

RE-BIRTH OF A GENIUS. CREATOR/DESTROYER

Chapter 1001: Talking with Hou Yi

Sam and the rest of the team watched the scenario play out with Paras.

They didn't expect the things to escalate to this level. The tension between the elves is far too stronger than they thought and their power structure is messy to begin with. When there is an option of being physically strong with a power that could kill others and control their life, it is almost impossible for anyone to accept other people as their superior when all they have is a better cunning mind.

At least not when the people with power to kill believes that there is nothing the people with mind can offer to them.

Therefore elves will have a harsher relations between themselves.

But it turned out it is harsher than they thought.

The third elder and the third young master who are powerful are not trying to get out of the estate while battling the rest of the elders that came to stop them.

The whole situation is messy and the weaker elves are trying to find a place to hide.

That day, the elven branch is getting weaker and weaker without any more external influence. The third elder and his son are some real tough guys. They went on a killing spree without any discrimination. They killed everyone that opposed them, but they also sustained severe wounds while they are doing so.

Sam just wanted to put some small fire in the middle of these elves so that he could use that as a breaking point, so he chose the third young master who is

insecure about himself. But it seems like he has a lot more problems than mere insecurity.

In fact, this is nowhere near as simple as being insecure, he seemed to have a past with the elven branch which he resented as much as he tried to come to peace with it, it seems like the resentment only grew. Sam felt more and more curious as the fight went on.

By now the news about the fight already reached the other families in the city and the main members of those families already arrived.

Sam took a look at the situation and took out the wrist screen to select the Elven branch in the list.

This is the perfect time to do so. As soon as a player choose someone from the list, the god will get the news and he will pass the information to his followers through the statue connection.

This rule is obviously beneficial to the player as they have a choice to attack first and then select the organization on a final step.

Now this is even more advantageous because the god cannot possibly send the message at the moment, no matter what he does as the elven branch is busy and no one can receive the message in the middle of chaos.

"Are you ready?"

Sam turned to Paras and asked.

The latter nodded and all of them made a move.

The third elder and the third young master are fighting tooth and nail with the three people. The family head and the two grand elders, the first elder is already dead and just like the third young master mentioned, he died a brutal death.

Now both of them are having a hard time, particularly the third young master as he couldn't do much to help his father in this fight and he is fighting the elders.

Sam's team directly entered the gates and joined the fight. Saber Monarch and Five Elemental King joined in helping the third elder and the remaining team members all went to fight alongside the third young master.

The situation turned tides.

The third young master and the third elder didn't know what exactly is happening at the moment, but they sure as hell knew that they are being helped and they took it.

The fight that everyone presumed to take a long time changed courses and finished faster.

Paras is an absolute beast with his axe as he teamed up with the Third elder to attack the already injured Branch head, who is actually a middle stage Transcendent cultivator of Astral Plane.

The Branch head lost soon and even the third elder got exhausted. The lower level elves realized that the branch is going to collapse and left the place to escape in their own way. Some decided to go to another elf branch, some decided to escape and live their own lives.

The other families who are trying to get a piece of the elven branch suddenly stopped as they were afraid of the new characters that suddenly popped up.

Saber Monarch who is fighting with an Early stage Transcendent is actually the one in dominating position and he kept on muttering something.

"Just a little. Almost there."

He kept on muttering these words, because he is on verge of breakthrough. He is so close to reaching Transcendent stage that he couldn't help but feel frustrated.

All he is lacking is some comprehension of saber art and he would breakthrough. That kind of display made the rest of the organizations back down and instead they went after the businesses outside.

Meanwhile, Sam walked into the family estate deeper along with Sia. They soon reached the temple where the statue is glowing.

Sam poured some blood over the feet of the statue and the statue's eyes got the glow.

When Hou Yi saw Sam standing in front of him, he almost choked.

"Nice to meet you again. Hou Yi. How is your ego doing? Is it still there, alive and kicking?"

"What did you say?"

"You heard me you piece of shit. I am asking since your ego is so big, you should be storing it somewhere else, you can't carry it everywhere. So, I wanted to know its well being."

"You are talking to a god."

"I am talking to a god, whose asshole I tore apart when we fought as equals, you are expecting more respect from me? That is plain foolishness.

Anyway, you are too late. The elven branch is finished. The head is on verge of death, the heirloom will be mine. So, go fuck yourself."

"The day I see you, is that day I will kill you."

"I am pretty sure you wouldn't be able to do it. You are shit scared of gambler. Now as I said before, go fuck yourself and if you see the moon goddess, tell her I said hello to her."

Before the statue could react, Sam threw a kick and destroyed it.

He came out to meet with Paras who is currently interrogating the head of the branch.

"Sixty years ago. A bunch of higher powers sent people to lower stray planets using a special means for some training or whatever you fuckers call it.

Out of all of them, some people came to Planet Jaman from various races. The incident on Planet Jaman tell me the names of whoever that is involved."

As soon as the question was asked horror could be seen in the eyes of the branch head.

"That is impossible. You cannot be alive."

Paras swung his axe and chopped of a finger and asked once again.

"I want names." No matter what Paras did, the other party is not willing to say anything. He is biting his tongue to endure the pain.

Sam walked towards Paras and tapped on his shoulder before saying.

"I have a better option. Just slit his throat and kill him."

The Elven Branch head gasped in shock but as Paras hesitated.

"Trust me."

Paras swung his axe and even if it looked like a powerful strike, it just sliced the throat of the branch head.

As he fell down and died slowly.

Sam let Specter out and gestured Tamas to come over and let both of them carryout the soul necromancy.

They imprinted the memories in both Sam's and then Paras' brain.

All the memories went through Sam's mind and he was shocked as the scenes went to the sixty years ago, the time Paras mentioned and he looked through, he could understand why Paras is so angry and how deep his vengeance must have gotten.

The suffering of Jaman Planet is not something that even Sam could fathom or imagine and the people involved are far too many and they might reach far higher powers. In fact, this conflict between Paras and the unknown entity who was instigator of that situation, might even lead him to the realm of gods if he truly want why it happened.

There are that many races and that many people involved.

Sam sighed and said.

"All this while, I just thought that I will just be of assistance to you in your revenge as long as you worked for me. But now I realized, I could do more than assistance for you. You wouldn't be able to reach that far with your cultivation, because the people you are involved with are actually a lot powerful and a lot more resourceful than you can imagine.

Until now, you managed to gain information from the people you destroyed because they don't know much. Except for the names of the people involved. But from now on, you entered the layer of people who knew something that happened.

They wouldn't open the mouth even if you tortured them for a century."

"Do you know the person that gave the orders to this guy? You saw the memories to, since you are speaking like this, you must know."

Sam hesitated for a minute and said.

"Your rivalry is not with a person. That is the only thing I can tell you right now. Because I personally don't have any privacy, there are people watching me from far away. And once I reveal something, that would be the end of your journey.

So, be patient and join me."

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Chapter 1002: Split

Paras looked at the surroundings and went through all the things Sam did in just one day. The whole elven branch crumbled itself as if it was made of sand.

Even though it escalated because of some unknown information, it still played in their favor.

If he did this all by himself, he would have taken another month and would have been in a constant war trying to kill every single one of them before he reached the elven branch.

As for the last words that Sam said, he felt conflicted.

Planet Jaman is his home. It didn't even have a wormhole connecting to any other planet sixty years ago. The energy level is so low that the Consummate stage is the limit for anyone there.

But one day, a wormhole opened, the people of different races came there and gathered. They destroyed everything that he viewed as his home. Not a single person from the Jaman Planet survived except him.

He escaped using the same wormhole as his parents fought tooth and nail to let him escape.

The only person that survived from a planet with millions of people.

He didn't even know exactly what happened until now. Until he got the memory of the elven branch leader installed into his brain.

He finally understood, what exactly happened, but he only got the information the results of what happened, even though he could see the face of some holographic person that gave the orders, he didn't know who it was.

From the looks of it, Sam knew who it is, but couldn't tell him at the moment.

After some thought and some hesitation and a conflicting conversation with himself in his head, Paras looked at Sam and said.

"I want you to make a soul contract stating that you know who is behind this and you understand what I want. I want to make sure that you are not taking advantage of my revenge to make me join your team."

"Sure."

