

"You wanted to run? Not happening!" Santos gritted his teeth. He knew this was his only chance to kill this tenacious beast, or all of his losses would be for nothing.

He took out another Mist Lance Talisman and was about to activate it when something strange happened.

Before the Blazing Soul Crocodile could counterattack or escape, the light from its eyes suddenly vanished... it was dead!

This sudden turn of events completely bewildered Santos and thought this beast was playing some kind of trick on him, but he also sensed no more soul Qi fluctuations from it anymore, which mean it was dead.

"But how?" He mumbled in disbelief.

On Ace's hidden spot, he instantly received a system notification.

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[Killed a Platinum Soul River Core Stage, Soul Beast]

[Reward: Please retract the Soul-Beast Core for SP]

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It was indeed Ace who finished the Blazing Soul Crocodile off with his soul-piercing bullet.

How could he let free soul points go in front of his eyes?

Furthermore, the beast would've died by Santos's hand anyway, so he sneaked to attack the already exhausted Blazing Soul Crocodile, which failed to defend against Ace's soul attack in its exhausted state and died miserably.

However, this system's notification gave Ace another surprise, and he couldn't help but said, "What? Do you mean I need the beast core for EXP or SP? Doesn't this mean even if I don't give the killing blow, as long as I gained the beast core of martial or soul-type beasts, I can gain EXP and SP?"

He never killed a demonic beast with the beast core, so this naturally came as a surprise to him. If this was the case, as he said, then this had many advantages, and he would get another source to acquire EXP or SP.

System answered him impassively.

"[Yes, a Martial Beast or Soul-Beast differs from a mindless Demonic Beast since it had a beast core and that beast core is like any other medicinal herb. As long as the host had a beast core of sufficient levels, they can be turned into either Soul Points or Experience Points, without the host needing to perform the killing blow.]"

Ace's eyes shone with elation. 'Martial beast and Soul beasts, huh? So, they fall into different categories. But didn't this mean every beast on the Beast Continent is a martial beast or soul beast? Then why are they in fifth place? Whatever, I should just focus on...'

Ace's trails of thoughts abruptly came to a halt when his eyes suddenly fell on the Live Fate Map and dilated with shock!

'How is this...'

On the Live Fate Map, not only did Santos's fate point lose its glittering color, but a glittering silver area had flashed in the dark swamp direction!

"Moira, what just happened?" He quickly asked Moira.

Moira explained ambiguously, with a hint of elation. "It seemed the demon with silver fate point had served his purpose, and that soul beast's death had revealed this glittering silver area. We can assume this demon was supposed to kill this beast and leave this area, with no investigating the space and gaining the treasure.

"But since Sir Ace was following the Fate Live Map, the glittering silver area was revealed. This is probably the chance Sir Ace has been waiting for, and this demon had served his purpose perfectly. Congratulations, Sir Ace, it seemed your patience and hard work had paid off."

Ace couldn't help but smile in rapture. He had also had the same theory in mind, 'So, this is how this Live Fate Map works. Since this guy had served his purpose, I should reward him...'

Ace's eyes turned cold as he vanished from his hiding spot.

Santos was still filled with confusion about Blazing Soul Crocodile's sudden death, but couldn't come out with any proper explanation.

"No one can enter or leave this barrier without being at the peak of the soul realm, nor they can enter it. But I don't think anyone will be daring enough to come here now or those old guys wouldn't sit around silently, which means its death might be natural."

Just as his voice trailed off, a jeering voice sounded, which frightened him.

"Hehe, as expected of Second Prince Santos, but the death wasn't natural at all..."

Santos yelped in shock before he turned around and saw an ordinary bronze skin demon coldly smiling at him from 15 meters away.

'How did he appear behind me? No... how did he remain in this barrier without being effective by Blazing Soul Crocodile's soul attack or both of our detection? I can only feel peak river realm aura on him... no, something is not right... he even knows who I am!'

Santos felt a deathly cold sensation, and he instantly wanted to take out his life-saving treasure and flee without revealing his cultivation.

