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Chapter 1171: Luring

The three of them waited for a few more hours until the farmers were finally released. But they are all dejected.

As they are leaving, the Inner disciple gave another announcement.

"I know that you are feeling unhappy at the moment. But there was nothing I could do. I did my best to save your fields and only that much was possible.

I caught the culprit and after extracting the information, we would be holding a public execution and his assets will be divided among the farmers based on the losses they suffered."

After hearing this announcement, the farmers are a bit relieved, but they are still dejected and go back to their own farms to see what was left for them.

The inner disciple finally sighed after this was over. Now, he could find a way to save his ass and he was closer to his goal than ever.

After another hour, Red who was completely tortured and almost on verge of death was taken to the front of the town hall where a makeshift stage was created and on top of it, they created an execution platform.

"He is the culprit that was destroyed all your hard work. In order to answer your grief, he will be executed in front of you."

With that, he took a dagger and sliced his throat.

Red looked at the Inner disciple dead in the eyes as he slowly lost his life with every drop of blood that was being seeped out of the cut on his throat.

The execution was over.

"Everyone come to the town hall in the afternoon with the documents of your farm and the proof of the crops you grew. We will evaluate them and will compensate you for his assets."

With that, the crowd cheered and praised him before they dispersed.

The inner disciple and the guard captain disposed of the body and went back inside. But as they reached the main hall of the town hall, they saw the attendants looking at something.

A small box was placed there and there was a note left along with that.

"To the Forever Inner disciple."

That was what's written on the note and the Young master was shocked, and soon the shock turned into anger.

He picked the box and opened it.

There is a recording crystal inside and the young master had an extremely bad feeling about this.

He sent the attendants away and after some hesitation let the Guard captain stay and played the video.

It is the video of the guards harvesting the produce from various farms. As the video progressed showing different guards harvesting different farms from different angles with different beasts, his face also showed different expressions.

From surprise to shock, to fear, and to despair.

The sense of relief he felt a few minutes ago was completely gone.

The guard captain also frowned at this. Even though they are the personal guards of the Young lady, they are also the members of the sect, if the higher-

ups got the wind of this video, not only would they deal with them, they would also take advantage of the situation and deal with the young lady.

This is something that shouldn't happen.

As they continued to look at the video, the image of the town and the farm disappeared and an image of the forest appeared.

The image moved as it went past a few trees and rocks and finally stopped at a spot where a young man completely donning black with a cloak covering his face and only his eyes out to see was sitting on a stone with a staff in his hands.

"Hello, my dear fellow disciple. Oh, I am sorry. I shouldn't call you my fellow disciple. After all, you are way beneath me in the status with your inner disciple title.

I wanted to test you a bit and see how you would react, but not only is your reaction cowardly, it is utterly pathetic. Stealing produce from farmers? Do you know what this would do to our sect? I really hope what kind of punishment, the enforcement hall would give you."

When those words were heard, the face of the young master paled. It was as if the blood was forcefully drained from it.

"Anyway, good luck and wait for your punishment. I will be looking forward to it."

With that, the video disappeared, and at the same time, the recording crystal in turned into dust.

"FUCK. FUCK. FUCK."

The inner disciple started cursing like he went crazy.

The guard captain on the other hand is calm and even closed his eyes as he thought of something.

Looking at him like this the inner disciple got angrier and yelled.

"What the fuck are you doing? What should we do now? My position in the sect, fuck even my life is at jeopardy."

But the guard captain didn't respond back.

The inner disciple got angrier and threw something nearby onto the guard captain.

The guard captain caught it and threw it to the side, before saying.

"Come with me now."

With that, he walked outside and called for all his fellow guards.

A group of twelve guards and the inner disciple all moved sneakily and went into the nearby forest out of the town.

"Where are we going?"

The inner disciple asked from the side.

The guard captain didn't reply. Just when the inner disciple is about to throw a tantrum again, he saw something familiar in front. The stone on which the black-cloaked guy sat down.

"This is the place they sat down."

The guard captain said as he looked at the spot and they soon found the traces of that person.

"The nearest place that could take them out of the planet other than our town is the city under the Fiend tribe's control. So, they need to travel to another place under our control or territory belonging to a neutral place.

Either of them would take a significant time.

So, we still have a chance to catch up."

The guard captain said and he led the group following the traces.

As they moved through the forest quickly. The inner disciple calmed down a bit.

But that calm didn't last long as he said.

"That guy must be a core disciple by the way he spoke. So, are you sure you can take him? He might have his personal guards."

"There is a reason why the young lady holds the most territory and status among the core disciples. Because she has the best team compared to the rest of us.

All you have to do is hold off the core disciple for a few minutes and we will find a way to support you to hold him off for more before we destroyed them completely."

"What would you do if he has a transference scroll?"

"So be it, as long as one of his guards stays behind, we can turn this around. All that would change is that instead of Red being sold out to the Fiend tribe, it would be him being sold out to one of our own."

"But it is a core disciple..."

The inner disciple wanted to say something, but he stopped as the guards stopped in their tracks, they saw the man in black standing in front of them with the staff in his hands.

"Why did my spiritual sense not pick on his presence earlier."

The guard captain muttered as he felt there might be an ambush in the front and asked them to move carefully making them spread a little bit and look around cautiously.

But at this moment, the guard captain suddenly yelled.

"BE CAREFUL."

The whole area was suddenly covered with wood elemental energy as vines appeared from underground and coiled around everyone's legs crazily dragging them down.

As they tried to stabilize themselves, a bunch of spears suddenly manifested in thin air around them from various corners.

It almost seemed like an illusion, but they could feel a sense of danger. The problem is that they don't know which spear is just a mere illusion or which spear really gives them such sense of danger.

So, they are basically sitting ducks.

The spears were launched and the targeted people could feel the strong sense of the spear intent surrounding them.

They crazily tried to get rid of the vines and blocked the spears.

Out of thirteen people seven people succeeded and even the inner disciple who panicked the most used a lot of artifacts that managed to block the attacks for him.

The six people had their bodies pierced by the spears in various spots and had grim injuries while the remaining seven, although blocked, have small scrapes and cuts all over their bodies.

The least injured is obviously the guard captain.

He managed to block the spears in time because of his senses due to his superior cultivation.

But his main concern is towards the vines that are coiling him than the spears that were being shot.

He took out his dagger as he crazily swung it at the vines.

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Chapter 1172: Formation

As the guard captain and the rest struggled, they noticed that the vines on the injured people are going after the wounds that were inflicted on them and trying to restrain them more and more.

At this moment, the illusion created by Sam in the surroundings disappeared. The black cloaked figure also disappeared without a trace as if it was never there.

Noah and Kumar can be seen on either side of the group. Both crouching down with their hands on the ground.

Sam stood on the third side with a staff in his hands and a leisurely smile on his face.

As they were revealed, so was the formation.

The trees in the surroundings rapidly extended their branches and became intervened and created a barrier of branches which were protected by the combined wood elemental energy of the forest.

Sam activated his energy vision to take a look at the energy flow and he can see all the wood elemental energy and vitality being sucked out from the rest of the forest surrounding and it was being transferred to the trees that are surrounding the group.

Noah willed and a lot of poison was being emitted by these trees into the circle of the group making them inhale it.

The guards became vigilant and held their breath as they tried to shield the injured parts of their body with their spiritual energy and attacked the vines around their legs.

The guard captain with his superior senses could feel it even if the rest of the guards who are in panic could not. The vines are sucking their vitality out of their bodies and it would only decrease their chance of their survival more and more.

Guard captain followed by some of the guards finally managed to get rid of the vines coiling the ground. They immediately made their move as they attacked different spots of the barriers.

But their attacks are being repelled. If that was the only problem they would have been a bit content, but out of nowhere, spears condensed by pure wood elemental energy are being condensed behind them and are being shot at them from the backs.

They hurriedly tried to block them, but even if that happened, the residual force is enough to make their wounds get worse.

Noah and Kumar are hurriedly using all their concentration and energy to make the formation work at full capacity.

