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“You’ve wasted so much of my time, f*cker. I’m not going *to* let you leave without paying me three hundred dollars first.”

The driver was getting impatient.

At that moment, he started getting sick of arguing with James and was tempted *to* simply let him go.

However, the thought of having wasted so much time dealing with James and not getting any money out of it vexed him.

So, he decided to teach James a lesson.

He pulled out his phone and made a call.

After a few minutes, a dozen taxis came and surrounded the car. Dozens of people got out of their vehicles.

“Hey, man. I’m giving you one last chance. Give me the f*ckin’ money right now, or else...”

James did not take the driver’s threats seriously.

He looked at the time. Henry should be arriving soon.

Sure enough, military vehicles appeared from the distance at that moment and were driving closer to them.

When the military vehicles got close to the airport entrance, a man wearing a Red Flame robe with three stars on his shoulder got out of one of the vehicles and was followed by *some* fully armed soldiers.

The appearance of the military vehicles attracted a gaggle of onlookers.

Some people even whipped *out* their phones to take pictures or start recording.

“That’s the Red Flame Army!

“That’s a three–star general from the Red Flame Army. He’s probably at the rank of a deputy commander.” “Why would a three–star general show up at the airport? Is he on a mission or is he here to pick someone up?”

Some of the onlookers secretly discussed the situation.

James sat in the taxi and watched as the military vehicles appeared. Seeing Henry get off the car, he smiled and said, "Your money's arrived. Let's go. Aren't you going to come with me to get it?"

The driver looked at James with a flabbergasted look on his face.

He had not properly looked at James' appearance prior to this. Now that he was looking more carefully at him, he had the feeling that James' appearance seemed familiar to him but he could not put his finger on where he had seen him before.

After staring at James for 20 seconds, the driver exclaimed in terror, "Oh my god."

He finally recognized James.

'Isn't this the Emperor?' he thought to himself.

After his sudden outburst, he paled as a regretful expression immediately formed on his face. "E-Emperor ...I'm so sorry. I didn't recognize you. P-please...please spare..."

"Alright, just hurry and open the door." James did not berate him for it.

"Yes, of course."

The driver immediately unlocked the door.

James got out of the car and walked toward Henry.

As soon as he walked over, Henry and the accompanying Red Flame Army soldiers saluted him in unison.

The dozen or so taxi drivers called over by the driver were dumbfounded when they saw this scene.

James ignored the driver.

He was just a driver and not worth getting worked up over.

"James."

Henry rushed over and said with a smile, "Where have you been for the last two weeks?"

"It's a long story. Bring me to Thea's place first."

“This way, James.”

Henry escorted James into the car.

James got onto the military vehicle.

The Red Flame Army soldiers also hopped into their vehicles and drove away.

Inside the car, Henry asked, “What happened, James?”

James briefly summed up the events after going to Malgudi.

He spoke very calmly, but Henry listened to the stories with a shocked expression.

Henry did not expect so much to have happened in *the* past fortnight.

Soon, they arrived at Thea’s courtyard house.

The courtyard’s gates were locked.

James jumped over the gates and entered the yard. Then, he attempted to open the front door.

However, the door was locked.

He exerted a little force, and the lock broke open.

There was no one inside the house.

Moreover, a layer of dust covered the furniture. The house appeared to have been vacant for a long time.

“She hasn’t come home?”

James frowned.

Thea had not returned home, which meant the situation had taken an extreme turn.

He quickly walked out the door.

Henry was waiting outside the house, Seeing James walk out, he immediately asked, “Is Thea not home?”

“Bring me to the Cadens’ mansion.”

James hurriedly hopped into the car.

Seeing his solemn expression, Henry knew something serious had happened. He did not ask any more questions and quickly followed suit, ordering the driver, "Quick, head to the Cadens' mansion."

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James soon arrived at the gate of the Cadens' mansion.

The guards at the gate saw the military vehicles and immediately approached them.

As they were walking over, James had already gotten out of the car.

"J-James..."

The guard addressed him nervously.

James' appearance caused both guards to lose their composure.

James asked bluntly, "Is Maxine home?"

"Y-yes, she's home..."

Before the guard could finish speaking, James had already barged into the Cadens' mansion.

Right then, Maxine was speaking with Zaiden, the head of the Sullivans, in the living room.

"Mr. Sullivan, I've spoken about this at length. You should reconsider."

As Maxine said that, James walked into the living room.

Seeing James, Maxine immediately stood up and gasped, "J-James."

James glanced at Zaiden, who was sitting on the couch and spoke in a steely tone. "This doesn't concern you. You can leave for now."

