

## Thief 661

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#### Chapter 661: Ability of Prediction

Present, looking at Eva's pissed expression and Livia's revered look as she looked at Eva, Ace knew something was amiss, and he might have missed something interesting.

So, he didn't speak directly and used his thought transmission with Eva, "Why are you looking so aggravated? Is she that difficult to handle?"

Eva was startled momentarily when she heard Ace's voice, but her expression went stern as she replied without opening her mouth, "This bitch is crazy!"

Ace felt amused when he heard Eva's exasperated voice and curiously asked, "What happened?"

Eva then didn't hide anything and told him about Livia's thief-fanatic persona and how she wanted to become the Sky Stealer follower. She was even willing to become her maid or mere servant.

Ace's expression was quite strange when he heard this, and he couldn't help but look at Eva's nasty expression and thought amusingly, 'Weren't you the same when you met me and even forcibly formed a team with me so you could become a thief? At least she'll know how I felt at that time.'

However, when he heard this, "... not only that, but she had some kind of constitution called Holy Divination Physique which is something. Although I'm pretty sure the name of her fantastic physique might not be the exact and self-created by her race, I'm not absolutely sure about it either."

"Wait, Fantastic Physique? You mean she's born with a unique constitution like fabled element physiques, right?" Ace was astonished by this revelation since it was his second time coming in contact with the owner of a unique physique.

"Yes, these constitutions are known as Fantastic Physiques, and there are also Fantastic Meridians." Eva revealed, "Anyhow, this woman is not simple, and this Holy Divination Physique of her can help her divide and predict certain things about her future.

"According to her, she was supposed to encounter a life-changing opportunity in that tower. But she didn't know what kind of encounter, and she only thought it was that fake event created by that tower spirit."

Ace's eyes narrowed, "But she ended up getting abducted by me because I needed her help. Didn't this mean her life-changing opportunity was me?"

Ace found it hard to believe that such a physique could exist that could predict fortune like this. He did not doubt that the Thief House was the biggest life-changing opportunity anyone in the Golden Sky World could ask for.

'Fate plays tricks but does not make mistakes? Can this be considered a trick of fate?' Ace couldn't help but wonder.

Eva also reached the same conclusion as Ace, "I think that as well. Even she also thinks it is like this. However, she's obsessed with you. You might not believe it, but she predicted that you have either a

living space treasure or some sort of teleportation ability that you used to cover up your tracks and rob your victims from their identities."

Ace's eyes widened, "Did she predict this because of her physique?" His expression was extremely stern because this was no laughing matter.

If some Fantastic Physique can predict him to such an extent, didn't this mean someone can even predict his next move before he even made it and then set up a trap or even directly track him down?

Eva pulled an annoying expression as she said, "No, she reached this conclusion herself after she investigated your every thievery, and she even had this secret diary where she noted all this down to the last details. The Tower's teleportation function played an important part in her reaching such a conclusion. She even thinks you have a treasure like that tower.

"She thought that you are not alone and you have helpers. Lastly, she fantasized that the Sky Stealer's goal was to conquer this world, and she wanted to be a part of it. She said if she hadn't ended up meeting you like this, she would look for you in the Azure Wind Condition because of Alina and even helped you."

With vigilance, Eva said, "She was quite sad when she found out that the Sky Stealer is a female, which means she was planning to seduce you. So, I forbid you to reveal your identity until I educate her properly!"

Ace didn't know whether to laugh or cry when he heard the last part and found Eva's vigilance quite adorable.

But still, he had to admit Livia was his fanatic, and this was not the first one he had ever encountered. He never even thought someone would be his admirer of another race, not to mention a crown princess of an entire race.

It won't be a lie to say this was a strange yet good feeling. But he won't be going to tell the devil unless he wants to feel real 'good.'

Nevertheless, since Livia has this strange physique, he is now even more inclined toward Moira's suggestion to add her to the Thief House, and there might be some future calamity waiting for him.

But before that, Livia had to avoid the calamity before her. Ace didn't have any intention of ruining Eva's fun. He simply didn't dare. So, he let her play as much as she wanted.

"Alright, you can be the Sky Stealer as much as you want. Don't forget about cultivating, and don't torture her too much. She's a future member and, in a sense, my future benefactor. If she's willing, then she will be the first thief house member who I don't need to deceive." Ace sighed nostalgically.

"What? Don't tell me you already have your eyes on her body?" Eva's threatening voice rang.

Ace was speechless and retorted, "Why are you so hurried to reach these types of conclusions? Besides, she didn't even as beautiful as you."

Happiness bloomed in her heart when she heard it, but she quickly hid it and scoffed, "As if I believe you after hearing about your deeds. You're full of tricks! Now don't disturb us!"

Ace was flabbergasted when he was told to get out of his own thief's space, and he mumbled in indignation, "Why do I feel like my thief's space has been hijacked by my paranoid wife?"

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### **Chapter 662: Current Situation**

A dignified demon with a deep unfathomed aura, wearing purple armor with Imperil Demon Family's crest, was looking at the three demons who were respectfully standing before him.

These three demons were also wearing purple sets of armor with the same crests, but their armors were less imposing than his, and their auras were nowhere near as majestic.

He impassively said in his raspy voice, "I summon all three of you to inform you that we will be arriving at our destination in three days. I want you to brief your fleets and have them on their best behavior. I don't want to lose face in front of others, especially not in front of humans. Is that clear?"

The three solemnly stated in unison, "Yes, Admiral!"

"Dismiss if you don't have anything to add." He coolly stated.

The three of them bowed respectfully before taking their leave without saying anything.

However, when the two demons left, only the demoness in the group suddenly halted her footsteps right at the door. She looked behind and spoke with a hesitant look in her eyes as she said, "Admiral, I want to ask something. C-can I?"

The Demon Admiral impassively looked at the demoness with a tense expression. He coolly said, "You may speak freely, Captain Hazel."

Hazel was overjoyed and quickly spoke without wasting any time, "I know I'm being presumptuous by asking Admiral this, so I'll apologize in advance, and I have no intention of offending or doubting our orders. I just want to know why we must send such a huge army to the human continent. Is that thief really worth such attention and our effort?"

The Demon Admiral yellow eyeballs shimmered as he looked at Hazel with a tingle of approval. It was the first caption who dared to ask him such a dangerous question and didn't seem to be just blindly following orders and using her brain as well.

