

EMPEROR 1181

Chapter 1181 Soft And Hard

Davis's eyes shot open as he found himself in a wooden room. His sapphire eyes shone with a dark hue as he let his death-like energy flow around him. Abruptly, the sheet, pillow, and mattress below him, along with the wooden bed, began to wither like they were a frail material, except they were part of the wooden house's King Grade wood.

Davis stopped using it as suddenly a pure white light erupted around him, causing the withering bed to become still before it began to regrow as if its cells were being reconstructed.

He didn't bother with what the sheet, mattress, or pillow was made of, but the fact that it regrew must mean that they are a part of plant cells as well.

It healed at a faster rate than it withered, but Davis knew that it was because he was using Fallen Heaven's white tendrils to use the life-like energy instead of his own comprehension like he had used the death-like energy.

'Mhmm... Possibly, I will never be able to catch up to Fallen Heaven in terms of prowess...'

Davis pursed his lips as he did a reality check, and the result was disappointing.

'Perhaps, I may catch up to it when my soul reaches the Emperor Soul Stage...?'

He let out a deep breath before he stood up, hovering out of the bed before he landed on the surface, opening the door as he moved out.

At the same time, with the help of his seamless soul force, he dismantled the formations he placed around for concealment before he took them back into his spatial ring.

He took a look around and saw that Nadia wasn't here. At the same time, he extended his soul sense, getting to know that Sophie was normally cultivating while Nadia was hunting a few magical sea-beasts in the sea.

'Should I say... fishing?' Davis became a bit confused as he saw that her attacks were like hooks, piercing into the prey before she pulled them out of the sea, killing them in one blow!

All of them were Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Sea-Beast, enough to fill in her stomach for a while as it provided her energy. And... she was eating them raw as blood splashed while her jaws closed, her fangs sinking into their flesh.

The only saving grace was that she was in her magical beast form. Otherwise, Davis would have seen a gruesome scene like the last time, although he was fine with it as 'food' was food. It didn't matter to him how someone ate as there were all sorts of cultures in his previous world itself.

Especially, he wasn't going to be picky about how a magical beast ate.

He strode to Sophie's door and knocked on it a few times before coming back to be seated on the couch, chilling out as he stretched, his breakthrough in Soul Forging Cultivation making him feel refreshed.

Sophie's door opened as she walked out, her head turning to look at him. She matched her gaze with him for a while before she lowered her head.

"Congratulations on your breakthrough, Alch-" Sophie paused before she shyly smiled, "Davis..."

"Oh?" Davis eye's flashed with a peculiar light as he became amused, "You know I broke through? Then tell me in which one of the three cultivation systems I had a breakthrough in?"

Sophie became taken aback, her expression turning red. How was she supposed to know when her cultivation was low?

Even she, she tried to guess, "Is it Essence Gathering Cultivation?"

"Haha, wrong..." Davis chuckled, "As a punishment, come and sit here..."

He patted his lap with a deep smile on his face.

Sophie's expression turned crimson with shyness. She knew this was coming when he came out of his room, but these three weeks buffer didn't help at all, considering that they had not met each other or even had a simple conversation during this time!

Now when he said for her to be seated on his lap, the hurdle was too much for her.

Sophie recalled how she already shared deep kisses with him as she encouraged herself. She pursed her lips and walked towards him before stood before him, becoming a bit stiff.

"What's wrong? Do you mind?" Davis still kept a smile.

Sophie's body trembled as she adorably closed her eyes as she just sat on him swiftly. Her actions were as if she wanted to say that she didn't mind. However, her expression and hue revealed that she was on the epitome of modesty as she trembled with embarrassment.

Davis felt her soft butt on his lap before he swiftly wrapped his arms around her waist, not giving her a chance to escape. Sophie trembled even more as she felt his solid arms intimately wrap around her before pulling himself closer to her as he breathed over her nape. Her maiden heart began to rapidly beat in anticipation over would happen next!

Davis smelt her scent, her fragrance that made him feel as if he was sedated was alluring, causing his mind to have extremely lewd thoughts.

'Mhm...? Did she bathe?'

Considering that she should be cultivating her body according to his instructions, it wouldn't be suspicious if she smelled bad, but since she didn't, he could only think that she took a bath.

Davis smiled as he tightened his hold on her, his arms lightly sinking into her soft skin. He moved his head aside and his chin reaching to the left side of her neck, whispering into her ear.

"Congratulations on your breakthrough to the Gold Stage, Sophie..."

Sophie's felt her heart skip a beat. It was not those words, but how close he said it caught her off guard. Even her ears began to turn red as she felt ticklish, feeling fidgety all over her body.

"Mhmm..." She felt content and bashful, "I reached Low-Level Gold Stage from High-Level Silver Stage, thanks to you..."

"Excellent... but don't cultivate your body anymore and concentrate on building your foundation..."

"Mhm... I will..." Sophie felt her heart warm, but...

Why wasn't he doing anything other than holding her dear? She felt a bit foolish for being over expectant.

"Ah!~~~"

An alluring moan escaped her mouth as she felt his lips grab her left earlobe.

Sophie's expression experienced a massive change as her eyes were wide with confusion and curiosity. She was caught off-guard but was what was he doing?

However, her confusion just lingered for a moment before it disappeared as a pleasurable feeling became apparent, the slimy motion of his lips becoming incredibly intoxicating as soon as it began caressing her earlobe.

Mhm~

Her lips trembled as she kept letting out a low moan with his caress.

She didn't know what to say as she felt incredibly ashamed but this pleasure... It made her feel good. Soon, the pleasure she experienced for the first time made her body limp as she simply lay her back over him, letting her earlobe be caressed however he wanted as she was locked in position by him.

