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Chapter 961: Sisters

The next day after the sun rise Sam went to the wheat field with some anticipation. Even though, there are no clues until now that she is anyway related to Gran, he still felt like there could be some sort of link between them and he felt like there is even a chance that she is Gran.

But as soon as Sam arrived at the field, he couldn't help but feel a bit disappointed.

There is no soul scent around her and she is completely clean. But soon his disappointment was gone as both of them started working on the field.

"Sorry, I forgot to ask before. What is your name?" Sam asked as they worked.

"Sia."

Sam looked at her and felt like she is a bit too excited and couldn't help but ask.

"So, why are you so excited today? Is there a special reason for that?"

"I am excited about the wheat field. This is getting me one step closer to my dream."

"What is your dream?"

"I want to become the greatest liquor maker in the world and this beer making is going to open new doors for me. It will teach me many new lessons and I would be able to make huge progress. It has been a bit stagnant for a while."

"Of course, it would be stalled. If you hole up in a place like this, it would be indeed difficult to progress. To be the greatest at an art, you have to explore,

meet other people who are in that art, experiment at different places, exchange points with other masters.

In your case, you have to move a lot. Go to different realms, find new ingredients, try to make liquor in different climates, mix different ingredients, experiment, explore. If you stay in the realm, you wouldn't be able to progress at all.

In fact, it would be no surprise if you regress."

Sia just stayed silent for a while and asked Sam.

"What is your dream?"

"My dream? I just want to lead a simple life."

"Simple life? Then that would be easy. All you have to do is go to one of the lower level realms and stay there. Some people will give you protection fees just to use your name and you will be able to live off of it. There is no need to worry at all."

"That is not my definition of simple life."

"Then what is your definition?"

"My definition of a simple life is..."

Sam was about to say something as he looked at the sun in the sky, but he stopped in the middle as he looked at Sia carefully.

He suddenly noticed that his behavior has been weird. Generally, he wouldn't take to a stranger like this, much less a person of an opposite gender about his dream or advise them casually. This is completely new of him.

Maybe it is because she is dedicated to her craft and it is rare to find someone who is obsessed with an craft that has nothing to do with power, status and authority that he decided to open up an bit.

He shook his head and said.

"There is no use in explaining my simple life. I cannot get it anyway. I need to many things before I get to that."

With that he finished the work before the bar opening time and said.

"We need to stop here today. The earth needs to soak the nutrients in before we start the next process. I have something else to do. So, I will see you in the bar this afternoon."

With that Sam took off on harbinger.

But what he didn't notice is the look that Sia has on her face as she looked at his receding back.

There is a hint of tenderness in her eyes and Sam would have easily identified that if he saw it, but unfortunately he didn't.

After going back to the city, Sam kept on roaming around the city to find Gran. He believed that no matter how secretive gran is, he must be living in the city. So, he decided to go about in an old fashioned time consuming way.

By afternoon, he roamed over half of the city and looked around.

But there are no results and by afternoon, he arrived at the bar.

He decided to just to go in. But as soon as he stepped inside the bar, he felt the soul scent. He stopped in his tracks for a moment and looked around without any overreaction.

He walked towards the counter and took his usual seat as he slowly concentrated on observing the scent of each and every person carefully. But all the people who are sitting at the tables are clear of any possible scent.

Then there is only person left in the bar and his gaze turned to Sia who is standing at the far end of the counter as she arranged the wine jars carefully.

He carefully checked for a few more times to see if he was mistaken. But after a few sniffs, he is sure that he got the right person.

"Hahahahaha...."

Sam started laughing out loud and Sia walked towards him confusion.

"What happened? Why are you so happy?"

"Nothing. Just give me this cocktail."

Sia nodded and went to work on the cocktail and Sam spoke.

"I have an offer to make. Tell me if you are interested."

"Offer? I thought we already made a deal. Are you selling another recipe?"

"Not really. I have a job offer for you."

"Job offer?"

"Let me reintroduce myself. I am Sam and I run an organization called the Dusk Organization. My business Spans across many realms. I want to officially recruit you into my organization. Think over it. We will talk about it tomorrow."

With that Sam finished his cocktail and went back to his residence.

"Stop all our plans. I found Gran." Sam gave instructions as soon as he returned.

"You found him? Who is he?"

"You will know for yourself soon enough."

With that Sam waited for the next day in anticipation.

The next morning, Sam went to the wheat field on harbinger and met with Sia.

She didn't talk about the harbinger and just worked casually with some small talk. But Sam asked with a smile.

"So, what do you think about my Job offer?"

"Offer? Sam, I am working on the Wheat field. Why would I work on this if I have any intention to leave?"

"Maybe, you don't. But what about your sister?"

Sia halted in her tracks and she shivered for a second before she covered the anxious expression with a smile.

"Wha...t are you talking about? I don't have a sister."

"If you reacted fast enough it would have been convincing. But you gave it away.

As I said this morning, I am Sam and I own an organization. I am currently on a journey to recruit some special candidates for a quest of my own. And Gran's name came up on the list. I came here to recruit gran.

It was really hard to find out. I am here to extend an invitation to both of you. You can both join my organization as you are both highly skilled."

Sia turned silent for a second and replied in a low voice.

"What if I am just some normal bartender? What if I am just Sia and have nothing to do with the master thief, what if my sister is the Gran and I am just a normal bartender."

"Well, if you it is indeed the case, I would still offer job for both of you. Your sister for her skills as a master thief and assassin, you for being a wine maker and a bartender. But your sister might have to stay with me in the journey, while you can work with the liquor department of my business.

But my guess is that both of you are Sia the skilled liquor maker and Bartender and both of you are Gran, the skilled master thief and assassin.

Since we have this healthy coincidence, I would be a fool to pass up on this.

You can think about the offer, but do consider it properly. I am giving you and your sister an opportunity to enter the major league of the crafts you are in. You would enter a whole new world with a whole lot of skilled opponents and obstacles with a lot more possibilities and opportunities for progress.

And it might not even be impossible for you to become the greatest liquor maker in the world.

So, both of you take a seat, have a proper discussion before you decide."

With that, Sam left the area on the harbinger without turning back. He is really excited to see what decision Sia would make.

In actual fact, he really liked her and already wanted to offer her a job even if Gran didn't come into the picture. But now this happy coincidence made things easier.

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Chapter 962: Test

After Sam left, Sia just stood there with a lot of thoughts going on in her head. She doesn't know how to react to this situation or how to proceed. The rational thought would be to kill Sam and be done with it.

Their secret would be safe and they can proceed with their lives as they are now. But the thought killing Sam didn't feel right in her head. She felt extremely uncomfortable. She looked at the wheat field they are working on and moved towards the hill nearby which had a creek that led to an underground room.

Within the secret room, Gran is looking through some letters.

Twin sisters. The resemblance is uncanny not just physically but also in terms of their temperament. They are extremely similar. At this moment the only difference is that Sia is in a gloomy mood.

"What happened Sia? Why are you unhappy? Did Sam do anything?" Gran asked with concern.

"He knows."

"What?"

"He knows about us."

When she heard this, the first reaction of Gran is that Sia must have told him and wanted to get angry but when she saw her sister's mood, she knew that there is more to it.

"How did he know?"

"I don't know how. But he knows and he came here to talk to me about it. He gave us a job offer."

With that, Sia went on to explain what Sam said.

"So, what do you want to do?"

"I don't know, Gran. You tell me. What should we do?"

"Do you really want this?" Gran asked as she looked Sia in her eyes. But Sia averted eye contact.

"You really fell for him didn't you?"

Gran said with a helpless sigh. After some thought, she spoke.

"Let us consider this. Think this through and tell me what you really want to do. If you really want to pursue this, I will support you wholeheartedly. In fact, I really think you should take it upon this offer. What he said is right. You cannot become the greatest bartender and wine maker when you hole up in a planet with no actual residents or resources to speak of.

You need to explore more and see new places."

"What about your.." Sia wanted to say something, but Gran immediately cut her off and said.

