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Arthur did not panic and swiftly headed into a remote alley then hid well before he closed his eyes and entered his consciousness . Although the origin of the voice surprised him, it didn't frighten him as he expected that the existence he locked inside to be powerful, after all, he couldn't possess it .

In a matter of seconds, he found himself in a vast endless space with a starry sky in all direction . Some distance away from him was his soul, which was a big blob of light with chains around it and two rotating objects above it .

Arthur cast his eyes on away from his soul and looked at the source of the voice, which came from inside a big cluster of thick chains . He used these chains along with countless Death Seals to lock the knight but it didn't appear to be working too well since whatever was inside could talk to him directly .

The other presence seemed to sense that Arthur responded to its words by entering his consciousness so it resumed talking

"Demon, I see you managed to get a good thing, how about we make a trade . "

Hearing the voice again, Arthur felt alarmed as he stared at the cluster of chains . He raised his senses and cautiousness to the maximum and only replied after he activated the Ethereal State .

Before he could speak, the voice coming from within the cluster of chains added with a bit of shock

"A demon with such intense Life force? . . . . No, this is not Life Energy hmmm . "

The voice seemed to be pondering as it remained silent for some time .

"First, I'm not a demon and second, what are you?"

"Kid, don't try to play those tricks on me . You can change your appearance or somehow create fake Life Energy but you can't fake or imitate the innate ability of original demons . "

Arthur didn't retort so get rid of this baseless assumptions as it would be too much of a bother and he would gain nothing to reveal his real Race . Furthermore, the voice ignored his second question and only focused on the first .

"What do you want?"

Arthur held suspicions over this entity, it laid dormant from the moment he locked it until now so he guessed that it woke up due to something he got from the Kang Treasury House .

"What do I want? It should be me asking you, after all, I wasn't the one who was locked against his will in this place . "

This was only met with a frown from Arthur . From the tone of the knight, he knew that it wasn't afraid or contain the helplessness of an imprisoned being which made him feel uneasy .

Seeing that it got no reply from Arthur, the knight continued:

"Let me tell you something first, possessing me isn't something like you could do . I can only think of a handful of demons capable of doing so . But I can still grant you many benefits which can boost your strength by more than you can imagine . "

The knight who a very powerful ancient and that is a fact Arthur knew about . To be valued by the gargoyles so much that their leader would kneel in front of it, it must be even above the God Realm which is why he expended so much effort to steal it from them . However, he knew nothing about it and is certainly not stupid enough to fall for such offers . With the help of the Ethereal State, his mind soon calmed down and his heart became firm, he gently smiled at the knight and answer

"No thank you . "

Then he turned around to leave as there was nothing to talk about . Just as he was leaving, the knight talked again

"Wait! I can see that you are decently powerful and have many tricks but I can give you something beyond that . I can even become your God Spirit, this will make you literally unbeatable amongst all the Gods, even Tenth Grade gods won't match you!"

Arthur ignored its words and left his consciousness, leaving the knight alone in the vast starry sky . There was only silence after he left, even the knight didn't speak for a long time . Inside the cluster of thick chains, the knight laid there motionless, its eyes were burning with green flames, causing a chilling feeling in the atmosphere .

The knight stared at the thick chains around him with dread and hesitation then it focused on the countless death seals around it, it was absorbing them as they were very beneficial to it . If Arthur knew that his death seals were like a good nourishment to the knight, he would surely cough blood!

"To refuse to cooperate with an Earth Spirit . I don't know if I should call you foolish or smart, demon . "

It remained silent for an unknown amount of time before speaking again

" . . . . Now then, how do I deal with such chains . . . this is practically impossible \*sigh\*"

After it said that, the green flames burning inside its eyes sockets turned dim until they disappeared . The knight returned to its dormant state while still absorbing the Death Seals .

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After leaving his consciousness, Arthur deactivated his Ethereal state as it attracts unwanted attention, then he returned to his room in the inn and started checking his abundant harvest .

There was not a lot of treasures on the third floor but each and every one of them is priceless and rare to come by .

The best thing he got from there, which is most likely the thing the knight sought for is a fragmented piece of greyish metal, it looked like a normal scrap of metal but upon a closer look, anyone could feel a weak, almost nonexistent spatial power around it .

This piece of metal was actually a small part of a Dimensional stone!

Arthur couldn't contain his excitement as he laughed happily when he saw the results of the appraisal

Fragment of a Dimensional Stone (1/6): Can be used once a day to teleport the user to a random location (between 500km and 50,000km) .

Although 500Km is nothing to Gods who can cross them in a short time, this piece of metal is still a life-saving treasure . If it is used in a perfect time, it can save the life of anyone, it can create many possibilities . But this wasn't why Arthur was excited, he was delighted because this was one of the six pieces of a Dimensional Stone . If he could get six of them then going to Earth wouldn't be that hard anymore .

If he found one then finding the rest is equally possible, he didn't lose hope and would try to seize any dimensional stone he will stumble upon, this was one of his main goals .

There were also other useful treasures such as a 3rd Grade Heavenly Ranked White Frost Ribbon and a 2nd Grade Heavenly Ranked sword called 'Desire Razor' but since Arthur didn't need defensive or offensive treasures, he ended up adding them to his collection and offering the sword to Makaze, which happily devoured the sword and vibrated intensely to indicate how much delicious it was .

Although its Rank isn't that high compared to powerful swords, the stats that the black katana add is absolutely absurd . There was a limit to how many swords it can devour and it had a relation to Arthur's current Realm, so he doesn't overfeed it a lot . Nevertheless, this strange katana was indeed immensely powerful . Since the day he got it till now, there were few things that the katana couldn't cut through, its sharpness is without equal and it matched perfectly with Dark Magic . It could be said that the Dark Magic along with the Dark Flame Ring, which evolved two times on its own .

Dark Flame Ring(2nd Grade Mystic Rank) : all your attacks will contain black flames which increase the damage by 35 %, +150,000 intelligence / +50,000health / +50,000 mana .

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Ten days passed since the incident in Kang Treasury House . Arthur didn't do anything particular during this period, he didn't leave his room as there was no need to, he just continued meditating at night and cultivating for the rest of the day . He managed to gain breakthrough to third Grade of the Divine Realm and even reached the middle stages of that Grade, despite this fast power-up, Arthur thought it was actually to slow, at least compared to the past, Lucy .

As he was calmly cultivating, Arthur suddenly opened his eyes and activated [Eyes of The Noble Sea] only to see a surge of Nether Energy rising from the ground, the energy seemed to be dragged by a formless object which then turned it into something else .

Like raging tidal waves, the Nether Energy swirled and winds howled as a numbingly gigantic bronze gate appeared above the city .

Within his room, Arthur stared at the gate using his skill but could only see gray, almost colorless fog enveloping the gate . He instantly knew that the time was right and the gate was opening .

Actually, although it is called opening, the Kang Family cannot open it whenever they want, it's just doable when the gate, which is the portal between this world and the other small realm, becomes weakened .

As he came out of his room and flew to the sky, he could see hundreds, or perhaps, thousands of people flying towards the gate . Soon enough, a crowd of ten thousand people of various races was floating above the city, it was like a dark curtain that blocked the sun rays .

The crowd was soon divided into several large groups, each was a faction of its own or several hundred sect disciples which came for this event from outside the wall .

Arthur, disguising as the usual youth with white, long sleeves, robe, joined a neutral group of rogue cultivators and silently glanced at each of the factions before setting his eyes on the gate, which was still tightly closed .

There was a group belonging to the Pigolo Race with Ti Fuer, one of the two Gods under Ti Eru, the leader of the tribe . Ti Fuer brought a few dozen young disciples who were talented and intended to send them in . Amongst this group, Arthur noticed a familiar figure with an arm missing . She was wearing a green metal armor and a sword on her back . She was Rose, the general who he possessed and forced to cooperate with him .

Ehrendil from the Desert Gargoyles also brought a group and the two powers were glaring at each other, not hiding the hate or killing intent but despite being archenemies, they didn't dare fight it out here as they were not the big bosses this time around .

There were a lot more factions coming from outside of the wall but there were only three that stood out from the rest . The first was a bit strange since it was only a lonely figure floating by herself as everyone stayed away from her . It was the same black-haired girl that tried to steal Arthur's food then unsuccessfully tracked him . She had big power behind her and it was by no means inferior to the powers behind the prodigies of the Green-Leaf Middle Realm .

