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Chapter 651: Eva's Plight

"Bro, then who is that Big Sister you sent into the black box a few days ago? Is that an enemy?!"

Ace's lost all the colors on his face when he heard this innocent yet dangerous question. He finally remembered the Elf Princess, Livia, whom he kidnapped because of Moira's insistence because of some future calamity.

However, the calamity was already here, and he bought it upon himself!

Eva was now grinning with his evil look in her dark eyes as she looked at Ace, she smilingly said, but the coldness couldn't be apparent in her voice, "It seemed you're still not being completely honest about your 'hobbies' of collecting girls!"

Ace really wanted to strangle the little brat who still had no idea what he had done, and he even thought Cyrus was doing it on purpose to make his life hell.

Still, he had to deal with the devil first before he re-educated this bird with everything he had.

"It's not like this! That girl is a key to save me from future calamity, and that's why the 'God' tells me to capture her and keep her close, and I will be able to avoid a deadly situation!" Ace quickly pinned the blame on the 'God' since he didn't tell her about the Eternal Thief Fate Compass.

Furthermore, it was far more believable than some treasure telling him to kidnap a woman just because of some future calamity. He won't be able to appease her without explaining the Eternal Thief Fate Compass origin.

So, the Fake God was the best scapegoat. Lately, he was using this imaginary fake god quite a lot, and he wondered if he was offending a real God by doing it.

Still, he couldn't care less about those fabled Gods' feelings. As long as their name was useful, he will use them, and he knew many people did, and those gods would not mind him doing the same.

Just as he thought, Eva's expression changed when she heard Ace's life was involved in this matter, and this was her biggest weakness. No one can antagonize him except her!

But she would be a fool to believe him right away. She pursed her lips with squinted eyes, "How would I know you're telling the truth? Besides, now I'm with you, so you don't need to worry about any danger. I'll be your shield!"

Ace sighed and lovingly looked at her determined and dead serious face, which brought out more of her natural charm.

"Do you think I would agree to it? That girl still had no idea that she was being captured by me since she was completely suppressed in my space, and I have yet to even talk with her properly.

"I was planning to make things clear with her after I leave this place, and if she agreed to join the Thief House, then that's good, and if not, then I would have convinced her in other ways. This was my only intention, nothing more, nothing less." Ace stated with a solemn expression.

The Thief House was quite unique, and he had long figured out that it was solely here for him to acquire helpers that could grow without limits just like him and then help him in his missions and other plights.

And most importantly, those members will be doing everything happily, not forcefully, as long as they have the grit to become strong and have ambition.

In a sense, Ace didn't need to do anything except learn about how to use those thieves in an accurate situation, and their nurturing was all in the system's control.

Just like Alina's situation when he activated Winter to collect information for him. Or he would've been in the complete dark about the entire situation. He also got another inspiration on how to use the thief house members to their full potential.

Furthermore, the Thief House can grow, so he no longer hesitates about adding more members to the thief house, and from his encounter with the Elf Princess and her reputation, he knew she would be a good thief if she entered the Thief House.

So, he agreed with Moira's suggestion to keep her close until he increased the thief house members' count.

However, Eva's awakening was completely out of his calculation, and he wanted her in the Thief House far more than anyone else because the System can protect her in multiple ways.

Just the Life Coin in the members' shop was enough for Ace to want her into the thief's house. He didn't trust anyone but the system when it came to life-saving measures since he had experienced them himself and many times.

So, what if Eva had the Abyssal Bloodline? The system can still let it evolve as long as she enters the thief's house, and Ace never doubted it even for a second.

That's why he had long decided to keep the thief's house filled, but before that, he needed to make sure those he cared about entered first before he tried recruiting more members.

Eva had no idea about Ace's grand goal related to the Thief House, but after looking at his solemn expression, for some reason, she didn't want to abstract him.

'With all those girls around him, he won't just have me in his life, especially with that Alina. Furthermore, this 'God' behind him is terrifying even to predict such a future and even give him a solution....' She thought gravely as she felt threatened of her position in his heart.

But when she thought about the Ring of Endearment, she felt all her worries were just her insecurity about she will lose his favor.

In her mind, if she started to bug him about every beautiful woman he meets with and act all angry again and again, he might start to get annoyed at her, which could be the actual cause of her losing interest.

So, either she had to change her mind about being the only one besides him, or she had to change Ace's mentality to stop interacting with other women and care about them!

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Chapter 652: Promise me...

However, making Ace give up on them was simply impossible at this point because of the Thief House. He had already told her that anyone who joined the Thief House couldn't leave.

So, if he had any intention of opening a spot for her, he could've easily just gotten rid of one of the existing members and opened a spot for her.

She wasn't a fool who would think that Ace never thought of it. But she was wise enough to figure it out that Ace had no intention of getting rid of the existing members despite their past conduct against him.

Now, she could even see more clearly that Ace had no plan of stopping at just those three female members as he already had one in his space ready to join when the spot opened.

She never had thought that the naïve yet cunning boy would turn out to be like this after just fifteen years, and he had experienced so much in these years that some people won't even experience a fragment of it in their entire lifetime.

Lastly, she could easily tell Ace was now extremely ambitious, no longer the boy who was just looking for his sister. He was the most dreadful thief, whose name was enough to make anyone's face turn ashen with wariness.

So, why will he stop when he has just started to find his aspirations and set his eyes on heaven itself?

Now the choice was for her to either accept this aspiration as her own or she could just be insecure all the time and keep obstructing him until he stopped caring about her entirely.

The choice was extremely obvious as she stopped being difficult and looked right into his dark blue eyes, which were filled with love for her, and this was also proof that she was just being paranoid for nothing.

"Alright, but you have to promise me that if you ever want to take another wife, she will have to go through my test first!" She sternly told him while biting her alluring lips.

Ace was gobsmacked by this sudden approach of her, and he had no idea what got into her, but whatever it was, he could tell she no longer seemed to be jealous.

"What are you even thinking? I was simply telling you why I did what I did. Why would I want another wife when I have a Devilish Wifey like you?" Ace chuckled as he looked at her stern yet pained expression.

Despite being elated, Eva still did not budge and sternly said, "Just promise me, alright? I know you're being honest and faithful toward me, and I love nothing more than that.

"But if you're serious about being a thief, then someday you might require to do more than just infiltrate someone's ranks. You might one day have to woo someone to get into the heart of the enemy's base or even pretend to be someone's husband.

"Just like you kept doing in the past fifteen years, and we both know I'm stating the fact. So, I don't want you to hesitate at that time just because of me and do what you have to do for yourself.

"Last but not least, what if that Alina also has more than sisterly feelings for you? Will you be able to break her heart, or will she back down? I don't want you to choose between her and me. I will never put you in such a situation.

"So, I just want you to promise me if you ever want to take responsibility for some woman and have more wives, you have to tell me first, and then she will have to go through my test, and that's my bottom line!"

'What kind of situation is this? First, she wanted me to explain, and now she suddenly had this insane notion that I want to marry someone else, and she even agrees to it?' Ace was really at a loss for words looking at Eva and just how serious she was.

All these years, Ace had encountered many women and even earned some of their favors, but he never even thought of entertaining them because he simply didn't have time as well as Eva's existence.

Other women were no big deal, but he knew about Noa's strong affection toward him but always pretended to be ignorant. But it was the fact that he has a very good impression of her. Because she was the first ever thief house member and always strived to be strong so she could be useful for his causes.

That might be the reason he didn't want to hurt her by directly confronting her and decided to wait until he sorted out his own feelings.

After Eva awakened and he noticed her crazy and obsessive personality was still stronger than ever, he knew she would never accept other women besides herself on his side, and he had no problem with that.

But when he hears Eva's reasoning about acting as someone's husband or seducing other women to achieve his aim. He didn't have any words to retort since he had never even considered these options before because he needed to do such things.