"Don't worry. All these years, you gave up your dream to realize man. Maybe it is about time I do the same for you. Anyway, this will also help my dream. I will be the master thief that is known across the realms and you will be known as the best wine maker of all realms.

But only few shall now that we are sisters until the day we die.

So, if you really want to pursue this offer, you can speak your mind."

Sia nodded and both of them sat there as they talked for a while and finally Sia gave her opinion.

"I would really like to take this offer. That is only if you are okay with it. If you have any form reluctance please reject it."

"Well, my only reluctance is due to the fact that you want to pursue more than just a job after and explore more than just ingredients for liquor."

Sia didn't know what to say and pretended like she didn't hear anything. But Gran continued.

"We will decide on what to do with that offer. But before that, let me test him once."

"Test?"

"In a few days, our annual sister bonding day is coming. I will use that to test him."

"But Gran.."

"Don't whine. I will be fair to him. Don't think I am some kind of devil."

Sam is roaming around the city and went back to his residence at night and he was about to take a shower, but he halted in his tracks and said.

"You know you could use the front door and visit properly. You don't have to sneak in."

He turned around with a smile after he spoke. Gran is standing beside the window completely cloaked.

"Why did you offer that job?"

"I think I was pretty clear with your sister."

"How did you find out?"

"That is a secret. You wouldn't tell me your trade secrets would you?"

Gran didn't reply but Sam continued.

"If you are here just worried about how I found out your secret and whether if it will affect your hiding efficiency of your identity, you don't have to worry. My secret and your secret is safe with me.

In fact, no matter what your answer is, I will be leaving this planet after I receive. I don't have time to horse around here too much and I certainly don't have time to mess with your life or secrets. So, Don't worry and come back when you have an answer."

"My sister, really likes your offer." Gran replied calmly.

"Oh? What about you?"

"It is not bad. It is the most straightforward offer I got. But before I make a decision, I want to test you."

"What kind of test?"

"A race."

"Race?"

"There is a mountain to the north of the city. It will take around four to five hours for me to travel at full speed. Many people know about it. But what many people don't know is that it is also a safezone like this city. But the mountain is so steep that no one bothered to occupy it.

Two days from now. We are going to race there?"

"That is it?"

"No that is not it. Here comes the main part. Two days from now, an event will happen on this planet. All the nine moons will come close to each other and closer to the planet and their gravity fields will cause meteor showers to happen. You can see all the moons in the morning and the meteors will strike every place except the safezones.

We are going to race in that situation.

I will suppress my cultivation level to yours, so don't think too much about it being unfair. I will make my decision after the race is over and my decision is final."

"Okay then."

Sam agreed and she left as swiftly and as sneakily as she came. If not for Sam's presence, nobody would have ever thought that she was there.

The next day, Sam started his inquiry about this special natural event and he got some details.

This event is not just simple as a meteor shower and natural disaster. There is a lot more going on with this and what follows this event is also one of the most dangerous times to spend on this planet.

The meteors that bring destruction on to the planet also bring a bunch of resources from the moons to this planet.

And once the shower is over on that day, the whole unsafe zones are scavenger zones for all the people and they search for these resources.

People kill each other for all the materials, spiritual energy resources that this planet brings and this week is also the busiest time for Gran.

All kinds of assignments would be given to her by these people. They don't care whether she would take it or not, but everyone would give assignments. Someone even gives assignments which are asking for her to not to take any assignments against them.

In fact, this week alone would bring a few months' worth of income for her.

In the next two days, Sam carefully prepared mentally for what is to come.

He decided to not use the dimensional drifters, transference scrolls or even harbinger since the other party is kind enough to suppress her cultivation. Any of these three things are complete cheats and there would be no point in this competition at all.

On the third day, Sam moved out of the residence and went to the North gate of the city before dawn.

There Sia and Gran are waiting. Gran still wore that cloaked attire.

Sia had that usual tender smile and Gran is looking at him coldly.

"We will start here and the first person to reach the top of the mountain wins." Gran said as soon as she opened her mouth. He just smiled at her and turned to Sia.

"I heard you liked the offer. Thanks for considering it."

She didn't reply and just smiled shyly.

"Anyway, I heard a big deal about this natural event. I am kind of looking forward to it."

"Don't say it until you see it." Gran said as she looked at the sky. Sam also looked upwards all the moons are getting closer and they became visible. The sky is looking beautiful and soon he started seeing some bright dots falling towards the earth and the whole earth quaking slightly.

He turned around to take a look at the city which is currently desolate. Everyone is holding up inside and from what he heard, even the tables at the inns are for rental today.

He is nervous and excited at the same time.

"Let's do this." He spoke and Gran and Sam started running towards North.

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Chapter 963: Different Meteors

Sam and Gran started running with their normal forms. Just like a normal runners using physical runners and after they warmed up a bit, Gran activated her partial shadow elemental fusion for which Sam did the same.

Gran was a surprised a bit. She knew little about Sam. Other than the fact that he is good at formations and good at liquor and wine with some extra high intelligent beasts that could do all kinds of work for him, she doesn't know much about him.

Now seeing shadow element, she was even more surprised.

Both of them started using shadow element and moved like two black snakes in the ground jumping from one place to another with a relative ease.

Sia looked at both of their receding backs and wished that they both would be safe.

Soon as both racers ran for a few hundred meters the meteors started striking. They boulders are almost falling down like raining water.

Gran who seemed to be experienced in this started dodging them easily, she is using the shadow of the meteors that are about to strike to move from one spot to another and swiftly moved forward creating a lead.

Sam wanted to overcome that lead, but he is not as swift as Gran at the start, but soon he managed to catch up a bit.

But as soon as he neared Gran, she made a somersault in the air and kicked two small meteors that are coming down towards him.

Sam dodged one that is sure to hit him and ignored the other that was a bit off trajectory, but the next second he dodged the first one, he understood the second one didn't miss. Because it was not aimed at him in the first place.

Its target is another large meteor to begin with. This boulder crashed into a larger one that is near Sam and the debris started falling off on him.

Sam shifted to earth elemental fusion and defended against the debris, before changing the fusion back to normal and moving forward.

This time, he didn't try to catch up or overtake immediately. Instead he maintained a steady distance as he observed the meteors that are crashing down with energy vision. The main disadvantage of Sam over Gran is that she knew about this and familiar with this scenario.

He has to make himself familiar and knowledgeable if he has any chance of beating her and soon he drew up some observations.

First one is that the nine moons which have different elemental properties and presences are throwing out different elemental meteors. Even the rock that crashed into him burning with fire elemental one.

Even the gravity and the extreme force these meteors are hitting the earth is not changing these elemental properties and second is that the meteors are of different sizes.

There are small baseball sized to large mammoth sized. But they are not gigantic. If they are that big, then the planet might not even be able to survive. Sam doesn't know how the gravity of this planet holding itself against nine moons, but that is not his problem so he shook those thoughts away and started thinking of ways to help himself out of the situation.

He came up with a small plan to pick up the lead. He shifted his elemental fusion to earth elemental one and caught hold of a meteor without destroying it. It is a good soccer ball sized and he used gravitational manipulation to catch a hold of it.

Then he shifted to fire elemental fusion and started creating a rock-lava egg. After that he turned back to the shadow elemental fusion and started picking up the speed again.

Gran noticed that the distance between them is decreasing once again and started kicking the boulders. This time Sam is careful and he used this exact moment to throw the Rock-Lava Egg at Gran. She dodged it to the side.

But the egg crashed into a nearest large rock and the lava splashed all over Gran. Even though it is not exactly damaging and all it could cause might not even be considered pain, the first instinct of the body when an unknown hot liquid suddenly splashed on them, particularly when they are not expecting it is to flinch and cover.

Sam used this swift second to jump and kick a large ice elemental boulder that was about to fall towards it and it crashed right into Gran which made her stop for a second and Sam took this chance to not only eliminate the distance between them and picked up the lead.

But instead of leaving a large gap between themselves, he maintained a steady distance so that he could be aware of her tricks.

