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Chapter 1191: Cursed Canyon

The forces were completely exhausted from the forest. They could only sit there and recover for another two hours. By the time, they moved from that spot it is actually afternoon.

Noah is still having a bad time with the failure of her grand preparation.

Sam couldn't take it anymore and ask.

"Just what is wrong with you. Just tell me what you planned, then I will think of a solution. You cannot be sulky just because your trap didn't work as well as you wanted it to be. You are acting like an immature little girl."

Noah just gave him a side-eyed glance and spoke.

"There is nothing wrong with the trap. It is his reaction that was at fault."

"Okay, what part of the reaction is at fault?"

"He was way too cautious. He didn't react fast enough. If this was him before, he would have just burned that stupid dog up as soon as he saw the vines coiling around it. If he did, the rest of the vines would have reacted at the same time. Instead, he first went after the vines surrounding them instead of going after the immediate attack.

How stupidly cautious one has to be to do something like that?"

Sam couldn't believe what he was hearing at all.

"Of course, he would be cautious. Your badass boyfriend just killed one-third of their bunch in three minutes. What do you expect him to do? Just walk around in the forest and just attack whatever that comes across. That would be the stupid thing to do. He did what he was supposed to do."

"No, he didn't. He did something stupid and didn't attack the vines instantly. My plan failed that is it and I am going to beat him up after he comes here."

Sam looked at Kumar. Because at this moment, his attention was captured by the non-reaction of Noah towards the fact that she didn't deny him calling Kumar her boyfriend.

Noah left the room without noticing her mistake and Sam looked at Kumar with a grin.

"You must be a real charmer. Noah? Really? How did you manage to do that?"

Kumar just rolled his eyes and turned around, but he didn't deny anything.

While Sam is having his fun, the forces are not having any of it.

They reached the last trap set up Sam used. The large rocky canyon.

The remaining people are extremely cautious and they don't know what danger they would be facing, but they know that this place is the perfect place to set up another trap.

This time, the team leader went to investigate himself along with the scout group.

He tapped every place that could be used as trigger for the trap to the best of his knowledge. He threw the attacks around just to see if any traps would be triggered by that. He searched the whole canyon for an hour.

But he didn't find anything.

The canyon is as small as it could be and some beasts that take that up as their residence died just for their paranoia.

The leader is a bit relieved. Even though he is still cautious while leading them inside, he still felt like they are relatively safer.

After all, they already lost almost half of the troops before they even reached the city. Any more, and they might as well not go and wait for the reinforcements to come.

But as soon as they entered the canyon together, he understood how wrong he was to feel relieved.

As soon as every single person and beast are within the canyon confines, the trap is triggered.

The trap that made everyone feel like they are being stared at by death itself.

The first curse that triggered was obviously the curse he created with earth elemental energy, the gravity increase.

The people felt the struggle to move forward and before they could think of what the reason might be, they subconsciously started feeling thirsty. They felt parched all of a sudden and the sunlight felt like it could burn them and just evaporate them into nothing.

And this is a problem, the cultivators generally don't carry things like water and such as they are confident they could find some source and they can live for days and weeks without water, but now they felt the desperate need to drink water.

Since they couldn't find any, they took the next best thing, the Wine.

The more liquor they drank, the more they started feeling thirsty, they couldn't control themselves at all. Even the team leader who was vigilant in the first two traps couldn't find this anomaly as something harmful, because another curse is playing a game and messing his brain up without him knowing.

Sam and Kumar saw as the people drank liters of wine, gulping it down like water and there is even small friction within the soldiers as they tried to grab other people's wines.

In this process, they didn't bother using their spiritual energy to keep themselves away from the intoxication which made them slightly numb in the head.

Soon, they started feeling itchy all over their bodies and started scratching without knowing it, their arms felt numb no matter how much they scratched and the itch didn't go away. One of the soldiers couldn't tolerate the itch and scratched it too hard making it bleed.

Many of such things happen to different soldiers in different parts of their bodies.

When one of the soldiers noticed the bleeding, he yelled.

"What the fuck?"

He looked at his shoulder which is bleeding and removed his clothes to apply for some medicine as he stopped. The leader looked at him and the rest of the soldiers.

He felt a little tipsy as he couldn't think of what the reason for the blood is and said.

"Guys, I told you to recover properly at the forest, see, now you are bleeding like this. Everyone let us camp here and recover."

For some reason, he didn't find anything wrong with what he said and just sat there waiting for his soldiers to recover.

As they applied medicine to each other, they suddenly felt hungry.

Grrr...

Stomach grumbles could be heard all over the camp and everyone was surprised. Generally, after reaching a certain level, they wouldn't feel hunger or thirst. Their spiritual energy would be supplementing all their biological and metabolic needs to keep them moving.

Only if they are deprived of energy to a great extent, would be their body show the reactions of hunger and thirst.

The leader looked at the soldiers in a daze.

"Seems like we are traveling for a long time, we need to recover properly and also try to find some food while we are at it. It has been a long time since we had a proper meal. The potions and pills can only bring us so long."

He said and everyone looked around to hunt.

Even though the canyon only has a range of rocks, they have a lot of wildlife. Like the stone lizards and such.

They looked for them, as for leaving the canyon, for some reason they couldn't think of such thing, it is as if going out of the canyon is something extremely bad in their opinion and they shouldn't be doing it at all.

After finding some food, they started acting, at first, they at least managed to cook it, but soon their patience ran out and they started eating the raw flesh of the beasts.

But soon they ran out. They couldn't find enough supply for all of them.

They started eating into their pill and potion reserves. They couldn't think of doing anything but eating them up.

Some people ran out of those too and then started eating bones of the beasts they just finished eating and then resorted to eating sand and rocks.

They felt that something is wrong for doing something like that, but they didn't know what is wrong with it and felt like they should just continue.

Kumar looked at the scene and flinched.

"Dude, what the hell did you do to them? Why are they behaving like this?"

"It is a curse. It large curse is a result of setting a number of curses into an array. It is actually an experiment on how it would work and it is working perfectly fine."

"But it is too nasty. Are you sure they wouldn't get out of it?"

"No, they wouldn't get out of it. If they are anymore unprepared, they would all just die there."

As he explained, they noticed that everyone stopped their actions and looked into the sky in a daze.

"What happened now?"

"Hallucinations. They are currently looking at the person who they are close to but did something extremely guilty."

"What?"

"A friend they betrayed, a soldier they abandoned, a companion they killed, the kid they couldn't be with. All the things they felt guilty for and the one they felt most guilty for will be haunting them for the rest of the time they are in the canyon."

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Chapter 1192: Information Reached

As Sam said, all the people in the canyon started seeing hallucinations a bit by bit, everything that they felt guilty for, is playing in front of their eyes.

One soldier felt saw the scene where he left his beast companion back so that he could escape safely. At this moment, the beast is coming at him, looking into his eye as if it is asking why he left the back then.

Even though he felt dazed, he couldn't find himself stopping from the hunger, but he stopped eating the soil at least and just looked at the beast in a daze.

Soon, the beast started coming at him with extreme anger as if to punish him for his deeds. The guilt made him not act at first, but soon he became enraged for some reason and started fighting back.

The same thing is happening with the rest. But for Sam and Kumar who are watching this, the people in the canyon are fighting each other.

"When will this nightmare end?" Kumar asked as he couldn't see this anymore. This is nothing more than pure torture for the people involved. This is way too extreme for a trap. But unfortunately, this works too well and it cannot be denied this is more effective than the other two traps.

"It will be another fifteen minutes till the final stage of trap is activated. Then, they would also get some clarity, and the people who managed to retain the clarity from that one moment and managed to escape the place will survive.

If my guess is correct from the observations I made from the start, only around ten to twenty people will survive, as, for the beasts, they might not make it."

"Damn."

Kumar said as he looked at the screen. Sam then turned to a different screen and said.

"Go and call Noah, the front city also sent the troops and there are more of them. This time, her trap is in the beginning, so her painting the picture with some destruction might work here."

Kumar walked out to call for Noah.

Meanwhile.

Water crystal city.