But he was shocked when his storage ring didn't react to his will at all, and the Mist Lance Talisman had also vanished from his hand!

He instinctively looked at his ring finger, and it was when he gave the biggest shock of his life because his ring finger was replaced by an imprint of an owl!

An astonishing name appeared in his mind and when he looked toward the demon with absolute horror, he found out the demon had vanished!

At this moment, an innuendo voice rang a few inches away from his ear. "Now, now, we can't let you cause too much commotion or alert those old men. Won't you agree?"

This was also the last sentence he heard in his life because the very next moment a green sharp light flashed past Santos's neck from behind and the last thing he saw was his own body and the same demon smiling at him with a bloody sword in his hand before everything turned dark!

This also marked the tragic death of the second prince of the Mist Domain!

Ace didn't want to give Santos any chances of retaliation at all, especially since he didn't want him to release his cultivation, or things might've turned unpleasant for him soon. He didn't want any interference before he explored the glittering silver area.

That was why he first startled Santos before quickly finishing him, and it was only getting easier after his fight with Blazing Soul Crocodile.

Two successive notifications rang at this moment.

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[Pick Pocket succeed]

[Host steal]

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[Reward(s)]

-Rewards: 73,400 Thief Points

[Thief Point(s): 13,653,400]

[Killed a Silver Soul River Core Stage, Mist Demon]

[Reward: 5,000 SP]

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

[EXP: 76,845/1,000,000]

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

[SP: 29,575/1,000,000]

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Without further delay, he pick-pocketed and then killed the nine mist demons while they were still unconscious, without any mercy.

They were here to hunt him down as well and leaving them alive would bring trouble if they report this soul beast's presence to Mist Demon King, she will defiantly investigate it and when she found the soul beast was gone, she would naturally suspect someone had killed both Santos and soul beast.

This would not be good for Ace because he knew many unknown things can reveal many clues if just from the corpse or locations of death.

But now no one would ever know the exact place where the second prince died or how they died, and it would take a long time to find any trace of them in this vast forest, or they can simply think they died under some demonic beast.

Besides, no one from the mist domain would dare to openly search or release this news, unless they want to reveal their schemes!

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Chapter 418: Glittering Silver Fate Location

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[Quick Report of Thieveries]

[Successful Pick Pocket Count: 9]

[Total Rewards: 132,000 Thief Points]

[Thief Point(s): 13,785,400]

[Killed Nine Complete Qi River Stage, Mist Demons]

[Total Rewards: 900 EXP]

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

[EXP: 77,745/1,000,000]

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

[SP: 29,575/1,000,000]

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Ace merely glanced at the notification and turn his focus toward unconscious demonesses with killing intent at the edge of this barrier set by Santos.

"I should finish..."

However, before Ace could move and end Alora and Carlee's life and end this matter for good, his eyes contracted in shock when an astonishing change occurred on the Live Fate Map!

Because of Moira's advice, he kept the map open despite the huge amount of soul Qi exhaustion, and after the Silver Location appeared he thought it was over, but he still decided to hold it for a while until he finished Santos off and others to see if something others occurred in the map.

Although he didn't have any high expectations, he never thought the change would arise and this big at that...

In the Live Fate Map, Ace saw Alora's red point start to change, and another ring started to form around her fate point, and it was Light Golden!

'Fate can be changed by a simple action or variables...' Ace suddenly thought about this phrase again, and he trembled slightly with a frigid chill.

"Moira, I think I understood something. Tell me if I'm wrong... If I haven't interfered right now and killed Santos and his group, those two women were supposed to die, right?"

Moira replied, "Yes, that demon's purpose was to kill one of them in the first place. However, since sir Ace interrupted and killed this demon before he could kill her, it was akin to changing her entire fate."

Ace closed his eyes and took a deep breath and calm himself down. It was like he had grasped something, but only for a moment, but he wasn't brooding over it.

He continued with his eyes closed, "I wasn't supposed to be here and Santos was supposed to get out of here alive, while she was supposed to have died by his hand. However, now, because I killed Santos, she escaped her impending death from Santos's hand.