Davis let go of Sophie after letting her experience his tongue caress for a full minute. He saw her expression and saw that her breathing was a bit erratic. It was nowhere near to get her turned on, but it wasn't his intent either.

Sophie felt abnormally warm over her left ear once she was let go of. It made her feel a bit dizzy and felt a little disappointed that he let go because it was the first time she felt something like this and wanted to feel more. It was addicting and wholesome to be caressed and held like that by him for her.

This is what she wished for, after all.

Davis smiled in content as he whispered, "Sophie, how was it...?"

"Eh...!?" Sophie didn't know what to say, "... Good..."

She forgot her vocabulary at this point, her cheeks becoming crimson in embarrassment. However, her expression changed.

"I see... Then, do you feel it?" He whispered as he slightly separated his thighs.

Sophie had her eyes wide in shock as she felt a solid thing poking her from underneath.

'I-It... It's big...' She lightly trembled, knowing that it was his 'thing' that was poking her. Even with clothes, she could feel his warmth, making her have a feel of the unknown.

"Sophie... I want to make you mine right now..."

Sophie felt her head spin as she felt dizzy from these whispers of his... The effect was just too strong for her innocence that she felt like she could almost melt in his embrace.

Davis reached out to her chin with his left hand and turned her head towards him, their eyes meeting while Sophie's heart skipped a beat, anticipating a kiss.

"However, now is not the time..." Davis expressed his intent while Sophie became a bit astounded.

'What...?'

'Then why...?'

She couldn't help but a little flabbergasted that her confusion reflected on her face.

"I want you to know that I still like you and want you. After all, if I don't touch you after something like that happened between us, I don't want you misunderstanding that I don't like you. It is just that I have far more pressing things to do, such as... become strong enough to not be hunted down by the great assassination organization of the Nine Western Territories."

Davis gave a lengthy explanation while having a wry smile.

"They had even infiltrated the Grand Alstreim City to kill me..."

Sophie's expression changed as she was unaware of such a disturbance taking place in her Grand Alstreim City. She became alarmed, finally knowing why Davis came here to train. Even if there were pursuers, it would be difficult to find him here with lightning bolts from the skies capable of destroying their soul senses!

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"Davis... I didn't know... I won't disturb you anymore..."

Sophie sounded apologetic and hurriedly tried to stand up. However, even with two tries, Davis didn't seem to let go of her.

"Idiot... No one said that it is your fault for distracting me..."

Davis pursed his lips. He didn't mean to hide the true reason as to why he was training here. After all, he didn't care about Coiling Dragon Den or the other assassin organization as he felt that their chances of assassinating him were way less than that unknown danger.

He did want to say that there was some unknown danger lurking behind him, but considering what it almost did to him, or even Isabella, which it did or did not affect her, he didn't know for sure, and that's why he didn't want to endanger any one of them.

It was merely his speculations and his instincts, but he trusted these two things to a degree, making him think that these dangers were truly present. Even if he was paranoid or delusional, he felt thankful as it was at least motivating him to get stronger as soon as possible.

Besides, Sophie didn't know a lot of things about him or his wives. He felt that it would be better if she remained ignorant for a while and let his wives do the explaining while they bond over it.

'It's a fine plan...' Davis inwardly thought before he heard her speak.

"I'm not disturbing you...?" Sophie appeared doubtful.

Davis smiled at her adorable look that made his heart itchy before he leaned and took her lips. Her lips were soft and delicate, making him seek her more.

Although Sophie appeared taken aback, she passionately responded a second later, feeling his need for her presence establish in her brain.

'Ah... This is the reason why he did such a thing...' Sophie finally understood that it was to make her feel secure.

Indeed, it was three weeks already, and nothing happened between them. Although Sophie was in seclusion, it wasn't as if her mind hadn't wandered off, thinking if he would suddenly storm into her room to make love with her.

Her cultivation was interrupted many times the same number of times as she thought of it, but she still tried her best to concentrate and reached the Low-Level Gold Stage and the apex of the Peak-Level Law Manifestation Stage. Now, all she had to do was wait to comprehend Fire Laws till the level she thought of reaching before breaking through, so she remained doing precisely that as she absorbed fire-attributed power stones but could not concentrate with Davis filling her thoughts.

It just made her heart burn with love and expectations instead.

And that passion directly translated into this hot kiss they shared. She waited for this moment, let go of her embarrassment, and became a temptress as she kept responding to him, their lips stirring with desire as they left a trail of saliva when they shared deep kisses while looking at their reactions.

Creek!~

The wooden house's entrance opened. Nadia walked in dressed in black robes in her human form, her golden eyes landing on them passionately kissing as they held their heads.

Sophie froze as her entire being acted as if she was a kid caught while doing a naughty deed. On the other hand, Davis just became stiff for a moment before he resumed. He pressed his lips on hers, taking advantage of her silence to pry open her mouth as he let his tongue in!

"!!!"

Sophie's eyes were wide, becoming shocked by his sudden invasion. Her eyes shook, watching Nadia while Nadia watched her, their reactions simply different as one viewed with curiosity and the other squealed with shame and embarrassment etched on her face.

A few moments later, Davis smacked his lips with hers and let her go as he licked his lips, scrapping off her taste while appearing pretty satisfied as he breathed a bit hard. Sophie was also breathing hard, if not more than Davis, her bosoms heaving up and down.

They still held each other, turning to look at each other's expression with passion, while Sophie possessed an addition of embarrassment and blame as she shamefully lowered her head.

"Nadia is a magical beast..." Davis teased, "Besides, she is a woman too..."

"Even so..." Sophie protested, her expression turning red as she hid her face on his chest.

For some reason, Sophie felt extremely embarrassed when being watched by Nadia.

So what if Nadia was a magical beast? She was still in her human form, watching them intently like they were the prey! It was like another human was watching her!