The second distinguishable power was a bunch of blue-robed juniors with three old men leading them . Just in front of the three elders stood a scholarly young man with an azure robe with a dragon twirling around it . He had handsome facial features and a peaceful look . The young man exuded a unique charm that attracted the gazes towards him and made him shine even more .

This was, without doubt, Kai Min, the person who a lot of people were talking about the last few weeks .

'If that's the Water Cloud Sect then . . . .'

Arthur's eyes narrowed as he fixated his gaze on that group of people and saw an almost invisible figure that couldn't be seen by anyone . It seemed as if it was shrouded with space, or simply blended with it . Arthur didn't spread his sense and activated Appraisal .

Although at the first stages, Appraisal couldn't appraise things from within a limited range, the more he leveled the bigger the range . Basically, the range is as big as the map and he could appraise anything within his eyesight, of course .

Qualu Bahl (Race: Human): 8th Grade (Peak) God Realm .

Age: 3,200 .

Unique Title : 'Space Bender'

Arthur was surprised to see the true strength of the Spatial Master . Gutcha told him that the Spatial Master invited by the Water Cloud Sect is a peak Small God, at most, he expected him to be at the 6th Grade . But now the reality presented itself to him .

His gaze landed on the three old men behind Kai Min and with a 'ting' sound, three blue windows popped in front of him .

Teltish Coldrest (Race : Human) : 6th Grade (Middle) God Realm .

Age : 1,024

Krores Glareforce (Race : Human) : 7th Grade (Peak) God Realm .

Age : 1,894

Sorrosh Keenfold (Race : Human) : 6th Grade (Initial) God Realm .

Age: 1,551

Seeing the power of the three Gods, Arthur took a deep breath and calmed his mind . Although the plan was extremely difficult, it was not impossible . He had, at least, expected these protectors to be this strong but the Spatial Master was on another level . Not only was he an 8th Grade, he can also control space and is the first person Arthur encountered who has a unique title . Not only that, it's the oldest being he saw since his reincarnation .

His thoughts deviated for a bit before he closed his eyes for a few seconds and went through the plan a few times while changing a few things . Unlike these youngsters, his goal was not the tomb but the Spatial Master, and with his current identity, he won't be able to get close without raising suspicion .

He must attacks at the most unexpected moment, the most perfect one . Just when the enemy is wholly unprepared to be ambushed, it must be decisive and there has to be no room for a long fight, one blow to finish it all or it's a failure . To fight four Gods is suicide, even for Arthur with all his arsenal of skills and his high stats .

He had confidence in fighting two gods on a standstill or perhaps even killing one, but once it becomes three against one then he could only block, dodge, or flee .

As for four against one, he could only escape desperately . As his plan was corrected, Arthur's eyes shifted to the handsome young man, who was the closest to the invisible figure .

'From the looks of it, the Spatial Master is acting like a hidden guardian of some sort so it means that there will be a time when the kid will need of this hidden guy, but since he is always near him . . . it'll be difficult to possess him . However . . . I could always rely on someone else, after all, the enemy of my enemy is my friend!'

Arthur's eyes focused on the third group . They wore tight red clothes made from special silk and stood arrogantly, taking more space than needed . At the center of this group were two elderly figures, one old woman and the other is a short old man . Just in front of those two was a red-haired youth with a woman standing just inches behind him . The young man proudly stood there with a haughty expression and an oppressive demeanor .

Seeing the look on the young man's face, Arthur laughed inside as he imagined what's about to come . [Sneak] was activated to reduce his presence even more and his figure turned a bit blurry . Unless someone focuses on that spot then no one would notice him, he merged with the crowd of rogue cultivators who took a spot of their own and waited there patiently .

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With the big powers present, there weren't any large disputes except a few skirmishes for a good spot . A bit of time passed after Elo Huo and co arrived and at a certain point in time, a majestic chariot dragged by blue lizard arrived from the horizon .

Coupling the long and powerful lizards which ten or so meters in length along with the majesty of the chariot and the pressure it emanated from it . Although the pressure was overwhelming to some, it had a bit of softness which made others feel relaxed yet tense at the same time .

This chariot obviously belonged to the Kang Family, which is more or less the host of this big event . The gigantic gates were still closed and without the special formation the Kang elders use, no one can forcefully open it, much less break it .

Arthur gazed at the incoming chariot with a deep look before cast away his gaze and strengthened his sneaking, further weakening his aura, making it almost nonexistent . If one were to look at his direction, they would still see his figure but they would feel nothing as if he didn't exist in the same space as them . However, no one would bother looking as [Sneak] was activated and it is unlikely that even someone besides him would notice his presence .

The chariot crossed the long distance in seconds as the two lizards ran on the air and left a mesmerizing blue trail behind them, making the scene look even more grandiose .

People looked with awe at the chariot, some held a deep respect for the person inside it while others viewed him as a powerful foe not to be messed with easily .

Kang Amidel, the current head of the Kang Family is known for his righteous ruling and fairness . Although he's ruthless in some cases, that didn't mean it was his character, he just needed to show his might so others won't trouble him nonstop .

Arthur didn't need to appraise to know that the character inside the chariot is an unfathomable one, even the aura alone is more powerful than Delia, who was a Peak God . Except for the existence inside of his consciousness, he never felt such force, and the other didn't even seem to be unleashing it on purpose, it just shows how strong he was .

Arthur was a calculative and decisive person, he won't start a fight he can't win . He knew his strength and despite the several trump cards he held, including the book and golem, he didn't see any good outcome if he were to fight such an existence .

As the atmosphere calmed down, several figures came out from the incredibly large chariot . The first four were old men with a long beard reaching their chest . They wore long azure robes with a soldier's symbol holding a spear twice his height .

The next one to emerge was a handsome youth, he carried with him a serene aura, almost identical to ethereal state Arthur possesses . The youth held a kind smile on his face, unlike Kai Min, he didn't seem

arrogant or haughty, in fact, he seemed to be the friendly and dependent type . Even Arthur couldn't think bad of him, he was even amazed for a second as it is the first junior he met which grabbed his attention .

The four old men were all a 7th Grade Gods and the youth was at the peak of the Divine Realm . Lastly, a middle-aged man accompanied by a girl came out of the chariot . He exuded a healthy vigor and seemed full of vitality, with a thin black beard and gleaming blue eyes, he was by no means inferior to the handsomeness of the previous youth, they even resembled each other a bit .

As for the girl, she silently walked behind the middle-aged man so no one noticed her but with the use of appraise, nothing escaped Arthur .

When the results were shown, his pupils contracted as he stared at the window showing the girl's information .

Kang Emily(Race:Human) : 2nd Grade God Realm(Middle)

Age: 19

'19?What!'

Even Arthur couldn't keep his calm as he double and triple-checked the results but the truth laid before his eyes so he could only accept it .

'For a such a young girl to be a God . . . now that is a real genius . '

Compared to her, all the geniuses people are talking about are nothing but trash . Arthur soon pieced things together and was able to guess that her real strength is concealed from the public . To have such a genius as a daughter will cause jealousy and the powerful factions outside would not tolerate her . They would either try to rope her in and if it is not possible then the only result will be her death . Even with such a long-standing power such as the Kang Family, they can't manage all the titans outside of the wall alone .

Arthur checked the girl and saw that she looked even younger than her actual age . With a short height and a long hair, it reminded him of Lucy, but unlike his wife, who was indifferent to everyone but him and Saly, the girl kept looking around curiously and checking everyone from all sides, she only stopped when the middle-aged man threw a reproaching glare at her .

When he was staring at the young girl, the latter suddenly turned her head and looked at his direction which greatly alarmed Arthur yet he his surprise soon subdued as waves of strange energy rushed from his Dantian and calmed his muscles and relaxed his mind, making him feel comfortable and unaffected by the girl's previous actions .

'This should not be possible, I used the System and refrained from unleashing even a tiny bit of my Nether Energy . . . her senses must be sky high . MMhm . . . our paths shall not cross, whether fate will it or not, my goal is clear and my plan is perfect, all obstructions shall and will be eliminated!'