With that, Sam has another member in the team and even this guy joined because he has a necessity which he believed Sam help him with.

The more members he recruited, the more conflicted Sam is feeling. It never believed in coincidences too much. Even though the whole life is nothing but a union of different coincidences, there is a certain degree to what could be coincidental. But now where he goes, and whoever he wanted to recruit, it was all becoming coincidentally convenient to him.

He is no conceited enough to think that he is indeed that resourceful that he has the capabilities to satisfy the needs of everyone he encounters.

He believed he is just meeting everyone that has needs that he is able to satisfy and that is making him feel weird.

He shook those thoughts away from his head and left the elven branch. They didn't stay in the city for long and went away. Many people saw them and even though elven branches are considered as separate entities within the

elven community they would still be affiliated with some main elven entity that is going to send someone to investigate.

Their faces are all over the place and any from the city could easily recognize them. They have to make sure that they are not here before they came here.

Sam decided to go back to the desolate and plan further.

Now that the first phase powers are over, there is not much need for the troops. He sent them to their original places and let them train.

From the second phase, things could be handled by the small team.

Now, he decided to split the team into two smaller teams.

In the first team Five-Elemental King, Gran, Tamas, Jwala, and Argan will be going to move on their own and deal with the lowest level of the Phase two organizations.

Their mode of operation would be the same as before. They would go after the families in a specific order just like Sam gave them and Sam would select the first family or organization on the list.

They would move to that organization and first propose a business deal for the heirloom. If they didn't agree, then the team would proceed to use money and resources to convince the rival organizations to deal with them.

Even if that is not possible, they could just storm the whole thing and capture the head and grab the heirloom.

Sam would get the indication on the list that it was finished and he would select the next one.

They would bring the captured head of the organization to the desolate and place him in tempest valley where they would be tamed and toned down by the Old beast until Sam comes back and throws them into the chessboard to make the mellow.

While the first team moves like that, the second team would stay with Sam and their first goal is to make the last two candidates join the team, and then they would also join the first team in finishing off the second phase.

Everyone from the second team except for Sam.

In this months-long journey, Sam realized one thing. He is not exactly doing much of combat while he is focused on recruiting.

Even though he is sure that he would be in the top form, there is no improvement whatsoever. He got many new additions into his arsenal. He didn't even get to use the wings properly after he got them.

He didn't get the chance to test his power once he broke through.

He is too busy with the whole planning, roaming around, and recruitment.

So, after the team was assembled, he decided to get away from the whole task and organizations thing and go on a journey on his own. He would take a page from Kiran's book and fight with some of the people across the realms who are on the same level as him.

He would place various restrictions on himself in different fights along with various expectations so that he could self-evaluate.

But for now, he needs to concentrate on recruitment.

The next person in the recruitment can either be too easy or too difficult as he is a bit cranky.

He is a guy who doesn't do much in recent years. He stays in a large mountain palace and takes protection fee.

Every year he would take in a bunch of cultivators at different levels and teach them something before letting them go.

His expertise is in three things, Lightning element usage, Archery, and formations.

The legend has it that he fought all kinds of people and even though he doesn't practice with different weapons, he can give advice on how to use and point out the weaknesses of people so that they could correct them.

It has been over five years since he came out of that place and people only knew that he is Early stage of Astral Plane Transcendence from that time.

Nobody knows if he improved the cultivation or not.

The only contact he has with the rest of the world is the students and the monthly protection fee the organizations in the realms pay him so that the other organizations from foreign realms don't enter and do something to their realm.

As for the students.

Every year, he would take in a bunch of students based on a test and train them exactly for eleven months.

In the last month, they would be sent to different places to finish some tasks as a final exam.

If they finish the task they would get a reward from him.

The only condition for the student selection is that they need to be cultivators of Astral Plane Initiation and they can go through the tests as they want.

As for other ways to meet with the man directly without being a student or a person paying protection, there is one.

There is a path on the mountain that leads to the top. But it is filled with various lightning obstacles which a person needs to cross.

There are only a select few who barely managed to reach the top.

To be precise only three members. One of them asked the man to help them take revenge and he did. Another one wanted to be a student and learn from him for a long time and he was given a chance.

The third one is a woman and she asked him to marry her, he didn't do that and told her to move out of this realm and roam around for a few decades, he told her to enjoy her youth and if by the end of it, she didn't find someone she loves, he told her to come back and he would marry her.

She agreed and left.

Sam was pretty intrigued by all the information he saw on this guy's profile. This was created by five elemental King.

This man is eccentric, to say the least.

Sam doesn't know what it would take to recruit this man. But if his assumptions are correct, he would find a necessity that man has and would take advantage of it, just like he managed to do for the rest of the team.

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Chapter 1003: To the Mountain Top

Vidyut. That is the name of the man they are currently after and Sam arrived along with team 2 in that realm.

This realm is not actually overly powerful. The most powerful guy here is Vidyut. As much as the powers in the realm say that they are paying him to keep them safe from external powers, it is complete bullshit.

The realms surrounding this realm and had connections with are the more or less the same level. With that level, starting a realm war is more like suicide as the side that initiated the war would be in an extremely disadvantageous position until they managed to take a foothold in the attacked realm. Until then, they would lose a lot of people.

The only reason they are paying Vidyut is that he wouldn't go after them.

This is just like how shopkeepers pay protection fees for thugs to not destroy their shops and disrupt their business.

Sam and his team stood at the foot of the mountain as they looked at the path of lightning.

The lightning is in Indigo color and it is continuously striking throughout the path. It kind of reminded Sam of tempest valley.

The foot of the mountain is not exactly empty.

There are many people who are trying to go through the mountain path and there are many people who are just here to pay respects and even more people just to watch the show.

Sam looked at his teammates and asked.

"Anybody wants to try?"

Paras and Saber Monarch raised their hands.

Sam nodded and waved his hand Raiju appeared beside him and as soon as he came, his attention directly went towards the mountain and the path of the lightning.

Sam patted him on the back and said.

"We are going up. Get ready."

Raiju grinned excitedly and all four of them got ready.

Sam took a deep breath and removed the feathered coat. As much defense as the coat could provide, the path is of lightning and it is of the fire element. He doesn't want to put that much stress on it and he also needs to test himself.

There are no direct physical challenges for him in a while. This might help.

Sam instantly activated the lightning elemental fusion without a second thought and so did Raiju.

Saber Monarch and Paras both covered their body with spiritual energy as they wielded their weapons.

All four of them started running upwards.

Saber Monarch and Paras had a completely straightforward approach, they swung their weapons as the incoming lightning strikes that they were sure that they couldn't take and the rays of saber and Axe clashed with the incoming lightning disrupting them.

But they are feeling the recoil from the clash which made their arm feel a bit numb.

Sam and Raiju obviously had a different approach. As the lightning fell, they just let it enter their bodies at first so that they could test the nature of lightning.

When the Indigo lightning struck, it started battling the silver lightning of their bodies and they felt slight pain. And since the Indigo lightning is of inferior quality to the silver lightning, they didn't have to make much effort.

But Sam clearly understood that wouldn't be the case as they moved forward. Because, sometimes quality can be easily overcome by quantity and as they moved forward, the density of the lightning strikes increases, and even the power contained with one lightning strike increases by multiple folds.

If a conflict happens between the silver lightning of his body and that dense and energy-filled lightning, his body might not be able to take it.

Sam and Raiju halted in their tracks as they thought of a way to do it while Paras and Saber Monarch took the lead and moved forward.

Sam closed his eyes and placed his hand on Raiju as he communicated with him through their mental connection as they formulated a plan.

As they stood longer at the very start, many people are discussing and murmuring that they are some pushovers and stuff like that. The team is getting frustrated by this, but Sam didn't care.

Soon, their chaotic lightning elemental fusion bodies seemed to have mellowed down and the lightning energy started flowing like a wave throughout their bodies and moved towards their feet.

They used the lightning energy that gathered in the feet to lunge forward and move forward increasing their speed and they completely disregarded the lightning strikes.

As lightning struck them, the indigo lightning energy moved along with the flow of silver lightning in their bodies and escaped through the feet as they ran forward.

Even though this caused a bit of pain, it is a lot better than the normal pain of two conflicting lightning energies in their bodies.