The half-elf merchant reached the city and he directly went to the River bay inn.

"I have some information for the Fiend tribe."

He went to the receptionist and said. The receptionist looked at him with some suspicion, the young merchant just smiled and took out some identity token. Looking at the identity of the merchant group, the receptionist relaxed and said.

"I will inform the person in charge. Please wait for a moment."

After two minutes, the receptionist was back with a Fiend and he smiled at the young merchant before saying.

"I didn't expect a visit from the young master of the Blackwood merchant group. What brings you here?"

"Oh, I have taken up a task from someone named Sam. He, Noah, and Kumar. The three-man team that is responsible for doing something for you has actually done something big. If you don't mind, we can talk in private."

With that both of them went into the room and after five minutes, they came back. The young merchant still has that smile on his face, but the fiend has an anxious expression.

"Young master. I am sorry for this. But I cannot accompany you for the time being."

"Of course, I know. Please carry on with whatever you want to do. I will be going to my room and resting a bit. I have traveled without stopping."

"Yes, let me arrange the accommodation for you."

With that, the fiend called for the receptionist and gave some instructions, before leaving the place.

He then went to the secret room immediately where Myrion is looking through some information.

Looking at the anxious manager of the inn coming like that, he frowned and asked.

"What happened?"

"Something big happened. The three-man human team. Sam, Noah, and Kumar. They captured the Mountain city. They killed all the members of the Myriad Beast sect and captured that abomination while they released his mother.

Now, the front and rear cities of the Mountain city are attacking them through the two mountain paths."

With that, he took out a bunch of recording crystals and placed them on the table.

Marion had a frown on his face as he looked through all the information and the recording crystals briefly and said.

"God damn it. They did something this big? Now I understand why they want to be independent. They are good at stirring the shit on their own without any instructions.

How did you get this information?"

"The Blackwood merchant group. The young master himself delivered the information."

"Did you say Black Wood?"

"Yes. They sent the information themselves and it seems like Sam hired him to do so."

As they were discussing another attendant ran inside and said.

"Deputy commander, the city has a new rumor. The news of Sam, Noah, and Kumar taking the Mountain city has spread and the fact that they took down the Farm town is also spreading around."

"How did the news leak out so fast? Blackwood doesn't do that. They wouldn't divulge confidential information particularly when someone hired to deliver this."

He went silent for a second and said.

"Arrange a meeting with Young master of the Blackwood group. I will speak to him myself."

After ten minutes, he is in a room with the young merchant and they are talking while drinking some special wine.

The young merchant started explaining how things went. From the initial attack on the city to deal with the guard units one by one and sacking the city by morning.

"Young master do you know why the rumors are spreading so much about Sam and his team dealing with the Farm town."

"Well, actually the conversation of Sam when he dealt with the Young Lord of the city has leaked to some low-level workers, who spread the information among the inns by accident. All the merchants knew of it and they left one by one earlier than me.

So, there is a possibility it spread because of that."

Myrion went silent for a moment and then changed the topic to some small talk.

After ten minutes, he left the room and went back to inform the Commander of the operations along with the other higher-ups, and soon they used their methods to contact the higher-ups back in the tribe.

A meeting was held within an hour and every important person of the tribe with any form of decision-making power has arrived there.

"Why did the mercenaries stay there and send this information out to the public, instead of silently getting her back here?"

One of the elders spoke in a frustrated tone.

"They might have gotten greedy over the contribution points. After all, handing over a city is indeed a large contribution. Who would want to miss that?"

Another elder spoke.

"We cannot risk it though. I think it is better to send someone to inform them to just bring that woman out there. We can deal with the rest of later."

"But they are stuck in the city now. They don't have the manpower to keep the city under proper lockdown, so they released the merchants out. The news already spread and the front and rear cities would have been focusing on capturing them by now. They cannot come out and we cannot send the information in."

"Then what should we do?"

"We take this chance and attack either front or rear city take them down and take over the mountain city and bring the lady of our tribe back."

An old man who is silent since the start of the conversation spoke.

"But if we do that, we would risk exposing the war and escalating it. Currently, we are doing as much damage as in dark and if we reveal ourselves first, the rest of powers will label us as starting the war."

"It doesn't matter who started the war as long as we win it. After all, the winners take the controlling rights on writing how the history went. So, you only need to resort to this, if you are not confident in winning at all."

The incident sparked a dispute in the upper echelons of the tribe.

Meanwhile.

In the Farm town.

The Young lady, the core disciple of the Myriad Beast sect, Lana is sitting in the room along with the elder. A merchant is standing in front of them nervously.

"Is what you said true?"

"Yes, my lady. The young man who is currently occupying the mountain city is the one responsible for the destruction of the Farm city. He said it himself."

"How did you get this information?"

"Many administrators were released after the city was sacked and they witnessed the battle between the young lord and the person named Sam, in between that person spilled this information. The administrators that escaped, didn't hold back in sharing this information outside. I am one of the merchants in the city and I came here as soon as possible, knowing that you might have been looking for them."

She looked at him for a minute silently and threw a spatial ring at him.

"Thanks for the information."

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Chapter 1193: Forces Reached

The Core disciple lady looked at the elder and said.

"I am going to the Mountain City. I will take care of this situation."

"We are still not sure that the narrative is true."

"Whether it is true or not. I would be doing the job of a sect member, don't I? Anyway, these guys are not playing the hidden game anymore. They openly sacked our city, so I can retaliate."

"But..."

"I am not asking your permission elder. I am telling you about this."

"Then, let me come with you."

"I am sorry, you need to be in the farm town to manage the aftermath. It is still not stable yet. We need to keep our existing farmers and also attract some new ones. You are not coming with me."

With that, she came out and took her personal guards. All of them moved on some bird-type beasts as they made their way towards the Rear city which is nearest to them.

Meanwhile, back in the Fiend tribe headquarters.

The meeting was about to end.

An old man stood up as he tapped his back as if he is suffering from some back pain and said.

"I am going to send my son to bring that girl back. She has suffered too much over the years due to our silence and voluntary ignorance of her situation. I will not do that anymore. Those youngsters whoever they are did a great favor for the tribe. With this we will not only save her and bring her back, I would also bring that abomination and if possible the father of that abomination to erase the shame that was brought upon us."

"Elder 9. You should know better than doing this. It would be a waste of resources if something untoward happens. We are on a war with the Myriad beast sect."

"Really, Elder 6? How is Flower city doing? I remember that a few years, your son who was put in charge of the city got conned by the Myriad Beast sect and lost the city. He was taken, hostage.

This woman, this girl who you are considering the waste of resources went there and killed three hundred and twenty people that day and out of them, forty-five people belong to the Myriad Beast sect.

She gave you back the Flower city even though she absolutely deserved it. Your son lost a year's worth of produce.

That was one of the reasons why the Myriad beast sect laid down a plan like that and made her into this. You are part of the reason she is suffering now.

And all you can see in this situation is your and your son's fragile ego is extremely hurt and broken and you believe that if she disappeared everything would be okay. Your nefarious heart would be satisfied.

Isn't that right?"

The meeting room turned silent and the old man left silently.

The rest of them didn't know what to say.

But that day, a large group left the Fiend tribe's headquarters and they directly went to the Front city Openly.

From the size, one could easily say that they are surely invading the city and from the looks of it they might even take it down directly.

Sam doesn't know that his actions made two large groups come to the two cities at both sides of the mountain city.

If he knew, he would be cheering himself right now. But at this moment, Sam is currently looking at the situation of the forces that were sent by the Front city towards the mountain city.

This time, Noah's trap worked perfectly and she is a bit less grumpy. A beast was locked by the vines as it rapidly devoured its blood and vitality and as every person with common sense knows, the fire element is the only thing that

would make the wood element easily nullified and they used it to burn the vine and the beast down to stop the spread of the vine.

But to their dismay, the vine grew stronger and the fire on this vine triggered the rest of the vines to attack at the same time killing a lot of them.

The people that escaped had to make a camp right next to the forest patch to recover.

As for the people from the rear city, only a dozen people were left. As Sam said the beasts couldn't survive. The beasts died as the cultivators fought dirty, hook or crook to kill them.

