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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2451-Upon witnessing that, Jared couldn't stand by and watch any longer. He ignored Hammerhead's warning and shot a golden light toward the demon beast with a flick of his right finger.

The demon beast roared after getting hit by the golden light and collapsed to the ground, dead.

With his current power, Jared was strong enough to kill that level of demon beast with just a wave of his hand.

Seeing that the beast was dead, the young woman crawled to her feet with a baffled and frightened look.

Moments later, she timidly faced Jared. "T-Thank you."

Suddenly, everyone heard furious roars coming from the distance while the ground shook.

"This is bad!" Hammerhead knitted his eyebrows. "A large group of demon beasts is heading toward us. We must leave post-haste!"

"You should escape quickly, miss. Many demon beasts are charging here," reminded Jared as he prepared to depart with Hammerhead.

However, the young woman snapped her sight toward the dead demon beast before lifting it onto her back.

Gritting her teeth, she trudged forward one step at a time, that feat visibly straining her.

Jared was perplexed to see that. Why is she carrying the demon beast's corpse instead of escaping?

"You should ditch the body and flee, miss! Otherwise, the incoming demon beasts will catch up to you!" he shouted.

That didn't dissuade her from continuing her efforts as sweat and blood drenched her body.

Seeing that the horde of demon beasts was about to arrive, Jared couldn't bear to watch the young woman be eaten alive. Hence, he grabbed her and leaped hundreds of meters away in an instant.

After they were beyond ten kilometers away from the horde, Jared ceased his movements. Meanwhile, Hammerhead peered at Jared with disapproval.

Flaxseed approached the young woman and reprimanded, "Why did you risk your life for this demon beast corpse, young lady?"

As she stared at his scowl, she bit her lip. An aggrieved look swirled in her eyes before she abruptly burst into tears.

Flaxseed was startled and was at a loss for what to do.

"I wanted this demon beast corpse because I could exchange it for spirit coins and treat my grandma. My grandmother's sick. Otherwise, I wouldn't have tried to hunt a demon beast alone," the young woman uttered through her sobs.

"Stop crying, miss. We'll send you back home. Where is it located?" Jared offered. He couldn't help it after he heard her sob story.

"My home is in Rock Village, which isn't too far from here!" The young woman pointed to the west.

"All right, we'll escort you there right away," said Jared before glancing at Flaxseed. "You carry the demon beast's corpse."

"Why me?" Flaxseed was taken aback.

"You made her cry, so you have to carry it for her." Jared grinned.

Rolling his eyes, Flaxseed lifted the demon beast corpse effortlessly.

Jared turned to Hammerhead. "Let's send this young lady home first, Master Hammerhead. Then, we'll head to Greenoxen Peak."

In response, Hammerhead sighed. "I'm not stopping you because I'm a heartless man. The reason is that you know too little of the affairs in the Ethereal Realm. Do you know what the most terrifying thing is in the Ethereal Realm? It's neither the demons nor the monsters. What's most fearsome is the human heart. Most humans aren't killed by demons or monsters. Instead,

they often meet their end at the hands of the people closest to them. Know that there's nothing people here won't betray for the sake of absolute benefit. Humans here are far, far scarier than demons or monsters."

"You're exaggerating, Master Hammerhead. Some people may be evil, but I still believe the good ones are the majority. We'll send this young lady back home first." Jared then asked the young woman to lead them to Rock Village.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2452-After journeying for a while, the young woman pointed at a spot not too distant from them. "Rock Village is up ahead. Thank you for saving me. I can return by myself."

As she spoke, she grabbed the demon beast from Flaxseed and strolled toward her home.

Stunned, Flaxseed peered at the young woman with confusion. "What an impolite girl. We rescued and escorted her home, yet she didn't even invite us to her home for a drink?"

Jared was somewhat baffled, too. She doesn't look ill-mannered, so why didn't she propose we visit her village?

Hammerhead noticed the duo's confusion and clarified, "The humans in the Ethereal Realm are very wary of each other. A small village like hers probably doesn't allow any strangers to enter."