As they moved forward things got a bit harder but they also got familiar with the process and moved faster.

The audience was a bit surprised and teammates also didn't feel the unnecessary frustration anymore.

Meanwhile, on the top of the mountain, inside the mansion, there is a man who looked like he was in his mid-thirties looking at the screens that are mounted on a wall. He could see all the people that are coming through the mountain path and when he looked at Sam and Raiju coming and overtaking others even though they started late, they piqued his interest.

And he is also the only one who clearly understood the technique they are using.

"Energy flow in the fusion form, the delicate control they have is impeccable. It seems like they have experience in that type of energy flow. Particularly, that man."

He muttered to himself as he took a scroll and wrote something.

"Maybe, if he has knowledge about formations, he might be able to help me with this. I might be able to get out of here."

As he muttered endlessly, he once again focused on the screen.

Sam and Raiju are moving at full speed and the extra assistance of the indigo lightning energy which they are using to a boost on their feet is making them faster than usual.

They are already halfway there by the time Saber Monarch and Paras reached halfway.

They caught up to them and four of them once again moved together.

As they moved higher, the amount of energy Sam and Raiju had to channel has been increasing and that is slowing them down, meanwhile, Paras and Saber Monarch are similarly clashing with the lightning strikes and they are facing more backlash as they went forward.

By the time they could clearly see the exit of the path to the mansion, they are already feeling exhausted.

The rest of the people who tried already dropped out in the middle and returned back.

The four of them are the ones left, but the last obstacle is a large curtain of Indigo lightning. It is so dense that they couldn't see past it even with their

spiritual sense and when Sam used energy vision, he felt a numbing sensation to his eyes with all the energy being channeled through that curtain.

The fourth of them stopped there and thought for a moment as they dodged the lightning strikes.

"Do you guys have a plan?"

"It almost looks like a waterfall? How do we cross it?"

Saber Monarch and Paras are first to talk and Sam who was confused himself got an idea as soon as Paras mentioned that it is like a waterfall.

He looked at the curtain and observed it closely.

"Do you guys think, your strongest attacks can make you cross that?"

"Of course." Both of them replied the same thing at the same time.

"Then why are you not using them?"

"The backlash would make us fall unconscious as soon as we crossed it. Didn't you hear the stories, it was told that no one managed to finish the path while staying conscious in their final step. And I am not exactly comfortable in doing so at the moment. I need to stay conscious after cross it."

Paras replied and Saber Monarch also nodded in agreement.

Sam also felt the same.

Vidyut might be kind enough to make sure that they recovered, but they would still be in a weak state when they woke up and if their talks didn't go well and Vidyut decides to do something, they need strength to escape.

They are just that cautious. Staying in an area without consciousness for even a few minutes can make them feel like they are going on a suicide mission.

Sam took a deep breath and said.

"I have an Idea. We will make three attacks at the same time. One from Paras, one from Saber Monarch, and one from me and Raiju combined.

We will take the middle, you both take the two ends.

All of the attacks should be collinear. From the energy flow, it indeed looks like a waterfall, if you break the flow on all areas at the same time, we might be able to get a proper gap to sneak in. As for the backlash, don't worry about it. I will take care of it."

"Let's give it a try."

With that all four of them got ready. Sam sat on Raiju's back and took out a spear as he channeled both of their energies into the spear, while Paras and Saber Monarch also got ready.

Sam started using the void style and channeled the energy and all three of them attacked at the same time.

As soon as the three strikes landed, the energy was disrupted, but before the backlash could hit them, Sam's void style already created that void, and all the lightning energy was sucked towards that point which caused the backlash to halt and get back.

In that short interval, the four of them sneaked into the gap created in the curtain and crossed it, but as soon as they crossed the lightning element exploded and they braced themselves for the impact.

They were blown away for a few feet, but they still managed to stand up with minor injuries.

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As they stood up, they started hearing clapping sounds from the entrance of the mansion.

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Chapter 1004: Three brothers

The four of them looked back and immediately got cautious.

"Don't worry. I am going to do anything for you. I am Vidyut. I believe I am the one you are here to meet."

Vidyut looked at them and smiled as he stopped clapping.

Sam heaved a sigh and relaxed a bit. He started observing the surroundings. The mountain mansion has a large front yard, which is also a great place for training.

Then he looked at Vidyut who is standing in front of them with energy vision. But he was shocked when he saw the result because he couldn't guess the cultivation level of Vidyut and the energy flow he observed is showing something that should not be possible normally.

Sam's brain is running at an insane speed that he forgot about his surroundings for a few minutes, he kept on thinking about the possibilities of what he saw really happening.

Another thing that shouldn't have been possible in normal circumstances, but still happened in front of him, he doesn't even know how to feel at this moment.

As he was lost in a daze,

"Boss, Boss. Are you sleeping with your eyes open?" Sam looked around and found himself in the middle of a room sitting in front of Vidyut.

He shook himself out of the daze and looked at Saber Monarch.

"What do you mean, sleeping with my eyes open? Do you want your salary gone?" Sam reprimanded the saber Monarch just for the sake of it and sighed.

He didn't even realize that he was walking in and sat down. He was shocked by what he saw.

He took a sip of the wine on the table and looked at Vidyut.

"Your subordinates are saying that you have some business with me?" Vidyut asked Sam.

"I actually wanted to recruit you into my team," Sam said as he took another sip.

"Team? What kind of team are we talking about?"

"A team of strong people. I have to do some things across the realms and I need some strong people to makes things easier for me. So, I am currently recruiting strong people. I came here to do the same with you."

"Well..." Vidyut was about to say something, but Sam spoke once again.

"I know, it is not exactly possible."

All three of them in the room were shocked, although for different reasons.

Looking at Vidyut's expression, he said.

"I know it might not be possible for you to leave this mountain. Don't worry about explaining the situation to me."

"Why would you come to such a conclusion?"

"You are somehow linked to this mountain. You cannot leave this place"

The atmosphere in the room turned awkward and suddenly...

"Hahahahahaha..." Vidyut started laughing.

"My guess is right. You are the only one that could help me out of here."
Saber Monarch and Paras are getting surprised.

"I am sorry. I never even saw a situation like this. I don't know how to get your out of this situation. I don't even know how this is possible."

Sam replied with a sigh. He is extremely curious about how this guy is linked to the mountain. Because when he used energy vision, he saw the energy flow of the mountain is somehow connected to this guy. He is not even doing it voluntarily. It is just happening like that naturally.

It is as if the whole mountain and Vidyut are one single entity and even when he is moving around it is still happening."

Vidyut heaved a helpless sigh and said.

"Saber Monarch. I heard you were trapped in a maze for a year. How did you get out?"

"My boss got me out, of course."

Vidyut then turned towards Sam and said.

"Then you are the only one that could release me too."

"Why are you so sure?"

"Because the people who made the Saber Monarch get trapped in the Maze are the same ones that made me trapped like this?"

Saber Monarch was shocked and said.

"You have a rivalry with those families too?"

"Not really, I am talking about the one that made the Maze formation."

Sam finally had a look of interest. As much as he was curious when he saw the link between Vidyut and the mountain, he felt exhausted too.

By now, he is sure that there is something fishy going on with his journey. Every person he wanted to recruit has something going on with him. They had a severe problem that can only be solved by Sam at that moment.

It is as if they deliberately had a problem just for him to solve and then recruit them as repayment.

As much as he would like to believe it is just a coincidence or even lucky. There is no way in the hell it is. He is suddenly feeling like he is a puppet on the string.

Even though all of his actions are done on his own and even his mentality and character changed a lot over the years, he has a feeling that the whole path he took was designed by someone else. It is as if he is a rat running through a maze and clearing it, but the whole path he took was laced with bait so that I won't take any wrong turns.

This is pretty frustrating. So, he decided to just let this guy go and think of other ways to do things.

But this time the bait is a bit too strong for him to just leave it be.

The person who made the maze is someone Sam is determined to meet and any link to that person is something worth knowing.

"Do you know who did it?" Sam asked.

"Yes, I don't exactly where they are from. But those three seemed to be fellow disciples of the same master. I pissed them off and one of them beat the crap out of me and locked me in this mountain with a formation.

When he was imprisoning me, he was having a conversation with one of his fellow disciples. It is regarding the maze.