The Leader who escape this looked at himself.

His body is bleeding in many spots. His arms were almost mangled by his own contracted beast. He had several broken bones and his head is still aching. His stomach is a mess with all the bones, rocks, and sand he swallowed.

He couldn't even stand up.

Even in this state, this guy took out a scroll and started writing. He couldn't hold a pen so he wrote with his finger and blood. After he finished the scroll, he rolled it up and took out a small formation disc.

As soon as he activated the disc, the scroll disappeared and the disc was completely destroyed.

Sam frowned when he saw this.

He doesn't know exactly what this is, but he is sure that this is not exactly a good thing.

He immediately took the dimensional drifter out to go and Kumar and Noah followed.

The three of them disappeared from the spot and reappeared at the scene a few hundred meters away. Sam couldn't get the exact location pinpointed from there, but it isn't that far away. They reached the area and when the leader saw them, he felt hopeful and started yelling.

"Help. Please help. We are the Myriad Beast sect members. Please help us, you will be rewarded for your efforts."

But the trio didn't respond and just walked towards him calmly. Kumar and Noah finished off the rest of the people instantly making the leader's face turn pale.

Sam took out his sword and finished him off. With his current state, even a Mortal Plane cultivator would be able to kill him much less him.

He instantly extracted the memory and finally understood what happened.

"He sent the details of the traps to the Rear city. This is an extremely high-level device that could teleport small objects."

He picked the formation plate as he said.

"Wouldn't that make our traps useless?"

"Not necessarily. From what I can see, he only gave the locations of the traps. He didn't know the triggering points and conditions, neither does he know the true extent of the traps. If you ask me, this is an opportunity, more people will be sent now and this will make more people die in the traps. We can just wait and relax for a bit more time."

With that, they collected the bodies and went back to the city to look at the forces of the Front City.

The time passed slowly as the Front city troops advanced forward and soon they arrived at the canyon where Sam's trap is present and for some reason, the trap worked better on these guys than on the guys from the rear city.

In fact, these people were so into the hallucination that they killed their own beasts and ate them while the beasts devoured their contractors alive.

The loss of personnel is extremely high.

There are less than half of them left alive after they crossed the path. The leader this time, used the teleportation disc earlier and sent back the scroll.

Noah was surprised by this and asked.

"Didn't you say it was extremely rare? Why does he have one too?"

"These cities are in charge of mainly taking care of the Mountain City. This is for the safety of the city so that the lady from the fiend tribe doesn't escape. That is why they didn't spare any resources here."

"Just for that? These people are too rich."

"Yeah, they are."

They waited till evening and the front city troops didn't move from their camp. It seems like they are waiting for the reinforcements. But they didn't get any no matter how long they waited. Even after the sunset.

But the Rear city already sent the troops and in fact, they sent more of them. Sam even noticed the people with special attire and a woman leading the forces this time.

Noah and Kumar looked at her and said.

"She is the Core disciple that maintained the boy toy of the Farm town."
Kumar explained and Sam nodded in realization."

"Seems like our provocation worked. But she is a bit earlier than I thought."

"Who cares? I am pretty sure, even she wouldn't be able to escape your nasty curse canyon."

"That is not what I am worried about the most. If this much force appears at this moment right after our traps activated once in such a large scale today, it would take a long time for it to recover and recharge. If the people from the Fiend tribe didn't make a move, we would have to move by ourselves and leave this city."

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Chapter 1194: Core disciples actions

Sam, Kumar, and Noah are watching the Young lady of the Myriad beast sect march forward with the troops. She is holding a scroll in her hands and it seems to be the same scroll the previous leader sent back to the city.

When she reached the first trap, she created a tight-knit formation with the shields all over themselves and tried to march forward. But then she realized that their strategy is not enough because, the sheer force from each spear drilled through the shield like it was nothing and as if they were being aimed by a person, the next spear directly went through that hole and lodged itself into the cultivator holding that shield.

It took a lot of effort on their part to cross the trap, but just before they thought, they are about to leave the trap, something happened that destroyed the rear end of their formation.

The energy stopped condensing into small spears and started condensing in the middle of the giant formation as it became a large spear. The spear hit the rear end perfectly killing ten people.

The Young lady didn't use the beasts in this formation as most of her force's beasts are too big to be used in these narrow areas and even if they were used, according to the records in the scroll, they are not much use in these types of formations, in fact, they are a bit of a drawback.

So, she made everyone carry them in the beast pouches to avoid extra losses in the form of beasts' death.

This made the cultivators the only target for the spear and ten of them died and a dozen more lost their limbs in that last attack.

But unlike their predecessor who led the troops, the young lady didn't bother to stop for recovery.

She seemed to have a large stash of high-level pills and potions, she fed them to the injured and made them move forward while they took the energy recovery drugs. By the time they reached the next trap, they more or less recovered.

She turned towards her troops and said.

"Everyone, you should be careful in the next trap. Nobody knows who will be attacked first, they would be coiled with some vines and it is almost impossible to escape death if you were caught.

I do have a plan for this, but we don't know how well it works.

If something happens, there is a high possibility the rest of us wouldn't be able to save you. So, be careful and don't get caught up in the first place."

She told them and waved her hand making a beast named Black Flame Serpent appear in front of her.

The Serpent started spewing black flames towards the forest path as it moved forward and the rest of the troops followed that path that was burned to oblivion.

But Noah who is looking at this, couldn't help but sneer.

Her traps are particularly set to be fireproof in fact, they grow faster with the fire. Particularly, when one of the vines is already activated and it was

attacked with the flames, the rest of the vines connected to it will grow at a crazy pace.

But this lady who thought she is destroying all the traps didn't know that with her move, almost all the traps would be triggered and she would be facing much more severe damage than the rest.

And as she thought, soon the Serpent itself became the victim of the first vine. The vine coiled around its tail as it greedily sucked the energy out of the large serpent.

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The large serpent hissed angrily and all the troops stopped in their tracks. The serpent aimed its head at its tail and started spewing black flames at it.

It has resistance to its own fire, so it didn't bother holding back.

But to its surprise, as soon as it started spewing flames, not only did the vine become extremely resilient it grow faster and sucked its vitality faster, the rest of the vines around the path were also triggered instantly and they are after the troops.

The young lady who held the scroll but still fell in the traps felt like shit and Noah who looked at the trap felt better and since the two groups fell properly into the trap, she completely pushed the blame of the first failure to the guy who is already dead.

While they are looking at this group of people, suddenly something was triggered in the city hall they are staying in. One of the low-level administrators they used to make announcements came running towards them and informed them.

"There is a communication line from the front city. They are trying to contact us."

Sam frowned at this and looked at the surveillance of the front city troops. They are still not at the canyon as they are waiting for their troops to come.

They are pretty anxious, but they still didn't dare to go back as they are afraid that they wouldn't be able to escape the traps this time.

So, they stayed where they are.

He is already feeling that something is up with the front city since they didn't even send any troops from the other side.

After some thought, he decided to check what the communication is about.

He followed the administrator to the communication room and looked at the large screen in front of him.

It seems like a pretty huge formation. This technology is similar to the intercity communication back on the desolate planet, but there are also some major differences.

He activated the formation and immediately a middle-aged fiend appeared in front of him on the screen.

The administrator was shocked. He didn't know what to do or say. He expected someone from the sect would be contacting them, but it turned out to be a fiend. He suddenly thought of what he was about to do and felt his throat run dry.

Sam is also a bit surprised. He is half expecting to have someone from the sect appear on the screen and threaten him until he felt bored.

"Hello, Are you Sam?"

The Middle-aged Fiend man asked with a smile. For some weird reason, his smile felt sinister and pure at the same time because of his fiend face."

"Yes, I am. You are?"

"I am a member of the Fiend tribe. I am here on the orders of the tribe and sacked the front city. We were planning to march towards the city directly, but we got a scroll from the city leader here and it has some information about the traps. We assumed we set it up, so if you tell me how to deactivate it, we will be making our way to the city."