For some time, he managed to dodge or even completely avoid her attacks from the rear because of this constant awareness, but he also managed to maintain the lead perfectly while throwing a few of his own attacks.

But after a while Gran stopped attacking him and let him move forward and then only he realized that something changed. Until now when a meteor crashes, all he had to do is dodge from the impact and debris and he did the same with this one.

But instead of the stray and harmless debris that usually hit him, he was hit by a large wave of fire elemental spiritual energy that caused to feel a minor fire elemental energy forcefully entering into his body.

He almost felt suffocated because of that and his body also started hurting severely.

He immediately changed his shadow elemental fusion to fire elemental fusion and absorbed the stray fire elemental energy and stayed in place feeling shocked.

By now, Gran already caught up and just overtook him and by now, she is already using full shadow elemental fusion as she moved like a shadow snake and avoid every crash by almost a four meters.

Sam looked at the surroundings for a few seconds. The meteors changed. There are normal boulders charged with elemental energies but now in addition to that, there is a new kind.

Sam dodged a strike and moved forward slowly as he used earth elemental fusion and caught ahold of this new boulder. It looked like a glass crystal filled with some kind of colored smoke. He looked around to notice the effects of this crash and was stunned to see that such a thing even exists.

This is just a giant mass of active elemental energy. It is stable enough to stay in shape and not create an elemental energy explosion, but also unstable

enough to create an elemental energy wave that would could corrode the surroundings up on impact.

These glass boulders are also of all elemental energies.

Fire, water, ice, lightning, darkness, wood and many more. At one spot a fire elemental glass boulder created a small scale magma pond and a few meters away the ice elemental one created a miniature tundra.

Now he understood why Gran didn't bother fight for the lead a while ago. She knew that something like this would happen.

He also activated full shadow elemental fusion and started moving forward. He was sure that he could catch up with Gran, but soon he realized that he had overestimated himself. He cannot possibly catch up with her as the glass boulders are raining more densely and Gran is still managing to dodge them.

This is the result of experience.

He really wished he prepared well enough for this.

As he was busy dodging and thinking of other ways, Gran turned around and gave him a smile before throwing two knives towards him. He dodged them, but they hit two glass boulders behind which caused him to take the blunt of the attack.

Luckily one of them is a wind elemental one which blew him a few meters away and made it easier for him to recover.

Sam pursed his lips and used started moving forward, but as Gran was about to take a few more throwing knives, he took out his two hand guns and aimed forward.

He shot energy cell bullets at the glass boulders around Gran.

He is faster than her throwing knives and when she threw those knives, he even shot them mid-air like they are easy targets.

As the constant barrage of bullets hit the glass boulders that she almost dodged, Gran had to slow down and halt for a few seconds and Sam used this chance to catch up.

As he crossed her, he had a sudden idea and changed his elemental fusion back to earth one to catch a boulder and used repel style to kick it towards Gran.

Gran who barely recovered from the shock of this bunch didn't expect this kind of attack. After all, the glass boulders should be exploding up on hitting them.

But to both of their shock, the repel style worked and he managed to kick the boulder properly. He caught a few more boulders and stored them in the divine dimension for research before changing back to shadow elemental fusion and taking the lead.

Now not only Gran has to look out for meteors, he also has to look out for these weird and impossible attacks from Sam.

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Chapter 964: Golems

For the next few hours, Sam maintained the same lead as he created after realizing the use of glass boulders.

He kicked the boulders at Gran whenever she tried to throw the knives at him or whenever she tried to reduce the distance. He managed to keep that steady distance without any changes. But he knew that he couldn't go on like this. Because the glass boulders reduced in numbers and the rocky boulders took their original dominating spot and even they are not as dense as before.

On this way, Sam noticed the effects of this meteor shower on the land and the environment. He noticed that there is even an undead glass boulder that

turned some beasts into undead and in fact it is so potent that it managed to create some undead trees which are extremely rare.

So rare that even in the realm of undead he only managed to see a few.

All this while they ran through a partial forest route and partial open route, but Sam could see an open plain in horizon. A few hundred meters away.

He ran towards the plain without a stop and he even didn't care about kicking the glass boulders at Gran.

Gran who is following him closely made a flip and kicked a basket ball sized boulder towards him. But Sam already saw it and easily dodged. But the attack from Gran continued, but Sam didn't have any glass boulder left. So, he also decided to reply in kind.

As soon as he stepped foot on the plain field, he made a flip in the air and kicked on a rock. But instead the rock flying over like a ball, his leg got stuck in it.

Sam couldn't see what help on to him, but it almost felt like something bit on his leg tightly.

He started dropping down along with the rocky boulder.

Sam became a bit vigilant and tried to pull his leg, but it didn't come out. He used the second leg and the void style to kick on the rock continuously, and right before he crashed into the ground, he managed to get rid of that biting grip.

When the dust settled, what he saw in front of him shocked him. He turned around and looked. From a bunch of boulders, rock golems are emerging with different elemental energies surrounding it.

The one in front of Sam has lightning elemental energy inside it and when it punched Sam, he could feel the lightning striking him as he blocked.

His whole arm felt numb.

And the rest of the golems within the range also started coming towards Sam as they attacked.

Sam felt a bit frustrated. He fell into her trap once again. She timed it perfectly.

And the worst part is, when he saw Gran, she just smoothly crossed over and left. The golems didn't even bother with her as she dodged them perfectly.

Sam realized how stupid he has been. If he was a bit later or even a bit calmer and didn't kick the boulder, there is a great chance that the golems wouldn't bother about him too and this belief only reinforced when the golems far away from started fighting each other when there is no other living thing within a certain range.

They don't have any intelligence and they barely had any sentience. They have only desire to fight and when a creature or moving object comes within a certain range of their senses, they fight. And once they are engaged if a second object comes, they ignore.

If no object comes at all, they just roam aimlessly.

This caused Sam to curse under his own breath and since all the golems already surrounded him, he saw no other way.

He took out his staff and used a combination of ripple style and Void style. This is something he came up with when he was researching the metal poles that uses three styles and crush the structures.

In this combined style of ripple style and void style, the spiritual energy will travel in ripples across the object he hit and when the ripples reached their maximum range, they are explode according to void style.

Sam smashed the staff on the leg of the golem coming towards him and the energy worked according to the combination which crumbled the whole limb joint.

The golem crashed to the ground and Sam smashed another hand making it impossible to get up. He doesn't need to completely destroy them as long as they don't come to fight him.

He moved fast and swift as he hit each golem, but he realized that there is no end to this as many golems kept on surrounding him.

He used a full strength and spun the staff to land as many hits as he can and finished a bunch of golems in a single strike before gather time for a breath. He looked at Gran who is moving forward and the lead is increasing. He couldn't bear it anymore and put the energy conservation at side before deciding to cross the field first.

His body changed from shadow elemental fusion to the light elemental fusion. His whole body turned into a golden mass light and soon it turned into a green mass of light.

He decided to use the laser fusion which he didn't use for a while.

His whole body turned into a laser beam as he kicked the ground and shot forward.

The laser beam made some holes in the bodies of golems and then swiftly passed through half the field in the blink of an eye. Sam landed on the ground and rolled over as he panted before turned to shadow elemental fusion and dodging the upcoming golems.

He is only a few dozen meters away from Gran and when she saw his feat, she almost tripped and fell.

But that is not the end of it, they are still within the plain field and there are no surroundings that could help them dodge that effectively, even Gran is struggling a bit. Of course not as much as Sam.

So, Sam decided to even the field a little and a shadow soldier suddenly appeared under Gran and caught a hold of her foot which made her trip and fall literally.

Sam took this advantage and changed to earth elemental fusion and when he was about to pass her, he used an earth elemental technique that made the ground move and trap her inside without almost half of her body stuck underground.

Then he turned back to shadow elemental fusion and moved forward.

Gran who was stuck was also detected by the golems nearby. She broke apart from the binding and tried her best to dodge the golems and escape. Luckily she was not surrounded by Sam otherwise, she would be having even more trouble.