Noah is making sure that they stayed there with the barrier and the branches and weakening them with the poison and occasional vines that are catching them by surprise. She is also responsible for channeling all the energy of the forest into the formation.

Kumar is in charge of the direct attacks and he is using the energy Noah dragged from the forest to make these spears with her cooperation.

Sam smiled at this.

"Like hell, you don't have anything going on. It seems like I need to prepare another wedding gift."

He muttered to himself as he slowly spun his staff and moved towards the barrier.

He just waited at the entrance patiently while playing with the staff.

Inside the chaos increased as various attacks landed and the barrier sucked up more energy from the forest making many trees wither and die rapidly.

After five more minutes of this, the guard captain had enough of it and got ready to use his trump card to break through this barrier and took out another dagger.

But as soon as he gathered energy, he noticed that he felt weaker than ever. He looked at his skin and saw a lot of green boils appearing out of nowhere.

Not just him, the rest of the group also noticed this green boils on themselves and the weaker they are, the higher their number is.

One of the injured guards hurriedly rubbed them which made them pop. Green pus came out of it and as it spread among the skin which is still clear, it became green, and boils started appearing.

He fell on the ground as his energy depleted and a spear lodged itself into his heart.

The vines coiled around him and soon a plant started sprouting from his body and rapidly grew into a small-sized tree and even bore fruits.

The fruits looked green and eerie.

The guard captain knew that the situation is only going to get worse and the inner disciple panicked as he took all kinds of medicines and antidotes to chug down his throat as he looked at the faint green boils on his right arm.

He is the one least affected because of the artifacts.

Everything went past in the blink of an eye.

The guard captain held two daggers in a backhanded position and leaned forward a bit.

The spiritual energy started gathering at the ends of the daggers as he gritted his teeth and focused all his concentration on one point he has been attacking for a while.

The dent he has placed is already being recovered, but he didn't care and lunged forward as he opened his arms causing two-blade rays to be shot at the point forming a cross.

He followed those rays and brought the daggers down at the same point.

The four attacks landed on the point consequently. The four rays forming two crosses sliced through the layers of the barriers.

Noah frowned at the sheer power coming at the barrier and she gritted her teeth as she sucked as much energy as possible to recover it faster.

Kumar is also attacking the guard captain with spears from the rear.

The captain finally lost it and didn't care about the attacks from the rear as he crazily attacked in the front. He is adding more and more sharp rays to the existing ones to increase the pressure.

Sam looked around and noticed the trees withering rapidly.

He frowned at the scene and felt like things wouldn't go well if they go on like this.

He activated energy vision and looked at the barrier to check its durability and the attacks that are happening at it.

He frowned and walked to the exact point where the attacks are happening.

Even though Noah is using the energy from the whole forest, most of it is going to waste as he is doing so forcefully and in a hurry. It wouldn't be enough to stop this attack.

He took a few steps backward and made his right side face the barrier as he held the staff in his hands with one end pointing that barrier.

He slowly activated partial spatial fusion as he took a deep breath and yelled.

"Kumar stop the attacks."

Kumar who is on the opposite end frowned for a moment, but still stopped the attacks.

"Noah, let the barrier loosen at that point."

Noah frowned and opened her eyes.

Sam looked at her and said.

"Trust me and loosen the barrier."

She hesitated a bit and did as she was told.

As soon as the barrier was loosened a bit, Sam tightened his grip on the staff and lunged forward before disappearing from the spot.

The barrier tore open and a gust of dagger rays came out destroying the surroundings and the guard captain also stumbled forward making him stop his hand movements awkwardly in the middle with the disappearance of the barrier and this also made him stumble more.

Within that fraction of a second, Sam bypassed all the dagger rays that just hit the spot he was standing before and appeared in front of the guard captain, in the same posture he was in before.

He stabbed the staff forward which landed straight in the guts of the captain which made him freeze on the spot.

He couldn't move for a moment and he could even feel his blood circulation stopping. His body is imbalanced as he fell forward, but Sam forcefully rose

his staff upwards as it tore through the flesh and finally went through the throat and landed on the chin squarely.

CRACK

A cracking sound was heard as the staff completely lodged into the broken chin and Sam forcefully ripped it apart and pulled the staff back making the guard captain fall forward.

He then kicked him back into the barrier forcefully and Noah who caught a breather hurriedly swallowed the brown fruits similar to the ones she gave Sam earlier and recovered.

The guard captain felt the blood circulation release once again, but that only made the blood seep out of the long tear on his body.

Vines appeared from under him and covered him completely from all sides. A sprout appeared and then started growing rapidly turning into a small tree with a bunch of green fruits and these are bigger and brighter than the ones before.

The guard group who just felt relieved were swallowed by despair as they couldn't find in themselves to get out of the barrier.

And one of the weakest ones fell immediately only to be swallowed by the vines all over.

He was then followed by another one and another and another one.

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Chapter 1173: Killing the Inner disciple

Noah and Kumar are slowly getting exhausted. Even though the energy for the barrier and the attacks is coming from the forest, they are still stressing themselves physically and mentally to channel all that energy to a proper use.

Sam just stood there and waited for them to be done.

Inside the barrier there are around eight trees by now and all of them have those green fruits the rest of the guards are not really feeling extremely confident in taking down the barrier and are fighting in desperation.

And one of them just attacked a tree for the sake of it and a fruit fell down.

As soon as it touched the ground, it exploded into a puff of green smoke. The green smoke spread all over the barrier area and the guards started choking as the boils on their skin became bigger and if there was any place that had no boils, they got some.

The only person who was still relatively safer until this moment was the inner disciple. The number of artifacts he had on him is unfathomable. Even Sam didn't have that many defensive artifacts in his hands and not to mention antidotes. The inner disciple swallowed at least a thirty antidotes in this short time frame and in fact he is suffering from a slight overdose of medicine, but he doesn't care.

The medicine managed to stop the poison spread for a minute or two and that was reason enough for him to swallow as many as he can.

But after this green smoke appeared, he couldn't possibly deal with it as he needs to breathe. And that is not the worst part. After the first fruit exploded and turned into a green smoke the rest of the fruits on different trees are trying to absorb the green smoke in their surroundings and soon the second one which is the closest to the first fruit exploded.

That was followed by the third one on the same tree and then the fourth one which led to all the fruits exploding on the tree and that was followed by the simultaneous explosion of the fruits on the nearest tree to that and that was followed by another tree.

One by one all the fruits started exploding and when the tree is devoid of any fruits, it started withering.

The people started dying quickly and soon the dead guards once again turned into trees with green fruits that exploded once again.

The cycle went on until only the Inner disciple was left and finally Noah and Kumar relaxed as they released the barrier down.

But before they did that, Noah controlled the trees to absorb all the green smoke.

Sam is immune to the poison and she is immune to this poison, but Kumar is neither, so she didn't want to risk it and completely let the vines absorb the gases and finally released the barrier.

Both of them sat on the ground panting as they looked at the area that was covered by the barrier.

All the grass has withered and even the debris is not visible. Even the soil looked devoid of vitality.

The inner disciple is standing in one corner of this area as he shivered uncontrollably. There is still a barrier on him. There are a bunch of stones and jewelry on the ground around him making him.

All of them are the artifacts and they are currently broken signifying their usage was over.

He looked at the three people that surrounded them like this and the cause of all these deaths.

Sam is not covering his face and he still held the staff in his hands, he walked towards the inner disciple, who wanted to escape as soon as he came out of that daze.

But Sam just spun his staff with wind elemental energy which created a large wave of air and stumbled the guy to the ground.

He leisurely walked forward and started increasing the gravity in the surroundings making the Inner disciple unable to move.

After getting near to him, the Inner disciple who had his face plastered to the ground suddenly turned around with all his might and there is a large red colored crystal in his hands glowing. He threw it at Sam who used his staff to destroy it mid-air causing an explosion.

The inner disciple took his chance and let his beast out.

It is a large Hawk typed beast, called the Golden sky hawk.

He boarded on it and hurriedly flew away.

