

Thief 91

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Aspen felt icy killing intent from behind and a sharp blade edge on the back of her neck. She wanted to release the aura of her cultivation base but felt a plateau-like pressure from behind!

"I seem you don't want your life." That cold voice rang again. "So be it."

Aspen's heart turns cold because she knew the other party was not kidding around anymore and that sharp cold blade began to press on her neck!

Now, she knew that person behind her is far more powerful than her and she will definitely die if that blade moves.

"D-don't, d...don't!" Aspen panic and in the end submitted helplessly, "I surrender!"

The blade didn't move anymore as the voice command again, "Nice choice. Let's go inside the library."

Aspen knew she had offended this guy somehow as she slowly enter the library with an ugly yet frightened face and resentfully thought. *'Just which bastard isn't afraid of luminous kingdom?!'*

The voice owner was obviously Ace. This was his grand plan of entering the library without requiring to use the invisible bead by simply taking Aspen as a hostage.

And it worked quite well since this hag didn't take her job seriously and was carefree as a chicken, this was bound to happen.

Besides Ace wanted her space ring but he can't open it without killing Aspen. This thought was quite alluring but he didn't since he need someone to spread his fame!

Ace knew she would choose life over death and no one would even come to this place easily, this gave him all the night to do whatever he wanted to do.

After all, who dare to steal from the kingdom like Luminous, right?

As Ace and Aspen enter the library with Aspen in front, the door was closed.

Ace didn't show her his face and coolly said, "Give me your storage ring with Qi Mark removed of course."

Aspen's face fell hearing this, all these years she was the one who was robbing the other no other way around.

But this bastard dared to demand her whole storage ring without leaving her anything, even she wasn't this cruel. In her frustration, it didn't even occur to her mind that this thief knows about storage rings and qi marks.

"W-we can talk about it..." But the blade started to press again before she could complete her sentence. "Fine... you win!"

Aspen skeptically removed her precious storage ring from her finger with a quivering hand and removed Qi Mark with it. Before she could give it to that scoundrel thief it vanished!

"Hmm, nice ring." Ace was ecstatic holding Aspen's storage ring in his hand.

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"[Pick Pocket succeed]

[Rewards: 200 Thief Points]

[Thief Point(s): 1245]

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This made Ace even more pleased, "Since you comply with my requests so splendidly, I'll spare your little life."

Aspen was quite shocked when her ring disappeared without even her noticing, but when she heard that taunting voice she grits her teeth so hard as her jaw was on the verge of injury.

She never hated someone so much in her life before, but alas she was just so weak that she can't even see that person's face.

Aspen thought that this thief will leave after taking her storage ring and at that time she will go directly to the prince manor to report her grievance to the grand prince and hunt this bastard down. And she was quite confident in doing it.

Because of the formation plate inside the storage ring! That formation plate was after all the key to this library formation and Grand Prince has a way to locate it that's why she wasn't worried about it being stolen.

Even if Aspen loses her position after reporting this but she will take this thief down who stole everything from her!

Aspen was fantasizing about how she's going to enjoy whipping this bastard after finding him when he speaks again, "Where are the treasuries hidden?"

She was shocked hearing this because this question means this thief wanted to rob the entire library and somehow know about the existence of the treasury!

If that was really the case then this guy was the biggest retard in her eyes, "You wanted to rob from the Luminous Kingdom?"

Ace nonchalantly said, "So what if I did? Just speak I don't have time to waste."

Now that he has the formation plate he can simply search the upper floors but this will take some time and he didn't want to take risks. He was speaking arrogantly but his soul sense was working at its peak.

If he found any suspicious movements, he will make her lock the entire place down. All these formations were not just for show. It was another story this hag didn't use them to see the outside of the library and came out like an idiot in her anger.

Aspen sneered, "Don't go ahead of yourself, because even I can't open the treasury, only Grand Prince can."

She couldn't help but think this guy has some screw loss and believed it the next moment since only an idiot would dare to rob her and think about stealing from the Luminous Kingdom.

"Are you speaking or not?" Ace was quite annoyed now.

Even he knew that Grand Prince would not give the likes of her the method to open the treasury. He can't deal with all these annoying formations but when it came to locks as long as they were not graded one, it was his bread and butter with treasure-opening hands.

'Certainly a retard!' Aspen assumed, "Just go on the last floor and the treasury is behind the only shelf there."

Since he wanted to die this bad Aspen was happy to comply. That treasury has an alarm formation that will go off when someone touched the lock formation without the key!

Once that alarm goes off Dion would be alert at that moment because he has the Key and this guy would be dead! A sly smile crept out her face unknowingly.

Ace felt Aspen's mood lighten a bit but he didn't know why because he could tell this hag was telling the right position of the treasury, "And where is the second treasury?"

Aspen was astonished and said confusingly, "What second? There is only one treasury here."

Ace frowned because from her soul fluctuations Aspen was telling the truth but he believed the system scouting ability more. *'Did that Grand Prince hide the second treasury from others?'*

He soon nodded his head because it was the only feasible explanation.

Now that Aspen has told him about everything he wanted to know he didn't need her anymore and knock her unconscious.

Ace take out the same formation plate from Aspen's storage ring that was entirely green with mysterious patterns engrave all over it.

The moment he touched the formation plate,

"[Did host want the information about how to control this formation plate for 5 Thief Points?]"

'I didn't hear this notification last time I got the information about Dulce's formation plate.' Ace was surprised but still said, "Yes."

He didn't hear it because the system simply didn't ask for it.

Just like always, foreign information begin to drill in Ace's brain but he didn't feel a thing.

After ten seconds Ace's eyes were shimmering with excitement, *'I wonder if I can learn this Rune Crafting one day.'* He thought ecstatically, he was quite moved by this rune crafting after seeing what can all these mysterious formations do.

But it wasn't the time to awed by it, Ace pours Qi in the formation and the stairway to the upper floors emerges just like he witnesses in the morning.

Ace step on the stairway and reached the first floor. He didn't stop, with the formation plate twinkling in his hand he easily reached the second floor.

On the second floor, there were only three bookshelves, Ace did want to read these books since they were on the second floor and protected by the formation, they had to be precious.

Ace simply store the whole bookshelves insides his thief's space and move to the third floor.

On the third floor were only two old-looking three meters tall bookshelves that has old and dust-filled, books.

Ace didn't fret as he store them inside the thief's space. He didn't know even Bill can't enter this floor because these books hold some astonishing secrets about low and middle lands and only the Grand Prince can learn them.

From here there was no stairway upwards as if the third floor was the last floor of the library. But Ace knew better than anyone that all this was just a façade because he had the formation plate.

Ace pour more Qi inside the formation plate as it begins to shine brilliantly.

The next moment an old stairway appeared out of nowhere that leads to the final floor of the library.

This is also the very floor where the Treasury of the Luminous City was hidden!

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Ace enters the fourth floor with eyes full of anticipation.

The fourth floor of the library was quite mundane, there was a wooden table and chair. And a small bookshelf that only has five old books.

Ace quickly stores the books inside the thief's space and scans the wall behind the bookshelf that looks like a rusty old wall. Just as he thought he didn't find a thing!

'This formation plate is also not connected with the treasury formation just like that old hag said.' Ace thought gravely. *'This is a problem, I can't find loopholes without true and false eyes, how I'm supposed to use treasure opening hands?'*

Because treasure opening hands can only be used when he saw flaws with true and false eyes. These two skills were made for each other and with even one of them missing the other was useless as well.

Before Ace thought since this was a locking formation he would be able to find flaws with true and false eyes but these formations were just too profound.

Now he was just this door away from completing the mission but can't open it. This made him quite frustrated!

Actually, it wasn't Ace's fault that his skills were powerless so soon, it was just that these treasuries here are made by an empire-level power! It's may not look like it but this place is just too important for the Luminous Kingdom and how they get their hands on these treasuries, was a mystery.

Moreover, if he even tries to touch that wall to examine it the alarm formation would go off and the grand prince would race here at full speed at that moment.

No matter how confident Ace was, he wasn't when facing a Qi River realm expert. His last experience with a Qi River has almost got him killed and doesn't want to take any chance with them either.

'Did I had to rob the Grand Prince now?' Ace thought gravely but quickly shook his head, 'If they even get the news I was in the city and wanted to rob the treasury it will be night impossible for me to remain here much less infiltrate this place so easily again.'

Ace knew he was now riding the tiger's back. Once Aspen report his presence or he killed her to shut her mouth the security level would definitely be raised by it. Grand Prince might become highly alert because of it.

If that were to happened Ace wasn't confident enough to complete the mission in remaining time.

He was truly coming here full of spirit and confidence to complete the mission tonight but end up kicking a hard place.

This gives him another lesson to never act so quickly and check every minor detail before doing thievery of this magnitude. Well, what can he do? Ace wasn't a real thief or didn't know the true way of thievery, he was learning with errors.