Zaiden looked quietly at James. Then, he simply stood up and left.

"J-James. You're back?"

James looked at Maxine and asked, "Why did you lie to me?"

"What?"

Maxine wanted to speak but could not bring herself to face him.

“Where’s Thea?”

As soon as James showed up, Maxine knew he was here to ask about Thea’s identity.

“I don’t know.”

Maxine had no clue about Thea’s whereabouts.

“However, I heard Celestial Sect’s leader challenged Tobias three days ago. They’re to meet one week later at Mt. Thunder Pass in the Southern Plains. If he refuses to accept the challenge, the sect leader will barge into the Capital and slaughter every one of his men,” said Maxine.

Maxine had a brief understanding of the events that took place in Malgudi.

She knew James’ cultivation base had been erased, and that he lost his strength.

Afterward, Thea took him away.

However, she did not know where Thea had brought him.

During this period, she had asked around but had gotten no news about Thea and James. It was not until three days ago that news spread in the ancient martial world about how Celestial Sect’s leader had challenged Tobias.

They were to duel at Mt. Thunder Pass in the Southern Plains. Should Tobias not have accepted it, Thea was determined to bring the fight to the capital.

“What happened, James?” asked Maxine.

“When did you find out about Thea’s identity.” James stared at Maxine and asked sternly.

After spending a couple of moments in stunned silence, Maxine replied, “I had a feeling it was her since a long while ago, but it hasn’t been that long since I confirmed the fact for myself.”

“Are you serious?! Why didn’t you tell me about such an important matter?” James raised his voice angrily.

“It’s not that I didn’t want to. Thea, she...”

“Huff!”

James took a deep breath and sat down.

“James...”

A voice called out from behind the door.

Bennett walked into the living room.

He stared at James. Seeing that James looked in the pink of health, he sighed in relief and said, “I was worrying frantically for the past two weeks. Thank goddess, you’re fine. By the way, how’s your strength?”

“I’ve already restored my strength,” James replied monotonously.

“Good.”

Bennett walked over and sat down beside James.

“James...”

Maxine finally found the courage to open her mouth once more. “Actually, Thea was just trying to help you. She’s secretly helped you for a while now. I was able to secure my position as the Cadens’ family head because of what she’s done.”

James did not pursue the matter any further.

He understood that Thea simply wanted to help him.

He knew that Celestial Sect’s leader was someone he had met while in Durandal or perhaps slightly before that, mainly because the sect leader had rescued him several times prior.

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He had suspected that it was either Thea or Thomas all along.

However, he had no conclusive evidence.

It never occurred to him that Celestial Sect’s leader would really be his wife, Thea, the woman who had endured so much suffering in the past.

“By the way, you said that Thea sent a letter of challenge to Tobias?”

“Yeah.”

“News of it has already spread in the ancient martial world. What’s going on? Weren’t you with Thea?” said Maxine.

“There were some unexpected circumstances.”

James briefly explained what had happened while he was recovering.

“Grandpa felt that the Spirit Turtle’s blood in Thea’s body showed great promise. He wanted to force Thea to experience an Energy Deviation so that she’d fully utilize the Spirit Turtle’s blood. Has anything major happened in the ancient martial world since then? Do you know if there has been any internal discord within Celestial Sect?”

Before Maxine could explain, Bennett interrupted their conversation and said, “Nothing has happened. The ancient martial world has been relatively peaceful. However, many martial artists had their True Energy absorbed by Tobias in Malgudi.”

“What’s the current situation regarding Tobias? Do you have an idea how strong he’s gotten since he’s absorbed my True Energy as well as that of other martial artists?” asked James concernedly.

Bennett shook his head and said, “I don’t know. Tobias hasn’t made an appearance since the battle in Malgudi.”

“Where’s Lucjan and the First Blood Emperor?” asked James.

Bennett said, “After Celestial Sect’s leader took you away, I rescued some other martial artists. Afterward, we fought against Lucjan and the First Blood Emperor. Both parties were injured during the battle and eventually fled...”

He went over what transpired after Thea took James away.

Although Lucjan had not been killed, the Gu Sect suffered heavy losses.

Lucjan had not shown up since the battle in Malgudi.

During this period, things in the Capital had been relatively peaceful, and there was no further activity by the Gu Sect or Orient Commerce.

Hearing this, James sighed in relief.

However, he still had not found out Thea’s whereabouts.

The only news about her was that she had challenged Tobias to a duel to the death at Mt. Thunder Pass.