So, he answered in the same impassive tone, "Your courage is commendable. All I can tell you is that you didn't need to worry. We are not going there to be just some watch guards for Humans. We might encounter a worthy foe to show our might, and even Devils are coming to join the fray. If you perform well, His Imperial Majesty will not hold back on rewards, and I also have high hope for you, Captain Hazel, don't disappoint me."

Hazel was shocked when she heard this subtle answer filled with astonishing facts. She finally started to understand that this trip to the Azure Wind Continent might not be as simple as just capturing the elusive thief, Sky Stealer.

But she didn't dare to overstep her boundaries and asked for further details. Just this much information was enough to show the Demon Admiral's goodwill towards her, and she might end up offending him if she overstepped her jurisdiction.

"Thank you for your trust, Admiral. I won't disappoint you." She quickly bowed before taking her leave.

The Demon Admiral's lips curled up after Hazel left, and he muttered with killing intent, "The Demon Army has not shown its true color for ages, and everything started to think we are some sort of pushover now just because some petty thief able to steal some treasures by relying on some paltry tricks.

"We'll skin those people of White Crown alive to establish our dominance in Golden Sky again and make sure that thief will regret ever poking our demon race. If the plan goes well, the entire human race will vanish from the face of this world. This is the true punishment of stealing from us...."

Captain Hazel had no idea about the true intention of Demon higher-ups as she returned to her room with a faint frown on her face.

She was about to summon her vice captain to gather the other members of the fleet when a black translucent box materialized in front of her. But she didn't look shocked as she read the words on it.

[Incoming House Call!]

-Caller: House Leader (Ace White)

-Accept (Automatically Accept in 10 Seconds)

[NOTE: You can't Reject or Ignore House Leader (Ace White) call!]

'Hmph, if not for this privilege, I would've ignored you for an hour!' Captain Hazel, who was actually Winter in disguise, pursed her lips before she accepted the call.

Ace's spirited voice transmitted in her head, "Long time no chat."

Winter was startled since she expected his voice to be full of panic or anxiety just like last time, but for some reason, Ace returned to being himself again.

'Don't tell me he no longer cared about that girl and call me to cancel this mission? Didn't this mean my effort would be wasted?' Winter thought gloomily.

But she didn't reach the final conclusion so soon. She probed, "Why are you calling?"

"I'm calling to inquire about your progress with your current mission." Ace's voice suddenly turned somewhat stern and filled with expectancy.

'Oh, it seemed I was just thinking too much.' Winter sighed in relief.

She replied smugly, "Just how do you think I am? I'm already three days away from reaching the human continent!"

"What? So fast?" Ace was surprised by this unexpected revelation since he was expecting her to be still in the demon continent or still in the middle of her journey toward the Azure Wind Continent.

"Hehe, I'm traveling with one of the fastest fleets of Demonic Marine Army, so it was only natural that we travel so fast, and with the personal sea channel of the Demon Race, it was even faster." Winter was quite pleased with Ace's reaction, so she boosted even more.

Ace's praiseful voice rang, "So, you managed to infiltrate the Marine Army, huh? Even I didn't expect that. It seemed you might have some hope of completing the sixth condition of my mission."

Winter snickered, "Of course. Don't tell me you're regretting putting that condition and going to take back that five million reward now?" She was worried about this.

"Hah, as long as you can escape with Alina, you have my sincere gratitude, and I will owe you two favors, much less five million house points that you earn. But it won't be easy. Don't put yourself in danger.

"I want you to be my eyes and ears until I reach there and gather as much information as possible. Don't take unnecessary risks. We are dealing with a potential Quasi-Law Comprehension Realm expert and not just one."

Winter didn't retort since she knew this was the fact because the Admiral she had just met with was a Law Awareness Realm Demon, and she knew he was just the tip of the iceberg of the Demon Army.

"I know what I'm doing. I cherish my life more than anything else." She scoffed before her expression turned serious, "When will you arrive?"

A powerless sigh escaped Ace's mouth as he replied helplessly, "I'm in the middle of the endless sea, and I have absolutely no idea where I am currently. But I'm pretty sure I'll be to find out soon. I just need some more time before I come rushing back."

Winter sternly replied, "Well, you better speed up your game. I just learned that another army from the Devil Race would also join the demons on the human continent, and you might not be the only target this time. They might be planning something big, and it's all evolved around the human continent!"

Ace fell into silence since this was a piece of unexpected news. Although he was expecting the devil race to get involved but sending an army was another matter entirely.

"What about hunters? Is there any movement from their side? Especially from the Silver Ice Clan?" Ace asked with a hint of coldness in his voice.

He didn't have a good impression of Alina's family after they abandoned her and handed her over to Dream Shatter to use her as he wished.

"Actually, it's quite strange because there is no movement from the Hunter Race, as they had gone completely dormant after the Ice Lord's announcement. I have no idea what those guys are up to." Winter replied with uncertainty, "But I do hear that they are still focusing on that ancient gathering. Even demons and devils are the same, as they didn't give up on that secret realm either. Only a little over a year is left before that place will open up."

Ace sighed ruefully, "It seemed they abandoned her. Or there's a chance they are planning something. As for this fiery hell secret realm, this is not our concern anymore. Saving Alina came first. You just focus on your task while I find a way toward you."

"Alright. I know what to do." Winter quickly agreed, and the call was over.

She muttered uncertainly after the call, "Just who is she to you, really..."

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### **Chapter 663: The Terror of Endless Sea (1)**

Under the vague light of the crescent moon, Ace was sitting cross-legged on top of the sail as strong winds brushed past his long hair, making them flutter like dark flames.

A powerful aura was emitting on his person. However, his aura wasn't completely tranquil but slightly chaotic and dark.

It had been 54 days since he had left the secret realm and started traveling in the endless sea by following the live fate map and his fortune sense.

However, there was no trace of lands as far as he could see, and he was now getting impatience. But he was still quite helpless in this and could do nothing but endure. The only thing worth mentioning was he was making progress in his skills, and he would encounter sea beasts occasionally as well.

At this moment, he opened his eyes as lingering dark lightning flashed past them. He suddenly looked ahead and frowned when he saw a veil of black fog over a mile ahead.

'I need to enter that fog?' Ace frowned as he confirmed his speculation by opening the fate map despite his fortune sense pointing him in that direction anyway.