'Did I have to leave in the end after coming so close?' Just as Ace was on the verge of giving up a playful voice buzz in his mind,

"[Host can simply take the whole treasury. If you can't open it now, it didn't mean you can't open it in the future.]"

Ace felt a huge fog has been lifted from his mind when he heard his, *'Why didn't I think of it!'*

But the next moment all his excitement die down, *"I can't do that the moment I touched the wall the alarm would go off. Besides if I want to take the treasury, I have to take the entire floor!"*

Ace wanted a further explanation because he knew this wasn't the system's voice and another one that he has been hearing now and then.

However, no further answer was given as if Ace has to find the rest on his own after the hint.

Ace smile bitterly because he knew now he was on his own, but just that little clue was enough for opening many further possibilities for him. He begins to think at high speed while examining the whole floor.

'Right where is the second treasury?' This suddenly thought came to his mind but quickly shook his head, *'I can't even open this one how the hell I'm supposed to open the other? Now I just have to complete the mission somehow.'*

Ace has already given up on the second mysterious treasury that even Aspen didn't know where it was. He would be happy just by taking this treasury somehow.

Suddenly a thought surfaces his mind as he quickly opens the system's report and begins to check something hastily. It was as if a curtain has been lifted from his eyes.

'Why didn't I think of it at that time, it was always there!'

Ace's eyes sparkle brightly as he looked at the rusty old wall. He takes a deep breath and forwards his hand towards it. If what he thinks was really the case then all this was very simple!

The moment his hand touched the wall, it vanished and a deep thirty cubic meters empty area appeared!

There was nothing there and how could there be? Because a thirty cubic meters metallic box appeared in Ace's thief's space at this moment!

This was excitedly treasury of the Luminous City Prince's Manor!

After seeing the treasury appearing in the thief's space, Ace was so thrilled he wanted to laugh out loud.

All this happened because Ace has finally noted a very important point of the scout report and that was the formation was on a middle-grade treasury!

It simply means it wasn't a part of the entire floor and a different tangible object! This means he can simply take it if he has large enough storage space.

Ace finally understand what that hint means as he cursed his foolishness to not be able to notice this particular point and didn't think of taking the entire treasury!

Furthermore, no one would've even thought that someone has this big of a space to take an entire treasury, and even if had one they can't store this treasury inside because something is living inside!

However, Ace was a rarity among rarities, not only did he have large enough storage space he even has living storage space! If even one of the factors were to miss he would never be able to store the treasury.

Ace looked at the empty area happily but quickly calm down because he didn't open the treasury by disabling the formation and even touched it. That's mean the Grand Prince would be coming here soon and he had to escape now!

But before leaving Ace takes out his own wanted poster and place it on the empty table while grinning evilly.

Ace quickly reached the entrance of the library where Aspen was still unconscious.

He places the formation plate in her hand, he wanted to take these formations with him but can't because they were not like Dulce's barrier formation. And that plate was nothing but junk without them so he decided to 'give it back.' well, it was more like he was digging a grave for Aspen.

Ace quickly leaves the library with a racing heart as he heads straight to the city gates, just like he always does!

In ten minutes, the city gates were in his view.

'I've finally succeeded.' Ace thought excitedly when suddenly a horrifying pressure descends on the entire city out of nowhere!

Ace's pupils shrink as his eyes narrowed into slits because he never felt this kind of pressure before. It not he can't move in this pressure since it was quite far from him, besides in front of heavenly punishment pressure this was nothing for him.

It was just that Ace had a feeling that something is watching him through this pressure and stealth wasn't enough to protect him!

'Not good!' Ace felt his soul sense give him a grave warning just like when he encounters the Orb Guardian but it was more critical!

He has been located!

With gritting teeth Ace take out the invisible bead and crushed it!

Because Ace felt if he didn't use this bead he will never be able to escape this city. The moment Ace crushed the bead the sensation of being watched vanished and he quickly cross the city gate.

Ace only had a minute to escape the range of this unknown aura. He used only silent steps with the full power of his cultivation base and head straight west, towards the border of the land of cities and kingdoms!

In thirty seconds, Ace was feeling the pressure but it was vague and he knew he was almost outside of the range of that terrifying being.

'Is that a Qi River Core Cultivation?' He couldn't help but think oddly, *'Just what the hell is the deal with that city.'*

After the minute of invisible bead was over Ace was finally outside the field of that expert.

He looked back with curious eyes just to see how far he was from the city and nearly forgets to breathe after what he saw!

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The exact moment Ace touched the formation of the luminous library treasury. Inside Jade Pavilion's private room Dion frowns his eyebrows as he takes a grey crystal card with mysterious patterns on it.

This was the key card of the luminous city's treasury! But this grey card was sparkling brightly a moment ago and suddenly returned to its dormant state.

Dion knows what that shine means, it means someone is messing with the treasury!

'Did that old witch lose her mind?' Dion instantly thought of Aspen but quickly threw that notion out of his head, *'That old witch didn't have the guts to do it. But why is this key returned to its dormant state after a moment of warning? Was it a false alarm?'*

Dion first thought that it should be some minor problem but frown after thinking that formation on the treasury was not so simple and if the alarm goes off that means someone is not right there.

In front of Dion was sitting non-other than Vance Golden!

They were here because Dion wanted to discuss something with Vance and they were just sitting there when the formation key gave Dion a warning.

Vance was very knowledgeable, seeing the crystal card in Dion's hand he instantly knows this was a Key Formation, Crystal Card. But wasn't interested in the treasury of this barren place so he didn't think much of it.

Dion also didn't put this treasury in his eyes that's why he carelessly take the key card in front of Vance. After all the important stuff was inside his storage ring. Furthermore, who dares to rob the city under his kingdom's protection?

"Master Vance please give me a moment, I think there is a trivial problem." Dion politely apologized.

Vance coolly said, "Don't worry about this old man you can check in peace."

Dion smile as he takes out a formation plate, it was an exact copy of Aspen's!

With it, Dion can check the situation of the library anytime he wanted to if he was in the range of the formation that is. But the range of that formation was quite big so he didn't have any trouble seeing the situation inside the library.

At this time Ace has already left the library.

When Dion saw Aspen laying there motionlessly while holding the formation plate between her hand, his eyes narrowed.

'Something is not right.' He quickly checks the upper floor and his expression turn shock to ugly and in end, it was as dark as charcoal.

Because first, Dion saw every floor except the first floor's books included shelves are missing and when he saw the fourth floor was missing its entire treasury, his eyes nearly popped out their sockets.

"W-WHO...WHO DARE??! WHAT AUDACITY!!" Dion can't control his emotions seeing the entire library empty and bark out loud in ferocity.

Vance saw Dion's ugly mug full of fury and was quite shocked by his howl, "What happened, Grand Prince?" He was also alarmed.

Dion and Vance were on the fourteenth floor, when Dion roar angrily it even reached the fifteenth floor and even Zelda and Layla were alert by it.

With Layla's power, she and Zelda appeared outside of the private room where Vance and Dion were meeting. But one can only see Zelda, Layla was still hidden.

At this moment another fiery yet astonished voice resounded, **"IT'S HIM!! IT'S UNMISTAKABLY HIM"**

Vance saw Dion's expression changed between violence and excitement when he roars and could help but promptly asked, "What you're talking about? Who 'him'?"

Vance couldn't help but think, *'Is he gone mad or something?'*

Dion can't help but yell out loud with emotion, "**THAT THIEF! IT'S THAT THIEF WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR! Heaven truly opens its eyes. Hahahaha.**" He even forgets about the missing treasury!

Vance's calm expression instantly turn rapturous and filled with excitement and eagerness. He anxiously asked, "W-where is he??"

He wanted to snatch that formation plate but someone else beat him in it.

Dion's joyous expression was somewhat sour when he saw someone has snatched the formation plate from his hands and wanted to attack when he felt a pressure hundred, no, thousands of times strong than his own.

Even Vance didn't dare to utter another word after feeling this pressure and see the beautiful person in a veil standing there holding the formation plate with horrified eyes.

'Qi River Core Realm Expert! But how the hell this kind of existence appeared in this place?' Vance's experience wasn't shallow and instantly guess the power level of this veiled woman since his brother was himself a step away from reaching Qi River Core Realm.

Vance and Dion's eyes instantly shift on Zelda who was curiously yet with excited eyes standing behind that terrifying woman.

Vance's face fell even more, if this woman was with that girl and really at this terrifying realm then his chance of obtaining the Blood Rose instantly reached rock bottom!

'I have to fight with her if this is the last thing I do!' He was ready to bet his life on the line for Blood Rose.

On the other hand, Dion has different thoughts, *'Now that thief has finally appeared, I can assuredly be freed from this damn place.'* He was just happy about leaving his darn place.

When Layla and Zelda heard Dion's saying the thief is finally here, Layla couldn't control herself and instantly appeared while snatching the formation plate from Dion.

She looked the same thing as Dion with bewilderment and when she saw the fourth floor almost half empty area and remain of the treasury.