Tobias absorbed not only James' True Energy but also the True Energy of many other martial artists. Yet, no one knew what rank he had reached after having done this.

James was unsure of Thea's condition and whether she had already suffered an Energy Deviation.

After learning about these recent developments, James stood up and proceeded to depart.

A flustered Maxine inquired, "W—Where are you going?"

"I'm going to the Southern Plains. To Mt. Thunder Pass."

After James stated his destination, he walked out of the house.

"Grand Patriarch, what should we do?" Maxine turned to Bennett.

Bennett's brow furrowed and left deep creases on his forehead. He thought for a moment and answered, "This is a situation that involves our family. James is a Caden, and Thea is his wife. I'll have to go to the Southern Plains to observe the situation."

"Grand Patriarch, let me accompany you..."

Bennett waved his hand and stopped Maxine, saying, "The Cadens still need someone to take charge of things here. You must stay and keep an eye on things."

"Alright." Maxine nodded.

Although she wanted to be at the van to keep up with the situation, there were indeed many things that needed her attention in the Capital.

James left the Cadens' mansion and headed to the Southern Plains with Henry.

The forces stationed in the Southern Plains were not united. James planned to quell the disputes and purge them of dissidents on this trip.

In a cultivation room at Celestial Sect Headquarters in Sol's central region, Thea sat in a lotus position. She was dressed in a black dress, and her long black hair had turned greyish—white.

Her long white hair hovered in the air.

A dreadful and oppressive energy radiated from her.

Her black eyes had taken on a red hue. At that moment, her appearance looked malevolent and demonic. She had an Energy Deviation ever since she witnessed the gruesome scene left behind by Thomas.

There was only one thought in her mind and that was to kill.

She wanted to slaughter all those who had harmed James.

For the past half month, she had been meditating in seclusion.

During that period, she had completely refined and absorbed the power of the Spirit Turtle's blood.

Now, all traces of fear and hesitation in her were gone. She was no longer concerned about suppressing the murderous intent in her heart. Thea had been rapidly absorbing the Spirit Turtle's blood ever since she came to that decision.

Her strength continued to increase at an astounding pace.

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For half a month, Thea's True Energy had been increasing as the days passed.

She had already ascended the Skyward Stairway's Fourth Stair.

She managed to almost completely assimilate the power from the Spirit Turtle's blood.

However, she had not reached her full potential yet.

There was still some remaining energy within the Spirit Turtle's blood.

Thea was in a closed-door meditation.

During this period, a piece of information had become the new hot topic in the ancient martial world.

"The latest news is that Celestial Sect's leader is actually Thea."

"What?! Thea?"

"Who's Thea?"

"She's James' wife. She used to be known as the ugliest woman in Cansington. The woman that saved James from the fire that claimed his family."

“No way. How could it be that same Thea? What kind of joke is this?”

It was unknown who had spread the news.

However, every martial artist within Sol now knew that Thea was the Celestial Sect's leader.

Meanwhile, James had arrived in the Southern Plains Military Region.

“Dragon King.”

As soon as he alighted the plane, he was greeted by the sound of his soldiers welcoming him in unison.

A few generals approached him. The person in their lead was Levi.

“Welcome back, Dragon King.”

James cast a glance at him and waved his hand.

Standing beside him, Henry asked furtively, “Where to, James?”

“We'll head to the Black Dragon Palace first.”

James walked away.

Soon, they arrived at the Black Dragon Palace.

Inside the living room of the Black Dragon Palace, James asked, “Henry, did you find out who are moles within the Southern Plains?”

“There aren't many of them. According to my investigation, only two or three generals in the Southern Plains present an issue. Other than that, the others aren't of significant rank. Out of them, the highest-ranking one is Levi. However, as I've explained to you previously, he was coerced into it. Now that the Emperor is dead, I haven't found anything suspicious about his behavior during this period.”

James said in a low voice, “Even so, he has to deal with the repercussions.”

Henry asked, “When will we act?”

James gently waved his hand and said, “We're not in a rush. It can wait a few more days. I need to see

Thea first and ensure she's safe.”

His main concern was Thea.

He planned to reorganize the Southern Plains after seeing and confirming Thea's safety with his own eyes. The Capital and Sol's peace could be restored in two to three months if everything went according to plan. After that passes, he would have nothing else to worry about.

Then, he planned to resign from his position and live a carefree life in seclusion. 2

"Mhm." Henry nodded.

"Prepare a car for me. I'll be going to Mt. Thunder Pass first."

Thea and Tobias' duel would take place at Mt. Thunder Pass.

