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Rumble! Immediately afterward, a blinding bolt of lightning struck, directly hitting the inside of the mountain range through the gap. The sudden turn of events prompted everyone to halt in their tracks

"I-Is this lightning tribulation?" Misho asked confusedly at the sight of the lightning striking the

"Indeed. That is undoubtedly lightning tribulation!" Hamish nodded in astonishment. It was clear to everyone how the lightning tribulation came about.

Kai was the only person cultivating within the mountain range. The pounding of lightning tribulation on the mountain could only mean Kai had broken through.

Boom!

Under everyone's watchful gaze, another bolt of lightning struck, and only after a round of bombardment did the lightning tribulation cloud gradually disperse.

Following the dissipation of the lightning tribulation cloud, Kai emerged from the cave. As a result of enduring the lightning tribulation, his clothes were tattered and in pieces, barely covering his body.

However, Kai was unconcerned because his cultivation had advanced by another minor level. It won't be long before I break through Body Fusion Realm and become a Tribulator!

Despite his pathetic and disheveled appearance, his eyes shone, and his aura grew more formidable.

"Ah!" the two girls, Kiara and Izolda, suddenly exclaimed and quickly spun around. Their scream pulled Kai back to his senses, and he hastily covered his private parts with his hand.

Feenix swiftly took out a new set of clothes and stepped forward to help Kai put them on. Kai felt quite embarrassed, showing up in that indecent state in front of everyone, not to mention in the presence of a few girls.

"Kai, have you broken through?" Misho inquired after the younger man was done changing.

The latter nodded. "Yes. I've advanced from the Eighth Level of Body Fusion Realm to the Ninth Level. I reckon it won't be long before I become a Tribulator too."

Kai was ecstatic. After all, even advancing a minor cultivation level was exceptionally arduous for

"You triggered such a massive lightning tribulation by breaking through a minor cultivation level?

This is absurd!" Hamish remarked in awe.

Kai didn't know how to explain the phenomenon either. Whenever he experienced an advancement in cultivation level, it would be accompanied by a great commotion.

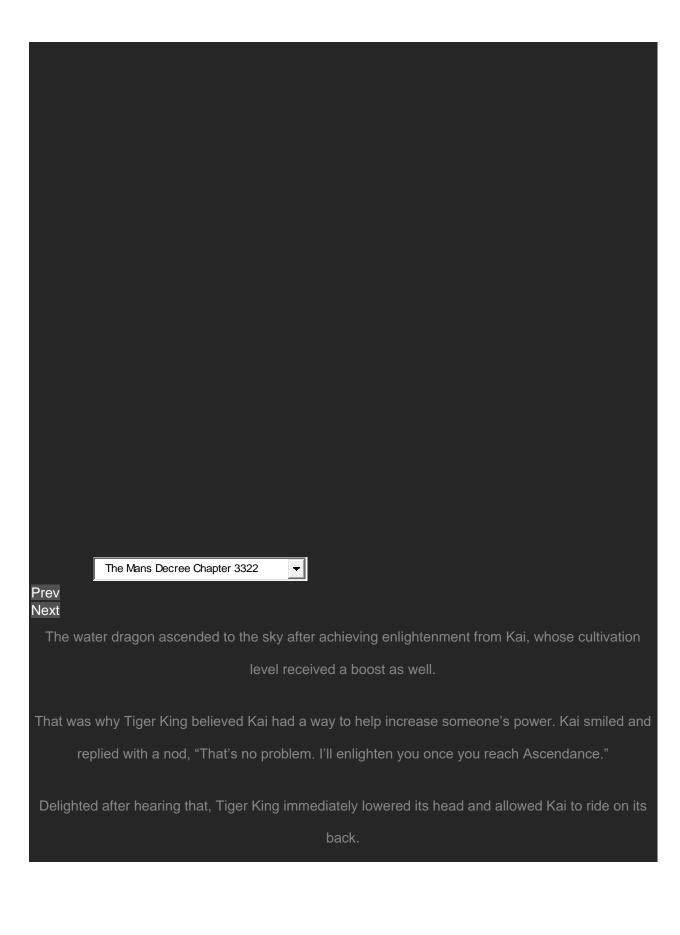
"All right. We should get going and leave Mount Crimson as soon as possible. We can't fly here, and this place is infested with demon beasts, so it's too dangerous." Sensing Kai was at a loss for a response, Misho quickly helped him out of the tight spot.

"Okay. Let's depart. If we move fast, we should be able to exit Mount Crimson in a day and a night,"

Hamish said.