In response, Jared was astounded. Why are people in the Ethereal Realm so cautious of each other? Still, since the young lady didn't invite us in, it'd be rude for us to follow her home by force and cause unnecessary misunderstandings. Now that she's back home safely, it's time for us to set out for Greenoxen Peak—

Just as the trio was about to leave, they were surrounded by burly men in pelt clothing and weapons.

When Jared swept his gaze past those people, he realized none of them were strong. In fact, they were only about as powerful as the young woman.

The hostility in their eyes confounded him because he was certain he hadn't antagonized anyone in the Ethereal Realm. Why are they treating us as though we're enemies?

"Who are you people? Why did you come to Rock Village?" a young man with a giant sword interrogated sternly.

"We were only escorting a young lady back to her home. She's a resident of Rock Village, which is why we're here," explained Jared.

"You brought someone from Rock Village back home?" The young man frowned.

"Don't listen to his nonsense, Ali! I bet they're spies from Cyan Village here to investigate Rock Village's situation! Let's capture them first," a beefy man suggested with a glower.

The young man studied the trio and waved his hand. "Round them up first."

Just as around eight brawny men approached the trio, Flaxseed flexed his fingers, ready to attack.

He could eradicate them all with ease before they could even touch him.

At that moment, the young woman who left not too long ago suddenly returned and shouted, "Don't hurt them, Ali! They protected me and sent me back home."

She stood in front of Jared's group protectively, preventing the muscular men from getting close.

"What's going on, Emily?" asked Ali.

Emily swiftly recounted her meeting with the trio and showed Ali and the others the demon beast's corpse.

It wasn't until they saw the body that they believed her words.

Still, that wasn't enough to erase Ali's hostility and suspicion toward Jared's group.

"Since you lot rescued Emily, please come to Rock Village. We'll show you hospitality and requite you three," said Ali.

“No need. We still have other matters to attend to, so we won’t be disturbing you.” After that incident, Jared didn’t want to waste time at Rock Village anymore. Besides, it’s obvious they still treat us as enemies.

“You saved someone from our village, so we should show you our gratitude. It’s our settlement’s rule. Please, follow me,” insisted Ali, leaving no room for negotiation.

Just as he ended his sentence, the other burly men blocked Jared’s group’s path.

It would seem Jared’s group had to follow the men, whether they wanted to or not.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2453-Upon seeing that, Flaxseed was enraged. Even though we’re in the Ethereal Realm, these people are super weak! I can kill them all with a wave of my hand. Why should I listen to their threats?

Just as Flaxseed was about to launch an attack, Jared stopped him. The latter didn’t want the former to injure the inhabitants in the Ethereal Realm willy-nilly.

Meanwhile, Hammerhead smiled wordlessly. It would appear he was deliberately letting Jared experience the animosity between the humans in the Ethereal Realm.

“All right, we’ll go with you.” Jared nodded at Ali.

Moments later, everyone marched toward Rock Village. It was a moderately-sized settlement with around a hundred and ten families. Arcane arrays were installed around the borders, likely to ward off demon beasts.

There were two towers to the west of the village. Both were only over a dozen meters tall. Guards with weapons were stationed inside the towers and at the gate.

As Jared gazed at the small settlement, he wondered, Why is the defense of this place so tight?

When Ali brought Jared's group through the gate, many people greeted the man.

The villagers studied the strangers with curiosity. A few children even followed behind Jared's group, scrutinizing them.

The settlers' odd reactions piqued Jared's interest in Rock Village. How many villages like this exist in the Ethereal Realm? Initially, I thought everyone in the Ethereal Realm was an expert and that I would see Manifestors everywhere I went here. However, Rock Village is the complete opposite of how I imagined the Ethereal Realm to be.

"Let Clovis handle the demon beast's corpse, Emily. Tomorrow, I'll help you sell its pelt and beast core in the city. Then, I'll use the money to help you buy some medicine for your grandmother. Remember, don't sneak out of the village to hunt for a demon beast alone again. It's too dangerous. Even if you don't get eaten by a demon beast, you may still be in danger if you bump into people from other villages," admonished Ali after they all entered Rock Village.