The second brother amongst them is the one that made the maze and he said something about it being the final stages and he needs to find a proper location to place it.

After a few years, I heard that a person named Saber Monarch pissed off a bunch of families in a realm and they all used the formation called Maze to lock you up.

I made some inquiries with the help of the people here and I managed to get more information which made him believe that the maze the Saber Monarch was imprisoned is definitely the same maze that those brothers were discussing.

When I heard that someone managed to free Saber Monarch, I was expectant. But I don't know your details, so I could only stop. When I saw the Saber Monarch on the mountain path, I suspected you are the one, but only now can I confirm this. Please help me get out of this. I will do whatever you want me to do."

Sam looked at the man in front of him who is currently bowing. He sighed.

"Let me try. But I want to know all the details regarding the three brothers. Whatever you know, no matter how small, you must tell me everything."

"I will."

"And since you are present when the formation was set up, just tell me what they did throughout the process, then I will be able to find a way easily and my work will reduce."

Then started the discussion. The whole mountain is a formation and that guy used some kind of cylindrical objects to lay the formation down.

Vidyut was only present for the latter half of the process so he could only explain that. And finally, there is something that Vidyut showed Sam that made him feel rather intrigued and excited.

On Vidyut's chest, there is something stabbed in. It almost looked like the miniature arc reactor from the Iron man movies he watched.

It has a lot of lightning energy in it and it is the one connecting the energy flow of the mountain to Vidyut.

"Every time, I tried to remove it, I feel an excruciating pain that makes me feel like I am about to die."

"If you did pull it out. Then you would have really died."

Sam said and used observation ability as he observed how this thing works. When he closely looked at the structure of this object, he was actually shocked and then became excited.

This time, the bait is not just something that he could ignore. And that too the bait is for something that would benefit him, even if the bait is for something that would screw him over, he would definitely take it.

At first, he was determined to find the guy who created the Maze, but now if he was given a choice between the maze guy or this mountain guy, he would meet the guy that made this mountain formation without a second thought.

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Chapter 1005: Liquid Energy[Bonus Chapter]

After checking the body of Vidyut, Sam got out of the room and immediately went out to take a look at the mountain. Leaving the path alone, he went to take a look at the rest of the mountain. But before he did that, he sent the Bat puppets which he used in taking down the maze formation all over the mountain, to find energy spots that might act as formations.

Generally, formations are made on a flat area whether it is horizontal or vertical.

Even if it is in uneven large land, the nodes would always be on the same plane when they are joined.

This is the most basic and easiest way to creating formations and they don't have to worry about the energy instability due to the irregularity of the terrain and it will also free the formation creator to be free from extra worries and calculations.

These kinds of people will rely on inscribing the formations if there is any particular flaw with the terrain which they cannot rule away.

But there is another way of creating a formation even if there is no planar coincidence between the nodes and even when all the nodes are not exactly present on the same level.

Sam had done some of those formations when killing the Nascent stage General Spark a long time ago and there are a bunch of formations like that within Sam's city and many other places in the desolate.

But Sam never had any necessity to use that in a larger and more complicated scale like this.

The person who imprisoned Vidyut actually used a similar technique and none of the nodes are in the same plane.

If all the nodes are joined by a straight line, then they would surely create a three-dimensional figure.

While constructing them is already difficult enough, deconstructing them is way more difficult and in fact downright irritating, and sometimes, it almost makes the people wonder if they are as intelligent as they believed they are.

Currently, the whole mountain is used a single entity and there are many nodes created in different places. When the bats managed to find out where the nodes are present on the mountain, Sam immediately became sure that they are not all. And since the number was quite limited, which could only mean one thing, the rest of the nodes are within the mountain.

But before he explored more, he decided to check the nodes outside and see what he used as nodes.

In normal cases, he wouldn't have wondered about something like this, but now, he should be otherwise, the thing that is making Vidyut stay, the one thing in his chest is made of some different method that Sam never saw and it is something among the lines of research he is currently doing.

If the nodes are also made of the same thing, then he would be able to find some broader spectrum of materials to reverse engineer and grasp the method that he wants to make what he wants.

He went to the nearest node and used the observation ability on it.

With that, he sent his consciousness into the second floor of the divine dimension and created a model of the node there.

He did the same with the rest of the nodes and finally, after dealing with that, he started thinking about the nodes that are buried within the mountain.

As much as his cultivation improved, it is still not big enough to cover the whole mountain with observation ability.

The best he could do would be around one-twentieth of the mountain. Which means he would have to do the same thing twenty times. And even then, he has to be careful and find a way to use the observation ability on the inner side of the mountain.

First, he went on using the observation ability on the outer parts, and finally, there are two inner parts left.

He couldn't directly dig through because if one mistake led to instability even at one node, the whole formation might create a collapse that would explode the whole mountain.

He went back into the mansion and asked Vidyut.

"Before you were imprisoned here, what was this mountain exactly?"

"It is the property of one of the families. It is just some training ground for low-level cultivators who just awakened.

They will bring a bunch of initiation stage beasts and let the kids practice fighting here."

"Is that so, then where did all this energy come from?"

"I don't really know."

"So, you don't know the source of the energy and you just stayed here getting imprisoned by it?"

"Well... I didn't really think much about it."

"Okay then, ask the family head of the previous owners of this mountain to come. We need to know where the energy source is and I also need a way to access the core of the mountain."

With that Vidyut contacted the family head. There is a way for Vidyut to communicate with them no matter where they are on the mountain. It is through the screens in the mansion.

The principle is similar to that of the crystal table Sam has.

After some discussion and threatening the family head, they finally got the news.

Underneath the mountain, there is a mine. The lightning elemental spirit stone mine. And they kept it a secret from the rest of the organizations in the city so that they could avoid unnecessary rivalry with the other organizations. That is what the family head said. But in reality, he just wanted to make sure that he doesn't have to share the profits with other organizations. After all, the mountain is too close to the city and it will be hard to not create a conflict.

After that, the guy was asked to send the map. A bird similar to a silver pigeon was used to transport the spatial rings and he sent the map like that.

Sam took a look at the map to find out the whereabouts of the mining tunnels and see if he would be able to find a way to get in touch with the core.

And luckily there is a way. Now that he also knew that there is a mine underneath, that must be the energy source too. He doesn't have to search anymore.

He went to the bottom of the mountain through the mountain path again and with Vidyut's help, he managed to preserve a lot more energy as he can control the lightning curtain on the top of the mountain which takes most of his energy.

After reaching the bottom of the mountain, he circled around it to identify the mining tunnels.

Even though they are currently blocked, they were not completely blocked, only on the surface. So, as soon as he removed the blockage which is around a meter thick, he managed to find the tunnel and started moving through it.

The tunnels are diverse and confusing as they are split too much.

Sam had to use the bug puppets to not waste time and find the correct path.

After a three-hour-long search, he finally managed to reach the core of the mountain where the mine is also built.

When he saw the center, there are two thoughts that came to his mind. The first one is that he felt glad that he didn't drill through to find the core, otherwise, the mountain might have really collapsed.

The second thought is, whoever the person that made this formation, he is way too many levels above Sam in terms of his expertise in formations and for

the first time ever Sam felt extremely inferior to another person in terms of ability.

Even if he was inferior, he was never disheartened as he always believed he would catch up soon enough, but for the first time in life, he almost felt that disheartenment. Almost.

He shook those useless feelings out of his head and a look of excitement came back to his face as he looked at the object in the middle of the large cave.

The whole cave is scattered with the blocks of empty spirit stone.

They are all exhausted as the object in the middle has sucked the energy out of it all.

In the middle of it, there is a six feet pole standing straight. The pole is transparent and a bunch of inscriptions is covering it from top to bottom.

Inside the transparent pole, there is an indigo-colored liquid full of lightning elemental energy.

Just with the energy vision and even without touching, Sam could confirm what it is, it is the liquid form of lightning elemental energy.

The liquid form of spiritual energy is actually one of the purest forms. But it is hard to find it anywhere as it would only be available in the spirit stone mines, but by the time the mines are detectable, the liquid would have already turned into spirit stones.