Sam just looked at him with disdain as he got rid of the flames around him and left Sky out before boarding on him and chasing the target.

The capture process didn't last long.

In fact, the Inner disciple released a bunch of flying pets to challenge Sam, but Sky tore them all apart. In the aerial battles, no beast at the same level is a match for him and it was proven quickly.

Sky swooped past the Hawk rapidly and stopped in the front and in process it tore the belly of the beast apart making it and its owner fall down rapidly.

"AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH..."

The inner disciple screamed at the top of his lungs as he descended at a rapid pace. Sam looked at him for a few seconds and tapped on Sky's back making him descend. Sky first caught carcass of the Hawk and then Sam caught the Inner disciple as both of them flew towards Noah and Kumar.

He threw him on the ground and then started setting up a large skewer on the ground with earth element. He used the wind element to remove the feathers and the skin of the hawk in few seconds and started roasting it while pouring different herbal oils and spices on it.

By now Noah and Kumar recovered a bit and Sam said.

"I was wondering why this guy didn't use his beast. It seems like it has not much of a use and from the looks of it, both the beast and the man doesn't have any combat experience whatsoever. He really climbed this far by holding the hem of a skirt. Quite a talent."

Sam said as he continued the roasting.

Noah and Kumar took in the delicious smell but still controlled themselves before proceeding to the young man.

His skin is pale green and there are some boils.

Noah healed him a bit and said.

"I need you to answer some questions. Are your guards also the members of Myriad Beast sect?"

The young man looked at her in daze and fear, but tried to his best to voice out some words.

"I am the fiancé of the core disciple of the Myriad Beast sect. You cannot do this to..."

BAM

Before he could say anything more, Kumar gave a kick straight to his face and Noah once again healed him.

"Now, answer my question."

"You... How dare you do..."

BAM

"YOU WILL ALL BE..."

BAM

The interrogation continued and after a long while, the young man finally came to his senses and Sam is also finished with his cooling. He brought a wing and a leg to Noah and Kumar whole he took a leg himself and started munching on it with some wine.

The young man looked at the hawk that accompanied him since childhood with a wry smile as he spoke.

"They are also members of the sect, but they are from the Guard extension."

"Guard Extension?"

"A branch of the sect that solely trains people to be guards of the main members of the sect."

"So, they wouldn't go through beast cultivation?"

"No. Beast cultivation is only reserved for main members. And few members of the guard extension are promoted to be main members. They would be brainwashed to be guards since childhood. So, once they are in, there is no way out.

They would have some beasts with them, but most of them are useful for only travelling."

Sam looked at them and asked.

"Just how long do you guys take for interrogation and you also need to verify the truth of the matter after this, just from the words he said to you." Sam said from the side.

"What else can we do?"

Sam just smiled and said.

"Leave the information to me, just tell me what the next part of the plan is and we would be done."

"We need to kill this guy and leave some evidence which would make his backer the core disciple extremely made beyond reason."

"Is that it?"

"Yes."

Sam then finished the leg in his hands and took out a recording crystal. He threw it to the Noah and she started recording him.

Sam walked behind the young man and made him stand on his knees.

"No, No. What are you doing? Let me go. Let me.. mmph."

"Don't let my face show up in it." Sam closed the mouth of the young man while holding his chin with one hand and the back of the head to the other.

CRACK

With a single twist, the neck cracked and then the flesh connecting the head and the rest of the body was torn apart as Sam removed it directly.

Kumar closed his eyes and Noah did the same.

Sam just used his water elemental energy to clean himself up and let the specter deal with the memory extraction while he got back to eating the hawk.

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Chapter 1174: Return to Water Crystal city

Noah and Kumar couldn't even look at the dead body while Sam is already back at eating as if he didn't do anything.

They couldn't help but shiver a bit. With all the bloodshed they caused throughout the years, they couldn't be half as bold and cold as Sam.

While specter is collecting the information from the soul of the Inner disciple, he let his shadow undead out to dig out the bodies of the guards. Even though

the trees sucked all the flesh and blood and what was left was a skeleton covered with barely any skin.

The shadow undead cut the heads of these people and brought them to Sam who threw them into a separate storage device along with the head of the inner disciple.

He took the undead back and finished the rest of the meat that he roasted carefully.

After he was done with the cleanup, he left the bones of the beast along with the headless body of the inner disciple at the gate of the town, tying them up to the arch. At the same time, he threw the copies of the recording crystal to different people in the town.

He left the copy of the recording crystal that has the video of him killing the inner disciple with his body and left the place.

Later, the three of them once again got on the back of Sky as they made their way back to the base of the operations so that they can take the contribution points.

On their way back the atmosphere is a bit awkward. Sam is calmly enjoying the view while talking with Sky as if they are on a picnic.

He looked at their awkward expressions and felt a bit troubled.

"What is wrong with you guys? You are awfully calm for a while. It is completely unlike you."

They don't know what to say. After some hesitation, Kumar spoke.

"Sam, have you ever thought that what we might be doing is wrong? Destroying one organization after another, killing thousands of people, and then being responsible for the turmoil caused by the elimination of these organizations.

Do you know how many people die because of the aftereffects of the disappearance of these organizations?

I have seen them, we have seen them. Throughout the years, we have triggered countless wars, the number of innocents that were killed in the process is unimaginably high.

We are carrying the sin that could make an army of men die of guilt.

But we are doing it anyway.

Even the young man and the guards we just killed, we don't have any form of relationship with nor do we have any rivalry, but we still killed him in cold blood.

Every time we killed like that, we cannot keep our minds calm, but we had to move on and force ourselves to do this again and again.

But you seem..."

Kumar paused there a bit and observed Sam's expression and Sam just smiled and said.

"I am very okay with it? Is that what you want to say?" He asked.

"Not exactly, but along the lines," Kumar replied awkwardly. Then Noah spoke.

"We know that you are cruel to your enemies, but you are not exactly cruel to the people you don't know. You might disregard them, ignore them, but most of the time, you were polite to them and acted perfectly normal.

But how can you just get on with your life after ripping a man's head off like that as if you did nothing? That man did no harm to you. How can you be so cold about it?"

Sam chuckled and asked.

"Let me get this straight before I say anything. Are you asking me this because you want to know exactly why I was cold and don't seem to feel anything after doing all this? Or do you want to know how I do this so that you could feel okay with all this? What do you want to know?"

Both of them became silent for a moment and Sam gave them their time to mull over it and said.

"Whatever the reason your question is for, here is my answer. I don't know how to make you guys feel okay for what you did and what you are about to do and I wouldn't say I am completely okay with whatever I have done and whatever I am about to do.

It is just I don't let the guilt bear down on me.

After all, in this particular situation think about it. The gods that were being worshipped by our organization for decades, centuries, and in some places thousands of years. But they are willing to let them die in the hands of us, the players which they picked just for their own entertainment.

Those same gods brought me here forcing me to kill their worshipers to provide their entertainment and I don't know what the consequences of that would be.

I don't say that it is their mistake for worshipping such gods. I don't know if it is, and I don't say that I don't carry the sin of killing this many people and being the cause of death of many more. It is just that I value myself more and my pursuit of truth than all the lives I would take in the process.

I just feel that if it comes to it, the guilt of killing these people is lighter than the burden of not knowing why I am here and why I am doing what I am doing."

"Are you saying that all these thousands of lives are worth less than your curiosity?"

"I don't know what they are worth and I cannot possibly fathom. Maybe they are and maybe they are not.

Anyway, we don't know what the gods do to us if we don't do what they asked of us. If this is the start of our journey, I might have just killed myself and would have been done with it, but I have traveled too much and come too far, I cannot stop this in the middle anymore. So, I have to see the end of it."

The rest of the journey was silent.

Sam doesn't know if they are convinced or understood. And his reason is not some noble and profound this. All of it is but the selfishness of a human being.

They arrived at the Water crystal city and showed their tokens before entering the secret room once again,

Inside the room, the deputy commander is sitting at the table as he is talking with a team.

They waited for ten minutes before the talk was over.

They went to the table to meet the deputy commander.