"I know..." Emily lowered her head aggrievedly.

Upon seeing that, Ali patted her head and asked someone to carry the demon beast's corpse away.

After that, he invited Jared's group to a stone house. Before Jared stepped into the building, he noticed it was surrounded by arcane arrays. However, instead of pointing that out, he ambled inside.

His silence was for no other reason than that those arcane arrays were child's play for him to break.

Once inside the rock house, Ali turned to Jared. "Rest here. I'll send people to deliver you all some food."

Then, he left.

The moment he stepped outside, a brilliant white light flashed. Glowing pillars instantly surrounded the building, trapping Jared's group inside.

When Flaxseed saw the cage of light, he was stunned before cursing at Ali loudly, "You backstabbing motherf*cker! How dare you confine us here!"

In response, Ali glared at Flaxseed coldly and departed wordlessly.

"Godd*mmit. What's with the humans in the Ethereal Realm? I feel like they all

have a loose screw in their heads,” grumbled Flaxseed.

“I told you two, didn’t I? The most terrifying thing in the Ethereal Realm is the human heart. Here, humans will always be suspicious of others,”

Hammerhead stated with a faint smile.

With a sigh, Jared lamented, “It seems the humans in the Ethereal Realm are experiencing a serious case of mistrust. Even though the people of the mundane world believe the Ethereal Realm is heaven, it is anything but.”

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2454-“The cultivators of the mundane world see the Ethereal Realm as heaven. However, if you ask the humans in the Ethereal Realm what they think of the place, they’ll say it’s hell. It’s because the humans here crave power even more. Everyone here’s doing their best to become immortal, so in their eyes, friends and families aren’t as important. Some of them are willing to do anything to increase their cultivation level. That is why the most fearsome thing in the Ethereal Realm is the human heart. All humans here are blinded by their lust for power. If not for the restriction of the laws of nature, the mundane world is actually the ideal place for humans to live in.” Hammerhead sighed, too.

Jared had nothing to say in response to that. I suppose people will always think the grass is greener on the other side.

Meanwhile, inside a short building within Rock Village, Emily handed the demon beast’s corpse to Clovis to be processed. Then, she wiped the hands of an old woman lying on the bed. The latter’s eyes were covered by a piece of white cloth.

“I hunted a big demon beast today, Grandma. Ali said he’d sell the beast core and pelt at the city tomorrow to buy medicine for you. Your eyes will be fine,” informed Emily.

“Why did you go hunting on your own? You’re not powerful enough. If anything happens to you, how will I face your deceased parents?” Ira, the old woman, reprimanded. Her heart wrenched at the thought of how much danger Emily had been in.

“Don’t worry, Grandma. I won’t die that easily. Today, a good samaritan saved me and killed the demon beast for me. He was so awesome. With just a flick of his finger, he executed the demon beast in one hit! Those people seem quite powerful!”

Upon hearing that, Ira knitted her eyebrows slightly. “Where do they come from, Emily? Where are they now?”

“I don’t know where they’re from, Grandma, but they were brought into the village by Ali.”

“Oh no!” Ira promptly sat up, startling Emily. “Bring me to them immediately, Emily. How can Ali be so reckless and allow them to enter our settlement?”

Emily was confounded by her grandmother’s reaction. “There’s no need to worry, Grandma. I don’t think they look like bad people. They even escorted me home.”

“Silly girl. You don’t understand how treacherous humans are! Bring me there at once!” urged Ira.

With no other choice, Emily helped her grandmother out of the building.

Just as they arrived at the door, they met Ali.

“Where did you bring my saviors to, Ali?” inquired Emily.

“How can you be so careless, Ali? Why did you bring outsiders into the village? What are you doing as the village chief?” Ira scolded with great dissatisfaction.

“I trapped the three of them in the stone house with the arcane arrays. They can’t escape the building,” assured Ali.

Upon hearing that, Emily pouted, upset. “They rescued me, Ali! How could you imprison them?”

“Emily, these people—”

“Stop talking and bring me to them!” Ira interrupted and urged Ali to bring her to the stone building.