James was unsure of whether Tobias would make an appearance.

He was certain that Thea would surely appear.

"Alright. I'll make arrangements right away."

Henry immediately pulled out his phone and made a call. He instructed, "Prepare a car. The Dragon King is heading out."

After making the call, Henry asked, "James, didn't you say that there's still one more week before the duel? Why're you leaving so early?"

"This matter can't wait."

He said worriedly, "Things don't look good for Thea as they are. I don't know where she is currently, so I can only go to Mt. Thunder Pass to wait for her to show up. Tobias must die, but not by Thea's hands."

James did not want Thea to be the one to take action.

Tobias had absorbed his True Energy and crippled him previously.

It would have been difficult for him to recover his strength if not for the Nine Scriptures of Ordeals.

He wanted to take revenge himself.

There was no need for Thea to do it in his place.

Hearing this, Henry did not ask any more questions.

Soon, the car was ready.

James drove the car to Mt. Thunder Pass alone.

Initially, Henry offered to accompany him, but James refused.

It would be dangerous in Mt. Thunder Pass. Even though his strength had improved considerably, he was

not a hundred percent confident that he could guarantee Henry's safety.

Meanwhile, a young man in his 20s sat deep in the forests of Mt. Thunder Pass.

He was dressed in white and chewed on a stalk of straw, vacantly staring down the cliff.

It was Tapio, the son of Mount Thunder Sect's leader, Jackson. He was also Delainey's eldest brother.

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Swoosh!

All of a sudden, a figure flew up the cliff.

The person landed firmly on the ground.

"Master,"

Tapio immediately stood up and addressed him respectfully.

The person that flew up the cliff was a youthful-looking man, probably around his 30s.

He had long hair and was dressed in a white robe. The man had a calm demeanor as he crossed his

hands behind his back.

"What's the situation?" he inquired.

"Master, Celestial Sect's leader, has challenged Tobias to a duel at Mt. Thunder Pass. In the past few days, news had spread that Celestial Sect's leader is actually James' wife, Thea."

"Celestial Sect's leader is Thea?"

Upon hearing this news, the man in his 30s was surprised.

During this period, he also tried to investigate the identity of the Celestial Sect's leader but *to no avail*.

After composing himself, he asked, "Who spread the news?"

Tapio replied, "I'm not sure. By the way, according to reliable sources, James appeared in the Capital. After he visited the Cadens' mansion, he rushed to the Southern Plains. Judging by the time, he should have already arrived in Southern Plains City."

"Didn't Tobias absorb James' True Energy and cripple him?"

Tapio shook his head and said, "I'm not certain about that either."

Suddenly, Tapio's phone vibrated, and he pulled it out. He looked at the screen and said, "I just got the news that James had started his journey to Mt. Thunder Pass."

The man dressed in the traditional-looking white robe nodded lightly and said, "I'll meet James in person this time. He's lucky to have survived that dangerous battle in Malgudi."

"Master, are you going to reveal yourself?" Tapio was taken aback.

"It's time to make an appearance."

After replying to the question, his body flickered, and he vanished from the area as if he had never been there in the first place.

He completely disappeared from Tapio's sight in just a few seconds.

James drove toward Mt. Thunder Pass.

After half a day, he appeared within the vicinity of Mt. Thunder Pass.

The path ahead of him had abruptly ended.

He stopped the engine and got out of the car.

As soon as he got out of the car, he felt an intense energy rushing toward him.

The person appeared out of thin air and was traveling at a speedy clip. James did not even sense him until he was within his sights.

He stood in front of the car door and looked at the man in white standing a hundred meters away from him.

The white-clothed man stepped forward and appeared in front of James with a few steps.

James stared at the sudden guest.

“Who’re you?”

There was a hint of wariness in his expression.

“Haha. James, we finally meet.” The man in white looked at James with a smile on his face.

“Finally meet?”

James was slightly puzzled by his words.

What does that mean?

Could this person have been secretly observing him this whole time?

“Who are you?”

As soon as he finished speaking, the man in white suddenly leaped into action.

He closed in on James instantly and thrust his palm forward. The attack struck James with colossal force.

James quickly reacted. He mobilized his True Energy, and nine waves of True Energy flowed in his body toward his Elixir Field to form True Heavenly Yang Energy.

He quickly concentrated the energy in his palm and raised his hand to block his opponent’s attack.

Boom!

Their palms collided.

A powerful shockwave swept across the area.

The car James had just parked was instantly overturned by the shockwave and the force instantly reduced it to a heap of iron debris.

The terrifying force also shattered a few rocks near the road.