Sam beamed with a smile in realization. The troops from the Fiend tribe are also here, now things would be interesting.

Sam replied.

"One of my teammates is near the traps. Tell your troops to march out of the city, he will be meeting right at the mouth of the first trap and bringing you all the way to the city."

"How will you contact him though?"

"We have a method to do so."

The fiend man just shrugged and the communication was cut off.

Sam went back to the surveillance room and shared the news with them.

"Kumar, I will drop you off at the forest and you need to go out and greet them, with any of our presence the traps wouldn't trigger so just go there and lead them here. They should be here before this lady reaches the city with her troops.

Make them move as fast as they can and tell them about the issue with this young lady's troops."

With that, Sam took Kumar away with the Dimensional drifter and dropped him at the forest patch.

He walked out of the forest patch and waited, within fifteen minutes, the fiend troops are there. They seemed to have moved at full speed to reach there.

Kumar went to the leader and explained the situation.

"From her attire, she should be a core disciple and her personal guards also seemed to be here," Kumar explained and the middle-aged fiend man thought for a moment.

"I didn't expect they would deploy a core disciple this early, but this is also good news. She would be a perfect hostage to capture to hold them off for the time being. A core disciple too valuable, even more, valuable than a city for them.

So, we can plan something after capturing her."

Kumar just listened to him and waited there, after that, they moved at full speed towards the forest patch and continued forward.

Meanwhile, back in the rear path, the core disciple couldn't help but take a rest this time. Everyone was injured and felt weak at the moment and they couldn't make do like the first time, so they made a camp.

Sam felt relieved with this. The more time the core disciple wasted, the better it is for them. If the two troops arrive at the city at the same time, that would be for the best.

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Chapter 1195: Cracking the Cursed Canyon

Time passed and a few hours went by without much activity. Sam looked at the troops on both sides and watched as they moved towards the city.

When the fiend troops arrived at the second trap and crossed it without triggering anything, the rear troops already reached the third trap.

They started going crazy and this time, the young lady didn't have any other choice other than sending the spare beasts of the troops first to check the

traps, they lost too much in the first two even though they had the scrolls and they felt like they prepared enough.

She also kept on recording the results of the first two traps to send back to the city.

But this time, she couldn't help but feel her throat run dry when they reached the third trap. The details of the third trap are written in blood on the scroll and she knew that everyone died after this. So, he wanted the spare beasts to test the situation out.

But after a few minutes, she saw the beasts attacking each other and eating each other alive, most of the beasts died and the few beasts that are too weak to move around and eat each other, started gnawing on the rocks and the soil.

She couldn't help but feel like a chill has run through her spine.

But Sam who is back in the city couldn't help but frown at this.

Even though the traps recharge with time, there is no way they would be able to recharge within seconds, they need to make sure that there is some extra time between each activation so that they can have enough energy.

But the troops already arrived and for the canyon, this is already the second activation. He is afraid that the third activation wouldn't be as powerful if the cultivators just followed these beasts, even an hour or two might not be enough to gather enough energy.

In fact, even the third activation might not be powerful enough to completely stop the rest of the troops if it happens immediately.

The young lady seemed to hesitate though. After all, the situation with the beasts is too cruel and dangerous, she didn't want to take the risk.

But she looked through the scroll and went through the process in which the beasts went crazy.

She thought of something and decided to test it out.

She looked at her personal guards and said.

"We are going in, you guys are going to follow me and keep on following my orders inside, do not do anything other than what I say no matter how much urge you have to do it."

The guards nodded without question.

So, she went in with her forty personal guards and they ran at full speed.

The rest of the forces are standing back and waiting for something to happen. They are nervous and anxious, but their expected consequence didn't come, instead, they just slowed down a bit as they felt the thirst.

But the core disciple looked at her personal guards sternly and said.

"Do not, drink anything. Hold the thirst it. It is just an illusion. It is just an illusion."

She kept on yelling as she led her troops, her personal guards who almost went for their gourds stopped their actions and just kept on running and soon they are hit by the rest of the curses, the itch, the hunger, and even the hallucinations.

But every time, it happened, she controlled her own urge with a lot of effort and she went on with giving the command to the rest of the guards.

Since the guards are absolutely loyal to her and listen to their every command, they didn't dare give in to their urges. In fact, Sam is a little surprised by this, even though he couldn't hear every detail because the surveillance is capturing this from far away, he could understand what she is doing and he was shocked by how efficient her method is.

One has to understand that he created this Cursed Canyon to make the beasts and the contractors kill each other and he succeeded the first time. A

bond that wouldn't let harm each other no matter what, was broken that easily in this canyon, but these people managed to cross the canyon in a way that Sam couldn't even fathom.

Their bond is so much stronger than the bond between a contracted beast and the cultivator whose lives are linked together.

For a person to harbor such loyalty towards others, it is not an easy thing to do.

He couldn't help admire this young lady for a moment.

But Sam is a bit troubled after the young lady and her troops crossed the formation.

Because, this counts for the third activation of the canyon, but since there are not many people in the third activation it didn't take a lot of energy and maybe a fourth one will be possible, but it wouldn't be as effective. It would take at least a few hours for the recharge and the troops could cross it freely. This is exactly what he was worried about.

But luckily, the forces didn't know this and they didn't dare to cross the canyon directly. Sam is really hoping that the formation masters that came with them couldn't notice this.

They could only wait.

But the next thing that happened surprised Sam.

The young lady is looking at her personal guards and went to each one of them to ask about their experience in the canyon.

She started documenting all of them rapidly to get a quick comparison, after she was done, she looked back at the forces on the other side and then at the guards.

"We are going to the other side once again. I will be giving orders to you again. This time, each one of you will be carrying two people and no matter how much they try to wiggle out of your grips and how much they try to cry and yell and say something to convince you, you shouldn't be leaving them until we cross the canyon again."

The guards nodded and she led them back.

The fourth activation Sam has worried about happened and the guards listened to her orders and more than half of the troops were picked up.

Halfway back through the canyon, suddenly the lady realized that she is not feeling the hallucinations anymore.

But she didn't think too much and just felt that the continuous moving around made her immune to it.

They crossed the canyon in fifteen minutes and dropped off the troops there who felt a bit dizzy, but still alright.

They went back into the canyon to get back and pick up the remaining people. But once again halfway through, she suddenly looked at her guards and asked.

"Do you feel the hallucinations?"

All the guards shook her head and she suddenly thought of something. She ran towards the remaining troops and asked.

"One of you come here."

They all exchanged glances, but no one dared to move. She pointed at one and asked them to come.

The soldier reluctantly came forward and she dragged him into the canyon and asked questions based on the scroll.

"Do you feel thirsty?"

"No."

"Itch?"

"N.. No."

"Any hunger or hallucinations?"

"No."

The soldier shook his head and the lady had her eyes brightened. She immediately yelled at the remaining troops.

"The energy of the formation ran dry, come fast."

The troops were reluctant but they still moved forward and soon they were relieved that they are feeling everything.

Sam who is looking at the screen the whole time, felt a bit down. But he is not extremely disappointed and just looked at the front-end troops they are currently waiting as they wanted to recuperate.

It would take around an hour or so for them to come to the city.

Before that, the troops from Rear city will arrive.

Sam looked at Noah and said.

"It seems like we need to prepare for battle. How about some surprise attacks at the gate?"

"Let's go."

With that, they went to the city gate and started placing some basic traps.

"You know, if only you had let me use those liquid energy cells, we wouldn't have had to do this at all. The formations wouldn't have run out of energy and we could be at complete ease with the situation."

"Stop complaining and just do this. It is not like you don't have other tricks up your sleeve."

"Of course, I have many, but the problem is they are unsuitable to use here."

"Why?"

"It would be an overkill."

Noah looked at him as he placed down a few formation flags near the gate.

He just threw one flag after another to different positions and left.

They went back and took up some hidden positions to launch the first attack.

Soon, the lady and the troops reached the gates. They are obviously no guards at the gate and they directly came in.

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Chapter 1196: Engage

The Young lady from the Myriad Beast sect didn't stop even for a second to consider any tactical engagement or sorts before she ran headfirst into the city gates along with her troops.