Not long after they set off, the group encountered a group of silver tigers blocking their way, with Tiger King leading the beasts.

Everyone tensed up, unsure of the silver tigers' intentions.
Kai also knitted his brows. "What do you want?"
"Don't misunderstand. We mean no harm. I led my subordinates here to send you off. Ride on our
backs. This way, we can get you out of Mount Crimson faster," Tiger King explained.
Hearing that, Kai was taken aback. He didn't anticipate Tiger King would offer to send them out of Mount Crimson.
"Why would you do this?" Kai was baffled, given his lack of deep connection with Tiger King.
Tiger King approached him and whispered, "I just hope you can also enlighten me someday.
Although I'm still not sufficiently strong, I'm confident I can also attain Ascendance in the future."
It turned out Tiger King had learned of the incident where Kai led the water dragon into the cave and
showed the water dragon guidance.
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Kai then motioned at everyone to ride on the backs of the other silver tigers. As the silver tigers had been living in Mount Crimson all their lives, they were able to traverse the terrain a lot faster than Kai and his party.

The journey would have originally taken them a whole day and a night, but the silver tigers managed to get them out of Mount Crimson within a day.

After saying goodbye to Kai and the others, Tiger King led its subordinate back into Mount Crimson.

"What did Tiger King tell you, Mr. Chance? Why were they willing to give us a ride?" Cloud asked curiously.

"Nothing much. Hurry up and retrieve the airship so we can get some rest in there. We've been travelling all night," Kai replied.

Hamish stepped forward and halted them, stating, "We're currently in the southern region.

Salinsburgh City is approximately a thousand miles away, and Demonia Mountain lies just beyond the city. This area, being the border, tends to be quite tumultuous. Moreover, Salinsburgh City is the final location for resupply before entering Demonia Mountain, making it inevitably crowded. Boarding the airship at this moment would draw excessive attention. I recommend maintaining a low profile since it's not too far away."

As Hamish was the leader of the group, his words carried a lot of authority. Kai motioned at Cloud to stow the airship away, and the group began heading toward Salinsburgh City on foot.

Along the way, Kai noticed that the area was indeed rather chaotic. Demon beasts were spotted even in towns where cultivators resided.

As if that wasn't bad enough, fights would often break out between the towns as well. In order to ensure their safety during their journey, Kai and his party picked the routes where they would encounter the least amount of people.

Even so, they still saw lots of dead demon beasts and cultivators lying on the roads. Kai couldn't help but feel as though the southern region was no different from a wasteland.

They spent a whole night walking and only took a short break halfway through the journey. At sunrise, they finally arrived at Salinsburgh City.

Salinsburgh City was not as big as Yellow Blue City, nor was it as luxurious. The moat wasn't all that big, but the queue at the city gate was incredibly long.

"It seems these people are all headed for Demonia Mountain in search of magical items. They don't even know if there will be any!" Izolda said with a sneer as she stared at the people queuing at the gate.

Misho shot her a fierce glare in response. "Shut your mouth!"

"Come on, let's go find a place to stay and rest for a day or two. After that, we'll head straight to Demonia Mountain," Hamish said.

Since he was the leader, everyone followed in his lead and entered Salinsburgh City with him.

Meanwhile, Xanthus and Hyrum were searching for something on the streets of Salinsburgh City.

"Elder Fabrizio, could it be that Salinsburgh City doesn't have any Demon Seal Alliance subbranches?" Hyrum asked.

We got here yesterday, but we haven't found any of Demon Seal Alliance's subbranches at all.

There's no way the few of us can kill Kai on our own!

"Logically speaking, that shouldn't be the case. Demon Seal Alliance has countless subbranches all							
over the world."							
Having been imprisoned by Demon Seal Alliance for so many years, Xanthus knew all about its							
operations and forces.							
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"Let's continue searching, then. If we still can't find any, then we'll just have to figure something out."

Hyrum hated Kai to the bone after being forced to lose his parasitic silkworm. He was determined to kill Kai even if the people from Demon Seal Alliance couldn't do so.

While Xanthus and Hyrum continued to search for the subbranch, they saw a huge amount of people gathered at the square and headed over out of curiosity.

"What's going on? Why are so many people gathered here?" Xanthus asked a cultivator. The cultivator simply shot Xanthus an icy-cold glare and ignored his question completely.