Yet, what about the future?

What if he had no other choice but to do those things?

Will he stump and gave up on his mission and put everyone's life in danger, including his own, just because he didn't want to sleep with other women or seduce them while he was fully capable of such things?

Even if he never needs to do those things since there are multiple ways to avoid doing them, he can't ignore the part about Alina.

Just like Eva said, what if Alina wants to be more than just his sister?

He was not an idiot, and he knew she was only his sister for a little over two years, not his biological sister at all. This could even be considered childhood love if one of them had such thoughts.

Furthermore, Alina held a very special place in his heart, and that's also why he was desperate to save her no matter what.

But these thoughts were mere conjectures because there was equally a chance that she didn't have such feelings, and they would remain the same.

But what will come after he rescued her?

Can he force her into the thief's house when she had a perfect life and parents awaiting her, and she also didn't want to enter?

Will he give up on her and move on, despising knowing once he shows up to protect her, it will be crystal clear that he cares about her? Thereby, that act of using her to draw him out won't be the last one, not by a long shot.

Not until he stopped being a thief and ended his journey, which was even more impossible.

That's why as long as he won't stop caring about Alina entirely or chooses to keep her close infinitely, just rescuing her wasn't the entire solution.

Lastly, what about the girls in his thief's house? There was a very faint chance that, at some point, they might want to retire from this dangerous life and fall in love with someone and want to either have them in the thief's house or live with them.

Although Ace can fully stop that, he will have to give up on his entire mortal principal and emotions to do that, which he can't at the moment.

But this can all change if he can just be a man and earns their favors before someone else and make his life less stressful.

So, in a sense, Eva was giving him a huge opportunity to wash his hands of all the women's problems once and for all.

But was this really the case?

Although she was cutting her heart, she was still keeping all reigns in her hand to make sure he won't go ahead of himself and turn into some playboy.

She might seem like she was giving him leeway to mess around with as many women as he wanted, but she was actually making sure that he would always remember her existence on top and won't make her regret giving him such leeway.

As for passing her test, who knows what kind of test this devil will put before she lets someone stay by him permanently like her.

Like a willy Devil, Eva had played her hand too quickly before Ace could even figure out her terrifying foreshowing abilities.

At least, they were terrifying when it came to making sure Ace's love for her never deterred. Lastly, those women in the future will also know who they need to please to earn a spot by Ace's side. Even in Thief House!

Ace looked deeply at Eva's stern expression as she was patiently waiting for his answer, and he could easily tell if he didn't promise her, she would never be at peace, and the same goes for him.

Ace moved his hand and creased her devilishly pristine face before he smiled lovingly and stated, "Although I have this nagging feeling that I'm going to regret it later. But I know I'll regret it even more if you simply stop caring about me this way."

As he approached her glossy crimson lips, Eva's heartbeat rose, and her bewitching eyes turned misty with lust and anticipation as all her worries melted away when he said just a hair away from touching her lips...

"I promise!"

The next moment, their lips melted into each other's, and it was just the start of their passion again...

Of course, Ace didn't forget to wrap Cyrus away before he even kissed her, which only made the curious bird chirp in resentment when he was again sent back by Ace unjustly!

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Chapter 653: Stuck in the Tower?

After their passionate exchange, it was finally time to leave the tower.

Ace looked at Eva, who was now clad in a tight red dress showcasing her devilish figure. She was sitting on his lap while her hands wrapped around his neck.

He softly muttered while looking into tender eyes, "I just couldn't have enough of you."

Eva giggled with a faint blush and seductively said while creasing her finger on his face, "Then how about we go back?"

Ace sighed and shook his head ruefully, "As I loved the sound of that. But we can't waste more time. I still need to figure out the way out of the Elven Continent and reach the Azure Wind Continent. Then I need to find where they had taken Alina."

His eyes turn cold, "Once I save her, I'll make sure they will all regret ever crossing me."

Eva pursed her lips, "Hmph. You better not do anything dangerous, or once I reach the Law Comprehension Realm..." She smiled dangerously.

Ace couldn't help but gulp since he knew once Eva started to cultivate, according to the system, she would be extremely fast, and she herself said she could break into the 7th realm within two years after she took all the materials.

As for him, he will be too busy saving Alina, so looking for more Elemental Orbs is impossible.

Nevertheless, as long as Eva reaches the 8th realm, who will be able to mess with him in the entire mortal sky heaven?

Still, he felt warmth since he knew Eva was worried about him, and now that he had made a promise to her, she was no longer thinking about obstructing his way.

"I know when to stop." Ace seriously said, "Are you sure you don't want to meet with Noa and Freya? If you like, I can also make them accompany you in my space if you guys become friends."

Since he had already told her about the thief's house, he no longer needed to worry about her finding out, and this matter was already dealt with. So, he offered Eva to meet with Noa and Freya.

Since she will be joining the thief's house eventually, he doesn't mind these girls meeting with each other and even becoming friends. This way, Eva won't feel lonely in the thief's space.

But to his surprise, Eva rejected him in a heartbeat.

"No, I'll meet them when I join the thief's house and when they are all together." Eva softly said with a wily glint hidden deep in his abyssal eyes.

'She's scheming something.' Ace could only pray silently for those girls, and he had no plan of interfering since Eva would not be going to listen to him, and she might take it the wrong way.

Eva suddenly chuckled darkly, "Besides, don't you already have an elf princess locked into your space? I'll educate her for you with Cyrus. This will be enough entertainment for me."

"You sound like a villain, you know?" Ace chuckled as he had no intention of stopping her since the sooner Livia accepted her fate, the better.

"Hehe, a pot calling the kettle black." Eva scoffed with an evil grin before she cried when she felt a pinch on her supple butt, "Ahhh... you scoundrel!"

"You dare to retort?" Ace laughed evilly as he used his evil hand more fiercely.

"Ahahah... stop... stop!~ lyaaa... You're so dead!" Eva moaned when his hand infiltrated her chest, and his finger started to roll around her sensitive nipple, and she also started to counterattack.

Just like that, they started to mess around with each other before they were passionately kissing.

"Mmm..." Eva finally broke free from a long kiss as her breath was slightly ragged and her face alluring red while her big chest was completely exposed.

She mumbled while looking at him lustfully and said with anticipation, "Do you really not want to stay any longer?"

Ace looked at the devilish beauty who was begging him to ravish her, and if it were any other time, he really would have stayed for as long as he was satisfied, but he knew he would never get enough of her devilish body, neither she will.

If it was any other woman without cultivation, she might not even endure Ace's burst of carnal desires. But Eva was a completely different breed because, for some reason, she was becoming stronger, not to mention wilder, the more she entangled in sexual activities.

Alas, if he only bothered checking her cultivation again and he will be shocked by it. Because she was already at the Soul Foundation Building Realm, and it was a nine-slates foundation, not the least.

But Ace's mind was still not at ease, not until Alina was out of the woods. Or he would've been shocked and inquired about what was happening with Eva.

That's also why Eva didn't bother to tell him because he never asked, and this naturally pissed her off, and she had no plan of telling him anytime soon either until he discovered it himself.

"I truly wish..." Ace could only disappoint her and himself.

This naturally ruins their moment, though. Eva coldly harrumphed and started to tidy up her dress while escaping Ace's embrace.

Ace knew he had ruined the moment by being too honest, and now he had made Eva furious. He could've just said 'yes' to keep her heart. But he also knew then he might really get cold feet and say here for far too long.

With a somewhat painful expression, he tried to explain, "Eva, I know..."

"You don't have to explain. I know your mind is not here after I bring out Alina, and it's kind of my fault." Eva ruefully said as he looked at his pained expression, she felt her heartache, and she gently said, "Just follow your heart. I'll always be here for you."