How can she not be embarrassed!?

'Damn, she is so adorable...' Davis chuckled as he held her, feeling he could fall in love by just watching her reactions.

"Alright, alright... I won't do it again..." Davis chuckled as he wrapped his arms around her thighs and made her be seated on the couch before he stood up.

He turned to look at Nadia, "Did you manage to hunt a King Beast Stage Magical Beast?"

Nadia shook her head with a dejected expression, "It's difficult for me to maintain my concealment in the sea, and even though it's night everywhere here, my concealment is greatly hindered because there are some strange sources of light enveloping the sea beneath, likely from those rock formations."

'Light-attributed rocks under the sea...?' Davis narrowed his eyes, but he continued listening.

"The King Beast Stage Magical Sea-Beasts lurking deep in the sea flees once they become aware that they are no match for me, and since I'm no match for them in terms of fleeing in the sea and couldn't pursue them far since I have to protect Master, I can only stay here."

"On the other hand..." Nadia's expression became a bit bashful as she looked elsewhere, "I obtained more Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Carcasses than I thought I would..."

"Like how much...?"

"Like... Twenty-six... The majority ran away, with only a few daring or ignorant ones remaining."

"Hahahaha!" Davis laughed, "Guess I don't need to worry about your lunch and dinner for a few weeks..."

Nadia lowered her head with a bit of shame as she didn't want to be seen as gluttonous, especially by her Master. That's why she limited her hunt to Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage existences.

"Alright, it's time for us to leave. Sophie, it's your turn again to take us to the Purple Thunderflame Mountain..."

"I..." Sophie turned a bit hesitant.

The last time she guided him as a navigator, she brought him such bad luck despite traveling the correct route, almost endangering all their life. If Davis hadn't decided to abandon the flying boat at that point

in time, it was unknown how they would have ventured into the Lightning Sea and blown to smithereens as a result.

Nevertheless, her expression turned determined as she nodded her head.

"I will definitely get us to the Purple Thunderflame Mountain this time! Just leave it to me!"

"That's reassuring..." Davis smiled as he nodded his head.

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Lava surged out from crater-like holes, and lightning pored from the candy-like clouds present in the skies. The whole mountain range that was visible in the distance appeared to be covered in red and purple hue, becoming a unique sight to see as the island appeared otherworldly, similar to a gateway to hell.

Davis, Nadia, and Sophie looked at the island they were nearing with a bit of a smile plastered over their faces.

"You managed to make it, Sophie..." Davis spoke.

Sophie honestly and gracefully took it as she appeared happy.

Reassuring was what he said, but it took them half a day to arrive at the Purple Thunderflame Mountain. There was no Lightning Sea, but a frightening storm that spanned millions of square kilometers in the sea did stall them for a while.

Nevertheless, with Sophie helming his flying boat, they were able to avoid those obstacles before making it to the west side of the Purple Thunderflame Mountain.

Davis took the control back and gradually landed on the peak of a small reddish-black mountain range. Above them, purple lightning flashed and struck the ground, sometimes falling in the craters that were seething with lava.

"Now then, Sophie... What is it that you're looking for here?"

Sophie took out a map without hesitation and showed it to Davis, "In the north side of the periphery, very close to the inner region, there should be plenty of ores that I'm looking for... If it goes well, we can even obtain Yorang Ore that's used to make fire-attributed weapons in Low-Level Emperor Grade Forging! If not, we'll just have to be satisfied with the lower-ranked Blazuk Ore that's helpful in Low-Level to Peak-Level King Grade Forging."

"Oh...? Doesn't the Alstreim Family have stock of it...?"

"That..." Sophie Alstreim pursed her lips before she sighed, "This is only known to a few, but we ended up selling most of them to a few powers practicing Fire Laws from a mid-sized Territory after facing many threats and casualties around two hundred years ago. For the remaining ores, they have already been exhausted by ourselves."

"Knowing that we would be targeted again somehow, we didn't touch these ores for a while as we had no use for them for the time being as our own armaments are enough. However, it's been planned to be

retrieved in the upcoming expedition directed by Grand Elders and Elders alike. After all, in three hundred or so years, the Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago would be closed because of those overbearing and evil powers."

Davis chuckled as he reached out his hand towards Sophie, patting her head.

"Don't worry. In a decade, let's see who dares to mess with the Alstreim Family..."

Sophie's heart skipped a beat as she gazed at his confident expression. That kind of confidence was just too attractive! She looked away, finding it unbearable. If Nadia wasn't here, she wanted to throw herself at him in excitement!

Chapter 1183 Foundation In Soul Forging Cultivation?

Davis, Nadia, and Sophie didn't stay put as they discussed the Alstreim Family's shameful yet undisclosed history and the sceneries in the Purple Thunderflame Mountain. They traveled east for a while before taking a shortcut through a valley progressing north.

The map allowed them to traverse with ease as it marked the landscapes and magical beast territories. Although the inner region was marked as well, there were few marks compared to the outer region. However, it was only expected since even the Grand Elders hesitate to be ganged upon by a King Rank Species Magical Beast Clan.

Davis did indeed saw many unique fire-attributed, yang-attributed, light-attributed, lightning attributed, and even some yin-attributed magical beasts fill this mountain range, but they were all at low stages that he didn't bother with them. There were Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts, but he had changed his target to King Beast Stage Magical Beasts since breaking through.

However, a sudden doubt encroached his mind.

'Mhmm... Considering that I had to absorb and refine three soul essences to breakthrough to the Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage, I muse that I need around four Low-Level King Beast Stage Soul Essences to experience a breakthrough into the King Soul Stage...'

Davis considered as he hovered along with the others in the valley as they traversed. He had stabilized his Soul Forging Cultivation in the Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage by refining all the remaining soul essences, leaving him with an empty stock of precious soul essences.

