

Chapter 2201

Three Jade Drums

Stephen and Sonic Butterfly King kept talking as they completed their registration. Even Kings had to follow the rules of the Thousand Treasures.

The Thousand Treasures rarely had any conflict with those of other races, but their powers most certainly positioned them in the top ten races of the universe. Many suspected they could easily land a spot in the top five.

Stephen and Sonic Butterfly King readied themselves to leave, when suddenly a man and a woman entered the base. With them was a little girl. The two Kings frowned upon seeing them.

They hadn't noticed that the man was Han Sen, but they felt the presence of the Jade Drum that Huangfu Jing was carrying. They frowned at her sternly.

Since they had to register their Drums, there was no point in trying to hide what they had found.

And in regards to the Thousand Treasures, they wouldn't help a customer hide their Jade Drum, either. The Thousand Treasures wanted the universe to know every time someone found a Jade Drum on Planet Jade Drum. It would be very good for their business. So Han Sen and Huangfu Jing carried their Jade Drums openly.

Since they were going to register their drums, they didn't have to hide their identities, either. Every Jade Drum claimed would be advertised. So, Han Sen took Huangfu Jing to register their findings right away.

Sonic Butterfly King and Stephen saw Han Sen and Huangfu Jing approach the registration booth. They kept staring at Huangfu Jing's bag. They could sense the Jade Drum inside, but they knew they couldn't be 100% certain that's what it was until they saw it.

When Huangfu Jing took her Jade Drum out of her bag, the Kings sucked in a sharp breath of air.

"A Jade Drum... That's a Jade Drum!" Those of the other races saw Huangfu Jing reveal a Jade Drum, and many of them couldn't keep themselves from shouting.

"It has been a year since the last Jade Drum was found."

"Look at her presence. She is a Marquise at the very most. I can't believe she was lucky enough to find one of those legendary Jade Drums."

"Haha! Is this good luck or bad? It will be difficult to determine. Things don't always go well for a Marquise who finds a Jade Drum."

All the Kings were talking quietly amongst themselves. The workers in the base were just as surprised to see the Jade Drum, as well. But they still registered it to her like it was nothing out of the ordinary.

Doing business with the Thousand Treasures was reliable. They had even sold deified treasures before. Nothing bad ever happened in one of their places of business. They wouldn't try anything underhanded to attempt to secure a Jade Drum.

They followed their procedures and protocol as was customary. Huangfu Jing handed in her access ticket, then struck her Jade Drum. After the registration was complete, the Jade Drum was confirmed to be an official possession of hers.

Stephen could not help himself from walking over to Huangfu Jing and asking, "Friend, are you selling that Jade Drum of yours?"

"Sorry, I don't plan on selling it," Huangfu Jing said.

She was just an Earl. A Duke Jade Drum could be very beneficial to her, and it would be much safer for her to explore with it in tow. Killing xenogeneics would be much easier, as well. Huangfu Jing had no intention of selling it.

Of course, that was also because no King planned on attacking her just yet.

Stephen frowned, but he wasn't going to give up so easily. He went on to say, "Do not reject my request just yet. I am Stephen from the Naga. Give me your sum. Name any price. I won't try to haggle you for a bargain."

"Sorry." Huangfu Jing did not move a muscle, save to give him her quick answer of no.

Stephen's face looked dire. So, Sonic Butterfly King came forward and said, "Kid, it won't be easy to look after a Jade Drum. I can trade you my Duke-class Eight Sonic Butterfly for it. And on top of that, I will keep you safe. What do you say to that?"

"Sorry." Huangfu Jing's answer was still the same cold response.

"If you do not sell it right now, you will regret it the moment you set foot off of Planet Jade Drum. But by then, it will be too late. If you want to sell it, now is your chance." Sonic Butterfly King's face did not change during his speech. He smiled.

Huangfu Jing ignored him and stepped away.

Sonic Butterfly King started to step closer to tell her something else, but Han Sen walked in front of him and said, "My friend told you she isn't interested in selling it. Please ask someone else."

Sonic Butterfly King's expression turned to stone. "How dare you interrupt my talk with her?"

Han Sen shrugged silently. He moved to the registry booth and revealed his own Jade Drum.

"Another Jade Drum!" Everyone in the base was shocked. No one could have expected that two Jade Drums would be found on the same day.

Sonic Butterfly King was flabbergasted. He did not expect Han Sen to have a white Jade Drum, as well.

The workers looked very surprised. They completed the registration for Han Sen, indicating it now officially belonged to him.

“Are you selling your Jade Drum? What I promised her will still apply to you, if you are willing to engage in such a transaction.” Sonic Butterfly King looked right at Han Sen when he spoke.

Han Sen ignored him, which prompted Stephen to follow up. He said, “Friend, if you are selling the Jade Drum, I will pay a high price and keep you safe. You can name your price. Anything you wish.”

“Sorry, but I have made no plans to sell it,” Han Sen answered, rejecting his offer.

Sonic Butterfly King looked gloomy, but before he said anything further, his eyes opened wide. He saw Han Sen bring out another Jade Drum.

This Jade Drum looked very strange. There were some red symbols across it, and it looked very different from the average Jade Drum.

“It’s a... another Jade Drum... How is that possible?!”

“D*mn! It looks like they are together. They found three Jade Drums. Did they find a special Jade Drum mine?”

“This luck is truly crazy. They have managed to obtain three Jade Drums.”

“That third Jade Drum looks wrong, though. It’s different than a normal one. It cannot be a mutant one, can it?”

“If it is a mutant Jade Drum, then it will be worth a lot. We know that normal Jade Drums can become King class, but a mutant Jade Drum might go even higher.”

“That is extremely lucky. It is too lucky. I’m sure such luck will result in a disaster for them shortly. They look low-level, but they have each earned a Jade Drum. Oof. They are very dead.”

“That is not luck! That is pure danger.”

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As everyone discussed this, Stephen and Sonic Butterfly King stared at the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum, seething with greed. They didn’t even blink. The mutant Jade Drum was so exceptionally rare that it wasn’t seen more than once every ten thousand years. They could have been items that were higher than King class. Even King class people treated them like treasures.

“I am sorry, sir. According to the rules of the Thousand Treasures, every creature can only take one Drum with them. You have already registered one...” the worker said to Han Sen.

“I know. This Drum isn’t mine. It belongs to my daughter.” Han Sen pointed at Bao’er, and then he passed her the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum.

“Then, we will have to see her play it,” the worker said, clearly not believing Han Sen. The worker looked back and forth between Bao’er and the Jade Drum.

“Does she have to hit the Drum here?” Han Sen asked.

“Yes. Those are the rules.” The worker nodded with absolute certainty.

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“My daughter cannot control the strength she uses on the Drum. Will that be okay?” Han Sen double-checked with them.

The worker laughed, pointed to the base around them, and said, “The base has the appropriate equipment to absorb and sustain the sonic power. Even if a King whacked a Jade Drum, the excessive force would be dampened by the technology. Only a small bit of the shockwave will ultimately spread. Do not worry. And if there are any issues here at the registration booth, we will claim full responsibility.”

“That’s good.” Han Sen nodded. He had been afraid something terrible might happen, and he would end up being responsible for it.

He had heard the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum’s noise before, and he knew it was quite different from the average Jade Drum. An ordinary Jade Drum expelled its sonic powers in a wide radius without much of a focus.

The Blood Scorpion Jade Drum’s behavior was unique. The force lashed out in the manner of a scorpion’s stinging tail. When the Drum was struck, the sound was sharp and focused. It pierced right through a person. It was very difficult to describe.

Bao’er had struck it lackadaisically earlier, and that small blow was enough to bring Han Sen and Huangfu Jing to the brink of death. If Bao’er hit it any harder, there was every chance someone in that establishment could die.