Ace felt ashamed, but he knew now that Eva was fine and no longer in any kind of danger; his mind started to wander toward Alina on its own.

So, he might as well not hurt her and accept it like a man.

He stood up and quickly hugged her tightly without giving her a chance to escape and solemnly said in a mild voice, "When I'm done with Alina, I'll fulfill my marriage promise. I'll make sure it will be the grandest wedding that the entire world will remember!"

Eva trembled slightly when she heard his solemn promise, they might have already done the deed, but a wedding was something she dreamed of and held special meaning. Especially to a woman.

"I'll hold you to it!" She muttered tenderly as she finally felt better.

Ace nodded as he had no intention of going back on his words with her. It was his first promise to her, and he will complete it no matter what.

After a long while, they finally parted, and their bond was stronger than ever.

"Let's go." Eva tightly held his hand as their figures were completely entangled with each other.

"I'll be in your care." Ace nodded.

Eva then smiled charmingly and closed her eyes as she tried to open a portal toward the main continent.

However, sweat beaded on her smooth, crowned forehead, and the hexagon mark suddenly shimmered in crimson light.

"I-I can't open a doorway!" She suddenly stated.

Ace's heart sank, "What's the problem?"

Eva finally opened her eyes as the hexagon mark on her forehead stopped shimmering, but the exhaustion was quite apparent.

She said, "This treasure is standing above a massive formation, and if I'm not mistaken, then this formation is actually a teleportation formation. Because I just found out that there is no such ability to

open a doorway toward the mainland or anywhere. This treasure can only travel through space. It has lost the ability too after the core was absorbed by me now."

Ace's expression turned somewhat ugly, "Then didn't this mean we are stuck here?"

But he also knew the system had told him there was still one last teleportation left in this tower, and it couldn't be wrong. He was about to ask the system when Eva continued.

"No. We are not stuck. As I said, this tower is most likely standing on a teleportation formation, and I think that formation is the one connected to the mainland.

"The Tower Spirit was most likely using that formation to create doorways toward in the elven continent. But this ability is also lost with the core." Eva revealed her thoughts.

Ace then narrowed his eyes as he started to understand what she meant, "So, what's your point?"

Eva gravely said, "I can't open a doorway to the mainland since that unique core is gone now. But I can feel that I can use this tower as some sort of key to activate that formation."

Ace's eyes instantly widened, "Which means this entire tower will be teleported into the elven continent?"

Eva nodded, "Exactly, and if I'm not wrong, this tower will instantly crumble after this one last teleportation since its entire remaining power will be used to activate that formation one last time!"

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Chapter 654: Another Way Out

After Eva revealed the current situation, Ace started to connect the dots with a grave expression.

'When I first entered this place in that underground Dimension Teleportation Formation, the System told me that I needed 3 Grade-8 Space Crystals and a corresponding Teleportation Channel Activation Key to activate the Dimension Teleportation Formation.

'But even if I collect them, there is still a possibility that the other side of the formation was destroyed long ago.

'However, now, it seemed that this tower was standing above another Dimension Teleportation Formation and probably had the Teleportation Channel Activation Key, which is connected to the elven continent.

'I won't be surprised if that underground passage led me toward this tower as well, and that's why I was feeling danger at that time.'

The more he thought, the more he believed that it was likely the case.

Ace sighed as he wryly said, "If we teleported this tower, then we will be bringing the elven race's three most powerful figures back, and they will not just stand idle and investigate what happened.

"Here, I thought that to leave those elves here would cripple the elven race's power. This will make the elven continent chaotic, and I'll be able to move freely. But now, I need to find a way to escape without drawing three Law Awareness Realm cultivators' attention."

Eva also nodded since she also had the same thought before, but now that they had no choice, Ace had to be extremely careful once they reached the continent. He would be at the very heart of a foreign race's territory, and this would not bode well for him if he gets noticed.

"Are you confident?" She asked with scrutiny.

Ace didn't reply instantly but thought about something else, 'System also said I could try looking for some Independent Space Core, which should be at the core of this space. And as long as I can destroy that Core, this space will merge into Mortal Sky Heaven once the Independent Space Core is lost!

'My side mission's conditional reward is also connected with this space core. I was planning on giving up on it since I was in a hurry. But this situation is not good. This tower breakdown will alarm those three in the tower.

'But if I can somehow find the space core, this space most likely will merge to an unknown location which will at least not be in the heart of the elven continent.'

Ace's eyes shimmered as he looked at Eva and said seriously, "I think we don't need to teleport at all and fell into the dangerous situation."

Eva was astonished by this unexpected reply, "How?" She curiously inquired.

Ace didn't hide and told her about the Independent Space Core. Eva's eyes lit up when she heard Ace's plan.

"It's really, as you said, not only we'll be able to avoid confrontation with their forces, but we can go a step further." Eva's slyly snickered.

Now, it was Ace's turn to become astonished, "What do you want to add?"

Eva smiled coldly and said, "As long as you found that space core, you don't need this tower anymore, right?"

"Most likely." Ace nodded.

"Then how about it still activates this formation anyway and sends this tower away?" Eva meaningfully smiled.

Ace instantly understood what she meant and couldn't help but click his tongue, "This way, those elves will return, and they will also experience the fall of their 'holy tower.' Then even if I appeared in the elven continent, the upper echelon would be too busy panicking about the 'holy tower,' and I could freely move around."

"Heh, no bad." Eva laughed charmingly as she felt great joy when she thought about how elves would go crazy once this plan came into motion.

"You're not bad yourself." Ace also chuckled, and he had to admit Eva was still that clever girl who was the only one who had ever managed to find him to this day.

Ace then gravely said, "Now, we have to find that space core, and it should be in the center of this secret space and could be hidden anywhere."

Eva then smiled amusingly before she revealed, "Where do you think this tower is standing?"

Ace's eyes widened as he looked at Eva's amusing smile, "Don't tell me?"

Eve nodded, "This is exactly the center of this space, and let me tell you something interesting. Right under formation is a strange hollow area, and a huge amount of Qi is being transferred into this tower's floors!"

"So, that's where all the Qi go!" Ace exclaimed.

Eva chuckled in affirmation, "I would've never paid attention to this phenomenon if you hadn't told me about this space core. That space core is most likely underneath that formation, and this huge amount of Qi is likely coming from it, or there's a huge Qi stone mine.

"But it's quite unrealistic to have both Soul Crystal Lode and Qi Stone Lode together. This most likely what you're looking for."

Ace knew she was right about the part of two different lodes existing together. So, he didn't hesitate and asked with anticipation, "Can you take us there?"

He was now quite eager to get his hands on that space core since his thief's space would be upgraded with it, which was nothing but good news.

Eva gingerly said with pursed lips, "You're so eager to leave, huh?"

Ace seriously retorted, "I'm eager to find treasure with my wife!"

Eva rolled her eyes with disdain, "As I would believe you."

Still, she focused her eyes on the floor, and the next moment it slid open, revealing a long black staircase.

"This staircase can take us all the way to the lowest floor, where lies the exit of this tower," Eva stated.

Ace grinned in satisfaction, "Let's go then, milady!"

With entangled hands, they started to move and descend the long staircase!

While Ace was finding his way out of the secret realm, somewhere in the endless sea.

A bleak sailboat encased in a translucent barrier was moving at high speed, cutting past chaotic waters while the air around was murky.

A graceful figure was standing on top of the sail without seeming to be effective by the bumps.

She was looking at the bronze formation plate shimmering in black ancient ruins, and there was a strange needle continuing to point in a certain direction, and it was the exact direction the sailboat was moving.

Her melodious voice rang with elation, "I'm approaching the hidden entrance while those idiots are still waiting at the main entrance for it to open. By the time they will enter, I will be long gone with that spirit fire and then join the hunt for that hateful thief!"