"Hello, the three-person group and independent, all humans. How are you guys doing?"

"We are doing good, how are you?"

Sam said as he took out recording crystals and placed them on the table and then proceed to place one head after the other beside them.

"The Farm town of the Myriad beast sect. Destroyed the farm, made the relationship between the farmers and the sect sour, killed the person in charge and all of his personal guards. Need evaluation and the points and we will be on our way to the next target."

The deputy commander Myrion looked surprised, but he looked at Sam and said with a smile.

"You guys are good, but we need to do some confirmations and it would take a few hours. Why don't you guys come after four hours? We will arrange your stay in the inn."

Sam shrugged and looked at the other two, they nodded and three of them went outside guided by an attendant and were led to the inn.

"Go and check at the information desk."

Myrion said and went through with the recording crystals.

He looked through the destruction of the fields and the guards stealing the produce.

As for the killings, Sam didn't submit the video of it and only gave the heads. Their faces could be identified through the videos and it is pretty obvious.

After a few hours, the person who went to the information desk came back with the confirmation that the town was indeed under chaos and he also got the information about how Sam left the headless corpse near the gate.

"Call them."

Myrion sent someone to call the trio back.

"Give me your tokens."

The trio placed the tokens on the desk and the deputy took his token and tapped on all three of them. A number appeared on them with all three showing one hundred on each.

"You did a great job. You are the first person to destroy the system of a town. The news must have traveled to the sect by now and they might even be

sending someone down there. So, be careful. We might not be able to avenge if you die in their hands."

"Thanks for your concern."

Sam said as he took the three tokens and gave the two back to Noah and Kumar before they walked away.

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Chapter 1175: Next Plan

Sam, Kumar and Noah left the city immediately. They didn't waste anymore time and this time went to a different location on the map that was already marked by Noah.

This place is actually a special place too. Because, this is the place ruled by a Myriad beast sect member whose very presence is a black mark to the Fiend tribe.

On their way, Noah narrated the whole story.

"It is actually a long story, a long and detailed plan of the Myriad beast sect against the Fiend tribe and they managed to take a really good resource point out of the Fiend tribe's hands.

A Fiend tribe's lady who was quite talented has her own territory. A city which she actually built herself around a resource point with her own ability after successfully exploring and establishing a proper output method.

After she took over the city, she was gradually seduced by a Half-elf and Half winged race person. The good looks of both races made him a proper seductive material and he managed to get into her pants, slowly made her go astray from the tribe, gave birth to a son.

Until then, even though the fiend tribe is unhappy, with her cultivation and her contributions to the tribe, they are okay with her decision, albeit barely. But

after the birth of the son, it was revealed that the man who seduced her is actually a member of the Myriad Beast sect.

Before she could react, all the administration was already taken over by them and she also became a victim of a special poison making her unable to use her strength.

The man completely separated the son from the mother and made the son grow up into a psychopath. He doesn't have any moral boundaries and he doesn't have any bottom line. He is worse than a beast and has no qualms about doing anything.

In fact, even until this day, his favorite past time is torturing his own mother.

You can guess what kind of person he is. He is now in charge of the city and from the city as base which has a strategic location, the Myriad beast sect already conquered the surrounding area unable to make the Fiend tribe make any large movements.

The elders who were already unhappy about the woman from the fiend tribe, took this opportunity to make the fiend tribe make any moves to save her so that her faction would lose a powerful member.

Our next target is going to be this.

If we finish this properly, not only would we have more trust from the Fiend tribe, we would make our names known to the public. The sect would take us seriously and the way we operate, I highly doubt that they would be able to keep their hands to themselves and let us do what we want.

From then on, not only would we be able to deal with the targets, we would attract the prey to ourselves directly."

"Okay, then how are we going to go about this?" Sam asked as he looked at the details compiled by the Noah and Kumar. The details of the next city they were about to go.

It is a city based off on two mines. An earth elemental spirit stone mine and dark elemental energy mine.

Another resource apart from the two elemental stones is something called Curse rocks. The rocks that are natural made resources that could be the perfect curse carriers.

The people who go there search for these curse carriers to sell to the fiend tribe and some small ones are sold to other people.

Just like any other town and city on this planet, the resource points attracted some merchants and the merchants created shops and this attracted more visitors which made the dining and inns flourish and soon it became a full-fledged city.

"This time, we are going for a more straightforward approach." Kumar said from the side.

Sam looked at him in askance.

"We are not going to destroy the resource point. We are going to take down the administration of the city and kill all the sect members before they could get the reinforcements from the other two nearby cities under sect control.

We also need to take over the only two routes connecting these two cities to this city and make sure we kill as many people as possible.

We want to let the fiend tribe take over the city."

"But the war is not out in the open yet. It is still warming up." Sam replied.

He doesn't know the exact reason why both sides are not on each other's necks, but the war is still not hot enough yet.

"We will use this to make hotter. We would put the fiend tribe in between the rock and the hard place. If we managed to let the fiend tribe take over the city openly, the Myriad Beast sect is bound to lose enough face and image that they must make a bold move. At least one bold move. A single chink is all we need to tear open the hole." Kumar explained.

Sam nodded in understanding. This is quite good strategy. After all, he still didn't learn enough about these two powers like them. He just came and already started the action. So, all he needs to do is follow their plan and it worked out pretty well while they are dealing with the first target.

Soon they arrived at a mountain and landed on there. Sam left Sky back into the divine dimension and he looked at the city far away.

The city is located in a mountainous region and there are only two routes connecting to the city. One at the front and the other at the back and the remaining sides it is fully covered with mountains and creeks.

The route is too rocky, too uneven and the mountains are so tall that they touch the clouds. Even with the flying beasts, it is hard to reach the city without alerting the guards and the air defense that was arranged around it.

It is really puzzling how the dark and earth elemental energies are found around this city that was located this high.

Sam looked around for a bit and noticed that their peak is the only spot from where they could get any view of the city and the creeks surrounding the area are too many and they are too narrow.

One or two persons would fit in there and any beast that could fly and could carry a person wouldn't be able to enter any of these.

If a person falls into these creeks, even if he manages to land safely from that height, it would be hard for them to find a way out from there as all these creeks formed a natural maze.

So, as long as the two land routes are occupied and properly defend there is no way to invade the city and this city can easily send the reinforcements to the other two cities connected to it through these ways whenever they need.

Even though they decided to take a straight forward approach, they are obviously not barging into the city. They first need to do some arrangements in the paths and investigate a bit.

The only thing they would not be doing is setting the traps for the targets in the city, but they would still need to find a way to deal with the reinforcements that would come after they dealt with the city and they would come through these paths.

So, for the rest of the day, they went around investigating. Luckily, they are not deep into the routes and unlike the rest of his peers, Sky can fly pretty high, otherwise they would have had to disguise and go to the routes normally to investigate.

That night they got back and compiled all the information they got.

"The dark elemental energy in the mountain paths is quite decent. It might be dormant, but if a curse is placed properly, it can be quite a good carrier. I would say we go with curses when dealing with people coming from the other two cities.

Even though there are some patches of woods on the way, in both paths there is long enough area where they have to go through a relatively narrow canyon surrounded by large rocky cliffs on both sides.

I can use those places to make a some really good traps."

Sam said as they sat around a small fire and ate.

"I will set traps with in the patches of wood. Mostly poison related. Do you have any special poisons with you currently?" She asked Sam.

Sam thought for a moment and said.

"I do have a few, you can choose from them."

With that Sam gave out a few poison bottles and the data he has on them to Noah.

Kumar looked at Sam and said.

"I need your help with my trap. I am working on a new killing trap formation made of spears and I think it would be suitable for this place. Even though it works now, I don't think this is its best form. If you can update it, it would work well."

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Chapter 1176: Entering

Sam and Kumar are looking at the formation blueprint in front of them.

He is really impressed by what Kumar has done with the blueprint. This is a single-use formation and uses spears as primary nodes with only around ten formation flags.