As he moved closer to the fog, he felt a familiar suffocating sensation, and suddenly he remembered where he had felt this kind of sensation before.

'It's Martial and Soul Radiation!' Ace's expression clouded when he remembered his encounter at the entrance of the test of the Royal Demon Institute.

He was exposed to Martial and Soul Radiation up to 5 Points, so he knew the environment within the radiation was extremely suffocating for a cultivator.

Although this radiation was harmless to Ace, he was in the endless sea. Normally, any cultivator tends to avoid areas with radiation like the plague because any item with Qi will be started to wither in Radiation.

The higher the density of the Radiation, the higher the withering speed, and if a cultivator lost all the Qi in its body, it was over for them.

Ace looked at the sailboat quickly approaching the radiation fog and thought, 'If I use its protective barrier, the Qi stones consumption will be ten-fold in that fog or even more if that radiation is above 10 points.'

'Furthermore, this indicator is clearly leading me toward some treasure since no continent is surrounded by any radiation fog in my knowledge. But I can't just turn around after coming this far, and I lack anything but Qi stones.'

After binding his resolve, he activated the sailboat's protective barrier, and a crimson translucent doom appeared around the boat.

If he wasn't afraid of the sailboat getting destroyed by the radiation fog, he didn't need a barrier at all to survive in that fog. This sailboat was the only one he had, not to mention the fastest, so he was quite careful while handling it.

As Ace entered the fog, the feeling of suffocation reached its peak because there was no even trace of Qi within this fog, and the Qi stones imbued in the sailboat's formation also started to shimmer madly.

'This radiation fog is really above 10 points, which means this area is even the bane of soul manifestation realm cultivators. Just what kind of thing is hiding here which could be useful for me?

'Unless it's another elemental orb, and this fog is its natural barrier. This trip might be worth it if it is an elemental orb.' Ace's eyes shimmered with expectancy when this thought appeared.

He still remembered how he found the lightning orb and then even the regal fiend tower. So, it would be a lie to say; he wasn't excited to see what kind of treasure he would end up with there.

His mind was at somewhat ease now that he knew Winter was already on the azure wind continent, and with her current skill set, she might be able to pull the impossible.

Ace kept the live fate map active as he moved with black fog while keeping an eye on the Qi stone consumption and replacing them with a new batch when the last one turned into dust.

The wealth he accumulated in fifteen years was really something that could make any green with envy, and only the Sky Stealer could endure such a huge Qi stone loss without batting an eye.

After moving in the black fog for over three hours, Ace's expression was stern because the Qi stone consumption had suddenly doubled as the black fog had become thick as clouds.

Furthermore, the fate map was no longer gray, but it had turned red ten minutes ago.

'Should I turn around?' Ace thought gloomily, but he persisted and stood his ground and continued ahead, but he was at full-time high alert.

But Ace's expression suddenly wrapped, and his eyes widened in horror because a black fate point suddenly appeared a few hundred meters ahead of him. It was moving right in his direction with a terrifying speed.

It was so fast before Ace could react, the black fate point was already inclined with his own fate point, and Ace's heart nearly stopped.

But he was bewildered when he noticed that the black fate point was brushed past his fate point in the fate map and continued moving straight and soon vanished with its terrifying speed.

Filled with cold sweat, Ace muttered with a pale expression, "W-what just happened?"

However, he soon snapped out of his daze when the sailboat suddenly started to shake and lift, and when he saw ahead, his eyes contracted because a hundred-meter-high wave was rising.

'Don't tell me that black fate point was a sea beast, and it just swam past me? But what kind of beast could be so fast, and it could create such a wave by just passing by?' Ace's heart turned cold when he thought about it, and for the first time, he felt the true terror of the mysterious endless sea.

Although the boat could easily survive that huge wave, his problem was only getting started when he saw something that sent shivers down his spine.

Because all of a sudden, the red fate map was now turning into dark crimson before it went completely pitch black!

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#### **Chapter 664: The Terror of Endless Sea (2)**

Watching the Live Fate Map turning completely black, Ace was ashen because he knew he had entered a fatal area.

Without hesitation, he controlled the sailboat to escape this place post hastily, but to his dismay, the sailboat seemed to have lost all its power, and it kept moving ahead.

Ace quickly ran to the edge of the deck, and he was barely able to see the water current had turned up. It was so strong that the boat's formation was not strong enough to go against it.

'Just what kind of place I ended up in? The fate map is pointing in the same direction as this water current. But this area is completely black, and there isn't even a sliver of Qi present. Should I try to swim back?'

The moment this notion came to Ace's mind, he threw it away when he remembered the black fate point he saw a few minutes ago.

Furthermore, his thief's sense was still calm, which meant he wasn't in fatal danger yet. Still, this was a black area, and he would be an idiot just to stay still and wait for his demise.

Ace looked at the surroundings enshrouded by thick black fog. His vision was obstructed because of this radiation, and he could only see clearly ten meters around him.

The fate map was still open as he watched it for any sign of changes or some other color fate location.

At this moment, the sailboat started to flutter as the water current was getting stronger and stronger, and it was moving forward with a terrifying spell.

Ace looked at the chaotic water flow with a deep frown, 'I can't just stay still, I need to make a decision, or I won't be able to later.'

At this moment, Ace noticed something as he abruptly looked at the fate map, and his expression turned pale white like a ghost.

There were eight black fate points with another red circle around them, and all of them were moving in his direction, and they would be here ten seconds from their speed.

This time, Ace was spooked seeing those eight black fate points approaching in his direction, and his mind raced.

'They are coming right in my direction, or are they just passing by like the last one? No, the red color indicates that they are enemies. It doesn't matter if they are coming toward me or just passing by. If

they sense the boat, they will definitely attack, unlike the last one, who seemed to be not hostile. I need to get rid of this boat. It's too flashy!

Ace quickly decided while gritting his teeth. The next moment, the entire sailboat vanished under his feet, and he came in contact with the radiation for the first time.

Although the feeling was uncomfortable, like some slimy substance all over his skin, overall, he was completely fine.

The next moment, a green wood plank appeared on the chaotic water, and Ace landed on it. This wood plank was a grade-4 material.

But the moment it came in contact with the radiation fog, it started to lose its luster.

However, Ace's attention is on those eight black fate point as he rides on the plank in those chaotic waves without much difficulty.