This made him wonder...

'Is there foundations for Soul Forging Cultivation...?'

Davis felt that there should be as the answer was most likely yes!

However, he didn't know any information pertaining to it, and even Fallen Heaven didn't have, so he just mused that his foundation was perhaps a bit higher than the norm. That would explain his prowess.

Otherwise, if his foundation were way higher, wouldn't his soul force also be proportionally stronger?

'Do I need to absorb more soul essences to increase my foundation?' Davis suddenly narrowed his eyes as he stopped, causing the others to look at him in confusion in the vast terrain.

From his previous experience, the number of soul essences he required to reach a particular level always remained the same, while it changed with stages.

Taking this into the calculation, currently, he was in the Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage. The number of Peak-Level Seventh Stage Soul Essences he absorbed would contribute only a little in terms of increasing his Soul Forging Cultivation, requiring nine times or more, perhaps even twenty times to reach only till the peak of Supreme Soul Stage.

To breakthrough, he may or may not require a higher level soul essence, to be precise, a Low-Level Eighth Stage Soul Essence. In that case, is the latter possible?

Davis could easily afford to hunt all these Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts, but he hated wasting more lives when he could just hunt four Low-Level King Beasts Stage to successfully have greater chances to enter the King Soul Stage.

Nonetheless, but what if he kept absorbing these Peak-Level Seventh Stage Soul Essences after reaching the peak? Would his cultivation rise to the King Soul Stage, or gets stuck at the very peak and increases his foundation instead?

'It couldn't be that simple, could it...?'

"..."

Davis didn't know what to think of this own speculations as he never tried it before, but it had his mind trembling with desire.

"What's wrong, Master?" Nadia voiced out.

She looked around with her senses but failed to find any threats and so couldn't help but wonder why her master would suddenly stop.

Davis shook his head, "Nothing... I just thought of something important relating to my Soul Forging Cultivation."

He turned to look at Sophie, "Do you know anything about Soul Forging Cultivation Foundations?"

"Foundations... As in the same way with Essence Gathering Cultivation and Body Tempering Cultivation...?"

Sophie knew that Essence Gathering Cultivation and Body Tempering Cultivation Foundations were quite similar, but what about Soul Forging Cultivation?

She honestly shook her head, "I don't know..."

"Figures..." Davis nodded his head as he thought of the previous problem.

If it could be said that he had no motivation to reap more lives, he had it now.

He wanted to know if the purity of his soul force would increase. If it did, it might directly correlate to his foundation being increased by one level. This was a surefire method he could rely on to know if his speculations were right!

Davis's sapphire eyes gleamed with a bit of coldness. To escape the invisible danger, he had no choice but to strengthen himself, and when left with no choice, stranger's lives didn't mean anything to him. He kept his kindness, mercy, and compassion over the back of his mind and decided to reap Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts from now on!

'As for the Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts we passed by already... Let's just say that they luckily escaped...'

Davis had to keep moving forward in both senses to reach their destination, not backward. He still had to reap Low-Level King Beast Stage Soul Essences, after all, and the map said that they would only be found near the periphery of the inner region, which is also where he was exactly making his way towards.

"But Davis, I think the Soul Palace might have information on the foundations for Soul Forging Cultivation..." Sophie hesitantly added.

"You're right..." Davis nodded his head in agreement.

He didn't know anything about the Soul Palace. However, it was the hegemon of a mid-sized Territory according to the Fifty-Territories Map, located right below the Burning Phoenix Ridge Territory. With an obvious name like that, he felt either the Soul Palace or the four most substantial righteous powers should know about it.

He felt that he should try to do something about it after somehow meeting up with Ellia and Shirley, or at least even one of them.

Bang!~

Purple lighting abruptly crashed beside Sophie, causing her to go stiff as she looked horrified.

Davis smiled as he reassured her, "Don't worry. I'll protect you..."

Sophie nodded her head, her stiff body relaxing, but she still maintained her cautiousness. The peculiar purple lightning that fell here constantly interchanged between Sixth Stage and the Seventh Stage in prowess and the purple lightning that fell now was similar to an attack from a High-Level Seventh Stage Expert!

If that menacing purple lightning really struck her, she knew that only her charred corpse would remain. On the other hand, Davis didn't need to worry about his as his body's defense and might was similar to a Low-Level King Beast Stage Magical Beast, not to mention that his black lightning inside his dantian could hinder the purple lightning from causing any damage if it entered his body.

Nadia didn't even need to worry about these lightning strikes as she could easily deflect them with a wave of her hand. Even if it fell on her body, it would fail to do anything other than leaving a trace. Her prowess was seen even in the Lighting Sea.

"Sophie... I wanted to ask, but why are there no pursuers who came looking for you...?" Davis suddenly asked.

"Ah... After you had entered seclusion, I finally said that I was with you and your protector after my grandfather asked if I was safe, and then only was he rest assured..." Sophie uttered as her eyes possessed hints of avoidance.

"Mhm... I see..." Davis smiled before he continued to move forwards.

Sophie followed suit, but there was a hint of nervousness.

Her grandfather, Grand Elder Krax Alstreim, actually told her to use this chance to seduce him!

However, what was there to seduce when they had already confirmed their relationship?

When she finally responded to their constant calls through her messaging talisman, she had only said that she had been saved and was with Alchemist Davis. She didn't mention anything about them becoming closer, even now.

Instead, she was afraid that Davis would misunderstand her love for him with something she had done for merely fulfilling her grandfather's command.

"But seeing as there was no one who bothered to come or contact me..." Davis turned to look at Sophie, "I guess they really are desperate for me to take a woman from the Alstreim Family."