"Her entire Fate changed with my single action, and I'm a variable that took this action. Now she had turned into a golden fate point as a result. Since this golden point wasn't present before, this means she's also supposed to lead me somewhere like this guy.

"Although, I still didn't understand how this all works and how can this will change other things. But this is a huge windfall for me nevertheless, and now I can't kill her, or I would shoot my foot. But I didn't think it will be too easy, like the silver point. Am I right or wrong?"

Moira replied uncertainly, "Yes, a Silver Point and a Golden Point differ greatly from each other, and she's a guiding point like the demon. I don't think she would reach that golden destination anytime soon.

"Unless someone or something interferes and makes her reach there faster, which is almost impossible. But one thing is clear, as long as sir Ace remains imperturbable, she will guide you in that place eventually or someone might kill her before she served her purpose and this opportunity will also be completely erased."

Ace's eyes narrowed. "Just like I killed Santos and changed her fate. If someone killed her before reaching that golden destination, it would completely vanish, right?"

"Yes, variables can appear at any moment without any warning, but these kinds of variables are too rare and only sir Ace had the means to create these variables because of me," Moira said in affirmation.

Ace's lips curved upward in a content smile, "You know what, I'm truly glad I found you and make you my eternal provenance life soul treasure, or I won't get such an astonishing ability that can literally give me the power to mess with this fable fate."

"I am flattered." Moira's voice rang in jubilation.

Ace chuckled and looked toward the unconscious Alora with a sly smirk on his face and thought, 'Well, I don't think it would be a problem to follow her around as long as she remained in this competition.

'As for her confrontation with Santos group, it can be easily resolved as well. I just have to give up on this soul beast's soul core and let her take it since she seemed to be here for it. She won't be foolish enough to disclose such information and put her own life at risk.

'Furthermore, she never saw me taking care of this group, and they would vanish from this world in the time she woke up. Heh, now I just have to protect her until she woke up and took this beast away. Besides, the more she grows stronger, the more it benefits me...'

Ace had already let Alora glow and calmly waited for the right time to reap the reward, and he didn't mind helping her since she would take him to a golden destination in the future.

'But first I have to see this glittering silver location and see what kind of treasure I can...' Ace's focus turned toward the dark swamp again.

He didn't dissolve the barrier put by Santos for now and adjust it to cover Alora, Carlee, and Blazing Soul Crocodile's carcass, so they won't suffer any mischief while he was investigating this silver location.

He also burned and turned Santos and nine mist demon corpses into ashes with his lightning, completely erasing every proof of their existence. Likewise, he didn't forget to take Santos's disguise mask as well...

After making sure everything was taken care of, he dived into the dark water and swim toward the silver location which was three hundred meters away, but he soon found out that this swamp was quite deep as he kept diving deeper and deeper.

'This place didn't have any demonic beasts, it seemed that crocodile had killed everyone here and completely occupied this territory...!' Ace thought as he used his heavenly sense to the fullest, 'Half of my soul Qi is gone, I should hurry up...'

Ace quickly reached right into the silver location and found nothing besides darkness and grimaced.

But this swamp was just too deep, and he continued to dive deeper, and from his estimate, he should be already two-hundred-meter-deep in his dark water.

Suddenly, Ace felt something astonishing when he reached a 250-meter point, and he was bewildered.

The system's voice rang at this moment.

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[Host has absorbed 1 SP]

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[Host has absorbed 1 SP]

[Host has absorbed 1 SP]

[Host has absorbed 1 SP]

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'What?!' Ace was completely flabbergasted with these notifications, and they weren't stopping at all.

'This is just like when I cultivate normally?! The soul Qi here is too thick and pure that the system started to absorb it on its own! This...' Ace's heart raced as he continued to dive deeper while the notifications about SP rang in his head.

He never thought he would encounter something like this because even with marital Qi as thick as the demon continent couldn't make the system absorb it on its own, heck he didn't even know it was possible at all!