Sam didn't activate his trap immediately, because to have a better effect Noah activated her trap first and it is a very common wood elemental energy trap. The vines appeared suddenly from the ground and the troops got caught with the high momentum they had until that point, they couldn't even control their fall.

As they fell forward face-first, they felt like a force ten times greater than the normal gravity is pulling them downwards.

It is the gravitational increment Sam created so that they wouldn't be able to control their fall and to make sure that they fell on the ground and took some time to get out.

Almost all the soldiers that arrived at the gate got into the trap and looking at them, the rear troops halted outside the gate.

The young lady and her personal soldiers, however, managed to control themselves even in the surprising situations and it seems like they are half-expecting a trap, so they used some special knives that are glowing with death elemental energy to cut off the vines and used all their might to jump off of that the gravitational field.

While they are in mid-air Sam activated the trap.

BOOM

A controlled explosion of energy. Sam must say he became really fond of these things, if though the effect would be best when the liquid energy cells are used, the normal formation flags that use the natural energy in the surroundings are also not a bad thing.

It is like carrying a bunch of explosives at hand and if one could set it up as fast as they want it to explode, it would be a perfect weapon to use.

The explosion didn't kill too many people, but the people that are within the absolute range of the explosion are dead and at the edge of the explosion range are sent flying to different directions with severe injuries.

Everyone was shocked by this. But that is not the end of it. The troops immediately became alert and let their beasts out.

It was stupid of them to not let their beasts go first and it is also stupid of them to not be cautious enough even after facing so many deadly traps, but now that they also bit the bullet here, they could only do what needs to be done from now on and let their beasts out for an all-out fight.

But as soon as their beasts came out, they suddenly felt a bit frightened, because Sam who didn't use his beasts in a long time let out his own beasts as well.

Not all of them, Yanwu and Sky teamed up to deal with the birds, while Dia and Raiju teamed up to deal with the beasts on the land along with the Golden ape. The shadow mice also joined the fray to finish off the injured ones with one swift move.

Sam and Noah joined in the battle directly.

Even their first target is the injured ones and before the troops could react properly, they are already having severe casualties.

Finally, after a minute, the young lady's mind became clear enough to make sense of the situation and she took the charge of controlling the troops and gave them commands.

But before Sam and Noah's collaboration, it became less fruitful.

They almost completely ignored the ranged attacks coming at them as they kept on moving at an incredible pace. It is almost like the two phantoms dancing around like crazy.

They arrived at one soldier and Noah made her vines coil around him, Sam used the window to stab him in the throat with the sword, and in the meantime, he kicked on the ground backward and a stone protrusion appeared exactly in the middle of another man's legs hitting him in the testicles.

He stopped in his tracks and Sam threw a knife into his chest at the same time a shadow mouse appeared and slashed that guy's throat.

Meanwhile, Noah's vines coiled into another guy and made him go down into the ground.

Sam jumped towards him while dodging a spear strike and landed right on his neck and jumped once again breaking his neck in the process.

As Sam is in mid-air, a large boulder suddenly flew towards him, but before he could even react, some vines caught it and swung it towards another soldier.

Meanwhile, Sam slashed his sword and the sword ray slashed vertically past Noah and sliced a guy's arm off and Noah used his chance to shove a weird fruit in that guy's mouth and kicked him towards his teammates.

He flew into the middle of the group and the fruit exploded in his mouth with a pop.

It seems like a wood elemental poison in the fruit and they felt like their lungs are being occupied by something and they soon realized what it is. Their lungs are being occupied by the sprouted grass all over and it sprouted out of their chests.

Everything happened within a few seconds and this went on. Soon, the personal guards and the young lady herself joined the fray.

Some of them have higher cultivations than Noah and Sam, so now they have to be careful on how to proceed further.

Sam took out a glass container filled with purple liquid and Noah took out a large green sphere both of them exchanged a glance with a smile and threw it towards the personal guards. Sam slashed in the air and sword ray made both objects explode on the spot, a green vapor and a purple vapor appeared as it spread among them.

Of course, they were prepared and cleared the area which forced them to break their formation. But Sam and Noah didn't stop while they are killing the soldiers in the rear, they kept on throwing these poisonous things around so that the young lady cannot gather her personal guards and create a formation.

Soon, they spread far enough and it would take a lot of effort to regroup. Since her personal guards don't have any beasts under them, Sam felt extremely lucky. It would be a lot of effort to deal with them if they had.

Sam and Noah went after one personal guard at a time and as soon as they arrived there the first they did is throw the poisonous gases on either side so that the others wouldn't intervene and they got to do the job.

Sam slammed his foot into the ground and the small piece of ground under the guard turned into quicksand and the earthen hands appeared holding him. Noah's vines came in and started dragging him into the quicksand.

With another stomp, Sam dodged the attack from the guard and increased the gravity, before silver lightning condensed on the edge of his blade and as he slashed it onto that guard, a shadow appeared from behind him and stabbed him on the side of his neck. He was paralyzed on the spot and let the quicksand suck him knee-deep. At this moment, someone used the wind element to clear the poisonous smoke, but Sam didn't bother with it and broke a small poisonous vial in the mouth of their current target and both of them left.

The poison caused the paralysis and the wound on the neck bled out rapidly while the poison and the slash on the chest did their jobs along with it.

They once again took out their poison containers and went for the next targets as they moved around. They went for the personal guard on the edge of the whole group and dealt with him in almost the same way. But this time, he got vigilant about the stomps and he jumped backward instantly, but right where he was about land, two shadows appeared from under him and stabbed him in the back.

Sam jumped into the air used the excessive gravity to land on him while stabbing him inside the heart, Noah just to make sure held some poisonous thorny vines to deal with him and both of them ran deeper into the city.

Their advantage over the group with the element of surprise is almost gone, there is no way they would be able to keep this up for long.

Along with them, Yanwu and the rest also followed with the chaos clearing a little bit, the young lady stood there in daze as she looked at the beasts.

"Sky sovereign Roc, Golden Sun crow. Golden Ape, Raiju, Mare of Diomedes. All legendary beasts, who is this person?" She muttered to herself as her eyes started glowing with desire, excitement and greed. These are the beasts that the beast cultivators would die for. In fact they would even sign a reverse contract of being a slave just to be that beast's companion and that is considering only one beast, but all four of them are under one cultivator's command here and she observed the lightning attacks which are extremely similar to that of the Raiju's and the gravity that is similar to that of Dia's.

She couldn't help but feel the desire to snatch these beasts from him and she impulsively acted up on it as she led her guards and the remaining troops to go after them.

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Chapter 1197: Chipping

Sam and Noah ran into the streets of the city crazily. There is no citizen left inside the city now and all of them are driven back into the city wall grounds. So, the whole city is a battle-field and they don't have to care about any property damage, so as soon as they reached deep into the city Sam recalled his beasts back into the divine dimension and disappeared into the cluster of the buildings.

The troops spread a bit to cover the escape routes, but that is what exactly the two of them wanted.

When a group of three led by the personal guard are in an alley way, three shadows popped up and put them in naked chokes and three more shadows came and started stabbed them in the chests. Everything went in a flash and they disappeared after that stab.

Before they could react, the shadows disappeared, the vines appeared. The personal guard managed to hold the pain and tried to slash the vines and almost ran out of the alley, but Sam appeared behind him and stabbed him in the heart from the back.

He died on the spot and the remaining two troops followed them along.

They just didn't even care enough check whether they died and their lives were gone. They just went after another group.

Their teamwork is impeccable for it being the first time.

But Sam is constantly checking for a special signal from Kumar. He would really like if the other brings the fiend tribe's forces.

They don't have to put this much effort and fight with all of them. It is a waste of time.

So, their main goal is drag it down and take them soldiers down as much as they can so that they can make this young lady stay here for a long time.

And as soon as the forces come into play, they would be able to sit back and relax.

So, they picked up the pace and soon the young lady realized that even the teams of three are too easy for them. She took her communication token and yelled commands to make everyone join together at the junction.