A minute passed since the middle-aged man, Kang Amidel, left his chariot . He waited for the silence to arrive before he faced them, mainly on the direction of the three big factions and spoke with a friendly tone

"Thank you all for waiting . The tomb will be opening soon and all are eligible to enter but please let the young generation enter first as they lack experience and need to explore the mysteries of the world . "

As he finished speaking, another hoarse voice was heard from the other end of the crowd, exactly originating from Elo Huo's faction . It was an old man standing behind him, he was a bit short and had long white hair . The old man showed a peaceful smile as he greeted the middle-aged man and replied

"It is as you say, Lord Kang . We, the old ones, should only look after the youngsters, after all, it is their era and not ours anymore . "

Many people approved as they nodded their heads, others greeted Kang Amidel in an attempt to create a long-standing friendly relationship with the city lord but it was futile as Amidel would nod back at them without uttering a single word .

Low whispers resounded near Arthur, some talked about the beauty of Amidel's daughter and others discussed his mysterious son . His son rarely showed himself but it was known that he was talented in cultivation and possibly inherited the physique manual from his father, who perfected it .

The useless talk was done after a couple of minutes and the three leading old men floated towards the gate with each holding a hexagonal blue lightning formation, a bit similar in type to the one Arthur cracked in the Treasury House, however, this one's intensity and complexity far surpassed the other one .

The four each flew into a specific location and then pressed the formations on the gigantic gate above the city . Compared to the gate, the formations were so minuscule that they could barely be seen . The four formation touched the gate simultaneously, which in return, caused an earth-shattering tremor all around the city, even the sky seemed to be collapsing .

It happened so fast and in a matter of a few seconds, the two large door started opening slowly . Although it seemed to be a very simple process, in all actuality, it was too difficult to open such a gate and this was easily noticeable by the pale faces of the old men, who were trembling and barely able to maintain their positions .

During the opening of the gate, they must cooperate perfectly and one mistake could lead to the death of the other three, but this was a dangerous yet very rewarding task so they agreed to do it, plus, as members of the Kang Family, they naturally had the duty to help the family head .

Exactly sixty seconds, that's the time it took the gate to fully open . What laid behind was a lush forest, full of greenery . It was a peaceful scene, unlike what a tomb should look like .

Birds sang and flowers bloomed in this small Realm, it took the crowd a moment to snap out of their daze and look again at the scenery with both amazement and cautiousness . Despite its breath-taking scenery, it was still a tomb and is rumored to have deadly beasts and fatal traps . One simple mistake can make one lose his life so they must tread carefully .

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With the gates fully opened and the tomb at their sight, nothing was stopping the large crowd from venturing in . However, no one had the guts to move first as they were impatiently waiting for the big

factions to enter first . No one dared to offend these powers so all they could do is begrudgingly wait for the 'strong' to enter first .

What made them helpless is that the first ones have a big advantage as they would seize the good treasures and only leave the trash . Some people were content with this whilst others were secretly unhappy, but they still bore with it .

Soon enough, the youth who came out from the chariot headed towards the gate and entered the tomb with his sister, who curiously followed him .

The juniors from the three big factions soon followed with Cold Sword going in last after throwing a piercing glare towards the middle-aged man, Kang Amidel .

Arthur was amongst the group of rogue cultivators, which entered right after Cold Sword went in . The big crowd flew towards the lush forest with both excitement and wariness . He spread his Sixth Sense in all directions and raised his alertness to its maximum . He doesn't know what may lurk inside, and despite having a strength equivalent to a Peak God, more or less, he should never be overconfident and underestimate this tomb .

His target was the Spatial Master, who secretly followed Kai Min without anyone realizing it . The big crowd soon dispersed in all directions when they entered the small Realm . The atmosphere was fresh and relaxing, contrary to how an ancient tomb should be .

Since he needed to find Kai Min's group, which belonged to the Water Cloud Sect . The figure of the young man he was currently possessing turned increasingly blurry until it vanished . He used his movement technique to venture deep into the forest for he knew that a big power like the Water Cloud Sect won't scavenge meager treasures but instead, would try to aim for the big fish .

It is widely known that the tomb contained many mysterious treasures and ancient relics, one of them is the Physique Manuel, which is a priceless thing coveted by many, even in a Medium-Realm such as the Green Leaf Realm .

With [Sneak] still activated and a few other passives, Arthur's aura was almost nonexistent as he dived into the ground to gain more terrain and wider space for his search . Once he reached a certain point inside the forest, different kinds of beasts started appearing . First, there were a large amount of Spirit Beasts which were mostly venomous or carnivorous plants .

Beasts that broke through to the Spirit Realm have different ranks, they are Spirit beasts, Heavenly Beasts, Deity Beasts, Immortal Beasts, Divine Beasts, and God Beasts .

The Spirit Beasts he encountered didn't sense him and continued hiding in their nests, waiting for a prey to come . Approximately half an hour after he entered the small realm, he was forced to stop many and this was one of them . His body emerged from the ground followed right after by a thick black vine which had insane speed .

Arthur waved a hand, creating a big wave of dark red fire which burned everything it met . The black vine was turned into cinders immediately, even the hard earth was scorched black . The beasts which attacked Arthur from underground shrieked loudly from the pain, alas, it couldn't escape its fate as the flames burned its vine and continued to scorch the remaining of its body .

'This is the ninth Divine beast . . . I suppose it's not as dangerous as I had predicted . '

The soon to be dead plant that was attacking him was a venomous Divine plant which can match Divine beings, it is by no means weak but again Ancient Fire at its full intensity, it's obvious that it'll not survive as even a God would suffer if he were to receive a full head-on blow from such a fire, on condition that he did not wear a powerful protective armor, that is .

Logically, Kai Min wouldn't be able to venture this by only relying on his strength, however, this wasn't the case as he had the protection of a powerful Spatial Master and their goal is most likely the center of the tomb, where the manual is, at least that's what Arthur speculated .

His figure blurred again as he took a step forward and advanced at an extremely rapid pace . In terms of speed alone, he would be at the peak of all Gods, if he wants to escape, not even three peak Gods would be able to stop him . As he was bypassing monsters, Arthur's map caught sight of a mid-sized group of people . He silently got closer to them without the latter noticing him and was delighted to see familiar faces, faces that he wanted to see . It was actually the people under Elo Huo, the boy from the academy .

Arthur's plan was to use his people, mainly, the two gods who will join him later, to stir trouble with the Water Cloud sect . If his plan is successful and smooth, then taking down that Spatial Master is an already foregone conclusion .

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As he gazed at the medium-sized group of people, Arthur started inspecting every potential body he can possess . He can't just possess anyone then randomly use fire-related skills, it would be suspicious if he were to use a skill that the 'host' never used before and it'll obviously attract suspicions .

The closer the candidate to be possessed is to Elo Huo, the better as he would be able to influence the boy and get on with his plans without any hindrance .

Arthur wasn't going to possess his target for the time being but this didn't stop him from picking the right target immediately . For three straight hours, Arthur soundlessly followed the group, which proceeded deeper into the forest without stopping . No matter how vicious and strong the beasts were, they were burned and stabbed by Elo Huo's halberd . Although he was arrogant, he certainly had the sufficient strength to back it up, however, he was lacking a lot compared to Amidel's son or Cold Sword . Arthur didn't think much of his strength as he already reached the power of Gods and paying any heed to Juniors is nothing but a waste of time for him . This kid, for Arthur, was but means to an end . To achieve his goals, he doesn't mind sacrificing those who deserve to be sacrificed .

Those group finally halted as the compass the red-haired youth reacted to a dark cave just ahead of them . Arthur guessed that the compass could detect special types of treasures, but every treasure would certainly be guarded . He and the kid shared the same thought, the group stopped in front of the cave and started preparing for a few minutes before they headed inside the cave .

'I guess this will take them some time, there are a few strong beasts inside . . . oh well, I should find the other group too . '

His main target was the Spatial Master, who was protecting Kai Min from behind the shadows, so that means he is currently with that self-righteous prick .

Just like he appeared, Arthur's figure disappeared and headed deeper into the forest whilst spreading his Divine and Sixth sense in all direction . His eyes were also surveying his map for any possible enemies that may be lurking around .

The group belonging to the Water Cloud Sect is bigger than Elo Huo's, so it would be easy to find them thanks to the map .