Sophie's eyes widened, "I... I, I did no-"

"I know, Sophie..." Davis sighed before he smiled, "I'm happy that they didn't send anyone so I can have you all to myself."

"But I really didn't follow my grandfather's words but followed my heart-"

"..."

Sophie became taken aback, belatedly noticing that Davis said something else than what she expected.

"What did you say?"

Davis reached out his hand, "I said I am happy to have you all to myself."

Sophie's heart shook as she looked at his smile, her hand subconsciously reaching out to his hand to grasp.

Davis carried on moving forward as he held her hand while Sophie hovered in the air beside him, feeling like crying all of a sudden as her eyes turned moist.

"I watched you more than you think and grew to like your natural character. Don't feel disheartened that your grandfather asked something like that of you. Even without it, you still managed to make me fall for you..."

Davis looked at her, "No?"

Tears ran down her eyes, her purple eyes glistening under the moonlight visible between the dark purple clouds.

Davis's lips widened into a contentful smile as he saw the yellow spots on her Karma Thread vanish. Her Karma Thread that connected to him was now filled with thick red-love, causing him to lay a worry down from his shoulders.

"The knot in your heart... it has become undone..."

"Mhm..."

Sophie tightened her grasp as she held him. The words he said had completely made her aware that there was no room for misunderstanding anymore. Her worries were laid to rest as she happily held his relatively big hand, feeling safe and satisfied with a wide smile on her face.

On the other hand, Davis inwardly heaved a sigh and was convinced that she finally had her worries taken away.

Back when she first came out of her room in the wooden house before she left, he was momentarily taken aback by the yellow spots of worry and anxiety present on her mostly red Karma Thread. Yes, he had invoked Karma Laws and viewed her Karma Thread that was connected to him.

To resolve the yellow spots, he had reassured her that their relationship was one of intimacy and love by cuddling and sharing deep kisses with her but still seeing the yellow spots remain had him worried.

However, without knowing what the cause was, he couldn't do anything, but after asking her what her grandfather could've informed her with their previous behavior, he thought about it before managing to find the problem.

Truly, the elders were number one at causing headaches for the young ones.

Chapter 1184 A Lone Beetle

Soon, Davis and the two beauties crossed the valley and entered an open and wide terrain that led to another mountain. Except, this mountain seemed to black and greyish in color, causing Sophie's eyes to go wide.

"How!?"

"What?" Davis asked as he had no idea what she was surprised for.

Sophie's lips widened into a big smile as she pointed towards a low point of the mountain, only able to be seen from the valley they exited.

"Do you see that tiny grey mound!? Inside it is the Black Yinssa Ore that's used to create yin-attributed armaments in Peak-Level King Grade Forging. It also helps in forging ice-attributed armaments!"

Davis sent his soul sense in a straight line towards that tiny mound that Sophie pointed. It quickly reached and touched the greyish surface, sinking in it before he felt an icy property encroaching his soul sense. However, it was unable to do anything significant or even cause minor damage to his soul.

"You're right. The ores inside that grey mound are particularly yin in nature. It should be the Yinssa Ore you are talking about, but what are you excited for...? Isn't it useless to you other than making you proficient in forging ice-attributed armaments?"

"Oh..." Sophie's expression went a few notches shier, "The first thing that came to my mind is gifting the armament made from this Black Yinssa Ore to your second wife, Natalya."

"Ahahaha~"

Davis patted her head as he laughed in satisfaction while Sophie embarrassingly lowered her head. She thought this way that she could somehow gain the second wife's trust, whom she had never met before.

Davis knew that if it were him alone, he definitely would've missed that tiny patch of grey since he didn't know anything about King Grade Blacksmithing. Nonetheless, he thought if he could use this for Natalya, it would be excellent and asked for it in a roundabout way since it was her find, but it turned out that they were both thinking the same thing.

'At a glance, she seems straightforward, but she does remain considerate of other's feelings... No, she only cares about people who would become important to her later on...' Davis felt like he had seen through her, and he liked this character of hers.

They hovered towards the tiny mound and arrived within half a minute.

Davis took out Yama, the Grieving Emerald Scythe before he swung it!

Clang!~

The sound of metal clashing echoed as a diagonal opening was created on the mound. Davis slashed a few more times, clearing open the impurities above before he noticed something.

"Mhm...? Isn't my Grieving Emerald Scythe, which is made of Emerald Indic Ore, also yin in nature?" Davis looked at his emerald scythe as if he had only realized it now.

"Uhhh..." Sophie blinked, "Its yin-attribute is abysmal, and it's more of a metal-attribute. It also contains a minute amount of poison-attribute in its core, but that evaporates in the process of forging. However, I intentionally kept a bit of it in Evelyn's Grieving Emerald Dagger."

"I see..." Davis's eyes widened as he smiled. She was considerate indeed.

His arm shook as he made a few more slashes, completely opening up the mound.

"Outstanding!~" Sophie held her hands together and screamed as she watched his overwhelming strength.

She had seen it previously when he battled that enormous Low-Level King Beast Stage Twin-Shelled Earthen Tortoise. At that time, she was in disbelief but was also intensely worried to death about him, but this time, she saw his power in its full glory, making her squeal like a zealous fan.

Honestly, her impression of him that he was a scholarly and glorious alchemist, but after being with him for these few weeks, she knew that he was entirely a genius in all the cultivations and professions he dabbled in!

He was seriously her ideal man!

Sophie flew towards the artistically carved crater and took a few tons of the freed Black Yinssa Ore into her spatial ring, scrapping off the crater.

"Still, isn't this entire mountain yang in nature with lava and lightning present all day long? How is a yin-attribute material present in reality...?" Davis voiced his doubt. He had an inkling but wanted to confirm.

