

RE-BIRTH OF A GENIUS. CREATOR/DESTROYER

Chapter 111: Red Coral City

The next day the group left on the carriage. As soon as they left, Jack asked.

"If you really just want to teach them how to do, you could have demonstrated at a small tier city, we would have managed to save some time, why did we have to come this far."

Sam didn't say anything and just smiled. In a few moments the golden-fist ape came from the nearby woods, with a huge leather bag on his back and at the same time, there seemed to be some extreme moment from the woods.

Within no time, tens of beasts came from the woods, carrying some type of trees. All of these are fruit trees that can aid cultivation in initiation stages and later, they can at most supply some spiritual energy to Acolytes and early stage Novices.

Jack was dumbfounded as he saw all the beasts dragging and carrying these trees.

Sam casually stored them all and even the golden ape away in the divine dimension.

Since, this village is far and the cultivators in this area aren't too strong they don't venture into deeper zones and possibility of these trees which aren't much desirable existing here is high.

Sam's purpose of coming here is collecting these types of trees. Even though, they might not be highly useful, he can still use them to introduce the alcohol at his restaurant.

So, Sam planned one thing. He will collect as many resources he can as possible to make profit out in his businesses.

After storing away Sam took out his hover board and at the same time let Yanwu and Sky out.

Jasmine and Jack boarded them and Sam stood on his board. When he unleashed the thrust and floated Jack spotted some words carved on the side of the board.

"Harbinger." He read out loud and looked at Sam.

This is the name Sam gave to the board.

With the high thrust, even though his altitude isn't high, it is not low either.

Yanwu and Sky also flew at the same altitude as him which is around forty feet above the ground.

This way of travel is very fast as they reached the Red coral city in two days even when they rested at nights, but the price Sam has to pay is a set of Energy cells of his board, but he didn't feel the pinch.

Because, his cost price is high and he also gained a lot in this trip. He plucked every fruit tree he or his beasts spotted on his way and the ape planted them inside the divine dimension.

He even found some wild herbs which are beneficial for Novice levels. But since, he didn't have much benefit for them, he just let the beasts eat them.

After all, their cultivation is beneficial to himself.

After they reached the vicinities of the Red coral city, three of them started walking.

They entered the city and after some enquiries, they went to some low-key inn.

As soon as they entered their rooms, Sam let the remaining shadow mice out. He has five of them with him and he left the remaining five with Watt, to use them in the small tier cities.

Even though, the five mice sound like the investigation might take longer, but the main thing is that mice also improved and their ability is also enhanced.

With increase in the cultivation level, the shadow mice can perform a myriad of techniques, even though they don't have much use in battle, their control over shadows and their eavesdropping abilities are not to be trifled with.

If they had any way to attack, they will make the best assassins and Sam is even thinking of making it possible.

If their cultivation is high enough, the shadow mice can even access the shadow world. And about the shadow world, that is the story for another time.

Sam didn't leave the mice aimlessly, the three of them first went to the dining hall of the inn and in the same way, Sam caught some news on a small local gang.

He is slightly missing the Vickers guy, where he can buy the info as he liked.

So, after finding a guy from the small gang, he left the shadow mice, to do their work.

Last time, it took him more than a month to gather all the intel and there would definitely be a black water branch here also.

So, shadow mice had one thought in mind, they should get the monthly report of the branch as soon as they find out.

Sam also felt a little depressed when he found out, that there is no establishment known to public named Black pond in the city. But with the shadow mice abilities he didn't have a doubt that he can't find him.

And two days later, Sam, Jack and Jasmine. All of them are sitting in a dark room and in front of him is man in his thirties with some beard. He is injured considerably.

He is the leader of small gang that Sam let the shadow mice investigate.

"So, are you going to tell me the info I need or not?" Sam asked with a slight impatience. Just as the man was about to reject, Jack took out his black sword and immediately pierced into the other guys shoulder.

"One more rejection, you can lose a limb." The other party.

"I will tell you." The man finally gave in.

At first, they came normally and just asked for the info, but this guy had some loud mouth and Jack beat him to pulp.

After that, when Sam asked him again, he rejected two times and third time led to this situation.

After more than thirty minutes, the man laid lifeless on the floor and so were the other gang members in the area.

Anyway, their task is to eliminate all of them, since Sam got all the info, he doesn't have any use for them.

Now, he has an understanding on the forces of this city. Unlike, Falcon cliff city, the gangs in this city are quite scattered and there are ten small gangs. Along with that ten small gangs, there are two big gangs which have most control over the city.

He also learnt that there are some officials in ties with these two gangs and the two gangs are also said to be the rival gangs vying to get a chance to occupy each other's territory and business.

One of them is responsible for settlements, assassinations, missions and even hiring for teaching someone a lesson, they don't even care about the protection fee and the name of the organisation is snakehead.

The other gang is related to prostitution, slave trade and also something Sam never expected he would face in this world. Drug dealing. They are called the Tiger fish.

Sam found something off, when they heard the names. They are just like Piranha and Candiru. Both of them are fish names and are related to the black water's branch. In falcon cliff city, both of them didn't have any connection to the public eye, but they didn't have a conflict either.

But here, these two are fighting each other and there is even a place that they have chosen to fight it out.

They even sell tickets to that event. Sam was quite curious. He even thought of a possibility that the two gangs are making a façade to not let others find out about it and them being the part of the black water.

And there is one more organisation that transitions between black and white and that is the 'Arena'.

This is an entertainment zone where the people fight for the spectators and the fight between the snakehead and the tiger fish are also organised by them.

But they aren't open to the general public and timings are also closely constrained to the underground society only.

So, Sam decided one thing. He will investigate slowly. He felt that there is only piece of puzzle that is missing and if he can find this, everything will be sorted out.

But he is in no hurry. He has two months for each city and he can slowly collect the info and take them down.

By the time he can slowly wear down the forces here, or even better he can use the same technique he used in the Falcon Cliff city. He can target them and make use of poison.

But this time, Sam has other ideas. He wants to use the underground forces to wear each other out.

Previously, he only has to deal with Black pond, so as a single entity, he can target them, but this time he has to take down remaining gangs as well.

If he uses the previous method, the other gangs may go into hiding.

So, he has to think of a different approach and he has already got the rough locations of the remaining small gangs and some contact points of the Tiger fish and the Snake head.

If he uses his shadow mice from these points, he can trace back to the headquarters of the two big shots.

Before that, he has to check out this 'Arena' and determine whether it is illegal organisation or not.

That night, Sam went to the location of Arena alone. Tonight, there is going to be a battle between the two big gangs.

He came here alone that is because, he is using the special pass of the small gang boss, they killed earlier and that pass can only allow one person.

When Sam went there is no fee because of the pass. So, he sat in a corner as he observed the ring.

At the centre of the team, two men are looking at each other and the referee is announcing the conditions.

The thing is, these big shot organisations also have some legal businesses as a façade for their members and also their secondary source of income.

Today's match has a bet of some businesses from each side. They are using this strategy to not incur most losses in an all-out war.

And soon the match began, both the candidates are Novice Level 4 and both of them are warriors. They are fighting tooth and nail while people are cheering to the person they bet on.

At this moment from a special spectator stand a great mage looked at Sam who is sitting in a corner.

"Why is he here?" He muttered slightly.

Sam might not recognise him, but the other party has seen him in the Marquis city that is why he recognised him easily. Sam isn't exactly low profile in the city.

Sam didn't know that a great mage is curious on why he came to this city. He waited until the fight is over and left the place, but three small shadows entered deep into the arena. Two of them followed the two fighters and the third one went to follow the referee.

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Chapter 112: Investigation

Sam sent the remaining two mice to the Count mansion, to keep a track on the officials. The info he got was that there are two officials supporting the two big organisations each in the dark and the gang leader he killed even mentioned that this is not a secret in the under-ground circle, it is just that they don't know who those two officials are.

So, Sam decided one thing, he must deal with the two officials before he could get his hands on the two big organisations.

The two shadow mice, which went to Count mansion are going to follow an official each for a whole week.

If the officials are clean, then they will change the targets, this is what Sam thought out.

Until then, he and Jack will slowly erode the small gangs.

Midnight.

In the Arena, the great mage who recognised Sam, is sitting with two people. Both of them are Peak Novices.

"Rank 5 Artisan Sam is here." The Great mage who is a middle-aged man said in a low voice. The expressions of the two people changed.