James and his opponent both took a few steps backward.

The man in white his arm go numb, and his fair face took on a more serious expression. He inadvertently uttered, "Such potent True Energy."

James' Blood Energy roiled from the shock, and warmth surged up his throat.

Blood had been forced into his mouth, but he made himself swallow it.

"Who are you?"

James was shocked.

He had reached the Skyward Stairway's Fifth Stair and was at the threshold of the sixth step.

However, his mysterious opponent was able to withstand his attack.

He was terrifyingly strong.

"Tyrus Lafleur."

The man in white parted his lips and simply mentioned his name.

"Tyrus Lafleur?"

Who exactly is this person? James was puzzled.

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James had never seen this person before nor heard of his name.

However, it seemed this person named Tyrus had known him for a long time.

James looked at the man before him with flinty eyes

This man was extremely strong and was on par with him in terms of cultivation base.

He had ascended the Fifth Stair's peak and was on the verge of entering the Sixth Stair. He had assumed he was the strongest in the world, but all of a sudden, this man shows up and demonstrated strength that was at least equal to his.

The world was indeed full of hidden masters.

It proved that as one climbed higher, one would also come into contact with similarly remarkable people.

“Who exactly are you, Tyrus?” James questioned him with narrowed eyes.

However, Tyrus did not answer his question. He simply stared at James, shocked that James’ strength had exceeded his expectations.

He practically watched James grow up.

Ever since James was drafted into the Southern Plains ten years ago, he had secretly watched over him.

He was very familiar with James’ strength.

Unexpectedly, James’ strength had increased substantially in less than half a month.

“I’ll tell you if you can defeat me.”

Suddenly, Tyrus’ body let off a fearsome aura, causing a plume of sand and dust to rise and billow out around them.

Some fallen leaves along the roadside also fluttered in the air, drawn in by the force of Tyrus’ energy.

The leaves gathered into a ball and were swept up from the ground.

Tyrus casually waved his hand, and the ball formed by the fallen leaves hurtled toward James.

Woosh!

The wind howled and the force swept raced toward him.

James quickly stepped back.

He summoned his True Heavenly Energy and concentrated it in his hand. He leaped 30 meters into the air and swung his fist at Tyrus.

From his fist, a phantom fist shot forward.

The phantom fist was formed from concentrated True Energy.

It contained a devastating strength, enough to split mountains.

The illusory phantom fist struck the ball of fallen leaves, dispersing it instantly.

The fallen leaves floated apart and flew away in the breeze.

“Haha. Not bad.”

Tyrus laughed out loud.

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His body quickly moved backward, and he appeared atop a big tree on a mountain a hundred meters

away.

He waved his hands in the air. The leaves of the surrounding trees were shaken off and they gathered together to form a gigantic sword.

The sword thrust toward James with destructive force.

James thrust his palm forward again.

His potent Palm Energy destroyed the giant leaf sword instantly.

Then, he charged toward Tyrus with incredible speed.

James appeared before Tyrus in the blink of an eye.

His afterimages continuously vanished and reappeared all around Tyrus.

James had gotten close to Tyrus and attacked him a dozen times in just a few seconds.

However, Tyrus easily blocked all his attacks.

Suddenly, Tyrus launched a counterattack.

He was lightning-fast, appearing in front of James in a flash. Then, he pointed his finger at James.

At that moment, the surrounding air began to resonate.

Ripples began forming in the air.

James felt a crushing pressure coming from both the sky and the ground. This pressure made it hard to

breathe.

He wanted to remove himself from the pressurized area.

However, the force being exerted on him slowed him down.

After Tyrus pointed at James, he immediately vanished and reappeared in front of James.

He wedged his finger in between James' eyebrows.

However, he did not put any strength into his action.

Right there and then, time seemed to stop.

After a few seconds, Tyrus withdrew his finger and put his hands behind his back once more. Then, he looked at the dumbstruck James with a calm expression.

"James, you've got incredible strength and have climbed to a high rank. However, your comprehension of martial arts is still lacking.

"You rely on the Thirteen Heavenly Swords too much. Without your sword, you're like a toothless tiger, vulnerable to all sorts of attacks," Tyrus spoke lightly as if advising a student.

To James, this sounded like Tyrus intended to humiliate him instead.

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James had no words to dispute his statement.

It was not that his martial art comprehension was poor, but that his opponent was too powerful.

What kind of martial arts was he practicing?

He had never seen or heard of this technique before.

"What... What kind of martial art technique is that?" James stared at Tyrus incredulously.