“Friends, my daughter doesn’t know how to measure the strength she exerts. How about you all take a step back, in case something happens. It’s so you can avoid injury.” Han Sen looked at the elites in the lobby. People of all different races were assembled there. If the Drum killed them all, it would mean Han Sen had caused a grievous offense to each of the races.

“It’s a Drum. Just hit it! Why must you keep talking?” All the people present were very skilled at sonic powers already, so they were all very eager to see the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum’s power. They weren’t willing to just leave on a whim.

“Um, if you guys don’t want to leave, then you may want to take some measure to protect yourselves. Don’t take it out on us if you end up getting hurt after a fair warning,” Han Sen said.

“Who will take it out on you for this? We might take something else out on you for talking constant crap and not getting a move on. Hit it now or put the Jade Drum down and get lost!” Many of the elites were growing annoyed with the delays.

“Well, I warned you. All I can say is, look after yourselves.” Han Sen set Bao’er down by the Drum and then retreated. He summoned his Bai Sema around himself, Huangfu Jing, the worker, and the registry booth. Then, he blinked to Bao’er who was still outside of the Bai Sema. “Bao’er, hit it. But don’t hit it too hard.”

Han Sen shielded the worker because he was genuinely afraid that the man wouldn’t be able to withstand the hit. The Drum couldn’t be registered if the person who was supposed to register it died.

Everyone saw Han Sen taking this so seriously, and they started to appear a little confused.

The worker said that there was equipment in place to ventilate excess sonic powers. They were designed to deal exclusively with the power of the Drums. Even if a King class elite struck a Drum, nothing much would happen. The Blood Scorpion Jade Drum was a mutant Jade Drum, yes, but if a mere child was going to strike it, that shouldn’t have posed much of an issue.

That was what the onlookers were thinking, anyway, as they saw Bao’er standing over the Jade Drum. Then, she hit it.

Pang!

The small hand came down on the drum, and a very low boom sounded. Before anyone could react, they all felt as if steel rods had been driven down into their heads.

Bzzt!

Everyone’s head buzzed, and their bodies felt like they were being impaled. No one present could keep their bodies composed, and they collapsed to writhe and convulse on the ground. It was like they were having a stroke.

They began to froth at the mouth, and many of their bladders let loose. The entire lobby began to stink, as a whole bunch of Nobles began rolling around on the ground and soiling themselves.

Sonic Butterfly King and Stephen believed themselves to be sonic elites. And there was sonic absorption equipment installed there. They hadn’t taken any measures to protect themselves.

They had no idea that the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum would pose that big of a threat when compared to the average Jade Drum. When the strange Drum sounded, they didn’t even see the sonic ripples assault them. The sonic needles didn’t give them time to block. Their brains no longer functioned correctly, and they collapsed to wriggle and roll across the floor.

Although they weren’t in as bad shape as the Dukes and Marquises, they still felt as if their heads were about to explode. They couldn’t think straight, and they couldn’t even lift themselves up off the floor.

Han Sen thought he'd end up killing someone, but it looked as if no one had actually died. Their heads had been hit fiercely, though, so he did not think anyone would be recovering for quite some time.

It looked like the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum's power didn't actually kill those it affected. It just messed with their brains and left them incredibly dazed.

Han Sen kept thinking that such a weapon was perfect for him.

And while all those people were still disoriented, Han Sen could take Huangfu Jing and Bao'er to leave safely.

"You guys said the Thousand Treasures would bear the responsibility for anything bad that might happen. Can we register this item now?" Han Sen shook the worker to rouse him and get his attention. The man was still frozen in disbelief.

The worker looked very surprised by the events that had just transpired. He watched the Nobles rolling around on the floor. While they might have looked very elegant only moments before, they now looked filthy with all the bodily deposits they were rolling in. Their prior cockiness had quickly evaporated.

Even Sonic Butterfly King and Stephen. They were mumbling something about being dizzy and needing to sit on the floor, but they couldn't help but touch the waste unleashed by the other Nobles.

"What are you waiting for? Hurry up and get this thing registered." Han Sen stared down at the worker.

The worker snapped out of his daze as if he had just woken from a dream. Then, he went to register the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum.

After that, Han Sen took his companions and departed. The Blood Scorpion Jade Drum was strong, but that was because Sonic Butterfly King and the others hadn't bothered to prepare any defenses. Now that they knew what to expect, it would be harder to use the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum on them again.

Clients weren't permitted to kill anyone on Planet Jade Drum. Being wanted by the Thousand Treasures would be bad. Han Sen needed to put as much distance as he could between himself and the people who had just been dazed while they were still unable to follow.

Han Sen took Bao'er away from Planet Jade Drum and thought to himself, "The Blood Scorpion Jade Drum's dazing powers are strong. Even the Kings were affected by it. I really need to get its approval so I can use it for myself in the universe. If I use that on an enemy, I can do whatever I want to them."

Ten minutes after leaving Planet Jade Drum, Sonic Butterfly King and Stephen started to regain their senses. Their heads, however, were in agony.

Sonic Butterfly King ignored his own discomfort. He stood up, with his hand clutching his head. He asked the worker, "Which way did they go?"

"They have now left Planet Jade Drum. Where exactly they went, I do not know," the worker said.

Sonic Butterfly King wouldn't dare attack the people of the Thousand Treasures. While holding their heads, they left Planet Jade Drum in the hope of finding their escapees.

After ten minutes of searching, they were unable to find Han Sen, and they had no clue in which direction he might have fled.

Sonic Butterfly King flew out of Planet Jade Drum, his body still shivering. He had a pounding headache that was worse than a heavy hangover.

Stephen followed. He was in the same state, and he didn't find any trace of Han Sen's group either.

They were lucky that their King class bodies could withstand what they had just endured. The Dukes and Marquises were sure to be out of commission for another few days. Their heads felt as if they were going to explode.

Chapter 2203 Shadow Toxic Bee Enclave

Han Sen took Huangfu Jing back with him to Planet Eclipse. She had just earned her own Jade Drum, and since she was worried about being ambushed while out-and-about, she wanted to stay there for some time. She would wait until things settled down before moving on.

Sonic Butterfly King had learned where Han Sen came from, but it would be pointless to go after Han Sen when he was already so far behind. He managed to get in touch with people to block Han Sen's way, but they were unable to find him, either. So, eventually, Sonic Butterfly King decided to give up.

After all, they couldn't go into Narrow Moon to find him. They couldn't risk offending the Rebate.

On his way back, Han Sen dropped a few droplets of his own blood onto the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum. He hoped to earn the Jade Drum's approval gradually.

In Planet Eclipse's base, people were in the middle of practice when a sudden report was received. Someone came running in, telling them of an army of xenogeneics converging on their position.

Han Meng'er, Zero, Little Angel, and Han Yan went out to take a look. There, they found a mountain that was swarmed with what appeared to be red clouds. The clouds were heading toward the base so quickly that they'd arrive in only a little while.

The red clouds weren't clouds, of course. They were swarms of red bees that were each the size of a dog. They were very powerful, and the sight made Han Yan frown. "When did Planet Eclipse come to possess xenogeneics such as this? I have never seen them before."

As this occurred, Night River King was watching Planet Eclipse's base. His expression looked venomous, and he said, "Shadow Queen Bees are special xenogeneics that come from Planet Queen Bee. They are only Dukes, but they sure breed quickly. If there's enough food, she can make lower-level Shadow Bees. But that primary Shadow Queen a mutant Duke xenogeneic. Aside from being able to produce Shadow Bees like the rest, the mutant Shadow Queen Bee can also produce Duke Shadow Bees. The Queen

didn't have much time, and it has only produced two thus far, but that should be enough to deal with Han Sen's base."

"Shadow Queen Bees eat the flesh of enemies and place their eggs inside the carcasses. Ah, when Han Sen returns and sees all this, the look on his face will be so sweet..." Night River King gritted his teeth.

Night River King wasn't worried about the consequences. A Shadow Queen Bee was one of the xenogeneics that escaped from the cargo ship. It would look like an accident, and no one would know that it was his fault.