As a cultivator, balancing was the last thing he was worried about unless he was riding in the middle of chaotic Qi water; this normal water was far from harmful to him.

Ace was astonished because all of a sudden, the red circles around the black fate point faded away and completely vanished into the black fate map.

Realization dawn upon Ace at this moment, 'Don't tell they were attracted by my sailboat or the Qi undulation created by the sailboat? This place is exempt from Qi, so it's quite possible they were drawn here by the sudden appearance of Qi waves created by the sailboat's barrier.

'Now that the sailboat is no longer here and this plank is too small to create such Qi waves, they couldn't find me? The only way to confirm this is...'

Ace decided to try his theory since it was the question of his survival.

When he put the sailboat away because he was planning to use this thick radiation mist to hide his aura completely, he knew this radiation was completely capable of that as anything with Qi would be useless in here, like the martial sense or soul senses.

Unless someone had an active sense as his Thief Sense, no one will be able to probe within the radiation by using martial sense or soul sense.

However, now, if his theory was right, he didn't need to bother with anything and just make sure he won't use Qi here, and he would be fine in this black fate area.

At least, he hopes so since, in a sense, he can't go back right now and only moved forward.

A formation plate appeared in his hand, which was a grade-5 formation equivalent to the boat's formation. He slowly activated it, and Qi undulation was created.

Almost instantly, Ace saw the eight black fate points appear again with the same red ring around them, and without hesitation, he quickly stowed the formation plate away.

Just like before, those eight black fate points vanished again, and Ace's eyes shimmered with a hint of hope.

'So, it was really about Qi!' He was sure of it.

But it wasn't the solution because he was still moving in an unknown direction, and he was now completely helpless to go back, and he was even regretting sailing in the fog.

Still, he knew he had no choice but to follow the fate map direction since he had no idea where he ended up in the endless sea.

At least he had a direction to follow, or he won't even know where he was heading. While surfing on the water current, the plank, which was filled with Qi a few moments ago, was now turned into a wilted dry plank without any Qi.

However, Ace was bothered by it. As long as it could float over the water and pull his weight, he was fine with it, especially when having Qi could draw terrifying existences.

An hour passed as Ace was still pulled toward an unknown direction, and the cloudy black fog was now even thicker as he could now feel some resistance from the fog as he passed through it.

Right at this moment, Ace's eyes contracted because, in this darkness, he suddenly saw something absurd.

He saw the light within the black fog and the silhouette of a mountain range!

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#### **Chapter 665: A Stanger**

Ace was in disbelief when he saw the light and the shadowy mountain range, which was completely absurd but not impossible as well.

He was who knows where, and this place was filled with things that could kill any cultivators hundreds of times before they could even reach this place.

Furthermore, even if someone by any chance reached this place, can they even go back?

Ace wondered as he found himself approaching the light, and to his surprise, the compass was still pointing in that direction, and the water current also seemed to be going right toward those shadow mountains.

However, the place was still pitch black, which meant this place was quite dangerous, so he was completely on high alert as he approached the light.

With the water current, it didn't take Ace long before he was a few feet away from the white glow. He didn't find any danger from it as well as he let himself get submerged in it.

However, the moment he submerged into the light, a strange scene took place. Ace seemed to cross over into a completely different place because he saw his surroundings were completely bright, and the water current from before was nowhere to be as he gently floated over a calm, crystal-clear water body.

The most absurd thing was the lush mountain range ahead of him, and this place was filled with Qi.

Ace was in complete disbelief and instantly looked back, and he was flabbergasted when he saw behind him a blackness as the black mist and water from a moment ago had completely vanished. It was like an empty void behind him.

However, when he looked at the fate map, he was astonished because he was now in a gray area while the back area was still completely black. The fate map was now half gray and a half gray.

'Just what is this place?' Ace scrutinized his surrounding as he could see the clear water and the mountain range ahead, which he couldn't see the end of.

Ace then tries to use Qi to turn back into the black zone, but to his surprise, the moment he approaches the blackness, he feels a wall blocking his way ahead.

His heart churned as he tried to use force, but he was completely blocked by the indivisible wall, and his expression clouded because this was not good.

'Am I trapped in another realm again?' Ace was in disbelief and quickly asked the system, "System is this another secret realm?" He didn't want to believe that his luck was so rotten that he entered another secret realm right after leaving one.

Furthermore, he approached this place on his own accord. No one forced him to.

However, the system's reply left him flabbergasted.

"[No. The host hadn't entered any secret realm.]"

"Then you me I'm still in Golden Sky World?" Ace quickly shot another question.

However, he met with the system's usual silence, which made him frown darkly. But he already got the answer he sought, so he could only try to figure it out himself.

'Since I'm not in the secret realm, this place should be some strange island like the demon's three forbidden countries. I should try to explore and see where I am. There might be another exit on the other side of this island.' Ace quickly calmed down when he reached this conclusion.

He had seen quite a lot in these past years, so he wasn't ignorant anymore, and panicking won't lead him anywhere, so he could only keep his mind cool and hope for the best.

He used his Qi to control the plank and moved toward the land, which was still over two miles away from the edge of the blankness.

While going ahead, Ace looked at the sky, which was also golden, so he was now even more sure that he was really on the mainland and no longer agitated like before.

Then he noticed the crystal-clear water, and he noticed the pristine silvery sea bed, which was really out of place, and there was no sea beast or sea flora and fauna.

'Is this made by men or nature?' He wondered since anything was possible in the cultivation world, and he didn't dare to jump to conclusions.

As he approached the land, he felt the Qi was getting even denser. It was almost at the level of the Royal Demon Country.

'Just what kind of place is this? Who would believe that this place is hidden within a thick radiation fog? If I'm not wrong, that radiation is over 20 points which are deadlier to even Law Awareness Realm cultivators.' Ace mused with a grave expression as the fear of the unknown was something far worse than anything.

But Ace's thought process was disrupted when he felt his thief sense tingle and instantly looked at the fate map. He was startled when he saw a red fate point approaching right in his direction.

Vigilant, he quickly put his hood on, and his mask appeared on his face before his appearance started to change under the hood.

Since the other party was dyed red then, it meant it would definitely attack him when it saw him, so he was prepared.

Thereafter, just when he was a few hundred feet away from the land, the fate point also appeared in his view, and to his surprise, the fate point didn't appear on land but in the sky!