Xanthus frowned in anger, but Hyrum quickly handed the cultivator a valuable ancient coin. The cultivator's attitude changed the moment he saw the ancient coin. "You two must be new here, huh?" he asked with a smile.

"Yes, that's right. We just got here a while ago!" Hyrum replied with a nod.

"It's no wonder you two don't know what's going on. Mr. Jablonski is seeking medical assistance here. His daughter contracted some kind of illness that no one could cure. Since a lot of cultivators have come to Salinsburgh City after the discovery of the celestial battlefield in Demonia Mountain,

Mr. Jablonski decided to look for alchemists who could cure his daughter.

It has been three days now. Although quite a few alchemists have tried to cure his daughter, none of them have succeeded. As if that wasn't bad enough, they even died in the process. Despite the huge reward, no one else dared risk their life after seeing what happened," the cultivator explained.

Xanthus' eyes lit up immediately after he heard that. He then guided Hyrum forward and noticed an advertisement for alchemists on a stone pillar.

Not only would Atlas Jablonski reward the individual who successfully cured his daughter with a substantial sum of spirit coins, but he also pledged to fulfill a single request unconditionally.

"Your chance has come, Mr. Goeckner!" Xanthus said with a faint smile.

'Many alchemists have tried to cure Mr. Jablonski's daughter, but to no avail. I don't think I can do it,

Elder Fabrizio. Besides, things could get dangerous if Mr. Jablonski finds out about our identities,"

Hyrum said, feeling a little scared.

Although Demonic Cultivators could suppress their aura with the help of pills, they would still be in huge danger if they got exposed.

"What are you so afraid of? I could save you even if you fail to cure her! We should split up. I'll go look for Demon Seal Alliance's subbranch while you treat Mr. Jablonski's daughter. We'll be able to kill Kai no matter which one of us succeeds," Xanthus said.

Although reluctant, Hyrum nodded in response anyway. After all, Xanthus held a higher position than he did.

Two of Atlas' men took Hyrum away shortly after he accepted the task while Xanthus headed off in search of the subbranch.

Kai and the others arrived shortly after the two had left.

"Looks like we've got another gutsy one. A few of those alchemists have already been killed, and there are still more who are willing to give it a shot.

"People are willing to give their lives up for riches. Mr. Jablonski's rewards are simply too attractive to resist. I'd try my hand at it too if I were an alchemist. I'll even have his daughter marry me if I manage to cure her."

"Oh, dream on!"

The crowd slowly dispersed while gossiping about the rewards.

Hamish got curious when he heard what they said, so he stopped one of the cultivators and asked,

"Hi, could you tell me what just happened?

The cultivator eyed Hamish from head to toe im response. Before he could even say anything

Hamish had stuffled a bag off spint coins inGD his hand

The cultivator then told Hamish everything that had just happened.

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"I can't believe Mr. Jablonski's daughter is sick. She was just fine a while back!" Hamish exclaimed with a sigh.

"You know Mr. Jablonski?" Misho asked. Things would be a lot easier for them if Hamish was acquainted with Atlas as they could all stay over at the latter's residence for two days.

Alas, Hamish shook his head. "Of course not! I just happened to run into him a few times in the past, that's all. While I may not know the mayor, I do have friends here in Salinsburgh City, so you need not worry about our lodging," he replied as he led the group deeper into the city.

The mayor's residence was located in the center of the city. It had been renovated and looked a lot more luxurious compared to the somewhat shabby city gate.

The mayor had a thing for luxury, so he had a fancy mansion constructed in the center of Salinsburgh City.

On one side of the mayor's residence was a medium-sized courtyard that had somehow withstood the harsh weather fairly well. Hamish then led the group straight into the courtyard. However, Kai frowned slightly the moment they entered the courtyard.

Wait a minute... Why am I detecting celestial energy here? We're no longer in Mount Crimson, so how could there be celestial energy here? It's faint, but definitely noticeable!

"What's wrong, Master?" Feenix asked.

Kai shook his head. "It's nothing."

"Guests have arrived, Victor! Come receive them!" Hamish shouted the moment he walked through the door.

Had they not known any better, they would have assumed they were entering a brothel. A hunchbacked elderly man with a walking stick in hand came out shortly after.

"You've certainly brought quite a lot of people over, Hamish! Unfortunately, you guys arrived a little late today, so you'll have to make do with the east wing," Victor Jablonski said.

Hamish froze when he heard that. "Huh? You have other guests here?"

Victor nodded in response.

"You're not short on cash or anything, so why would you start accepting guests?" Hamish asked in confusion

"What are you talking about? They're practically family to me, so I can't just turn them down!