Even if Han Sen believed it was him, there was nothing he could do but make wild accusations. Night River King wanted this, though. He wanted Han Sen to hate him. It would be painful for Han Sen to know he couldn't do anything about that seething hatred.

"This is the beginning of making me your enemy," Night River King spat. He really loathed Han Sen.

The Shadow Bees appeared like wisps of red clouds under the command of the two Dukes in charge of the army. They raced towards the base. Night River King was prepared to enjoy the fight, but a blue shield suddenly appeared. It enveloped the entire base and shielded it.

The red clouds of Shadow Bees came down like a barrage against the blue shields, but a mere touch sent them blasting back. Even the two Duke Shadow Bees up front were unable to get through.

Night River King's jaw tightened. He felt a little frustrated about the result, as he hadn't expected Han Sen to leave his blue shield treasure in the base.

Night River King thought Han Sen would carry a defensive item such as that everywhere he went. If he knew Han Sen hadn't taken it with him, he wouldn't have concocted the grand scheme to attack Planet Eclipse. If Han Sen didn't have the shield, fighting him one-on-one would be far easier.

There was no point in wasting time on regret, though. The Shadow Bees were unable to break the shield.

The Shadow Bees fired a toxic substance from their nasty stingers. They were like red lights as they splashed across the blue shield. They did nothing to harm the composition of the shield, though.

Although the shield was weakened by the fact that it had to protect the entire base, it would still be very difficult for Marquises and Dukes to break it down.

As Night River King wrestled with various ideas, the blue shield suddenly disappeared. The bees outside came racing in.

"Did it fail because the shield's user didn't have enough strength?" Night River King wondered. "Could the user not keep the shield raised?"

Soon after, Night River King realized that his assumption hadn't been quite right. When a fair number of those Shadow Bees came racing in, the shield was raised once more. Most of the Shadow Bees were still on the outside, but a decent chunk had made it in.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Black arrows began flying beneath the shield. Not long after, a dozen of the Shadow Bees on the inside were slain.

And then, a group of Kate appeared. They began gathering the bodies of the Shadow Bees inside the base.

Night River King's eyes began to twitch. His plan hadn't worked, and he had just given Planet Eclipse a massive number of free xenogeneics. He wished he could go in there himself and destroy what Han Sen had built.

When the Kate kids brought the Shadow Bee bodies back into the base, the shield disappeared again. It reappeared a millisecond later, shutting off another section of the Shadow Bee army.

Night River King laughed. One of the Shadow Bees inside was a Duke. The others were just Marquises. No matter how strong they were, no one there could slay a Duke Shadow Bee.

Night River King was already imagining how the Duke Shadow Bee would slaughter them all when suddenly, a black arrow came at the Duke Shadow Bee.

The Duke Shadow Bee reacted quickly, far more quickly than any Marquise Shadow Bee could have managed. As the black arrow rose toward it, the bee's stinger lit up and fired a toxic squirt at the arrow.

The toxic juice sprayed toward the arrow, and the arrow suddenly sank. It adjusted its course to duck under the toxic juice, then it rose against and punched through Duke Shadow Bee's body with great speed.

The Shadow Bee was shining red. When the arrow pierced its body, the arrow came to a stop.

"It isn't easy to kill a Duke Shadow Bee." Night River King laughed mockingly.

Boom!

When the arrow entered the Shadow Bee's body, it was trapped inside. But then, a scary explosion occurred within the Duke Shadow Bee's body.

The red light shattered, and a gaping hole was torn in its side. It was heavily injured, and it fell to struggle on the ground.

Boom!

Another arrow was fired at it. It pierced through the Shadow Bee via the already-dealt wound. The creature's head then blew up, bringing a swift end to the Duke Shadow Bee.

While that happened, the rest of the Marquise Shadow Bees were dealt with by Han Yan.

“How is this possible? That woman is just a Marquise, and yet she can so simply kill a Duke Shadow Bee? This is impossible! She is Han Sen’s blood, but since when have crystallizers ever been that strong?” Night River King was incredibly angry, and he couldn’t believe his eyes.

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Han Meng’er and the others finished off the remainder of the Shadow Bees effortlessly. They managed to collect a lot of xenogeneic genes through the effort, and many of them earned Shadow Bee beast souls.

The beast souls were arrows that wielded a toxic fire. When Han Meng’er killed the second Duke Shadow Bee, she earned a Duke toxic arrow beast soul.

When he saw the last of the Shadow Bees get destroyed, Night River King knew his plan had failed. In his rage, he smashed the screen he had been watching to pieces.

After Han Sen returned to Planet Eclipse and learned of what had unfolded with the Shadow Bees, he guessed that Night River King had been behind it. Planet Eclipse did not have any Shadow Bees that were native to the place.

“Thank God I left the Demon Bug Bai Sema behind. Otherwise, even though Han Meng’er and the others would probably have survived the assault, many of my other Nobles would have been killed,” Han Sen thought, relieved at how things had turned out.

Han Sen knew the bee queen was still around, though. So, he assembled expeditions to go out in search of it.

The Shadow Queen Bee’s nest was not difficult to find. She made her home in a large mountain, and the entrances that the bees had carved were clearly visible.

Many Shadow Bees had been slain only a few days prior, and the Shadow Queen Bee didn’t produce Shadow Bee eggs fast enough to have replaced them yet. So, Han Sen entered the beehive easily to locate the ruby-looking Shadow Queen Bee.

Han Sen perused the information he had compiled on her, and he knew exactly where she had come from. Seeing the Shadow Queen Bee now made him a happy fellow.

He recognized instantly that it was a mutant Shadow Queen Bee, which was a very rare being to procure.

That being said, Han Sen had already guessed that the queen would be a mutant after hearing about the Dukes that had assaulted his base. But still, seeing the mutant Shadow Queen Bee in the flesh made him super happy.

Dong! Dong! Dong!

The Shadow Queen Bee moved incredibly quickly. It flew around like a solidified shadow, leaving behind trailing shadows of its own. Her wings flapped so quickly, Han Sen could hardly keep track of her.

Many toxic lights shone on her back, and they launched themselves at Han Sen. But each strike just landed on his Bai Sema and was rendered moot.

“A Duke mutant xenogeneic. So strong! This Duke’s speed and the toxic light attacks, in combination with the crazy breeding speed... This would be very difficult to kill without the Demon Bug King shield,” Han Sen thought to himself.

The Shadow Queen Bee kept flying around Han Sen, firing her toxic darts. But against the Demon Bug Bai Sema, it was nothing.

Han Sen didn’t attack the creature, though. He figured it would be a shame to kill the mutant Shadow Queen Bee. Han Sen wanted to keep it alive so it could produce more Duke and Marquise offspring. That way, some of the scarcity of high-level resources offered by Planet Eclipse could be alleviated.

So, Han Sen hadn’t gone there with the intent of killing the mutant Shadow Queen Bee. Instead, he wanted to take it and use it for himself.

If Han Sen had been a Duke, it would have been far easier for him to claim her. But he was just a Marquise, and his speed and power weren’t as good as hers. It would take much effort to collect her.

The Shadow Queen Bee launched attacks at Han Sen furiously, but they slid harmlessly off his shield. After a while, the creature exhausted itself. Her attacks became far weaker and far slower.

The Shadow Queen Bee wasn’t an intelligent creature, and it was a very territorial being. Although it was exhausted, he was still in her nest, and she would never consider fleeing. She still tried to fight Han Sen.

Seeing her growing frustration, Han Sen decided to put away his Demon Bug Bai Sema.

The Shadow Queen Bee, upon seeing the Bai Sema disappear, flapped her wings to resume attacking Han Sen. She was much slower now, though.

Han Sen brought out his white Jade Drum and hit it. A very deep boom of sonic power ripped out of the Drum. It clipped the tired Shadow Queen Bee and brought her down.