'This... How could some have this big of a space to store the entire treasury?' Layla instantly noticed the main strange yet extraordinary point that Dion overlooked in excitement.

The next moment her eyes landed on the wanted poster of Ace that they spread all over the land of cities just a month ago. On top, it was written few words,

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Want to catch me, a Great Thief?

Tsk, tsk, you're too green for that!

Try in another hundred years.

And remember this Great Thief's name:

'SKY STEALER'

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This was Ace's great exit act.

First, he wanted to use the name of Heaven's Stealer but refrain from it because this name is too damn arrogant and he knew it is bound to have a shocking history behind it.

That is why he chose the Sky Stealer, it was arrogant as well but earthlier. He did all this to get rid of that 'Slippery Rat' title and most importantly to raise the system's evaluation.

Since his wanted posters were all over the land of cities it doesn't matter to him if people search for him more passionately because this picture of him is old and no one sees his change and mature appearance except for Bill.

As for this name not reaching the masses Ace wasn't worried about it either because he already takes care of it before the beginning of the thievery.

"Sky Stealer," Layla mumbles softly as a cold glint flashed past her eyes.

She was a little angry now because this was a kind of slap on everyone's face who were searching for him and an arrogant act of provocation in Layla's eyes.

This little thief was retaliating and openly taunting them while stealing from the Luminous City and insolently leaving behind this note on his wanted poster.

One had to know the power behind them spend quite some resources in finding him but failed in the end. And now out of nowhere he pops up and slaps their faces this feels like a poisonous ant bite.

Eight minutes have passed since Ace steal the treasury of the luminous city.

Layla coolly threw the formation plate back to Dion who was smiling like an idiot, he caught the formation plate and ask, "What instruction did the Lady has for this prince?"

Dion knew the real in charge of the whole matter was this terrifying woman and Zelda was just the front. With her here how could that thief will able to escape?

Vance who was sweating profoundly also speak with a forced smile, "This old man also waits for the Lady's instruction."

He knew he can't beat her in a frontal confrontation but can find that thief first! But first, he has to leave this room.

Zelda also saw all this and her aunt's cold eyes, she knew Layla was furious and didn't say anything. But inside she was quite curious to find just what that thief did to piss her aunt off.

"Little niece, go and order all the men to lock down the entire city with our barrier formation!" Layla indifferently said, "And I'll search for him. I also wanted to see just how great this self-proclaim 'Sky Stealer' truly is."

Layla gave her order and instantly vanished.

Zelda didn't delay as she quickly leave to complete the task.

Dion and Vance smile wryly. That thief piss that terrifying woman and he was in for it now.

Layla instantly appeared outside of the Jade pavilion as five strange dark rings appeared in her white soft fingers, and close her eyes.

Spontaneously, a huge formless aura began to spread in the surroundings and covers the entire city in a minute!

She finally felt a strange aura moving at high speed towards the city gate, *'Heh, finally found you, little rascal.'*

But before she could chase after him it suddenly vanished!

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Layla was flabbergasted by this sudden turn of events and pour even more qi in those strange dark rings. But no matter how much she searches she can't find that strange Qi wave again.

Suddenly a strange uneasiness appeared in her calm heart and quickly sprint towards the area where she felt that Qi first time. In seconds she reached there be couldn't found anything strange.

At this moment a huge dome-like barrier appeared around the whole luminous city that locked it completely. Now no one can go out or come inside the city without Layla's order.

It was the handy work of Zelda, they have quite a few powerful helpers here and since the search for the thief was stop just a few days ago they have even spare. That's why this barrier has appeared instantly.

Layla deeply looked at the tightly shut city gate and knit her brows tightly. *'Is he escape before I caught up? No, some petty thief can't possess this kind of skills.'*

But quickly discard the notion, *'Besides no one can escape my 'Apparition Wave Rings'! It must be my imagination. I should keep searching. Now that the city is locked let's see where that thief can escape!'*

Layla quickly forget about that strange Qi Wave and thought it was just her being too concerned. Because those rings in her hands were a 7-Start weapon and it was also engraved with 6-Mortal Runes Symbols!

How could someone here have this kind of skill to render this kind of treasure useless? That's why Layla didn't even check the outside city herself and only give a few peak qi foundation realm experts order to scout the area.

Layla's main focus was still the city, she wanted to teach that arrogant thief a painful lesson for provoking her with those infuriating words.

This whole night, the luminous city was bursting with activates.

The residents of the city saw a shining transparent dome on the city and think it was some kind of natural phenomenon since most of the people here were mortals.

But soon everyone finds out that something big has happened because strange black clothes men came out of nowhere and go into every house and search every nook of it.

This was not the end after checking the house they scan everyone with a golden mirror and after confirming their identity crystals they simply leave with gloomy eyes.

Dion was also searching for the thief after all his freedom depends on it, he didn't even go to the library to punish Aspen who was now scared shitless seeing the entire treasury gone. Dion leave that matter for later, that thief was more important though.

Vance was also searching frantically because seeing all those black cloth men all around the city he knew if he wanted to find that thief first he had to be more careful and do it before anyone else. He even borrowed that golden mirror from Zelda who give it away casually.

Zelda knew the city was now under their control and this old man can't escape so she didn't have any objection to using this old man as well to search for the Blood Rose and that thief. Besides this mirror has a location array engrave on it so she was worried even less.

Layla on the other hand continuedly using her treasure but still didn't find any suspicious Qi Wave and a trace of panic could be seen in her eyes.

'Just which hole that rascal crawl into!' She thought in impediment.

When the whole city was bursting with activity the only person who was enjoying the wine was Bill!

Bill has been released from prison just an hour ago and go straight to find Javier but found he was missing and instantly guess his friend is gone and felt somewhat sad.

But when he heard the news that the entire city was on lockdown and everyone is searching for someone Bill instantly guess that Ace has struck and even successfully escape all those old geezers.

He laughs at that time and begun to drink like crazy, if not for its looks quite suspicious he would've gone to the jade pavilion for celebration.

Bill grin widely when he remembered Ace little note that he left for him before he leaves,

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'My thief name is 'Sky Stealer' if possible just spread it as far as you can.'

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'Don't worry brother Asher I'll make sure everyone knows about this name.' Bill thought while grinning.

When everyone was going crazy over the whole luminous city situation and finding the thief with their different motives in mind, far, far away from the low-level lands.

Inside a luxurious golden chamber, a handsome young man wearing lavishing robes in his twenties was sitting crossed-legged with eyes tightly closed like a peaceful statue.

He has a sturdy tone built with long black hair and his pale face was very handsome, but suddenly his eyes sprang open and he deeply frowned. His eyes were full of fiery vigor but there was a hint of fury in them as if he was infuriated for some reason.

He quickly exits the laving chamber and goes towards another room not so far away from his own and said, lightly, "Father, your son here has something very important to report."

An aged peaceful yet commanding voice resounded from the room, "Enter."

That young man quickly enters the room, inside was pitch black without even a trace of light and no one could see if there was someone here or not.

But the young man didn't seem to be fazed by it and quickly said, "Father my connection with them ---- is broken somehow."

"Hmm?" That aged voice seems to be surprised by this quite a bit, "Those ants didn't have guts to revolted again after I teach them a lesson eight hundred years ago"

The aged voice owner seems to remember something before saying, "You can go there and investigate the matter yourself since you're not a kid anymore. It will also be a kind of experience for you."

The young man didn't dare to disobey and quickly agree to it, "I will not disappoint you, Father."

"Good, remember ---- is very important for you in coming Thousand Years Hunting Selections. If anyone dares to even look at it kill them without mercy!"

"I understand"

After the young man left two glowing beastly eyes sprang open in the dark chamber as a whispering noise rang, "Even my connection with it broken. But how is that possible, should I go investigate myself?"

Three days passed in a flash and the Luminous City finally unlocked and return to its daily routine. But the peace didn't last long because a piece of shocking news was revealed to the public.

A thief has robbed the whole treasury of prince manor and shockingly that thief was the same thief whose wanted posters were quite famous one month ago!

Everyone thought that this thief's guts have reached heaven to dare to even steal from a kingdom. This thievery mark as the biggest heist of the low-level lands!

From some unknown source the name of the thief also known to the public, 'Sky Stealer', and no one knows who was the person who spread that name but it gains quite popularity in hours and now everyone knows about the Young Sky Stealer.

On the other hand, the group that was searching for the thief was quite depressed and gloomy.

Especially Layla, even after showing herself can't find that thief and those words left behind by that thief become a stabbing knife in her heart and the name sky stealer engraved in her memories as his appearance!

She vowed to find that rascal and returned the humiliation thousand folds.

Dion ends up becoming the biggest loser because he loses the entire treasury under his damn nose. This was a huge blow to his reputation and everyone was laughing at him in secret. Well, he didn't know what was coming for him in the future because he has lost something he shouldn't have!

Vance finally gave up every hope and simply decided to return to the kingdom and exchange some resources with the information about the thief and that scroll he possessed about Blood Rose.