One had to know soul Qi was hardest to refine because it wasn't as much as martial Qi and that was why he hated to cultivate normally because it was just too damn tedious. He would rather spend his time practicing his skills and techniques.

Ace couldn't help but think, 'Could it be some kind of soul treasure is hidden here, and that was why that Blazing Soul Crocodile could reach platinum level?'

At four hundred meters, Ace finally felt the surface, but there wasn't anything. However, Ace could feel the pure soul Qi was coming from the underground of this swamp surface.

Although there was substantial water pressure around, Ace completely ignored it with his powerful body and started to move around to investigate carefully.

'The glittering silver area is around a 65-meter to 70-meter radius wide. I have to check every corner or even dug if I have to!' Ace's eyes shimmered with anticipation as his soul points continue to rise.

Even if he found nothing, just by staying here can give me free Soul Points, which were extremely precious to him!

After half an hour of searching, Ace finally found an anomaly on the swamp's dark surface. He 'saw' this particular area wasn't like the other muddy floor, but it was hard and somehow crystalline!

Without his heavenly sense, he would never spot such a difference.

Ace squatted down and just as he placed his hand on this dark crystalline floor, he heard an astonished notification that was going to completely change...!

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Chapter 419: Soul Crystal Source and Qi Stone Vein

Ace crouched down and just as he placed his hand on this dark crystalline floor, he heard an astonished notification from the system at that very instant.

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[High Grade-4 Soul Crystal Source has been detected!]

-Requiring permission for the host to absorb the Soul Crystal Source

[Yes/No]

Reward(s):

1. 10 Million Soul Points

2. The host will be able to absorb Soul Points from Soul Crystals (From Grade-0 to Grade-4)

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'What!?' Ace was nonplussed by this revelation.

Soul Crystal Source and Qi Stone Vein were the primary sources of Soul Crystals or Soul Stones and Qi Stones in this world, and every one of these sources was monopolized by powerful tribes and influences.

Just a low-grade-1 Qi stone vein can cause a huge war between tribes, not to talk about the rare Soul Crystal Source.

Even a low-level soul crystal was quite precious because of its myriad uses in soul alchemy and rune crafting and, most importantly, Soul Cultivation.

There weren't even ten of such soul crystal sources in the entire eight regions and none of them were a grade-4 much less a high-grade one that can produce high grade-4 soul crystals!

Furthermore, Ace never thought the system could unlock the function of converting Soul Crystals into SP just by absorbing them.

Ace couldn't help but asked, "System, did this mean as long as I can absorb a Qi stone vein, I can also absorb EXP from Qi stones as well? And didn't you tell me this before?"

Ace was feeling vexed all of a sudden. After all, if he knew this sooner he would've raided all those secret mines, and then he didn't have to worry about acquiring EXP anymore because he had billions of Qi stones!

"[Yes, as long as the host absorbed any grade of Soul Crystal Source and Qi Stones Vein, the host can convert the same rank or lower ranks, Soul Crystal and Qi Stones into SP and EXP.]

"[However, as the host cultivation realm increases to the lower ranks, Qi Stones and Soul Crystal Source will be deemed useless by the system just like lower grade materials.]

"[As for the classification of these limitations, they are directly related to cultivation realms. Like Grade-1 or lower grade, Qi Stones or Soul Crystals can be used in First Realm (Gates Realm). Grade-2 in Second Realm, up to Eighth Realm, where only Grade-8 or higher-level Qi Stones and Soul Crystal can be absorbed and turned into either EXP or SP.]

"[Just like right now, if the host absorbed this High Grade-4 Soul Crystal Source host will be able to convert Grade-3 and Grade-4 Soul Crystals into SP, all small ranks included.]"

"So, you mean even if I absorbed a low-grade-5 soul crystal source or Qi stone vein, I will be able to convert them into EXP and SP even if I have peak-grade-5 Qi stones and Soul Crystals.

"Furthermore, as long as I absorbed a higher-grade soul crystal source or Qi stone vein, all the grades below that rank will become convertible? Simply put, if I somehow absorbed a grade-9 soul crystal source and Qi stone vein, I didn't have to worry about absorbing another lower grade soul crystal source or Qi stone vein anymore, right?" Ace questioned.