When she arrived, she didn’t head inside. Instead, she stood outside of the building and silently sent a thread of aura into the structure.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2455-Jared was lounging on the floor inside the stone building. When he detected the thread of aura, he hastily sprang to his feet.

Concurrently, Flaxseed and Hammerhead had also sensed the aura coming from outside.

“To think there’s an expert in this small mountain village...” said Flaxseed.

Shocked, Jared bolted out of the stone house. It was as though the arcane arrays outside the building weren’t there at all because he passed through them effortlessly.

Ali and Emily were flabbergasted to see Jared sauntering out of the stone structure as though the arcane arrays didn’t hinder him whatsoever.

Flaxseed and Hammerhead also strode out of the building. At that moment, Ali was rooted to the spot, feeling awkward and unsure of what to say.

He had thought the arcane arrays around the stone house were capable of confining Jared’s group. To his surprise, those arcane arrays weren’t effective against the trio at all.

Despite a lack of eyesight, even Ira could tell Jared and the other two had successfully left the stone building. Her eyebrows furrowed tightly as a grimace settled on her countenance.

After sending the thread of aura into the house, she realized how much stronger the three men before her were than she had imagined.

Reflexively, Ira protected Emily behind her and questioned, “The three of you are already half-immortal. Why are you interested in this small village?”

Instead of saying anything, Jared released his aura, which instantly enveloped the old woman. Then, he sent his spiritual sense through Ira’s body and into her mind.

Ira resisted his attack desperately, but it was no use.

A moment later, Jared retracted his aura and spiritual sense. Then, he wordlessly peered at the blind woman before him. I’m now certain that this old woman is a Demonic Cultivator. She’s a demon, not a human! What I don’t

understand is why she's living in this small mountain village with other humans. Hmm, it would seem this old woman is very protective of the young lady we saved, Emily. I saw her reflexively shield the young woman behind her. I don't think it's an act.

"We merely accidentally came across Ms. Emily in the woods while traveling. When we saw she was being hunted by a demon beast, we saved her and escorted her back home. We aren't interested in this village. If you don't welcome us, we can leave right away. I hope you don't misunderstand anything." Jared refrained from exposing Ira's true identity.

Without hesitation, Ira requested, "In that case, please leave right away. We're a poor community, and we have nothing you'd want."

Jared didn't predict the old woman would be so direct. He was slightly taken aback before turning toward the exit of Rock Village. Since she doesn't welcome us here, there's no need for us to stick around. Besides, it's not like we want anything from Rock Village. We were brought here involuntarily.

Flaxseed and Hammerhead promptly followed Jared out of Rock Village. It wasn't until the trio left Ira's line of sight that she sighed in relief.

Meanwhile, Emily sneaked away when her grandmother wasn't paying attention and chased after Jared's group.

"Wait!" exclaimed Emily as she pursued them.

Jared turned his head around and stared at her reddened countenance. As she panted, he asked, "What's the matter, Ms. Emily? Is there something else you need?"

Somewhat embarrassed, Emily remarked, "My grandmother dislikes strangers, so please don't mind her words. You saved me, but I still don't know what your name is."

"I'm Jared Chance." Jared grinned.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2456-"Jared Chance?" mumbled Emily before asking, "Where are you from, Jared? You're so skilled."

“I—” Jared opened his mouth. However, for a moment, he didn’t know how he should answer the question. It’s not like I can tell her I’m from the mundane world. After all, she might not even know where or what the mundane world is.

“I’m someone from Greenoxen Peak,” he answered upon recalling the location of Divine Smithing Sect.

“Greenoxen Peak?” Emily’s eyes widened in shock. “That place is so far away, though. I didn’t expect you all to originate there. It’ll be a long journey before your group will arrive at your destination. I have some beast meat with me. Take it. You can use it to replenish your energy during your trip. “

As she spoke, she handed them a bag full of sliced beast meat.

The meat was actually pretty useless to Jared and the others. However, it was extremely valuable to Emily because she could sell those for money.

Considering that she was willing to offer such a precious item to Jared, it was obvious she was an appreciative woman and not a greedy person.