The liquid form of spiritual energy only exists for a small period of time. Between the spiritual energy turning from its particle form to solid stage, but this guy managed to reverse to preserve the liquid state in that transparent pole and use that pure energy for the formation and the liquid energy isn't

being consumed as the pole and inscriptions which are responsible for conversion process are drawing energy from the vein of the mine.

Sam excitedly walked towards the pole and touched it before using observation ability.

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Chapter 1006: Formation Cylinders

At this moment, Sam is currently sitting on the ground of the second floor in the divine dimension with a bunch of models surrounding him.

He observed and tinkered with each model as he tried to find a way to break the formation.

The largest model of them all is the model of the whole mountain and the second one is the model of the formation, but only the nodes which are essentially the cylindrical objects all arranged in the exact positions they were placed on the mountain. But in this model, the mountains and the rocks are eliminated.

The remaining models are of cylindrical objects of various sizes and then models of some objects that are attached to these cylindrical objects.

By now, Sam is more interested in the cylindrical object than the whole formation itself.

The cylindrical object, let's call it the formation cylinder is the most high-level technical product that was used in this whole formation.

The one in the middle, the largest cylinder which was placed in the center of the mine can be called as the Parent Cylinder and the rest of the cylinders that are spread all over the mountain are the child cylinders.

There are four components in the parent cylinder. One of them is the inscriptions which are the easiest to understand and analyze of all four. The

second component is on the bottom end of the cylinder which was inside the land. It is a large spike that is focused on taking the spiritual energy in from the mine.

The third component is the pole itself. Even though it looks like a normal pole, the insides of the pole are constructed in a certain way that there are several formations activated inside as soon as the energy sucked from the mine directly enters it. After the energy passed through all of that, it finally reaches the final component on the top.

The top component has two functions or to put it more precisely it has two sub-components. One of them is responsible for distributing the pure energy sent across the pole to the rest of the nodes and the second subcomponent, is responsible for condensing the pure energy into the liquid form and drop it inside the pole.

There is a layer inside the pole where this liquid deposits and some of the liquid energy once again goes back into the circulation system of the pole along with the energy being sucked from the mine.

This time, the liquid energy will be converted into the normal purest energy and sent to other nodes while the energy sucked from the mine will replace that liquid energy.

Now going to the other nodes, they are of different sizes. All of them have the same components, but those components differ from the components of the parent cylinder.

In the child cylinders, the pole is almost the same and it similarly has layers. The top and bottom components along with the inscriptions are different.

While the inscriptions on the parent cylinder support the circulation of energy through the pole structure and help to purify the raw energy obtained from the

mine, the inscriptions in the child cylinder only try to assist to liquefy and make the energy active.

The top component receives the energy from the parent cylinder and also makes a contact with the rest of the child cylinders in the formation.

The bottom component is responsible for liquefying and storing liquefied energy.

The cylinder which is fully charged with liquid energy acts as a formation node.

This is the best formation node, Sam has come across in his whole life. It is even better than an energy cell actually. After all, at the end of the day, the energy cell is nothing but a structured spirit stone.

As Sam felt fascinated with all the whole cylinder thing, he found out one thing that fascinated him more than anything. The transparent poles are made of very familiar material. The empty spirit stones.

Even though he doesn't know how they managed to use that and change shape. He knew that it is not the same method as his.

Because all Sam did is turn the whole stone into powder and reconstruct the powder in the way he wants using the same construction principle that a spirit stone follows.

But the structure of this material is different. Sam felt excited. So much excitement that he looked like a kid in a toy shop.

These things would be reverse-engineered by him in a few days. After taking care of the formation, he is going to study them and find out every single thing there is to know about these things. In the process, he would be able to save a decade's worth of time in research.

He has had a large project in mind, for a long time. Now, with these things, that project would be finished at least a decade or two early.

Now, all he has to do is find a way to cut the formation down.

The person who made the formation is actually quite cautious, from the looks of it if the parent cylinder or any child cylinder were moved, then the whole formation would collapse and explode.

As for the core of the formation, it is a divided core. It has two parts in different areas. One of them is the Parent cylinder and the other part is the thing that was placed in the body of Vidyut.

Both of them act as a joint core and if one of them is removed from its place or messed with somehow then it would explode and not just the formation, the whole mine would explode and it wouldn't be any different from an elemental energy blast that happens when an energy cell explodes.

But there, is another way to take care of this situation. As long as he managed to empty the whole Parent cylinder and take away the liquid energy directly, then the formation will go cold as it wouldn't be able to function. Then Sam can pull that thing out without any problem and Vidyut will also lose connection with the mountain and he can pull that thing out.

And the formation will not activate again.

But channeling the liquid form of energy is a dangerous task that is on a borderline impossible level.

The liquid energy is extremely pure.

If one tried to absorb it, they must be prepared to absorb it completely, as pure as it is, it is also volatile.

And this amount of energy is something that even an Astral Plane Consummate stage cultivator couldn't absorb in a single attempt.

That too assuming that person would be able to successfully channel the energy out in the first place with delicate control.

But Sam happens to have a way.

His innate ability of observation and manipulation is really great and he used both of them to get out of many tricky situations. Now the manipulation ability would be put to an ultimate test.

Sam took out all the empty spirit stones he has in his hands and when he understood that he didn't have enough, he directly went to Vidyut and asked.

"How big is your influence over the city?"

"What do you mean?"

"I want to know if the people in the city will do something nonsensical without expressing any doubts and questions if you ask them to do so."

"Depends on the task actually. If it is something that might compromise their interests they would hesitate."

"Good, ask them to gather all the empty spirit stones that are being used in the city. I don't need other elemental stones. Only light elemental stones and normal spirit stones. That is it. Can you do that?"

"Empty stones? You mean the transparent stone that was left after the energy is sucked dry?"

"Yes."

"Why do you need that?"

"Do you want answers or do you want to get out?"

"I want to get out."

"Then do it as fast as you can. For the next three days, every stone that was depleted of energy should be delivered to you, and then it should be delivered to me in that room.

You are not going to come in no matter what and only throw the rings through that door gap."

With that, Sam walked in and started turning the empty spirit stones into powder.

Vidyut immediately passed down the orders and although people are confused they sent all the stones as he asked and every stone was sent to Sam's room where he constantly turned them to powder.

After three days, he finally felt like he had enough powder and took all of it to the core of the mountain. Because of its previous state as a mine, there is a lot of space.

He dropped the powder which covered almost half of the room.

After placing that large heap of the powder, he made sure not a single grain strayed away.

He sat on one end of that heap which is close to the parent cylinder in the center.

Then he activated his lightning elemental fusion and took a deep breath before gripping the parent cylinder directly.

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Chapter 1007: Final Candidate

Sam's silver figure started absorbing the liquid energy from the cylinder forcefully.

The energy output that is distributing the purified energy to the child cylinders was all being sucked towards Sam and the clear dark indigo energy is clearly visible in that silver body of his.

Sam felt an excruciating pain in his body as if all his organs are being crushed, but he gritted his teeth and sucked the energy faster and then channeled that energy into the large heap of the spirit stone powder.

Now that his level has become higher, he can channel lightning energy and balance it within the normal spirit stone powder. If it was done even when he was in Astral Plane Initiation that might not have been possible.

But now it is possible. Whether it was a coincidence or it is really manipulated by someone, he came to this place at a perfect time.

Sam closed his eyes as he focused with full concentration which divided into two tasks. The first one is obviously forcing the liquid energy out of the cylinder.

Even though it sounds contradictory, he should be delicate and forceful at the same time. The second thing is the construction of the large energy cell by channeling the energy he forcefully pulled out. Both of these tasks are difficult and delicate, to begin with, even when they were done separately. But now he has to do both of them at the same time.

The amount of stress he has to take both physically and mentally is something he never endured before. This is the greatest form of torture for him by far.

As the process went on and one-fourth of the cylinder was empty, there was a rumbling sound all over the mountain.

Vidyut and rest of the Sam's team, who are in the mountain mansion, can feel it.

Vidyut in particular had a numb and slightly painful sensation around the thing in his chest. They all ran out of the mansion and saw that the lightning curtain at the edge of the mountain path dimmed a bit. The curtain which looked like a waterfall has its flow reduced and it became slightly less dense.

They ran back in to take a look at the rest of the path through the screens and it could be seen that the lightning density all over the path has reduced by a bit.