"It's not an advanced martial art technique. I simply flicked my finger. You'll only be able to use this to your advantage when you truly comprehend the way of martial arts.

Your True Energy is the core of your strength, and maximizing the power of your True Energy is the real essence of martial arts," explained Tyrus.

It sounded like he was boasting about his own skills but it also seemed to be a lesson meant for James.

He spoke literally and his words were simple enough to understand.

However, it was difficult to grasp from a martial artist's perspective.

"We'll meet again."

Tyrus left the conversation there and began to move away.

"Take this!!!"

James was dissatisfied with the outcome. The situation confused him and to add to that confusion, he was also suddenly and soundly defeated. As soon as Tyrus turned in response to James' yell, James launched another attack.

He charged at Tyrus and struck with the Blithe Fist of Abomination's Palm Energy.

However, his Palm Energy only crashed into Tyrus' afterimage.

The illusion dispersed, and the real Tyrus appeared a hundred meters away.

"James, you're still lacking in your martial arts. You're no match for me yet. I suggest you continue training for a few more years."

Tyrus' voice drifted in from far away.

His voice gradually faded and completely disappeared.

After Tyrus had vanished, James' face was clouded over with a serious expression.

A person suddenly appeared and fought with him.

After criticizing him for a moment, he simply left the scene.

James could hardly process what had happened and was unsure who Tyrus was.

"Tyrus Lafleur?"

"Is there such an incomparable martial artist in Sol with the surname Lafleur?" James murmured contemplatively.

He had never heard of such a person before.

The only person with that surname was the Prince of Orchid Mountain from thousand years ago.

The Prince of Orchid Mountain's real name was Langston Lafleur.

"Could he be the descendant of the Prince of Orchid Mountain?"

The possibility cropped up in his mind.

Thousands of years ago, the Prince of Orchid Mountain's four major officials eventually founded the families that comprised the Ancient Four.

Langston was a prince and definitely had countless women. It stood to reason that he must have had descendants at some point.

If he truly was the Prince of Orchid Mountain's descendant, it would explain how Tyrus attained such strength and talent in martial arts.

"Huff!"

James took a deep breath as he thought about the possibilities.

It was true that the stronger he grew, the more powerful people he encountered.

James heard from Thomas that the Blood Race was the scariest clan to inhabit this world. They had the longest lifespan and even have members that have lived up to 500 years.

Who would have thought that he would encounter another powerful martial artist?

James was unsure of whether Tyrus was a friend or foe.

It would be troublesome if he were an enemy.

"Is my martial art comprehension really that lacking?"

James rubbed his chin and reflected on himself.

"Perhaps it's true. Apart from swordsmanship, I have not learned any other kinds of martial arts."

James decided to widen his horizons and study other martial art techniques when he had the time.

Even if he could not master it completely, it would at least broaden his scope of knowledge.

Nine Scriptures of Ordeals contained many martial art techniques, including ones on swords, guns, staves, fists, and palms.

It was no exaggeration to say the Nine Scriptures of Ordeals was an encyclopedia of martial arts.

Moreover, it recorded the best martial art techniques in the past thousand years as well as everything the Polaris Sect's founder had learned throughout his life.

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When he was alive a millennia ago, it only took him a mere ten years to ascend the ranks and be able to take on the Prince of Orchid Mountain's men.

Through this, he was able to gain power that was second only to the Prince of Orchid Mountain.

Even though his cultivation base had been abolished, he was still regarded as a legend for being able to create the Nine Scriptures of Ordeals.

The martial arts he left behind were all first-rate techniques from a thousand years ago.

James planned to study hard and practice them.

However, he did not have the leisure of doing so currently.

It would take several years, perhaps decades, or even longer to fully understand and master each one.

This would not be the case for geniuses though.

However, James did not think himself to be a genius.

While immersed in his thoughts, he made his way up Mt. Thunder Pass.

James sat in a lotus position and waited.

He was going to wait until Thea appeared.

Meanwhile, a man was also seated in a lotus position in a simple wooden house located in a desolate forest somewhere in Sol.

That man was Tobias.

It was immediately apparent that Tobias now had a much more youthful appearance.

As his strength and rank increased, so did his vitality improve. His cells began to recover. His current appearance was of a man in his 40s.

This was the benefit of practicing martial arts.

The higher one's cultivation base, the younger one would look and the longer one's life span.

After Tobias escaped from Malgudi, he meditated in seclusion all this time.

More than half a month had passed, and he had refined the True Energy he absorbed from others.

He had already successfully climbed the Third Stair of the Skyward Stairway.

However, he was still not content with his current strength.