"He is one of the suspects behind the elimination of the Black pond in the Falcon Cliff city. Higher ups said that even though Sam might not be directly involved in the attack, there is a chance that he made the special poison that killed our people."

"Maybe, the culprit has asked Sam to make them this item and he didn't have any idea where the culprit is using them. After all, he is an artisan and many people can buy things from him.

And most importantly at that time he is still in Novice Level 1. It is impossible for him to attack all of them at the same time.

Even though, the poison is involved, I think there is a great possibility that at least a Novice peak Level is involved in this.

If possible, we can even ask him who that person is and investigate." A peak level Novice said.

"We will observe things for now and see why is he here and then we can decide on how to proceed." The great mage then dismissed the meeting.

After the meeting dismissed, the shadow mouse in the dark immediately left the room. Even though, he got some information, he is in no hurry to report to Sam.

Sam has clearly mentioned that they have to report weekly and also told them to gather as much info as possible.

Meanwhile, Sam is sleeping in the inn. Even though, he is wealthy enough to buy a house, he is not that interested this time, he has some plans to his wealth and he also needs to stay low profile.

The next day, Sam went into the woods and let the ape out. He still needs to activate the bloodline of the Ape, but it would be better if he is on same level or higher level than the ape. Then he doesn't have to put much effort and risk being weak for days.

He is here to practice some combat with the beasts here and catch some beasts exclusive to this region to have taste.

As for the ape, it is responsible for the search of the fruit trees and the herbs.

For the next week, Sam ventured into the woods every morning. Since, he was occupied with other things, he doesn't have enough time to practice his combat. Now, he has enough time.

Every morning he was in the woods and night he and Jack investigated the small gangs slowly.

The previous gang leader, he has killed is the weakest among them and his position was already taken over by someone else.

But he isn't in a hurry to take them down.

After dealing with the two officials, he can take these guys on as leisurely as he wants.

And now all the shadow mice came to report to him.

After hearing the report he got some important news and that is the Arena is the Black water's branch in this city and they have suspicions on him.

Then only he realised the mistake of not cleaning the battle field. He thought that, the count will make sure to clean it up after he sent the letter as Robin Hood. But now only he realised that he didn't.

If not for the fact he was unconscious after the battle, he might have cleaned up himself.

But Sam didn't know that it was his fault. Just after he was taken away by Jack, the great mage from the nearest city already came and took a look at the battle field and reported it to the higher ups. That happened even before he wrote the letter to the Count Falcon.

But Shadow mice didn't have any evidence on whether the two big gangs are part of the Black water or not.

As for the two mice following the two officials, the officials turned out to be clean and didn't have any connections with the other underground forces.

So, Sam sent them back and he went on with his daily routine.

Today night, he has some plans and that is to get his hands on the drug that is being supplied by the tiger fish.

But since he is in suspect list of the Black water, he doesn't want to show his face yet. So, he sent Jack to buy some at a contact point of the Tiger fish.

That night, Sam took a look at the pills Jack brought back and gave it to the ape to take a sniff and the ape gave an utterly disgusted expression.

Why did Sam do this? The ape has another ability and that is distinguishing the herbs. But it doesn't know, the qualities of the herbs and their uses all it can sense is whether the herbs and fruits are tasty or not according to its preferences and the preference of the ape is never wrong.

So, Sam said some words.

"From tomorrow, collect the herbs you think that are used in this pill."

The ape nodded as it ate a fruit which looked like pear.

Sam left the divine dimension and went into a deep thought.

First, he needs to observe the effects of the drug to see what he can do with this.

Sam had an idea on how to deal with the two big shot organisations. That is even if they are the two organisations operating together discreetly under the black water, the info must have been only known to the people in charge and other important members.

The remaining members though, are all in the dark. Otherwise the façade will collapse easily.

So, Sam wants to use their disputes to take on each other and before that, he needs the effects of this drug on the people to see if he can use this to his benefit.

Next day, Sam went to the woods with the ape, but this time he didn't practice combat instead he followed the ape inside the woods.

And by the evening, the ape found six herbs which are supposedly part of the drug.

When they went back, Sam went to a drug contact point, but he didn't buy any, rather he waited for a customer.

He waited till midnight and finally a young man bought some and walked away hurriedly.

Sam stealthily followed him and after an hour of walking in circles, the young man led the way to his home. When Sam secretly looked inside the home, he

saw the young man feeding the pill to a crazy looking man who seemed to be in his late twenties.

After taking the pills, the crazy look was gone and was replaced with euphoria and ecstasy. He seemed to be in some kind of illusion as he muttered something about his love and a woman.

Sam kept on observing and when the drug seemed to be wearing off, the young man fed another pill and the addict seemed to immediately fall asleep.

He went back to the inn and the next day, he similarly followed other customers and what he knew is that the addicts themselves didn't come to buy them at all.

All the people who came are the relatives of the addicts and effects of the drug are similar to the first person he saw.

For the first pill, they will feel euphoria and the second pill seemed to make them sleep.

But the herbs that the ape found weren't sufficient to cause all these effects and there must be some kind of special ingredient.

But Sam didn't find the last item in the next two weeks.

The third report from the shadow mice gave him some news and that is that the organisations are really linked together by the Arena and this news seemed to be only known by three people.

But there is no news on the officials and the list also narrowed down considerably. There are only few officials left who climbed their ranks up as commoners.

All the officials from the noble families are clean. Even though, they are corrupt but they don't have anything to do with these organisations.

In a week it would be one month since he came to this city and Sam wants to gather the info as soon as possible.

Then only he suddenly remembered the monthly report the mice stole in the Falcon Cliff city and Sam immediately gave an order.

"Steal the documents, from all three organisations this week. Don't hoard all of them, just steal some which are well placed or treated as important."

The mice went onto their duty and Sam is still thinking about the herb.

Since, he wasn't able to think of anything, he went on a stroll.

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Chapter 113: Plotting against the gangs

"Idiot."

Sam scolded himself as he stood at the beach. He looked at the vast sea and scolded himself again.

"I am really an idiot."

Why is he calling himself an idiot again and again? Because, he felt that he limited his thoughts completely for the past two weeks.

These past two weeks, he was filled with confusion on what type of herb that gave the drug those effects, he limited his thoughts completely to the herbs and searched the woods frantically.

So, he is a little bit angry at himself.

Because, the herbs aren't the only ones which can be used in the pills and the woods aren't the only source for the ingredients in the red coral city.

The red coral city is a coastal city and there are number of resources in the sea. That might include some of the fish or any water bound creature which produce certain toxins.

Now, he has to find out what kind of creatures are there in the nearby waters and he can find out what he can do with it.

So, he went to the most prosperous sea creature's business in the city. There, he took a look at the catalogue of the creatures they can catch in the nearby waters, when he saw the list, he couldn't help but smile.

Just from a glance he could see which are these can be used to produce the effects of the drugs. There are no more than three possibilities and it is not even that difficult to find out which of it is.

Sam ordered some fish that will be good to eat and some other creatures to act as decoy along with the creatures he suspected to be a part of it.

That is because, he has suspicions that this business is related to the Black water and he might leave some clues like before.

Next day, the creatures came and Sam took the parcel to the inn and immediately entered the divine dimension.

In the second floor, he and the ape sat side by side and he started keeping the herbs inside the cauldron and took out the first beast he is suspicious of, the Emerald jelly fish. The tentacles of this jelly fish have some kind of toxin that will give some illusions to the victim.

He heated them all together, even though he didn't have the recipe for the drug and don't know the right amount he has to use, he doesn't need the pill anyway, all he need is the confirmation on which ingredients they are using and the ape can smell if the composition is nearer to the drug.

And soon, Sam performed some experiments and finally got the answer he wanted.

Two creatures are responsible for the affects. One of them is the emerald jelly fish and Purple ink squid. Of the two, the first one is responsible for the illusions and the second one is for knocking them out.

They are controlling the dosage and the proportions of the two toxins in order to function like that.

Sam now went into a deep thought. He wants to create a large-scale conflict between the two gangs so that they will be more active and the lower rank members will be at each other's throats, before the upper-echelons could intervene.

By the time they intervene, Sam can easily find out the two officials and after they are in the bag, he will use his authority and use the Count to take the gangs down without raising the suspicions of the Black water that he is involved.

He can seal off the info that he is here with his authority, But the info will be leaked if the two officials are still in duty.

So, Sam is now thinking on how to use these drugs, so he went into the tower's library to search on the info on the toxins.