This was his last resort and with it, he would gain some benefits but also let that thief matter in the hands of Pill Flame Organization! It will also quail some hatred in his heart.

After all, possessing a legendary herb was not easy especially if there is an organization like Pill Flame, out there. He never reports this because he wanted the whole benefits by giving the real thing to them and this was the same case for Zelda as well.

But contrary to Vance, Zelda didn't give up nor did the power behind them because blood rose aside just that thief's skills and that space treasure in which he stored the entire treasury with those big sleeves was enough to keep them going.

Another mass search of the entire western lands begun with it and Layla did it herself this time. Because they knew for sure that thief can't escape from the low lands!

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Ace looked at the bright domed with a shocking expression that has appeared on the city and this wasn't the end.

After that barrier was set, many black-cloaked men with black masks on their faces appeared out of nowhere and circle the whole city!

The weakest of them was the Early Stage Qi Formation while the strongest of them was at the Qi River!

'This is on a whole other level than Dulce's formation barrier!' Ace thought gravely because he could feel that the power of that barrier is at the same level as the library's formation!

'First, that powerful foreign aura and now this barrier just who are these people?' Ace's eyes turn sharp, *'Are they also after Blood Rose?'*

Ace didn't know who these black clothes men were but by the powerful Qi Wave around them, he knew they were not from the land of cities!

'I've avoided a disaster!' Ace deemed because if he was inside that barrier it would be night impossible to escape.

And after sensing that strange aura he knew there was a terrifying existence inside that city who can search for him with that strange aura and he was helpless in front of it without the invisible bead!

This gave Ace the chills and he escaped at full speed as he vanished in wildness.

Since there were Qi River Realm Cultivators between those men he has to go as far away from here as possible before they started to search the surrounding of the city.

Ace run with the silent step at full speed for ten hours straight, it was already dawn and his advantage of darkness come to an end with light.

Now anyone in the Empty River Stage of Qi River Realm can sense him with little difficulty as for River Depth Stage Cultivator, for them Ace was very easy to find.

Qi River Realm has Five Small Realms or Stages. They are **Empty River**, **River Depth**, **River Source**, **Flowing River**, and **Complete River** respectively.

Ace has sense one River Depth Stage cultivator in the group of those black men and that's why he wanted to go as far away from it before they expand the range of their search.

After ten hours of continues running, he has put quite some distance between himself and Luminous City.

Ace wasn't looking tired but sweat was dripping from his chin and his breathing was a little rough. He can run for three straight days but stop because it was time to reap the rewards of his labor!

He was in desperate need of new skills and with all those powerful men as an enemy he felt the tension even more.

Ace found a spot quite well hidden between trees and long wild grass and settled to rest here.

After making sure that he was well hidden, Ace transmitted his enthusiastic and excited voice inside his mind, "*System begin the evaluation!*"

A black transparent mission panel appeared and words began to appear on it while Ace heard the system emotionless voice,

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"[Staring the evaluation process]"

[Mission Panel]

[Job Mission: Host has to do honorable thievery at a city lord's mansion of the No.1 City in the Low-Level Lands. (Lands of cities)]

[Status: Complete]

[Scanning Host Performance] {1.2.3...100% Complete}

[Result]

{Performance Rating: Good}

[Rewards will be 2X for the first 3 Missions]

[Third 2X Reward will be given now]

[2X Reward]

{Experience Point(s) = 500,000}

{Soul Point(s) = 50,000}

{Thief Point(s) = 15,000}

[Rewards have been added to Host status]

[Special Rewards]

{Thief Panel has been unlocked}

{Shop has been updated}

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Ace was quite astonished seeing the rating has reached the Good Grade because he didn't steal the second treasury. Nonetheless, he was elated about it since this gave him extra Points especially SP, which are not easy to find.

Furthermore, Ace saw on top of the system's main panel a new pentagon icon was unlocked. It has a hooded silver rune symbol that was shining with a golden light around it and the hooded symbols on it was sparkling with silver dots just like the other five pentagon icons.

'It has to be that Thief Panel!' Ace guess and wanted to open it when the system's voice buzzed in his mind,

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"[Thief Panel and Updated Shop will be available in an hour]

[Please wait in meantime]"

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After the notification, the [Thief Panel] and [System Shop] pentagon icons dim down instantly.

Ace frown a little but didn't rebuke, since it was only an hour he can wait.

Since he can't see those new functions at this moment Ace wanted to restore his Qi but before he could do that, his soul sense tingled with alarm!

He quickly goes in stealth and held his breath because that was the soul wave of an Empty River Stage Expert!

Ace used his Heavenly Sense to saw the area and was horrified after finding there were the same group of black men leading by a Qi River Expert and many Qi Foundation Experts.

Ace's face fell, 'How in the hell did they caught up this quick!'

After Layla didn't find any suspicious Qi wave in two hours, she finally takes notice of that strange Qi Wave again that she felt at the start and vanished the very next moment.

She quickly dispatched ten teams leading by a Qi River Realm Expert to search the wilderness. Those teams were very profound in their task especially for searching, they had many treasures that can found someone trace that was not easy to find with naked eyes.

Now Ace was beginning to take these black cloth men seriously because it was his first time that someone has caught up to him after he escape the city and they were all very powerful.

If he even makes a tiny mistake those guys would found him and that time he would alert the others as well.

So, he had to be vigilant and quickly leave this area because that group was only two hundred meters away from him.

With his heavenly sense active Ace retreat with silent steps without making any sound. He suddenly saw that Qi River Cultivator taking a strange compass from his storage ring and begin to scan the area carefully.

Ace's heart sank because he didn't know what that compass was but since a Qi River Cultivator was using it, it has to be extraordinary.

Ace hold his breath like a statue and stop moving, he didn't want to take the risk of moving with that thing around.

He suddenly felt a strange Qi Wave around but it wasn't as strong as the last one. However, it can detect him!

'Do I have to use the last bead as well?' Ace thought gloomily because he knew once that guy find his Qi Wave he can't escape him.

Suddenly a thought came to mind.

The Qi River mask man was called Shadow Finder because he was an expert at finding people.

Shadow Finder used this Shadow Detection Compass that was bestowed on him and other teams to find that thief. It was a Ranked 4 Mortal Rune Array Treasure that can detect even a Deep River Cultivator!

One can see just how serious Layla was in finding that thief.

Suddenly Shadow Finder see a little light dote in the compass metallic screen and spoke coldly. "Come out I know you're behind that tree!"

He released the full power of his cultivation because he didn't know if this was that thief or someone else but he won't let them escape. If he finds anything suspicious he would even kill that person.

Because Layla made it clear if that thief retaliates kill him and bring his corpse back!

An ordinary-looking young man appeared behind from tree with a terrifying face as he said while shuttering, "I-I don't... have any valuables. T-they were already... been robbed by other b-bandits."

That ordinary young man was Ace in Javier's disguise. He has changed his clothes long ago and with Javier's injured face he looked like some commoner that was lost in this wilderness and been robbed by bandits.

"Boy, are you calling us bandits?" Someone behind Shadow Finder coldly looked at Javier.

Javier begin to tremble while he said timidly, "I-I, no, no. Your clothes just look like so...so..."

Before he could finish, Shadow Finder take a golden mirror and command, "Look into it!"

Ace's heart sank, *'Just how many treasures do you guys have!'*

But he still looked in that mirror nervously, if his disguise were to blow then he can only fight his way out of here.

The golden mirror shines brightly for ten-second but his face reflection still didn't change and Ace sighed in relief secretly.

"Let's go he's not him."

After Shadow Finder confirm Javier's face was real and he also could tell this pitiful guy was just a third gate realm brat so lost interest in him since he didn't have time to waste.

Shadow Finder left with his group of men leaving dumbfounded Javier behind. As for killing him? It was simply beneath them especially Shadow Finder who was quite aloof because of his background.

Ace confirmed that the group was left and finally had a sigh of relief....

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Ace's was depressing as he escapes the area and kept Javier's face for the time being. Since they can't see through the two-face mask, it was nothing but good news for him.

He continued his journey towards the border of low lands at full speed before someone else even stronger came after him, especially that terrifying aura's owner (Layla).

Ace was moving at full speed for an hour when he heard the system's voice that he had been desperately waiting for.

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"[New function Thief Panel is ready for use.]

[System Shop has updated.]"

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Ace was elated as he quickly finds a hiding spot and, with shimmering eyes, opens the system's main panel.

"System, show me the shop first!" Ace excitedly order because he needed something right now that can help him in this journey, this thief's panel wasn't important right now.

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[System Shop]

[Available Skill Books]

[Available Techniques]

[Available Weapons]

[Available Pills]

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"Let's see if there are any new techniques first."

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[Available Techniques]

[Soul Words {Despair Manual}]

{Price: 50,000TP}

[Heavenly Rune Crafter: Foundational Manual]

{Price: 5,000TP}

[Heaven's Stealer Disassembler Manual {First Vol}]

{Price: 100,000TP}

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Ace inhales a breath of cold air, seeing these three new techniques all at once. But his face instantly darkens when saw two of their sky-high price.