As Sam increased the lead between them, he saw a forest a few hundred meters away and when he saw Gran following him, he doesn't know if it is another trap or if it is okay for him to go inside.

He halted for a second and looked around in the sky to see if there are any new boulders coming down.

When he noticed that there is no sight of new boulders, he took a deep breath and went inside the forest.

What he didn't notice is the smile on Gran's face and if he saw he would have understood what it was as soon as he entered the forest.

With all the meteor strikes and other things, Sam forgot factor something else inside the forest. The beasts.

And even the normal beasts are not the main problem and in normal times it wouldn't even be an issue. But currently due to the meteor situation, the beasts seemed to have gathered together and formed a group to save themselves and they are currently fighting the golems.

But before golems, the wave of glass boulders seemed to have did its job perfectly and it resulted in some of the undead beasts.

While the beasts are fighting with most of the undead beasts and golems new beast dead bodies are being formed as they fell within the undead zones created by undead glass boulders.

And these are the real problem. As soon as Sam entered the forest, they sensed his presence and undead are running towards him. If it is normal time, he wouldn't care and would have taken a detour or just dodged and left. But the whole forest is full of golems and beasts, if he caught their attention, he would be in trouble.

The undead beasts like living creatures and some undead creatures that are fighting only the golems, turned their attention to him and are charging. He didn't expect their senses to be this strong and noticed that these undead are somehow strange.

But he didn't dwell on it and thought of a plan to escape.

If he took a detour, Gran might cross him away.

So, he did something else. He activated his vampire bloodline. Since it is compatible with dark elemental energy, it went along with the shadow fusion and all of a sudden the undead creatures that are charging towards him suddenly grew confused.

The undead creatures don't have any feelings and thoughts, they live on instincts and these instincts strictly prohibit them from attacking one of their

own and particularly an undead of superior nature like a vampire wouldn't even be touched.

So, Sam got a free pass away from the undead creatures and even used them to escape easily.

On his way out of the forest, he created undead creatures out of the deadbodies of the beasts and left them there for Gran as a gift.

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Chapter 965: Creatures

Sam stayed over four hours inside the forest. It is such a large patch and when he made it out, it is already deep into the afternoon. In a few hours the sun would set and he can look at the mountain directly from this point.

He kept track of Gran who is actually quite skilled in sneaking around the forest. Even though, Sam left all these extra undead creatures, he was unable to feel that he is going to win. It is as if he was given the lead intentionally and he couldn't shake that feeling off at all.

After a few dozen meters of the forest, Sam saw the next obstacle. It is a large valley. It is so wide and deep that he is sure that he wouldn't be able to leap to the other side in a single jump and even his tricks might not be able to cross it.

In fact, even the spatial blink wouldn't be possible. It is almost two to three hundred meters wide. It is as if planet was separated into two.

As for diving into the valley and crossing it before climbing from the other side. Sam is even more reluctant as the valley is too deep that he couldn't see any trace of the end.

And he could hear the loud roars of the beasts.

But when he turned around, he could see Gran nearing him.

After some thought, he took a deep breath and jumped into the valley.

After a few seconds of Sam dropping down, Gran arrived and she had a smirk on her face.

She stood at the edge of the valley and started swallowing various pills that are mostly used for energy recovery. But instead of recovering her energy, he is channeling all the energy that came out of the pill and compressed it.

Her plan is to use all this excess energy and use a spatial blink to cross the valley in a single step.

There is a reason why Sam jumped into the valley. Even if he can use the spatial blink by borrowing extra energy, his body wouldn't be able to sustain it. But she doesn't have any problem with that. Because even though she suppressed her cultivation, her body has already experienced changed and evolved according to her original cultivation level.

She could easily bear all the energy.

There is no true fairness after all. As she channeled the energy and took more and more pills, suddenly she sensed something from the valley.

She looked down and noticed a large tree branch extending to the other side of the valley. The tree branch is so wide and large that it is extending for three hundred meters directly. This is something unbelievable for Gran.

The more shocking thing is Sam sitting on the branch.

When Sam leapt into the valley, he came across this large branch that is growing on the side of the cliff. He caught a hold of it and tested it for its strength for a few minutes and decided to take his approach. He is also taking a lot of potions and pills, but instead of compressing it, he directly channeled the energy to the tree branch and let it grow wildly.

Gran really wanted to punch Sam in the face. This is already god knows what element he showed to her this day.

She thought she was being unfair to him with this spatial blink technique. But she didn't feel like that anymore.

She stopped channeling the energy and used the spatial blink and landed on middle of that large branch as she ran on it following Sam.

Sam tried to create some obstacles to her on the branch, but she dodged them easily.

After some time he gave up and focused on leaving the place.

And he did exactly that. He managed to cross the valley and he threw a large container of bio fuel and set the tree branch on fire as he ran away swiftly.

This tree branch trick gave him time to recover his energy and heal some wounds and he managed to run with a new found vigor.

Gran who is now running on a burning branch tried to cross it and when she noticed that it is burning too vigorously, she couldn't help but put her own energy conservation aside and use blink once again as she crossed the valley.

As she followed Sam, he shifted from shadow elemental fusion to water elemental fusion as he jumped into a calm stream and swiftly appeared on the otherside.

For some reason, there are no golems or meteor strikes in the area and there is a plain field that is leading directly to the foot of the mountain.

Sam turned around to look for Gran who is catching upto him swiftly.

But as he moved forward, he saw that there are some new meteors that are falling down. These didn't look that different from the normal meteors. Rather they are quite similar to golems and others. But the only difference is that they are extremely orderly.

All this while, when the meteors are crashing down, they also crashed each other because of the trajectories. But the current meteors are completely orderly as if they already have a flight path designed.

Sam halted in his tracks and looked at the meteors that fell on the open plain field. He was surprised by what he saw next. Some weird creatures started popping up from within the meteor strikes.

They looked like humanoid creatures with the skull that shaped like a giant praying mantis.

They have pale skin with different hues.

They have no lips and only circular holes for mouths and a large white tongue came out of it and shot itself into the ground as they sucked energy out of it and an energy barrier is being formed around them.

When Sam looked at them, he felt the same vibe as he did when he faced the sea folks. But these creatures looked completely different.

He trusted his instinct and took out the executioner sword as he moved forward. From his energy vision he could sense that they are not exactly strong. They are barely in initial stage of Initiation of Astral Plane.

He could take all of them on.

As he moved forward, the nearest creature stopped its actions and ran towards Sam while screaming in anger.

Sam dodged its attack and slashed his sword at it. The sword barely left a slash on the side of its abdomen, but the poisonous corrosion immediately started spreading all over it.

This is clearly something similar to seafolk.

Sam landed another slash and moved forward. These creatures occupied the whole field and there is no other way. At least, they are weak and there are no

meteor strikes that he has to worry about. So, he slashed his way through the crowd.

By now, Gran already caught up and started attacking these creatures, she seemed to be extremely familiar with this as she used throwing knives to deal with each of these things instantly.

Both of them are almost back on an even playing field with Sam only having a lead of few dozen meters.

The battle went on and on and these creatures kept on coming forward.

After two hours, both of them finally managed to move to the other side after killing all the creatures and by now both of them are back to square one with no lead whatsoever as they panted and moved towards the foot of the mountain.

Sam couldn't help but feel a bit disappointed. As Gran is familiar with these creatures, she managed to kill them in one shot without any waste of time, but he needed some time to get used to it and he was unable to keep the lead he created with so much struggle.

Currently, they are standing at the foot of the mountain as the sun slowly began to set while they took medicines to recover their energies.

It is almost as if they are starting a different race altogether.

After a few minutes of recovery, Gran started channeling her energy. Sam sensed the energy and felt extremely familiar with it.

He couldn't help but smile.

Because, she is using a merge of spatial energy and shadow energy. But the feeling he is getting from it is a bit different.

He couldn't put a finger on where. So, he used energy vision to take a look as she channeled her energy and prepared to move.

After looking at her closely, he finally found a bit of difference.

It is the method they tried to merge their energies.