Lots of people from the five regions have been coming over asking for lodgings ever since word got out about Demonia Mountain. I knew you'd be coming over, so I reserved the east wing for you.

Otherwise, it wouldn't even be available to you by now! You'd have to sleep on the street, then!"

Victor said and went back into the house.

Hamish quickly led the group inside after hearing that. After the group had chosen their respective rooms, Hamish sat down in the main hall and chatted with Victor. The two were such close friends that they could talk just about anything.

"I heard Mr. Jablonski's daughter is sick. It sounds serious," Hamish said.

"It is. He has been seeking the help of alchemists for days, but none of them were of any use. My eldest niece killed them all on the spot. I know the word on the street is that my brother killed those alchemists, but that's not true."

Victor then glanced about to make sure no one was around before continuing softly, "My niece started having manic episodes lately for some reason. She would kill those alchemists whenever they failed to cure her. My brother may be ruthless, but he's not so cruel that he would kill those alchemists. Because of those false rumors spreading like wildfire, however, no alchemists dared accept the task anymore. My brother is at a loss right now."

Hamish was a little surprised when he heard that.

Why does it sound as though Mr. Jablonski's daughter is suffering from the effects of the poison veil in Mount Crimson? While the poison veil does cause its victims to lose their minds and become

violent, its effects are temporary. They return to normal once the poison veil is gone, and there are no poison veils here in Salinsburgh City, so I can't really tell if it is the poison veil that's causing her manic episodes.

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"I happen to have an alchemist in my group, Victor. How about I have him treat your niece?" Hamish suggested.

"Forget it. So many alchemists have tried, and none have succeeded. I doubt that alchemist of yours is any better, so there's no point in trying," Victor replied with a dismissive wave.

Having known Hamish for a long time, Victor knew that the alchemists travelling with him were all average at best.

Displeased with Victor's dismissive attitude, Hamish exclaimed, "Don't underestimate him, Victor.

The alchemist in my group is a Supreme Alchemist."

Victor froze. "A Supreme Alchemist? Really?"

"Wait here while I go get him," Hamish said as he got up and went looking for Kai. Kai was planning on getting some rest so he could cultivate after making a breakthrough, only to have Hamish come asking him for help.

"Victor, this is Mr. Chance, the Supreme Alchemist," Hamish said, introducing him to Victor

Hamish then pointed at Victor and said, "Mr. Chance, this is Victor, Mr. Jablonski's sworn brother.

He's older than Mr. Jablonski, which is why he could have this courtyard built right next to the mansion."

"Are you kidding me, Hamish? This guy is the Supreme Alchemist you mentioned?" Victor asked in disbelief as he eyed Kai from head to toe.

This guy looks way too young to be a Supreme Alchemist!

"Do I look like I'm kidding? We encountered a poison veil while we were in Mount Crimson. It was Mr. Chance who saved our lives back there. He gave me a pill when I got injured at one point, and my wound healed completely the next day. Hurry up and bring us to Mr. Jablonski's mansion. Who knows? Mr. Chance might just be able to cure your niece!"

After seeing how serious Hamish was, Victor shot Kai another doubtful glance before replying with a nod, "All right, then. I'll let you guys give it a shot."

"Sorry, but I don't have time for that."

To their surprise, Kai refused to help.

I don't know the mayor, let alone his daughter, so why should I treat her? Besides, I'm not in desperate need for spirit coins either. I just want to cultivate while we rest to prepare for our trip to Demonia Mountain. There's no telling what dangers we may come across.

Victor froze in shock as he didn't think Kai would refuse to help out.

Hamish, too, was equally surprised. "Please just take a look at her, Mr. Chance. You will be rewarded generously if you manage to treat her condition!"

"Young man, you may make any request if you successfully treat my niece!" Victor said.

"All right, then. I'll try treating your niece, but I don't want spirit coins as a reward. Instead, I want that
trove tree in your backyard," Kai replied with a faint smile.

Kai had detected a faint celestial energy the moment he entered the courtyard. After looking around
for a bit, he noticed a trove tree in the backyard. It was enclosed with arcane arrays to keep the
celestial energy trapped inside.
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Victor froze for a few seconds before casting Kai a terrifying glare in response. Noticing that
something was off about Victor's expression, Hamish quickly said, "What's so great about a tree, Mr.
Chance?"
"I want that tree. I will proceed to treat her as soon as you agree to my request," Kai said calmly.
Victor's expression eased up a little as he said, "Fine, you're quite good if you saw what's special
about that tree. I hope you won't disappoint me."
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Inside the mayor's mansion, Atlas looked anxiously at his daughter, his face etched with worry.