"System, aren't you being too shameless with those autocratic prices?" He demands an explanation.

But sadly, no answer came, and it made him even more irritated. But he knew there was no point in bickering with the system and looked at the one technique that he can buy at this moment and ignore the others.

He's keeps coming in contact with these rune symbols from the beginning of his cultivation journey, and this time he almost failed because of them. He hated them but also wanted to learn and understand them.

Now, the system gave him precisely the manual for learning the Rune Crafting, and it was Heavenly Rune Crafting at that!

He didn't know the difference between the two, but he will learn it wholeheartedly.

Ace instantly wanted to buy it but held himself back because of his TP limitation and wanted to check everything first before deciding to buy the things that he needed right now.

After all, he has all the time in the world to purchase everything after he escapes this place.

"Now, let's see the weapons. I hope there are more invisible beads."

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[Available Weapons]

[Heaven's Stealer Disassembler Gloves]

{Unknown Grade}

{Price: 100,000TP}

[Hundred-Face Deception Mask]

{Grade-2 Rune Item}

{Price: 50,000TP}

[Random Teleportation Life Coin]

{3 Available: 1 Time Use item}

{Price: 30,000TP Per Coin}

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Ace nearly had a stroke seeing the Weapon section of the system shop.

'Too damn expensive, and there aren't more invisible beads either.' Ace thought dejectedly, he wanted to curse at the system for being this black-hearted but knew it was pointless.

But one thing caught his attention, and that was this Heaven's Stealer Disassembler Manual and Gloves. They both have the name of Heaven Stealer in it, which means his technique and these new items were connected.

Besides, the gloves' grade was also unknown, that alone makes it quite alluring in Ace's mind.

Ace wanted to inquire about it but knew the system would take his precious question for it and since he can't buy them at this moment, he leaves them for the future.

The other thing was that Life Coin was the same as the invisible beads, with no warning or grades. But he can't buy any of these things, so Ace simply moved to the Pill Section.

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[Available Pills]

[Grade-1 Healing Pills]

{Price: 1,000TP, Per Pill}

[Grade-1 Heaven Qi Recovery Pills]

{Price: 500TP, Per Pill}

[Low-Grade Insight Pills]

{Description: Instantly Raised any skill proficiency by a single stage}

{10 Pills Available}

{Price: 5,000TP, Per Pill}

[Low-Grade Heaven Stealer Martial Pills]

{5 Pills Available}

{Price: 150TP, Per Pill}

[Not for Sale at this moment!]

[Middle-Grade Heaven Stealer Martial Pills]

{5 Pills Available}

{Price: 10,000TP, Per Pill}

[Not for Sale at this moment!]

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Ace saw the pill section after a long time, he was amazed because two first-grade pills have appeared and a brand-new pill that can raise the skill stages instantly! This pill is an enormous help for him.

And of course another Heaven Stealer Pill but a grade higher one.

He never used the Heaven Stealer Pill because he didn't know what it does, but also its limitation. That's why it was unmistakably precious, so Ace was saving it for a difficult situation.

However, now a high-grade pill has appeared with the old one still there, and there is a 'martial' word that has appeared with that, not for sale tag.

This made Ace quite curious and finally use one free question on this pill and also confirm his guess.

Because the system didn't tell him before, even with TP now that he has two free questions, he used one on it.

"System, what is the use of this pill and why does the martial word appear with them now?"

"[Heaven Stealer Martial Pill used when the host encounters a bottleneck. It can help the host to break into the next small realm instantly.]"

[Low-Grade Pill can help the host in Heavenly River Realm, while the Middle-Grade Pill can help the host in Heavenly River Core Realm.]

[As for the reason for the name change, host prowess was too low before and even if the host wanted to buy that pill, the system would not sell it. Now that the shop has updated, the true pill name has appeared with an additional tag.]

[And host guess it right. There is a Heaven Stealer Soul Pill as well, but it is locked at this moment.]"

Ace's eyes shimmer ecstatically when he finally knew just how heaven-defying those pills truly were.

Ace never encounter any bottleneck to this day because his soul cultivation was always higher than his martial cultivation. But what if this lead didn't last in the future? Then these pills can help him in both soul and martial cultivation.

Ace suppressed his excitement and finally move on to the Skill section of the system shop that he has been wanted to look at the most.

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[Available Skill]

[Heartless Stealth Art]

{Price: 2,000TP}

{Description: A stealth art divided into three different stages}

[Breathless Stealth: No one will find your Qi Waves below Qi River Core]

[Pulseless Stealth: Invisible in Martial Sense of Qi River Core Cultivators]

[Heartless Stealth: Invisible in Martial Sense of Qi Soul Cultivators]

{Warning: Cultivators of Qi Soul Manifestation Realm will spot you instantly with Martial Sense.}

[Misperception Sky Steps Art]

{Price: 2,000TP}

{Description: A movement skill divided into four different stages}

[Camouflage Steps: For Fight]

[Lightning Steps: For Speed]

[Misperception Steps: For Fooling Perception]

[Sky Steps: Ability to step on sky]

{Warning: Cultivators of Qi Soul Manifestation Realm will intercept you.}

[Soul Shattering Eyes]

{Price: 3,000TP}

{Description: A Soul Skill, able to see through deceptions, illusions and see flaws in rune symbols. Also, able to arouse fear in other being hearts after reaching perfection}

{Warning: Useless against Grade-2 illusions and Qi Soul Manifestation Cultivators}

[Soul Piercing Bullets]

{Price: 1,000TP}

{Description: A basic soul attack skill}

{Warning: Never used it on some with more powerful soul than yours}

[Soul Guardian Barrier Art]

{Price: 4.000TP}

{Description: A soul protecting art that is divided into two stages}

[Soul Barrier: Able to defend against Soul Cultivators of Qi River Realm]

[Soul Guardian: Able to defend against Soul Cultivators of Qi River Core Realm]

{Warning: Helpless against any Soul Cultivators of Qi Soul Realm and above}

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Ace's heart instantly raced when saw all the new skills and read their information ecstatically. The more he read, the more prominent his hysteria and enthusiasm become especially when he saw three soul skills.

He desperately needs soul skills right now because he never saw a soul skill here before.

In the end, he was flabbergasted, and his eyes shone hysterically seeing all these terrifying skills because every one of their limits is Qi Soul Manifestation Realm, except for Soul Guardian Barrier.

It simply means if he perfected every one of those skills he'll be invincible below royal lands because it was almost night impossible to find a Qi Soul realm expert, much less a Soul Manifestation one!

'Now we're finally talking.' Ace quickly looked at his total thief points.

[Thief Point(s): 16,240]

"System, I want to buy every skill!" Without hesitation, Ace transmitted his voice in mind with impatience shone on his face.

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"[Purchased has been successful]

[Information of all the skills is transferring now...]"

[Thief Point(s): 4,240]

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A huge torrent of information enters Ace's brain at this moment, and he felt just a little uncomfortable. his soul cultivation of Qi River wasn't just for show after all.

After a minute, the information of every single skill was in his brain, clear as day.

Ace wanted to instantly start learning those peerless skills, but stop himself because there was still the Thief Panel left, his exclusive reward from the third mission!

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Ace inhales deeply before he transmitted, "*Thief Panel.*"

He was looking forward to this mysterious panel's purpose and its effects. After all, something that is the reward for a mission has to be remarkable.

A dark transparent panel appeared in front of Ace's eyes while the hooded symbol shine brightly, the thief panel has appeared!

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"[Congratulation Host for unlocking the Thief Panel Function]

[Beginning the calculation....]

[Calculation Complete!]

[Please Chose Your Thief Name for proceeding]"

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Ace was startled, '*This is different.*' But he still said, '*Sky Stealer*' in ancient gods language and the dark panel instantly changed.

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[Thief Name has been saved]

{Please note you can change it only after raising your Thief Rank}

[Thief Title has been unlocked]

[Title: Disciple of Darkness has been added to your thief panel.]

{Disciple of Darkness: Able to raise the proficiency of skills related to darkness by one level instantly}

[Novice Thief Symbol has been unlocked]

[Thief Symbol: Dark Owl has been added to thief panel]

{Dark Owl: A novice thief's symbol that will emerge on places the moment host does an honorable thievery

Benefits: A thief symbol can be summoned in fights it will give the host a temporary boost in cultivation as well as some of the creature's abilities.

Warning: A Symbol summons time depends on the thief's fame. Without thief fame reaching a certain threshold the summoning can't be done.}

[Thief Panel has set completely]

[Host can see Thief Panel now]"

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Ace's eyes were open wide after seeing the many benefits of this overpower thief panel, and quickly looked at the real deal.