After more than a day, he found out something interesting.

That night, Sam stealthily moved towards the sea and took out his hover board and surfed over the waters. With the thrust capacity, floating over water is not a problem at all.

Sam went along the coast line and when he reached a more secluded area filled with reefs, he took out some type of special herbal powder and dropped it over the still water, soon a fish similar to koi, floated as it gobbled on the small amounts of herbal powder that it even ignored Sam.

So, an easy catch.

After catching some, he went to another spot and caught another batch of fish.

Sam caught a bunch of fish and went back to the inn.

He entered the second floor of the tower without delay and started making some preparations. Today, Sam caught two types of fish, first one is to make an antidote for the drug addiction and the second one is to change the effects to his liking.

After spending more than three days in tower, Sam was finally with a powder and a bottle of special liquid.

Now, he has to find a way to get the constant supply of the drugs and this problem is left to Jack.

Jack took the small packets of powder and went to the first contact point where the drug is sold. Just like Sam he also waited for a customer.

Coincidentally, the customer is the same young man Sam followed and Jack followed the guy.

After reaching the home, when that guy is about to feed the pill, Jack suddenly spoke from behind.

"Do you really want to feed him that?" Jack said in a low voice.

The young man was startled and immediately grew vigilant, he released his aura and when he was about to attack, Jack caught him and held him down. The young man was only an acolyte after all, how can he match for Jack who is a Novice?

"Do you want to talk now?" Jack said as he subdued the man. After the other party realised that he is no match for Jack at all, he immediately stopped struggling.

"I am here to make a deal, I have a cure for the drug addiction, but I need you to do something for me." Jack directly came to the point.

"Why should I believe you?" The young man asked a bit resentfully.

Jack threw a packet of powder and said. "Mix it with some water and feed him." The young man hesitated a bit, but at the end he decided anyway as he looked at his weak and feeble brother who is under the attack of drug addiction.

But after feeding the glass of liquid, his brother calmed down and fell asleep, but this time, he isn't like before becoming unconscious.

Now, he fell asleep and his breathing and complexion turned somewhat normal, he started sweating and some kind of purplish green substance started getting out of his pores.

"One dose is not enough to completely clean his system and get him out of his addiction, you need nine more of it, but if you want it, you have to do something for me." Jack said from the side.

"What should I do?" The young man was excited. He never wanted to feed his brother these drugs, he tried many ways to make quit, but none of them worked at all. So, all he can do is continue on feeding him by spending all his hard- earned money.

"Simple, all you have to do is exchange a dosage of drugs with this antidote. You can just buy it regularly like you did before and exchange. After ten doses, you have to buy for two more days and give me those drugs."

"Is that it?" The young man asked.

"Yes, that's it. I will come and collect the drugs myself."

"But why are you doing this?" The young man agreed but asked Jack, even the Count was unable to do anything, even when some dealers were arrested,

they always found a way to escape and get away. What can a Novice do about it?

Jack didn't reply and left with the drugs. He went back to the contact point and waited for the next customer.

In this way, Jack made deal with several customers who bought the drugs and he brought back the drugs to Sam.

For the next ten days or so, this is his only duty.

Meanwhile, the fourth report from the shadow mice, Sam got his hands on some documents from the arena and one of them is some rules on how Black water should operate and one of the rules made him amused.

'The reports, the rewards and the income which should be submitted annually to the higher ups, all of them shouldn't be in the hands of the branch in-charge and they should be stored in the secret locker of the establishment they made.'

When Sam read this, he wanted to thank the higher-ups of the Black water, they would have never guessed that there is a creature called shadow mouse and that could even ransack their whole vault.

Maybe they only thought of the scenario where the branch in charge might be killed and the other party will not be getting any of the above-mentioned things.

If not for the fact that the great mage will go berserk if the spatial rings containing the meteorite sands and the rewards and the income went missing, Sam would have got his hands on them and ran away.

There might even be a chance of him being linked to the incident due to the previous suspicions.

But since, his main aim is to eliminate them, he has to wait until he is dealt with and take the loot after that.

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Chapter 114: Red coral city Cleared

One month passed since Sam came to the Red coral city and he did things carefully and stayed low-key.

Right now, he got some necessary info on the businesses of the Arena and particularly the income through the gambling on the fights, he was completely excited to get his hands on them and right now, he is thinking of a way to deal with the two officials who has connections with Black water.

Yes, he got the news on the two people, in Falcon cliff city, Sam got all the news in less than ten days due to the coordinated work of the ten mice, but now, the five of them are taking more time.

All the plans he is making to not to get suspected are only taking more time.

Now, Sam is inside the inn and in front of him is a small glass container with the weird liquid he made earlier and right now, he dropped some drugs in it and started shaking.

After that, a shadow mouse appeared on the table and stored away the bottle into the spatial ring. This spatial ring is not a normal one though, it is made of the space jade and is now acting as a collar around the mouse.

Even though, the shadow mice can use the spatial ring, they have to bear a high level of mental stress, but the space jade doesn't have that problem, so even when the space is little, it is still beneficial.

The shadow mice are rather clever and they got their orders.

That night, the whole upper echelons of the Count city were in uproar, two of their staff are dead, only the count himself was silent because, after he

confirmed that the deaths of the two officials, a letter came to him out of nowhere.

He looked at the content of the letter and was startled, he doesn't have time care about this incident and went to his personal residence and refused audience with anyone.

He stealthily escaped from the mansion and went to a rundown inn and snuck into a room.

Sam is sitting on the bed as he watched the Count slowly coming inside. The latter dressed in a very normal set of clothes.

"Greetings Sir Sam."

The other party immediately greeted him.

Sam has sent a letter with the seal provided by the marquis himself, the seal has some spiritual energy signature which is identical to the marquis' seal, so the count never thought it was a duplicate.

Sam gestured the other party to take a seat and said.

"I am the one who dealt with the two officials. They are in connection with the Arena and that is the boss of the two big gangs. I don't know how much info you have on them, but take a look at this."

Sam passed the monthly report on them and the count skimmed through the details as his face paled with shock.

"I don't know what you will do, I can deal with them myself, but I don't want to expend my energy, so I want you to deal with them as soon as possible and most possibly tomorrow. Take this."

Sam passed a spatial ring which is full of liquid that he made after mixing it with the drugs.

"This is the toxin I created with their drugs as base, if you can make the great mage consume a large amount of this at the same time, you can deal with him easily." Sam explained.

"Thank you, sir Sam., I don't know how you got the information on this, but I will definitely deal with them as soon as possible." The Count replied.

"Don't be too quick to thank me yet. I have another which I didn't show you yet and I am not interested in showing you this.

The loot of all these people doesn't belong to you. But I will let you have all the loot except the Novice peak and the great mage experts.

And you don't have the permission to go through the lockers of the Arena and the other organisations. I have marquis' orders to take all of them back, that is the punishment for your negligence on this part.

If the accounts don't tally with the report I have, all the officials can forgo their titles and can prepare to serve their time in the prison."

The Count face turned red in embarrassment, he thought that he could hit it big from this loot and increase his contributions, but now, his plans are gone. He agreed with Sam and left the place.

After that a shadow mouse followed the count to keep an eye on him and another shadow mouse stood in front of Sam.

"Steal the spatial rings inside the locker as soon as the battle broke out and bring them here." The mouse nodded and followed the Count.

Now two mice followed the mice, and one of them is to keep watch and other one is to safely bring back the important loot from the locker. Even though, the count might not dare to go against the orders, Sam doesn't want to take the risk.

If the meteorite sand and the millions of the spirit stones slip by just like that, he might not be able to get them back.

Next day, something big will happen but Sam didn't plan to rest tonight.

"Jack, we are leaving."

Sam and Jack started walking, they went to one of the contact points of the Snake head, the other party is just a Novice Level 1. Both of them subdued and Sam fed them the liquid then he took out some powder of the drug pill and sprayed around.

Both of them quickly left the dead body and went to another contact point...

After dealing with several snakehead gang members, they changed their targets to the Tiger fish members, but this time they didn't use poison rather, they slit their throats.

By midnight, the news passed over all the gang members, some impulsive ones who lost their friends started fights with the opposite gang members.

Before the matter reached the upper echelons there are already casualties. By dawn the fights surfaced to the public and still going on, the orders from the higher ups aren't even effective anymore as the fights went to personal level.

The great mage in charge at Arena is frowning and just as he wanted to forcefully suppress the war, a news brought him head ache.