In that case, it could be said that not all humans in the Ethereal Realm were selfish.

Jared accepted the bag of meat and casually kept it in his Storage Ring. Then, he withdrew a jade pendant and injected a little Power of the Dragons and Phoenixes into the accessory.

After that, he handed the jade pendant to Emily. “I’ll gift you this jade pendant, Ms. Emily. If you wear this, you’ll find it easier to hunt demon beasts in the future.”

The Power of Dragons and Phoenixes he injected into the pendant earlier possessed the strength and aura of divine beasts. Therefore, if the demon beasts she faced in the future weren’t too high level, they wouldn’t dare approach her when she had the pendant on her.

While she tried to refuse the present, she still accepted it in the end.

After bidding goodbye to Emily, Jared and the other two resumed their journey to the sword-cleansing lake. As for Rock Village, Jared didn’t mind it too much and treated it as an insignificant encounter.

Unbeknownst to him, in the not-so-distant future, that small mountain village would save his life.

After days of trekking, Jared and his group finally arrived at the foot of Greenoxen Peak.

Hammerhead teared up as he gazed at his home. It's been over a decade since I laid my eyes on this familiar place.

"I wonder if Divine Smithing Sect still exists after so many years." Sighing, he trudged up the mountain.

Jared and Flaxseed followed closely behind because they were afraid of being separated from Hammerhead. They weren't familiar with the Ethereal Realm, after all. If they got lost, they might be reduced to mere beggars.

Not long after, the trio arrived at a towering stone door. Its surrounding was brimming with various weeds and enough trees to make a forest. However, the stone structure was still standing.

The words "Divine Smithing Sect" were engraved on the door. Even though the carving appeared aged, those three words could still be clearly seen.

After the trio stepped past the stone door, they saw rubble everywhere on the ground. The place had clearly been abandoned for a lengthy period and no longer resembled its original appearance. However, based on what could be observed from the rubble, Jared imagined the home of Divine Smithing Sect must've once been a glorious sight to behold.

As Hammerhead stared at the scene before him, he dropped to his knees and began sobbing.

Jared and Flaxseed remained silent while watching Hammerhead cry.

After all, who could suppress their sorrow when they saw their sect in utter ruin?

Hammerhead wept for a long while before wiping his tears away and bringing the other two inside.

Soon, they arrived at a bone-chillingly cold and deep lake.

Even though the place hadn't been tended to for years, the water remained crystal clear without any impurities.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2457-Staring at the clear water of the lake, Flaxseed couldn't resist kneeling down to wash his face with it. I can't wait to wash off all the dirt from the last few days.

"No, don't!" Hammerhead cried out when he saw what Flaxseed was about to do.

Unfortunately, it was too late. Flaxseed had dipped both his hands into the lake. The moment he made contact with the water, rays of piercing aura shot out of it.

Looking like sharp swords, they flew rapidly in Flaxseed's direction.

Fortunately, Flaxseed had gone on his guard upon hearing Hammerhead's warning. Just as the piercing aura was about to strike him, he jumped backward and rolled on the ground, avoiding the attack in the nick of time. Covered in dust, Flaxseed got back to his feet and wiped the cold sweat off his brow. "Why does the lake emit such a fearsome aura? I was so close to being killed by it."

"Mr. Flaxseed, are you all right?" Jared frantically inquired.

"I'm fine," Flaxseed responded with a nod.

Jared turned to Hammerhead and asked, "What was that, Master Hammerhead?"

Hammerhead explained, "This is a sword-cleansing lake. After years of having magic swords washed and refined in it, it has accumulated significant amounts of sword energy. With time, this energy evolved into sword spirits that protect the lake and prevent anyone from touching it."

"What? Did you just say that the lake has sword spirits in it? Where are they? Why don't I see them?"

The shocked Flaxseed began looking into the water but couldn't see any sword spirits at all.

Jared, who was equally curious, scrutinized the lake carefully. Even though the surface of the water was clear, one could only see a few meters deep. Beyond that was an opaque layer of white that obscured the view of the bottom.