Sam and Noah stood at the nearby building and waited for them to gather.

He took out his bow and played with the string as he asked her.

"Do you have any other tricks you can play with?"

"I have some, but they are good at the close quarters. My ranged attacks are not as good."

"Really? why don't you take it out, I will take a look."

She took out a small ball that looked like a green crystallized marble.

He took it and used observation ability, he was surprised by the view he got. This small marble holds a lot of energy in it and it has a lot of functions.

"Why is it only suitable in close quarters? You can use it from far, at least from its size."

"It needs two triggers of energy. First when I throw it which absorbs energy and the second trigger should make the energy hit one single point so that the attack would be perfectly timed.

It would be hard to maintain both of them from such a long distance. There are too many external factors involved."

"Can I give it a try?"

Sam asked and she just shrugged.

He smiled and the hand he is holding the marble turned metallic and a faint metallic coat appeared on the marble before it was further modified and turned into some patterns.

Noah frowned and Sam just smiled without explaining. He took out an arrow and placed the sharp tip of the arrow at one single point which looked like the emergence point of the patterns.

He then injected some metal elemental energy into the arrow and left the marble. But the marble didn't fall off. It just kept on hanging while it stuck to the arrow tip.

Noah was stunned.

"How did you do that?"

"Just a petty trick of magnetism."

He then nocked the arrow on the bow and aimed at the group.

Wood elemental energy was injected into the arrow and it clogged up in the stem.

He shot the arrow at the group and on its way, the marble started absorbing the energy from the atmosphere. When the arrow reached the destination and someone even tried to block it, the magnetic lock holding it was gone and right before it fell off, the wood elemental energy was lodged into the marble making it unlock.

The marble cracked in midair and soon a few small sprouts came out of it, before it could even touch the ground, the sprouts grew bigger and turned into thick vines with different thrones and that went after all the surrounding people.

As the vines coiled they dug out the flesh of the people and created a very bloody scene.

They sucked the vitality of and grew bigger and bigger, the more people that got caught the bigger it became , not just in the number of vines and the length of the vines, even the thickness of the vines and then the size of the thorns of the vines also grew bigger with time.

The fire elemental user started attacking crazily along with his beasts.

The vines started burning and the group felt a little relieved as they thought this would also be another struggling moment with the vines having fire elemental resistance.

But to their luck it didn't have. What they didn't know is that there is something in store for them.

The thorns that grew bigger and almost in the size of a kitchen knife shot out the vines as it burned down and they lodged themselves into the bodies of the soldiers surrounding them.

The raging thorns did a number of them and five men fell out of which four died on the spot with one being critically injured.

Sam looked at how well the marble worked and said.

"This really works great. I am a little tempted to steal your idea and just mix some of my flavor with it."

"Do it if you can. It is not that easy. And you still have something to figure out. Do you really want to add this to your plate."

"Of course, I always like my plate full. The more it has the faster I finish it. Now, give me some of those so that we could finish these guys off."

Noah threw five of them at him and left the spot. To directly confront them.

Sam shot the second arrow. This one also landed perfectly, but this time the fire elemental user didn't dare burn it directly. But a dark energy elemental user used a curse to suck the vitality of the vine, but to his dismay as he worked on it, the thorns suddenly shot out and when they lodged into the bodies of the people, they felt the vitality being sucked out of their bodies.

It was not completely apparent when the fire element was used, but it seems like the vines and thorns have an ability to attach the attacks used on them.

The battle went on and finally, the young lady and the personal guards understood the situation they are in. When they are separated, they are being hunted down, when they are together they are being chipped down.

Even the fact that they could guess Sam's location from this far didn't make it any less dangerous for them.

So, she made a quick decision. Escape.

She knew it is impossible to move like this. The traps on the path already chipped their forces down and the enemies are more elite than any enemy she had every faced. She stormed cities alone before, but she couldn't even take two people playing cat and mouse with her at the moment.

All she could do was escape and this made her feel shame. But when she thought of the legendary beasts Sam had in possession, she didn't want to just give up. She decided to go back and bring some trusted elders so that she could hunt this guy down and get those beasts.

So, he immediately commander her personal guards to retreat.

But Sam is not really ready to let them go.

All the elaborate planning was to capture this young lady. If she escaped there is kind of no point for the relentless effort they put in until now.

So, he chased after her with a bow and shot at her to take her down, but since what he is doing are direct shots with not much specialty her superior cultivation finally came into play and she managed to dodge the attacks.

But some of her personal guards are going down with two to three arrows.

Still, Sam didn't give up the pursuit and soon he didn't have to because Noah arrived on the other side and a large vine wall appeared out of nowhere blocking the escape routes.

Sam caught up from the rear and now there is the young lady, four personal guards, and the two of them with the playing field all for themselves.

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Chapter 1198: Spear

Sam looked at Noah and asked nonchalantly.

"You do you want? The Sidekicks or the main chick?"

"I am taking that woman. You can deal with the sidekicks."

"Okay, but be careful. Your cultivation level is different and she is not exactly a bad fighter, you wouldn't have an easier time as before. If something happens to you, your boyfriend will pick a bone with me."

She just gave him a glare and Sam merely chuckled and ran towards them.

The young lady and the Personal guards could clearly listen to what they were speaking as they didn't bother to conceal their words and when the personal guards looked at her, the young lady just nodded giving them her permission.

The Sidekicks ran towards Sam to deal with him.

They led their fight to the next alley and they engaged without any delay. Meanwhile, Noah and the Young lady are in a staring contest with each other and after some time, the young lady lost patience and launched an attack.

She is not a fire element user or does she have any other element. She is a pure neutral energy user and a warrior through and through.

And it seems like she is good with a few weapons at least. Noah dodged the spear that was thrown at her and started running towards the young lady while she bit her thumb and made some hand signs. The blood armor appeared around her and the drop of blood that came fell into the ground started growing the trees rapidly.

As she ran through the streets, either side of her the trees grew rapidly and within no time the middle of the city became a forest.

Noah closed their distance rapidly and when they are close enough she leaped towards her with a kick to her face.

The young lady swung her spear and got ready to stab Noah using her own momentum. But just before the spear and Noah were about to make contact, she disappeared and turned into a thing vine that was shot at the young lady's face.

Noah is nowhere to be seen and the young lady was shocked. The sudden appearance of the vine caught her off guard and when it hit her face, she felt a bit dazed and involuntarily took a few steps back and to her surprise, she hit the wall of vines and...

BOOM

An explosion happened.

She was blown away and crashed into the road as she turned around to take a look. There are a bunch of fruits on the vine wall behind her. She examined her wound and realize the adverse effects of this.

Her skin on the back is hurting with a burning sensation and she could feel it seeping into her flesh. She couldn't help but take some sharp breaths to control her pain as she used her energy to control the spread of this burning sensation.

But while she was in the middle of it, she swung her spear towards a coming vine making it split into two and looked around to make sure no sneak attacks would happen.

For the next two minutes, everything is silent.

"Why are you hiding? Come out if you dare. There is no point in regretting now since you already made your decision. Come on, I want to see that cocky face you made when you told that guy you would take me on."

"pfft... you call that provocation? There ten-year-old kids I know that could provoke others better than you, try harder." Noah's voice reverberated in that patch of trees and the young lady tried to find her exact location, but the voice came from all sides making her confused.

She then wanted to walk out the wooden patch, but she could as a spontaneous wall of vine blocked her path.

"Fuck it." She cursed and energy is condensed on the tip of her spear as she stabbed it forward at the wall of vines.

Just when the spear and the vines made contact, a fruit appeared at that spot and upon contact, it exploded.

BOOM

The fruit exploded and it threw the young lady away, but at the same time, the vine wall was torn apart from the force of the spear attack. But the young lady who is in mid-air didn't land on the ground, a wall of vines appeared and she stuck to it.

A sticky substance came out of the vines making her stick to it and even slowly bury herself into this. She struggled to get out of this, but she couldn't. No matter how hard she pulled, she couldn't get out.

At this moment, Noah appeared from the middle of the woods and stood in front of her.

"I thought you would be stronger, but you are not that good." She said as she walked towards the young lady.