The Count visited him and is requesting for audience, saying that there is a business deal.

He cannot decline him and can only pray that it would be over fast.

But when they sat down together, the count took out some rare wine jars. And the other party was even considerate to prepare a whole wine jar for each and the Arena in charge wasn't even given a chance to reject it.

But only after he emptied half of the wine, he felt that something is wrong.

Before he could realise what is wrong, the count attacked him on the spot. Soon a battle erupted there and the gang members flew in panic.

The upper echelons of the Count mansion all swarmed into the Arena head quarters and started attacking all of them, with so many peak stage and Late stage experts, soon the Arena was subdued.

But nobody dared to take the loot all of them only stood there as the subordinates collected the corpses.

The city guards swarmed the city and started dealing with the gangsters. By the evening the whole city undergone a crack down and was cleaned of gangs.

The remaining measly members who are lucky enough to survive, immediately escaped from the city.

Sam walked towards the pile of dead bodies along with Jasmine and Jack.

They started collecting the spatial rings, the main three rings that are hidden in the locker are already in his hands, so he just took all the remaining scrolls and took them.

After that all of the went to the Count mansion and Sam said.

"From marquis' orders I have to bring all the loot from the gangs but since all the officials and city guards worked together to catch them, I will let you guys have the loot from all the small gangs and the small fries of the Big two organisations.

But there is one important thing that you guys have to take note of and that is the information of us three involved in this matter and even our arrival in this city has to be sealed."

Speaking up to this point he handed s doc.u.ment with permission to maintain the confidentiality and also an order to seal of the information.

"With this, you don't have any obligation to reveal the information unless the marquis himself asks of it.

I have all the records of your corruption. If my appearance of here leaks out and I found any evidence no matter how minor it maybe pointing out to this city, I will handover them to the marquis."

All the officials immediately became tensed. They didn't dare think that Sam is just bluffing after all, all the info on the two gang members are given to them by him.

Even they who are living in the city for decades weren't able to get the info on the gangs but Sam got it in a month, so they don't dare think that he wouldn't have any info on their activities.

That day, Sam, Jack and Jasmine exited the Red coral city and set forth to the next count city.

The Indigo sea city.

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Chapter 115: Indigo sea city

Five days later.

Sam entered the Indigo sea city along with Jack and Jasmine.

Just like before he didn't keep a high profile. It has been only one month and fifteen days since they started targeting the count cities.

There is still four and half months to deal with the remaining two cities.

Sam is sitting in his room at the inn as he examined the new meteorite sand. This time there are 12 cubes of it, but the sand is not silver meteorite sand.

This is Grey meteorite sand, and it is not suitable for making sharp weapons, it is mostly used to make some blunt weapon like a hammer. It has high impact strength.

For Sam's future plans where he wanted to get himself a highly functional production unit, this sand can be used to make the base of a machine or other rigid components.

But he is kind of confused, he didn't understand why the Black water is distributing different types of meteorite sands to different places, even though, giving them as rewards is a generous thing, he still doesn't understand on what credentials they are giving off the reward and the judging criterion to select the type of sand.

But he didn't care for long. Whatever the other party's intentions are they are benefitting him, but this grey meteorite sand isn't enough at all, he still needs a lot of it.

Indigo sea city is also a coastal region and this city is very famous for venomous fish. The name of the city came from an indigo patch in the sea.

That zone is called Indigo zone, where the sea water is in indigo colour. The water there is extremely dangerous and the creatures are all venomous in nature.

Nobody, who ventured deep into the zone were able to come outside alive.

The water itself makes people dizzy and unconscious easily. They had to create a barrier of spiritual energy around them and that too won't last long as the air inside the barrier will not be breathable after sometime.

Sam is very interested about the indigo patch.

So, he actually left the most of the investigation to Jack and Shadow mice. All he has to do is give the weekly reports of the investigation to Jack and he can deal with the rest.

After all, they can still use the Count and his forces. After the shadow mice is sure that there are no officials involved with the Black water branch or find out the involved officials, he can give a greenlight to the operation.

There is still a lot of poison that he created with the drugs from the Red coral city. Even if there is none of that poison, he can still make use of the venomous creatures in the indigo patch and create a variant poison.

Even though, there might be antidotes for the poisons of the sea side creatures, he can still make use of them and create a brand-new complex poison and use them against the gangs.

So, he immediately left these things to Jack. Since, the world is full of mysterious things, he wants to see if there is any opportunity in this place that will be of use to him

Every morning, Sam went to woods just like before and practised. But this time, he is not practising any combat instead, he is practising the wind element. He wants to see if he can identify the gases and separate them.

So, every morning, he is in the woods practising his Divine spirit soul cultivation and after noon tried to identify the gases and he mostly tried to practice identifying the oxygen.

Because, the trees emit the oxygen and he is surrounded by the trees.

If he divided the whole cultivation of Divine spirit soul cultivation into levels, he is now at Level 3 and he doesn't have access to further levels and didn't know how many are there.

Each and every level until now are unlocked with the improvement of the soul and spirit.

At every evening, Sam started venturing into sea with some fishermen. Even though they don't venture deep into the indigo patch, they move at the outskirts of the indigo patch.

Sam started observing the beasts at the outskirts of the indigo patch and he observed one thing. These creatures aren't normal.

They are mutated creatures. More accurately they are basically not venomous but they became like that because they were forced to adapt to the venomous environment created by the indigo patch. They evolved to defend themselves against the venom.

Sam collected some water and took it back with him to check it out.

That night after he returned to inn he went inside the dimension and kept the water in front of Yanwu.

Yanwu is from higher realms and might have seen many things, that is the reason Sam asked him if there is anything he can observe from the water.

"I cannot sense anything from the sample, but there is a minute familiarity from its smell. But I can't seem to identify it."

When he heard these words from Yanwu, he became even more interested in the indigo patch.

He cleared an area in the neutral zone of the dimension and planted some basic herbs there and some seeds of the herbs all of neutral type. He watered them with the indigo water and went out of the dimension.

Days passed, without Sam's complete help in tactics, Jack is having a bit of hard time to plot against the big gangs, even though he is getting the info

required from Sam, he wasn't able to use the info efficiently to its maximum use.

If he asked Sam would help, but he himself wanted to test himself this one time. They still have a lot of time, so he is in no hurry.

Sam continued on observing the effects on the seeds and herbs he planted. After some repeated usage of the indigo water the herbs withered with a faint indigo shade on them.

But Sam observed something different from the seeds. They germinated and the sprouts all have that faint indigo shade too, but they didn't seem to be withered, rather they are quite healthy.

He didn't take them and let them grow.

Everyday, he made some experiments in the second-floor simulative environment. Even though, the replica of the indigo water was created and he performed the simulation on many animals.

The results aren't that accurate as they kept on changing and that is probably due to the insufficient analysis of the indigo water he had on his hand and wasn't able to create a simulated replica of the indigo water.

He didn't give up though. He started examining the creatures from the indigo patch, to compare them with their normal unmutated counter-parts.

Everything is going on.

One month passed, Jack is starting to make preparations to make some big moves against the gangs because, Sam confirmed that there are no officials that are linked and the situation of the gangs is similar to that of Falcon Cliff city.

So, Jack is going to stir some shit up in between the gangs, at the same time he informed the Count to take the actions immediately.

On the day of action, Jack still didn't ask help from Sam and the latter didn't volunteer.

Since, the former wanted to test himself, he will let him do it all the way.

Sam went to the woods as usual. He felt like he is close to identify the oxygen and differentiate it.

As long as he can identify the oxygen separately in a mixture of gases, his spiritual core ability manipulate can come into handy and he can do as he pleases.

Sam stood under a tree as he closed his eyes, he started concentrating as he simultaneously cultivated his mental energy.

Hours passed; Sam could feel the air around him started to view itself in a different spectrum. He could see various gases with different densities. But he was still a bit away from exactly pinpointing the oxygen or any other gas.

After a long time, finally he got an inkling. He could finally differentiate the gas coming from the leaf pores.

But Sam didn't stop, he just went on with his cultivation.

He stood there for more one and half day and finally opened his eyes. With his spiritual sense, he can finally differentiate the gases, but he couldn't identify all of them except oxygen.

Sam opened his palm as he collected the condensed wind. Soon, the wind became so condensed that it became visible.

But he is not done yet, he concentrated even more and another small sphere of condensed wind was formed with in the big sphere.