Sam channeled both elemental energies together to merge and create fusion. To be precise he is using two partial fusions at the same time at a perfect balance and ration.

But Gran took a completely different approach. When he saw this, he felt like he was an idiot to not to have tried that method before as it is more straightforward.

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Chapter 966: Finishing

Gran is using a extremely straightforward method to merge two elements. And all that needs is an extreme control of energy. When Sam saw this, he felt like his level of control might even be less than her own.

It is that critical and delicate.

But it is simple to explain. Unlike Sam who channels both energies at the same time by taking advantage of his beast like meridians, Gran channels one energy after another. She channels, shadow energy and space energy one after another in extreme speeds that there would be an overlap between both energies which gave her the opening to use both energies combined.

If one has a great command and control over their own energy with a perfect timing, they can merge any two energies.

Gran smiled at Sam as she reached a proper state to move, but just as she was about to make that move, Sam also returned her smile and used his own version of shadow and space elemental merge.

The shock of Gran is more than what Sam felt when he saw her use that.

Most of his surprise is due to the fact that he forgot that she has spatial element as she mostly used shadow element throughout the race. But her shock is due to the fact that she felt it is extremely unfair for Sam to possess spatial element too which she thought as an edge over him.

This made her more determined to win this race and she blinked and disappeared into the nearest shadow and in the next moment, she remerged on another shadow on the surface of the mountain.

Sam looked at her coming through that shadow and felt surprised once again and he looked at the setting sun on the side.

She is using the sun set to her advantage as it caused the rocky protrusions on the surface of the mountain, even the small protrusions to cast large shadows and she is using those shadows to her own advantage and created a technique similar to shadow transverse.

Generally, spatial blink takes a lot of energy, because the spatial energy used for transporting a person or an object is a lot and in addition to locating the next point the person wants to move to is also an extra energy expense.

Now she is eliminating all of this, she is reducing her body mass by directly entering the shadow nearby merging into it and then using the shadow energy to locate the shadows nearby and pinpointed the farthest shadow she could get access to and then using the spatial energy to blink her low mass body to that point.

That makes it easier for her move and use blink more often. Almost like a normal move.

Sam never felt this stupid in his life.

As he looked at her way of moving and felt like an idiot thinking on how he missed this kind of technique which uses the most basic principles of the respective energy usage.

Sometimes, it is really hard to notice the simplest of the things.

Sam decided to use the same technique and merged in the nearest shadow and reappeared in the farthest shadow he could access to.

When he did it for the first time, he is not as fast as Gran is nor did he cross the same distance as she did. But he didn't feel disappointed. Once he understood the principle it is only a matter of number of trails and he would be proficient in any thing. He is proud of his learning ability and there is not much to learn in this thing.

So, he started moving forward without much hesitation.

Gran, who is also moving upwards halted in her tracks as she hung with the support of a protrusion and looked at Sam who is using the same technique as her.

It didn't take long for her to figure it out that he is using her own technique in a race against her. She really wanted to curse Sam and his eighteen generations of ancestors out loud in the open.

But she controlled the urge and threw a knife downwards after observing a few moves of Sam.

Her knife hit a protrusion as soon as Sam disappeared into a shadow.

Sam who is in the middle of the motion, felt suffocated and stuck. He felt like he was being crushed by a compact space and he channeled his energy rapidly which made him reappear in the middle of the path.

As he was about to fall down, he slammed his palm into the mountain surface and held onto the small groove he made tightly.

He looked around to notice that the shadow he marked to transfer to was gone and that is reason why he was stopped midway. If not for his control, he would have suffered some severe backlash.

He is sweating profusely while panting heavily as he looked at Gran who looked at him with a cold victorious smile.

By now the cloak covering her face is long gone.

She got hit so many times because of Sam that it was destroyed and Sam finally saw the clear difference between Sia and Gran. The natural instinct and nature of an apex predator. Gran is a hunter and predator through and through.

She has the cunningness, patience and strength all that needed for that and she has that coldheartedness in face of competition and enmity. He never saw these qualities in Sia, but he is willing to bet that she doesn't have them. Even if she did, she is inferior to Gran in those qualities.

Sam gritted his teeth and moved forward. He is not skilled enough to attack her from the below while using this technique, so he could only think of ways to dodge and not slow himself down even more.

So, he stopped picking the farthest shadow he could access and picked at random and soon he realized that he has an advantage over Gran even in this new technique and that is because of the bloodlines he has.

Since his affinity with elements is high because of the beast bloodlines, he can use the technique faster and his energy consumption is lower than hers.

Particularly, with the similarities between this technique and the shadow mouse's bloodline technique, it was even easier. So, except for the lack of experience in using this technique, there is no disadvantage.

But that was enough for Gran to take perfect advantage of and maintain that lead. The attacks became more and more precise as he tried all kinds of random things.

Soon, he couldn't keep up the pace as he is feeling suffocated with the constant stuck feeling he is getting because of the interruptions from Gran in his motion.

Because of this, Gran soon got a lead that couldn't be covered with this technique no matter how hard Sam tried.

The chances of him winning are reducing every second.

As he thought of the situation, he couldn't think of what would happen if he lost. Would he be able to recruit the sisters? That question didn't even pop up in his mind. The only thing is that his mind kept on repeating is that he doesn't like to lose.

He thought of all the ways to reach the top in the fastest way possible. There are at least a few hundred meters to reach the peak and he has to cross them as fast as he can.

He went through all the elemental energies that he could use and thoughts of ways to use them to get to the peak. But no scenario worked out in his mind and then he thought of any new ideas that he could use any new thing that he learned recently even in this very journey and by the time he come to this thought, his mind ran at a new speed.

He immediately closed his eyes while hanging on the mountain side and channeled different energies in his body.

He removed the shadow energy and started channeling the light elemental energy in place of it.

He never really focused on merging different energies to create new combinations, the reason he combined the spatial energy and the shadow energy is because of the usage of the shadow sword and the attacking power of a spatial tear to the shadow realm.

And there are a million other things for him to think about and he was never really on the weaker side of the battle among their peers. He even had too many tricks in his arsenal that he couldn't use them all in a normal battle.

But now it seems like it is about time he explored something new.

As he tried to merge the light and spatial energy, he felt a bit of resistance. This would be gone if he practiced it a bit, but he has no time to practice.

He channeled the energy rapidly and directly used the technique.

Gran who is almost at the peak with just a few meter away looked down at Sam and frowned. She immediately removed her shadow fusion and only used the full spatial fusion to blink directly with all her remaining energy.

At this exact moment, Sam turned into a beam of light and moved upwards. As light was shot upwards, it disappeared in the middle and the beam reappeared as it cross the peak of the mountain.

Just before Sam landed, though the fusion ended and he felt the full backlash of the energy and started coughing blood which made him lose his footing and fall backwards.

Just before he felt like he would be tumbling down the peak, he felt someone grabbing him by his coat and when he looked up, he saw Gran who already reached the peak.

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Chapter 967: New Additions

Sam and Gran are sitting on top of the mountain as they looked at the horizon. The top of the mountain is free of any meteor strikes for some reason, but the view from up there is great.

The meteors that are striking the ground with different elemental energies created different colors with the dark sky in the background, which made it

seem like a painting on a canvas, but the painting itself is constantly changing but every change is beautiful.

Both of them are currently recovering and they didn't speak since the race was finished an hour ago.

"I lost." Sam admitted and took out some wine as he offered her some.

"You don't have to tell me that. I know it." She remarked while taking the wine jar.

"You seemed to quite familiar with the route."

"Yes, this is the annual racing route for Sia and me. This is the only day, both of us don't have to wear masks and we race to this mountain top from the city. And we will watch that beautiful scene together."

"Not bad. It might not be my kind of fun. But it is still good."

Gran was silent for a minute and said.

"What kind of journey are you going on?"

"It is a bit complicated. But simply put, it is a journey to spread my name in different realms and make enemies all over. I would be trying to take the heirlooms of organizations and the families that are spread across the realms and serve different gods."

"What do you have against the people who serve gods?"