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[[Thief Panel]]

[Job {NOT Changeable}: Thief]

[Thief Name: Sky Stealer]

[Thief Title: Disciple of Darkness]

[Thief Rank: Novice]

[Thief Fame {Host and Symbol}: NONE]

[Thief Symbol: Dark Owl]

{Summoning Symbol: unlocked at the Popularity Level Fame}

[Job Mission: 0]

[[Thievery Count Section]]

[Low-Level Thievery: 3]

[Middle-Level Thievery: 0]

[High-Level Thievery: 0]

[Thievery needed to reach next Rank: 500 Low-Level Thievery]

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Ace was smiling ear to ear while looking at the thief panel. He was truly on cloud nine right now.

Because this thief panel gave him an edge and most importantly meaning to the thievery. He didn't know there are so many benefits just to become famous as a thief.

Just that symbol summoning is very alluring because Ace knew that Dark Owl is some kind of terrifying existence after all only powerful beings are qualified to become a symbol in the system.

Furthermore, that thief title was alone overpowered because, with it, he can learn the darkness-related skills instantly even if only at the low level, but this means he can use them instantly!

But one thing he was confused about is the thievery count and level of thieveries because he clearly remembered stealing from more than forty plus people, but the system only counts it three and even that is in the low-level thievery column.

"System, how does this Thievery Count work?"

Ace finally decided to use his last question on this thievery count section because he has to know how the system judges these thievery levels. After all, that fame status depended on the thieveries he does, and make the symbol more famous was the top priority.

"[Thievery counts are the number of thieveries that host dose on different levels of scales.]

[Like the Low-Level Thieveries will be count when the host at least steal something worth 200 Thief Points and more, missions excluded]

[Middle-Level Thieveries will be count when the host steal at least something worth 50,000 Thief Points]

[High-Level Thieveries will be count when the host steal at least something worth 100,000 Thief Points]

[To give the host more motivation the system will reveal an extra piece of information, the thief rank is directly connected with the unlocking of new thief symbols!]"

Ace's heartbeat raced when he heard the last part, it was not the system's emotionless voice, but he didn't care since he can't talk with it no matter how much he tries.

Now he knows the clear criteria of the thievery count section, while resolve shone in his eyes. He was truly determined to rob more people with storage rings now because they can give him a minimum of 200TP!

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[The title Disciple of Darkness has been active]

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Ace was just puzzled about this exact thing, like when that title is going to take effect when the system's voice rang in his mind.

Ace felt he has gained something and fell into trance.

He only possesses one skill that is related to darkness, and that was Heartless Stealth Art.

It has three stages and, every stage is divided into four levels of proficiency: Low, Middle, High, and Perfect just like the basic skills.

At this moment, Ace has instantly gained insight and low-level proficiency in the Heartless Stealth Art first stage the Breathless Stealth!

Ace was sitting in a tree when he instantly vanished. it was still daytime, but he was completely invisible right now and the Qi Waves around him were almost non-exist!

Now if any Empty River or River Depth cultivators scan the area with their element qi they would find nothing of Ace!

Ace finally opened his eyes as a dark current flash past them, he could sense more amalgam into the surroundings, and his lips curl upwards.

'Now I don't have to worry about those Qi River cultivators in that black cloth man's group!' Ace smile ear to ear as he thought.

"Status!"

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[Status Panel]

[Host: Ace White]

[Race: Human {No Bloodline}]

[Heaven: 1st Mortal Sky Heaven]

[Martial Cultivation: Heavenly Foundation Building {Middle-Stage}]

{EXP: 950,000/1,000,000}

[Soul Cultivation: Orange Wind Soul Core]

{SP: 51,030/100,000}

[Skills: 7]

Heartless Stealth Art: {1st Stage: Low}

Misperception Sky Steps Art: {None}

Soul Shattering Eyes: {None}

Soul Piercing Bullets: {None}

Soul Guardian Barrier Art: {None}

Pick Pocket: {Perfection}

Treasure Opening Hands [Art]: {5th Form}

[Cultivation Technique: 2]

[[Heaven Stealer Technique Volume 1], {Dual Shadow Swords}]

[Thief Point(s): 4240]

[Mission(s): 0]

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Ace grins, seeing his improved status. His three basic skills have been removed and replaced with the new powerful skills as if the system didn't count old skills anymore.

Well, Ace wasn't fazed by it and begun his journey again.

Now that he had the new improved stealth, he can travel and rest without care for those goons searching for him. But he was still very vigilant because he didn't forget about that terrifying aura owner (Layla).

If that person come after him, he would be dead!

Three days pass in a flash. Ace was now quite far from the Luminous City and slowly reaching his destination, the Low Sky Changing Border!

The low sky changing border was the boundary between Low and Middle Lands. It's called sky changing because the golden sky that was vague in the low lands would become more vivid when one step in the middle lands.

And the sky will keep becoming definite golden with every higher border you would cross and enter the higher lands. Some people believed this phenomenon occurs because of the Qi Density in the Azure Wind Continent, but no one can prove that theory.

The low sky-changing border is a month's journey away from the luminous city position.

Anyone could go there and for centuries, some adventurous people of low lands would step in the boundary between the low and middle lands to see the vast world.

They would succeed, but no one knows their fate afterward. No one is ever to come back from there to this day, though.

Since the public of low lands didn't know about the existence of that terrifying formation, their loved ones still believes they were alive and just roaming the vast continent.

However, they were simply going in their deaths, but no one ever tell them or even stop them. This secret is only known to the city when it was about to get promoted into the kingdom.

The hundred years trails were the key to leave this enormous cage and even those trails were deadly, only the top ten kingdoms know what those trails were.

Those promoted cities will tell no one about it because they didn't have memories of it, this is the strangest thing of all.

Ace's complexion was gloomy after finding out this tremendous secret in the top floor books. He felt somewhat sad for all those people who go to the border with big dreams and hope to become something great and make a name for themselves.

But they were unknowingly going in their deaths!

If he didn't hear it from Bill and read those secret books, Ace would be one of those people.

He didn't know why this formation or cage was built here, but he knows something is here that someone not wanted to come out at all costs.

Ace finally understands the actual purpose of those mysterious trials. They were held because taking some people out from here gave false hope to those who wanted to leave from here.

He felt disgusted by it and compassion for these low land peoples.

Unknowingly, a little seed of hatred has been planted into Ace's heart for higher-level lands!

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Ace was moving at lightning-like speed, but his movement was a little ruffled as if he was learning to run.

This was the Misperception Sky Steps Art, Lightning Steps.

This art is not like the heartless stealth that can only be learned in a strict order.

This art is built on three unique movement patterns, and only after learning these three stages, complete one can gain the ability to fly and learn the final fourth stage.

It means Ace can learn three stages at the same time or understand any stage first before learning the others.

That's why he chose the lightning steps first, because this is for speed, and he only needs speed right now. With silent steps as the foundation in four days, he was very close to low-level, lightning steps.

As for other skills, he was only practicing the Soul Shattering Eyes other than Lightning Steps. And this skill was quite cumbersome to learn because he had never come in contact with a soul skill before.

But to his amazement, he didn't find it any more difficult than Pick Pocket when he learns it and was confident of gaining insight within a month.

Besides, he wanted to buy that rune crafter manual but didn't have enough thief points and this made him quite annoyed.

Now, he wasn't interested in those city treasuries because they can't give him many TP, and second, those black cloth men were searching for him like mad dogs all over the place.

In this week, he encounters over three different groups of them, but he escaped easily. But this gave him even more pressure and was afraid if that mysterious expert would come after him.

That was also the reason for him learning the lightning steps first, and it didn't disappoint him either. Even with not completely grasping it his speed was three-fold faster than silent steps and was confident in reaching the low sky-changing border in ten days.

Meanwhile, in the Luminous City.

Layla and Zelda were sitting in the Jade Pavilion. The atmosphere was as gloomy as it could be because even after an entire week, they still didn't find any trace of that so-called Sky Stealer.

They even failed to find that person who spread that name because whoever it was, he knew that slippery thief and at some point, came in contact with him.

If they find him, they could probably find important information on that thief like his real name and more vivid appearance because in that wanted poster he looks only about 12 or 13, and it was not enough of a reference anymore.

Layla herself search miles around the luminous city, but this land of cities was big and there is more territory to cover. That is why she was aimlessly searching in all directions and return dejectedly one day ago.

Zelda's situation wasn't any better than her aunt's, because she supervised the search of the whole luminous city and didn't even leave the prince's manor but didn't find any abnormality.

Well, except for the missing second son of prince manor's head butler. She took note of it instantly because he vanished on the same day as the thievery has happened.

But when she discovered Javier's masochist nature and the deeds he has done in the past.

She loses interest in him and even felt disgusted to even remember that kind of person and think he even deserved death. Because even if she despises all those commoners here, she wasn't a masochist to torture young girls.

Braxton knows Javier's nature but he was still his son, so he searches for him even with all those black masks men roaming around the city.

Dion was depressed and almost on the verge of insanity because that thief has used his city to show everyone that he wasn't afraid of them and slap hard on their faces.

Now his reputation is in the sewer, and he even found out everyone was calling him Grand Ass Prince behind his back!