In the end, there was nothing but bloodlust in her melodious voice...

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Chapter 655: Digging a Tunnel... Again

Deep within the Black Sea, the Regal Fiend Tower's fragments were scattered on the seabed, and more were sinking down.

The tower, which had never broken apart despite its broken state, was now starting to crumble piece by piece.

The tower's bottom was penetrated deep within the seabed, and it goes all the way into a spacious underground field. This entire field was filled with complex runes.

The tower covered 95% of the runic field, and it was over 2000 meters in size.

At this moment, the hundred-meter-tall black gate of the Regal Fiend Tower was creak opened after a very long time, revealing Ace and Eva holding each other hands.

Ace looked at outside, and his eyes landed on the runes engraved on the floor outside.

"This formation is hundreds of times larger than the one I used to come here. I wonder why and who made this secret realm and then abandoned it." Ace wondered out loud.

"Or that old bastard simply massacred the natives and took all their resources himself." Eva snorted coldly.

Ace completely agreed with her statement. He knew that the old ghost was completely capable of doing such a thing.

As they walked outside, he saw this space was quite wide, and the tower was poking a huge hole through the ceiling, and there was some strange engraving on the ceiling, which was now broken.

"This place will definitely flood the moment this tower is removed. Well, it's not a big deal, but the question is do we need to send it away to get into the place where all the Qi is coming from?" He questioned while looking at Eva.

Truth be told since it was still not clear if the place beneath this tower was really where the space core lies so Ace didn't want to send it away since they would be stuck if proven wrong.

Eva said matter-of-factly, "If you want to dig, then you need to break this floor, and I don't think the teleportation formation will work once you destroy this base. Even if you let this tower stay here and break this floor, it will again render the formation useless, and the tower will remain as well. Or..."

She looked at the wall and smiled charmingly, "Or, we just destroy that wall and dig through there."

Ace chuckled, "I prefer keeping all the options available until the end. I might as well take my chances with the elves than get stuck here. As for digging, I'm kind of an expert at it now."

"Hehe, how resourceful." Eva giggled in amusement.

Ace gave her a side eye, "At least one of us is getting some kick out of it."

"What? You want me to dig with you?" Eva smilingly asked, but that smile was full of dangerous meaning.

"Who do you think I am?" Ace retorted rigorously.

Eva didn't reply and merely smiled back, which made Ace flinch, and he got to work.

But before that, he takes out Cyrus again, who instantly starts to complain indignantly about his previous abrupt departure against his free will.

Ace perplexedly said while looking at the angry bird on his shoulder, "Alright, I was wrong. Now, pay attention to danger."

He knew just how accurate Cyrus's senses were, and it would be a waste not to use him in this kind of situation.

If they encountered some danger deep underground, Cyrus could warn him instantly since his fate map was not working properly in this secret realm, and it was only showing colors.

Right now, this place was a gray area, but he couldn't be sure about deep underground.

"Where are we going?" Cyrus was instantly interested when he heard his command.

However, before Ace could reply, Eva had already picked up Cyrus from his shoulder. Cyrus was startled at first, and if it wasn't Eva who was picking him, he could have easily burned those hands into ashes.

Eva looked at the small guy, who was extremely soft and warm with shining eyes as she said, "Your Big Bro is about to dig, so you can remain with me, your Big Sis, or you'll get dirty."

It then looked at Ace, who had this stiff expression, but he didn't say anything. Cyrus then looked back at Eva's gentle smile and then seriously nodded, "Alright!"

"Good." Eva was satisfied and placed the little bird over her shoulder and then looked at Ace and snorted, "Why aren't you digging?"

Indigent, he could only stare at the little traitor who was now happily sitting over that soft, supple shoulder.

White swords manifested before they moved like lightning toward the wall.

Eva, who was enjoying teasing Ace, was startled when she saw those light swords and the dangerous feeling they were giving off.

She looked at Ace with shock and blurted, "You comprehend Sword Intent?"

Ace couldn't help but feel good after looking at her shocked expression. He didn't tell her about his fighting capability or skills yet. So, it was only natural she would be shocked.

He smugly said, "It's just mere Sword Intent. Do you need to react this way?"

Eva was speechless and finally knew this guy was teasing her, and she snorted, "What show off."

But inwardly, she was still quite alarmed, 'It seemed I really underestimated him. He might not even need my help at all.'

Ace didn't bicker with her and only smiled victoriously when he saw her grave expression. He knew she was too worried about him and thought of him as the same person fifteen years ago.

He just wants to put her mind at ease when it comes to his safety, he was quite capable of protecting himself, and it was not easy to kill him.

As Ace was making a tunnel with his sword intent, Eva was even more astonished seeing his control over his sword intent, and she was now really starting to feel somewhat agitated.

Because she only wanted to be his shield that he could rely on, and get was very confident after acquiring her new bloodline. But now, it seemed like she was still not qualified enough to fight on equal ground with him if he kept improving this way.

She knew without her Divine Trait and secret skills, she was no match for someone with Sword Intent with her current cultivation. So, she was now extremely serious about focusing on cultivation and increasing her strength.

Cyrus, on the other hand, was merrily chatting with Eva frivolously and told her about his little experience. Especially when Ace was breaking through. It was the deepest memory he had.

Ace didn't stop him from telling Eva since he had already told her before about his special method of breaking through.

Nevertheless, Eva was still shocked when she heard Cyrus describing the heavenly punishment, which Ace clearly omitted, and listened gloomily.

Just like that, an hour passed when Cyrus suddenly stopped talking and looked ahead and exclaimed, "There's something behind that wall!"

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Hearing Cyrus's warning, Ace's expression became serious, "Do you notice the dense Qi here?"

Eva nodded, "Yes. The deeper we go, the denser the Qi. It seems we are in the right place, and it's not some lode either."

"Well, let's find out where we are." Ace's eyes went sharp as he used the sword light to attack the wall ahead and burst it open.

He had already seen the fate map, and it was still gray, which would only mean this place was safe.

The moment the wall was broken, a cloudy mist filled with Qi entered the passage.

"How refreshing," Cyrus exclaimed happily.

Even Ace was astonished by the thick Qi, and the system's voice rang at this moment.

[Host has absorbed 2 SP]

[Host has absorbed 4 EXP]

[Host has absorbed 1 SP]

[Host has absorbed 3 EXP]

[Host has absorbed 5 SP]

[Host has absorbed 2 EXP]

[Host has absorbed 3 SP]

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'It's just liked the time when I discovered the Soul Crystal Source, and the Qi absorption is even more ridiculous.' Ace mused with an eager look as he walked forward.

He knew since the Qi absorption was so high here, then the Qi density would be quite high, and whatever this place was, it was a treasure on its own.

Eva also followed behind closely with shining eyes. It was her first time coming in contact with such a dense amount of Qi.

The moment they walked past the opened wall, they were greeted by a strange scene. Although the space was filled with white misty Qi, they could clearly see pitch black sheen far ahead as if it was the focal point of this place.

A few meters above this focal point was a fifty-meter large vacuum, and the mist was getting sucked into that vacuum at terrifying speed.

"It seemed we found our target." Ace's eyes went cold as he looked at the black focal point and the vacuum.

The vacuum was clearly the regal fiend tower's doing, but the most astonishing thing was the Qi was not ending at all like it was endless.

"System is the Independent Space Core?" Ace questioned the system since he wanted to be sure.

"[Affirmative! As long as the host enters its 10-meter range, the system can take it from there.]"

Ace's cocked an eyebrow, hearing the system's revelation. He thought he had to grab that thing, but it seemed he was in luck since the system was going to act personally, and this it couldn't be safer.

"You can send the tower away. I'm going to get rid of that thing." Ace told Eva without hesitation.