"No, I don't have anything against them. But I do have something against the gods themselves and in fact they are the ones making me do this."

"Yeah, like gods would come to you and request you to destroy their devotees' places."

Even though she said sarcastically, she is actually pretty spot on.

"Believe me or not, that is the truth. I am going to become stronger and climb the realms. I am sure that I would be quite famous in a few years that even if you stay in this corner planet, you would still be able to listen stories about my exploits."

"I thought your goal was a simple life."

"And everything I do is to attain that simple life."

"It doesn't look like that."

"Why are you asking me all of this?"

"I need to know a few things about where me and my sister are going to work in the future."

Sam was surprised for a second. But Gran continued without minding.

"The race was a test, winning doesn't mean you passed or losing doesn't mean you failed. I am the judge anyway.

But we need some time. There are some goodbyes we need to tell and somethings we need to do. Particularly, the next week. There is no way I am leaving that haul."

"Sure. No problem. I can wait for a week."

"By the way, take care of yourself. There are eight assignments on your head. To steal your weird flying metal board."

Sam raised an eyebrow in amusement.

"That is actually a bit expected."

"And, there is one more thing I need to tell you. My sister wouldn't go to your organization and work there. She would be moving around with me. She would be travelling around with both of us.

You don't have to worry about her safety. She is as capable as me in theft and murder, it is just that she doesn't enjoy the conquest of it as much as I do."

With that both of them waited for the meteor shower to be over and got ready to return to the city.

But as Gran got ready to move the same way she came here, Sam stopped her and took out his dimensional drifter.

"I know a shortcut." He smiled and both of them disappeared from the spot before they reappeared at the city gate.

When they arrived at the city, Sam was surprised to see what was in front of him. The city just seemed to have gone through a chaotic storm. Every property is damaged and a lot of people are injured.

"I thought meteors didn't strike the city."

"They didn't. But the moon folk did."

"Moon folk?"

"The weird creatures. They survive on a low gravity area with very thin air and they feed on the spiritual energy of the land. Every year at this time they want to give birth so they come here to absorb a lot of spiritual energy and give birth here, but most of the time the birthing pods they place here will be destroyed by the meteors, so they decided on safe-zones, but the safe-zones are occupied and they are dead as soon as they came.

Even if by some miracle they managed to survive the meteor shower and people at safe-zone, they would die in the wilderness as they don't have enough power to return to the moon and the atmosphere here doesn't suit them that much.

So, they are weaker here and the beasts would take them for a ride easily."

"They are exactly like some creatures I know, except for differences."

"Anyway, it is no longer our problem. Go to the bar. She must have opened it. I need to go to our home and see wait for the assignments."

With that Sam went to the bar and Sia is waiting for him to anxiously.

As soon as he took the seat, she looked at him closely and asked.

"Are you okay? Are you injured?"

"No, I am alright. By the way, I passed your test and a week from now, you guys are coming along with me So, get ready."

Sia's face beamed in joy instantly and she almost screamed in joy. This caught Sam off guard. He didn't expect that there would be such a reaction from her.

He expected a sadder reaction or an excited reaction, but this much overexcitement is something he never expected.

She went back to the wall of liquors and started making a cocktail.

"Why are you so excited? Are you not least bit sad about leaving this place?"

"I am sad, but my excitement to what the world has to offer me is much more than the sorrow of leaving this place."

They made some small talk as Sia made all of her favorite cocktails one by one and Sam drank them. He almost got drunk a little bit tipsy when he went back to the residence.

"We are done here. I managed to convince Gran. And we even got an extremely special deal."

"So, when are we leaving boss?" Saber Monarch asked. He has been at this, since they came here. He doesn't like the place because there are not many beauties. The only beautiful women they saw are Agar and Sia.

Agar is off limits and she made it clear, Sia is also off limits, because he felt like something is going on between her and Sam, so he didn't dare. And most people apart from them are men. The only solace he found here are some prostitutes.

"We are still going to be here for the week. Since this place has a lot of people from different places. Find someone who can give us information on the next target. Find as much information as you can.

The winner gets a special cocktail from me."

Sam said with a smile and went to cook for himself.

Even though the reward is small, all of a sudden there is a hint of tension in the room. All three of them exchanged glances and left the place immediately.

And for the next few days, they didn't even come to the residence and stayed within the different inns of the city.

Sam visited the bar everyday and talked to Sia or Gran who are working in different shifts.

On third day of the week, Sia is on the duty and she spoke to him with the usual tender smile.

"You know, it is becoming easier to differentiate between you two. Your sister has that look every time I see her, but from her eyes I can see that she wants to swallow me whole if possible, you have that tender smile. It is becoming more and more apparent." Sam said casually.

Sia just chuckled and said.

"I heard from Agar that you gave them a task. I am interested in the reward. Since, I am also your employee can I also participate?"

"You know about this guy?"

"Of course, we actually met quite a few times. There was a time I wondered, if there is any chance that could unravel our mystery it would be him. He was quite adamant about me being Gran for quite a long time and he tried all kinds of methods to find out."

"Seems like an interesting character."

"He is. But I think it would be hard to recruit him."

"Why?"

"Because, that guy fell in love all of a sudden. If not for that, he might even be the easiest hire you would have had."

"Let us go there and find out for ourselves. Now, give me the details and you might get my special cocktail."

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Chapter 968: Sark

Sam is currently shaking the cocktail shaker while looking at the information on the counter. Sia is looking at him with her hands supporting her chin.

Soon, he was done and he poured it in the crystal glass. When the cocktail was poured there are three colors, in fact it is three layers of drink one up on another that stayed like that without mixing.

He didn't even take a look at it and studied all the information he had.

The next guy they are going to meet is actually a mercenary. His name is Sark.

He doesn't have a particular organization he was working for. In fact, he is more like a mercenary for mercenary organizations. They hire him for temporary missions.

That is why, Sia said he might even be an easiest hire for him. But currently he is in trouble as he messed with a family and fell in love with that girl. It is

actually a demon family and the woman could be said to be a demon princess.

He is currently struggling to get her from their family while escaping the family pursuits. It was a large cat and mouse game and it has been happening for around three months. The family head is an Astral Plane Transcendent stage cultivator and this guy is Astral Plane Pre-transcendent stage cultivator at late stage. Otherwise, he would have stormed the whole family down.

And the worst thing is one of the most despised kind in the eyes of demons. An offspring of a lesser demon and a normal human.

He is just a result of one night's bestial pleasure and that resulted in his mother's death. From then on, he despises demons the only demon he ever loved is this woman.

This all looked like some movie story for Sam and he doesn't know whether he is lucky, but every time he decided to recruit someone, he is finding them in a time of need. If this is just luck, it seems like he is not as unlucky as he thought he was.

He got all the information he needed and said.

"I will leave for now. I need to find those guys and make them stop it. You better get ready for some sheer annoyance, because you are not going to like their treatment for getting this. At least one of them will make it clear." Sam said as he pointed at the cocktail and left.

He returned to the residence and used a communication device to call them back.

"You guys all lost."

"What? Why?" As expected, the Saber Monarch has the largest reaction.

"Your new colleague beat you all to it. " The three of them were stunned. The calmest of them all, the five elemental King is also showing this expression of surprise which surprised Sam in reverse.

"Anyway, get ready and do what you have to do in the next three days. We will be leaving by then."

With that meeting ended and after three days, they all gathered together in the residence.

"Meet the new addition to our team."

Sam said as he opened the door. Sia and Gran both walked in, but they didn't wear any disguises. This made the rest of the team shocked. Sam couldn't help but chuckle at their reactions. But he didn't give them any time to get a clarity just for the fun of it and rushed them into the dimensional drifter, before all of them disappeared from the spot.

They reappeared in the middle of the mountain range.

"Well, one of our new teammates said that this place is perfect for our camp. So, we are going to stay here. And by the way, welcome to Azure mountain Planet in Blood demonic realm.

The beautiful azure mountain you can see far away is the home for the Azure Blood demon family which is the target of our target.