He had already understood what the system was implying here. This was truly a tremendous boon for him, as long as he could convert Qi stones and soul crystals into EXP and SP.

The limitation of the cultivation realm doesn't matter to him because he knew as long as he achieved higher realms, he'll move on to another place where his needs can be fulfilled.

"[Yes, as long as the host absorbed a Grade-9 Qi stone vein and soul crystal sauce, the host didn't need to worry about levels below them anymore.]"

"But you still hide this kind of beneficial information for me? If I haven't stumbled upon this soul crystal source with Moira's help, who knows how long I would've taken to discover it!" Ace was perplexed as he complained.

But just as always, no reply was given, which made him cuss even more.

'Anyhow, I have to admit this glittering silver fate point was really useful for me. Or I could say it was a life-changer. Now I finally understand just how precious and useful this Live Fate Map is to me.

'If a silver point revealed this kind of secret hidden in the system, then what about that golden fate point?' Ace felt goosebumps all over just thinking about how he created a golden fate point accidentally, 'I have to make sure to follow that demoness and even protect her, I can't lose this golden opportunity!'

Ace had already decided to help Alora as long as she could guide him to that golden location after realizing the worth of these fate points!

"Since this is the case, start absorbing and use the sufficient number of martial pills to match the soul points amount. This is a good place to breakthrough and no one could disturb me." Ace command.

He knew ten million soul points were enough to make him reach the last stage of both cultivation realms, and this place was quiet and with no life form around to disturb his breakthrough.

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[Absorption process has been started...]

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Ace suddenly felt a suction force from his hand and the very next moment, a vortex of soul Qi entered his body and then his true soul.

Within a minute,

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

[Host status has been updated]

[Martial Cultivation: Heavenly Dark Sea [Stage-8]]

[EXP: 5,000,000/5,000,000]

[Soul Cultivation: Orange Wind Soul Core [Stage-8]]

[SP: 5,000,000/5,000,000]

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The vortex of soul Qi became even bigger than all the soul Qi around entered Ace's mind space at an even more fast pace and Ace could feel the power was growing, and he was also reaching the limit of Heavenly Dark Sea Realm and Orange Wind Soul Core.

Fifteen more minutes passed, and the system's voice sounded again.

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

[Host status has been updated]

[Martial Cultivation: Heavenly Dark Sea [Stage-9]]

[EXP: 4,970,000/10,000,000]

[Soul Cultivation: Orange Wind Soul Core [Stage-9]]

[SP: 4,970,000/10,000,000]

[Elemental Orb: 0/1]

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Ace's martial space was now filled with dark liquid Qi, which means he was at the peak of the Heavenly Dark Sea Realm and only a step away from the next realm. His soul core was glowing, and it has also reached its limit.

The soul Qi around the area also completely vanished, and the crystalline surface has somehow turned into sand.

The system has absorbed the entire soul crystal source with every soul crystal in it, leaving nothing.

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[High Grade-4 Soul Crystal Source has been completely absorbed!]

[Host can now convert Soul Crystals into SP from Grade-0 to Grade-4 according to host cultivation realm limit.]

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Ace finally opened his eyes, and his lips curved into a stratifying smile. 'Now I don't have to worry about finding another soul crystal source until I reached the fifth realm. I just have to find a grade-4 Qi stone vine as well. But first I have to find another elemental orb... again.'

Ace felt like a colossal headache coming over the moment he thought about the Elemental Orb. He hated nothing more than finding an Elemental Orb because it was just too dangerous not to talk about. He had no idea where to start or look.

'I have found two elemental orbs in lower lands, but I never encounter even one here... strange, or does the other already take them? It will be even more cumbersome if this is the case since anyone that can overcome all the traps and then take down the elemental guardian has to be extremely powerful,' Ace mused with a grim look.

In the end, he decided to wait before starting his search for the elemental orb, since the demon continent was huge, and he didn't explore even ten percent of it yet, so there wasn't any need to fret over it now.