Before him, his daughter, Effie Jablonski, was bound in chains and surrounded by an arcane array.

"Don't blame me, Effie. I have no other choice. This is the only way to prevent you from hurting others, Atlas said, tears in his eyes.

He didn't want to do this, but after Effie killed several alchemists, the entire mayor's mansion was besieged by rumors and criticism, leaving him with no alternative.

"Dad, don't be sad. I won't blame you. If my illness truly has no cure, then it's better to end my life. I don't wish to become a murderous lunatic," Effie comforted her father.

"Rest assured, I've issued a notice. If anyone can cure you, I'm willing to agree to any of their demands. Even if it means relinquishing my mayorship, I'm prepared to do it. I just want you safe and sound."

Atlas' eyes brimmed with love and a readiness to sacrifice everything for his daughter.

Effie, on the other hand, felt a pang of guilt upon hearing her father's words. She couldn't comprehend why she had turned into this state.

"Dad, where's Mom? I haven't seen her for several days," Effie asked.

"Your mom..." Atlas hesitated, unsure whether to tell his daughter the truth.

His wife had been bedridden for days due to stress from their daughter's condition, and he had not told Effie to avoid worrying her.

Noticing her father's hesitation, Effie became anxious and was about to press for more information when the butler came in and reported to Atlas, "Mr. Jablonski, an alchemist named Mr. Goeckner has responded to your notice. He is waiting outside right now."

"Please, bring him in immediately!"

Atlas was overjoyed. No alchemist had been willing to come to the mayor's mansion due to recent rumors, which had left him apprehensive.

Alchemists were a rare existence in Ethereal Realm. Where cultivators were common, alchemists were not, especially in the southern region.

As a result, even a low-level and weak alchemist would garner respect and could lead an honorable life in Ethereal Realm.

Shortly, Hyrum was ushered in, and Atlas eagerly approached to greet him. "Mr. Goeckner, I hope you can save my daughter. Cure her, and any conditions you may have will be negotiable," Atlas expressed respectfully.

Hyrum was somewhat nervous at that moment, fearing that his true identity as a Demonic Cultivator would be revealed.

"Mr. Jablonski, there's no need for formalities. Let me see what ails your daughter," Hyrum said and turned to look at Effie, who was still bound in chains.

Atlas led the way, providing an explanation of Effie's condition. As he listened, a glint of excitement flickered in Hyrum's eyes.

From Atlas' description, it became apparent that Effie wasn't sick but poisoned, and the symptoms resembled those of poison veil-a poison Hyrum himself had crafted.

If it was indeed that poison, he would have a method to cure Effie, putting Atlas in his debt.

"Mr. Jablonski, open up the arcane array. I need to examine your daughter, but during the process,

I'll require the use of an arcane array to shield my aura from detection," Hyrum requested,

concerned that his aura might be revealed during the examination.

"You have my full cooperation, Mr. Goeckner."

Atlas nodded and deactivated the arcane array to allow Hyrum near Effie. Hyrum conducted his examination, and at first glance, Effie appeared normal, resembling any other person.

However, as Hyrum approached, Effie's eyes suddenly turned blood-red, and she became delirious, glaring and growling at him.

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"Don't be afraid, Mr. Goeckner. My daughter is chained up. She won't be able to hurt you," Atlas hastily reassured. He feared that Hyrum might be frightened away.

"A mere hysteria can't scare me," Hyrum replied. He immediately took out a packet of white powder and tossed it toward Effie. Effie inhaled the white powder, and immediately, she calmed down, her eyes gradually regaining clarity.

Atlas was thrilled by this unexpected development, not anticipating that Hyrum would swiftly subdue

his daughter's condition.

With Effie now restored to her normal state, Hyrum infused her with a stream of spiritual energy.

After a moment, Hyrum's expression turned grave, causing unease to settle in Atlas.

Stepping out of the arcane array, Hyrum addressed him, "Mr. Jablonski, your daughter's condition is quite serious. If this continues, I fear she won't have much time left..."

Hearing this, Atlas became panicked. "Mr. Goeckner, could you save my daughter? If you could cure her, I'll do anything you ask. I can even retire from my mayorship and let you succeed me..."

Hyrum felt a surge of joy inside. Although he couldn't be the mayor, he could certainly use Atlas to deal with Kai.