The Duke Jade Drum’s sound shouldn’t have affected a mutant Duke like her very strongly, but she was too tired by this point, so she couldn’t withstand the force of that sonic shockwave.

The Shadow Queen Bee dragged herself off the floor, intent on going after Han Sen.

Han Sen was still holding the Jade Drum. He hit it another two times. The shockwaves made her roll and writhe around on the ground again. It looked as if she was in pain.

“If you listen to my commands, I will spare your life,” Han Sen told the Shadow Queen Bee that was now on the ground.

The Shadow Queen Bee lacked intelligence. When the Drum stopped, she tried to attack Han Sen again—the intruder that had invaded her space.

Han Sen didn’t know what to do except continue pounding the Jade Drum, which made her roll around on the ground over and over. Some of her bee blood began to pour from her mouth. But Han Sen didn’t want to kill her. Killing her would be pointless.

Seeing that the Shadow Queen Bee was about to die under his repeated torture, he decided to exit the hive.

A xenogeneic without proper brains had to be broken-in by slow torture over time.

Han Sen stationed people to keep an eye on that beehive. If the Queen Bee made bees, they would go and kill them. That would teach her a lesson. They hoped that after a while, she might actually listen to Han Sen and obey his commands.

“We will never be safe for as long as Night River King exists,” Han Sen thought grimly. He considered how he might dispose of Night River King.

With the current limits of his power, Han Sen couldn’t go after Night River King just yet. He needed to become a Duke, and he needed to own a lot more treasures.

It would have been best if he could use the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum. That would be the only weapon he’d need to take down someone that was a higher level than he was.

But even if he was able to kill Night River King, he wouldn’t be able to do it while he was in Narrow Moon. If they fought, the Rebate would rally behind Night River King. An outsider would never earn their favor.

“It looks like I need to become a Duke quickly and find a way to take him out elsewhere.” Han Sen calmed himself down and tried to think things through rationally.

Allowing his anger to make him rush wouldn’t solve anything. If anything, it would just reveal weaknesses for his enemies to exploit. He needed to be calm if he was going to do this.

“Night River King, I am going to kill you.” Han Sen kept practicing. The first and fifteenth day of each month, he went to Cold Palace to absorb moon and cold powers, hastening his ascension to the rank of Duke.

Han Sen dropped his blood onto the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum every day, too, slowly letting his essence sink into it. He wanted his blood to become one with the scorpion. Han Sen felt that he was slowly building a connection with the Blood Scorpion Jade Drum. Claiming it would only be a matter of time.

One day, Black-Moon King dropped in on Han Sen unexpectedly. “Han Sen, the Extreme King will be hiring knights from Narrow Moon. Are you interested in going?”

“Extreme King recruits elites. I don’t think they’d want a small Marquise like me,” Han Sen answered, confused. He thought they were only interested in elites like Yisha. That would require him to be at least a King.

“The Extreme King will only grow and care for future elites that are showing great potential. We have a good relationship with them. When the Extreme King hire knights, they offer a few slots to us. If you would like to join them, I can get you in,” Black-Moon King said.

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“Do I have to go?” Han Sen asked with a frown.

“It is merely a recommendation of mine,” Black-Moon said quietly. “But the dragons don’t tend to swim with fish, and tigers don’t like living with dogs. This is your opportunity to get out of here.”

Han Sen knew Black-Moon King was merely being nice to him, and he knew that the King didn’t want him and Night River King to be embroiled in more fights. But Han Sen still shook his head and told him, “Thank you for your kindness, but if I cannot stand my ground here, how will I make it where I want to go in the future?”

“I know you aren’t the sort of person that gives up easily...” Black-Moon King wished to say something more, but he faltered. Then he just stopped and sighed. “Never mind. The road everyone traverses is different, and it’s impossible to determine which road is right for anyone else. If this is your desire, then we can let this matter be.”

Black-Moon King then left, which got Han Sen to thinking. “Extreme King seems to be going on a hiring spree lately. Has some internal affair gotten out of hand?”

Han Sen had no information pertaining to them, so he couldn’t guess anything more. He continued to practice Jadeskin every day, hoping to become a Duke as soon as he could.

On that day, everyone in Narrow Moon assembled in Moon God Plaza. They were all dressed in their finest uniforms, which suggested they were meeting with someone important. Han Sen did not go to the plaza, but he knew that was the day when the Extreme King were coming. He saw some ships that were as pretty as planets coming into Narrow Moon airspace.

“It looks like Extreme King doesn’t only focus on heightened strength. Even their technology is far more advanced. Narrow Moon doesn’t have a single ship like that, and there they are with an entire fleet of the things. Thank God they aren’t enemies. If they were, Narrow Moon would swiftly fall,” Han Sen murmured to himself.

Han Sen didn’t want to join the Extreme King, but everyone else in Narrow Moon wished to. The Extreme King weren’t willing to take just anyone, however. Each candidate had to go through a thorough testing process.

Many Nobles anticipated this opportunity, hoping they could send their kids sent with the Extreme King. Any young students that joined them were sure to develop and become stronger.

The Rebate were a higher race, but they weren't even in the top one hundred. In terms of resources and strength, they paled in comparison to the Extreme King.

It was a shame that the standards of the Extreme King were very high. Joining them was harder than passing any school exam. And many creatures were quick to fail their testing process.

Narrow Moon was just one of the string of stops that the Extreme King were making along their recruitment drive. In total, there were at least a thousand other places where they intended to recruit people just as they were doing in Narrow Moon. They wouldn't be taking anyone who didn't pass their tests, however.

Although Han Sen did not participate in the testing, he learned that over the past four days, only one Earl and one Marquise had passed the bar of quality. Countless young people were not permitted to join.

The Extreme King were recruiting back-up knights. Their level did not matter; all that mattered was their current talent and their potential for the future. So, even some so-called genius Dukes of the Rebate were booted from the tests.

"Moon Wheel King, I have heard Knife had a student. Which one is he?" asked Ice Blue Knight King with a frown. He was in charge of the Narrow Moon recruitment drive.

There were ten groups of knights in Extreme King. Every group of knights had one leader who was a knight King. Ice Blue Knight King was the leader of the Ice Blue Knights.

When they assigned the different areas the knight groups would visit to recruit, Ice Blue Knight King selected Narrow Moon purposely. He had to pay a price for that, as well.

He did this because Knife Queen herself had joined the Ice Blue Knights when she came to the Extreme King. Ice Blue Knight King greatly admired Knife Queen. He even followed her instructions. That was why he had selected Narrow Moon, for that was where she came from. He hoped to find similar geniuses there.

But over the past two days, the tests had greatly disappointed him. The young Rebates really did lack talent. At the very least, they were nowhere near the greatness of Knife Queen herself.

Although a few of the talented ones were good enough, their personalities were abhorrent. It'd be difficult to give them any glimmer of fame. And while at first Ice Blue Knight King had been happy to come to Narrow Moon, he was no longer enjoying himself.

Ice Blue Knight King remembered Knife Queen mentioning that she had a student, so the Knight King wondered why he hadn't seen the young man. If that person could become her student, he must have been something special.

Moon Wheel King hesitated a moment, but he smiled and said, "Knife does have a student. But only one, and it is required that he carry on her legacy. And so, he has had to give up the chance to join the Ice Blue Knights."

"Really?" Ice Blue Knight asked quietly.

Night River King suddenly said, "From what I have seen, if he wishes to carry on her legacy, he should join the Extreme King. Even Knife had to join the Extreme King, yes? If so, her student will have to follow her sooner or later. He is wasting his time in Narrow Moon. Why can he not go to be with the Extreme King sooner? If Knife was here today, she would think the same."

Night River King did not say this on behalf of Han Sen. All he wanted to do was kick Han Sen out of Narrow Moon so he could take the guardian's moonlight all for himself.