Sam took out a small space jade and he forcefully pushed through the large wind sphere and started pushing the smaller wind sphere into the space jade.

He is trying to store the pure oxygen inside the space jade.

Because, his next research is going to be done on the indigo sea patch and he need to make a device that can make him breathe freely underwater.

Because, from what Sam could guess, the main reason even the water type elemental mages weren't able to explore the indigo sea fully is because, even if they can stay underwater for a few hours and take the water pressure, the indigo water isn't normal water and it is fully contaminated.

And it seemed there are no proper antidotes to get over the effects of the water fully.

So, Sam is going to make a breathing equipment along with some diving equipment to venture deep into the indigo patch.

Now, his immediate research direction will be making a diving equipment which will save his energy expenditure to avoid water touching his skin and for that he has to find a resin or any alternative product to make the suit.

He even has some ideas on how to move inside the water with less effort.

So, Sam went back to the inn and holed up inside the library of the tower to findout, if any tree or another resource is available to get him the required material.

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Chapter 116: Preparations

Sam holed himself up in the library as he browsed through the information on various trees that produce resins.

The first thing he wanted to do is find a tree that is similar to rubber tree to make some form of material which will not allow the water to go through it.

But he wasn't able to do so, because, there are no records of those type of trees. To put it more bluntly, nobody ever bothered to make a record of these trees which they didn't know how to use.

Then, Sam started thinking in another way. Beast organs. He went through the bestiary again and started recalling all the characteristics of the beasts that were mentioned and after more than ten days inside the library, he found a possibility.

That is to use the stomach sack of a Bladed white shark, this is one of the beasts with strong stomachs that is both physically and against the corrosive and poisonous effects and one more advantage is, there are mutated ones in the indigo patch and he can just buy them off.

Next day, Sam went to the Golden- Horse trading company of this city, there he requested he needed twenty Bladed white sharks and the only condition is that their stomach shouldn't be injured.

Within two days, Sam's order was ready, by this time, Jack is already done with his task and gave the loot to Sam and they mainly consisted of the millions of spirit stones and the fourteen cubes of Grey meteorite sand.

Even though, Jack is bit happy that he was able to complete, there are many hiccups and he wasn't able to coordinate properly with the Count mansion.

When he asked Sam when they would move to the next city, he got a reply that Sam needs more time for research, so he easily complied, they are way ahead of their schedule and he can use this time to catch up on his cultivation.

Sam went to the second floor of the tower and he stood at a table which has bladed white shark on it.

This Bladed white shark is one of the beasts which is thrice the size of a white shark in his previous life.

Sam used a knife, to cut open the shark and started taking the guts out and after some cleaning, he finally had a big sack in his hands.

This is the stomach of the shark.

But this Bladed white shark is mutated and most of its organs including the stomach is a bit indigo in colour.

Sam didn't make anything out of this stomach immediately, instead he placed the stomach in a big glass container filled with the indigo water and he also started increasing the water pressure with his wind ability.

He just started compressing the water with his wind element.

And just like that he is performing all kinds of tests on it and the final one is a test on fire resistance and Sam couldn't help but feel disappointed but that didn't last long, because he has many different alternatives to make it work.

Sam started working on a body suit. Since, the stomach is elastic in nature, Sam had to use a small knife made of Black meteorite sand to cut open it. This is the last product of the Black meteorite sand he made and he has nothing left of it now.

At least he made the first stage of his claw weapon, so he isn't that worried. After all, he is getting his hands on the meteorite sand sooner or later.

After working for more than two days, Sam finally made his suit. It even has a mask covering all his face except his nose, mouth and eyes. But he doesn't like the colour of it for which he couldn't do anything about.

Now, he has to prepare the devices for his motion and breathing.

He started taking all the ores he had and started thinking on which is more suitable for him.

And the experiments began.

Outside world, more than one week has passed and Jack didn't see Sam coming out of his room. Before going in Sam said only thing and that is not to disturb him no matted how many days he stays inside.

But he couldn't help but worried, even then he didn't dare to open the door on his own accord and one more thing that is bothering him is that Jasmine started to become restless.

Since, she is just like a child, Jack didn't take any problem with her, but she is getting more and more anxious about Sam.

He just hoped that Sam would come out as soon as possible.

As if his prayers have been answered, Sam came out the very next day and when he saw Jasmine, he didn't know what to do at all.

She is just like a kid, she seemed to become extremely anxious and afraid as she didn't see Sam at all. If he left her and went on this sea expedition, he could imagine what could happen to her, so he has to make her feel less anxious.

So, the next day Sam took her to woods and let Ape and the panthers out, he introduced them and kept her company for the whole day.

Just like a kid, Jasmine isn't afraid of dangers or beasts, she is only afraid of loneliness.

By evening, she is even running around with panthers and hugging the ape, the ape even gave her a piggy back which she seemed to enjoy a lot.

"I am going to go out, I will be back soon, you stay with them." Jasmine nodded happily and informed the situation to Jack.

Jack made a camp in the woods, so they can stay for few more days. Sam went back to the inn to make some preparations; he needs to move just before dawn to avoid other cultivators who goes to the indigo patch.

Sam made some final adjustments to the suit he made.

Next day, Dawn.

Sam entered the sea on his hover board and as he moved towards the centre of the patch, the more he felt that concentration of the contamination is high.

When he almost reached the centre, Sam took off his dress completely except for the underwear and took out his suit.

The suit is still in indigo colour, it is so tight that he has to struggle a lot to get into the suit.

The suit is completely tight and it is a bit translucent.

One can even see the outline of his muscles over his suit, if not for the fact that he felt completely warm due to the suit, he almost felt n.a.k.e.d.

But there is something special about the suit and there is a solid bump on the suit at certain places and they are on his upper back, back of the fore arms, calves.

The bump is made of metal and is covered with the shark stomach.

There are numerous holes of one-inch diameter on the metallic bumps, all the bumps are made in such a way that they are in same shape as the muscle structure on the place they were set.

They are specially made energy cells Sam made and they are of wind element. The cylindrical holes are metallic tubes, he attached to the metallic frame that is attached to the energy cell. But they can't be seen clearly through the suit.

After wearing the suit, Sam took out the mask he specially prepared.

It is also the breathing equipment, he specially made.

The mask is a helmet type, where he has to wear it over his head. There is a glass section over his eyes and a groove which let it sit on the nose bridge. The borders of the glasses are embedded with small light energy cells.

Below the nose bridge there are two pipes which will go into his nostrils although not too deep, just enough to act like plugs and these two pipes are connected to a space jade filled with oxygen.

Below these two pipes, there is a single pipe which entered his mouth and this is also not long at all it just barely touched the tip of his tongue.

This pipe is also connected to a space jade, but this one is empty and it is to exhale the air out.

Sam wore the mask and stored his hoverboard away, which made him fall into the indigo coloured sea.

After he dived in, Sam started using the light energy cells and the light shot into the depths of sea, even though he cannot see to far distance, he can still see his surroundings.

Then dived a bit deeper and started activating his wind energy cells.

He placed his hands backwards and the wind with high pressure was being discharged from his pipes, giving him the thrust to move around in the water.

Sam kept his head downwards and his feet up as he dived deeper and deeper.

Around thirty minutes later, he is already hundreds of meters deep. Due to usage of energy cells, Sam didn't feel that tired, except he has to concentrate more and as he moved deeper, there are less and less creatures he can see.

The reason is the concentration of the toxicity is getting higher as he moved downwards. If Sam just used normal beast skin instead of the stomach sack

of the shark, he would be in a big trouble, because, the corrosion resistance of the shark stomach is not something to be scoffed at.

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Chapter 117: The imprisoned Beast

After getting down for more than one hour, he estimated that he is more than 1500 meters deep and Sam found a rocky terrain on the sea bed.

He moved towards it and the place filled with rotten carcasses, some of them are of water bound creatures and some of them are of humans, there are a lot of carcasses.

Even the bones are corroded so much due to the toxins.

Sam went deeper and deeper into the rocky terrain and he only stopped when he found something weird.

There was a large area with some concentrated energy and when he used his observation, he wasn't able to understand what it really is.

But when he moved towards it, he was able to sense that energy is distributed in that particular area and it is making all the water repel from it.

The pressure on him increased when he moved towards it and he has to increase the thrust so much to go against it.

If not for the fact that his body is physically as strong as a beast at the same level, he would have had his bones crushed under his pressure.