He thought it was some aerial beast, but to his astonishment, when he saw clearly, it was a humanoid figure riding a sky-blue streak and was cutting past winds like a sharp blade.

Ace felt his eyes were playing tricks on him, but they weren't, and suddenly, that sky-blue streak suddenly stopped a few meters above him, making its appearance clear for Ace to see.

Ace's eyes contracted when he saw this 5'11 feet tall figure wearing ancient blue design robes and a blazing sun symbol over his chest, standing over a long sword with its hands behind his back like an imposing being.

But what made Ace stunned was that figure was a Human!

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#### **Chapter 666: An Idiot**

Standing over top of the sword like a majestic statue, this person had a handsome face with a fair complexion, and he looked in his mid-twenties. His long black hair and sword-shaped eyebrows gave him a dour look, while his dark brown eyes were cold and indifferent.

However, as he looked at Ace's hooded face, naked disdain was brewing in those cold eyes as if he was looking at a bug.

After observing Ace for a few moments, a hint of astonishment flashed past his eyes because Ace didn't speak any word, much less panicked, and like him, Ace was also just looking at him without any intention of speaking first.

He imagined that Ace would panic to see him, even beg to spare his life, but it didn't seem to be the case at all.

Furthermore, the more he looked at the long hood, which seemed like a black hole, the more he felt uncomfortable because he couldn't see Ace's face clearly. But he disdained to use his martial sense on this 'mortal ant.'

'An Early Stage Qi Soul Manifestation Realm human and this young? Just when did humans become so powerful? Or his appearance is young, and he's an old monster who likes to play young?' Ace wondered as he looked at the guy standing on the sword.

Truth be told, Ace was quite astonished seeing someone riding on a sword like a flying beast, and he had never even heard of this kind of method in the golden sky world, especially humans using such a novel method.

Furthermore, the more he observed the other party, the more he thought something was not right, and he even felt a sense of danger from the guy standing over the sword.

Nevertheless, the other party was no doubt human, and this alone was enough to make Ace curious about this place and where it was.

"System, activate face-3." His face suddenly started to twist under his mask...

At this moment, the man on the sword finally opened his mouth as his deep voice sounded in the calm vicinity, "Show your face and identify yourself!"

His voice was filled with arrogance as he questioned. That arrogance even ran deep in his bones as he didn't even lose his posture.

Ace then moved his hand and revealed his face behind the hood. A 17-year-old human face with an average look and slightly darker complexion was revealed.

Face number three was Ryan's face which he used in the middle-level lands, and it's been quite a long time since he had used those few human faces saved in his mask.

Most of the faces in his mask were of demons, but in this situation, he didn't think it would be wise to show a demon face in front of this guy.

Ace wanted to see if he could fool the other party without having to go against him. That's why he didn't show any cultivation to catch him off guard if he attacked him while underestimating him. But it might work in his favor.

Because this man appeared right before he reached the land, and he was too fast, which could only mean the people behind him had a way to monitor this area, and they sent him to investigate it.

Furthermore, this guy didn't seem to know he had appeared from the blackness behind him, or he would have more company or the people behind him simply don't care about an anomaly like him, which was quite hard to believe knowing human curious nature!

Lastly, since this guy didn't attack right off the bat and give him a chance to identify himself, this means the possibility of the former scenario was relatively high, and he was only hostile because of the 'unknown identity' factor.

But before Ace could even speak, when the man noticed Ace's face, his eyes flashed with icy killing intent as he said, "Impudent! How dare you leave the servant mountain and enter the crystal river with this rotten plank?!"

Ace was baffled by this sudden outburst and didn't know what the other guy was talking about. However, he decided to remain silent as his facial expression was somewhat blank.

'Since this guy already jumps the gun, let him ride it.' He thought, but he was ready just in case.

The man on the sword frowned disdainfully when he saw the blank expression of the young boy, and he looked nothing but an idiot in his eyes.

"Are you deaf? Mute? Idiot? Or all three?" He inquired again as killing intent in his eyes intensified while the sword under his feet released a sharp sheen.

However, Ace's expression remained blank as he didn't react. He was waiting to see what he would do under his lack of response. This situation was much better because he had no idea where he was, and speaking anything will only put him at a disadvantage.

He sensed the guy's attitude completely changed when he saw he was a fellow human, and vigilance in his eyes vanished, and he became entirely at ease.

The killing intent he was showing was probably just to test if he was really an idiot or not, and even if he wasn't, and end up attacking him. Ace was ready to subdue him as quickly as possible and without revealing his actual prowess, and the easiest way to do it was to let the other party underestimate him.

He knew he would appear a mortal in the other party's view because he hadn't masked his cultivation, and that guy won't be able to sense it.

As for the people behind this guy, he will think of it later after saving his life.

However, when the killing intent in the man's eyes started to fade, Ace knew his conjecture was correct. But now the question was what would he do to an 'idiot.'

"Sigh... it was only a false alarm. But why do I have to be the one to deal with this idiot? Let's just hand him over to servant mountain and then conclude my report." He muttered perplexedly before giving the idiot a death glare, "Little bastard, if I wasn't allowed to kill fellow human, then you'll wish you were dead!"

Ace's eyes shimmered with a peculiar glint when he heard this piece of interesting news, 'Not kill a fellow human? Then there are other races than humans in here?'

Ace felt even more baffled by this possibility, but his thought process was disrupted when a blue haze suddenly rushed toward him from the sword tip.

After making sure it wasn't dangerous, he didn't resist and let it wrapped it around his wrist, and the next moment, the sword moved toward the sky while dragging Ace like a ragged doll!

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#### **Chapter 667: Sun and Moon Sword Union! (1)**

Ace didn't make any sound as he was dragged behind the flying sword like a kite. This also made the man controlling the flying sword even more assured that this person was mentally ill and even wonder why this guy was still alive to this day.

Nevertheless, he still disdained to waste his breath on this imbecile, and he was only doing his doing by dragging him back, not more, not less.

Ace, on the other hand, was closely watching the mountain terrain as they moved more deep within the mountain range. Ace felt the Qi was getting denser.

However, his eyes went wide when he saw something astonishing ahead. Now that he was up in the sky, he could have a beautiful view of this place, but this view was right out of someone's imagination.

He saw right in the middle of this web of mountains. There was a stone stairway

vanishing within a cloudy mist. But what was truly shocking was two mountainous bronze gates with Sun and Moon symbols at the feet of the mountain right before where those stairs start.