Ice Blue Knight King agreed. "Night River King is correct. A student of Knife should be someone special. He deserves better than to be stuck here in Narrow Moon. Tell him to come here and undergo the test. If he passes, I will treat him very nice for Knife's sake."

Moon Wheel King smiled wryly. He knew Han Sen did not want to go, but now, he couldn't disobey Ice Blue Knight King's instructions. He had no choice but to call Han Sen and tell him to go to Moon God Plaza.

Han Sen was practicing in his base at the time. Moon Wheel King didn't want to surprise Han Sen, so he sent people to meet Han Sen in person and explain the whole thing. Their presence made Han Sen frown.

Moon Wheel King's guards said, "You have to go no matter what. If you don't, Moon Wheel King won't know how to explain the matter to Ice Blue Knight King. Moon Wheel King said that if you really don't want to go, then just fail the test. Even if you wanted to go, Ice Blue Knight King wouldn't permit you to go if you failed."

Han Sen knew that he had no choice. He followed the guards to Moon God Plaza.

He knew he would have to control the breadth of his power to ensure that he didn't pass the test.

He arrived in Moon God Plaza and saw many Nobles queuing to conduct the test. But the guards didn't put him in the queue; they escorted him straight up to Ice Blue Knight King.

"You are Knife Queen's student?" Upon seeing Han Sen, Ice Blue Knight King looked surprised. He had expected Knife's student to be a Rebate.

"Yes, I am Han Sen." Han Sen bowed.

Chapter 2206 Faking the Tes

Over the past few centuries, the Extreme King had put much of their focus on the systems of chaos. The Ice Blue Knights were pioneers, and their primary killing fields were those dangerous systems. They knew little about matters concerning other places in the universe. Because of this, they were unaware of who Han Sen was.

The Extreme King did have an information gathering department, so they did know a thing or two about Han Sen. But the Extreme King thought only people like Moon Wheel King or Yisha were worth focusing on. Not many people knew Night River King, at all. The only people that cared for that sort of information were the locals of Narrow Moon.

Ice Blue Knight King only knew that Yisha had a student. He didn't know that person's name or race. He had just assumed that her student would be a Rebate, not a crystallizer.

Ice Blue Knight King didn't say much to Han Sen, and he simply encouraged him to engage in the test.

Although Ice Blue Knight King really admired Knife Queen, he wouldn't go easy on her student. To gain his approval, Han Sen would have to demonstrate an appropriately impressive amount of power.

But because of his experience with Yisha, Ice Blue Knight King remained hopeful that Han Sen would succeed.

"Mister White, what do you think about Knife's student?" Ice Blue Knight King looked at a man in green clothing standing beside him.

The man squinted as he peered at Han Sen and said, "He is an interesting man."

"Well, after all, the student of Knife Queen should be at least half-decent. If he wasn't, he would not have been selected by a woman like her," Ice Blue Knight said with absolute confidence.

The green-clothed Mister White didn't answer. He merely smiled and kept his eyes on the test.

Han Sen was in the Marquise queue. He was watching the Kings perform their test, thinking of a way in which he might get himself disqualified without looking like he was intentionally throwing the test.

It wasn't as if he didn't want to go to the Extreme King; it was just that he had many problems already in Narrow Moon. Leaving Han Meng'er there alone with Night River King would be a risky thing to do.

Han Sen wanted to take out Night River King before he left Narrow Moon. So, Han Sen planned to stay.

After watching for a while, Han Sen had an idea of how he might sneak his way past the test. The most annoying thing, though, would be the geno tree test.

That test was way too straightforward. The flowers opened up in accordance with how much power one had. People could see the results easily.

Han Sen was far stronger than the average Marquise. Even if he performed poorly in the other tests, dropping some blood on the tree would guarantee a flower boom that far exceeded anyone else there. Cheating on the other tests would be rendered pointless.

Fortunately, Han Sen had a way to deal with the tree, so he wasn't too worried.

When it was almost Han Sen's turn, Night River King cockily said, "Ha, now he has to go. That means I have Cold Palace all to myself."

The tests at each level were different. A Marquise's first challenge was a combat test. He had to fight and defeat a machine robot. That robot had been created by a Duke knight. Its strength would be Marquise level, so it would adequately test combat skills at that rank.

The scoring system went up to one hundred, and if you wanted to pass, you'd have to beat the ninety-point mark. The tests would continue even if the examinee failed one, though. Each test would have to be gone through for proper evaluation.

People that performed some tests poorly could still be selected.

With Han Sen's level of power, the people of Narrow Moon thought he could defeat the machine with great ease.

But when Han Sen started to fight, the mouths of all the Kings were left wide open. Moon Wheel King himself was particularly shocked.

Lit! F*cking lit!

Han Sen's fight with the doll was like the greatest fight of all time. If the audience hadn't known Han Sen's real power, they'd have been very moved.

Han Sen seemed like someone who had fantastic endurance, but not enough strength. He kept on fighting and fighting, even if he failed. He worked his way against the enemy without any fear of how difficult it might be. While Han Sen would bleed, he would not cry. And eventually, he did defeat his foe. He won the fight. It was just done in a movie-like way that was sure to encourage others.

When Han Sen beat the robot, many lovely female Nobles had tears in their eyes. They almost shouted out, "Han Sen, you are the best!"

But the people in Narrow Moon who actually knew Han Sen had strange expressions on their faces.

Han Sen was a man who treated Night River King like an annoying dog. He had beaten Dragons. He was regarded as being on the same level as Lone Bamboo. But now, seeing him struggle to fight a mere Marquise robot made the onlookers think that something was wrong with their eyes.

"*sshole! That *sshole! This is too much!" Night River King seethed as he watched Han Sen's performance. But then he calmed himself down. "Yes, keep acting. Let's see if you can trick the geno tree into blooming with fewer flowers."

As he watched the fight, Ice Blue Knight King frowned. He asked Moon Wheel King, "Is he really Knife Queen's student?"

Moon Wheel King coughed and smiled. "He has just become a Marquise. So, he is not in his best shape."

"He works hard, but he is grossly underpowered. How did Knife teach him?" After seeing Han Sen use Teeth Knife, Ice Blue Knight King thought his performance of it was terrible.

"Um, Knife was busy much of the time. She sent him to Sky Palace for a while..." Moon Wheel King felt depressed.

Ice Blue Knight King stopped his line of questioning. He watched Han Sen's performance and concluded that Knife must have had her reasons for taking Han Sen as a student. He believed Han Sen must have been strong in another way.

The tests of the Extreme King were very scientific, and they could accurately gauge anyone's potential. The tests could show the extent of a person's talents. But Han Sen's performances were driving the people of Narrow Moon nuts.

They knew some of Han Sen's true abilities. They knew how scary he could be, but now, he looked like a man that worked hard and had no real talent.

He worked very hard, but his results were terrible.

Moon Wheel King's expression was becoming increasingly strained. It was difficult to avoid laughing when looking at his pinched face.

"It looks like Knife didn't have a replacement." Ice Blue Knight King sighed. Han Sen seemed well-behaved, and it looked like he worked very hard. His talents, however, were downright terrible.

Night River King only laughed at Han Sen coldly, without saying a word. He wanted to see how Han Sen planned to make it past the geno tree.

The results given by the geno tree were always accurate, so his act wouldn't pay off. Taking the geno tree test would reveal the true extent of his power. Perhaps it would make Ice Blue Knight King angry.

Chapter 2207 Test Results

The final test was the geno tree. Han Sen stood before it and cut his finger. He let a droplet of blood fall onto the geno tree.

As everyone watched Han Sen's blood fall onto the geno tree, Night River King stared at Han Sen intently. He wanted to make sure that Han Sen didn't try to cheat his way through this too.

The geno tree could accurately gauge one's geno power. It was very precise. If Han Sen let his own blood fall onto the geno tree, it would bloom with a number of flowers that was equal to his strength.

Han Sen had spent some time researching the geno tree, and he had discovered some interesting things.