"Hahaha...hahahaha..."

All of a sudden, the young lady who was stuck on the wall laughed and Noah frowned as she halted in her tracks. She suddenly felt the air around her is vibrating crazily. The sharp sensations made her feel something she is familiar with, but there is a faint unfamiliarity in it.

The young lady stored the spear away and a Halberd appeared in her hand. The spiritual energy emitted from her body like sharp blades as it completely cut the vine wall into shreds as she made her way towards Noah.

Noah looked at the whole scene in surprise, then she understood what is happening. She is really embarrassed, to say the least. She couldn't believe she fell for such an obvious one.

But her expression instantly turned colder as she looked at the young lady.

She is walking towards Noah and for every step she took, it is like a storm of blades completely ripping every tree, vine, and even every piece of land beneath them into pieces.

The surrounding forest was instantly cut down giving both of them a lot of space.

The young lady lunged forward and swung her halberd at Noah to slash her vertically. But the vines shot out from the surrounding trees not only creating a wall to block the attack, but also dragging her down and attacking her with the explosive fruit.

But to Noah's dismay, she gave the halberd a spin and the sharp rays emitted from it destroyed everything that came at her and the halberd returned to the previous slashing posture.

Noah frowned and leaped backward to dodge which she barely managed to do.

CRASH

A large crater appeared on the ground, demolishing everything on the spot. Noah felt a sense of trepidation as she looked at the young lady. It seems like they underestimated her too much. Her Halberd Intent is so strong that it is almost on par with Kumar's spear intent.

The drawback is that she sucks at leading a team, that is why so many people died without any returns. But she is really good at close combat, it is almost tyrannically unfair to her opponents of the same level.

Noah and the young lady exchanged a glance and the energy riled up surrounding both of them.

Noah made a bunch of hand signs and spread her arms. The vines and the trees surrounding her which are formed from her blood art are all withering at a rapid pace as all the energy entered her body rapidly.

The young lady also got ready as the surrounding energy riled up enough to glow around her and it all started condensing into the blade of the halberd.

Both of them got ready for one last move to end this quickly.

The trees withered completely and a large clean and circular crater surrounded the young lady.

She looked at Noah and jumped into the air. The halberd made a beautiful arc as she made her way towards Noah.

Noah who is standing on the ground extended her right hand forward. Her body is currently glowing completely with the wood elemental energy. The sheer amount of energy is clearly more than a cultivator of her level shouldn't have contained, but she did.

With just a mere thought a bunch of vines extended from her hand and shot towards the young lady as the farther they moved from her the thicker and stronger they became with a bunch of thorns extending from them.

The young lady landed on one of the vines and used it to run towards Noah, but she was faced with a bunch of thorns, smaller vines, explosive fruits, and even the marbles that Sam used at her.

She took a lot of attacks and soon, she found herself in a large globe created by vines with thorny pikes extended towards her and stabbing her, but the globe was destroyed within a few seconds as it was cut apart into several shreds and she jumped at Noah finally closing the distance.

Noah's left hand which is dormant for all this while suddenly had a large amount of energy concentrated in as she got ready to meet her attack head-on, but right when both of them were about to make contact...

WHISTLE

A spear whistled through the air it lodged into the chest of the young lady, her momentum was lost and she fell towards Noah.

Noah who already made her move, widened her eyes in disbelief and changed the trajectory of the attack with extreme effort, and caught the young lady with her vines.

Her expression got colder as she looked into the surroundings. Sam who already dealt with the sidekicks and watching the show from afar is also looking in the direction the spear came from.

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Chapter 1199: Return

Sam took off on harbinger and appeared near Noah who is exhausted, to say the least. The last punch she was about to throw consumed almost all of her energy.

He looked in the direction while guarding her as she recovered. The young lady of the Myriad Beast sect is nailed to the ground with the spear still in her chest. She is also exhausted and the bleeding didn't help either.

The spear move is indeed powerful and the energy behind it made Sam extremely vigilant. But soon, someone came to the sight.

Kumar and a bunch of fiends are coming towards them slowly.

Sam just gave them a glance and took the spear out of the young lady and started healing her. She was surprised, but she didn't stop him from healing her. She knew that she is in a pickle and she would like to hold on to any chance she could get to live.

By the time, Sam was done with her the fiend tribe troops already made their way towards them. Looking at Sam, the leader who he already spoke with through the city communication channel said.

"She is an enemy. There is no point in saving her. We don't need to take her as a prisoner."

"I know that." Sam replied blandly and looked at Noah. He gestured her with his head and she walked towards the woman calmly before crushing her neck with a vine with a single wave of her hand.

The young lady was shocked. She didn't expect that as soon as he thought she found a straw to hold on to, she would die like this. This is completely unexpected.

The leader of the fiend troops frowned at this.

"What is the meaning of this?" He asked without holding his thoughts back.

"She is our target. Not yours." With that, Sam picked up the spear that attacked the young lady and threw it towards the leader.

He caught the spear and looked at Sam with a cold gaze.

"You work for the tribe. So, every one of your targets is our target."

"That might work with the others you hired. But it wouldn't work with us. Our targets are our prey and only we can hunt them. It is unacceptable to intervene in our hunt, much less trying to snatch the prey at our mouths."

Noah said from the side.

The deputy of the leader who is standing behind him came forward and said in a serious tone.

"You seemed to have forgotten your status and position here. You are but a mercenary team hired by the fiend tribe to do our bidding. That is your position and you should be self-aware when you are speaking to someone of higher stature."

His aura raged as he held his sword.

Kumar already separated from the group and looked at his deputy as if he wanted to eat him alive.

Sam walked to the woman and started extracting her memory as he spoke.

"Yeah, our position is that of a mercenary. Maybe, we are even lower position than the soldiers."

"Good that you are self-aware. Now come and apologize to the commander."

Sam looked at him and said.

"I have something to say about our status. You know, at this moment I think our status is the three-man team who are of peak stage pre-transcendent cultivation and all three of us are human. We took down a city the Fiend tribe couldn't for the past decade and rescued the woman who your tribe has forsaken in the name of some petty reasons that you tell yourself so that you have a probable excuse.

And all that we have done was only done within two days. So, you better watch your words. As for the apology, I wouldn't hold it against you for trying to steal our kill this time."

With that, Sam stored the body away and they walked towards the city hall.

The soldiers behind the commander wanted to make a move and particularly the deputy, but the commander didn't let them do it.

The information that Sam is the one who helped them deal with this city is well known everywhere. If they really made a move, the credibility of the fiend tribe would be gone in a second.

After all, everything Sam said is true. They didn't take this city in a decade and the three mercenaries did. Not only would be they painted as ungrateful if they made a move, but the remaining mercenaries also wouldn't be working with them anymore.

And in this war, the role of mercenaries is kind of important no matter how one looked at it.

He let the troops wait in the city and went after Sam and the rest.

Inside the city hall, Sam handed over the woman to the commander along with a spatial ring and said.

"This contains the recordings of most of our activities, the traps we set up, and even some tokens that could help your team bypass these traps. They are set in both pathways, so if you try, you might be able to use them to defend this city.

But if the group that crosses the path didn't have at least one token with them, they will not be able to escape them.

I have a copy of all these things too so that we can have our fair share of contribution points."

After that, he took out a scroll and looked at the commander.

"I would like a spiritual imprint signature in this scroll."

The commander frowned and read the contents.

"You don't trust the fiend tribe? This is insulting to us."

"I don't trust a tribe that can just sit around and let their women be tortured like this for a decade just because of some pathetic political reasons. I don't know how you will handle her situation from now on, but I need my contribution for that.

Who knows, you guys just might make her presence completely unknown and might even cut our contribution points just to make sure that others believe that I didn't find her. I don't have any higher authority to report to and get my scores settled.

If you give me this, I would have a better hold of the situation and I will have something to justify myself for settling the scores."

"No offense but settling scores? You are a mercenary. If you take a city down, how many can you do? What can you do to a tribe that is ruling a realm on its own?"