Besides, those gates were two vivid statues of golden and silver wyverns. Even from tens of miles away, Ace could sense the majestic might of those gates, which could make any mortal kneel in reverence.

Ace also spotted a massive group of people gathering in front of those gates like ants.

'Just what the hell is this place?' Ace was really shocked just by seeing the vast gates and stairway which led within that white mist.

As for what was past that mist, Ace had no idea because everything past that point was enshrouded in thick white mist.

But what he could see was enough to give me a general idea about the place he ended up in.

'If I'm not wrong, then this place might not be any inferior to the Imperial Demon Domain of the Demon Continent, and humans seemed to have high status in this place. Don't tell me I'm ended in some hidden power's territory of golden sky world?' Ace thought with a grim expression as he looked at the fate map, which was now dyed in red.

If he wasn't pretending to be the idiot, he might really ask the guy in front of him, but he knew right now he was best to stay shut and play dumb.

As for soul probing, he didn't even think about it because he was sure it will be failed as long as that guy was still in his optimal condition. The Soul Manifestation Realm was no joke, and it was too risky for Ace to try soul probe without absolute confidence and in this unknown territory.

He was even glad that this man was taking him here, or he might trigger some trap, or far worse, he might've exposed if try to fight back.

At this moment, the flying sword suddenly took a sharp left turn, and Ace was startled when he found they were not going toward those vast gates.

But to his shock, he saw ahead was a transparent silver barrier, and behind that barrier were run-down ancient-looking buildings all over a big mountain. It was like a mountain city.

Even a shocking scene played out when they approached closer to this old mountain. This shock was bought by none other than the resident walking in old clothes on the stone roads, and those residents didn't just include humans.

Ace felt like he was dreaming when he spotted dark brown skin tall demon walking with a human, and they were talking with smiles on their faces. This wasn't the end of it; there was another tall blue humanoid person with small purple bat wings and an arrow tail on his back standing in front of a shop.

'A-a devil!' Ace instantly identified that devil with his hard to ignored racial features.

There were also three different humans walking with retro hair colors, and they were most likely hunters.

Ace really felt like he was in a dream as he watched those different races of people mingling with each other instead of fighting. With his keen sight, he also noticed that everyone was wearing white color robes, and they were all rather skinny.

The man on the flying sword never expected that the 'idiot' he was carrying could see everything as he started to descend toward the large mountain gates.

There were two white-clad humans standing guard with spears in their hands, and their expressions were lethargic until they saw the incoming blue streak.

They were like moues who had encountered a cat and quickly straight their backs with pale expressions and didn't dare to move a muscle like they were stone statues guarding the gates.

The blue streak finally slowed down a few meters apart from the mountain gates, revealing the handsome man.

Those two guards were alarmed when they saw the robes of this person and quickly kneeled down and yelled in unison.

"We greet Lord Immortal!"

'Immortal?' Ace was amused by this greeting, but he was startled when he felt the Qi wrapped around his wrist loosen, and the next moment, it vanished, and he fell from over ten meters on the stone ground.

If he was really mortal, he might've ended up breaking a bone or getting terribly injured, which could only mean the guy on the sword didn't care about his life at all, and he was probably bound by some powerful rules which were stopping him from taking any lethal action against him. Or he was simply too proud to deal with an ant.

Whichever the case was, Ace was happy for the ride, and that guy will definitely find in the future just who the real idiot was.

So, Ace didn't use anything and fell with a blank expression and landed flat on the stone ground. The guy on the sword merely glanced at him before moving his head away toward the guards, who were bewildered by this sudden scene.

He coldly asked with a piercing gaze, "Who let this idiot out?"

Those two guards started to tremble whiles sweating buckets.

"W-we don't..." but before one of them could reply, a mountain-like aura locked on them.

"You still dare to play dumb!?" the guy on the sword roared in anger.

Since he can't vent on that idiot because of his lack of expression, he'll vent on those two who made him take such a tiring trip just to fetch an idiot back.

"Not only was he 'bathing' in the crystal river, but he was there with a rotten plank. Furthermore, he's wearing 'black,' which is a forbidden dress code outside the Sun and Moon Sword Union. Get your mountain lord here. I'll see who dares to weave these clothes!"

On the ground, Ace was astonished by this name, 'Sun and Moon Sword Union?'

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#### **Chapter 668: Sun and Moon Sword Union! (2)**

Those guards' faces were extremely ashen as they finally noticed the flat face lying, black robe 'idiot.' Realization dawned upon them, and they felt like skinning that guy alive.

"I'll go and fetch the mountain lord!" One of the guards with a light beard quickly replied and turned around.

However, he was stopped before he could even start running toward the mountaintop.

"You'll take too much time, and I don't have that. Just handle this idiot and punish him according to the union's rules." Done stating, the sword under his feet shimmered in blue sheen before he turned into a blue streak and vanished toward the mountain top.

Those two guards felt like they were given a new lease on life and inhaled and exhaled sharply to calm themselves.

But the very next moment, malicious rage surfaced in their eyes as they both turned toward Ace in unison. They were indignant, and they nearly brushed with death, and all of this was because of this unknown fellow.

One of them hurriedly approached him, and instead of picking him up, he threw a vicious kick on the side of his stomach.

"You little shit! How dare you scheme against us!" The other one angrily barked as he joined in, and he was even more excessive and kicked right on Ace's head.

They beat him while cursing and were so angry that they didn't even notice the lack of response from him until they kicked him three or four times.

"He probably lost consciousness when he was thrown down by Lord Immortal. Let's just throw him in prison and wait for the mountain lord's order. I'm pretty sure he'll be venting on him soon." The small eyes guard scoffed coldly.

The guard with a light beard nodded, but his expression turned grim, "But we need to make him regain consciousness first. If he died, we won't be able to live as well. That immortal probably wanted to wash his hands from this death as well." He said in an extremely tiny tone.

The other guard's face changed as he was spooked, "You didn't use your full strength to kick him, right?" He asked in a low voice.

"Do you think I'm an idiot?" The other retorted.

Although they both were angry, they didn't dare to murder anyone even because the punishment was simply too harsh, and they knew for a fact that they couldn't be able to hide it no matter what.

The Union was not a place where anyone could do as they pleased, and rules were followed by everyone, even 'Immortals.'