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Despite meeting a few Poisonous Divine Beasts, Arthur disposed of them and possessed them while he was at then he dumped them in his storage as he continued his search . His efforts finally bore fruit as he managed to find the Water Cloud Sect after two hours of thorough search .

The forest was unarguably huge as he only met four small groups in these two hours and two of these groups were retreating due to the strength of the monsters . He even found dead corpses of rogue cultivators, which he possessed, of course .

The Water Cloud Sect seemed a bit moody as an awkward atmosphere covered the group . From the displeased expression of Kai Min, Arthur could guess that they didn't manage to find any good treasures . Usually, the powerful sects as this one would head deeper in search of treasures until they reached the center of the tomb, where the real stuff was, but at that time, the elders would join and it wouldn't be their place to earn things, especially for those normal disciples .

Before he left the group following Elo Huo, Arthur didn't forget to leave a personally created GPS made from Lost Magic . Its only functions are to direct him towards where the group is, he easily managed to attach it to a weak disciple without the latter realizing it .

"This won't do! We got nothing since we entered the tomb . We're heading for the Eft Swamp!"

Although this place called 'Eft Swamp' was extremely dangerous, none of the disciples dared or wanted to refuse . First, is because it was Kai Min who was ordering them and he was more powerful and had higher status than them in the status so it won't be wise to oppose him, second is because they, too, wanted to obtain treasures and the only possible way right now is the Eft Swamp as the other dangerous places were most likely scavenged by the other powerful factions .

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Without excited expressions and burning eyes, the group of juniors hastily head towards the West, where the swamp was supposed to be . Just behind the group, approximately a few meters underground, a strange plant was moving in their direction without making any noise . As he possessed a carnivorous plant he killed earlier, Arthur followed them easily without fearing being detected .

The hiding ability of this plant is amazing, almost second to none . Not only does it not emit any noise, it had extremely long vines which had sharp edges able to penetrate weakling easily, it also could emanate poisonous fog that makes the targets hallucinate . Unfortunately for the already dead plant, such poison was completely ineffective against Arthur as his stats were more than ten times than it, moreover, his Poison Resistance had long since reached max Lv .

Poison Resistance[Passive Max Lv]: Negates 80% of any poison received(+5% if the Wisdom stats of the user is higher than the enemy . )

Although this was effective for such situations, Arthur still wouldn't be able to negate the poison of an experience God who excels in poisons . At most, he'll negate 10 or 20%, however, if he were to possess a special corpse like the unique wolf, then he would be able to activate almost all the possible passives he currently has in his arsenal and negating 60 or 70% percent is doable .

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Soon, the group reached a large swamp with green muddy water with a few plants growing from deep within it . It looked like any other swamp except that it was incomparably large, it spanned for at least ten miles and it was eerily silent, which gave the creeps to anyone who was near it .

Many large sections would choose to give up on venturing into this swamp as it is really dangerous . It has monsters which are called efts, with four short legs and a six-meter-long body, they were very resistant to physical attacks and could cause a small paralysis effect using a special technique with the help of their weird shaped eyes .

These efts would always cooperate with monstrous plants called 'Evra Plants', they live deep in the swamp, unreachable by normal people unless they dive deep into the swamp, they make use of their thin yet countless vines to lock the enemies and drag them inside the swamp while the efts finish the targets .

Being Peak Divine Beasts, the efts have gained a substantial amount of intelligence which allows them to cooperate and run when the situation turns dire, not only that, it's nearly impossible to chase down an eft in this swamp and it would make whoever is chasing vulnerable from all sides when he or she is focusing only on one fleeing target .

Furthermore, flying above the swamp is the only safe way to do it, using a Spirit Boat in the water or anything similar would only incur the anger of the Evra Plants, which will see you as a potential target and they will try their best to drag you down . Unlike Efts, the Evra plants are only Deity Beasts and are weak against frontal attacks but they focus on binding the enemy with their thin vines whilst their friends, the efts, deal the finishing blow, it's a good a tactic and it works more often than not, which makes a lot of people avoid such a dangerous place .

In fact, Kai Min only proposed this because he knew that the Spatial Master is protecting him which made him feel safe, as for his juniors, he could care less about such weakling, for him, they were merely cannon fodder to obtain what he wants .

Arthur's goal right now was to test the limits of the Spatial Master, using the current body he was possessing, he was going to the fray and attack Kai Min . He had enough counter-measures if he ever gets discovered and he was confident in being able to escape in case something disastrous were to occur .

Slowly but surely, Kai Min started leading the group deeper into the swamp, their speed was moderate and constant as he was taking the lead .

Despite knowing that the master was protecting him, Kai Min couldn't help but feel nervous and a bit anxious as he cautiously advanced while keeping an eye on the calm green water, which hides terrifying aquatic monsters .

One more reason that he had chosen this swamp was because it's known to have rare and priceless treasures, especially Immortal Plants or Heavenly Ranked artifacts of those who had fallen here since ages ago . These were but rumors but with such a big faction behind him, Kai Min knew that these rumors were actually true .

With cold sweating soaking his back, Kai Min took out his precious saber and prepared himself for any sudden attack .

As anyone would have expected, not even twenty minutes since they entered the swamp, the first fight occurred . It began with countless deep green vines surging from the calm water and grabbing into the legs of a dozen disciples, which cried desperately and tried to free themselves from the vines but that was totally futile as cutting a vine would cause ten more to bind you .

The resistance could be called half successful as Kai Min managed to slash away numerous vines and saved three disciples but two have died as he was too late to act . He could have saved them but he refrained from doing so as his sense caught the presence of one dangerous beast lurking just under the surface of the water, from the looks of it, it was looking for a perfect moment to strike . What made him more anxious is that he had a strong gut feeling that whatever is inside was staring at him and no one else, which made him give up on saving these two poor and unfortunate juniors .

The attacks from then on become more and more frequent to the point that every few minutes, a group of vines would surge from below and drag one or two deep into the water . However, what was alarming, or perhaps relaxing, is that no eft was seen . Until now, they only faced the thin vines of the Evra plants and nothing else .

As for Arthur, he managed to easily enter the swamp through a tunnel he dug underground and pass unnoticed by the swimming efts, which were wholly focused on the group of humans floating above the swamp .

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Arthur patiently waited for the perfect chance to strike . With the Spatial Master present, he couldn't attack whenever he wished, he needed to be precise and see how fast the reaction of the enemy is .

He decided to only attack at the 5th Eft attack, which was launched by three efts, which charged simultaneously from three different directions . Despite the supposedly surprised attack, most of the group were careful and were not surprised by the appearance of the three giant creatures .

Albeit being on full alert, some of them were affected by the technique of the efts' eyes and were paralyzed, which rendered them useless in the incoming battle .

Looking from below, Arthur's gaze locked on the blurry figure just behind Kai Min, his full attention was focused on the Spatial Master but his target was the boy next to the master . He can't attack the Spatial Master directly lest it makes him cautious and when he really attacks in the future, his planned sneak attack wouldn't work as perfectly as he expects it to be .

As he possessed the body of the big carnivorous plant, Arthur sent his extremely long vines to the surface with extreme speed . He wasn't going to show his real body due to many reasons, moreover, he doesn't know the full strength of the enemy and he can't be that careless despite knowing how strong he really was if he were to go all out . After all, he isn't using [Transmutation], neither will he use Dark Magic or the Void Magic . He isn't possessing the Silver Wolf body either, but this plant could activate many passives, which were, obviously activated in this situation .

Ten vines with a thickness of a normal adult tree charged from within the water and headed towards Kai Min . The youth was distracted as he dealt with two efts at the same time which made him unable to react in time to avoid the approaching black vines . With the Evra Plants avoiding him and the Efts focusing on the humans, Arthur was easily able to bypass the big number of disciples and aimed his vines at Kai Min, without mercy or holding back his Strength .

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One has to know that for Arthur, the thing he is most proud of right now is his unmatched speed . Amongst all Gods, he was certain that he is one of the fastest, and knowing that possessing an ant, or a plant won't decrease his Agility stats, which affected his speed in a big way, the vines also gained his extreme speed which rendered Kai Min completely unable to cope with the fast vines and could only show a desperate look as he used his free hand to take out a priceless treasure to defend . Even at such a time, he wasn't confident in the Spatial Master to defend him due to how fast the vines were .