Sophie smiled as she explained, "It is said that the constant refining of two different yang source has a unique chance to give birth to yin. It's derived from the same principle that extreme yang gives birth to yin. That's why there are some yin-attributed magical beasts present here. Otherwise, they would've escaped to some other place long ago..."

"I see..." Davis nodded his head on having his doubts cleared.

"If I recall correctly, we managed to find something like the Black Yinssa Ore in the entrance to the core region, but it was even more thickly yin in nature, a High-Level Emperor Grade Material. We found it more than a thousand years ago but ended up gifting it to the Falling Snow Sect. I think... it was the Ancestor who had gifted it..."

'Ah, more than a thousand years ago? That must be the time my boy Dian was desperately trying to meet Ancestor Tirea Snow before he eventually gave up...' Davis laughed to himself.

"Alright, let's move..."

Sophie adorably nodded her head when Davis suddenly grabbed her waist and flew towards the side, causing her to become stiff.

Bang!~

A bolt of purple lightning struck the place she hovered, causing her mouth to become agape.

Davis looked at the scar of the purple lightning scrambling on the surface before he returned his glance, "Sophie, are you perhaps, unluckier than me?"

"I'm not!~::~~" Sophie became red-faced.

She didn't know why she was almost struck right after she took the ores.

Was this some kind of heavenly punishment?

"I know... I'm just kidding..." Davis chuckled.

The purple lightning that struck now was just at Low-Level Sixth Stage, something that Sophie herself could easily defend against. If she were unlucky, the lightning bolt that should fall on her should be at the Eighth Stage since those lightning bolts were not present here.

Davis let go of her waist and held her hands before they moved on. From the moment they came out of the valley, Nadia had already concealed herself, so it seemed as if only the two of them were hiking, uh, hovering above the mountains, closing in on their destination.

A few minutes later, Davis stopped as he glanced at a beetle-like magical beast that appeared to possess a violet-black carapace. It was twenty meters tall and had six long legs that were still, making it appear as if it was hibernating or something. However, even though its head stayed put, its mandible hooked open and closed, looking as if it were eating something while strands of violet lightning lingered on its mandible.

Davis moved to the side as he saw the whole scene.

It was indeed eating, eating a fleshy magical beast alive as a lake of blood formed below its front limbs. It kept the magical beast that resembled a half-limbed deer with a blue cloud swirling around in a spiral manner between its mandibles, continuously paralyzing it with its lightning.

'What a find... A Low-Level King Beast Stage Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle has come out all the way to the periphery on the side of the outer region... I won't have an easy chance like this!' Davis smiled as he eyed Sophie to move far away.

She swiftly nodded her head and safely retreated while the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle appeared to have not noticed them, but Davis knew that it was not the case. He knew that it was likely waiting for him to come closer, to paralyze him with a lightning strike from that mandible, causing him to become instantly paralyzed.

He knew this magical beast since it was lightning-attributed and a bit famous. It was even mentioned in the Ethren Family's Magical Beast Compendium, making him aware of its traits because it once seemed to have caused a major disaster for the Sea Plunderer's Alliance in the east of this Alstreim Family Territory.

"Well, time to use my soul..." Davis muttered as he disappeared from plain sight.

Sophie became shocked.

Where did he go in these open rocky plains?

Even the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle's body shook and turned to look at the spot where Davis had disappeared from. Its mandibles were still chewing the poor deer, but its two large eyes held a hint of confusion before it spotted Sophie hiding in the distance.

Bzzz!~

At the same time, a stream of soul force abruptly descended on its forehead and invaded its soul without any warning, causing its eyes to go wide in shock as it released the half-eaten deer.

"I knew you were faking it, you cunning insect..."

Boom!~

Davis's fist landed right on its forehead, causing it to bend as a crack appeared on its hard violet-black carapace.

Screech!~

"Human!"

It shrieked as its six legs tapped the ground as it retreated while shaking its head, looking at the purple-robed human in hostility. Its mandibles shut close, visibly cutting the air as a huge spherical violet-colored lightning bolt was being formed in front of it.

"Ah, no, you don't..." Davis's expression became cold as he disappeared.

The Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle experienced a sudden surge in the invading soul force that it lost concentration for a moment, its attack exploding on its own mandible. However, its violet-black carapace seemed to be capable of withstanding it.

In the distance, Sophie was watching these scenes with wide-eyes.

Why did it look like Davis was having an easy time compared to the last time he faced the Twin-Shelled Earthen Tortoise? She was thinking about what was going on here when she suddenly noticed that the half-eaten deer was approaching her from the side, its whole body flying even though all of its limbs were nowhere to be seen.

Despite the gruesome scene, Sophie instantly took out her long glaive, ready to counterattack the Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beast somehow as she retreated. However, even before she could take another step back, her mouth turned agape as she saw its large five-meter tall deer-head exploding before it could close the remaining two-kilometer distance between them.

"I didn't plan on leaving you alive anyway..." Davis pulled back his hand as he held a crystal core in his hand as he looked at the headless carcass in front of him.

It was the magical beast core of this Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beast, radiating the yin attribute's icy property.

He stored both the crystal core and the carcass as he mused that it would be helpful to Natalya while he turned to look at the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle that had regained its battle form, its mandibles flashing with violet lightning!

"Sorry for the interruption. Let's continue..."

Davis smiled as he eerily disappeared again!

Chapter 1185 New Soul Technique?

Whoosh!~

Just when the Davis Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle became cautious that the hateful human had disappeared again, Davis directly appeared above it as his silhouette became visible.

The Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle's senses instantly found him as its neck bent in an unnatural way as it looked up, its mandibles flashing with intense dark violet lightning targeted at him.