Nonetheless, Jared could clearly sense the sharp rays of sword energy moving through the water as if there were fish swimming in it. If one were to jump into the lake unawares, one would instantly be cut to death by the sword energy.

“Master Hammerhead, what should we do next? Do you have any ideas?” Jared asked Hammerhead.

“Of course I do. As a blacksmith of the Divine Smithing Sect, I obviously know how to deal with our own sword-cleansing lake.”

Hammerhead nodded before continuing, “Give me the Dragonslayer Sword. I’ll throw it into the sword-cleansing lake to be refined.”

Jared subsequently handed Dragonslayer Sword to Hammerhead.

With Dragonslayer Sword in hand, Hammerhead began chanting something. Thereafter he raised two pinched fingers that fired off a golden ray of light into the sword-cleansing lake.

Once the golden light entered the lake, its calm surface began to gurgle, causing the water to splash upward.

At the sight of the phenomenon, Hammerhead threw Dragonslayer Sword toward the center of the lake. It disappeared the moment it entered the water. Immediately after, the water stopped gurgling, and the lake regained its previous calm as if nothing had happened at all.

The turn of events stunned Hammerhead, who stared at the lake in disbelief.

“Master Hammerhead, what’s going on? Where’s my sword?” Jared inquired anxiously when he saw the look on Hammerhead’s face.

“H-How did it turn out this way? This shouldn’t be happening.”

The panicking Hammerhead began to chant a spell that shot rays of golden light into the sword-cleansing lake.

However, the lake remained silent with no motion whatsoever. Even Dragonslayer Sword was nowhere to be seen.

Regardless of how Hammerhead intensified his spell, there was just no movement from the sword-cleansing lake. Frustration filled the blacksmith.

Jared, equally concerned, could feel cold sweat beading on his forehead. By now, he had become so attached to Dragonslayer Sword that it felt like a part of his own body. If it were to be lost just like that, there was no way he could accept it.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2458-Just as Jared and Hammerhead were filled with anxiety and had no idea what to do, a giant bubble suddenly appeared on the surface of the lake. It heralded the subsequent rise of a white-haired old man from the water itself.

The old man's body took on a transparent look as it floated above the water. One could clearly see that he was a spirit given the absence of a physical body.

The sight of the old man caused Hammerhead to behave in a respectful manner. He stepped forward and greeted cordially, "Greetings, Swarder. I am Hammerhead, a disciple of Divine Smithing Sect."

Swarder gave Hammerhead an icy look and said, "More than ten years have passed. And here I was, thinking that all the members of Divine Smithing Sect were dead. I hadn't expected one of you to still remember this sword-cleansing lake."

"Given that you have helped our sect refine countless sacred swords, there's no way we would ever forget you. Just a moment ago, I was trying to repair my friend's magic sword. Unfortunately, it has sunk to the bottom of the lake. I hope that you'll be able to retrieve it for us," Hammerhead said to Swarder.

"Are you talking about the sword from just now? That's one of the magic swords that I prided myself in refining. I can't believe that it has been reduced to such a terrible condition," Swarder commented with a displeased look on his face.

"Swarder, that's because the sword spirit of Dragonslayer Sword was injured when it was lost in the mundane world. It also hasn't been long since I obtained it. As a result, it was damaged due to its inability to withstand my power. That's why I hope that you will repair the sword, as I'm confident that its true potential can be unleashed in my hands," Jared beseeched Swarder.

Swarder scrutinized Jared, his eyes brimming with contempt. "There's no way Dragonslayer Sword would fail to withstand that meager strength of yours. It seems to me that it has fallen into such a decrepit state due to your neglect. Now that the sword has been returned to my hands, I'm not going to hand it over anymore. Instead, I want to refine it into an even more powerful magic sword," Swarder declared in an icy tone.

"Swarder, Dragonslayer Sword has already become one with Jared and sees him as its owner. I implore you to hand it back to Jared," Hammerhead pleaded quickly.