After learning the Great Law of Absorption, he felt that he belonged in the ninth rank.

Tap, tap, tap.

Footsteps came from outside his door.

An old man walked inside the room.

The old man had a long braid and wore a gray robe. He had the appearance of a historical figure from an ancient dynasty.

It was Sky.

Sky walked over and looked at Tobias sitting in his meditative stance and asked, "How's it going?"

Tobias gradually opened his eyes and looked at Sky standing before him.

He replied calmly, "I've already refined the True Energy I absorbed from the other martial artists.

I've already ascended the third stair and have reached its peak. I'm only one step away from the Fourth Stair.

"Mhm."

Sky nodded and said, "Very good. You've been in closed-door meditation for some time and are probably unaware of the things happening outside.

Celestial Sect's leader has issued a letter of challenge to you. It's a duel to the death set one week from now. It'll take place at Mt. Thunder Pass in the Southern Plains."

Tobias' face darkened.

"Celestial Sect's leader..."

He angrily clenched his fist, and veins bulged on his face.

"Celestial Sect's leader must have a death wish."

When he was in Malgudi, Celestial Sect's leader forced him into a corner, and he lost his life.

However, he was no longer the same man.

He was confident he would be able to defeat Celestial Sect's leader with his current strength.

"There's also one more piece of news."

Sky said, "I've gotten hold of news saying that Celestial Sect's leader is Thea Callahan."

Tobias stood up abruptly and exclaimed, "How could it be Thea?"

He had been guessing the identity of the Celestial Sect's leader. All this while, he assumed it could only be Thomas. Other than Thomas, no one else had that kind of strength.

It was impossible for him to continue to listen calmly upon hearing that the Celestial Sect's leader was none other than Thea.

He asked doubtfully, "Are you sure Thea is Celestial Sect's leader? I find it hard to believe."

Sky responded indifferently, "I'm not a hundred percent sure myself. I only know that news had spread about how Thea had been doused in the Spirit Turtle's blood when it was slaughtered during the Mount Thunder Conference.

Thea's strength had increased significantly after refining the Spirit Turtle's blood, and she's now one of the strongest martial artists in this world."

"So, I'm to meet her in Mt. Thunder Pass in the Southern Plains?"

“Yeah.”

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“How much longer till the duel?”

“One week.”

“Alright.”

Tobias waved his hand and said, “You should head back first. I’ll go to Mt. Thunder Pass and battle her then. This time, I’ll definitely kill her.”

“By the way, have you refined the second Spirit Turtle’s core yet?”

“Not yet. I plan to save it for when I reach a higher realm.”

Sky said in a grave voice, “Tobias, I must warn you to not underestimate Thea.”

Despite ascending the Third Stair of the Skyward Stairway and reaching its peak, you still might not be a match for her.

If I were you and had only one week before the duel, I’d travel around Sol and absorb the True Energy of various martial artists to rapidly augment my strength the best I can.

One week should be enough for you to ascend to the Fifth Stair.

“You’ll be the greatest martial artist in this world if you ascend the Fifth Stair of the Skyward Stairway.”

“When that time comes, there will be none that can rival you.”

Sky lightly warned Tobias.

He had already walked out of the wooden house, but his voice still resounded from outside the door.

“By the way, the only person in Sol worth taking action against is Winston from the Blithe family.”

He’s also an eighth-ranked grandmaster but he failed to obtain a core from the Spirit Turtle.

Therefore, his strength has remained at the eighth rank. It'll be a piece of cake for you to kill him."

Sky's voice gradually quietened and completely disappeared.

After he left, Tobias stood up.

As he stood up, he felt severe pain from vital acupoints in his body.

His face distorted in pain and big beads of sweat rolled down his face.

After a while, the pain gradually eased.

This was the repercussion of practicing the Great Law of Absorption.

Before he practiced it, Sky had already warned him that the technique was not perfect and was still incomplete.

However, he still insisted on using it to gain strength.

"Damn it."

He cursed out with a wretched expression. "It hasn't been long since I've practiced it, yet I've already run into problems.

Could Sky have hidden a part of the Great Law of Absorption and deliberately taught me an incomplete version?"

Tobias did not fully trust Sky.

There was no one he trusted in this world anymore.

He only trusted himself.

He tightly clenched his fists and said with determination, "Only by being the strongest and the greatest in the world will I be able to make everyone tremble before me. I will conquer everyone with my strength.

"Winston Blithe!!!"

Tobias grit his teeth.

"I'll start with you."

He strode furiously out of the wooden house.