The operation of the geno tree turned out to be quite simple. The geno tree was like a gasoline-operated generator, and the genes in a person's blood were like gas. The more gene power a person's blood possessed, the more electricity the geno tree could generate. In the case of the tree, there'd be more flowers.

Han Sen's geno power was much stronger than the average Marquise's. Ordinary Marquises could generate up to a hundred thousand flowers.

Han Sen believed his own power would easily open a few hundred thousand flowers.

If Han Sen wanted to be disqualified, he would have to reduce the number of flowers that bloomed. This was a task that no ordinary creature could accomplish because success wouldn't depend on strength.

Even deified elites couldn't change their own genes. Or at least, if people like that did exist, there were very few of them. When the deified Buddha called Burning Lamp Alpha had turned Han Sen into an ant, he had demonstrated a rare gene-changing power.

Han Sen's Blood-Pulse Sutra could change the messaging of genes, but Burning Lamp Alpha's geno art was quite different. The Blood-Pulse Sutra primarily controlled its own genes. It couldn't change the genes of another creature, like Burning Lamp Alpha's shapeshifting technique.

It wasn't difficult for Han Sen to use the Blood-Pulse Sutra to control the genes in his own blood. He had tried doing this once before.

Night River King watched Han Sen's drop of blood fall onto the tree. And when that occurred, life crept over the barren tree as flowers began to bloom.

As the flowers grew, it was like watching a wind rustle through a meadow of a few thousand flowers.

But when the flowers stopped blooming, Night River King's eyes opened wide. He screamed, "A mere ten thousand flowers? Impossible!"

There was no way that Han Sen's blood would only produce ten thousand blooms. Even the weakest Marquise could earn ten thousand flowers, but everyone knew that not even the strongest Rebate Marquises could defeat Han Sen in combat.

Ice Blue Knight King didn't look surprised. After all, the results aligned with the results of the other tests.

Ice Blue Knight King thought Knife Queen must have taken Han Sen as a student because of his work ethic, but his talents and powers were still poor, no matter which way you cut it.

The sole purpose of the Ice Blue Knights was to fight. They were not a school, so Ice Blue Knight King gave up on the prospect of hiring Han Sen. If Han Sen lacked power, then it didn't matter if he was Knife Queen's student. The Knight King wouldn't allow any talentless person to join the Ice Blue Knights.

It would be irresponsible to the other knights he commanded, and on top of that, it could put Han Sen himself in danger.

Seeing Han Sen walk away from the testing platform, Night River King looked sick. He firmly believed Han Sen had cheated. Even so, he watched Han Sen's blood fall on the tree with his own eyes. He knew there should have been no way for Han Sen to cheat. His face turned red in frustration as he thought furiously of ways that he might stop Han Sen.

He didn't dare to declare that Han Sen was cheating, though. Saying something like that would draw too much attention. If he asked for Han Sen to be tested again, and Han Sen was able to do the same trick that "proved" he wasn't cheating, then Night River King would be showing disrespect to Ice Blue Knight King.

Moon Wheel King was shocked, too. He didn't know how Han Sen had deceived the geno tree.

Han Sen, meanwhile, acted depressed. He looked up to the skies and let out an elongated sigh. He left the platform with slumped shoulders and returned to Planet Eclipse. On the way, he thought with satisfaction, "Now I don't need to go to the Extreme King."

The final tests of the day ended. In the end, only two of the Rebate had managed to pass. But Ice Blue Knight King wasn't happy about this. After perusing the day's reports, he sighed.

"Why do you sigh?" Mister White asked Ice Blue Knight King with a smile.

Ice Blue Knight King displayed a wry smile. "I can barely believe that a person like Knife Queen was willing to take a student like that. So ends the lineage of Teeth Knife. I will never watch that incredible knife skill get used again."

Mister White smiled and said, "If you're feeling sad about that, there is no need."

"What do you mean?" Ice Blue Knight King asked in confusion.

Mister White smiled and said, "That is because Knife Queen has an excellent student. He might one day surpass the woman herself."

Ice Blue Knight King stared at Mister White blankly. Surely Mister White couldn't have been complimenting Han Sen on the terrible exhibition they had both just witnessed.

"You mean, she has another student?" Ice Blue Knight King asked, grasping for an explanation.

"Come and take a look at this." Mister White gestured to a monitor that was scrolling through data.

As Ice Blue Knight King looked at the screen, the expression on his face slowly morphed. After a while, he raised his head and squinted his eyes at Mister White. "I got played."

Han Sen had trained in Sky Palace, fought the greatest Marquise there, and been labeled the knife and sword master; there was no way he only possessed ten thousand flowers of strength.

Sky Palace could never have gained such fame if it produced students as weak as that.

Mister White thought for a moment and said, "Maybe he has his own troubles that are keeping him from coming along with us freely."

"I don't care what his reasons are. He is mine," Ice Blue Knight King grunted. But after a while, he smiled and said, "This guy is good. He had me completely fooled. His personality is different than Knife's, that's for sure. I am surprised she selected a student such as that."

"Let's find out why he doesn't want to join the Ice Blue Knights first," Mister White said.

"That's simple. We'll just ask him," Ice Blue Knight King said with a shrug.

Together, Ice Blue Knight King and Mister White snuck onto Planet Eclipse. There, they found Han Sen hosting a barbecue in the company of many ladies and beasts. He was talking and laughing with those around him, and he didn't look sad at all. It looked like a party.

Chapter 2208 The Conditions for Joining

Han Sen was indulging himself with quality drinks and food hot off the grill, but he suddenly looked up and let his face go blank. Something powerful was coming his way, and it extinguished the fire in a single moment. Not even smoke was left to rise from the ashes.

"Han Sen, how dare you cheat on my tests!" Ice Blue Knight King barked. He stood with his arms crossed over his chest, a man clad in green clothing beside him.

Han Sen instantly became worried, but his expression remained unchanged. "Knight King, why would you say something like that? How could I have cheated?"

When Ice Blue Knight King saw Han Sen remain so calm despite the powerful presences approaching him, he knew for sure that he had drastically misjudged Han Sen. The man really had played him. Ordinary Dukes would be groveling on the floor in front of such a dangerous aura. Only someone extraordinary could have kept his cool in this situation.

"If I say you were cheating, you were cheating! Even if you didn't intend to deceive the tests, I still consider you a cheater." Ice Blue Knight King approached Han Sen with a scary amount of power.

Ice Blue Knight King had led knights throughout the systems of chaos for over a century, and he had killed countless creatures in that time. He was a very scary man. And in addition to all that, he had the will of a half-deified being. Even a King would be intimidated in his presence.

Han Sen sighed and said, "Well, what are you going to do to me?"

Although that sounded very hopeless, Ice Blue Knight King knew that Han Sen wasn't actually cowed. The Knight King was actually quite curious about this resilience, though.

“Kill you.” Ice Blue Knight King pulled out his sword so fast, the others at the barbeque didn’t even see when it cleared the sheath. Before they could blink, a blue light was coming down on Han Sen’s head.

The ice blue greatsword stopped one inch above Han Sen’s hair. Han Sen didn’t flinch or show the slightest change in his expression, though. All he did was looked at Ice Blue Knight King and Mister White and say, “If you do not mind joining me, I can have wine and meat brought for you. Would you please accept some as an apology?”

Ice Blue Knight King was quite surprised, but he kept his gaze flat as he stared at Han Sen. “You didn’t think I would kill you?”

“No,” Han Sen responded.

There was something else Han Sen could’ve said, but didn’t. Even if Ice Blue Knight King wished to kill him, he wouldn’t have been able to. His sword would have greeted the Demon Bug Bai Sema, not Han Sen’s flesh.

Ice Blue Knight King glanced at Mister White and sheathed his greatsword. He then moved to sit beside the fire. Looking interested, he asked Han Sen, “Why didn’t you choose to join us Ice Blue Knights? Give me a decent reason, and I might just let you go.”