"The only reason it has done so is that its sword spirit has been damaged, thereby allowing the kid to take advantage of the situation. Otherwise, there's

no way it would acknowledge the kid as its owner. Dragonslayer Sword is like a child of mine, and I'm not going to allow my child to marry an incompetent man. From the aura he's exuding, he is no more than a Manifestor and doesn't deserve to wield the sword at all!"

While Sworder was speaking, ripples began to appear on his body as he started to gradually fade away.

Furrowing his brows in response, Jared concentrated the Power of Dragons in his right fist.

"Sacred Light Fist!"

He unleashed a punch in the direction of the sword-cleansing lake, enveloping the entire lake with the golden glow of his fist.

Since Sworder refused to hand over Dragonslayer Sword, Jared had no choice but to seize it by force. The sword had already become part of his body, and no one was going to take it away from him.

"Stop, Jared!" Hammerhead shouted frantically when he saw Jared attack Sworder.

Unfortunately, Jared's punch had already struck the lake. Its devastating impact sent water bursting into the air.

The disappearing Sworder materialized immediately in response to the strike.

"Insolence! How dare you attack me!"

The scowling Sworder fired off countless sword energy strikes with a wave of his hand, piercing Jared's golden fist in the blink of an eye.

"Ever since Divine Smithing Sect was destroyed more than ten years ago, no one has dared to lay a finger on my sword-cleansing lake. Yet a young punk like you has the audacity to attack me?"

As Sworder glowered, the piercing sword energy that blanketed the sky flew toward Jared.

Watching Jared's fist shatter and how the sword energy was descending upon him like rain, Flaxseed and Hammerhead turned pale in shock.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2459-Meanwhile, Jared's expression turned grim as he faced Sworder's overwhelming sword energy. Even though the latter was just a spirit, the sword energy he fired out was not to be underestimated.

Out of precaution, Jared deployed Golem Body, covering himself with shining golden scales before pulling out Divine Bow.

Upon drawing the bow, countless sparkles began to illuminate the bowstring as glowing golden arrows appeared on it.

Jared let out a ferocious roar as he released the bowstring, firing innumerable arrows toward the approaching sword energy.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

Consecutive explosions rang out in the air as Sworder's sword energy strikes were all countered by Divine Bow's arrows.

As for Sworder, he simply stared blankly at Divine Bow with his brows tightly knitted.

"I'm surprised to see a divine weapon in your possession. It seems there's more to you than meets the eye," Sworder exclaimed.

"Sworder, I just want Dragonslayer Sword back and have no intention to fight you. Please return it to me," Jared said to Sworder calmly.

Staring at Jared briefly, Sworder replied, "You can have Dragonslayer Sword back, but you have to get it yourself from the bottom of the lake. Let's see if you have the guts to do it."

"I'll get it. What's the big deal?"

No sooner had Jared finished than he prepared to jump into the lake.

Even though the sword-cleansing lake was brimming with sword energy, Jared expected Golem Body to protect himself from them.

“Jared, the lake is filled with countless sword marionettes. There was once a drunk elder of Divine Smithing Sect who jumped into the lake to bathe. He never came out after that,” Hammerhead warned Jared.

The words stunned Jared, who had assumed that Swarder was the only inhabitant of the lake and never expected there to be sword marionettes. He was well aware that the power of sword marionettes grew accordingly with the sword energy available.

The fact that the lake was brimming with sword energy meant that the sword marionettes inside were definitely formidable foes.

“Are you afraid, kid?” Swarder let out a snigger. “If you’re able to retrieve Dragonslayer Sword, I promise to not only repair it but also upgrade it for you.”

Jared readily nodded in response. “All right. It’s a deal.”

With that, Jared dived into the lake without hesitation. Barely had he entered the water when he felt his body cut repeatedly by the sword energy.

Fortunately, they were not able to cause him any harm, allowing Jared to dive deeper into the depths of the lake.

The deeper Jared went, the water clarity close to the surface began to transition into darkness. By then, Flaxseed and Hammerhead could no longer see Jared’s figure from the shore.

Meanwhile, Jared fully unleashed his spiritual sense to resist the sword energy while searching for Dragonslayer Sword at the same time.