Eva was startled for a moment, but she could feel Ace wasn't joking, and he was confident this time.

"Alright, be careful." She softly warned before she closed her eyes to activate the teleportation.

Ace merely smiled and moved toward the black focal point. But he kept the fate map active just in case some unexpected trap popped up.

But he was just being paranoid, and he reached the ten-meter distant without any hitch. If anything, the Qi absorption was now at least 20 SP and 20 EXP, which was filling up his SP and EXP at an astonishing rate.

Yet, he was still far away from reaching the 150 million mark.

He was about to ask the system what to do next when the notification rang on its own.

[Host has discovered a Lowest-Grade Independent Space Core!]

[Please choose an option]

1- Do you want to collect it?

2- Do you want to absorb it and upgrade your Living Thief's Space to 1,000 Cubic-Meter Space + 5 Humanoid Storage Capacity?

'I can even collect it?' Ace's lips curled up, 'I need 100 Grade-8 storage rings and 50 Million Thief Points for this upgrade while I don't need a space core for anything, or I have no idea about its uses, and the system refused to tell me. Even if I know the Thief's Space is far more beneficial to me than anything...'

He chose in a heartbeat, "I chose the second option. Upgrade the thief's space."

Ace knew finding just 1 grade-8 storage ring was almost impossible, much less collecting 100. Even those most powerful experts might not owe one, so it was a much better option to upgrade the thief's space while he still had the chance.

After this upgrade, there would be only one last upgrade left, which required a grade-9 storage space treasure and a grade-9 time-type treasure. This was an impossible condition to fulfill for now.

The moment Ace selected the option, the black focal point just ten meters away from him suddenly trembled, and under Ace's flabbergasted expression, it vanished the next moment!

'So quick?' He marveled at System's efficiency, and he didn't even get to see how it took the space core at all.

He snapped out of his daze when he sensed something and quickly observed the thief's space.

At this moment, the thief's space started to expand at an alarming rate as all those storage rings in four corners now looked like small piles creating a ring in the center of the space.

Soon, the thief's space size was double, and the thief's house member spaces were also expanded at the same time, startling the two ladies.

After the expansion was done, the system's voice rang,

[Living Thief's Space has been updated!]

[Living Thief's Space States]

-Storage Space Capacity: 1,000 Cubic-Meter Living Space

-Living Space Capacity:

1. 9 Humanoids (Humans, Demons, Hunters, etc.)
2. 99,999 None-Humanoid (Beasts, Herbs, Plants, Natural Treasures, etc.)

Ace smiled in satisfaction at this new upgrade, and after giving Noa and Freya a small update on the situation, his attention was shifted to the outside again.

But the system was not done as another notification rang again, alarming him.

[Low Grade-7 Soul Crystal Source has been detected!]

[Low Grade-7 Qi Stone Vein has been detected!]

-Requiring permission for the host to absorb the Soul Crystal Source and Qi Stone Vein

[Yes/No]

Reward(s):

1. 200 Million EXP & 200 Million SP
2. The host will be able to absorb EXP and SP from Qi Stones and Soul Crystals (From Grade-4 to Grade-7)

Ace's eyes widened when he saw this unexpected notification, and his heart raced, 'Don't tell me this place is really a lode of both Qi stones and Soul Crystals and a Grade-7 one at that!'

Thrilled, without hesitation, he commanded, "Start the absorption!"

Chapter 657: The Space Seals Wilting

When Ace gave the final command, the misty Qi around him started to stir before it began to absorb into his body furiously.

Thereupon, the suction force above also suddenly vanished, and all the Qi was now solely absorbed by Ace, and this speed was far more terrifying than the previous suction force.

Eva opened her eyes at this moment, and her expression was pale. She also noticed the Qi suddenly gathering in another focal point, and the old dark focal point had somehow vanished.

She wanted to go towards it to check on Ace when Cyrus's exclaimed, "Ah... Bro absorbing everything!"

Eva was startled and looked at the little fellow with uncertainty, "It's Ace?"

Cyrus nodded and replied with twinkling eyes, "Indeed. I can sense clearly there's no mistake."

Eva's eyes shimmered in astonishment as she looked at the Qi getting sucked into Ace like he was a bottomless pit.

She pursed her lips, 'Even I can't see through his technique, or maybe I'm too weak. Just what realm is he at?' She thought as a sense of crisis hit her.

Fifteen minutes passed, and the thick mist was now starting to get transparent. Ace's figure could finally be seen as he was standing right in the center of all this Qi, completely immersed in absorbing it.

Eva was now even more alarmed as she could feel Ace wasn't absorbing the Qi. He was absorbing its very essence. Meaning he was literally robbing the Qi from this place, and it was no longer recoverable.

Even the fiend tower didn't dare to absorb the essence, which was none other than the two grade-7 lodes, and it even used many high-grade herbs to keep those two lodes from getting exhausted.

But the system was drying them clean without caring about anything.

"Look, Big Sister, there are strange lines!" Cyrus's inquisitive voice draws Eva's attention at this moment.

She finally looked around. Because of the thick mist, they couldn't see this place's actual appearance. However, now that the Qi was constantly getting absorbed by Ace, the surrounding space became visible.

This space was a little over 200 square meters in size, and it was filled with strange dark lines which were extremely eye catching, and they were all intervening with each other.

Not only that they were glowing in a black sheen, but when Eva observed them closely, she also found that the glow was wilting as the Ace was absorbing the Qi.

Furthermore, some lines were completely exempt from that glow, and they started to crack like they had lost their foundation or something.

As the Qi was getting thinner and thinner, more lines lost their sheen, and cracks began to form within them.

Eva felt amiss by those dark lines, so she could only shout in worry, "Ace! Stop absorbing the Qi. Something is not right!"

Ace instantly opened his eyes and frowned. He was fully capable of moving his limbs since it was the system that was doing the actual absorbing. He also noticed those dark lines the moment his vision became clear.

He also started to have a very strange feeling as those lines were witting, "System, what are those?"

"[Since the space core has been absorbed, the space seals that keep a secret realm intact are wilting. This process should be long, but since Host was already in process of absorbing the Qi reserves of this realm, the process has naturally intensified.]

"[System suggest, you store the Shadow Abyssal Devil away before those seals completely spent or her existence will become detectable.]"

"You should've warned me sooner!" Ace felt indignant when he heard the last part.

Still, he no longer had time since more than half of those space seals were now cracked. He twisted his head and looked at Eva's worried expression.

He sighed ruefully and said, "Grab my hand!" He moved his hand to reach outside the suction force's pull.

"Why?" Eva asked as she felt something was wrong. Still, she moved ahead, and with some difficulty, she managed to touch his hand.

"This realm is going to merge. You need to enter my storage space, don't resist." Ace regretfully revealed since he didn't want this to happen so abruptly.

But he can only blame himself for being greedy and not inquiring about it, or he could've easily avoided this situation.

Eva's expression changed, and she wanted to say something when she felt a terrifying suction force that wanted to devour her. But since that force was coming from Ace's hand, she knew he wanted to pull her within his space.

So, she didn't resist, and after looking at him with a gaze full of tender love, she vanished with Cyrus!

Ace felt terrible when he still felt her warm touch on his fingers and cursed in vexation, "You deviant!"

The existence he cursed seemed to be aloof as ever.

Vexed, he had no choice but to suppress his anger and then looked within the thief's space.

Eva had appeared with Cyrus in the dark space, but with Ace's thought, he had used the most precious luminous light stones and attacked them into the four sides of his thief's space, making it illuminate in rainbow lights.

Afterward, Ace moved everything back to the corners and tidied up the space in a split second, and what was left were some eggs and a black sheet in the center since they were alive. Oh, and a 20X20 black metal cube.