"Mr. Jablonski, your daughter's condition is severe, but it's not beyond treatment. It's just that the treatment is somewhat complex, and I need to concoct a pill," Hyrum said with feigned profundity.

"Mr. Goeckner, tell me what you need for the pill concoction. I will fulfill any requirement," Atlas said.

"That won't be necessary. I have my own mystical herb. However, there is one thing I would ask of you," Hyrum stated as he looked at Atlas.

'Please tell me, Mr. Goeckner. I'll even agree to ten things if you so require," Atlas said, desperate to save his daughter.

"I have a grudge with a man named Kai Chance. He should be arriving in Salinsburgh City within a day or two, so I would like you to capture him and hand him over to me," Hyrum said.

"No problem. I'll give the orders right away. Anyone named Kai Chance who appears in Salinsburgh

City will be captured." Atlas nodded, showing little concern for who Kai was, as his daughter

remained his priority.

Upon Atlas' swift agreement, a smug expression crossed Hyrum's face.

"Mr. Jablonski, there's no need to bind your daughter now. The medicine I just administered will ensure she won't relapse for three days. Within that time, I will concoct the pill to completely cure her," Hyrum confidently declared.

"Thank you, Mr. Goeckner! Thank you so much," Atlas expressed with excitement, repeatedly expressing his gratitude.

Soon after, Atlas personally escorted Hyrum out of the mayor's mansion, then issued the order to capture Kai.

Unaware of the warrant for his arrest, Kai, accompanied by Victor and Hamish, entered the mayor's

Recognizing Victor, the guards didn't hinder their entry. For Hamish, it was his inaugural visit to the mayor's mansion, and he appeared quite thrilled.

Victor, leading Kai and the others, navigated directly to Effie's room. His familiarity with the
mansion's layout indicated frequent visits.
Upon reaching Effie's room, however, Victor found it empty. The empty chains and the arcane array
put in place were gone.
"Butler, where is Effie?"
Victor's expression turned serious.
He was worried that something might have happened to Effie, for he had watched over her since she
was little and had grown quite fond of her.
"Victor, when did you get here?"
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Atlas hurried over upon seeing Victor.
The latter's expression remained stern as he demanded, "Where is Effie? What have you done with
her?"
"Effie's in her mother's room. Where else could she be?" Atlas asked with a chuckle.
Stumped, Victor asked, "Aren't you afraid Effie will have an episode?"
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The Mans Decree Chapter 3328 Prev Next "Don't worry, Effie's condition has been stabilized. Mr. Goeckner will be coming over today. He'll be able to treat Effie's illness. Since her condition has stabilized, she won't be experiencing any flareups for now," Atlas explained.

Upon hearing that Effie's condition had been stabilized, Victor beamed. "That's wonderful! I even brought an alchemist with me, hoping that he'd be able to treat Effie. It looks like he's no longer needed."

Atlas glanced at Hamish and Kai, who were behind Victor, and said, "Well, not exactly. Effie's mother has fallen ill from worrying about Effie's condition. You might as well bring your alchemist to check on her."

"Sure." Victor nodded before heading toward the bedroom with Hamish, Kai, and Atlas.

Upon entering the bedroom, Kai was greeted with the sight of a girl on the bed, her face tear-stained. At the same time, there was a woman on the bed with a pale face. Though her eyes were open, they were unfocused.

"Uncle Victor..." Effie greeted when she saw Victor.

Victor's smile widened when he realized that Effie was truly fine. He then turned to Kai and said, "My niece seems fine now, so please check my sister-in-law instead."

"Victor, the alchemist you were speaking of was him?" Atlas was taken aback when he saw Victor talking to Kai.

He had thought Hamish was the alchemist and Kai was the apprentice!

After all, Kai appeared young, and alchemists his age were a rare sight. Even Effie was baffled.

"Uncle Victor, isn't this alchemist too young?"

"Just let him try. He's someone an old friend recommended, so I doubt he's bad," Victor explained.

"Mr. Jablonski, I was the one who recommended Mr. Chance to Victor. I'm always traveling between the central region and the southern region, but I haven't seen any alchemist as excellent as Mr.

Chance!" Hamish said to Atlas.

"You are...?" Atlas asked as he studied Hamish.

"Atlas, this is Mr. Chevalier. He's often treasure hunting in the southern region," Victor introduced.

"Oh, I see. I have heard of your name. Since he's an alchemist that you recommend, Mr. Chevalier,
we'll let him try it out."