The punishment for killing someone without any proper trial was getting killed after that person and in the cruelest way possible.

Although those Immortals were not punished in the same manner as long as they didn't kill a fellow immortal, they would still punish for killing a mortal.

After calming down, they picked up Ace by his armpits and dragged him through the mountain gates. They were going toward a large building which was the guard post.

After entering the building, the guard with a beard said to the other, "I'll report it to Leader. You go and lock him up, and don't forget to get rid of his black clothes."

The guards, with small eyes, nodded before they dragged Ace toward a stone staircase and then dragged him down.

However, right when he entered the stairway, the guard felt like his mind jumbled, and almost instantly, his eyes went blank, and he started to fall down.

But he was gripped by Ace, who was now standing as if nothing had happened, and he had this cold grin on his face as he looked at the unconscious guard.

"Thank you for the memories and your face." He said in a whispering voice before lightning flashed over the small eyes guard. The next moment Ace's face started to change again and soon turned into the small eyes guard.

He had already annexed both guards' memories while they were busy hitting him. They were both mortals, and their memories were simply a drop in front of memories Ace had absorbed, while their kicks were like features to him.

Ace was just waiting for that guy on the sword to leave, and now he was fish in water.

But first, he had to make sure to arrange another 'idiot.' So no one will be able to tell the difference.

The only relief was these two didn't even bother to look at his face, which was covered with his hood when he was dropped from the sky. So, the other one didn't know his face, and this guy will no longer be able to tell anyone the truth either.

Black lightning suddenly flashed in Ace's hand, and he carefully controlled it to make the guard a vegetable by frying his brain. The next moment, the same lightning started to char his face and then mangle it enough that even his mother won't recognize him anymore.

Ace then just fed him a lowest-grade healing pill which made him heal, and an idiot was ready to go. What was left were his clothes, Ace's robes started to change as they now appeared the same as the guard, and he had plenty of black clothes, so it was even more easily done.

After Ace made sure everything was perfect, he then dragged the 'idiot' and threw him inside an empty cell and locked the door.

He finally sighed in relief after he was out of the woods. But his expressions were no longer peaceful but gloomy.

Because he got very basic information about this Sun and Moon Sword Union from these two mortal humans, but just this much information was enough to make Ace extremely cautious of this place.

First, the Immortals were actually Cultivators, and only these mortals called them as such, and those cultivators didn't bother to explain either.

Second, anything outside those gigantic gates Ace saw while coming here was known as 'Mortal Domain. Those gates were known as 'Sun and Moon Ascension Gate.'

Third, there seemed to be no racism in this place, and the environment here was entirely harmonized between many races. But still, those races that were superior traits received special treatment as long as they used those traits for the greater good of the Union.

The last and most important piece of information Ace found was the rules of the Union were absolute. In the history of the Union, there hadn't been any incident where someone got away after breaking any of the Union's rules.

They seemed to have eyes at every corner of the union, which wasn't good news for Ace at all!

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#### **Chapter 669: You Were So Schemy!**

Ace's new disguise's name was Adolph, and he was part of the guard force of this servant mountain which was usually called Servant Mountain City.

As the name suggests, the Servant Mountain City was a specific city for only Servant Rank members of the Sun and Moon Sword Union.

The Mortal Domain followed a special law of the Union, and people were divided into four ranks. The lowest rank was Union Servant, then Union Citizen, Union Officer, and Finally, Official Union Member.

The people of the servant rank wore white color clothes, and they did odd jobs in Mortal Domains issued by citizens and earned Union Merits by doing those jobs.

The Union Merits were the currency of the Union, and they can be used in various ways. One of the most common and important uses of Union Merits was it could evaluate someone's status rank in the Union.

A Union Servant can become a Union Citizen as long as he has enough merits.

However, it was easier said than done since there were seldom jobs for the servants and since those union citizens would do their own tasks instead of paying a servant Union Merits from their own pockets.

That's why the Servant Mountain City was mostly filled, and those servants were workless. Moreover, they had to hunt for food in the forest at the back of the mountain, which was filled with low-level demonic beasts, and these mortals put their lives on the line just to hunt one.

However, Ace had nothing to do with any of it as he was planning to head toward the 'Official Mountain City,' which was the city furthest away from the servant mountain and closest to the Sun and Moon Ascension Gates.

The Official Mountain City was also the residential area of the Official Union Member. As for why this was Ace's destination, it was because the Official Union Members were eligible to become 'immortals,' meaning they were given permission to cultivate!

Not only that, but they even had the chance to ascend the Ascension Stairways behind the Sun and Moon Ascension Gates and join the holy land of the Union in the clouds.

At least, this was what Adolph and every person living in the mortal domain thought.

But Ace knew it was nothing but a mirage put by the cultivators of the union to control these mortals and make them take care of the mountains for them. Or they were simply doing it to nurture true experts through hardship.

Whichever the case was, Ace wasn't least interested, and he only wanted to get out of this place as soon as possible, and the only way was to infiltrate the actual core area of the union and then find a way outside this place.

Because according to Adolph's memories, the entire mortal domain was surrounded by the crystal lake, and behind that crystal lake was nothingness that Ace saw himself.

These people believed the world was only limited to the mortal domain, and if they wanted to go future going toward the clouds was the only way.

They were all forbidden to approach the crystal lake, and it was punished by hundred thorny whips.

That's why the man on the flying sword didn't bother to do anything to Ace, as he knew he wouldn't be able to live with this punishment, and it will also refresh the union's control over their lives. They will think a hundred times over before breaking any rules.

'Aren't they just playing Heaven?' Ace couldn't but snickered in disdain as, for some reason, he felt urged to teach them all a lesson just thinking about it.

Nevertheless, he didn't go ahead of himself. The fate map was still dyed in red, which means this entire place was built over a formation like the imperial domain.

He needed to be absolutely careful not to draw attention to himself while doing his best to get out of there.

'They won't pay attention to one little ant, right? I can understand about that crystal lake, but keeping an eye over every living being present in the mortal domain? I don't believe it. But just in case, I need to experiment.' He thought grimly before he appeared in the main building from the prison cells.

The light-beard guard, his name was Douglas, appeared again as he was still fuming about what happened just a few minutes ago. He quickly asked coldly, seeing Adolph walking over, "Do you take care of it?"