"You are in such a luxurious position as you think you are in. You are fighting against an organization that is equally powerful. And if you make an enemy of the people that could take down the city and hold it on for a few days with their own abilities and no external help, what do you think happened when the war escalated."

With that, he got the signature and left with the other two players.

As they were on the path to go for a place where they could get out on Sky, Noah asked.

"Can we just dimensional drifter? I need to take a break."

Sam just shrugged and took it out. They disappeared from the spot and reappeared near the water crystal city, but they didn't go immediately and instead set up a camp at the river bank to take a break.

"This is convenient. Why wouldn't you use it every time?" Noah asked as she relaxed on the bank.

"Because it is damn expensive. Even I would feel the pinch if I use it so often like that."

"But you are filthy rich, I doubt you would be able to lose much even if you use it. You are pretty vain sometimes."

"You are right, but if I use this unnecessarily too much, it would still be too much of a waste. Anyway, in our current situation, we could go anywhere within a few hours on this planet and since we need time to discuss the plans, we might as well do it while traveling. It is not like we are wasting much time.

We are just using the same time we need to discuss the plan and instead we are both traveling and discussing in the process we would also do some scouting on the way."

"If you put it that way."

They relaxed until dark and finally went to the Water Crystal city and went to meet Myrion.

But to their surprise, Commander Miran is also there and it seems like she was waiting for them.

She looked at them and said.

"you are the three mercenaries that turned the mountain city upside down. Good job."

"Thanks, but before we discuss any further, I would like you to see some things."

Sam said and gave the recording crystals to her. There are many recordings and she skimmed through them briefly, but there is one recording that caught her eyes, it is the confrontation between the fiend troops and Sam's group.

"I know we are mercenaries and we don't have much status to compare with you guys, but please tell your people to control their level of intervention. It is a great offense to steal the prey of a hunter. Particularly, when the hunter is working for you. It would be seen as bad faith which is not good for any working relationship."

He paused and looked at her to see the reaction.

"I would give you some time. It will take some time for you to evaluate our contributions. We will come back in the morning."

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Chapter 1200: Special Mission

The next day.

Commander Miran is sitting together with the trio in the private room of the restaurant. They didn't speak much since they came.

"Let me give you your points." She said after a while and the three of them took out their tokens. She tapped her own token on the three and the numbers changed.

Now each token has an extra 1200 points in them.

"I called you guys here especially, because I have a mission for you. Even though you are an independent team and might not be interested in taking our mission, this is a special situation. I hope you would make your decision after you listen to what I have to say."

Miran said after the point transfer was completed.

The trio exchanged a glance and waited for her to speak. She then took out three scrolls and placed them in front of them. She spread them on the table and each scroll contained a profile. There are some details, in them. But not many, there are barely any details and most of them are speculations.

Except for the first one, the other two don't even have the pictures.

"These three targets are your mission and for every target, you finish off, you will get ten thousand points."

The trio looked at her in shock. The estimated cultivation level of the three targets is around the Middle-stage transcendence of the Astral Plane.

It is not that strong, the people of the previous mission, know for sure that the massive points are not because of the other party's strength. So, they just stayed silent and continued listening.

"The three profiles in front of you are key figures of the Myriad Beast sect.

They are spatial elemental users and all three of them manage the space gates responsible for connecting the Myriad Beast sect to the other stray planets and Asteroids on which the sect collects materials and resources."

"Not all space gates go directly from the sect area?"

"No, only the space gates they constructed ourselves are the ones that are directly connected to the sect. Not the ones they found." She paused and looking at the trio's expressions, she smiled and continued.

"It seems like my guess is right. You guys are not from this realm, are you?"

There are two types of space gates that are currently in operation in this realm. One type of them is the space gates we construct ourselves. The second type is a bit different.

They are the already made space gates that lead to different stray planets and some asteroids. To be precise they could be called the leftover ruins of the Gandharva race in this realm.

These ruins are not exactly easy to explore and it takes a lot of time to figure out what resources it holds, and even if they find out what resources it has, it takes a long time to get them all out.

Half of the members of every organization actually work in all of these places combined. These three people are the ones that take care of more than half of these pre-existing space gates.

Since you killed a core disciple and even took down the city directly, the reaction from the Myriad Beast sect is right around the corner.

They would first the already existing troops to fight it out with us, the terrain might even be the Mountain city, the front city, and the rear city. With our plan, we can hold them off and even defeat them, but once we do that, the sect will call for the members from the space gates under the control of these three people.

So, if you can find them out and get the information regarding the location of these space gates, we would be able to take down one-fourth of the total forces of the Myriad beast sect easily. So, your mission is not only dangerous, but it is also highly important."

The trio looked at the profiles once again and Sam spoke.

"But there are no details whatsoever. Even the names are not clear. How can we find them?"

"That is the tricky part. The Myriad Beast sect knew these people are the weakest link, but they also didn't want to spread the information because of the possibility of the leak.

So, they let these three hold most of the information other than the core elders regarding this issue.

They also took all the precautions to make sure their identities are hidden. But with a heavy price, we managed to find the identity of this one person and a possible place he might be staying.

Throughout the years, there are some people who managed to figure out the location of these three and tried to attack, but they couldn't bypass the security that was arranged around them.

They ultimately failed and in turn, they revealed the flaws in the existing security which helped the Myriad beast sect strengthen it even more.

After paying a heavy price, we barely managed to find the possible location of this one person. If you can get to him and make him open his mouth, you would be able to get to the location of the remaining two.

Whatever you do, I need the location of the already existing space gates."

"I have a doubt." Kumar asked as he looked at the profile. Miran gestured for him to ask away.

"After reaching the runes, they could have built a space gate that connected to their sect and destroyed the gate that was left behind by the Gandharva race. Why didn't they do that?"

Miran chuckled and replied.

"It is not that simple actually. It is not like anyone hasn't tried, but for some reason, it is impossible. Until now, nobody managed to find out the reason why it isn't happening or more like they couldn't be bothered to figure out the reason, because their focus was captured by the resources completely."

The trio stayed silent and Sam spoke.

"We need some time to decide. Can we get back to you in the afternoon?"

"Sure, but the mission details have to be absolutely secret."

"No problem."

With that, the three of them left and had a discussion in one of their rooms.

"So, are we taking this or not?" Kumar asked as soon as they entered.

"I think we need to take this. But I am not sure how our progress with the destruction of the properties of Myriad Beast sect will go." Noah said from the side.

"We need to compromise on something here. We either stay here and destroy the business or we do this mission.

Since the other parties are so secretive with their locations and information, it might take the rest of our time on this planet.

But I think we can trigger a bigger reaction if we deal with this than if we proceed with the original plan."

"That means, if we fail we solely have to depend on the progress made by the other four people to proceed with the remaining destruction of the organizations."

"That is true."

"I have a doubt though, why are all the key figures on this planet. None of the organizations' headquarters are here. The fiend tribe, the Myriad beast sect, and even the other organization don't have any headquarters here. This is one of the most neutral planets. But this one has the most businesses and resource points at the same time, enough to tilt and escalate the war to an unimaginable extent.

Now, we found out the existence of these space gates, just what is up with it." Kumar said and Sam also realized this.

He thought for a moment and said.

"Maybe we are missing some information. Let us deal with this and see if we can get any answers after that. If these people have information and control over such important resource points they are bound to have some info on that too."

With that, they decided to take the mission and went to meet Miran again.

After they took the information they had on the only known target and his possible location, they immediately left the city.

By night they arrived near their destined location. This is one of the most neutral cities on the planet. When it comes to the resources. The city only has a few Neutral Spirit stone mines in the surroundings and the land is not exactly a good place to grow some herbs and stuff.

The city is under the control of the Myriad Beast sect, but they don't have the absolute authority here, they are only responsible for keeping order and the administration duties.

The city only developed with its location. It is at a perfect distance from four cities under four different organizations and among those four cities, not one belongs to the Myriad Beast sect.

The four organizations are afraid that if the city is under any of their control, they might have ideas on other cities. So, they gave it to the Myriad Beast sect and in return, the sect would get taxes.

All the best products from the four cities will be traded in this place.