It was only then Atlas let down his guard and allowed Kai to treat his wife.

Stepping forward, Kai glanced at Calliope, Atlas' wife, then lifted his hand. A strand of spiritual energy gathered around the tip of his finger before transforming into invisible needles that shot into Calliope's body.

In a mere instance, Calliope's complexion began to improve. Meanwhile, Kai fished out a pill and said, "Let Mrs. Jablonski take this, and she'll be fine. She only fell ill because she was experiencing too strong emotions. It isn't anything serious."

Effie took the pill from Kai, but just as her hand accidentally touched his, he frowned. Nevertheless, Effie did not notice Kai's shift of expression. She went on to feed her mother the pill.

Calliope, who took the pill, soon seemed revitalized, and she grabbed her daughter's hand tightly.

Knowing that his wife's condition was not severe in the first place, Atlas did not think much of Kai's capability.

But still, he had to remain polite.

"Thank you very much, Mr. Chance. I'll send someone to thank you with ten thousand spirit coins,"
he said. But Kai did not want ten thousand spirit coins; he wanted Victor's tree.
"Mr. Jablonski, pardon my rudeness, but may I know which alchemist cured your daughter? Do you
know that alchemist well?" Kai queried.
"No, they came after seeing the notice. Is there a problem?" Atlas queried in bewilderment.
"Of course. When I accidentally touched Ms. Jablonski earlier, I discovered that there were weak
traces of demon aura in her. This must have been left behind by the alchemist when they were
giving Ms. Jablonski a checkup. Also, Ms. Jablonski isn't actually ill. She's in this state because
she's been poisoned, and the toxin has gone into her bloodstream," Kai somberly revealed.
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"Poisoned? A Demonic Cultivator? What are you talking about?" Atlas looked at Kai in disbelief. "My daughter hasn't even left the manor all this while, so how could she have been poisoned? Also, you're saying that Mr. Goeckner is a Demonic Cultivator? I was by his side the entire time, so how can I not tell that he's a Demonic Cultivator if he's really one? You've cured my wife, and that is something I'm grateful for, but if you're trying to show off your medical skills, it's best if you do that after a few years more of training."

Atlas did not believe Kai at all.

Even Victor was looking at Hamish with a troubled look. Thus, Hamish stepped forward to tug Kai and said, "Mr. Chance, perhaps you've misjudged the situation. Let's go."

Hamish knew that Atlas would certainly not believe Kai's words. If Kai insisted that he was right, then the atmosphere would turn tense.

Noting Atlas' attitude, Kai could only smile and say, "Maybe I've misjudged the situation. I'll be staying in Salinsburgh City for a few days, and if you have anything you need, feel free to come to me."

With that, Kai left. If not for that tree of Victor's that contained celestial energy, he would not have said anything about Effie at all.

"He may be young, but he's quite an ill- tempered one," Atlas remarked with a scoff. Victor, too, had a look of displeasure on his face. "Hamish, you've brought a rather arrogant alchemist with you this time."

Hamish could only offer a sheepish smile and nothing else. At a courtyard in Salinsburgh City,

Hyrum was merrily lying on the reclining chair, sunbathing.

At that moment, Xanthus returned in a despondent state. Perhaps he was unhappy because he could not find Demon Seal Alliance's branch.

Without Demon Seal Alliance's branch's assistance, it would be challenging for them to kill Kai.

Thus, upon seeing the return of Xanthus, Hyrum leaped to his feet.

However, with a gloomy look, Xanthus asked, "How was it? Did you cure Mr. Jablonski's daughter?"

"I didn't..." Hyrum shook his head.

"Then wipe that smile off your face. We can't find anyone from Demon Seal Alliance to help us out,
and I'm afraid the few of us won't be able to kill Kai."

Xanthus then fell heavily onto the reclining chair.

Nonetheless, Hyrum continued to grin. "Calm down. Although I couldn't cure Mr. Jablonski's daughter, they've agreed to put out a bounty for Kai. As long as Kai dares to step foot into Salinsburgh City, Mr. Jablonski will help us capture him."

Xanthus' interest was piqued when he heard that. "What do you mean? Tell me the whole story."

"Mr. Jablonski's daughter isn't ill. She's just poisoned, and it's from the type of poison I create, a poison veil. However, her case is severe, and even if she's away from the poison veil, she'll still lose consciousness every once in a while. I've used drugs to temporarily suppress her episodes, and I told him that I can concoct the right pill to cure his daughter for good. That's why Mr. Jablonski agreed to my terms," Hyrum smugly said.