It was a prison to keep his prisoners from seeing the true thief's space, and this cube was not just made with ordinary metal either. It was a Low-Grade-5 treasure especially made to suppress cultivators below Peak Soul Realm. He got it in some cultivator's storage ring.

However, since the Thief's Space can fully suppress the beings inside as long as he willed it, Ace was using this treasure as an ordinary prison.

But Eva was shocked when she saw felt a natural closeness to this place, and for some reason, she didn't want to leave at all.

Not only that, she could feel cultivating here could bring her far more benefits, even more than the core realm space outside at its peak state.

She had again no choice but to reevaluate the 'God' behind Ace, and she was now fully convinced that even an abyssal bloodline might not be enough to match this existence.

Still, since this all belonged to she was naturally happy for him, and she no longer worried like before.

"It had grown bigger!" Cyrus exclaimed in full of astonishment since he clearly remembered this place not being as big as before. It was his home, after all.

Lastly, the center of the space was also been cleared now, and it was no longer eye-catching when that ring wall was present.

"It's quite big." Eva also nodded as she curiously looked around and was astonished when she saw all those millions of storage rings spreading in four corners.

"You stole all this?" She couldn't help but blurt.

"Not bad, right?" Ace's voice rang in pride. He was pleased with Eva's reaction.

Eva nodded, and when she thought about all those adventures Ace's been through, she didn't find it startling anymore. He had, after all, emptied the biggest organization of outer demon provinces' treasuries.

"Who goes there?! What is this place!" A panicked voice suddenly sounded, drawing everyone's attention toward the large black prison.

"Ahem, I'll let you handle it?" Ace asked with some embarrassment since he completely forgot about Livia after abducting her.

Eva's lips curled up, forming a devil-like smile as she nodded, "Don't worry, I've long wanted to have a maid. Making a princess a maid is much more fitting to my status. Don't you think so, Cyrus?"

Cyrus was confused and asked, "What's a maid, Big Sis? Can I get one as well?"

Eva was startled momentarily by Cyrus's innocent question before she giggled happily, "Of course, let's, Big Sis, teach you about it properly."

Ace, who was listening to those two, had this strange expression as he looked between the black prison and then Eva and excited Cyrus moving towards it. He suddenly felt pity for Livia as well as he was now wondering if letting Cyrus learn from this Devil was the right thing to do.

'Well, as long as she's happy, nothing else matters.' Ace smiled gently when she saw Eva wasn't sad or feeling lonely anymore and retracted his attention outside.

Half an hour later, the system's voice sounded,

[Grad-7 Qi Stone Vein has been completely absorbed!]

[Grade-7 Soul Crystal Source has been completely absorbed!]

[Host can now convert Qi Stones and Soul Crystals into EXP and SP from Grade-4 to Grade-7 according to host cultivation realm limit.]

[Congratulation, host, on achieving the Ninth Stage of Heavenly Dark Sea Core Realm and Ninth Stage of Heavenly Red Wind Soul Core!]

[Host status has been updated!]

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

[EXP: 51,291,780/250,000,000]

[Soul Cultivation: Heavenly Red Wind Soul Core [Stage-9]]

[SP: 50,322,010/250,000,000]

[Elemental Orb: 0/1]

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Chapter 658: The Elven Continent

The Elven Continent, the Elven Capital City, Elven Palace,

Right under thousands of feet under the Elven Palace.

There was a space over a thousand feet wide and tens of feet high, and this space was all made with beautiful pristine marbles, and only the floor was left alone as it was filled with complex runes.

Over fifty royal elven guards in golden armor were standing at the entrance. The elves called this place the 'Holy Space' because the passage to enter or exit the 'Holy Tower' resided right in this place.

This space was discovered by the current Elven Queen when she was young, and according to the legend, she heard the 'calling' from the 'Holy Spirit,' and that's how she managed to come here.

She was the very first person to enter the Holy Tower, and from then on, everything changed for the elven race as they thrived under the influence of the Holy Tower, and so this also became their most guarded secret, their Holy Land.

At this moment, hurried footsteps sounded, and a few figures entered the holy space.

In very front were an extremely handsome elf with two-meter height, long bright silver hair, and a golden crown resting over his head. However, his silver eyes were completely bloodshot at this moment and filled with killing intent.

He was excluding blood-curdling aura, making those elves behind him extremely pale as their faces were toward their feet. They didn't dare to look toward him, afraid of receiving a death sentence because they knew he was fully capable of that.

Because this Elf with the golden crown was none other than the First Elf King Consort and current Elven King Regnant!

As for why the atmosphere was so overbearing, and the Elven King was emitting such thick killing intent, it was exactly because he received the news of his precious daughter, the Elven Crown Princess, being killed in the dual with the 'monster!'

Furthermore, that monster was actually a Human in disguise, and he had somehow earned the Holy Lord's favor and was daring enough to agree with the challenge set up by the Holy Lord as well.

If it were only that, the First Elven King wouldn't be so bloodthirsty and irrational, but he wanted to skin that human alive because he killed Livia, who he loved more than anything in this world.

As for the news bearer, who was pretending to be Crown Princess Livia, she naturally ended up dead in the cruelest way at the King's hands. Not even her ashes were left under the wrath of a Law Awareness Realm expert.

Furthermore, those other high-ranking officers who heard this grave news were also alarmed, not because of Livia's death, but because a human somehow entered their Holy Tower and even earned the Lord's favor.

They couldn't care less about one life of a princess when their entire race's future and mostly because their interest was on the line here.

But they didn't dare to speak up about their 'worries' because they had never seen the First Elven King this mad, and they knew if they dared to give their opinions, they would meet the same fate as Livia's double.

As for the Second Elven Prince, Randall, and his younger brother, Third Elven Prince, Jerice, they had yet to come back.

But some of the high officers guessed that they most likely knew about the Princess's death, and they won't be appearing any time soon unless they wanted to meet with the enraged King.

They knew those two brothers always had their eyes on the sky and did many things to compete with Livia, but they didn't know the First King knew about everything, but he always ignored them and didn't interfere in the children's quarrels since he also thought of them as his children.

Still, they were somewhat relieved that the Human won't be able to get anything as long as the three rulers were standing in his way.

That's why they were all planning to enter the Holy Tower and started to search for more intruders and plunge them as fast as possible while the Kings and Queen dealt with the one in the light.

They didn't dare to take their chances with this matter because if there was more than one foreign intruder within the tower and if they could enter without them known, they would definitely be able to leave without them knowing as well.

If the other intruders were not as greedy as that human, they will definitely alert their higher-ups, and once this news blew, they all knew there would be not only humans coming after the holy tower but demonic beasts, hunters, demons, and even devils will not sit still.

The elven race was still not matched for the top five races together, so they had to bow their head. But they still wanted to salvage the situation.

At this moment, the First King stood right at the center of the formation and rolled up his sleeve, revealing the tower tattoo with seven floors filled. He poured his Qi into it and tried to activate the teleportation... again.

Again means he tried to enter the holy tower instantly when he received the news, but for some reason, the teleportation was not activated at all, which had never happened before.

So, he came here since there was no way the teleportation could not work in this place since this was the common method the elves used to reenter the tower except for those who didn't have the authority to directly entered, like the Elven King.

The others also do the same as they were sixth-floor contenders.

However, their expression started to change when the doorway did not appear, no matter how much Qi they channeled into their tattoos.

"What is going on?" An elder elf's panicked voice rang.

"Could it be we can only enter after one week?" A scholarly female elf guessed, but she regretted saying those words the very next moment.

Because the First King's aura suddenly spikes, and terrifying pressure descends into the entire space.

All those elven instantly fell on their knees with pale complexion as they also guessed that the King's tattoo was also not working and they will be going to suffer because of it.

However, the pressure soon vanished as the First King's hoarse icy voice rang, "We'll wait!"