For Arthur, Kai Min had no value, if he were to die then it'll make things way easier but he knew since his sect invited the Spatial Master, and him being a genius with high status, it won't be easy to kill him under the watch of the master unless he were to go all out and avoid the rest which is something unreasonable as it'll attract other Gods and they will undoubtedly help Kai Min if he were to put good conditions whilst Arthur was completely alone .

A cold snort resounded as the air around the ten vines seemed to shatter which caused them to be cut into pieces and fall on the water .

Arthur still wasn't fazed by how easily it was deflected since this body wasn't ideal, to begin with, and he was only using vines devoid of any skills . With his high vitality and the passive to regrow vines within a short time frame, the cut-down vines were back as if new in a matter of seconds . This time, the ten black vines had black flames burning on them but the flames did no damage, they were the effect of Zodiac's ring, which added damage to his attacks with the help of the black flames .

'I guess I should spice things up too, it'll be too boring if it's like this . '

Just like a bit earlier, ten black vines surrounded by ominous black flames surged from within the water and flew towards Kai Min with lightning speed, making the latter's face as white as a sheet of paper . Previously, he sighed a breath of relief when he saw the black vines cut down and were grateful to the Spatial Master, but he was still feeling afraid of the vines as they were just too fast . He had already assumed that whatever was attacking him with the vines was a Godly Beast .

This time, there was no cold snort coming from the nothingness behind Kai Min, but the space around the incoming vines still shattered, causing their speed to slow down by a bit, however, contrary to the

shrouded person's expectations, the shattering space wasn't nearly enough to cut down the black vines, which regained their incredible speed as soon as the space-fixed itself .

Due to underestimating the burning vines, the Spatial Master had no time to mess around, he finally took his opponent seriously when he saw how close the vines were to Kai Min and how deadly they were .

At last, the Spatial Master appeared from behind the Spatial Curtain and raised his withered hand towards the ten vines, which clustered near each other to form some sort of a spinning drill with a pointy purple tip .

In fact, Arthur used a bit of Void Magic to test how the other party would respond . Void was the main attribute and Space was its sub-attribute, despite having a high mastery in Void, that didn't mean one should have a perfect mastery in its sub-attributes . A mage who is good at Water attribute doesn't necessarily have Ice attribute, much less have a good control over it .

It takes years to make sub-attributes surface and even longer time to perfectly master them, which is why Arthur wasn't willing to invest time in training Space Attribute . He hasn't much time, that is the problem, he was against sitting in a cave for god knows how much time to master an attribute .

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The drill-like object stopped inches away from the withered of the Spatial Master, who was actually an old man wearing a small gray hood which covered his head . Arthur felt that the vines he was controlling were heavy as if a mountain was pressing on them . Without hesitation, he activated the Void Attribute, which was manifested in the purple pointy tip of the drill . A small luster of violet light emanated from the tip which crushed whatever was holding down the vines, the drill managed to force its way to the old man, who was shaken yet again but he wasn't the least bit afraid or concerned .

The withered hand was clenched, forming a fist and was followed by a low and emotionless voice

"Space Shackles . "

Transparent chains, which appeared from nothingness, wrapped themselves around the drill and forced it to go downwards, crashing heavily on the waters and creating large waves . A whirlpool was created due to the Void magic which absorbed water nonstop, there was even a miserable eft which turned into a bloody mist due to the collateral damage of the spinning drill and the pointy tip constructed from pure Void Magic .

'2 million Health Points . . . this is nothing . I guess he isn't serious . . yet . '

Arthur didn't mind losing that amount of Health, he activated the Pain Immunity so he wasn't feeling anything . He left the plant's body and aimed for an eft which was waiting for a good opportunity to show up and attack one of the youngsters .

Since his speed was beyond what the eft could react to, he possessed it in a flash after finishing it with a thick bolt of Natural Lightning that struck its body and burst its heart almost instantaneously .

'I guess without fighting personally, he won't go all out, but it's fine this way too . '

Using the eft's large body, Arthur got out of the water and randomly attacked a disciple without using any flashy attacks, he opened his mouth to swallow a poor kid only to be struck by Kai Min's, who came at him with fast speed and slashed with his saber .

With Kai Min coming to attack, the old man was obviously behind him but this time, he wasn't shrouded and invisible which made the youngsters look at him with curiosity and awe .

As the saber cut a deep wound on the large eft, the monster howled in pain which made Kai Min proud of his attack but he soon found that something was amiss when he noticed that the eft was howling in pain but wasn't pushed back, unlike the rest of the previous efts, which would cower back and flee immediately .

Alas, Kai Min's reactions were a second too late, the eft opened its mouth and spat a weird deep green liquid . Even the Spatial Master wasn't able to save him as the liquid splashed on his skin and clothes, make the boy writhe in pain and scream in agony .

In a burst of anger, the Spatial Master, who was preoccupied with whatever controlled those vines, attacked the eft without holding back .

Arthur felt a strong force bind his 'body' down, he wasn't able to move an inch as he felt as if he was locked in a separate dimension . However, that didn't last long as his Dark-Star Body Strengthening Technique self-activated itself, shattering this separate dimension and creating a transparent protective layer around the eft .

The old man didn't seem to mind what happened as he viciously punched the eft, which literally cut the monster in two . The two parts of fell on the water, never to be seen again .

Arthur, who decided not to act, lost 40 million Health but he wasn't that worried . With his high Health Recovery stats, that amount of Health will recover in no time .

He didn't have a full grasp of how powerful the opponent is, but at least he saw some of his moves . Nonetheless, if his plans proceeded as expected, he doesn't even need to fight this fellow, it will be one deadly and thorough attack with no means of retaliation whatsoever .

Arthur left the eft's body and dived deep underwater . He took out a bone shark from his storage and possessed it . Having fast swimming speed allows him to cross the swamp easier and adding [Sneak Max lv] along with [Silent Steps Max Lv] and [Noise Control] made him able to pass undetected by the lurking monsters underwater . Moreover, the shark had pointy bones at the front, which made it almost perfect for drilling the earth .

His plan was set in motion, the poison he spat on Kai Min was not fatal but it caused severe pain, almost unbearable . Furthermore, the same kind of GPS was hidden in one of the youngsters who was rather close to Kai Min, a male with the name of Seralo . It was this young man that Arthur decided to possess when he was going to launch his move against the Spatial Master .

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Now that everything is done, more or less, Arthur headed to his next destination without stopping to bother with the fights occurring above him . Using the huge body of a bone shark, he drilled the earth

and easily made his way towards the center of the tomb . Despite that this world is only a small-Realm, it is way bigger than Astria .

The concept of Realms and space has always been something mysterious and complicated as not everyone is able to comprehend their logic . A small pocket dimension can sometimes be bigger than a whole Middle-Realm, which usually is a mind-boggling landmass, it can be millions of time bigger than Earth or even Astria .

The more Arthur headed deeper into the lush forest, the fewer monsters he met . By now, he would only meet one or two every few hundred miles, which shows that these beasts are extremely strong and have their own territory . However, Arthur was not detected by them as he had his concealment skills activated . He could defeat them and even kill them but it would be a waste of time if he were to bother with them as it would hinder his preparation .

In fact, the tomb opens for a full week then the gates will open . Of course, this time is subject to change depending on how weak the formation that was used to open the gate is . For the last few days, the people will be focused on the central part of the tomb, where the good treasures are .

The main palace, which is situated at the center is full of all kinds of plants and artifacts, there is also the physique manual, which is what everyone is lusting for .

Although he had plenty of time, Arthur didn't want to be reckless or do something unnecessary . He longed for neither treasures nor plants, he just wanted to possess that Spatial Master and hope it's enough for him to gain the sufficient understanding of Space Attribute to travel to Earth .

The tomb world was like a circle where the palace is in the center, Arthur drilled the earth and headed for the center with astronomical speed whilst keeping his presence unnoticeable by the lurking beasts .

Since a while ago, Arthur started seeing one beast each few thousand miles and every single one of them is a Godly Beast . Such opponents are not as easy to deal with as Divine Beasts, which he can practically one-shot . He further lowered his presence and made almost no sound despite the large body of the shark .