Dion even killed Aspen in his rage. Everything happened because she can't even protect the formation plate and even gave the information on the treasury to that thief.

The happiest about it was, of course, Bill. Because he has a bone with Aspen before, and she ever cheated him once knowing that he was the future ruler of this city.

That's why Bill was always wanting to find some evidence on her to bring her down, and in finding that proof, he meets Ace. And he thinks it was the best thing that ever happen to him after he come to this desolate place.

But he was quite low-key and never showed his joy openly because he knew his friend has offended many powerful figures and if they connected him to Ace, he will torture to death!

That's why he spread the name Sky Stealer himself secretly and never entrust this task to anyone and was successful in the end. Now everyone knows about the sky stealer and the historical thievery of low lands!

"Aunt, do you think that rat has escaped in the Middle Land?" Zelda asked in frustration.

Because it was the only plausible explanation after even Layla couldn't find him.

Speaking of which, she still calls Ace a rat because if she calls that vile thief, Sky Stealer, it would be equal to accepting their defeat, and she would never admit it.

Layla's eyes were filled with resentment and violence as she said, "We checked a hundred times and confirm that thief was born here! It is simply impossible to leave! And suppose even if he wasn't born here if he wanted to leave, he needs the Sky Changing Pass!

"And you know, only royalties of top ten kingdoms possess three of them each! None of those passes are missing, or we'll be the one to know of it first!"

Zelda had to admit her aunt had a point because without this sky-changing pass even her aunt would be dead the moment she steps between the border of any lands!

Especially the low and royal level lands!

No one knows why the border here was as strong as the lands of the ancients, but no one dare to investigate it. Because whoever does that individual entire clan eradicate in a single night!

Some influenceable figures only know that this low land true name was lands of fallen, but this was also a taboo to call it that and only knew little of its actual history.

"This time we even manage to find more information that Dulce gives about that thief because we underestimated that thief before and ignore her story." Layla's eyes shimmer as she continued, "Dulce, told that thief has opened her storage ring without killing her, and she also would never remove her qi mark on that ring."

Zelda was flabbergasted hearing this and quickly retorted, "But that's impossible! She must exaggerate things!"

A soft sigh sounded as Layla speak, "I also think this, but we can't overlook anything about that thief anymore."

Zelda takes a deep breath before saying with a glint of horror flashed past her eyes, "Then if it's true, then do you think he's from that legendary place?"

Layla's eyes also show a hint of fear as she shook her head, "I don't think so because someone from that place can't be a thief. These things here were just junk to them."

Zelda has a sigh of relief because if her guess was true, then they're simply chasing after a dragon and courting death!

At this moment, a maid enters the grand hall and respectfully reports, "Pavilion Master, someone called Shadow Finder requesting an audience."

Zelda coolly said, "Let him in."

After some moments, a slender man wearing black robes and a mask enter. It was precisely Shadow Finder that Ace encounter in the wildness a week ago.

Shadow Finder coldly said, "I have something important to tell."

It did not offend Zelda because this guy's nature was cold and said, "Speak freely."

Shadow Finder didn't speak immediately and take out Javier's portrait that was current in every city guard's hand because of Braxton.

Zelda instantly knew who this disgusting fellow was, and her brows knit tightly into a frown. But she said nothing and wait for Shadow Finder to explain first.

On the other hand, Layla watched this curiously in the shadows.

"I meet this guy in the wildness four days ago." Shadow Finder said coldly.

Zelda's eyes turn sharp, and Layla emerges at this moment.

"What do want to say? Speak more clearly!" Layla said coldly, but in her heart, there was an unknown expectation to bloom.

Shadow Finder quickly bows towards Layla. He didn't dare to treat her coldly like Zelda and said respectfully.

"Reporting to the sixth lady, I meet this guy in the wildness and he seems like some bandits have robbed him.

"It was also my incompetence that I didn't inquire any further and leave, but I think this person is suspicious because if he was the same person he would be back by now, but he didn't!"

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Layla asked in a deep voice, "Did you check with the Demolishing Disguise Mirror?"

It was the same golden mirror they used to search the entire city.

"Yes, I use it and found nothing suspicious." This also confused shadow Finder because no one below Empty River can escape the Demolishing Disguise Mirror.

Moreover, he also probed that boy cultivation, and he was only at the third gate. It was also possible that he was killed in the wildness; it was filled with demonic beasts.

However, Shadow Finder couldn't help but shake this strange feeling that he had when he saw that boy's eyes. At that time, he thought it was he being paranoid, moreover; he was in a hurry and ignored that vague feeling.

But after coming back to the city, when he saw this boy poster in a guard's hand, he instantly felt that feeling again. This gut feeling never failed him before and is also the reason for his name. That's why he come straight here to report.

Layla also know this guy was very sharp and never spoke without thinking, and she had nothing to lose either, so she responded, "Which direction did you find that boy?"

Shadow Finder politely replied, "To the west of Luminous City."

Layla's eyes instantly gleam with a strange light. "Sky Changing Border is also in the west direction, right?"

Shadow Finder was very sharp and knew what Layla was implicating here. "Yes. I also think if that guy is that thief, he would certainly go there."

Zelda scoffed at this moment. "He's going to his death, and here I thought he was brilliant. This means he is from this desolate place."

Shadow Finder wasn't agreed with Zelda and retorted politely, "I think the lady is still underestimating that thief."

Zelda's eyes turn cold and going rebuke when Layla stop her and breathed, "Continue."

He didn't seem to notice Zelda's resentful eyes and continues, "First, my reason for suspecting that guy is; one month ago we searched almost all low lands but Prince Manor!

"Second, they were a sudden fire in a building one and half month ago and many nobles have died there, but no one investigates that matter because of the shady business, and it will expose many.

"But one thing that everyone overlooked is this Javier also used to go in that building and on that very day of fire he goes there and even returned. I think if we investigate this, we'll find even more clues.

"Last but not least, that thief is very skilled in his work, so we should assume that he had stumbled upon some kind of inheritance here and that's why he's able to change his face into someone else and even fool ours demolish disguise mirror."

Layla was now a little stunted, and Zelda was also amazed after hearing Shadow Finder conjecture because his every point was on the spot. And he even dug out the things that everyone overlooked after just coming back to the city.

"Truly worthy of the name shadow finder!" Layla couldn't help but praise him, "We don't need any more investigation. We waste too much time and if he's skilled, then he'll reach that place in a month minimum. We'll immediately go towards the Low Sky Changing Border."

Layla also found Shadow Finder's explanation very accurate, and she felt closer to capturing that thief than ever. She wanted to fly over to the border, but she can't, so she had to hurry there.

Furthermore, if that thief ignorantly steps into that place, she will forever lose Blood Rose and his secrets that why she didn't even investigate and make her move without a second thought.

"Aunt, there is a problem." Zelda breaks Layla's excitement at this moment.

Layla's eyes narrowed as she asked, "What problem?"

"Two more days and I'll reach the border." Ace was moving like lightning as he thought happily.

In eight days, he has finally reached the low-level mastery of Lightning Steps and was quite closed to mastering the Soul Shattering Eyes as well.

But the more he is closer to mastering the Soul Shattering Eyes, the more his soul hurts. It was the same feeling when he tries using the soul probing for longer than an hour.

His martial cultivation is getting in his way again!

This made Ace quite frustrated because he assumed that soul-shattering eyes, even low-level mastery, can only be freely used when he reached the Qi River Realm!

But he wasn't even at the peak of the foundation building realm, and he didn't know where he would be able to find the next elemental orb!

This shifts his focus on the EXP but to his dismay, these Qi Gates Realm demonic beasts only gave him 1 EXP and Early Stage Foundation demonic beasts 10 EXP!

As for higher-level demonic beasts, they weren't easy to find here.

This made Ace swore at the system in full of resentment and anger.

That's why Ace decided to just focused on his movement art and tried the Soul Piercing Bullets because it was a basic soul skill and hope it won't give a backlash like soul-shattering eyes.

One more day passed,

Ace always travel at night and practicing his skills in the morning because he had an advantage at night and the heartless stealth was even more powerful at nighttime.

At this moment, Ace was moving while using lightning steps when his soul sense was instantly rung in alarm!

Ace's face fell because after entering the first stage of heartless stealth, only someone at the River Source Stage can alarm his soul to sense this much!

'What is someone at this level doing here!' His face sour, 'Is it that expert that I felt in the city?'

Before he had any chance to hide, a startling yet commanding aged voice resound in the silent area, "Hmm... Who's there? Show yourself or this old man, consider it a hostile action!"

The owner of this old voice was none other than Vance Golden!

After giving up on Blood Rose and that thief, completing and decided to exchange the information about Ace and Blood Rose with the Pill Flame Organization. He left the city immediately after that.

He was traveling at high speed because he was afraid that Zelda would think of the same and exchange the information before him.

Vance was just a day away from the border when he found someone is moving at high speed that was almost equal to his own!