Afterward, the entire space descends into eerier silence. No one dares to speak or move anymore as they all wait with stiff expressions.

A little over a day passed when all of a sudden, the entire floor suddenly lit up, and the formation had been activated by someone.

However, those elves were shocked, including the First Elven King, because this formation had never been activated before like this, and always a door would appear.

The Elven King's danger sense started to ring in alarm as those symbols got brighter and brighter.

"Imbecilic, quickly run!" He hollered before silver Qi started to gush out, covering Elven King's body as he looked extremely majestic and holy before he shot toward the exit without hesitation.

For him to danger, he knew something was wrong, and staying will not be a decision. How could he take revenge for his daughter if he was dead or injured?

Those officers also snapped out of their daze and used their fastest techniques to flee behind the King.

Even they started to feel a sense of crisis while staying in the middle of this formation.

Because of their speeds, they managed to leave the underground passage, but the King didn't stop as he was moving outside the palace at terrifying speed. Those officers didn't delay and followed suit.

"Everyone, leave the palace. Something is not right quickly!" Elven King's reverberating voice sounded in the entire elven palace; even some closer areas around it heard his voice, bewitching everyone.

Many thoughts someone was courting death and didn't move at all. At the same time, those few who heeded this warning were those who were familiar with the King's voice.

However, just a minute later, after the King's warning, something unimaginable happened.

"Boooooommmmm!"

A deafening voice rang in the elven capital, followed by a terrifying earthquake, shocking everyone, and they all hurried over to look at the source. Some of them thought they were under attack.

However, whoever looked toward the palace area was stunned-silly and rooted in their place.

Because they all saw the debris of the once magnificent Royal Palace raining down with many flesh parts and blood. But their entire focus was on the huge tower which had magically appeared in the royal palace place.

The Elven King in the sky was looking at the cracked tower with a gobsmacked expression as he had this terrifying guess about this mysterious tower's origin.

But before anyone could react to it, the tower suddenly started to tremble, and like some sand castle, it started to crumble down.

"Stop it!" The Elven King was spooked as he roared and used his sliver Qi to try to stop the destruction because if it was really what he thought it was, then he couldn't let it get destroyed.

But alas, no matter what he did, his Qi couldn't cover the entire tower, and for some reason, his Qi was completely useless against it, and the other elves' experiences were different.

When one-third of the tower crumbled, two more elves appeared, hovering in the sky.

One was another handsome elf with the same kind of crown as the First King was wearing, while the other was an enthralling elven beauty with a majestic golden tiara.

However, their faces were filled with bewilderment, as if they were in a dream. But alas, if only it were a dream.

The Wise Elf Race is about to go absolutely bonkers...

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Chapter 659: Sailing Close to the Wind

The sky was clear, lit with countless bright stars, while the full moon was exceptionally bright today.

Under the beautiful moonlight, chaotic waves of water were raging, and there was nothing but rageful sounds of lonely waves, creating a strange melancholic melody.

At this moment, a strange phenomenon takes place when a phantom dark image suddenly manifests and starts to overlap with the chaotic waves.

The clear blue water suddenly overlapped with murky black water as this phantom dark image was filled with dark water.

All of a sudden, the entire space around the waves distorted before the phantom image started to materialize, and the water level suddenly rose, creating tidal waves, and the water was also turning black.

This strange phenomenon in space lasted for over ten hours as the night was already at its end, and the dark sky was now starting to turn golden.

The chaotic waves also started to calm down while the black water covered a very large area. If someone looked from high in the sky at this area, it would appear like a black stain in the clear blue sea.

Three more hours passed as the sun was already on the horizon. At this moment, the calm murky black water surface suddenly experienced ripples.

Thereby, a hooded head surfaced, and his dark blue eyes under the hood were filled with vigilance while he looked around.

But when he saw endless water as far as he could see, he was bewildered and mumbled in dismay, "Don't tell me, this realm merged somewhere in the endless sea?"

This person was naturally Ace, who had appeared on the surface after swimming his way through the flooded hole left behind by the Regal Fiend Tower. If not for that hole, he might have to dig his way out again.

Still, it took him a few hours to reach the surface, and he almost thought that he was still in the dark realm. But when he noticed the surface getting brighter, he knew he had returned to the world outside since that place was exempt from any sunlight.

However, after seeing his surrounding, he wasn't so optimistic anymore.

Because if he really ended up in the endless sea, then it was even more troublesome since he had no idea how to navigate his way from this unknown location.

At this moment system's voice rang before a panel popped up.

[The Side Mission has been completed!]

[Side Mission: Escape the Mysterious Space!]

-Mission Introduction: The Host has stumbled upon a mysterious space that is filled with the unknown!

-Requirement: Find a way to escape the mysterious space!

-Status: Complete

-Reward(s):

1. 10 Million EXP

[Claim/ Later]

2. 10 Million SP

[Claim/Later]

3. 1,000,000 TP

-Conditional Reward:

1. Collect Independent Space Core: Claimed

[Thief Point(s): 51,810,950]

"About time." Ace scoffed before he closed the interface while keeping those ten million EXP and SP for a rainy day.

He no longer needed to waste those precious herbs to increase EXP or SP count anymore, not until he reached the eighth realm. As long as he had sufficient Qi stones and Soul crystals, he'll use them.

After closing the notification panel, he took out the small blue sailboat with the symbol of the Imperial Demon Family on the black sail!

It was the same sailboat he used in the Black Sea in the secret realm.

After jumping out of the water, he finally sighed in relief since he had finally escaped the secret realm and was back.

But he knew it was far from over since he had to find his way out toward the Azure Wind Continent from this unknown place.

Since he had no map, he could only rely on the second-best option, which was the live fate map's direction.

Furthermore, his fortune sense was also compelling him to head in the southeast direction, but it was too vague.

When he opened the fate map, he found nothing but gray with no terrain at all, so he could only look at the compass pointer, which was also pointed in the same direction as his fortune sense.

Ace frowned because he didn't want to follow in this direction, blinding this time because if he was in the endless sea, then who knows how far this direction was and where it would lead him.

If it was a treasure like Regal Fiend Tower, then he was not in the mood for treasure hunting at all, and he was 90% sure that it was another treasure because his fortune sense was also pointing in the same direction.

But heading in another direction could also lead him into an unknown location, and who knows if he will find any land or not and keep wandering aimlessly.

The endless sea was named 'Endless' for a reason, and without any proper sea channel, one could simply travel round and round without even knowing.

Furthermore, the endless sea was filled with unknown dangers like sea demonic beasts that even Soul Manifestation Realm Experts dread.

So, he can't be careless.

When he reached this conclusion, he gritted his teeth in exasperation because he knew he had no other choice at all.

"Some direction is better than no direction, I guess. Once I reach land, I'll instantly soul-probe some native to know where I am and then head in the right direction. I can't be too far from the elven continent." Ace mumbled grimly before he activated the boat and headed in the compass direction at maximum speed.

Since he was free now, he looked in the thief's space to check on Eva and was instantly baffled because he saw Eva had this annoyed expression as she was looking at this Elven beauty who had the same level of beauty as Freya and slightly inferior to Eva, she was naturally Livia the elven crown princess!

Livia was wearing tunic green robes; she was 5'11 feet tall with a perfect hourglass figure. Her glistening bright silver hair made her look extremely holy, while her heart shape snow-white face, small nose, and pink lips perfectly matched her enthralling charm.

She has silver watery eyes like jewels, but the way she was looking was completely out of place with her current situation.

First, she didn't seem angry, panicked, or even nervous. On the contrary, she had this strange smile that spelled nothing but happiness.

Second, she was tightly holding her right hand, and if looked closely, she kept rubbing an owl symbol very gently, which was quite creepy in Ace's eyes.