Adolph smiled coldly, "I locked him in the cell with those nasty insects. He'll die anyway when the punishment starts. This will be our little payback."

Douglas's eyes instantly lit up, and he laughed coldly, "Very good. That bastard should die the cruelest way possible. How dare he almost drag us down with him."

Adolph suddenly came closed and gravely said in a whispering voice, "Brother Douglas, although that immortal disdained dealing with us. What about the mountain lord? That fellow is always petty, and he won't let us off after he gets disciplined by the immortal. He will seek us and make our lives miserable. He might even use his authority to call a trial against us!"

Douglas's gloating expression instantly wrapped, turning pale. He quickly said, "Then what should we do?"

Adolph seemed to think about something before he gravely said, "How about we go back to the mountain forest and volunteer to join the hunting squad? As long as he wasn't able to find us, how could he take revenge on us?"

"Then all he can do is vent on that little shit, and I'm pretty sure he won't even know our faces. As long as we stay low in the hunting squad, we'll be able to escape this calamity!"

Douglas looked at Adolph speechlessly as he couldn't help but click his tongue, "Brother Adolph, I never thought you were so Schemy!"

Adolph's lips curled up slightly, "It's nothing. Then are you with me?"

Douglas said matter-of-factly, "Of course, let's quickly resign from our posts and report back to the mountain. Even that immortal won't be able to find any fault with us anymore!"

With that, the two of them quickly left, but unbeknownst to Douglas, he was going to become Ace's experiment subject!

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### **Chapter 670: Came from the Ten Continents!**

Leaving behind their old posts, both guards quickly headed toward the back of the mountain.

The Hunting Squad was an open squad for any volunteer, but it was also the most dangerous squad to enter as well because of the demonic beast residing in the forest.

The death toll of the hunting squad was quite high. Humans seldom joined this squad because their physiques were not as robust as Demons or Devils, nor they had the innate ability to use the basic element Qi without even cultivating like the hunters.

Still, the hunting squad was quite lucrative because there was an ample amount of food here, and that's why those daring souls still joined them.

Today was no different as there was a queue in front of a stone desk right in the open, and a blue skin demon was dismissively looking at those in the queue. After taking a single glance at someone, he would utter, 'Squad #4, Squad #5, or Squad #6.

Douglas and Adolph joined the queue as they were holding their spears which were actually the property of the guard unit. But as long as they weren't found, no one would care about two rusty spears.

Furthermore, in Douglas's mind, they were escaping the Mountain Lord's detection, so they needed to live in the forest for some time, so they needed this weapon no matter what.

Soon, it was Douglas and Adolph's turn. The demon gave those two only humans holding spears and standing straight. His lips curled up slightly for the first time, "You both, Squad #2."

Ace's eyes narrowed slightly as he felt malice from this demon. He was too familiar with the way demons do things. Still, this demon was only a mortal, so he didn't need to worry about it.

All he wanted to do was to check if his theory was right or not before he would bounce from this place without anyone noticing a thing.

This forest was the perfect place for him to go entirely since getting killed in that place was a regular thing, and no one would investigate the life of nobody.

Besides, if the union's rules were absolute, then why did this demon have ill intentions toward them?

Ace was looking forward to it!

At this moment, inside a bright hall filled with the smell of nature and decorated with exquisite jade and woodwork.

The blue robes man on the flying sword entered as his arrogance was completely gone, and he appeared highly respectful as he headed toward the old man with long snowy hair and a long beard.

The old man was dressed in the same manner as the young man in blue. The only difference was the purple color, while the sun crest was also the same. He was sitting cross-legged with his eyes close on of prying mat like a peaceful ancient status.

The blue robes young man bowed his head and said respectfully, "Eighth Elder, I'm here to conclude my report about the disturbance in the crystal lake. It was some mentally ill human youth who entered the lake. And it has been taken care of."

The old man's eyes trembled slightly before he opened them as gray pupils were revealed, filled with vicissitude and wisdom. He emotionlessly uttered in his husky voice, "Bring that human here."

The young man was shocked since he never expected this response at all because he knew no mortal was allowed in this place unless they could ascend those stairs. He wanted to ask, but when he glanced up, he saw the elder had already closed his eyes, so he swallowed his words.

"As you command." With another bow, he quickly left the hall.

He knew that Mountain Lord might not spare that boy out of rage, and he chided him to achieve exactly this, but now he got his new orders. He was in a hurry to go and could only hope that boy was still alive.

However, just as the young man was about to take out his flying sword, Eighth Elder's voice suddenly rang in his head, which startled him.

"Don't react. Just listen carefully. I want you to kill that boy and only bring his corpse. Don't get discovered, or you'll be dead!"

His entire body shuddered slightly as he could feel the killing intent hidden behind that voice. He was barely able to control his emotions before he took out the flying sword and flew away with an ashen expression as if he was making a very hard decision.

After that young man left, a three-meter-tall burly figure appeared right beside the Eighth Elder. He was wearing a golden robe while the sun crest was completely black, and there was a golden sword right in the middle of this black sun, and his face was covered behind a black mask.

Eighth Elder huskily asked without opening his eyes as he already knew who could appear beside him without getting noticed, "Sun Lord, did this matter really worth breaking our old tradition?"

Sun Lord's hands were wrapped behind his back as he replied with a chuck, "Hah, Old Eight, you're just afraid of that little boy inflicting harm to the human race if something strange was discovered. Will you feel any better if I promise not to target the human race?"

Eighth Elder still didn't open his eyes and replied coolly, "Sun Lord, your imagination is still as rich as ever. Besides, in the Union, we followed the rules, and if someone breaks the rule, whether it is my human race or your devil race, they will be punished equally. Even the Sun Lord can't change that."

"Hahahahah...." Sun Lord suddenly burst into devilish laughter when he heard this reply as a terrifying aura descended on the entire hall turning the harmonized environment into fright.

However, the Eighth Elder remained unmoved, completely unbothered by Sun Lord's wanton laughter before it came to an abrupt halt as the freezing aura vanished with it.

"Old Eight, oh Old Eight, you are still as dismissive as ever, and you only care about rules. Let me tell you something interesting. I think that boy came from the ten continents!" Sun Lord's voice was extremely gentle, but there was a hint of madness in his voice and infinite hatred before he vanished from the hall, just like he appeared.

Eighth Elder finally opened his eyes as they were now filled with worry and terror!