When the formation was activated by the presence of targets inside it, the first spear would be activated and move to attack them, then one of the nodes will disappear, and this changes the formation to a different one and a second spear with a different level and type of attack will be triggered, followed by another change in the formation and another attack.

This is an extremely complex formation and an enclosed area like this mountainous region is indeed the best place to use.

But there is one problem with this.

Kumar wanted to have one large attack with the last ten spears as the final attack which would mark the end of the formation, but he couldn't make a big enough attack to happen by himself. The attack is not powerful enough to kill

an opponent if the disparity between him and the opponent is large as the power of the formation is solely dependent on his own strength as he would be the person who would channel the natural spiritual energy into the attacks.

After checking it several times, Sam really did find the problem and started explaining it to Kumar.

"I understand what the problem is, but my knowledge of formations is not enough to solve this problem, it would take a lot of time." Kumar lamented. But Sam just smiled and took out a formation disc as he started inscribing a formation on it.

"Take this and place it in the position of the fifth node. Everything will be good."

Kumar looked at him in confusion.

"That's it? You are using a formation as a node?"

"Of course, both of you are good with formations and merging them with your abilities, but what you lack is creativity and some research ability. Start thinking outside the box and stop limiting the imagination.

I have used this technique before I turned twenty. Do you remember the city I built in desolate? The first city named after me? I used this technique then I killed a bunch of Consummate realm cultivators with it."

He said casually and stood up to stretch a bit.

Kumar and Noah looked at him with a dumbfounded expressions.

"Is it really necessary to flex at every chance you get?" Kumar muttered from the side as he placed the formation plate in the storage ring.

They are not moving that night. They are making their move the next day.

The next morning they started working with the dawn. They went to the front path directly.

Even from the location they could barely see the city, they still cannot go to the city directly, even they need to take the paths if they are not confident in taking the city through the air.

After they reached the front path, they arrived at the forest patch first, so that Noah could set her formation up, while they are at it, Sam started creating some cursed wood elemental attacks. Even though he might not be as good as Noah when it comes to wood elemental energy attacks with her various modified seeds and stuff, he still has a decent foundation.

He started merging them with curses to get added effects and placed them there just to have some extra help.

They worked for a few hours and then went to a stone creek where Kumar's formation needs to be set up, even there Sam used the earth elemental curses he created with the help of the Myriad curse guide.

Finally, they went to the stone canyon.

This is where it took the longest of all three.

The whole canyon has some earth and dark elemental energy which would help him carry the curse properly.

He observed the canyon a bit and divided it into different sections and in each section, there would be a complex carrier curse with earth elemental energy.

The curses would start as soon as Sam identifies the person that came in as the target and then a chain reaction would be triggered.

Most of the curses are of pain, slumber, torture, and such and the earth element is mostly used to make physical damage. That would be from the

rocky canyon walls, but after observing the whole area, he decided to set up curses on the pathway as well.

On the ground, he made an array of curses and combined them into one.

After he was done, it was already afternoon and they wore disguises as they moved to the city through this path.

When they neared the city gate though, the three of them were a bit surprised. At the city gate, the guards are searching for something on anyone that desired entry.

At first, they don't know what they are searching for, but it didn't take long for them to figure that out because someone had what they wanted.

The identity token of the Fiend tribe.

It seems like someone took a mission related to this city and wanted to enter it and got caught.

As the guard chief came and attacked him, the disguise was gone and the trio could even recognize the person who got caught.

This made them stop in their tracks and luckily they are far away from the gate and managed to understand their current situation.

The tokens are impossible to store in the spatial ring and Sam even tried using the divine dimension and for some reason, even that doesn't work, after studying a bit, he found out the reason. It is because there is an inscription that is making it unable to go through the spatial layer that opens up and connects between the spatial ring and the same principle applies to his divine dimension and even the space jades.

Sam looked at the guards who have beasts accompanying them while they occupied all sides of the gates and the city wall to make sure no one escapes if they got caught.

"What should we do now?"

Kumar asked anxiously as they hid in one of the creeks.

"We cannot leave these tokens. That is for sure." Sam replied as he thought.

"Why?"

"I will explain later, but believe me when I tell you, we shouldn't think of leaving the cards away for a long time."

"Then how are we going to enter the city. We need to access the second path and the city is the only way. If we need to go there from the other side, it would take another day or two. Should we just waste time? There are only fifteen days to deal with the Myriad Beast sect powers and we have already used up three days."

Noah said from the side.

Sam just stayed silent and thought to himself.

There is no way they can just abandon the tokens, if that happens, the consequences would be dire. Until a certain time, they couldn't abandon them.

But they need to make sure that they enter the city as well.

"How good is your disguising ability?"

Sam asked all of a sudden.

"It is decent, why?"

"Decent is not enough."

Then he took out the formation discs and started carving on them rapidly. He gave the discs to them and said.

"Both of you disguise yourself and get in, go to the inn operated by the sect and place these in two different areas and activate."

These two would give out some holograms of random people giving out an illusion that someone is attacking them.

So, you need to set up traps that would destroy and cause enough commotion."

He paused and took out a flare gun.

"Use this to shoot into the sky right before you activate the formations so that I would know.

After you activate these things, you shouldn't have any suspicions about you and you should be able to get out of the city from the rear path within ten minutes after activating the formation discs.

We have a margin of forty minutes, for which you could stay away from the tokens.

In these forty minutes, ten minutes would be consumed by the checking, you have twenty minutes to do what I told you to do and then ten minutes to escape. We need to meet after forty-five minutes you separate from the tokens at the latest."

They looked serious as they tried to get Sam's plan into their heads. They didn't know why they cannot stay away from the tokens for now, but they are sure that is not a good idea since Sam is that serious.

So, they agreed with Sam's plan and immediately made their move.

As soon as they got out of the creek after giving their tokens to Sam, they moved towards the city at a rapid pace.

They cut the line several times and acted like absolute brats to get to the front. After they finally did that, they finished the checking as fast as they can and ran towards the inn run by the Myriad beast sect.

Looking at them, everyone felt weird, but the guards didn't bother as there is no rule against running at full speed and the two of them acted as if they are racing for fun, so they didn't bother interrupting them and only kept an eye.

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As soon as they left, Sam started placing formation nodes in different spots within the creek. The nodes are made with normal formation flags instead of the liquid energy cells.

He used the shadow elemental energy to move around to place them as fast as he can.

After he was done with it, he came out of the creek and went back to the path as he slowly walked to the city in a black cloak. All three tokens are in his hand. As he neared the city gate and the guards are about to search him, he crushed a token in his hand.

BOOM* *BOOM

The formations he set up started exploding at the very instant.

He made his move and took a dagger. Black smoke surrounded his body as he slit the throats of the guards one by one, taking advantage of the shock caused by the explosion.

He didn't bother hiding his presence and waited for the guards to come at him and he just went on a killing spree. Every stab was being made to kill and he killed ten guards in an instant and eight beasts followed them by the two more beasts barely staying alive.

At this moment, a flashy red light appeared in the sky.

Sam looked at the guard chief who is the only one standing along with his beast. The beast is of a dark elemental bear type. Sam looked at him calmly.

Only his eyes are visible and the guard chief looked straight at them and asked.

"Who are you? Why are you doing this?"

Sam didn't speak and directly went after the guy. The bear took the chance and came at Sam from behind, just before Sam and the guard chief were about to clash, he suddenly dissolved into his shadow and moved through the legs of the bear and appeared behind it.

He used his dagger to cut the back of the bear as he jumped upwards with all his strength.

ROAR

The bear roared in pain and the guard chief was stunned. He ran forward and attacked Sam from the side, but he once again used his shadow ability to disappear and attacked the bear and this time with a stab on its neck and he stood on its shoulder as it tried to get rid of him.

The guard chief held his sword as he ran after the bear and tried to attack Sam, but he was unable to catch him.

Because Sam started moving around the bear's body as he stabbed it on different parts while escaping the guard chief's attacks.

The guard chief didn't dare to attack too rashly as the bear might die.

But from the looks of it, even if he didn't attack it would definitely die sooner or later.