BZZzzzz!~~~

The twenty-meter radius violet-lightning wave shot towards the skies as if directly challenging the dark purple clouds above. Davis's expression changed as he appeared to have belatedly reacted in unleashing his attack that he kept charging. It was just an instant before the surrounding space he was in was engulfed in violet lightning, turning him into ashes.

Screech~~~

The Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle snickered as it saw the human's ashes fall over before that too became turned into nothing by its violet-lightning.

How dare a lowly human strike its proud head and put a crack in it?

It snickered again, thinking it was well deserved as it turned to look at the female human when it abruptly found its soul become suddenly heavy as a mountain, making its movements extremely sluggish for a moment. Its carapace tingled with violet-lightning!

"I misjudged you... You are not cunning but pretending to be one..." Davis appeared between its mandibles, provoking the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle as his expression seemed to be disappointed.

Boom!~

The mandible slammed shut without any warning, invoking a whirlwind of violet-lightning that filled the space as it again disintegrated the hateful human once its mandibles severed him!

However, it then noticed the human appear above its eyes, standing on its head, looking unharmed.

Davis's right fist was encased in brownish-golden scales as he stretched his elbow, appearing ready to unleash an earth-shattering might!

"Earth Dragon's Destructive Fist!"

His fist directly landed on its rapidly healing cracked carapace!

Boom!~~~

A golden flash of light bloomed as the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle's whole head bent and crashed into the ground, its whole lower body directly facing the sky as its six legs floated into the air.

Fresh red blood surged out like a fountain from its broken carapace.

Knowing that it was his chance, Davis directly cast a soul technique!

"Incandescent Cry of the Vermilion Bird!~"

His soul force spontaneously entered the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle's soul sea and directly transformed into a blazing silhouette of a vermilion bird despite the resistance it faced, its beak opening as it screamed!

Screech!~~~

The sound of bird cry echoed, causing the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle's entire senses to fall into chaos as it shrieked in intense pain! Its whole body shook as its violet-lightning run amok over its whole carapace, causing Davis to jump away from it as he retreated.

"Haha... I don't want to get hit by that..."

Davis lightly chuckled as he did not doubt that he would be fried to a crisp if he got caught by that intense, rampaging violet-lightning. He could see that it was expending all its energy to defend itself. Although he had the strength to defend against its physical attacks, he didn't have the power to defend against its atrocious yet paralyzing violet-lightning.

Once caught, he knew that he would be paralyzed even if his body could withstand its violet-lightning for a few moments.

He was aware that he was battling an opponent who could kill him in a few moves if he gets easily caught. That's why his moves to appear above it at the start was nothing more than to fool it with illusions. He was prepared to confuse it many times without having to get hurt, but he never thought that it would only take him two tries to leave a crack in its head carapace, leading to his disappointment of not being required to use more illusions.

If it were a fleshy magical beast, his attack could've certainly inflicted a dent in its skull, but since it was a hard, durable carapace, it was able to block his Earth Dragon's Destructive Fist while only suffering a crack.

Nevertheless, he followed up with a soul technique before using the same body tempering technique to directly put a hole through the crack on its head, managing to gravely injure it.

Now, it was trembling like a rat in a corner, wondering why a mere seventh stage cultivator was able to overcome it despite the stage difference.

'It seems like it has never met a soul cultivator before in its life...'

Nevertheless, its fear only lasted until it somehow defeated his soul technique with its violet-lightning before it took to the skies, its crimson eyes staring at him in hatred. Its mandibles flashed with violet-lightning before it turned into a sphere before it unleashed it!

The violet-lightning shot above to the skies before coming to a stop five kilometers above. Then it transformed into a web-like snare that surrounded the entire region around it, trapping its enemy in its lightning lair.

Then its entire purplish-black carapace became encased with lightning as it did to deflect his barrage before, making Davis narrow his eyes.

'Mhm... It's not going to let me near it anymore or escape... As expected of a King Beast Stage Magical Beast... It knows how to fight against a new threat...'

Davis smirked a bit as he knew that he was going to find it hard to kill it without using his Death-Like Laws.

His soul force was in no way going to get past that violet-lightning layer of barrier, especially the violet-lightning situated on top of its cracked forehead, but since he already injured it, he felt that he might have a chance if he overdid himself.

After all, time was against him as its carapace was rapidly healing.

Davis had his finger pointed at it all this time, knowing that it was time to end its life with a more powerful soul technique instead of giving it a chance to end his life. However, no matter how he tried to conjure this powerful soul technique, he could not cast it as it automatically disappears when it reached a certain threshold.

"I see... This technique specifically requires King Soul Stage Soul Force to work...?"

Davis mused as he felt that there was a massive qualitative improvement when he reached the King Soul Stage. Otherwise, he found it hard to believe that one of the most powerful techniques in the

Incandescent Vermilion Soul Mantra didn't work. Besides, even the manual had said so, but he wanted to test if his soul prowess could fill up the gap for it.

In the end, it didn't.

Nevertheless, he didn't dally and quickly cast a soul technique once the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle put up both defense and cage to seal his escape routes.

"Blazing Incandescent Plume Sea..."

Davis's calm voice echoed out, seething with a bit of ancient tone.

His soul force surged out his pointed finger like a tsunami, turning into a light red waterfall of feathers that further transformed into a brilliant flaming sea as it shot towards the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle.

The Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle charged another type of violet-lightning. Its mandibles elongated as the technique it conjured continuously surged with intensity, finally making its mandibles grow to a kilometer long as it buzzed with its paralyzing violet-lightning!

Davis's eyes widened as he retreated, 'Damn, it's using its species technique!'

The Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle let out a snicker as its kilometer-long mandibles clad with violet-lightning slammed shut, instantly breaking the brilliant flaming sea of the Blazing Incandescent Plume Sea that shot towards it.

The brilliant lights of flames disappeared, instantly paving the way for it to shoot towards him.