He is in love with the princess of that family and is trying not to get caught by that family but also to create enough chaos to catch that girl and escape. So, for the next few days, your duty is to scout around the area and find a way to catch him. Move in teams of two.

Sia and Gran, one of you wear a disguise and separate, join with some one other person and don't stay together. You can be a perfect trump card.

And since you guys are in odd number, one of you can join me."

"Boss, I would join you."

The Saber monarch was the first one to raise his hand. There are two reasons for that. First one is Sam really knew how to enjoy himself. He will definitely go to get the best food and drinks in the surroundings. And the second one is, he doesn't have to pay for himself if he goes with Sam. Sam is filthy rich.

So, disgustingly rich. He wouldn't even feel a pinch if he took care of all Saber Monarch's expressions. But gran who just finished her disguise dragged him and said.

"You are with me."

Agar and Five elemental King went together, leaving Sam and Sia together.

"I guess you are stuck with me. Let's go. We will meet here at evening."

With that Sam and Sia moved towards the Azure Mountain range. The mountain is full of Azure soil rich in lightning elemental energy. The Azure blood demons has literal Azure blood and they all have lightning elemental affinity and some of them even has more.

The whole mountain range is one big city and the family took the residence on the very top of a mountain.

The city looked more like a tourist spot than an actual city itself.

Most of the residences are made from the Azure stones that are available in the mountain range.

The first thing Sam did is to go to the restaurant with most rush. The blood demons are not really that different from humans in terms of appearance. They have fangs and their skin is a bit different and they are not exactly unfriendly or despised by other races.

They are just like humans or any other race, except they have this unnatural pride that comes with no grounds whatsoever.

Sam could clearly see this in the restaurant they were in. He saw a human waiter who is serving busily and called him before placing the order.

"We are new visitors here, what is the situation of the city?"

"Nothing much. The Azure blood demon family rules is and the rest are ruled by them within in." He said blandly.

"Well, anything interesting happening with the Azure Blood demon family?"

Sam asked once again as he placed a spatial ring on the table. The waiter looked around and slipped the ring and checked the contents before saying.

"Sark is pissing them off more than they made it public. Yesterday, I overheard that, there is an attack on the south side at the foot of the mountain, where the family had a mine. Sark is causing trouble there at the moment."

"Thanks, now bring the order as fast as you can and I might give you a decent tip."

After the waiter left, Sia said.

"You are quite good at this."

"Of course, don't tell me you don't know this trick. You are a bartender yourself, I am pretty sure that you got a lot of information from the customers without them even telling it you directly. That is the main flaw of the people, they don't care much about the waiters and thus makes it easier for an information slip.

But I am sure, as long as the basic information is concerned, a waiter would have more of it than a professional information seller.

Now, finish the meal, we have to go to the mines and find traces."

After finishing the meal and leaving a decent tip and a communication token with the waiter, Sam left along with Sia to the south of the city and used the south gate to move towards the foot of the mountain.

The forest of the mountain is lush and rich and many people are coming out to hunt but as they went downwards, there are less and less people and soon they understood why. Apart from the mine, the rest of the area is a bit of a wasteland.

It is not exactly a great place to hunt or explore as there are barely any trees and even the few people that went in that route are going to a specific village that is situated far away.

Sam and Sia secretly roamed in the surroundings of the mine. The security is tight, but there are some clear traces of battle and a lot of tunnels seemed to have collapsed. A lot of earth elemental users are trying to restore the tunnels, Sark clearly came here and he did quite some damage. There would be no mining for quite some time and this will definitely impact the family.

But apart from that, there are barely any traces. But there is one thing that Sia found which gave them some information which might help them.

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Chapter 969: Scouting

Sam and Sark are currently sitting inside a forest as they looked at a piece of rag. It was covered in mud and Sam is trying to uncover the rag without losing any possible blood or other marks that could be on it.

When he was done, he gave it to Sia who looked at it. There seemed to be some kind of embroidery design on it, but since it was torn they couldn't see what is truly is. But Sia smiled and said.

"It is hit. He really came to this side of the mine, he might have escaped that way." She pointed in the direction they found the rag.

But Sam is not as optimistic about it, he thought for a moment and asked.

"The rag is not that difficult to find, why do you think the soldiers from the Azure Blood Demon family didn't find it?"

When he mentioned it, she also began thinking of other possibilities.

"This mud cleared off all the bodily scent that we could have used. Let us go try to find some other information or we can wait for another event like this to happen."

After that, they began walking away and Sam looked at the possible path in which this guy might have escaped one more time before he left.

They came back to the city and went to a bar.

"So, why are we here?" Sia asked as she looked around.

"Of course, why would we be at a bar? To drink."

"I thought we need to work."

"We do and we did and we are going to do so. I would never let my work impede my time of vanity." Sam answered and took seat at the counter, gesturing Sia to take the one next to him.

He looked at the menu and ordered one drink after another as he sampled them. There are not too many varieties here and they are also not exactly the best wines.

Sam looked around. This is the best bar in the city and everyone is flocking inside drinking like pigs, but the wine here is one of the worst wines he had to the date.

"Seems like I have some business opportunities here."

Sam said as he came out of the bar and Sia hurriedly took out her own wine to wash away that disgusting flavor she just tasted.

"I thought demons would know how to enjoy life. But turns out I was wrong." Sia said as they walked.

After some more roaming and scouting the city, Sam and Sia came back to the residence. Since this is in the mountain region, the terrain is not completely even and there are many paths, Sam could take advantage of.

In fact, the whole city seemed to have been built on along with the uneven mountain terrain without any leveling.

After returning to the residence, soon the rest of the people also came with a bunch of information.

Sam took out a map of the whole city which he bought that day itself and started marking.

The map only included the city and the surroundings are completely denoted a forests or mountains, there is no mention of the properties of the Azure demon family or any other person for that matter that might have been outside the city range.

But Sam and his team managed to see a few properties of Azure Demon Family out of the city.

Some mines, some fields across the mountain and some factories.

Unlike Sam who went for the latest attack information, they went for the information about the properties instead.

"There are still a bunch of properties we hadn't visited yet. Until now, including your visit, we went to five properties. And out of five, three have already been attacked. From the looks of it, he is going to attack even more properties. By day after tomorrow, we will finish visited the rest of the properties and find out which are attacked and which are not.

The information from the city has not been accurate. It seems like the family hid all the attacks from outside. Their situation might even be worse than what rumors are saying."

Five elemental King explained.

After the meeting was over everyone went to rest and Sam threw a bunch of shadow mice out and sent them on a secret information hunt. Their targets this time are low-level soldiers. Many soldiers are stationed near the city gates, the family estate and so on. They seemed to be reserved soldiers that are being sent to different places as soon as the attack happened and their camp is also for healing the injured soldiers from previous attacks.

The information on these soldiers might not be detailed and confidential, but it is critical all the same. No matter whom the demon family tried to keep the information from, it would never escape the soldiers as they are the ones who are going to visit the battlefields.

He left the shadow mice to stay in their camps for the next day while he and the team went to check on the properties.

It just so happened that one of the properties was attacked when Saber Monarch and Gran are snooping around it.

Gran who is also familiar with Sark easily identified it was him.

He is attacking a orchard of the Demon family they use to grow the fruits for their winery. When she looked at the large land full of fruit and thought of the disgusting wine experience her sister had, she really wanted to slap some sense into the demons. They don't know anything about wine except for drinking it.

She snuck in the chaos and managed to get a hold of a few fruits before going back and no one ever noticed that she came.

Sark kept them that occupied.

After destroying half of the trees in the orchard, Sark channeled a large amount of energy and created a massive lightning explosion that blinded not just the vision, but also any other senses and disappeared from the spot as if he wasn't there.

Gran and the Saber monarch who are outside the range of this explosion, saw everything and was surprised, they could see Sark leaving in one direction, but for some reason, the soldiers are not going in that direction.

It is as if they eliminated the possibility of going in that direction at all. But they didn't follow him. If they want to catch up to him, they would have to cross these soldiers which is not a good idea and if they tried to take a detour, there would lose him anyway.