He still hoped that he would be able to save it when the other guards arrived. But what he doesn't know is something else is happening in the city and the guards would be busy there dealing with that trouble.

They wouldn't be able to help him no matter how much they tried.

As the frustrated guard chief wanted to get rid of Sam even at the cost of the bear, Sam suddenly left the bear and jumped at the guard chief.

He slashed at the shoulder and slipped into the shadow before leaving another slash on the leg.

Before he could react, he once again clung to the bear.

Sam just toyed around with the guard chief to waste some time.

Meanwhile.

Inside the most luxurious inn of the city, two holograms are moving around in an area while a large tree is growing with a lot of vines creeping around.

Many guards are trying to fight the tree, but they could nothing as the vines are whipping around and destroying everything.

The exquisite furniture, the carvings on the walls, and the whole building are about to be destroyed.

Many fire elemental beasts and cultivators alike are trying their best to burn the tree down. But nothing is happening to it.

Noah and Kumar are currently on their way towards the rear gate while all the city guards are running towards the inn.

When they are almost at the gate, the formation discs projecting the holograms inside the inn suddenly disappeared and the tree also couldn't hold on anymore.

The guards relaxed a bit and half of them stayed back to investigate while the remaining guards went to the gate to assist the guard chief in dealing with Sam.

Sam saw the guards coming from far away and immediately made his move.

The bear was already dead. He stored it inside the spatial ring and channeled dark elemental energy throughout his body as he activated shadow fusion.

He stood still without making a move and the guard chief took advantage of the situation to attack him. Sam caught the arm of the guard chief and the shadow elemental energy enveloped him too and before the guard come and assist the chief, the shadow elemental energy surrounded them as they disappeared from the spot.

The guards were stunned and they stopped in their tracks.

They couldn't make sense of the situation.

A few seconds later a figure flew through the city and landed on the spot.

He has two wings on his back and his skin tone is dark blue which is similar to that of the fiend, but the body structure along with the facial features looked like an elf.

"What happened here?" He asked the guard who arrived in a cold tone.

"We.. we just arrived." One of them spoke with some hesitance. This made him turn to some of the people who are still standing a bit away from the entrance and he approached them.

Meanwhile.

Noah and Kumar already arrived outside the gate. They are in new disguises, different ones from what they wore when they entered the city.

They just waited a bit far away from the entrance.

They are a little anxious. After all, they created a lot of commotion and there is no evidence and trace of any cultivator there. So, the city will start a search and two people who ran through the city at the same time are bound to raise some suspicions. They need to get away from the city as fast as possible.

At this moment, a black mass of energy appeared near a shadow projected by a rock nearby and Sam appeared from it in his cloaked get up.

Along with him, there is a man who is barely alive with a lot of injuries.

Sam looked at them and let Sky out without explaining anything. The three of them boarded Sky and left the spot as they followed the path at a rapid pace along with the guard chief.

"Who is he?" Noah asked as she looked at the guard chief.

Currently, the guard chief is in a state where he is completely unrecognizable.

Every inch of his body is covered with the shadow elemental energy corroding it. The injuries have also seeped with shadow elemental energy and it is eating away at his flesh and bones.

"The guard chief at the entrance."

"Are you sure?" Kumar asked with a raised eyebrow. The guard chief looked nothing like himself.

"It is him."

Sam said as he finished off the guard chief and extracted the memory.

"He is too good of a memory source to leave him there. So, I just brought him with me."

Sam spoke as he gave the tokens to them and heaved a sigh of relief.

"Now, let us finish the traps as fast as possible. It is only a matter of time before they started searching for us along this path. We need to be done by evening and by night we go back and attack the city."

While Sam, Noah, and Kumar are discussing their plans, in the Farm town in which they got their first harvest of contribution points, a young lady is currently holding a meeting with the farmers of the town.

In the same conference room in which the Inner disciple put on a show for the farmers about the so-called threat, she is looking at all the farmers as they heard their rants.

If possible, she just wanted to kill all of them and be done with it. And if not for the elder sitting beside her, she would have done exactly that.

After the farmers are done with their rant, she stood up and bowed to them.

"I apologize for the grievances you suffered because of the incompetence of our disciple and the Myriad beast sect will compensate for your losses and I can vouch for that on my personal honor.

We request you to not leave the farm town because of this incident. We will provide extra benefits as compensation for you..."

She went on for a few minutes and finally appeased the farmers before sending them away.

BAM* *CRASH

As soon as they left, she slammed his fist into the stone table which turned into rubble.

She looked at the administrators that arrived and said.

"Tell me everything regarding the incident from the start to finish. Whatever minute detail you know."

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The young lady heard everything the attendants have to say. They don't have much to say to begin with. After all, they only knew of the presence of the recording crystals and didn't even know the contents, and immediately after getting their hands on them, the Inner disciple and the personal guards already made a move sneakily to chase after the people.

And all they found, in the end, are some buried corpses nearby and the headless corpse of the Inner disciple along with the bones of his pet at the gate of the town.

At this moment, the Young lady is holding the note that came along with the recording crystals.

She read the contents again and again. The killing intent being emitted from her body couldn't be undermined by the calm façade she is maintaining.

If not for the Elder shielding them these people would have been stuck to the ground just with the amount of killing intent she is emitting.

But even now, they are still nervous.

"You can leave now." The elder dismissed them.

The old man with a clean shaved face and a square jaw looked extremely handsome and majestic for his age. The young lady looked at him with a frown but didn't object.

After the attendants left with a bout of relief, the old man looked at her and said.

"This incident has nothing to do with the sect."

The young lady looked at him with a gaze that wanted to rip his insides out.

"How are you so sure? The note clearly suggests that they are a core disciple trying to stop him from promoting."

"I know it because I met with all the core disciples that very day. All of them are preparing for the upcoming trial from the Grand Elder. They don't have time to mess with your little boy toy."

In fact, they could care less about who you marry. All this while, they are only pissed at him because he is a mere ordinary disciple who came this far by hugging your legs and even wants to marry a core disciple.

They felt like their status as a core disciple has been sullied with how easily he fooled you and they cannot swallow it calmly.

So, they wanted to deal with him and be done with it, since dealing with you would come with more consequences from the sect.

But since you are so adamant and even went as far as using your influence and favors with the elders to promote him to the core disciple, they are disgusted by you more than him and didn't even want to deal with him using these techniques.

They already have a plan for that.

They would have killed him directly on the stage in the upcoming disciple exchange with a life and death duel.

They don't need to go as far."

The young lady fell silent. She doesn't know what to make of it. Her mind is clouded by anger and hatred, but that didn't make her completely stupid yet. She can at least understand the situation when someone explained it to her in such detail.

Seeing her being silent like that, the elder continued.

"I believe that this is the work of the Fiend Tribe. I heard that they recruited a bunch of mercenaries recently, approximately at the same time as us.

They want to destroy the businesses, resource points, personnel. They put a bounty on everything and everyone that is related to us.

Their system is more elaborate and flexible and even more rewarding than ours.

These mercenaries became bold with this. In fact, the tribe offered a position honorary member out just to deal with us.

I do not think this is their work. Anyway, there is no core disciple who is good at using wood elements like this and the guards are the best of the guard division they would have dealt with them as easily as flipping a hand..."

He went on and on and finally managed to convince the young lady that this is the work of the Fiend tribe.

When she was convinced, the elder finally heaved a sigh. He knew this girl since she was a child and he doesn't know when she became so muddleheaded.

All it took was a young man who barely had some cultivation talent and no talent in battle, beast breeding, or any other talent at all. He is good for nothing through and through.

He had to move mountains and rivers just to save her from the troubles that were created by that guy. Now that he is finally dead, he was relieved, to say the least, but the effort he needs to put in just to make sure that this woman doesn't go astray and start causing a ruckus in their own sect is too much. He felt exhausted a bit. But finally, he succeeded.

"I will put a word to my connections in the information wing. I will try to find the information on the people who did this. After we identify them, you can deal with them as you like. I will make sure that the sect wouldn't interfere no matter what and you can have full freedom to deal with them."