As he was bypassing earth and dirt along with poisonous plants, the shark body suddenly halted and lifted its body above .

'Oh?'

Arthur sensed two particular presences, along with what the map was showing him, he was sure of who they are . The map, which is pretty beneficial, has one more loophole, or perhaps, advantage . It is that no matter where exactly the enemy is, as long as he is inside the perimeter of it, he will be shown on it . For example, if it is an enemy hundreds of miles underground or above the clouds, as long as it's within the specified radius of the map, then it's shown . Which is exactly why it showed Arthur the two presences despite him being a dozen or so miles underground .

The two humans his map caught sight of, were a young man followed by a girl . They seemed to be fighting a Godly Beast as Arthur noticed that there is turbulent Nether Energy coming from above and the area around him seemed to be slightly shaking from the battle .

With a hidden smirk that couldn't be shown on the faceless head of the shark, Arthur took out the book of the Damned and summoned the Golem . Abiding by his wishes, the two instantly merged and the red-haired youth appeared inside the narrow cave that was created by the shark . The youth elegantly bowed towards Arthur and said

"It is a pleasure to see thou, master . "

Still inside the shark's body, Arthur instructed the red-haired youth and immediately disappeared as the bone shark continued drilling through the earth as if it didn't expect in the first place .

Even the youth was amazed as he stared at the large hole created by the pointy edge of the shark's head, he still couldn't believe how fast it was . It's as if his master was teleported or absorbing the earth and not just drilling through .

With one final glance towards where his master headed, he sighed and transformed into a red light that headed above .

The two people Arthur was sensing were actually Kang Emily and Kang Kithel, the two kids of Kang Amitel . Arthur was not going to personally help them but since he could use the red-haired youth, then he decided to do so . His goals were already fixed, but it doesn't hurt to create some friends as maybe they'll be useful . Moreover, he was certain that with the power of the red-haired youth, it is more than enough to help them get out of this situation .

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Very soon, the red-haired youth surfaced above ground but didn't act immediately . He concealed himself and gazed at the sword-wielding youth who was battling a strange monster similar to a mantis . It was over three-meter in length and over two meters in width, it has two long and sharp hooks that could cut any person under the God Realm into pieces . However, Kithel was surprisingly able to handle himself well, apart from a few scratches on his clothes that didn't injure him at all, he was totally unscathed . As for the mantis, it swung its hooks furiously, attempting to finish the foolish human who invaded its territory and wanted to steal its unhatched eggs .

The eggs of Godly Beasts are extremely rare and priceless as they would hatch and give birth to beasts with a high potential that could allow it to reach God Realm when it becomes an adult . Furthermore, if it is properly raised, it could fight alongside its master .

Despite the fact that his sister rejected his idea, he wanted to acquire them for her and hone his skills for a bit, which is why he was unhesitant about going all out against a Godly Beast .

Normally, it is impossible for a Divine being to face off against a God Beast or a God, however, with his almost flawless sword skills and his strong affinity with the water attribute, adding that to his unique physique, it has become possible to multiply his strength just barely to fight against someone or something beyond his current Realm .

'Master indeed has good eyes, this is a good seed, worth saving at least . . . . '

As the red-haired youth calmly watched the show, Kithel dodged the incoming hooks of the mantis and used soft slashes that cut deep through the mantis' body . He would slash two or three times then back

off, which was a good tactic, however, his opponent was still a God Beast and not something that could be killed by such means .

At last, the mantis' rage reached its peak which caused its hooks to grow to double their original size and turn completely purple, just like its blood .

This state occurs to every beast, whether under the God Realm or not, it happens if the beast is about to die or if it's totally enraged . Sometimes the beast's body change, and sometimes they just became several times stronger without any change to their exterior appearance .

Kithel cautiously backed off as his eyes were focused on the raging mantis, unfortunately, the mantis' speed was out of his expectation, despite his amazing skill and fast reactions, he was unable to cope with its speed as it lunged itself at him and used its two hooks to cut him into four pieces .

With nowhere to run, Kithel activated his unique physique which resulted in his white skin turning even whiter, like snow, and an almost invisible fog surrounding him . With an excited smile showing on his handsome face, the youth thrust his sword at one of the hooks while unhesitatingly using his other hand to perform a punch, meeting the other hooks head-on, unwavering by its sharpness or the vicious aura around the mantis .

The sword and the fist met the two hooks and an explosive clash occurred, creating turbulent winds and sending dust flying off the air . At the side of this empty field, which had no trees as most of them were cut by the hooks, stood a pretty girl who looked at the fight between the mantis and her brother with a worried face .

Her worry increased when Kithel was sent flying with a grievous wound on his shoulder, although it wasn't fatal, it still needed to be tended . However, she managed to hold herself back as she caught the presence of an extra person who appeared out of nowhere . It was a red-haired youth with an expressionless face, he came out of the lush forest and headed towards her . She was both worried and tense at the same time as the mantis headed for her brother and she couldn't defend him lest she exposes herself .

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As her hesitation grew and her eyes diverted to and from the red-haired youth, who was just standing a few meters away from her without doing anything, Emily finally reached the end of her patience and was about to help her brother when the latter, who just barely dodged the mantis hooks, shouted at the red-haired youth

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"Friend! Could you please take my sister and go away, I can't deal with this God beast and protect her at the same time . "

Kithel knew that his sister's real strength should never be exposed so he opted for the safest decision . Although he got injured by the Mantis, it wasn't fatal and he had enough confidence to escape, it's just that he didn't want strangers to see his real trump cards .

The red-haired youth remained silent with an expressionless face as he watched Kithel battle against the raging mantis, which was becoming more and more furious .

Helpless, Kithel could only plead with the stranger against hoping he would listen to him . Although he rarely showed himself, he held some fame and was known to be social and unlike arrogant young masters who always flaunt their skills .

"Friend, help me and my Kang family will owe you a favor . "

This time, however, the red-haired youth didn't remain silent, instead, he showed a charming smile and performed a low bow as if showing his sincerity whilst politely replying

"Thou are wise, 'boya' . A favor is what a man needs . "

As he said that, the youth stretched his slender white hand and clutched it into a fist, alarming both Emily and her brother, who backed away from the Mantis as he felt a dangerous aura materializing around it .

It happened instantly as a red mist appeared around the raging mantis, confusing its sense of direction and trapping it inside . A few seconds passed and the painful roars of the beast could be heard . After a few more seconds passed, there was only silence, the fog vanished just like it appeared and what laid there was the lifeless corpse of the mantis . It had no injuries whatsoever, which further astonished Kithel, this led him to be warier of the red-haired youth as he started regretting his actions . He didn't even know how the beast was killed, moreover, he was killed in a few seconds, so it's obvious that the youth is a God .

Despite his rampaging thoughts, Kithel kept a calm expression and showed a grateful smile to the stranger after 'checking' the safety of his sister . Emily was equally surprised yet no cautious, in fact, she was curious as it is the first time for her to venture out of the city without special guards and only with her brother . She had to conceal her real strength and always wanted someone equal to become friends with and such a person did indeed appear, although he was a bit eccentric .

"Nee nee who are you? Where did you come from?"

The girl started bombarding him with nonstopping questions, which he obviously didn't answer . Kithel had to forcefully stop her and drag her away, he then turned to look back at the youth, who didn't move a single step and added

"Thanks for your help . My Kang family owes you a favor, whatever you need, you can come to ask us . "

With that said, he elegantly bowed to the red-haired youth and dragged his sister away from this area as the other God beasts would come here to harvest what needs to be harvested . Of course, he didn't forget to bring the available eggs of the mantis .

The duo didn't travel far away before they detected a presence following them . This time, the red-haired youth didn't hide his presence and openly followed them, not caring about anything . Kithel was first suspicious but upon thorough thinking, he just concluded that 'he' must be heading to the center of the tomb, just like them .

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Some time passed and after the unceasing nagging of his little sister, Kithel paused on his tracks and was more or less forced to confront the red-haired youth, who he felt uncomfortable around for some unknown reason .

"Friend, how about we travel together, it's safer that way . "

With nothing to say but that, Kithel politely invited the youth to join them albeit his unwillingness . Emily, on the other hand, was pretty excited about this matter, she wanted to befriend the strong youth as his type of power are new even to a genius like herself .