He swims back to the surface and saw both Alora and Carlee were still unconscious, and quickly retracted the barrier and hid in a tree.

After he found the silver fate point benefits, he wanted nothing to happen to Alora, not until she served her purpose. So, he'll be going to wait until she regained her consciousness and then followed her for some time.

He just wanted to make sure the golden fate location didn't appear here, although the chances of it happening were almost zero since he just found a silver fate location. He just wanted to make sure.

Afterward, he will then leave her alone for the time being and focus on the competition and finding Thomas.

Then there was also the case of Santos's death.

Although he was sure he didn't leave behind anything and Alora won't be foolish enough to reveal it either, he still wanted to prepare for the worse and arrange a vindicated!

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Chapter 420: Fourth Month

Alora's eyes shuddered slightly before they snapped open with a hint of fear and confusion.

The first thing that came into her sight was the huge head of Blazing Soul Crocodile, and she couldn't help but yelp and jump from her position with horror. She clearly remembered it was all because of this soul beast, she fell unconscious, and then there was also a group of demons.

She was ready to fight with her life; however, she was bewildered when she noticed the soul beast wasn't even blinking or breathing, just remain static.

"What... ahhh..." Before she could utter another word, a piercing pain attack her head.

'Soul injury!' She quickly examined her condition.

She gritted her teeth and suppressed the pain before she remembered Carlee and instantly looked to her left and saw Carlee was still unconscious but still breathing, which give her some relief.

'What is going on here? If that beast is dead, then where is that group of ambushers?' She felt even more pain just thinking about it.

This was too sophisticated because everything didn't make any sense anymore, and she even felt she was hallucinating or dreaming before her death, but that piercing pain told her otherwise.

Two green pills appeared in her hand, and she quickly took one and fed the other to Carlee, who was hanging by a threat.

After she felt slightly better, she again looked at the lifeless soul beast and confirmed it really wasn't alive anymore.

Her eyes suddenly landed on the place between the crocodile's eyes and were shocked and thought, 'Could it be they didn't take its beast core?'

But she quickly shook her head furiously, 'No, just sparing our life and leaving this carcass here is strange enough and if they left the beast core, then there was really something wrong with that group... But that demon had no intention in sparing us at all, I can tell from his indifferent tone... then why...'

No matter how much she racks her brain, nothing was making any sense, and it only made her head hurt more.

But the more she looked at the carcass, the more she before restless, and, in the end, she bit her lip and slowly moved toward it with slow steady steps.

The beast still had its lingering soul aura, which make her heart tighten, but she knows it was already dead, so she reached its head, which was the size of her body.

'I just want to make sure...'

She took a deep breath and a long sharp dagger appeared in her, and she imbued her Qi and cut open the place between its eyes, and with Qi, she opened a deep hole.

Suddenly, she felt something hard resisting her Qi-imbued dagger and her expression turn into one of disbelief, "NO WAY!"

She didn't care about blood or gore anymore and used her hand and push inside the bloody hole in its head.

Soon, her hand, coated with red blood, came out, and it was trembling. When it was completely out, there was a palm-size crystal red stone in her hand, which was giving off a strong soul aura.

Alora was completely gobsmacked as she furiously gawked at this crystal-like stone and mumbled with a hint of disbelief and elation, "B-beast core! But... is it possible that someone save me and killed this soul beast and even that group before leaving?"

"But who could that be? Even a beast soul core was ignored by that person, and he didn't kill me and Carlee but that group... which is the strangest part... ahhhh... I don't care anymore, I just have to live with this!"

She screamed in frustration before her eyes became clear and without any hesitation; she stored the Blazing Soul Crocodile's carcass in her storage ring because it was a treasure on its own.

After that, she picked Carlee up and quickly left the area before taking one last complex glance and deeply bowing. She still couldn't believe her luck, which was nothing but absurd.

But she knew it wasn't the time to ponder over it because if that expert didn't want to reveal itself, she won't be able to find him or her. So, she quickly left before some other group came here and attack her in this fragile state.