The young lady nodded and left the room. The Elder finally sighed in relief. He walked to the window and looked at the night sky.

Meanwhile, at the same time a few hundred miles away, Sam, Kumar and Noah are looking at the city that was under full lockdown through the surveillance.

After the trio caused a mess, the city was completely locked down. Many guards and mercenaries were sent out to search for the troublemakers.

In fact, while setting up the traps, they came across some but managed to escape before they were noticed.

Now that all the traps are done, they decided to make their move.

"We don't need to care about the mercenaries, we need to deal with the guards though. They could give us the contribution points."

"The problem is they, have too many beasts, that are suitable for this area," Noah said from the side.

Sam smiled and said.

"The guards all use the Mountain Hound. A beast that is small in size, flexible, and has decent lethality, particularly when they are in groups. But don't worry. I have ways to deal with them."

Sam said as he took out shadow mice.

Noah and Kumar are a bit surprised.

"Mountain hounds have earth elements and they can run through these creeks while attacking, shadow mice are dark elements and the creeks are not even trouble for them. Now that they have attacking capabilities as well, they are perfect for this."

As soon as he finished the shadow mice already disappeared.

As they ran away into the surroundings, their bodies glowed with a black light and soon the shadow armor surrounded them.

The three of them also moved in different directions following the shadow mice.

Sam arrived at the canyon. There are some creeks here that could lead people to the forest patch ahead. The guards are looking through these creeks, assuming that the trouble makers left through these paths, they felt like they are bound to leave some clues behind.

They already checked the main path for a long time, but they couldn't get any clues, so they are left with this.

He looked at a three-man team made of Late stage Pre-transcendent cultivators and the three mountain hounds.

A shadow mouse appeared near Sam. As soon as he gestured, it moved again and arrived at the feet of one of the mountain hounds. With a single jump, it cut the hound under its belly with a single straight cut and disappeared into the shadows.

HOOOWWWWLLL

The hound howled in pain and anger as it looked around. It sensed a weird smell, but it couldn't find it as the shadow mouse disappeared.

As it looked around aggressively while bleeding, the guard felt confused as he looked at the hound and tried to control it.

At this moment, the shadow mouse appeared once again and this time it stood on the head of another hound making it curious.

The first hound sensed its smell and came at it.

The guards also noticed the small dark figure, but couldn't make out what it is as it disappeared.

The shadow mouse then cut up the third hound which doesn't know what is happening.

As it dealt with hounds one after other and toyed with them, Sam appeared out of nowhere and snapped the neck of one of the guys with a single swift motion.

The other two were stunned immediately. They couldn't react fast enough though. Sam gave each of them a kick on their heads and they are down.

He looked at the shadow mouse and seeing that the three hounds are dead, he nodded his head in satisfaction. This is just the test for the shadow mice.

Now that they are doing good enough, it is time for him to go after big fish.

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Sam zoomed past the trees as he searched for one particular target.

The captain of these hound guards. The hound guards have three teams and each team has a captain. Sam, Noah, and Kumar decided to take down each team and Sam directly wanted to go after the captain first.

Once the leader is down, the chain of command will collapse and it would be easier to deal with the rest of the guards.

It didn't take long for Sam to get near this guy.

He is in charge of checking all the possible hiding spots in the forest and it is necessary to take him and his team out as fast as possible so their traps wouldn't accidentally go triggered or damaged.

Sam once again sent the shadow mouse to attack the hound. The captain is a Peak stage Pre-transcendent cultivator and even his hound is on the same level. The shadow mouse he is using now is not the one that he made the contract with, this is also on the same level as the hound.

The mouse pounced onto the hound and started carving his skin up.

HOWL *GROAN* *GROWL*

It started making different noises in pain.

The shadow mouse left more than ten wounds and stood in front of the hound. The guard captain and the two guards following him were stunned by this scene. They didn't expect that a mouse would be present here and it is even dealing with their hound that easily.

The hound didn't even wait for the order from his owner and pounced onto the mouse which dodged and zoomed onto a rock, the hound stopped and turned around to go after it.

This time, the mouse dodged a little later, making the dog unable to dodge in time and crashing into the rock. Of course, there is not much damage from the rock and it even got crushed.

But the dog became angrier.

"Stop, it. Come back." The guard captain yelled as he looked around. But the hound didn't listen to him and just kept on fighting with the mouse.

Sam who looked at it felt a bit surprised. The beasts are always loyal to the person with whom they contracted with. Of course, there are differences in contracts. Like one of master and servant and another like a contract of equals, but in either of them, the beast will definitely listen to the words of the person. But here it is completely different.

The beast completely disregarded him and that too the beast is a canine. Sometimes, as long as a person managed to cultivate a better relationship with the canine even without a contract, they could be friendly. Much less with the contract.

Sam just thought about that for a moment and took out a spear.

He channeled his spiritual energy into it and threw it towards one of the guards.

The guard sensed the danger and moved to the side and was about to turn around, but the spear just stabbed from his left side into the ribcage and went through his body to come out of the other side.

Sam jumped down at the same time and the guard captain and the guard looked around stunned.

They were just about to deal with that mouse that is toying around with three hounds like they were some harmless little puppies.

They immediately jumped to their comrade to support him as he is barely breathing while the guard captain took out his sword and he looked around vigilantly.

He suddenly swung his sword to the side and Sam who just appeared there, blocked it with his hand and the feather coat is glowing with a golden light on the area of contact.

His other hand was covered with a faint gray metallic luster as he activated metal elemental fusion and threw a punch in the rib.

The ribs punctured the lungs and the guard captain started panting heavily as he tried to breathe while his lungs are drowning with his blood. He took out a pill and swallowed it while trying to realign his bone after he pulled the guard to buy some time from Sam.

But all Sam did was give him a Spinning sidekick on the chest with the same partial fusion and the guard's rib cage was broken making all the bones go through the lungs and heart. The guard fell down as he palpated while the life slowly left him.

The guard captain became anxious and tried to look for help from the hounds. But they are not in a good state themselves, one of them already died, and the other had limbs torn open. The last one is still struggling with the mouse.

"I.. I am the Guard Captain of the Hound Guards. You cannot do this to me. The Myriad Beast sect wouldn't leave you alone."

Sam shook his head in exasperation at the routine words that are being said to his face.

He lunged forward and gave a front kick straight to his chest and this time used void style. The chest exploded and Sam could see the broken ribs and the punctured lungs along with the faintly beating heart.

He walked forward and used extracted the memory before collecting their corpses. The mouse was also done with the hounds. He threw them into the storage to feed the Zoi termites and other beasts.

He took the communication token of the guard captain and tried to contact the subordinate guards.

"Everyone, come to the forest patch. Take a left from the main path and get to five hundred meters. I have a lead on the targets."

Sam said it in a whispered tone, cut the communication immediately, and didn't even pick the token when the other side tried to contact.

He just sat there with a bow and waited for them to come.

After five minutes, he saw the signs of the first person and since Sam's eyesight is better than his peers because of Roc's bloodline, he spotted them way before they could spot him and he took an arrow to aim at them.

He channeled light elemental energy to shoot and the arrow went without any sound and at a very high speed as it lodged itself into the eye of the target, before he could react. He died while his mouth stayed open.

The group halted in their tracks and immediately tried to take cover.

Sam just nocked another arrow and used fire elemental energy this time.

The arrow went through the forest setting a small trail of fire as it landed on the hound of the person he killed.

BOOM

The arrow caused an explosion of golden flames, forcing the guards out of their hiding.

Sam changed to a wind elemental arrow instantly and attacked the guard who barely managed to block it.

But unfortunately, the arrow went and hit the hound of another guard which made the hound turn into a shredded lump of meat.

The guards couldn't help but gasp in horror.

They are extremely far away and with the added veil of the trees and the forest, they could barely see Sam and estimate his location.

As for attacking him from this far, it is not exactly possible as they might not be able to aim their sword attacks that far. And for a sword ray to reach that far, it takes too much energy.

If they did that, they would be sitting ducks if Sam didn't die in a single shot.