Third, she was looking at Eva with admiration and longing, which was even more questionable. No matter from which angle Ace looked, Livia didn't seem furious at all by her abduction. Instead, she was ecstatic.

Finally, seeing Eva's pissed expression, Ace knew something was amiss!

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Chapter 660: A Thief Fanatic

A few hours ago, when Eva had just entered the thief's space.

Standing in front of the black prison, Eva smiled deviously when she heard a panic-stricken yet threatening voice of Livia.

"I can hear you! Just answer me what is this place, and why do you capture me? Do you have any idea who I am? So, what if you're a little more powerful than me? I demand an audience with Holy Spirit this instant!"

"Who's the Holy Spirit?" Cyrus asked in confusion while standing over Eva's shoulder.

"Some bastard who was courting death." Eva's voice was icy cold.

"I can hear you, you monster! Kill me if you dare!" Livia roared in exasperation.

Eva's expression went cold and exempt from any emotion. Only Ace can draw a myriad of expressions from her, not anyone else. She moved and finally opened the door of the black prison without any worry.

The moment the door was opened, veiled Livia lunged out like a tigress, but Eva was ready and was already sidestepped.

Livia then quickly twisted her slender body and vigilantly looked toward Eva was started when she saw a crown-wearing devilish beauty who was far more beautiful than anything she had ever seen. For the first time in her life, she felt inferior to someone else when it comes to beauty.

"How feisty." Eva chuckled coldly when she saw Livia looking dazedly at her.

Livia was instantly snapped out of her daze with a hint of humiliation in her eyes. She coldly questioned, "Who are you, and what is this place?"

Her Qi was completely suppressed in that dark prison, and she thought it was because the prison was specially made for detaining cultivators. However, now that she was out of that dark prison, she found her Qi was still suppressed as before, which was quite shocking to her.

But what she still didn't understand was why that monster didn't kill her at that time and how he sent her here without even her realizing it. Most importantly, why did he send her here, and was the Holy Spirit also involved in this?

However, this notion was quite absurd since the elves literally revered the Holy Spirit, and schemes were beneath it. Besides, it had never played such a trick before and was always fair.

But now, after being captured and suppressed for days, she was no longer sure anymore, and Eva's appearance added another layer of mystery to the mix.

Eva's lips curled up in an enthralling smile that was not gentle but menacing, "Why are you covering your face? Unveil yourself, and let me see if you're worthy of being my maid. If you're ugly, I'll give you to Cyrus then."

Cyrus instantly retorted in indignation, "No. I don't want an ugly maid as well!"

Eva gave the little guy a side-up before she nodded in understanding, "Alright, if she's ugly, we'll let her be the janitor of this place."

Cyrus instantly fell into contemplated silence as if he was in deep thought while he still had no idea what a maid or janitor was, which made him even cuter in Eva's eyes.

However, the person in question, Livia, was dumbfounded by this conversation as rage started to boil in her heart. She was the Crown Princess of the Wise Elf Race, and no one had ever belittled her like this.

Although Eva was really beautiful, she also had her pride and honor as the crown princess, and she wanted to fight it out with this arrogant woman in front of her. She was so angry she even forgot about special racial traits of Eva as well as the speaking bird.

Instinctively, she tried to use her storage ring, but she soon remembered it was already taken when she was sent to that prison. But because of darkness and her cultivation being suppressed, she wasn't able to see the owl symbol on her finger.

However, now that the thief's space was no longer dark, when Livia suddenly glanced toward her finger, her angry expression froze as her eyes were affixed on her ring finger, or more accurately, on the owl symbol.

Eva also noticed Livia's sudden pause and her eyes affixed on her finger, and she also looked toward it with a somewhat intrigued look.

Eva also noticed the thief symbol and the name written on the owl's wings. Her eyes lit up, 'So, this is the thief symbol he was talking about. How beautiful and unique. I should think about one for myself too. I should use fox or cat, or bird... no, they are not imposing enough...' She thought with a grave expression.

However, her thought process was broken when Livia's stuttering voice sounded, "S-sky... St-Stealer?! Y-y-you're Sky... Stealer?"

Eva noticed the sudden change in Livia's eyes as they shone hysterically and reverently, which rubbed Eva the wrong way.

She squinted her eyes and said coldly, "So, what if I am?"

However, Livia suddenly shook her head and mumbled, "No, it can't be you!"

"Why it can't be me?" Eva was even more baffled by this suddenly changed in Livia's demeanor. She was just about to lunge at her and start a fight, but now she didn't even look furious and more like she was going frantic.

Livia ignored her and looked around frantically like she was searching for something, and she finally noticed all those storage rings scattered in four corners.

"I was right! My guess was right!" Livia's eyes shimmered with brilliance as she shouted in mirth.

Eva was now sure there was something wrong with this woman. She suddenly released her bloodline pressure which wasn't any lower than Cyrus's. It was even a tidbit powerful.

Eva's cultivation wasn't restricted in the thief's space because, like Cyrus or Thief House members, she couldn't even think of harming Ace, and these criteria were set by the system itself.

That's why these people are free in the thief's space while the others are instantly suppressed.

When Livia felt the terrifying pressure descend on her, which was so deadly that she started trembling uncontrollably. This terror was coming directly from her bloodline. It was like she was a firefly standing in front of the sun.

Seeing Livia behaving like a jittery mouse, Eva instantly felt refreshed and nodded in satisfaction. She then coldly said, "What were you yapping about?"

Livia felt the pressure on her halves as she was finally able to breathe. She looked at Eva with fear as she panted. She finally understood just how terrifying this woman in front of her was.

But she was thinking about something else, and this time she spoke in a polite tone, "M-Miss, are you really sky stealer?"

"You fool..." Cyrus was about to spill the beans when Eva quickly closed its beak and meaningfully glanced at the confused little guy, "You talk too much! When adults are talking, children only listen."

Cyrus wanted to say something, but alas, Eva didn't let go of his beak and only gave him an ominous look before he finally stopped struggling.

'She's even scarier than Big Sis, Freya!' He thought seriously and finally decided to behave. Even his big bro was afraid of her, so he should listen to her more.

Eva then finally let go when Cyrus stopped talking and looked at Freya and coldly said, "I'm the sky stealer. Why did you doubt me?"

Livia inhaled sharply, but a hint of regret could be seen in her eyes, but she didn't dare to shock it anymore as she remembered that terrifying feeling of being a mere ant in front of her.

So, she quickly unveiled herself, revealing her peerless face. She bowed slightly and said with mirth, "Miss Sky Stealer, I know it sounds absurd, but I'm your biggest follower in this world, and I would like to learn the art of stealing from you and conquer his entire world!"

Eva was baffled by those words and thought this woman was messing with her. However, when she saw the honest and obsessive look in Livia's eyes, she knew Livia wasn't kidding at all.

'Don't tell me she was in disbelief before because I'm a woman, and she wanted to seduce my Ace?' Her thoughts instantly went derailed as her aura was spiked again with killing intent shining in her eyes.

Livia, this time fell on her knees with an ashen face; however, Eva felt goosebumps when she noticed the look of mirth in her eyes intensified.

She secretly swore, 'I can't let her even close to him!'

"Are you worthy of learning from me?" Eva coldly spoke as she no longer cared about having fun with her.

Livia ground her teeth as she endured the pressure and said, "I-I was wrong. I'm willing to follow you as your... maid!"

Eva rejected her mercilessly, "You're too ugly to be my maid!"

She was determined to keep her away from Ace as she felt this woman was up to no good and had vile motives.

Although Ace said Livia might be able to save him from some future crisis or whatnot, she first needed to make sure to educate her properly.

However, she underestimated Livia's determination.

Livia wasn't even flustered by this reply as she quickly said, "I know I'm not worthy, but I can be of great use to you because I have a special constitution known as Holy Divination Physique!"