"Then can you really cure his daughter?" Xanthus inquired.

Hyrum shook his head. "His daughter's poisoning is severe; I can't cure her completely. However, I can create the right pill to temporarily suppress her symptoms. Once Mr. Jablonski helps us capture Kai, we'll leave Salinsburgh City right away. By then, his daughter's condition won't be an issue to us anymore."

Hyrum knew from the start that he could not cure Effie; he was merely lying to Atlas.

"That's a good plan." Xanthus curled his lips. "You didn't expose your identity, did you? I hear that Mr. Jablonski is quite a formidable opponent. If he finds out your true identity, we're doomed."

"No, I had them stay far away from me when I was treating her, and I had an arcane array shielding me too. There's no way they discovered anything," Hyrum answered with a shake of his head.

"Hahaha! In that case, let's just wait for Kai to be sent to our doorstep!"

By now, Xanthus' foul mood was nowhere to be seen as he burst into happy laughter.

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Kai stood silently before the trove tree in Victor's backyard. It looked very ordinary, and even though people often passed by the yard, no one ever cared to take a second look at the tree.

The glint in Kai's eyes, however, was of absolute envy. After all, the trove tree had grown while absorbing celestial energy and was now practically bursting with it.

Oh, my... If I could absorb every last drop of celestial energy from this tree, I might just be able to break through Body Fusion Realm! There's spiritual energy everywhere in this Ethereal Realm, but pure celestial energy is as scarce as a hen's teeth. In any case, using celestial energy for my cultivation would be way faster than using spiritual energy!

With that, Kai took a deep breath. Ah... The trove tree is surrounded by an arcane array to keep its celestial energy from leaking. That said, an opening must've appeared, which allowed me to pick up on the slight energy traces. Otherwise, I'd never have paid any attention to this plain-looking tree!

Just then, Hamish and Victor walked into the yard. "This tree of mine was transplanted from Mount Crimson. When I first discovered it, a skeleton was buried underneath, and it most likely belonged to an immortal who died during the Celestial Battle. The tree then grew by absorbing the dead immortal's celestial energy. which explains why it's filled with so much energy now..." the latter

Since Kai already knew the trove tree's uniqueness, Victor realized there was no longer a need to hide its origins.

After hearing it, Hamish turned green with envy. "You have amazing luck, Victor. I've walked through Mount Crimson many times, yet I've never chanced upon a treasure like this or even a celestial beast."

"Celestial beast, huh..." Victor muttered with a smile. "You'd better not run into one if you don't want to be eaten. Given your abilities, you won't be able to take them on."

"Mr. Jablonski, can I use something else in exchange for your tree?" Kai asked. Oh, I really want the tree... I want to absorb all of its celestial energy!

Victor shook his head. "No. There's nothing I'll exchange it for. I'd have given you the tree if you managed to cure my niece. Alas, she has already recovered, so there's no way you'll get your hands on it."

A smile tugged at Kai's lips. "Don't say that. For all you know, I might still have a chance..."

"I suggest you drop the idea of stealing my tree.

You don't have that capability, nor would you be able to leave Salinsburgh City, Victor snapped, thinking Kai was planning to abscond with the trove tree.

"I, Kai Chance, have never been one to resort to such underhanded means. When the time comes, you'll be offering me the tree willingly," Kai said before returning to his room to rest.

"Hmph. How arrogant..." Victor scoffed, not at all caring about Kai.

This punk is just a Body Fusion Realm cultivator and a junior alchemist. If it weren't for Hamish, I'd never have let him stay at my place!

The next day, Hyrum concocted a pill and sent it directly to the Jablonski residence.

Filled with utter respect for the man, Atlas personally welcomed him.

"I made this pill overnight, Mr. Jablonski," Hyrum said as he handed Atlas a black pill. "You may give it to Ms. Jablonski. Once she has consumed three of my pills in succession, I guarantee she will be fully cured."

Carefully accepting the pill, Atlas beamed with joy. "You're truly impressive, Mr. Goeckner. I can't believe you managed to concoct this pill so quickly," he praised. "Sadly, there aren't many alchemists of your caliber in Ethereal Realm. Most of them are nothing but charlatans! Just yesterday, a young man dropped by and claimed to be an alchemist. However, he kept insisting that Effie was poisoned and that you're a Demonic Cultivator, Mr. Goeckner. He even said there was a demonic aura inside Effie. How ridiculous!"