Han Sen sat down and began to explain the situation without hiding any details. He told the Knight King about the grudge he held with Night River King, then finished with, “If I go, Night River King will do harm to my friends and family here.”

Ice Blue Knight King laughed and said, “That is trivial. I will make a recruitment order to forcefully conscript Night River King into the Ice Blue Knights.”

“Wouldn’t it be easier to leave me? Why go to all this trouble?” Han Sen murmured, depressed. Recruiting a King to join the Ice Blue Knights was a big decision, and so Han Sen didn’t understand why the man was going through all that trouble to secure one Marquise.

Ice Blue Knight King took Han Sen’s bottle of beer and had a swig. He said coldly, “The Ice Blue Knights are in charge of cleaning up a planet in the systems of chaos, but this planet has many deified xenogeneics. They appeared unexpectedly, and we were short-handed on troops. If Knife hadn’t sacrificed herself to buy us more time, the Ice Blue Knights would all be gone. We owe her a great deal, and so, our debt falls to depend on you.”

“If you really want to pay her sacrifice back, then let me stay here.” Han Sen really didn’t want to be a part of the Ice Blue Knights. He hated the concept of being confined. The Ice Blue Knights were like a proper army with way too many rules.

Ice Blue Knight King didn’t answer. He cheered and tapped his drink with Mister White. Then, he looked at his empty cup and told Han Sen, “This drink is nice. You can bring more with you when we leave.”

Seeing Han Sen looking rather glum, Ice Blue Knight King grinned. Mister White smiled and said, "Do not worry. If Ice Blue Knight King wishes to take you, he will prepare everything. Night River King will go, too, and we will certainly be keeping an eye on Narrow Moon."

Han Sen seriously said, "If things are like that, then I won't complain too much. But I do have one important condition. If you agree to this, then I will have no problem with coming along. If you don't agree, then I'm afraid you'll be taking me there in a body bag."

"What condition is that?" Ice Blue Knight King asked curiously.

"I want them to come with me as part of the team. You cannot split us up, no matter what." Han Sen pointed at Han Meng'er and the others.

Ice Blue Knight King shook his head. "The Ice Blue Knights have rules. If they cannot pass the test, they cannot join. And if they cannot pass the test, then your conditions cannot be met."

"I haven't completed the test, so I'm not qualified to join. Please let me go," Han Sen said.

Ice Blue Knight King looked at Han Sen. "Do you know what a chance you're trying to give up? I'm aware of your difficulty. Your body and geno arts require many resources to level up. Knife is gone, and Narrow Moon won't be giving you anything but scraps. The only chance you have is to come with me to the systems of chaos."

Han Sen just stared at Ice Blue Knight King without speaking. He stood by the decision he had made.

Ice Blue Knight King didn't want to concede. He had his rules, and Han Sen's request had been too much.

The scene froze with two men unwilling to take a step back. Mister White smiled. "The Ice Blue Knights do have rules. Han Sen's demands are too much to ask."

Before Han Sen could speak, Mister White continued. "You don't have to join the Ice Blue Knights directly, but I could use a few more guards. And my guards don't belong to the Ice Blue Knights. There aren't too many rules with me, so if you would like to, you can come along as part of my team."

"Mister White, how could you do that? Your guards are required to be King class!" Ice Blue Knight King exclaimed.

"They're my guards, and I'm free to choose who I want, am I not?" Mister White smiled.

Han Sen looked at Ice Blue Knight King, and then he looked at Mister White. He was confused.

Chapter 2209 Bring it if you Want to

Night River King thought Han Sen wouldn't be allowed to go with the Extreme King, but when he saw the recruitment roster the next day, Han Sen's name was on it. This made him exuberantly happy.

Han Sen had just been added that day. Seeing his name there made Night River King want to scream in joy.

“Good! This is exactly as I’d hoped.” Night River King had to do his best to contain his mirth.

If Han Sen was gone, then it wouldn’t just be Cold Palace that Night River King could keep for himself. He could likely take over Planet Eclipse unhindered. He could erase all trace of Han Sen having ever existed in Narrow Moon.

Over the next few days, Night River King was on cloud nine as he waited for Han Sen to be taken away by the Ice Blue Knights.

The recruitment process was still ongoing, and the elites on Planet Eclipse soon started packing their things. It seemed as if Han Sen really was on his way out. Night River King couldn’t wait for the fifteenth of the month to come, so he could bask in and absorb all the moonlight he wanted.

The Ice Blue Knights would leave on the fourteenth. He could go and absorb moonlight the day after that. He was so happy.

As Han Sen packed his things, he began making plans.

Bao’er, Little Angel, Zero, Han Meng’er, Huangfu Jing, Han Yan, Ji Qing, Little Silver, Little Invisible, and Little Star were going with the group of knights as well. But they wouldn’t actually be Ice Blue Knights themselves. Instead, they would act as guards tasked with protecting Mister White.

Mister White was obviously important, but other than that, Han Sen didn’t know exactly what position the man held within Extreme King society. He only knew that the Ice Blue Knights referred to the man as an “advisor.” But even the half-deified Ice Blue Knight King greatly admired him.

If he hadn’t agreed to be Mister White’s guard, then Han Sen would never have been allowed to bring so many people with him.

The only people they left behind on Planet Eclipse were those that wouldn’t be able to grow in the chaos systems. Little Angel and the others had developed as far as they could on Planet Eclipse, so going to the systems of chaos would allow them to continue gaining strength.

He had wanted to tame the Shadow Queen Bee, but he had no more time. He eventually had no choice but to kill it inside its hive.

Otherwise, after he and his strongest people left, there’d be no one left to control the Queen Bee. The base would be in trouble once the Queen Bee started breeding again.

“Mutant Xenogenic Duke Shadow Queen Bee killed. Mutant xenogenic gene found. Obtained Shadow Queen Bee beast soul.”

Han Sen was happy. He hadn't expected to earn the Shadow Queen Bee's beast soul. He looked into his Sea of Soul to examine what sort of beast soul it was.

Ordinary Shadow Bees were toxic arrow beast souls, so gaining a Duke toxic arrow beast soul wouldn't be bad.

Mutant Shadow Queen Bee: pet beast soul (evolvable)

Han Sen was shocked to see the description, but disappointed, as well. Pet beast souls needed to reach combat mode if they were ever expected to fight. He didn't have the time to grow a pet right now.

But after he thought about it, Han Sen's eyes lit up. He realized that the Shadow Queen Bee pet beast soul was different.

It could reproduce endlessly. If Han Sen could keep cultivating it, the pet could spawn additional bees out of flesh on the battlefield. It could be used to spawn an infinite number of bees.

The most important thing, though, was the fact that it was evolvable. If the Shadow Queen Bee could reach King class, then it should be able to spawn King class Shadow Bees.

When Han Sen thought about King Shadow Bees flying everywhere, he felt incredibly happy.

"I have to grow this pet." Han Sen merrily summoned the Shadow Queen Bee.

A red crystal Shadow Queen Bee began to fly all around Han Sen. It looked like a very calm being, but it was small too. It was far smaller than the original Shadow Queen Bee. It was only around the size of a man's fist. It looked as if it needed to reach battle mode before it would become a proper queen bee.

Han Sen wasn't a Duke yet, so he couldn't consume the queen bee's mutant xenogeneic gene. He would need to hold onto it for a while.

Han Sen gave Xie Qing King a ring, and he told his old friend that he was joining the Extreme King. Han Sen also told him that he shouldn't ever go back to Planet Eclipse.

After everything was established, the recruitment drive for the Ice Blue Knights was over. Out of the whole of Narrow Moon, only a dozen elites had been selected. They were mostly Rebate Earls and Marquises, with a single Duke joining as well.

The day that the Ice Blue Knights would be leaving, Han Sen brought his companions to them to enroll.