The youth also halted and remained silent for a bit of time as if he didn't hear Kithel, after what seemed to be a bitter eternity to Kithel, the stranger nodded in response without uttering any word .

Upon seeing that, Emily unhesitantly darted towards him, asking random questions left and right, which he didn't answer, obviously . . . . .

Like that, their travel continued, it was safer for Kithel and his sister since, like this, she doesn't need to show her real strength to get rid of the surfacing God Beasts . All the hindrance they met on the road were easily killed by the red-haired youth . It was always the same method, the same red fog, and the same painful wails .

No existence of injuries, soul attacks or poisoning which added to the wariness Kithel was feeling towards this mysterious stranger . He even started thinking that it may be an assassin, but if he were an assassin, there was no need to expose himself, he would've been able to finish them if he attacked at the right moment .

Maybe it was a spy, but that was rather far-fetched too, it is quite funny that Kithel is pondering a lot about the motives of the red-haired youth when his real attention is really befriending them, although his approach or communication skills are worse than Arthur's .

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With an extra powerful hand tagging along with them, Kithel and Emily's harvest could be considered unmatched by any of the other groups, it even surpassed the big factions which brought a lot of disciples . Emily was beaming with smiles whenever a God beast was killed . She already considered herself the youth's friend despite him not talking to her, not even a single time .

Kithel's suspicions decreased as time passed, he couldn't find a good enough reason to accuse him of being a spy of some sort .

Just like that, the week peacefully passed, more or less, and from Emily's point of view, her relationship with the stranger has greatly improved . However, there was only a slight change, he only started accepting her existence rather than ignoring her completely .

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Going back to Arthur, since the moment he separated from the red-haired youth, he made full use of the bone shark to travel deep into the forest and reach some ancient runes with broken buildings scattered everywhere . He created a large enough cave for him to live in and secluded himself .

More and more people will be arriving and since he hid in the entrance to the actual tomb, those large sects would definitely pass through her . What's more, he doesn't have anything to do in the meantime and could only use this time to train his [Alchemy] skill . Since he got it, he never trained it seriously despite knowing how effective it is .

Not only could he concoct pills that restore Nether Energy at a massive rate, he should be able to create more miraculous pills which he looked forward to . Normally, alchemists would pass years or decades in seclusion for a better learning experience but he only had less than a week .

Although Arthur was interested in Alchemy, to say that he will put his heart into it is a bit far-fetched . He's only going to train in it to prepare a few things in case the plan didn't go expected . One cannot predict the future and it is better to be safe than sorry .

It has been quite some time since he obtained the special flame that is needed for Alchemy . As his hands nimbly moved around and the mysterious grey flame did its job in burning the materials and plants, Arthur proceeded to follow some of Zodiak's notes and using the stolen talent of alchemy to concoct some pills .

The process was smoother than expected thanks to his perfect control of fire, he could alternate between temperature whenever he wants and the notes of Zodiak were accurate .

Normally, an apprentice alchemist would concoct one pill out of ten tries, however, Arthur somehow managed to successfully concoct four out of ten after spending three days of hard work . Of course, he didn't forget to meditate to gain some Mental Power and even used a couple of undead knights to lure some God beasts nearby . Since this was the central part of this small realm and with the existence of the ruins and so on, the God beast tend to avoid this but the undead was quite provocative which enraged those beasts .

In one week, Arthur possessed three God beasts, which he slaughtered inside that cave . The Knights would lead them through a tunnel full of traps and Arthur would finish the job using the bone shark body . Although God beasts are not to be underestimated, with a flawless sneak attack from Arthur, the beasts could roar desperately before it they met their end .

The three God beasts gave him a decent amount of stats, which further strengthened his overall prowess and boosted his confidence .

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There was only less than a day left for the closure of the tomb, Arthur saw many factions and strong powers head for the ruins, including Cold Sword and even Kithel, Emily, And the red-haired youth . He patiently waited for his targets and prepared himself fully for what's about to happen as it is certain that bloody fights will occur, but no matter what, he will emerge victorious with the body of the Spatial Master .

As he silently meditated with both eyes closed, Arthur sensed a slight vibration which was followed by numerous red dots entering the radius of his map . The safest way to enter the ruins is this way, so Arthur hid here so he can monitor who entered .

The red dots were Elo Huo's group, which just entered the ruins . Most of the disciples were dirty and injured, only Elo Huo and the woman with him seemed fine . Arthur immediately acted when he saw them, using the body of a double-headed God beast that he killed three days ago, he headed towards them with lightning speed .

The first to react was the head of the group, he sensed danger and immediately invoked a special treasure to defend against whatever was coming right at them . Although they managed to arrive here, it was only due to a special stinky fruit that made the God beast purposely let them pass, so to speak they did not fight any God beast not were they able to .

With a surprised expression, Elo Huo didn't hesitate and activated his treasure . It was actually an old looking lantern with a flickering golden flame inside of it, it looked as if it would be extinguished at any second, a simple breeze might be enough to do the job .

Even Arthur was a bit startled yet he didn't stop, in fact, he accelerated and headed directly toward the lantern, which slowly opened, bringing with it the intense heat that could melt snow mountains in mere seconds .

Elo Huo felt a bit relieved when he saw the golden flames released, with those kinds of flames, even a God beast would not be able to survive . He held an important position in the academy so the elders gave a life-saving treasure of his choice .

He chose an old lantern which had Golden Crow flames burning inside of it and if it's released then the target would be incinerated . Even Gods are fearful of such flames, after all, the Golden Crow is one of the twelve Mythical Beasts .

The two mouths of the leopard opened and spat dark red flames that met with the golden flame which turned into a majestic crow . The crowd of disciples freaked out as girls screamed and boys trembled from fear . The sheer size and appearance of the two-headed leopard are enough to scare any one of them who were only used to weak beasts .

Elo Huo stood next to his woman and revealed a smug smile, proud of the power of his lantern, however, things didn't happen as he expected . The leopard spat strange dark red flames that clashed with the golden crow, their clash caused shaking across the whole area . The ruins were burning due to the scattering of flames from both sides .

Arthur didn't bypass the crow, he wanted to see how strong are his flames compared to this one . The leopard roared as two-three meter long wings made from pure flames were created on his back, adding to the pressure it was emanating, furthermore, the two mouths opened against and large waves of Ancient Fire were spat . Since it cost naught to use Ancient Fire, Arthur didn't hold back and unleashed large fireballs, intending to resist the Golden Crow .

Despite his unceasing bombardment, the Golden Crow seemed alright as it crushed the incoming fireballs with its legs after a bit of resistance . Arthur kept firing nonstop until the Golden Crow had enough of it, it screeched loudly and waved its wings, heading straight at the leopard .

Intending for this since the beginning, Arthur responded to that annoying screech with a furious roar and flapped his wings, charging straight at the flaming 'bird' . This time, he didn't spit any fireballs or use any fire-related skills, he stretched his paws and slashed at the Golden Crow, which came down from

above, illuminating the gloomy sky with bright golden color followed by an intense wave of heat that even suffocated the owner of the lantern .

Charging his hit with [Dark Burst] and using Void Attribute, the violet sharp claws cut through the golden flames, absorbing it as if it was nothing . The Claws were unhindered as they cut the Golden Crow and forced it to return to the lantern in a very weakened state . Arthur then teleported next Elo Huo, who was dumbfounded and unable to comprehend what just happened . He had complete confidence in his treasure to the point that he never imagined losing it, which just happened . Before he could react in time, his hand which was holding the lantern was literally ripped off as one of the two head of the leopard tore it off viciously .

Surprisingly, the leopard didn't finish off Elo Huo, instead, it headed towards the hole on the ground and disappeared from their view in a split second .

Currently, Arthur was laughing inside as he was possessing the body of the woman who was always next to Elo Huo . When he put the GPS on that boy, he intended to possess him but changed his target to this woman because Elo Huo seemed to trust her a lot which would facilitate the plan .

As for the Leopard, it was briefly controlled via threads, he only had to control until it escaped the senses of the lurking strong powers .

He was able to possess the woman the second he bit off Elo Huo's arm, he left the Leopard's body and used [Faster Than Death] and possessed it almost immediately without grabbing the attention of anyone . At this stage, possessing takes less than a second, and the teleportation was instant, moreover, the crowd was focused on the leopard and Elo Huo, who was screaming loudly from the agonizing pain .