Tobias did not look back at the wooden house. He raised his hand and casually flicked it in the air.

A potent force gathered in his palm.

Boom!

The force rocketed toward the wooden house behind him.

The wooden house instantly fell apart and turned into a pile of splinters.

After Tobias had left for quite some time, a person slowly walked out from behind a big tree in the distance.

It was none other than Sky.

Sky looked in the direction Tobias had left in with a sinister smile on his old face.

Suddenly, a middle-aged man walked over and stood behind Sky, asking respectfully, "Master, if we continue to let Tobias proceed like this, won't he eventually go berserk?"

Sky smirked and said, "Don't worry. Everything is under control. By the way, what's the situation at Mt. Thunder Pass right now?"

The middle-aged man replied, "There is reliable intel that James is still alive and has appeared in Mt. Thunder Pass of the Southern Plains. Also..."

"What else?"

"Our men around Mt. Thunder Pass have reported seeing James fighting with a mysterious person in Mt. Thunder Pass."

As he spoke, the man took out his phone. He pulled up a video and played it.

The video was taken from a distance.

It was hard to see the people in the video clearly, but the destructive power demonstrated by the combatants was apparent.

The video only captured a vague glimpse of James and Tyrus' fight.

Upon seeing the battle, Sky had a grim expression.

"Who's this person who's cultivated this much?"

“Also, hasn’t James’ cultivation base already been abolished? How did he recover and become even stronger than he was before?”

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Sol, the Western Border.

Mount Littleroot, the Blithe family’s headquarters.

The Blithe family was known for being a relatively strong family since the days of old and had their accomplishments recorded throughout history.

Their time spent in the sun also eventually came to an end.

For the past hundred years, the Blithe family had not risen to their former glory.

Not long ago, they invited many martial artists in order to make an impactful return back into the ancient martial world.

They held aspirations to become the best of the ancient martial world upon their comeback.

However, their plans went awry because of James.

Wiston had personally taken action against him.

He was already old and did not reap any benefits from participating in that battle. His True Energy ebbed away after going all out, and the vitality slowly drained from his body ever since.

His time was almost up.

At that moment, Winston sat in a lotus position on the ground in his closed-door sanctuary in a side nook of Mount Littleroot.

He wore a plain coat. On his bald head were little lesions, giving off a grotesque appearance.

His face was pale, and he did not have a healthy complexion.

Donovan knelt in front of him.

“Donovan.”

Winston looked at Donovan sorrowfully as he uttered softly, "I did my best in the Mount Thunder Conference but did not manage to snatch the Spirit Turtle's core.

After my return, I meditated to stabilize my vitality. However, I've been growing weaker with each passing day. My time is almost up."

Kneeling on the ground, Donovan said promptly, "That can't be true, Grand Patriarch. I'm sure you'll live for another hundred years.

The Blithes still need your leadership. Our family has yet to become the greatest family in the world."

Winston shook his head dejectedly. "It's too late. I don't have that time. I probably have three to five months or a year and a half at most."

"Grand Patriarch..."

"You have to remember what I'm about to tell you." Winston interrupted Donovan's words with an urgent stare.

"Understood, Grand Patriarch. Please go ahead."

Winston looked at the clear skies and fell into deep thought. After a while, he began to speak.

"The Blithe family was established during the time of King Quavon. Our ancestor was a talented subordinate under His Majesty.

"Back then, he ruled the world and he yearned to obtain immortality. So, the whole world searched for the Elixir of Life.

"Our ancestor had traveled far out to the South Pacific with the national official, Finnegan Xanthos, and encountered a phoenix.

"Finnegan led a three thousand man battalion to slay the phoenix but were unsuccessful.

"Only a few of them escaped from the battle alive.

"Our ancestor was one of these few.

"There's a legend passed down in our family that the blood of a phoenix can grant one immortality.

"King Quavon forged a legendary weapon to slay the phoenix and gain immortality.

“Legend has it that an earthquake shook the lands and the seas churned violently when the sword was forged.

“In historical records, the sword is called the Primordial Sword. It is the greatest sword in history.

“However, the sword was lost to time.

“No one knows why, but he had never gone out into the seas to kill the phoenix ever again.

If I’m not mistaken, the Primordial Sword should be in King Quavon’s Mausoleum. Paired with the Primordial Sword is also the First Sword Art.

“King Quavon summoned swordsmen from all over the world and spent decades creating this invincible sword technique.

“It was created specifically to slaughter phoenixes. It’s an unbeatable sword technique.”

Donovan listened attentively.

He never expected the Blithes to have such a history.