Vidyut was extremely excited.

Sam didn't know what is happening. In fact, he didn't even notice the rumbling sound and the faint vibrations that are causing it. He was completely immersed in the process.

But after the Initial small portion was reduced, the rest of the energy became difficult to be dragged out. The farther away it is from the top component which distributes the energy from the parent cylinder, the difficult it is to drag it out.

Now he has to make the liquid energy delicately move to the top and let it out and try to grab it towards him instantly before it moves to different child cylinders.

And as it is new for Sam, he failed a few times and the energy went to the child cylinders which sent the formation back to normal and Vidyut became anxious.

But Sam didn't feel that anxiety and tried his best to increase his control. After a bunch of failed attempts, he managed to absorb most of the energy and only letting a small portion escape to the child cylinders.

Now that there is no constant supply to the child cylinders and the formation is still slightly working, the liquid energy stored in the child cylinders is being consumed. Even though a small portion is being supplied, as long as the

supply didn't exceed or match the consumption rate of the cylinder, it is going to be Sam's win in this situation, and the formation is bound to stop working.

The process went on for the whole day and night. Sam didn't get a wink of rest and he just kept on sucking the energy and channeled it into the large heap of spirit stone powder and by the dawn the next day, half of the powder already turned into a large spirit stone and the rest is on its way.

The process continued and by the dusk next day, Sam finally finished the process and the whole city witnessed as the lightning path that was revered and feared by many slowly dimmed down and disappeared.

Sam finally had the chance, he immediately stood up and spoke through the communication token he already wore.

"Vidyut, get ready to take that thing off your chest. We need to do it at the same time. On the count of three.

One. Two. Three."

As soon as Sam finished the count both of them pulled their objects at the same time.

The whole mountain started shaking. As the parent cylinder was thrown into the divine dimension and the core placed in Vidyut's chest was also removed, the rest of the nodes doesn't have any other source to get the energy and the formation stopped.

Sam turned around to take a look at the large energy cell he created in the process.

This energy cell is the largest one he made. Even the large rocket is smaller than this.

He couldn't help but smirk at the thought of the victim who would be getting treated with this energy cell. He threw that in divine dimension and took out the Heavenly wine to recover.

He needs to collect the rest of the cylinders. There is no way, he would be leaving a single thing out of this formation.

This is the first time, he became this greedy in a while.

He didn't even go and see Vidyut and just started digging around to collect the cylinders.

He took a whole day to do that and by that time, the family heads and other important people already made a visit to Vidyut.

They were all shocked that the mountain path returned to normal and the disappearance of the lightning made them have a bad feeling.

When they came, Vidyut wore a smile and said.

"I have to go on a journey with my friends to improve my cultivation a bit. I will be temporarily leaving this realm. Rest assured that we will meet again no matter what."

When the rest of the team saw this, they couldn't help but sneer in their hearts. This guy successfully managed to con all these people and made them believe that he is some kind of expert. But he is a prisoner on the mountain. Just by taking advantage of the flashy formation set up which caused the path to be riddled with lightning, he managed to make everyone believe that he is some kind of big shot and even kept the enemies of the realm in check.

Sam returned after he collected all the cylinders.

"Wrap up your act here. We are leaving as soon as we can. I have many things to do. This time, we are not going back to desolate. We are directly

going to our last candidate on the list. I will take some rest. Saber Monarch, brief the team on the next candidate."

With that Sam left to take some rest.

The whole process went smoothly, but it left some serious stress on his body, he needs to recuperate properly.

Meanwhile, Saber Monarch started briefing on the last candidate for recruitment.

"The person we are trying to recruit next is named Night Ghost."

"Wait. Night Ghost? You are kidding right?"

Vidyut immediately interrupted as soon as Saber Monarch spoke.

"No, I am not kidding. We are really going after the Night Ghost."

"But the Night Ghost is just a rumor."

"No, it is not. We investigated it ourselves and we even saw him with our own eyes. The person named Night Ghost exists and it is not just a myth."

Sia replied from the side.

Saber Monarch continued.

The Night Ghost. He is a guy who stays in a demon realm within a mountain. He has an old rivalry with the Ash Demon family. They killed his wife and he swore that he would kill the Ash demon family as a whole.

But currently, the Ash Demon family only knew that Night Ghost is their enemy, but they don't know why they became enemies and what his true intention is.

And since they cannot have someone who can challenge their authority in their own territory, they simply made rumors and spread them wildly making

people believe that Night Ghost is a myth and everything is being done by some kind of weird mutated beast in the forest.

Night Ghost didn't care about anything. He just cultivates in that forest and kills every hostile intruder and every Ash Demon that enters that forest.

He is actually a Ghost cultivator. Although Similar to soul necromancy it is slightly different.

A soul necromancer is someone who uses the souls as his subordinates in a fight and the souls don't have anything to do with their cultivation, but a ghost cultivator uses his own body and mind as a house for the souls which turn into ghosts and use them to attack. As they consume energy from souls and living objects, he increases his cultivation.

So, be on guard when we go there."

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Chapter 1008: Night Ghost

The team along with your new addition moved immediately as soon as Sam recovered.

Sam is getting sick of this recruitment. Even though this is beneficial for him, the thought of being a rat in a bait-laced race is not exactly a pleasant one.

As for the Night Ghost, he is almost sure that as soon as he helps him take revenge against the Ash Demons, he would join his team.

They went to the Ash Demon Realm which is the realm ruled by the Ash Demons. Just like the Night Demons, Ash Demons also occupied and controlled the whole realm on their own the only difference is that Ash demons are a little bit weaker than the Night Demons when it comes to both overall strengths as well as individual strength of the heads.

The head of the family is a middle-stage Transcendent cultivator of the Astral Plane for the Ash Demon family, while for the Night Demons it is a Late-stage Transcendent cultivator of Astral Plane.

Night Ghost is also in the Middle stage Transcendent level, but the only reason he is stopping from storming in and taking revenge on the Ash Demon family is that there are two more people in the Ash Demon family who are on the same level as the head. The two grand elders are not only brothers of the family head, in fact, but all three of them are also triplets.

They all look alike and there is even rumor circulating that, sometimes they exchange the positions of the Grand Elder and family head within themselves and they don't reveal it to anyone just for the sake of it. They are extremely close and they don't have any form of rivalry or conflicting ambitions between them.

They are united and harmonious as they ruled over the realm together.

After arriving in the realm, Sam sent the team to enquire about the situation in the capital, while he went to the forest occupied by the Night Ghost which is not that far away from the capital. He took Paras as Vidyut with him.

Paras held his ax in vigilance while Vidyut also held his bow. They are extremely cautious as soon as they entered this eerie forest.

Sam activated his energy vision, but it is not the regular energy vision, he modified it a bit while injecting death energy so that the vision would focus more on the death energy in the surroundings.

Night ghost might be a ghost cultivator, but the energy emitted even by those ghosts is death energy and soon he found what he was looking for.

He took a step back and whispered something in Vidyut's ears.

Vidyut was a little bit confused, but he still raised his brow and aimed it in a direction, and shot an arrow purely made of lightning which hit a tree.

The tree was charred immediately, Sam looked at the tree and said.

"It didn't miss. We aimed at the tree."

As soon as he said those words, a semi-transparent and semi-corporeal body appeared near that tree.

It is a ghost of a human.

"Who are you? Why are you here?" The ghost spoke and Sam explained.

"We came here to make a deal with you. Can we talk?"

"I am not a merchant." The ghost replied.

"But I am one. The deal is about the Ash Demon family. I would help you destroy it."

"You?" There is a sense of condescension in that tone of voice. But Sam chuckled and said.

"I heard you are quite a gambler. Let's make a bet if you don't trust me."

"Gamble? Who told you that?"

"A couple of my subordinates came to your forest a few days ago. They came out alive because of a gamble, didn't they? I think you would remember them. At least one of them."

"You are Sia's boss?" This time the tone is of surprise.

"It seems like she forgot to mention my cultivation level. I am that boss, so now are you ready to take the bet?"

"First tell me what the gamble is."

"Simple, I will help you take down Ash Demon family in ten days. If I win, you will come and work for me for a decade. If I lose, I will give thirty thousand souls.