Night River King was grinning like a lunatic, and when he saw Han Sen taking his whole family with him, he laughed and said, "Han Sen, you can leave them here! I will be delighted to look after your friends and family."

Han Sen looked at Night River King and smiled. "Thanks, but no thanks. They are coming with me to join the Ice Blue Knights."

Night River King looked at him with disdain. "What do you think the Ice Blue Knights are? Do you think you can take along anyone you want to?"

Black-Moon King and Moon Wheel King didn't know what Han Sen was doing either. It was hard enough for someone to join the Ice Blue Knights, but bringing family and friends along was simply out of the question.

But Han Sen wasn't someone who would make random, unfounded claims. He must have had a sound reason for saying what he just did.

"You are right. I can bring anyone I want, and not only them. I can take you, if you want to go." Han Sen smiled at Night River King.

"A lame joke," Night River King grunted, but he suddenly felt a little nervous.

Han Sen turned his back on Night River King and moved to join the Ice Blue Knights with his companions.

Moon Wheel King and Night River King watched Han Sen take his entire family into the knights' camp. He even brought a child. And on top of that, it seemed as if Ice Blue Knight King was okay with it. The Rebate lined up, their eyes wide. They couldn't believe that this was happening.

This was one of Extreme King's top ten knight groups. Everyone knew how hard it was to enlist with any of them. Many of the Rebate Nobles had wished to send their kids to join them, but only the people that passed the tests were allowed in.

Han Sen's people hadn't even undergone the tests, and what's more, there was a child amongst them. But they joined the Ice Blue Knights without hindrance. This greatly surprised the onlookers.

Night River King looked aghast. Han Sen had taken his whole family. He wouldn't be able to beat Han Sen even if he claimed Planet Eclipse.

Night River King gritted his teeth. Ice Blue Knight King then suddenly said, "Night River King, I need people right now. I will have you join the Ice Blue Knights and work for Extreme King. Come now!"

Everyone in Narrow Moon was shocked. Night River King looked shell-shocked. He forced a smile. "Thank you, but..."

Before Night River King could finish his sentence, Ice Blue Knight King revealed a conscription paper. He said, "This is a recruitment order that comes straight from the Extreme King's ruler. Are you going to go against this decree?"

"I won't!" Night River King looked ill. He was as stunned as he was angry. He thought about what Han Sen had said, then turned to look at him. Han Sen was smiling his way.

Chapter 2210 Black Hole Spider

Inside a ship that was bound for the systems of chaos, Han Sen and Han Yan were engaged in a card game. They had been flying for a long time, and boredom had set in.

The Ice Blue Knights wouldn't play card games, even if they were bored to death.

But Han Sen and the others were Mister White's private guards now, so they could play any game they wished because Mister White allowed it. Mister White was actually playing with them.

Han Sen, Mister White, Han Yan, Ji Qing, and Bao'er were all playing together. Zero and Little Angel hadn't been interested. Han Meng'er was probably off obsessing over her beloved bows, and Little Silver and Little Star were resting.

In the room where they were playing cards, the only people that weren't very close to Han Sen were Mister White and another guard. The guard was a man named Crime, who belonged to the Lane race.

He was three meters tall, and his body looked lean and powerful. He had long blonde hair that brushed his shoulders, and his square face was alarmingly serious. His eyes gleamed brightly.

His black armor had gold markings, and a gold lion sword was belted to his waist. It looked like a sturdy weapon.

He was different from Han Sen. Crime was one of Mister White's guards as well, but he was a King of the Lane. He was a very smart person, and he had a keen insight into things and people.

Every time he looked at Han Sen and the others, he couldn't help but frown.

A group of Marquises, and even Earls, had become Mister White's guards. It seemed like some sort of bad joke. He didn't think they were worthy, and they would cause nothing but trouble. When they failed, he would have to pick up the slack.

But Crime wouldn't voice any of his concerns because the decision had come directly from Mister White. He was just going to do his job, and at the same time, keep his eyes trained on the others.

"Okay, I'm done. This is boring," Han Sen said as he lost again. He stretched long and slow.

All the chips on the table were heaped close to Bao'er. It looked like she was sitting beside a small mountain. Han Sen owed her a lot of money now.

Ji Qing, Han Yan, and Mister White had lost, too, though not as much as Han Sen.

"Let's play again..." Ji Qing said, feeling desperate. She had lost even more than Han Sen.

Ji Qing's luck had never been this bad before. Everyone was losing, and she almost thought that Bao'er was cheating.

Han Sen started to say something, but before he could, an alarm sounded. Han Sen stood up.

Mister White smiled and said, "Don't worry. That is a silent alarm, not a battle alarm. Let's head for the control room."

The others stayed in the room while Han Sen went to the control room with Mister White and Crime.

When Han Sen arrived in the control room, he noticed that Ice Blue Knight King was there. The other important crew members of the ship were there as well, and that included Night River King.

Night River King gave Han Sen a frigid glance. He didn't look angry, but Han Sen knew that the Rebate wanted to kill him.

Ice Blue Knight King stepped over to Mister White and explained urgently, "Mister White, we have spotted a Black Hole Spider. We're remaining in silent mode to avoid disturbing it."

Han Sen looked at the monitors and saw a black spider hovering in space. The creature was as big as a planet. The spider web encompassed a whole bunch of other planets, making the entire area look like a net of unbelievable size. The Black Hole Spider was lying in the net's center.

This was Han Sen's first time ever seeing something so big. Humans were tiny creatures before it, as small as bacteria by comparison.

The whole Ice Blue fleet went into silent mode, and all their lights went dark. All their scanning and communications equipment were switched off as well. They shut down most of their thrusters, as well, so only a few were left running on minimal power. And then, the ship slowly drifted past the Black Hole Spider.

"The systems of chaos are scarier than I imagined," Han Sen thought. That Black Hole Spider must have been deified, and even the Extreme King knights wouldn't dare to touch it.

The ship slowly drew nearer to the Black Hole Spider. As they approached, Han Sen's brow furrowed. There were many smaller creatures living on it.

Seeing Han Sen look visibly surprised, Mister White explained to him, "The Black Hole Spiders themselves aren't too threatening. It doesn't bother to hunt small creatures like us. It eats planets, meteors, and even ships. But as long as we don't enter its proximity, we ought to be safe. However, there is an entire biosphere of creatures that live on the Black Hole Spider, including many elites and Kings. To us, they are more threatening than the spider itself."

"If there are so many xenogeneics living on it, can we kill and harvest them?" Han Sen asked with keen curiosity.

"Of course, but only if you aren't afraid of attracting the Black Hole Spider's attention," answered a knight behind Ice Blue Knight King.

It took the ship three hours to pass by the Black Hole Spider safely. They didn't alert the Black Hole Spider to their whereabouts, and neither did they draw the attention of the xenogeneics living on it.

Everyone felt great relief when they had made it through. The Ice Blue Knights really didn't want to deal with the Black Hole Spider or its entourage.

Han Sen thought the danger was over, but suddenly, an explosion came from behind them, rocking the entire ship. A loud alarm began to blare.

"It's a Galactic Shrimp. Tell our ships to enter battle formation and prepare for a fight!" Ice Blue King commanded.

The other ships in the fleet started to fire their weapons at the threat. Lights were flaring everywhere through space as powerful explosions erupted all around them.

Han Sen could see from the video feed that there was a shoal of what looked like shrimp, only they were glowing blue and around ten meters long. They swirled around the ships.

They bounced around with small flicks of their bodies. Whenever they moved close enough, the shrimps would become a blue light that pelted the ship. Their hard shells could blow fifty-meter-wide holes in the hull of a vessel. There were lots of explosions.

The powerful heavy guns of the ships turned to fire on the Galactic Shrimps. Each round was like a sun that could consume swathes of Galactic Shrimps at once. But even so, more and more were coming.

Many blue lights shone around them. The Galactic Shrimps seemed countless.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Galactic Shrimps continued to hit the ships like cannonballs, creating explosions every time.