This makes him quite surprised, and that's why he speaks first before attacking this mysterious expert.

After all, at this moment, the low lands were crawling with Layla's people, and it would be a disaster if he offended one of them unknowingly.

But to Vance surprised a boy seemingly in his teens emerge from the darkness and what made him even more flabbergasted was that boy cultivation!

He was only a third qi gate cultivator and fear was clear on his face.

Vance couldn't help but ask, "What are you doing at a place like this?"

Ace saw Vance's old wrinkled face but didn't dare to show any suspicious movement because the surrounding aura makes his soul sense terrifying.

This also clear his suspicion of this old man being a real River Source Stage Cultivator of River Core Realm!

Ace act like frightening Javier and speak, "I...I-I was spared from my group an...and end up here."

Speaking of which, Ace's acting skill improved quite a lot after he played Javier, but he still wasn't a professional when it came to hiding his composure.

The eyes are the mirror of the soul and reflect everything that seems to be hidden; and like a mirror, they also reflect the person looking into them and that was indeed the case for Ace as well. The two-face mask can form an impenetrable illusion, but it can't completely hide Ace's eyes.

This was also the exact reason of Shadow Finder's suspicion to arouse and now Vance, an old man of more than a century-old, also felt this peculiar point.

He could tell by looking that this young man was frightening, but his eyes were as calm as water that's what tick him off.

Besides, that speed just a moment ago made this vague feeling even more strong and an abrupt though surface in Vance's mind, *'Something is not adding up here.'*

Ace was observing Vance's soul waves all this time and felt this old man has become suspicious of him somehow. This was not good news for him.

'Why didn't this mask has the function of increasing the cultivation realm!' Ace wanted to cry right now because he could tell just what had caught this old man's attention and that was his low cultivation!

This was also a big flaw of the Two-Face Mask. It can only change a person's cultivation to the level it has recorded. It can't increase or lower the cultivation base.

If it has that capacity, Ace would've changed his cultivation to the empty river core and that would justify his speed a moment ago, but sadly, he can't!

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If it was any other time, Vance would've ignored these little details and didn't even bother to talk with the people of this barren place much less with a third gate brat.

However, Vance was quite dispirited for more than a year and keep being defeated by that cunning thieving bastard and this makes him take notice of every detail around him.

And this fellow in front of him was nothing but suspicious!

'What is the chancing of me getting to bump into that rat?' Vance thought bitterly and knew it was almost night impossible, but he couldn't help but think this way.

Vance might give up on the surface, but in his heart, he still wanted to find Ace. Now, he would kill a hundred innocent then letting that scoundrel live!

Vance saw Javier's frightening face and his eyes turn sharp. *'Let's try our luck, shall we? If I was wrong, I just killed an insignificant ant.'*

'Not good.' Ace's heart sank because he could sense Vance is going to attack, and it was also a kind of test.

The surrounding temperature rose at a tremendous pace as Vance's aura skyrocket!

Ace wanted to stand still but when he saw crimson qi gathering around Vance's hand, his heart jolt because that crimson qi was the fire element qi!

'This mad old man wanted to use element qi of Qi River realm on a third gate junior???' Ace cursed, but he didn't have time to think anymore because Vance has already sent a blazing palm directly towards his head.

Ace's eyes also turn cold. This old man was just too vicious!

Ace didn't know who this guy was and what he wanted. But one thing was clear, he didn't want him to live just because of some mere suspicion.

He quickly activates lightning steps with full power and hurriedly dodges the upcoming palm with lightning-like movement.

'wooosshhhh'

Just by a hair, Ace manage to evade that palm, but he knew that old didn't use his full power, or he might've lost an arm!

Vance was startled first, but the next moment his eyes shone venomously, "Hahaha..., only that mysterious thief can pull something like this in the entire low lands!"

Ace's face behind the mask fell and finally understand just what this old man was after. *'Is he also with that group??'*

He wanted to persevere but heard Vance's voice filled with excitement, "You're him, right?!?"

Ace pretend to be confused and breathed, "I don't know what you're talking about."

Vance's grin becomes wide with joy. "Oh, you didn't know? Then how did you dodge my attack even when you're weak like an ant?"

Ace take a deep breath and knew this old guy was difficult to fool. It was useless to try talking now, and he thinks of a way out of this situation without revealing too much since Vance still had his doubts about him.

But the gap in power between him and Vance was just too great. It was almost suicide try fighting with him. His only option was to the lightning steps because it is the only skill that can outrun this old man if he didn't use stealth with it.

Because whenever he uses two skills simultaneously, ten percent will decree the power of each skill. That's why Vance was able to sense and caught up to him so quickly before because he was using breathless stealth with lightning steps together.

But first, he had to make this old man a little powerless somehow, and it doesn't matter if he exposes himself by doing so.

"It was a lifesaving skill of my predecessors." Ace calmly said.

Vance sneered as he said hatefully, "Still wanted to pretend? Good, very good, you truly are stubborn, just as my niece describes you to be!"

Javier's face didn't show any expression and speak any further, as if he didn't know what Vance was saying, but real Ace frowned.

"What? Did you already forget about Dulce? The same girl who destroyed your hometown, and also the same girl who you rob!" Vance's voice was filled with hatred in the end.

Ace finally knows just why this old man is so hellbent on finding him, *'Golden Hammered Kingdom!'* A hint of killing intent flashed past his eyes.

How could he forget that bitch? He vowed to destroy her entire kingdom one day to avenge river flower city.

Vance still didn't get any reaction from Javier's, but he didn't give up. "I'm also from the golden hammered kingdom, and you could also say I was the one who sent Dulce here."

Ace could feel this old man was gathering his qi into his finger, *'Cunning bastard.'*

He had some idea what this guy was planning and instantly used lightning steps to sprint at full speed and pull some distance between himself and Vance instantly. Because staying in one place was too risky.

Vance was shocked, he was going to use a powerful formation barrier similar to Dulce's and lock this place so that guy can't escape.

Because he wasn't sure how that little fellow pulls a speed almost equal to his, but would not take any chances.

If his guy was truly the actual thief and not just a random guy who just possessed a real lifesaving skill, then he can't let him escape either after he found him by luck.

Besides, he didn't use his full strength before just for the sake of not killing him instantly because if this guy was not Ace, then his skill was alone, not bad of a compensation.

Vance didn't delay and quickly chase after Javier.

Ace was observing Vance and instantly felt the old guy's speed was equal to his own. His expression was ominous, but he's not going to just sit there and let Vance capture him so easily.

Besides, Ace held an advantage now!

It stunned Vance because no matter how much he chases, he can't lessen the distance between them, and what makes him truly confused was Ace's speed wasn't decreasing at all.

Because if he was really at the third gate, then this life-saving would long be exhausted his qi, but he didn't seem too tired at all.

Vance's eyes sharpen because before he has some doubts, but now his conjecture was becoming stronger. This guy was not normal as it seems.

Since Vance wasn't able to catch up normally, this didn't mean he didn't have any other methods at all. *'I should use Azure Agility Pill.'*

Vance was an azure alchemist, which alone give him an immense advantage over other normal cultivators. He had abandons of pills that he refine himself and all were high-quality ones.

He sends little qi in his finger as he wanted to take this azure agility pill out of the storage ring. But to his surprise, the pill didn't appear.

Vance's expression finally change and quickly looked at his ring finger where a white storage ring was just a couple of moments ago.

Now, on his ring finger was nothing. The storage ring had been stolen, and he didn't even feel it!

There was a strange dark bird mark has appeared where his ring was, but he didn't have time to ponder over it and completely ignored it.

Vance's face fell, and his eyes turn bloodshot because there is only one person in the entire low lands who can steal the storage ring under his damn nose and that was, "**SKY STEALER! I FINALLY FOUND YOU!!!!**"

Ace heard Vance's furious yet excited voice from behind and instantly knew this old man has finally found out about his stolen storage ring.

Ace decided to steal the ring the moment he found out this old man wanted to kill him. He takes advantage of the moment Vance was busy probing him and uses the soul threads to pickpocket his storage ring.

By doing this, Vance would become a tiger without teeth, and Ace finally overruns Vance.

And Ace's analysis was right because, without the pills and his treasures, Vance can only use the Qi he had and can't recover with restoration pills. This gave Ace a tremendous advantage over him.

But at this moment Vance didn't seem to realize it as his mind was filled with resentment and enthusiasm for founding out Ace.

"You bastard, give everything back you stole, and I might torture you less!" He roared.

Ace was speechless hearing Vance's merciful words and sneered disdainfully, "You're just like that bitch, too damn honest!"

He continued to use the Lightning Steps without even care for Vance, who seem on the verge of exploding in anger.

"I'll make you regret even being born in this world!" Thick blood veins pop out on Vance's forehead as he ground his teeth in hatred.

It was just too damn frustrated; he could finally find that thieving bastard, and he was just in front of him, but he can't catch him now.

Vance's facial expression was hysterical, but he wasn't going to let that thief escape even if it means tiring himself to death!