He not only found that formation is quite high grade, but it is very much eroded completely, as if the energy source is completely depleted.

Sam drifted towards the formation, but he wasn't able to enter easily.

The formation is completely sealed and even though there are some loop holes, Sam wasn't able to pin point them.

The loop holes are small and sparse and didn't appear all the time, so he waited as he swam around the formation to find out if there is any way to go through it.

After a long struggle, he finally found a loop hole in the formation and slipped into it.

splash

The water level inside the formation is strangely not full. Sam fell into the knee-deep water as soon as he entered. At this moment, even his suit started having corrosive problems and he immediately took out his hoverboard and started floating.

Inside the formation it seemed like a room with hemispherical dome. It completely deterred the water from entering inside and even the knee-deep water also came inside due to small loop holes appearing for split seconds.

But Sam's concentration isn't on the dome or the water, but on the skeleton right before him. The skeleton so massive that is not even as long as its claw.

Sam felt so insignificant in front of the skeleton, but the massive size isn't the reason. The reason is the powerful aura that is coming out of the skeletal remains. Even though, it is not giving him enough pressure to buckle him.

He is still feeling insignificant. His bloodlines of Sky sovereign roc and Golden sun crow activated subconsciously to repel the pressure and then only he felt relief.

There are nine snake like heads to the massive figure, hind legs like dog and talons for front limbs, a body like a hound, and tail like a dragon.

The bones have slight hint of purple on it. The skeleton is so majestic even in this state.

"Hydra." Sam could only mutter this word subconsciously.

Yes, the skeleton in front of him belongs to the mythical beast Hydra, but the hydra isn't completely same as that of Greek mythology of earth.

The one in the Greek mythology is Lernaean Hydra and that is only one in the world which is killed by Hercules.

The hydra in front of him are descendants of that immortal beast.

Sam let out Yanwu and Sky from the divine dimension. The formation provided him enough space to fly.

"Imprisoned Variant Hydra." Yanwu immediately muttered after seeing the skeleton.

Obviously, Sky didn't know about it at all.

Sam looked at Yanwu with a questioning gaze and the latter explained.

"Back at home, the story of this hydra is part of history. The basic hydra having nine heads will have same abilities to all his heads but the variant hydra is not same. Each head has different type of poison and each has different ability.

The hydra tribe ostracised these variant hydras from them due to their powerful abilities and eliminated them, but the story is that a normal male hydra from royal family and a female variant hydra escaped together.

But the whole tribe sent the power houses and even sought help from other tribes and chased them. Even though, the male is a prince and one of the strongest from the tribe, he was completely surrounded.

Since, he was from the royal family he was subdued and taken back to the tribe, while the female variant hydra was chased.

Then only they knew one thing, that the female is stronger than the male and even when surrounded by them, they were only able to subdue her and the instant kill was completely out of question.

So, they subdued her and imprisoned her in a very powerful formation, and the energy source is the beast itself.

In this way they left her to die after continuous depletion of energy. I never thought that I would encounter the imprisoned hydra here."

When Yanwu finished the story, Sam looked at the skeleton again and saw that there are some long chains attached to spikes.

Each long chain had one spike on end which was inside the skeleton, meaning it was stabbed to the beast core and the other end of the chain is connected to another spike which is stood like a pillar.

In the same way, there are lot of chains and spikes which are acting like the energy nodes and the source of energy.

The chains and spikes are full of runes. Sam closed moved towards the skeleton. The water is almost purple in colour, the concentration of the toxins is quite high.

He though of something and started immediately entered the divine dimension. He made a clearing in the water zone and created a formation.

He came out and started observing all the water to the divine dimension, this would not only help him to explore this place, he can also use this water to make some potent poison.

A pool was formed inside the dimension within the formation.

Soon, the formation became empty, but there is some water seeping slowly from outside, but it is not enough to fill the formation completely.

But when the water is completely empty, Sam took a step back in astonishment.

There is a huge egg in front of him which was placed horizontally, he wasn't able to find out earlier because the water level near the skeleton is high and the egg was completely submerged.

The egg is full of runes. Which seemed to be written with purple blood.

Sam didn't move forward and just probed it with his spiritual sense. A voice rung in his head.

[Whoever you are, I don't know you. But you are the only person I can ask you help now. I was chased by my kin and was separated from my love. The only thing I was left with was my own offspring.

If you are hearing this, my offspring is still sealed from birth and still alive.

But I don't know how many days the remnants of my energy will be able to save it for.

So, I hope you will unseal it and let it come to this world.]

Then the process of unsealing was transmitted to Sam's mind.

[I know that I don't have any right to ask for help. But I am not asking you as a beast, but as a mother.

My only sin is to be born as a variant and my child has nothing to do with it. I hope you can give my child a chance to live and you can have my remains as compensation.

My remains no matter how old they might be, are one of the valuable treasures in the world. Even the single claw or the fang can be made into a powerful weapon. So, I hope it is enough for you.]

This is the last message that came to Sam's mind before a glow disappeared from egg. But the runic seals which seemed to be from the blood of the hydra itself still remained. Apparently, they are runes that maintained the seal.

Sam looked at the formation which is still working, there are no restrictions on the egg though. So, he first stored inside the divine dimension.

So, after that he thought of the way to remove the restrictions of the formation to take away the skeleton.

Because, he wasn't able to move the skeleton and it seems that the chains are restricting the spatial transfer as he failed to move it into the divine dimension.

This only makes sense, as a top-level beast from the higher realms, the hydra might even be able to tear open the space, if there were no restrictions placed on it. He started his brain storming as he observed the formation and the spikes responsible for maintaining it.

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Chapter 118: Blood Ghoul

Sam went to the edge of the formation. Due to long term depletion of energy from the hydra, the formation has eroded.

But even after it was eroded, it is not easy for him to break.

His level of attainment in the formations and the inscriptions is not high enough for him to break the formation open

Even a stone wall which is tens of meters thick was tested with time and became as weak as a mud wall, digging a mud wall of that size isn't a normal person could do and Sam is in same situation.

But he didn't give up.

Sam thought about the energy flow in the formation and checked each and every spike. There are more than twenty chains which are acting as energy channels. There are a total of forty spikes out of which twenty of them are buried inside the earth acting as nodes.

He started observing all the nodes individually to where the formation is damaged causing these energy loop holes.

Even if he wants to deal with this, he has to take care so that there wouldn't be any damage on him due to energy back lash.

After a long time, he found the spot where the energy is depleted and the node with which he can work to destroy the formation without much backlash.

He placed his hands on the ground near the spike, and slowly started eroding the earth around it. If the node is removed the formation will be destroyed, then he can surely make use of it to store away, but he needs to be prepared to face the rush of the water as well as the energy back lash.

Sam immediately wore his helmet back and kept the hoverboard back inside the storage.

Sam worked more than ten days, to completely take away the earth and rocks. The spike is buried vertically. It is more than ten feet long and more than eight feet is buried.

His mental energy was used up a lot after making some rocks into powder and the fact that spiritual energy is concentrated on the rocks near it is not helping. He will face minor back lash every time he unearthed some part of spike and he needs to recover.

In this way, he is dividing the backlash into minor parts and taking it on, if he were to pull it all at once, with the depleted formation, even though it might be possible, he will definitely have to face major backlash and under this sea, he might even die.

He has to take care that the energy spike wouldn't be destroyed or the runes will be damaged, that is why he worked around slowly and now he is at the final step.

Sam finally placed his hand on the last piece of the rock and another hand on the spike, and after destroying the rock, the spike was finally free, but he could visibly see the formation being destroyed slowly.

The huge force of water came inside, but Sam was also fast, he immediately started storing the chain inside his divine dimension and while the water is flooding in just before drowned the skeleton, Sam reached the skeleton and stored it in.

If he it wasn't for the fact that the formation was damaged a lot and the energy source which is hydra itself is completely depleted, he would have never had a chance to make it with his current level.

He also has to thank all the people who left this place alone. Maybe a person beyond Grand level cultivation might have been able to make it if he is water type mage and has elemental fusion.

If he could take some precautions against the poison, maybe they might have a chance to encounter the formation even if they weren't able to identify it immediately.

In this way, other powerhouse wouldn't leave it alone.

Sam was sure that if there are any resource used for cultivation had appeared instead of mutated water creatures, they would have definitely ventured in even with the risk of poison.

But since there was nothing else and all the people who entered the zone ended up dead, they left it alone.