Even though the souls are not of high-level, I am sure the sheer number of it will be a good enough boost."

"Thirty thousand souls? Have you ever seen that many?"

"Don't worry, you are not the only one with weird habits of collecting souls. You collect them for your cultivation, I collect them for my subordinates' training. That is the only difference."

With that, Sam took out a formation that is used for training the mentality of his subordinates. He got a bunch of them with him and they would really be around ten to twenty thousand souls. As for why he made the bet, he knew for sure that he would be able to win no matter what.

Night Ghost fell into deep thought and replied.

"Decade is too much."

"Are you telling me, that the grudge you have with the Ash Demon family is not even worth a decade of your lifetime? I know the reason you are waiting is, you are not sure that you can defeat the triplets of the Ash demon family and you only want to make a move once you surpass them.

How long do you think that would take? It is not like they would stagnate while you progress alone, right?

All I am asking for is a decade. Trust me after staying with me for a decade, you wouldn't even want to leave me, even if I ask you to leave."

"Sure, Deal."

"Wait here, I will come back in a few days to meet you with some news on my progress."

With that, all three of them left the forest and sneaked back into the city.

That evening.

Inside the city in the most luxurious in the team gathered.

"So, what are the results? Anything that we can take advantage of?"

The team started showing their investigation results and Kiran has the most intriguing one.

"I found a brother of the triplets."

Everyone was surprised.

A brother of triplets, that is not exactly a popular person, at least not as popular as he should be.

Because no one from that team that spent the whole day in the city heard about him.

"He is not exactly popular and except for some high-level families and organizations, many in the lower levels of the city didn't even know him.

That guy also does nothing of importance and it is not due to the lack of trying.

Since his three brothers took up the mantle of their father, he decided to progress their family in different directions. He became a merchant and in fact a good one at that.

The rest of the peers of his generation including his brothers don't care much about him or his achievements. Then his insecurities got better of him and he spent all the profits on himself due to the constant goading of people.

This caused him to get lost in gambling and whoring around and he is looking for that one lucky break in the family which could give him a respectable position. He completely lost the belief in working his way up slowly and gave up on business.

Only after that did the family realize that their useless merchant brother is a great businessman and he brought many benefits even though he gobbled up most of the profits.

But it was already too late and they pushed him beyond recovery. His situation is similar to that third young master in the elven branch. The only difference is that the third young master is too good on the physical side while this guy is too good on the mental side.

But he is always high on alcohol and doesn't think straight. I think he is a perfect fit for being our target."

Sam looked at all the information Kiran has gathered and asked.

"How did you get it?"

"The bar where this guy is a regular customer at has a waitress. I just hit on her a bit and she spilled the beans."

"Bars and Waiters, they are the best, aren't they?"

If only all my doomed enemies knew that most of their death was due to the contribution from the waiters. They might die of embarrassment.

Anyway, this guy is indeed a great fit. First, make friends with him in another disguise. You are now a merchant who came here to enter the market of this realm.

Your product of choice is currently alcohol. Just make friends with him normally and don't even show a hint that you know his identity.

I will tell you what to do next. You have three days to make him trust you. I will give you the required alcohol to fit the play perfectly.

And if he asks what other fields you work in, make sure he believes you are uncomfortable talking about it and it is something that you cannot reveal to just anyone.

I will plan the rest and tell you."

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Chapter 1009: Mardhan

Mardhan.

The name of the low self-esteem brother of the triplets.

The next day after the meeting in the inn.

Mardhan is walking towards the most luxurious bar in the city. He doesn't look anywhere near like a person of his status should. He looked ragged and his eyes are clearly screaming that he is a drunkard.

He went to the bar and sat at his special reserved table as he drank one drink after another. Soon, a woman walked in and sat beside him. Mardhan placed his hand around her as both of them flirted with each other.

"Who do you want to take today, Young Master?"

She is the owner of the largest brothel in the city. The brothel has a specialty. None of the women that worked there are being forced to work there. They all took the job as a prostitute willingly.

And it was known that the owner of the brothel never sleeps with anyone, except for Mardhan of course.

While they are talking like that, a middle-aged-looking man with a large frame and a refined look walked into the bar. A waitress welcomed him and the middle-aged man asked.

"Is there any regular customer of your bar present at the moment?"

The Waitress felt confused for a bit on why he is asking but still showed Mardhan sitting in the corner.

"Bring one of everything on your menu to that table. Including the Side dishes."

With that, the middle-aged man walked to that table and asked the flirting couple politely.

"Hello Sir, if you don't mind. May I sit with you?"

Mardhan was surprised and confused which was apparent on his face.

"I am a merchant and I need to know a few things about the alcohol in this bar. The waiter said that you are a regular customer here. If you don't mind, I would like to talk to you for a few minutes."

Mardhan thought for a moment and gestured him to sit. From the looks of it, the other party clearly doesn't know who he is. If he does, he wouldn't come and talk to him like this. Everyone who knows his identity wouldn't respect him that much.

"Are you new to this city?"

"I am new to this realm actually. I used to do business in another realm and I want to break into a new market. And I heard that the Ash Demon realm has a large chunk of consumers."

"That depends on your product actually."

"My product is alcohol. At least, the one that I want to use now. That is why I came to this bar. I heard this bar has the widest variety of liquors in the whole city. I want the opinion of a regular customer to break into the market with a proper liquor."

"Alcohol? That is actually a tough market to break into in this realm. Ash Demons are really fond of liquor and they drink a lot. For that reason, many races already brought many varieties of liquor. If I must say, the market is stable than ever. You might get disappointed."

"I hope you would say the same again after you drink my liquor."

By now the waitress brought all the drinks and snacks.

The middle-aged man looked through the drinks and took out different jars from his storage and matched one with every drink.

"These are the drinks that are somewhat similar to the ones that are available here. Taste both of them and give me your opinion."

Mardhan was surprised, but he obliged. Anyway, all he does is drink and whore around. Since someone is paying for it, he is even more satisfied.

But as he drunk one liquor after another, his facial expression kept on changing.

"How is this possible?" He muttered as he looked at the middle-aged man.

"Just who are you?"

"I am sorry, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Ranki. As I said, I am a merchant that deals with different businesses."

"Your alcohol is the best that I tasted. How do you proceed with this business? Are you going to open bars?"

"Not really. As I said, alcohol is only one of my many businesses and it is not even the main one. There are a lot more businesses I handle. I am just using this to break into the market of the Ash Demon realm. So, I would be selling recipes."

"Oh? What is the price?" Mardhan's eyes lit up."

"That depends on the size of the Ash Demon realm's market. As much as it would benefit the buyer if they have a fixed price, I didn't get these things for a cheap price. I need a considerable profit. But I am sure no matter who buys it

they would make a dozen times of what they paid for me if they utilize them properly.

Don't you think so?"

"Yes, they definitely would."

Mardhan looked at the alcohol greedily.

"Okay, thanks for your opinion. I still have to go to other places to do some survey."

As Ranki was about to leave, Mardhan stopped him and said.

"No, you don't have to."

"Why is that?"

"Can you come back here tomorrow? I think I have a proposal that you would be interested in."

Ranki frowned for a minute in thought and said.

"Sure."

The next day, Ranki once again came to the bar but this time, he met with the sobered-up Mardhan and the brothel owner is not near him.

He looked sophisticated as if he is back to his noble self.

"Let me reintroduce myself. I am Mardhan, the brother of the family head of the Ash Demon family. Now, can we talk business?"

Ranki was surprised, but he sat down.

Mardhan took out a bunch of documents regarding the population in many areas in the realm where the market would be flourished.

And then proceeded to explain the business plan. Ranki was surprised, in fact even Sam would have been surprised if he saw this. Because the current business plan that was presented in front of Ranki is of a franchise.

Mardhan wants to open a franchise based on Alcohol.

Partnering with local bar owners they would create a brand all over the realm. His business acumen is brilliant.

But he lacks capital. He doesn't have enough capital to enter and since his brothers and peers along with his family counted him as useless and he acted in such a way, there is no way they would take out capital.

He needs Ranki to place the initial capital which he would use to show his brothers and take the money required for the franchise operation. Just when he thought, Ranki would refuse, he agreed immediately.

"This would also help the rest of my businesses. I am in, but I need a share in franchise operations."