One of the guards even tried that in desperation, but Sam didn't even bother to dodge. The sword ray that was shot at him, didn't even make anywhere near him. But the next arrow directly hit the guy squarely in his face. Right in the middle of his forehead and killed him.

Sam then nocked another arrow and this time, he used water elemental energy and his poison energy at the same time.

He looked at the remaining guards who are about to run away and shot the arrow.

The guard managed to dodge it but the hound was hit. But this time, unlike the other the hound just didn't explode outright.

Rather it started bulging like a balloon and it soon exploded after bulging to a certain extent.

The blood sprayed all over the place mixed with the poison he shot and made the skin of the guards and the hounds burn.

"ARRRGGGG" "HOWWWWWWL..."

The people and their dogs are groaning and howling pain like crazy.

The guards ran with all they got.

Sam used the dark elemental energy next and this time, he used a curse.

The arrow hit the hound. But it didn't die instantly. It ran along with the arrow. The guards didn't think much of it and let it run like that, but all of a sudden, the hound pounced on to the nearest guard and bit on his neck.

The rest of the guards tried to break them down, but the dog became completely mad and tried to kill whoever came at it.

While they are struggling, Sam changed to lightning element, and this time, he didn't shoot straight. He pulled the string to its limit and aimed higher before leaving the arrow. The group saw the flashy attack coming from the spot and started running as they left the hound and their companion to die.

The arrow created a silver parabola across the sky as it landed right in the middle of the running ground.

BOOM *CRACKLE*

The lightning explosion made them all crash around. Their bodies are slightly paralyzed and numb all over.

The people nearest to the strike were injured severely and if they are not treated instantly they would die.

RE-BIRTH OF A GENIUS. CREATOR/DESTROYER

Chapter 1180: Baiting

The guards and the hounds are dying one after the other without any discrimination, even though they are still trying to run away, they couldn't escape Sam's range that easily.

Sam changed the elemental energy to the earth element and this time used a different technique.

He once again shot the arrow into the sky and it made an arc. While it is descending towards the guards though, its speed is unusually high even by the standards of an arrow.

When it landed in the middle of the group, everyone understood why that is.

BOOM

A large explosive sound came as soon as it reached the target. The earth quaked as if a disaster arrived and in case of the guards it is nothing short of it. The ground cracked at first and then each section once again crumbled into its own while the guards and the hounds are still standing there.

When the dust settled, the guards and the hounds are half buried into the ground. The solid ground that was under them was nowhere to be seen and at this moment, they are in the middle of a quicksand. The more they struggled, the more troublesome it became to get out.

But the quicksand wouldn't last long. If they tried to endure a bit and block the attacks coming at them, they might have a chance to get away from that place. But in their terrified states, they couldn't think much and only Sam knew of this.

So, he didn't wait and shot another arrow. As the arrow was lodged into a guy who is just about to stand up, he froze on the spot and a bunch of metal spikes suddenly came from inside his body and he died instantly.

When the guards and the hounds saw this, they couldn't help but feel their throats run dry. They never felt so terrified. The gruesome scene is too much even for them and they couldn't even get their limbs to move in that instant.

And Sam took advantage of that.

He shot an arrow towards a small group where two guards and a hound are standing and the arrow hit the hound, which was nailed to ground instantly.

The guard suddenly came out of the daze and came to themselves before deciding to run, but before they could make a move, a bunch of vines came out of the corpse of the hound and held on to them as they sucked their vitality.

The more they struggled, the easier it became for them to be dragged into the quicksand along with the vines.

The vines didn't stop there and proceeded to crawl towards the rest of the group and they desperately tried to get away.

They took out their swords and tried to swing it around them in the hopes that the sand will clear away and they could escape.

And a man who did it fast enough managed to do so and crawled outside, but before he could feel happy, an arrow came and lodged into his body and this time, he couldn't even sense anything related to the arrow.

He just died like that.

By now, only three people and a hound were left, looking at this state, they didn't want to die, even when the quicksand stopped sucking them in, they

didn't struggle, they just stayed there and raised their hands and even the hound didn't make a move.

They are showing their intent to surrender.

Sam thought for a moment and decided to keep them for now and used harbinger to reach them.

When the three men and one hound looked at Sam, they felt terrified and didn't even dare to make an eye contact.

"We surrender."

One of the guards spoke.

"I can see that." Sam replied and gave them a sweeping glance.

"Who among you is a person of some authority?"

One of them raised their hands a little more and said.

"I am the vice-captain."

"That is good enough. Contact the city and ask for reinforcements and don't you dare use your code words like crimson forest, and golden sky. You will get a punishment far worse than death if you do something like that."

When the Vice-captain heard this, he widened his eyes in horror.

"How... How do you know the code-words?"

"How do you think?" Sam replied with a smirk.

"Cap..Captain."

Sam didn't answer and just waited for him to make a call.

The Vice captain made a call with shivering hands and spoke as Sam instructed.

After he was done, Sam let the four of them come and made them sit beside the a big rock.

He took out his communication device and called Noah and Kumar.

"I am done here. Are you done?"

"Yes."

"Yes."

"Okay then, come to my location as soon as possible. I have a surprise for you guys."

With that he hung up the call and waited for his partners to arrive. They didn't take long and when they looked at the four captives, they frowned in confusion.

"What did you keep them for?" Noah asked.

"To lure in some more targets. They are the bait."

"They are coming here?"

"Yes, it would take another ten minutes. Another guard squad, get ready. We would be doing this until they get any doubt, so we can chip them away as much as we can. Meanwhile, I have something for you guys."

Sam said as he pointed at their foreheads as he shared the information he got from the guard captain.

When they went through that information, they didn't find anything wrong but they knew that something is wrong since Sam showed this particularly.

"What's up with this? We already got most of this information from the City guard captain yesterday."

"Of course, in both cases, something that should have been similar is extremely different. Observe the details regarding the beast contract process."

As Sam said, both of them once again went through the process.

The beast contract is one of the earliest memories of the guard captain. It is almost a century ago.

But it is still clear. When both of them saw the beast contract process, they knew that something is different.

"Is that some kind of special beast contract process that is used by beast cultivators?" Kumar asked in confusion.

"Yes, it is. But this is a bit different even by those standards. The contract process is clearly shown, but from the looks of it, there is some preparation process which was not shown, until we could get our hands on it, I couldn't be clear, it would merely be a speculation until then.

One thing I know is that the city guard captain went through a different process and his was normal."

"Do you think this would effect our task?"

"If my guess is right, the situation would be influenced on a large scale by this. We need to be careful."

As they spoke, a shadow mouse came and informed Sam of their next prey's arrival and the three of them got into action.

Sam once again took up his bow while Kumar and Noah moved towards their target. This time, things went a lot faster than normal and the soon the group fell. They only let the captain of the group stay alive and dealt with the rest of them.

"Now, you are going to call the city and ask for reinforcement and tell them the situation has reached a bronze eagle level."

The captain was stunned.

"How do you know our code words?" Sam didn't answer and just replied with a slap on his face.

The code words obviously came from the memories of the two guard captains.

Sam doesn't know why the city has this many codewords, but he doesn't mind. At least, since he already knew they wouldn't be much of a problem.

And the code Bronze eagle means, the situation is a bit difficult and the other party has some height advantage and are taking them down. But the threat is not too high to the point they need to send a large scale troops. They are only requesting the city to send some ranged attackers.

Sam doesn't know what kind of criterion they used to make these codes, but they are only half-decent.

They changed the location a bit, they are near a creek which has a bit of wide opening leading to some cave upside.

Sam brought the captives to the foot of that path and left them there.

"You know what happens if you slip your mouth." He warned them with his bow.

And then he walked upwards and shot some random arrows along the path to fool the coming prey.

He even shot the captives with some normal arrows without much strength.

They could only groan in pain, but they didn't dare say anything back and just let it be.

Sam, Noah, and Kumar waited in their hiding for the next batch to come.

When the next guard captain along with a bunch of archers came on their beasts, they finally launched their attacks.