However, she wasn't an ungrateful person, and she swore if she ever found the person who save and left this fire-type beast core for her which was extremely important and a life changer for her, she would repay this debt in full even if she had to gamble with her life.

Ace, who was watching Alora's action from a tree, couldn't help but smile in amusement.

'Alora Yisrael, huh? She didn't abandon her friend even when she had the chance to escape alone, and she even became a golden fate point after I save her... her memories also seemed to be quite interesting. Hehe, she's unique for a demon...'

Ace had naturally stolen all the memories of Alora and Carlee when they were unconscious, and felt it was indeed an excellent decision not to kill Alora and Carlee.

Ace followed Alora for half a day until she reached a remote area, and she created a cave before settling down there since Carlee was still out cold, and she also wanted to heal herself.

She knew it would be hard to heal her soul injuries without any soul pills, and she could only gain them from the inner blade domain. Carlee has suffered even worse soul injuries, which was why she was in a coma-like state.

All in all, she couldn't hunt more demonic beasts powerful than she, and Carlee was even worse. It wasn't even clear if she could awake or not, much less hunt anymore.

Ace also reached the same conclusion and left her alone now. She can't lead him anywhere in that condition.

Furthermore, from her memories, he also deemed she was probably going to cultivate her secret skill and lie low until then, so she won't be leading him anywhere in the meantime.

Besides, he can't overlook his matters just because of a golden fate point, which he had no way of knowing where it was or when it will arrive. That was why he left Alora alone for the time being, believing in his gut feeling.

Time flew by and in a blink of an eye it was the end of the third month and the start of the fourth month, which were also the last months before the first phase of the competition will end.

Not only the blade domain participants were desperately trying to achieve as high rank as possible, but the demons from the mist domain were also hunting blade domain demons with everything they had.

Now, every demon from the blade domain knew about mist domain interference and infiltration. They were also angry and restless, and they had already stopped the internal fight and were now fighting together to stop mist domain participants' ambushes and even kill them if they had the chance.

This made mist domain participants' life harder because blade domain participants won't hunt alone anymore and formed sizeable groups. While they hunt, only three or four demons kill the beasts, while others stand on guard and continue to change their positions.

Mist domain hunting missions became even harder this way, and many made mistakes in desperation.

On the blade domain side, the ranking had changed drastically, which shocked many.

The current ranking was like this...

1. Feng Demon Sword: 45,000 Kill Points
2. Jaxx Wild Wind: 31,500 Kill Points
3. Peter Silver Blade: 29,000 Kill Points
4. Thomas Wild Cheveyo: 28,100 Kill Points
5. Eliezer Evil Blade: 26,600 Kill Points
6. Ramiro Wild Lion: 25,240 Kill Points
7. Alaric Green Blade: 22,300 Kill Points
8. Miya Evil Blade: 19,820 Kill Points
9. Anton Fire Blade: 17,100 Kill Points
10. Alora Wild Yisrael: 16,940 Kill Points
11. Brenna Silver Blade: 15,090 Kill Points
12. Kylen Fire Blade: 13,000 Kill Points
12. Seamus Wild Stone: 12,900 Kill Points

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57. Carlee Wild Violent: 6,300 Kill Points

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Feng had taken the huge lead, which left many in awe and some in fear because of his hunting and score-collecting efficiency.

He had suddenly become the most powerful youth among blade domain participants, while a nightmare for mist domain participants.

Many suffered under his hand, and those mist domain demons even started to avoid and run at the sight of Feng. He was just this scary.

However, inside a stone room, someone was completely vexed about a completely different matter at this moment as he looked at the ranking with bloodshot eyes.

This person had pale gray skin and royal blue eyeballs and the same color of short hair, and a pair of small horns. He was the Third Prince of Mist Demon Tribe and also deceased Santos's brother, Jad!

Jad perplexedly muttered, "Where is the second brother, and what the hell is he doing? He didn't hunt a single name on the kill list yet, nor did he contact any scout group all this time? Could it be something had happened to him and his group?!"