Soon, Jared seemed to come into contact with a barrier. The deeper he swam, the stronger the resistance he faced. In fact, it was powerful enough to push his body back.

Unleashing his energy in an explosive burst, Jared charged forward abruptly. After a brief feeling of tremendous pressure, he felt the tension suddenly disappear as his body rapidly descended.

As he continued to pick up speed, he saw a layer of light in front of his eyes. Only then did he realize that he was no longer surrounded by water. Raising

his head to look up, he noticed that the space he was in was separated from the water by the layer of light.

It turned out that there was a huge hole beneath the lake. Floating in the air, Jared could feel his body continue to fall.

In the midst of his descent, he felt waves of violent aura rising from beneath him. Jared squinted his eyes to look and was quickly greeted by the sight of a sword marionette horde. All of them were wandering around with magic swords in their hands.

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A Man Like None Other Chapter 2460-On top of that, Jared could see that they had Dragonslayer Sword completely surrounded.

In order to retrieve it, he knew that he had to either annihilate all the sword marionettes or draw them away.

There were tens of sword marionettes, and every single one exuded a ferocious aura. Given that the weakest among them was at least a Manifestor, it would be impossible for Jared to defeat them all at once.

If there were only one or two Manifestor sword marionettes, Jared would have nothing to fear. Faced with tens of them, Jared was under no illusion that he wouldn't be instantly ripped apart if he attempted to retrieve Dragonslayer Sword.

Hence, he quietly observed the sword marionettes below while floating in midair. There, he racked his brains for a plan while wearing a frown on his face.

Fortunately, the sword marionettes didn't possess spiritual sense, preventing them from detecting Jared above their heads. Otherwise, the latter would have long been annihilated.

After watching them for more than ten minutes, Jared knew that procrastinating would solve nothing. As a result, he began to drift slowly down toward the sword marionettes.

While doing so, he tried his best to suppress his aura so that they wouldn't detect him.

However, once he descended a certain distance, several of the sword marionettes below him stopped moving. One by one, their bodies exploded with blistering light, unleashing a terrifying aura that sought to envelop Jared.

Thereafter, the sword marionettes raised their heads and charged toward him. In response, Jared backed off swiftly to put some distance between himself and his attackers.

However, the sword marionettes chased him down, refusing to give him the opportunity to flee.

Staring at the small group of sword marionettes in hot pursuit, Jared realized the others seemed to be oblivious to his presence. With that thought in mind, he continued to drift away.

“Can it be that they can only detect me at a certain distance?”

At that moment, Jared came to a stop. With his eyes on the approaching sword marionettes, he pushed both palms forward to shoot a wave of piercing aura out.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Struck by his barrage of palm strikes, the sword marionettes exploded into sword energy that gradually faded away.

“This seems like a good idea.”

The sight of the decimated sword marionettes filled Jared with delight.

He could lure them out a few at a time and destroy them in smaller numbers. Doing so would allow him to retrieve Dragonslayer Sword once their numbers had been sufficiently reduced.

Putting his thoughts into action, Jared slowly approached a group of sword marionettes. Once again, those few sword marionettes closest to him began their pursuit upon detecting his aura.

Jared was elated that his plan worked as expected. He swiftly made quick work of them after luring them away.

By using the same method, he managed to exterminate more than a dozen sword marionettes. Even though the process was slow and would take a long

time to kill tens of them, he couldn't think of any better ideas.

Just when he slowly approached the next group of sword marionettes, a sense of dread suddenly gripped him. He could feel waves of aura bearing down upon him from the lake above his head.

Jerking his head up to look, the sight before him caused him to gasp.

More than a dozen sword marionettes brandishing magic swords had broken through the light barrier and were charging in his direction.

"What's going on? Did the sword marionettes I killed earlier come back alive?"

The shock caused Jared to break into a cold sweat.

The sword marionettes Jared had killed earlier had dissipated away as sword energy and returned to the lake. There, the sword energy was reconstituted back into sword marionettes.

In other words, Jared hadn't killed any of them at all. And now, sandwiched between the newly-formed sword marionettes above and the ones below, he had no place left to hide.