"Of course."

The preparations started immediately and the bar in the capital was planned to open in the next two days.

Mardhan was feeling ecstatic as he found the ticket to gold. His family is in the liquor business as the Ash demons are great consumers are liquor, but with this new one, he would be able to get tons of money and increase his standing in the family in a single shot.

As he thought of the income he would get and the jealousy from his peers, he got reminded of Ranki.

"What are the other businesses you were talking about?"

"Well, Alcohol is at most my side business. I mainly operate in the special weapons business and physical enhancement drug business. There is an

inventor I know who is proficient in many things and he sells these products and recipes instead of making a business of his own as his business already got too big.

I got the alcohol recipes from him. Apart from that, I have food recipes, pills, drugs, and blueprints for some special weapons that are good for low-level cultivators in the mortal plane.

They are all just tones of money waiting for us to take. Recently, he made some new types of drugs that would enhance the body in long term.

For example, there is a fire elemental drug that could be consumed by the wood elemental beings and they would get fire elemental resistance.

The fire elemental beings that consume a frost drug he made would be able to gain ice elemental resistance.

I want to use that frost drug to enter this market. But it is hard to gain credibility for such a drug, so I want to inject myself with alcohol, then food, and then weapons before I go to the drugs.

Since the Ash demons are a high-level fire elemental beings, I think it would be a profitable business."

"Profitable? I think this is beyond profitable."

Mardhan said and started pacing.

He couldn't help but think of that kind of drug, the only weakness of the Ash demons is their inability to defend against ice. This would change the phase of Ash demons and it would be a new era if that drug could be mass-produced.

He cannot let go of this chance.

"I think I have an idea. Why don't we partner up now and sell that drug now?"

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Chapter 1010: Trap

Mardhan and Ranki are currently sitting in a private room.

There are a bunch of glass containers of different kinds set on the table.

All of them are emitting some kind of frost energy. In one type of container, there is a liquid that is ice blue color and in the second type, there is some kind of pill in the same ice blue color.

There is another container that looked like a lump of slime.

"These are all different kinds of drugs and all of these are suitable for Astral Plane Initiation cultivators. You can test them if you want. Even though there is a fixed dosage that needs to be taken for a considerable amount of time, you can still get the effects even after you take it once.

You can try it if you want to test it."

Mardhan hesitated a bit and Ranki chuckled.

"If you don't even trust the medicine, how are you going to sell it? Even though it is mostly effective on fire elemental beings and I am only a warrior, I can still take one and show you."

With that Ranki took a pill and swallowed it. His whole body is covered in frost energy, but soon the energy was concentrated to one single point and stayed there.

"My cultivation is a bit higher. This pill doesn't work on me for long. But you fulfill both the conditions of the cultivation and elemental affinity, so you would have a better result than this. Do you want to try it now?"

Mardhan took the pill awkwardly and swallowed it.

He instantly felt a cold feeling enveloping his body, after the initial chill, he finally felt the cold feeling concentrating near the spiritual core.

Ranki pulled out a scroll containing an inscription of a frost spell and threw it on Mardhan.

As soon as the attack landed, he used the fire elemental energy to nullify most of the attack, but the freezing effect of the attack was what he anticipated, but to his surprise, it didn't come.

The freezing effect was completely absorbed by the frost energy that was accumulated in the spiritual core. That frost energy expelled acted as some sort of glue and held the foreign ice elemental energy and expelled it. In the process, some of the frost energy was also expelled.

Looking at the effects, Mardhan's eyes brightened.

"This is the perfect product." He muttered to himself.

"I know it is, but there is one bad news for you," Ranki told with a sigh.

"What?"

"I cannot do this business with just you. As you know when we started the liquor business, all I knew is of your identity which I trusted and placed my capital on. But soon I realized that your identity doesn't have any value even within the realm.

But still, I didn't withdraw that capital in the Alcohol business, because that much amount is something I am willing to lose.

That business is still in progress, so we can't see those results which might change my attitude towards you. If you are willing to wait for that long. I am okay with that. But If you don't want to wait, I want more assurance."

"What kind of assurance do you want?"

"An assurance from your brothers. Two of the grand elders or the family head himself. If you can get them to act as your surety then I am okay with that.

I cannot just trust you and throw in money that I might not get back and this recipe is too precious and your social standing and worth are too low for me to entrust you with this. I hope you understand."

Mardhan became silent and didn't even know what to say.

He ground his teeth like a mad dog showing his anger and dissatisfaction with himself and then he looked at the pills and potions on the table.

He cannot let this chance go. This is the biggest chance he would get in his life. With these things the fortune would change, they can fight against their greatest rivals without care about getting affected by the freezing energy.

"To get their assurance, I need to convince them. I cannot just get them to okay with when they couldn't test the drug themselves."

"These things wouldn't have much effect on them. If you want, I can give you the drugs created for Pre-transcendent stage cultivators, they might not have a complete effect on your brothers who are already transcendent stage cultivators and they are not up for sale yet. They are still in research as they couldn't find a way to mass-produce them.

So, I can only give you two of them. A potion and a slime pill."

"No problem. I will give you an answer by evening. Can I take these samples too?" Mardhan said as he pointed at the containers on the table.

"Sure."

With that Mardhan took everything and left.

Ranki got out of the room and went to the inn he was living in. He didn't go into his room directly and went to Sam's room and changed his form.

"Boss, the goods are sent. Are you sure this would work?" Kiran asked Sam.

"If the information that we got about these brothers is true, then it would surely happen. They are already regretting that they didn't trust their brother once who would have brought a shit lot of money if given a chance.

But now I showed them another chance. Let us see if they are dumb enough to trust this or if they would be even dumber to not trust this."

"Not trusting this would be a dumber choice?"

"Of course, they would completely break the trust of this younger brother and we can use him to make something more extreme. Even if this attempt fails, we would play a longer game. A broken man can do things you wouldn't be able to imagine.

So, it would be better if these brothers directly trust him, because if they don't a worst than this, would await them."

While Sam and Kiran are discussing which would be a dumber choice for the brothers, the men in question are currently staying in the same room.

Mardhan is currently looked at the triplets with a nervous expression.

"Brother, I tested the drug myself. This is the perfect drug for us. Now we don't have to fear the frost giants anymore. That freezing effect that troubles us would be a thing of the past. The one weakness the Ash demons have compared to the rest of the demons would be gone."

He said everything so passionately fearing that his brothers would reject him again.

"Are you sure, this is legitimate?"

The family head asked as he looked at Mardhan's ice.

"If only I could take these things with my cultivation, I would have swallowed them all. But I cannot. So, I can only taste these.

Just pick what you want me to eat."

He said and took out all the drugs meant for initiation level cultivators.

"You don't have to do that alright. We would trust you. But we need to test these drugs first." The Grand elder said and picked the pill.

"I will take this first and then you guys follow if I don't have any effect."

"Alright."

The grand elder swallowed the pills. The intense frost energy enveloped his body and he almost felt frozen. But soon he felt the energy concentrating to one point. He didn't feel that cold. In fact, even the surroundings felt warm to him.

"It is working."

The grand elder said as he used another frost spell scroll that Mardhan got from Ranki on himself.

The family head and the remaining grand elder immediately took the remaining, potion and the slime drug and swallowed them.

They also felt the same sensation as the first grand elder and couldn't help but smile.

"Bring him to us tomorrow. We will discuss the business." The family head said and sent Mardhan away.

"It seems like we did right by him this time." The family head said calmly.

"Not him. We did right by the family."

"But to really do right by the family, I think it is inevitable for us to get that recipe of these drugs for ourselves. After all, it is not a good idea for these things to lay in the hands of some external party."

"Rightly said."

As they are discussing plots to get the recipe of the drugs, the family head felt a weird sensation in his body. As he tried to channel his energy to get rid of that weird sensation, he felt that he couldn't move his energy from the spiritual core and the surrounding meridians are frozen.

Another grand elder who took the potion also felt like his blood is turning cold and his skin turned ice blue slowly.

"Brother. What happened to you? What is wrong?"

The last standing grand elder started yelling as he looked at his brother.

His screams were heard all over the city as he rushed to the healer instantly and sent someone to grab his brother who caused all of this all the while panicking about his own safety.