Sam really did feel grateful for them for leaving

He let the water drown him first instead of struggling and went along with the flow, but he wasn't throw far away and still stayed in the vast rocky terrain.

After stabilizing for a bit, he went upwards with full thrust

He is faster when coming up than when he went down.

But he didn't come up to the surface directly, because the indigo patch was destroyed due to Sam taking away the formation. This indigo water was diluted and the whole sea region became indigo but the colour was a lot lighter and the water was close to normal.

In a few days, the water might even turn back to normal again.

But if he goes out now, he might have to face the people who are on the top and witnessed the scene.

He stayed underwater and travelled near the coast line as he went away from the city. After he reached the coast near woods, Sam came out of the water and removed his suit.

After wearing his usual clothes, he didn't take out the Harbinger, but called out Sky and soared higher to get the direction of city. And soon he is on the way back to the Indigo sea city.

This trip was way beyond profitable and it is more or less time to move to next city.

Sam came back to the vicinity of the city and went to the place where Jack and Jasmine camped.

When he was there, Jasmine is playing with ape. She sat on ape's shoulder and was eating a fruit.

When Sam came, she came down and ran over to greet him.

He just smiled in reply. At this moment Jack wasn't in the camp, Jasmine said he went to hunt.

After a while, Sam brought a Green horned deer with him, he greeted Sam.

"Is your work complete?"

"Yeah. We can leave today."

After that short exchange, all of them sat to eat.

Later, they packed everything up, Sam took Yanwu and Sky out along with Harbinger.

Soon, three of them are soaring towards their last Count city and that is the Cougar city.

This city is a bit different because, the city wasn't named after its surroundings or resources, rather it was named after the noble family who holds the count title. The Cougar city is under the jurisdiction of the Cougar family.

They are also first-generation nobles who earned their title during the establishment of the empire just like how the Blue flame city was named.

Within three days the three of them are near the city. It has been only a little more than three months since they started the journey to clear three count cities' underground forces.

Now, all they have to do is deal with the Cougar city and wait for the remaining people to come. Then their mission can be considered complete and they can return to the Blue flame city.

When they are near the vicinity, they landed and started walking, but in the middle of their short journey in which, ape is working on finding some trees and herbs, they smelled something very ominous.

There seemed to be a thick blood smell, nearing them and the ape became more sensitive, because blood smell doesn't feel delicious at all.

Then suddenly a blood red figure stopped them in their tracks. It is like a lump of blood red matter with two arms. It is five feet tall and there are two hollows on its 'face' which seemed to be the eyes.

Sam never saw this before, but Jack seemed to know about this.

"Blood spirit ghoul." When Sam heard this, he furrowed his brows.

But there is no more time to get answers as the ghoul started attacking them.

Sam deliberately blocked the punch, the body of the ghoul seemed to be in semi solid state, but the punch felt like he was hit by a lump of solid iron.

He took a step back, Jack started fighting it with sword and soon he finished the fight with a stab. The ghoul doesn't seem to be the strong.

Sam walked towards the ghoul and he saw Jack taking out his sword and at the tip of the sword a round shaped red coloured gem like thing was present.

Seeing Sam walking towards him, Jack said.

"My mom said to me about the Blood ghoul and apparently, the person who killed my father was one who uses the blood spirit ghouls.

They are actually one of the creatures created by most vicious of methods.

These ghouls are formed from the blood of the deceased people, people filled with the resentment.

The people who were tortured to extreme and slaughtered at a same place will have a collective resentment towards a single person, their blood essence will gather together and all their negative emotions along with the spiritual energy will form this blood core made of those blood essences.

But the maker will mark the blood core with his spiritual brand and control it, but this seemed to be a stray one."

When Sam heard Jack's explanation, he was surprised. He never expected that he would encounter something like this here.

He crouched down and placed his hands in the puddle of semisolid blood. It can be called as condensed blood. But that is not what surprised him most.

The most surprising thing is there is a metal that is on par with the meteorite sand completely dissolved in the blood and that is none other than the Blood iron.

Yes, the iron that is present in human's blood. Since, the blood along with a person upgrades with a cultivator, the iron in the body also generates that quality, but the only difference is the Blood iron is upgraded with the Blood essence only.

So, if a person forges a blood with this iron, he or she has to walk the path of slaughter to improve the grade of the weapon, they feed on their enemies' blood essence to improve the grade.

The acquisition of the blood is also quite inhumane, that is why even though the blood iron is not scarce, it is not seen anywhere at all.

He is surprised that the Blood ghouls will use this Blood iron to attack.

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Chapter 119: Surprise meeting

Sam and Jack checked the surroundings and found a place filled with corpses, but all their faces are messed up and can not be identified at all. The corpses are also in pieces. They are also close to rotting.

Then they came to conclusion. The Blood spirit ghoul is not created intentionally, but rather an accident due to these corpses.

But they question is who is the person who carried out this massacre and why did he do it?

They didn't linger on it for much longer and walked towards the city.

Just like the previous times, they entered the city discreetly and went to a most rundown inn.

But there a surprise awaited him, actually not only to him, even Jack was surprised because, there was another group of people checking in and they knew these people.

They are none other than their teammates.

Philip is the first one to notice them, and he didn't seem surprised at all. He waved his hands as if meeting here was natural.

Philip said as he saw their surprised expressions.

"Do you think you are the only one who can complete the tasks faster? If not for the fact that it took time to travel, we might have come back a long time ago. Almost all the cities only took two days to clear them out.

I don't know what you gave to Watt, but the intel gathering took less than a day. And we taking them down didn't prove to be a challenge at all."

When Sam heard this, he didn't even know what to say. But at least he was glad. Because, he didn't find the time to work on ape. He needs to upgrade latter's bloodline, he first thought that he should do that after dealing with the Black water.

But since, all of them are here, he can use this chance to upgrade the latter's bloodline while they simultaneously carried out the task. All he has to do was, get involved when the situation turned sideways.

Sam greeted them and all of the checked into their rooms. Jasmine excitedly talked to Kelly, about how she flew on a Golden bird and how she played with Ape and panthers.

After going into his room, Sam immediately entered the second floor of the tower.

The trouble with unleashing Golden fist ape's bloodline is a bit troublesome.

Because, unlike shadow mice with impurities and Sky with partial bloodline, the Golden fist ape is a but different. The Golden ape bloodline is completely inside the ape.

But the problem is that 50 percent of the bloodline was under the suppression of the natural seal which is due to the conditions of environment it was born.

Since, the Golden fist ape of his has around 50 percent bloodline activated, its birth environment must have been above average.

But unseal this national suppression, he has to work on it. The process itself is not complicated at all, but it is extremely taxing, not only to his body but also his mentality.

He will mentally exhausted and the recovery time would be quite high.

He can even recover his body within a day if he cultivated, but the mental exhaustion will take more than that and he needs to cultivate his soul and spirit continuously otherwise, he wouldn't be able to stay peaceful and he will become extremely sensitive.

He informed Jack to not to disturb him for the next two to three days and gave away all the other mice he had.

With ten shadow mice taking action, the investigation will take an exponential leap in speed and might even be finished.

But before going in Sam listened to City's situation from Watt.

The City has recently changed its counts. The son of the previous count who is in Great warrior level 2 just took the position a week ago.

The rumours are that the old count has gone out to search for further cultivation opportunities as his own son caught up to him.

Sam didn't find anything strange, he only warned him to not involve with the count until all the info was obtained and ready to take action.

He also told him to cooperate with Jack as he managed to clear the previous count city and with the help of ten shadow mice the time will greatly reduce and they can even finish the job in ten days.

He didn't bother mentioning the loot as he knew that the loot will be his no matter what. If these guys really the type to play any tricks, he might have gone with Watt alone and left them to fend for themselves.

Sam sat in the second floor and started grinding the herbs along with some types of beast blood.

He started painting the runic inscriptions on the floor.

He took more than ten thousand spirit stones and placed them inside the inscription runes.

After that, the ape sat inside its designated spot and Sam stood in his designated spot.

He started channelling the spiritual energy. The energy was forcefully directed towards the beast core of the ape.

The process has to be done with extreme precision, if it was even a little bit off, the beast would die.

After the energy entered the beast core, it started channelling itself into all the meridians and all the vital organs.

A completely impure looking blood which is almost black in colour started seeping out of the ape's body until the fur was completely covered with it.

This is the first step.

The next step is activating the latent bloodline and let it resonate with the active blood line.