So, they went back and continued their secret visits to the properties.

That day everyone came back by evening and they mapped the properties they visited so they might get a pattern.

Gran described the whole situation of the attack properly Sam was surprised by that.

"Nobody thought of checking that route?"

"No, some soldiers looked in that direction and some moved a bit towards that route, but for some reason, nobody followed him. Even Sark didn't use too much energy to escape, he just ran normally after the initial burst until he disappeared into the forest."

Sam thought of this and then thought of the rag they found simply by just walking around.

"Tomorrow if you come across a previously attacked property, try to get the escape route. Look for any traces that could have been left by him while

escaping. See if we can find something. And if you come across another attack, don't interfere. Just observe his escape route."

The next day they went on with the duties and by the end of that day, they managed to map all the properties.

They managed to get three escape routes that day. One fresh because of the attack that happened that day and they witnessed directly. This also ensured that the escape route is hundred percent trustworthy.

But they don't know about the rest. They are mere approximations.

Still, Sam drew all of them on the map. They couldn't discover a general pattern among the attacks.

"From the previous two attacks, he is neither striking the least expected place nor the most expected places, he might even be picking in random. So, the next order of business is finding where he is escaping to or hiding at.

So, for the next two days, spread out and hide near these properties. Don't leave any traces or gather attention and if there is an attack find out his escape route.

There must be a reason that the soldiers are avoiding certain routes and it wouldn't take long for the higher ups to figure out that they should be looking in those routes. Before they do that, we need to do that.

If we find out before the family could, he might be saved and used. But if we do not, our efforts would be wasted. So, be vigilant. There is not even good food or drinks here.

And take these things. These are grenades, they might not create damage to people, but they sure as hell can create chaos in the surroundings. If by any chance Sark was spotted by others and his distraction is not enough, explode a bunch of these and things would be smooth sailing."

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Chapter 970: Forbidden Zone

For the next three days, the team was split up. This time Sam also went alone, despite being the weakest of them all.

They stayed near different properties that were not attacked and waited for them to be attacked.

And the first attack coincidentally happened at the place Sia is camping. She stayed completely out of range and managed to get a glimpse of the route Sark took.

After the dust settled and the initial search trials from the soldiers, the injured were being moved to the camps at the city gates to get the treatment.

Sia waited for the chaos to settle down a bit and finally sneaked into the path.

But as soon as she entered that path, she halted in her tracks and turned around.

A man is standing on top of the tree looking at her.

"Seems like someone else is after this Sark. Don't bother, the Azure Blood demon family already noticed this, you wouldn't get any reward even if you try to find him at the moment."

She just stayed silent and looked at him calmly. He is an Azure blood demon. It seems like their team is not as quick as they want to be. Sam wanted to find out where this route is leading to and find the hiding spot of Sark.

But from the looks of it, the Azure Blood demon family already thought of this possibility, they might be a bit later than they should have been.

"If you found him, you wouldn't be standing here." Sia said after some thought.

"Well, I just discovered this route he was taking and we all know where this leads from here, so technically I found it. Now, I am sorry that your reward dreams might have been crashed like this, but it is your fate, so accept.

So, get out while I am still in a good mood, otherwise something untoward might happen to you."

As soon as he finished his words, Sia made her move, she disappeared from the spot and within a second she is already climbing the tree like a coiling black snake and before he could react, she stabbed a knife in his throat.

"You should have stayed silent." With that she slashed the throat and killed him in a second and threw him into the storage and ran towards the special rendezvous they prepared earlier.

First she reached an open spot and lit up a stick Sam gave them. This is a flare. As soon as she lit it up, it flew upwards and exploded like a fire cracker with a large eye-catching explosion that could be seen from all over the mountain. From every corner without any problem.

But this also attracts the attention of the demon family.

So, Sia ran back to their residence.

This is merely a signal for everyone to return to the residence to discuss something important.

After a few hours, everyone returned back to the residence where Sia is also waiting.

"The Azure Blood demon family already suspected about these special routes, there is a guy who stayed out of the range of the attack and spotted Sark's escape.

When I was about to follow Sark, I had an encounter with him and I killed him."

She waved her hand and let the body out. Sam immediately activated a bunch of concealment formations.

As he looked at the demon's body, two bloodlines in his body are riling up. First one is Raiju Bloodline which might be the result of the lightning element present inside its body.

And the Vampire bloodline which might be the result of the blood of the demon.

He suddenly felt like he found the next source for his cultivation. The Solar fragments he got from that encounter are still present. The only reason he still stopped is that Yanwu has to consolidate his body a bit and is now going slower than before in consuming them.

At first he thought those bodies would be enough for late Stage Initiation breakthrough, but to his dismay, he came short of it and since the breakthrough wouldn't happen instantly they decided to slow down the consumption and let themselves grow steadily.

Now it seems like Raiju might have a similar effect from these Azure Blood demons because of the lightning presence and he might increase his cultivation by absorbing the blood.

But before he didn't anything drastic, he decided to test the corpse a bit. But before that he returned his focus back to the situation at hand.

The Azure demon family is bound to confirm that Sark is using these avoided routes even if this demon that just died didn't inform. They would just relate his disappearance to Sark killing him when he was being tailed.

If that demon lived and informed the family directly, they would have confirmed it directly, the death would be confirmed indirectly.

"Did he spot you in your hiding?" Sam asked after some thought.

"No, the only reason, he caught me is because I came out of the hiding to tail Sark. From the looks of it, he is already on the lookout in that path." Sia explained her observations.

"Assuming that, this guy was already inside that path, then we know that the demon family knew about these paths and just wanted to be sure before they proceeded. And if you are right, then they must have placed someone like him in other properties too.

If all of them are placed in these paths, then we are safe. We stayed out of range and far away and didn't tail after him immediately, so there is little chance that we are spotted.

But by any chance we were spotted, there would be people coming to look for us. Then we need to maintain a united front. We are some bounty hunters trying to get some reward. We are all a team. Luckily, the saber Monarch and the Five elemental King are not extremely popular here. So, it would be hard for them to identify you.

Now, before we proceed, we need to know something about the paths and some more information and the placing of these people."

Sam explained their current position and took a look at the corpse.

"Let us hope this works."

He muttered and let the Specter out to conduct the memory extraction from the soul. It has been a while since the person died, luckily the body was thrown into the spatial ring as soon as he died which made it possible for some extraction.

The Specter absorbed the partial memories that came to him and sent them to Sam.

Sam closed his eyes and looked through all kinds of scattered memories and put pieces together.

"There is some good news and bad news." He said after digesting the memories.

"Bad news is that this guy also doesn't know much about these paths. Except for the fact all of these paths lead to a forbidden zone. Even though it is common knowledge, it is even forbidden for the people to talk about this forbidden zone.

As for Good news, we are sure that Sark is near this forbidden zone, because as soon as he strays out of that path leading to forbidden zone to go into the woods, he would die. There are too many beasts. The path leading to the forbidden zone is the only safest place that deep into the woods.

But it leads to the most dangerous place of all and the forbidden zone is the only connecting point for all these paths and properties.

And another good news is that there was only person sent to be stationed in these paths at each property so that they wouldn't attract attention and cause Sark to not attack. So, there is minimal chance that we could have been spotted."

They all understood their present situation now.

"We need to find out about the forbidden zone."

"Yes, we do. But it is not exactly possible at the moment. Even this guy who seemed to be of a decent level in the family doesn't know about it, so our only options are go after an elder level person directly or go into the forbidden zone directly."

They started discussing different ideas bouncing off of each other and finally, they managed to come up with a plan.

But for that, they need to wait for the demon family to make their move and they also have to move nearby the property that Sia just came from.

The investigation of the family will definitely begin from there and they will try to learn what happened to the person they sent. After confirming that person's death, they would straight up go to the forbidden zone for sure.

Sam is counting on the fact that they would send an elder level person to confirm and even if they didn't, they would eventually do as every person they sent there to confirm start to disappear mysteriously and die after they came to check here.

They would lure that elder no matter what and find out what they are dealing with.