Just as the Leopard disappeared, two red beams of light flew across the skies and appeared near the screaming Elo Huo .

Status Windows

TITLE: MEAT GRINDER / SEEKER OF KNOWLEDGE / ONE WITH THE SWORD / ARK HOLDER / LIVE WITH HONOR, DIE WITH GLORY

Level: ??

Class: Dark ARK Parasite

Realm: Divine Realm 3rd Grade

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Strength: 497 . 8M

Intelligence: 408 . 81M

Agility: 476 . 6M

Wisdom: 330M

Vitality: 429 . 2M

Dexterity: 418 . 7M

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Health: 500 . 2M // Health Regen: 151714/s

Nether Energy: 499 . 8M // Nether Energy Regen: 144871/s

Mana: 487 . 4MM // Mana Regen: 279317/s

Stamina: Infinite /Stamina Regen: ???

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Creation: 201

Attack: 589M (+65% Damage)

Defense: 548M (+25% Damage Reduction)

Magic Defense: 98 . 4M

Soul Defense: 5,000

Enigma abilities : Telekinesis / Ancient Threads / Sixth sense / ARK(Activated)

Mental Power: 5671

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Elemental Resistances(+)

Fire: 100%

Darkness: 100%

Wind: 35%

Water: 75%

Earth: 75%

Light/holy: 5%

Shadow: 30%

Lightning: 100%

Ice: 30%

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Death Count: 1 (2 more to obtain 'Unbound')

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Possessions (472,012)

Races:

Humans (282,987)

Demons (84,997)

Beasts (+)(101,528)

Unique Beasts (2498)

Mythical beings (1)

## Chapter 210

The two who just arrived are the old woman and the short old man Arthur saw a few days ago . They were the elders accompanying Elo Huo and they were both God Realm, moreover, they were both 8th Grade Gods .

The old woman started healing Elo Huo's arm and the old man dived underground in search of the double-headed leopard . Alas, his search was futile as he returned from down below with an infuriated expression .

"Ahhh it hurts!"

Elo Huo cried in pain as he held his shoulder where blood was gushing nonstop . Arthur, who was possessing the woman, walked next to Elo Huo and tried to sort of console him without doing anything strange . Since the woman was lower Realm than him then possessing her proceeded smoothly without meeting any resistance .

Regrowing an arm is a doable thing if rare plants are used, which is why the elders were not that much worried about Elo Huo, nevertheless, they were angry and there's nothing here that they can their rage upon .

For a genius like Elo Huo hailing from their academy to be this injured just because of a God Beast, he even used his lantern, which made the matter more shameful .

"That's what you get for being careless!"

The old woman scolded Elo Huo without saving him any face which made the boy's face distorted . The juniors remained silent as they didn't dare to meddle but you could see some of them are still afraid of the leopard .

Even the two elders were confused, normally, a God Beast shouldn't be able to bypass the Golden Crow, especially if it was done that easily!

A few minutes later, with the consistent begging of Elo Huo, the elders agreed to let him join them to the ruins despite his missing arm . He also asked his woman to come with him, which was perfect for Arthur .

While hugging Elo Huo's still intact arm, Arthur tagged along and followed the two elders . They have already entered the central part of the tomb, the ruins were all decayed and some of them were destroyed . However, it was said that there are some special runes that contain treasures or even powerful beasts that guard priceless plants .

Arthur could see a lot of juniors venturing deep into the ruins and exploring the area but the big shots and geniuses went with the elders from their sect because the treasures here do not entice them .

The elders of the big faction are bringing the top disciples to the main palace of the tomb, which where the actual tomb is and where the manual along with the other good treasures are hidden .

Arthur didn't talk much to not seem out of character, furthermore, Elo Huo seemed focused on the ruins and didn't mind it at all, so he just hugged the boy and silently followed the elders .

About two hours later, after traveling at a decent speed, they reached a large square with a main blue palace situated at its center . There was already a few factions present such as Kai Min and his sect elders, Cold Swort, who seemed to be slightly injured . Emily, Kithel and the red-haired youth were also here .

Arthur glanced at the red-haired youth, who instantly sensed it and glanced back at his master . He immediately knew that the woman was his master . To not raise any suspicions, he didn't stare long and didn't talk or make any weird gestures, he just closed his eyes and stood near Kithel .

'As expected, that kid is really good friends with Kai Min, excellent . '

Arthur looked toward Kai Min, who was unscathed and in a very good mood as his trip in the swamp was fruitful . A kid stood behind Kai Min, he was the one Arthur put a GPS on, and from the looks of it, it was the right choice .

"You seem to be late, Granny Teresa . "

Krores, the elder from Kai Min's sect spoke mockingly to the old woman accompanying Elo Huo . In response to his provocative words, the granny just snorted and ignored him .

The relationship between the two factions wasn't good to begin with, which is why Arthur wanted to add oil to the burning fire and cause more ruckus, which will facilitate his plan .

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Everyone was standing near the entrance of the closed palace . The real tomb of the Kang ancestor was inside it, but it isn't that easy to open the palace, one can be granted access, such as the descendants of the Kang Ancestor, or they can enter forcefully by breaking its gates, however, that isn't a favorable choice as the palace will surely retaliate and the guardians will emerge to drive away the intruders .

Only Gods can fight the guardians, which is why not all juniors were allowed to come here, only the talented can enter and try his chances .

The first people to take actions were Kithel and Emily . They both headed towards the closed gate and knocked three times each . It was a simple action yet it caused the large gates to slowly open, making a space enough for them to enter . Emily turned around and motioned for the red-haired youth to join her

. Her actions obviously attracted the attention of everyone, they looked towards the red-haired youth, who was seemingly close with the daughter of Amidel . Some were jealous but most of them were curious about who this youth might be, even the Gods such as Teresa and Krores frowned upon being unable to see through this youngster .

"A man knows when to back off, it's time to part ways . "

Although he said that, Emily was still unwilling and ended up entering only after Kithel whispered something in her ears .

When the siblings entered, the gates closed again, leaving the first comers curious about what's inside the palace . Even Kai Min couldn't contain his excitement .

The atmosphere soon turned silent for a dozen seconds before Krores talked again

"Granny Teresa, how about we force them out and let the youngsters try their chances?"

Krores and the other elders were already old and had priceless treasures, except the manual, they didn't need anything else and were not greedy for plants or powerful hidden items .

Although she didn't want to cooperate with the Water Cloud Sect, Teresa still had to accept Krores' offer as the guardians were really strong and the five of them should barely be able to cope with them .

Still cautious of each other, the five Gods advanced towards the big gates and unhesitantly started attacking with all their might, shaking the ground and creating large dust clouds .

Kai Min and even Cold Sword were forced to retreat some distance as it was not safe . If a single attack from these Gods reached them, they could die or be heavily injured .

Though they weren't holding back, neither of the Gods summoned their God Spirit as it was a last resort thing and it wasn't worth it, not until the guardians show up, at least .

Saber beams and 10-meter long sword slashes landed on the gates, shaking it yet not scratching it the least bit . Arthur silently waited for the perfect chance before he initiated his plans, the moment the gates open and the guardians appear is the right time to begin .

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Ten minutes passed in a flash, the juniors were a bit nervous except Cold Swort, who maintained an expressionless face . As time passed, the gates finally showed signs of destruction due to the bombardment of five Gods . There were a lot of scratches and even some holes . This continued for another twenty minutes before the gates finally reacted, its two large doors were opened forcefully and angry roar originating from inside place resounded in all the ruins, making those who were weak tremble uncontrollably .

Two enormous shadows as big as the gates appeared from inside, one was a humanoid statue holding a spear and the other seemed to be a dog with sharp spikes on its back . The dog seemed more frightening than the statue, it growled menacingly at the five Gods and seemed to be about to pounce at them at any given second .

Once the two Guardians appeared, Arthur activated the detonator he put inside the kid next to Kai Min, this caused a mass of blood and gory flesh to explode in all direction, frightening the hell of Kai Min . This was only the beginning as he used the woman's body to head straight toward the group of disciples behind Kai Min and without hesitation, he started throwing normal fireballs and using fire oriented skills to attack them yet not kill them instantly .