This is the most taxing as Sam has to concentrate to fullest and the process is not a short one, he will be taking more than ten days for this finish.

Meanwhile, outside world at night after the dinner time of the inn is over, Watt and the remaining teams are sitting inside the dining hall. Because, even the first day of the information is something made them stunned.

The underworld of the city is completely controlled by only one gang. Of all the count cities, this might as well be the only count city which has only one big gang.

They still didn't know how to feel about this, that is why they gathered here. Only Watt and Jack are a little bit normal. Of course, there is Philip who is always same no matter the situation.

"We are still going to proceed the same. We will enquire for a small-time member who likes to flaunt his authority. He would be our lead to rest of our gang." Jack said to the group.

Their general procedure is to enquire about the smallest gang member and get the required info out of him.

After all, they will be more informed about the info on territories, contact points and all other stuff. But now that there are no small gangs, they don't have any choice other than to find a lowest level member.

But even then, it is not that simple, they just can't get info out of him by interrogation. Because, once that guy was abducted the remaining gang members will find out sooner or later and they will be more cautious and an unrest this early is not what they desire.

So, they proceeded to find that loud mouth of a person.

The next day, when they met for lunch someone has good news and that someone is one of the two siblings assigned to the team.

From his lead, Watt followed the guy and when they went to a certain area in the slums where the street vendors are common, they could hear a person's shouts.

"Do you know, who I am? How dare you ask me money? I am the member of Alligator gang. I will f.u.c.k.i.n.g thrash your shop if you ask me again? Do you understand?"

Watt couldn't help but shake his head. This guy is definitely a new recruit and he definitely not so strong. Otherwise, why would he harass a few vendors in a slum if he all that powerful.

Watt left after just taking a look. The guy who brought him here, one of the siblings was confused. He never knew how Watt gathered information and he wanted to witness it today.

He thought that Watt might have some stealth skills or tailing skills in order to get info to that level. But it seemed that he isn't in luck to see them.

But he didn't know that Watt already did his job. He left five shadow mice to follow the guy and they will slowly penetrate into the gang.

The remaining five will be directed into the Count mansion to keep a track on the officials as well as Count.

So, that day Watt made a trip to the street opposite to the count mansion and left the remaining mice.

Now all they have to do is wait and think on how to use the situation in the gang to their favour.

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Chapter 120: Suspicion

While Watt and the remaining members are thinking of how to make their moves on the gangs, Sam is struggling inside the tower.

At this moment he stood there at the spot with his eyes closed. He is sweating profusely that his hair was soaked. He is feeling an intense head-ache as if someone was splitting his head apart.

The ape is also going through extreme pain. But the pain is all over the body as its blood underwent a transformation.

Sam is doing his best to hold up. He is at the final step. Only one percent of blood in the ape has to be activated and he would be done with it.

After more than five hours of struggle, Sam relaxed a bit. The stress on his brain and body reduced, he opened his eyes as he watched the ape undergo its final physical transformation.

The ape's muscles became smaller but the density increased and its form became closer to humanoid form.

The posture also became straighter and one can even see the strong muscular outline even when it was covered with the light golden fur.

When the process was finished, the aura of the ape completely changed. It became more imposing and also more superior.

Its presence reeked of brutality but that only lasted for a second.

Sam shifted both of them to the location of garden. The ape immediately went on an eating spree over all the fruits.

It needs a lot on energy to recover and so do Sam.

Sam looked at a patch of land in water region. The surroundings of the land became completely withered and the earth was even corroded.

That is the place where the toxic water he collected from the indigo patch was kept.

Even though, it was surrounded by a formation, it only to prevent it from flowing.

Inside the formation, the majestic skeleton was left within the pool along with the egg.

Last time on the sea bed, Sam was unable to examine the skeleton closely to study its features.

All he did is to identify key parts of the skeletons to identify the species. He planned to look into it after the mission was over completely and then he will have a lot of time to observe and he can unseal the egg and let it hatch.

Right now, he is in a pathetic state. He is both physically and mentally exhausted.

At this moment, he didn't even have energy to eat.

Sam came outside and sat in his room cross-legged.

He took out a formation disc which he made himself and placed it on floor before filling the room with spiritual stones.

He needs to cultivate for some time to regain his physical strength and mental strength.

He started devouring the energy from the spirit stones.

At this moment both Yanwu and Sky also came out of the divine dimension in their smaller forms. When they saw the absorption rate of Sam, they felt that it might be a good time to breakthrough to the late stages of Novice

After finishing the blood line activation, Sam is like a dried-up sponge, if Yanwu and Sky formed an energy link with him and started sharing his energy, he will take forever to recover.

So, the best choice is to wait until he is stabilised and then form a link. With the momentum of his absorption, they can achieve a breakthrough.

But they have to wait for more than a day for Sam to get back in shape.

Meanwhile, all the remaining teammates are busy. They don't know what they have to do, when they learned of the city's situation.

The crime rate of the city is extremely high, in fact more or less all the illegal businesses are being done quite openly.

The city guards are lazy and they don't seem to care less about the situation. They are like lap dogs of the officials, continuously doing their bidding.

The officials are even worse. They are even more lazy and their only active time is when they collect taxes and embezzle their money.

The Count himself seemed like a bandit. Because, he is the person who takes the major portion and this news didn't even come from the shadow mice, all this news came from some commoners they enquired.

The lives of people here are terrible.

They even learnt that the previous count, the current Count's father is also same and they lived same.

Some people after getting stronger will leave the place, but the commoners don't have that chance and the cultivators who are strong enough will not be messed with.

The only people who have better lives are some cultivators who act as mercenaries and hunters who sell their hunt. The external traders will also go through some terrible plight if they want to do business here.

Only big dogs like Golden horse trading and some other trading companies can survive peacefully, even they didn't have much profit in this god-forsaken city.

After two days, they still kept on roaming around the city while investigation. Sam is still inside the inn, after he recovered his physical state, he became better, but his mental state was still in a mess.

Yanwu and Sky formed an energy link as well as consciousness link in order to make a breakthrough as well as sooth his mental frustration.

He didn't know what is happening with his teammates and didn't know the situation of the city.

Because, when the city was in this state, the reason will not be simply the laziness of the officials, but also their involvement in the crimes.

But the teammates failed to think about it. They felt that the shadow mice will bring them the news if and they can confirm it.

At this moment inside the count mansion, Meeting hall.

"Father, I am pretty sure that they are candidates from the Special branch."

A young man said who sat on the seat beside the head seat.

"Then why do you think they are here?"

"I heard that they are given a mission, but we don't know what that mission is." The young man replied.

If Sam and his teammates saw this young man, they might recognise him. Because, he is also a candidate who participated in the first phase of the competition and he is also part of the group who surrounded Sam.

He gave up in the middle and didn't manage to stay till the first phase is completed.

"I stayed back in the marquis city only to learn of their mission, but the details are tightly sealed and no one from my friends made it to the next phase. But I

think there is one more person who is missing and he is the leader of this group.

He is also a rank 5 scholar artisan, he has quite a big business in Blue flame city. The most famous weapon shop and the most famous restaurant shop are his. He would have a lot of possessions on him." The young man said with a greedy light.

"Oh, do you have some problem with him?" The middle-aged man who is also count of the city asked. He knew his son too well.

"You could say that. But I am not lying to you about him, he is really rich" Obviously, he is not willing to swallow the warning Sam gave him. Count cougar thought for a second and looked at another middle-aged man who is standing beside him.

"Keep an eye on them and find out if that guy is here with them."

The middle-aged nodded his head and left the place.

After the man left, the young man asked.

"Father, did you find the candidate for your ritual. Time is running out. If you don't do this early, your cultivation will drop."

"I didn't. I am also getting anxious over it. Too bad, even after killing half of the clan for that girl, that girl turned out to be not suitable. Damn it, I even risked my life by killing your grandfather just to take over the authority and killed half of the family just to finish the last step. Just thinking about it is making me angry."

If someone heard this, they might even feel the viciousness of father-son duo as madness and the sharp crazy light inside their eyes didn't help to give a good impression.

The middle-aged man who left them already knew what they might be talking about and he didn't mind that at all.

He just left the place like nothing happened.

At this moment, Watt and the remaining people didn't know that they were targeted by the Count even before they found a problem with him.

They are still actively investigating, completely focussed on their jobs.

Sam, is still completely oblivious to what is happening and is still cultivating. He is trying to break through the late stage of Novice and he is on verge of success.