"Vermilion Bird's Talon Shackles!"

At that very moment, two blazing light red talons appeared in front of it as if the human was one step ahead of it.

The Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle clearly didn't expect the human to respond this quickly as it appeared to be taken aback. Nevertheless, its kilometer-long, violet-lightning-clad mandibles slammed shut again as the air evaporated while space shook!

Rumble!~

Even then, the two blazing talons that hooked on to the lightning-clad mandibles appeared to hold on for a moment as it took the brunt of the deadly scissor attack.

It lasted for two more seconds before the talons shattered into tiny motes of brilliant red light, shining the big head of the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle as it approached Davis in a frenzy while brandishing its lightning-clad mandibles.

Screech!~

It snickered again, knowing that it was going to win while it closed the distance.

Davis was literally cornered as he reached the end of the snare, but he calmly uttered.

"Formless Incandescence Feather Shield!"

His soul force surged out again as he spontaneously used a defensive technique, deploying a light red-barrier in front of him. The silhouette of a vermilion bird appeared, causing its wings to envelop the barrier within time as the kilometer-long mandibles slammed shut on him!

Clang!~

An earth-shattering sound of metal clashing echoed before the Formless Incandescence Feather Shield slowly cracked, shattering into thin motes of light that were reflected through Davis's disappointed eyes!

'Tch... Soul force is intrinsically weak against lightning... but...'

Davis smiled as he saw its violet-lightning-clad mandibles shatter before it disappeared, returning to its original ten-meter long mandibles.

"It is unfortunate that this species technique of yours only lasts for three attacks..."

Davis reached out his hand again, pointing his finger. However, this time, he pointed towards the skies, his lips moving in a carefree yet excited manner.

"Spirit Formation: Lightning Rain!"

Rumble!~

Abruptly, the dark purple clouds above the skies trembled as if the apocalypse were upon them. Lightning converged to the single place Davis had pointed, flashing with intensity as thunder reverberated across the area!

The Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle looked up while its lightning-shield on its carapace faded away for some reason. It instantly felt that its life was in danger, but it was too late!

Boom!~

Boom!~

Boom!~

Thick strands of purple lightning shot from the dark purple clouds as it descended with an extreme amount of force, first splitting the violet-lightning snare placed by the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle before it fell right on its rapidly healing forehead, causing it to screech in pain as it shook its head!

The Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle thought that it would be over as it barred its mandibles at the human.

However, the lightning continuously struck its forehead as if something was attracting it, causing it to be quickly pulled into a miserable situation.

Its purplish-black carapace that could withstand this lightning didn't do much as it had a gaping hole present on its forehead.

Boom!~

Boom!~

Boom!~

The raining lightning continuously crashed down the bloody hole, causing it to slowly turn into a hovering corpse as it seemed to be paralyzed for some reason.

"Oh my... it bugged out..." Davis appeared flabbergasted as he looked at the scene.

He couldn't tell what had happened, but he sure could tell that its senses had probably gone haywire.

"Its innards are quite weak contrary to its thick and solid carapace..."

He mused and then saw it plunging towards the surface, its six legs not even trying to regain balance as it crashed right into the ground, a wave of dirt storm blowing around the area it fell.

Chapter 1186 A Short Break

Davis looked at the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle's unmoving body that crashed into the ground as he slowly approached it. He knew that it was not dead, but he wanted to know if its dying or not to unleash a death blow. However, he stopped at a safe distance as his eyes flashed red.

"Yup, it's going to die..."

Davis cautiously uttered before he pointed at it. He had no reservations that a new foe would suddenly appear to save it.

"Incandescent Cry of the Vermilion Bird!~"

His soul force directly entered its unguarded soul sea and wreaked havoc, causing both its soul and body to tremble for a moment before its body turned stiff. Its soul had directly collapsed, leaving him with its soul essence for the taking.

Davis checked his soul force and saw that he had spent forty-five percent of it. It wasn't bad, considering that he had been facing a magical beast at the next stage.

However, next time, he felt that he should efficiently finish them.

'It is so much easier to assassinate...' Davis inwardly cried as he collected the carcass and its soul essence.

If it weren't for wanting to increase his battle experience, stabilizing his current foundation to an extreme level while building countermeasures for new techniques thrown at him, he wouldn't be doing this at all.

Davis then turned to look at Sophie in the distance. Looking at her agape mouth, he felt like laughing but just smiled. Taking a step forwards, he directly appeared in front of her in three seconds, causing her to be taken aback.

"Da-Davis!" Sophie had her palm on her mouth, "It hasn't been even two minutes yet..."

"Well, when one of the parties battling has an overwhelming advantage, the battle does end sooner..." Davis nodded his head casually, uttering these words as if were a matter of fact.

He was obviously mentioning himself, admittedly posing.

Davis didn't feel like acting humble at all.

When looking at her face that was filled with disbelief while her eyes were glowing with a kind of avid excitement and pride, he did get satisfaction out of her reaction. At the same time, he became excited, wanting to embrace as he wrapped his arms around her, deeply kissing her luscious rosy lips.

However, this was also why he didn't want to take his wives at first. It was fine if it were a journey to increase his cultivation with no urgency, but he felt a bit stifled since it was urgent, threatening to his life.

He felt like he could not waste time with Sophie but would his heart or lower body listen? He felt conflicted with his emotional heart telling him that he should look after her while training, his logical mind stating that he should leave her at a safe place and continue to train, and his horny lower body wanting to instantly get a room, thinking three different things at the same time.

Davis sadly closed his eyes and renewed his will.

"Let's go..."

He grasped her hand and continued to travel as he chose to listen to his heart.

Sophie lowered her head as she seemed to be thinking something else. No matter how ignorant she was, she did at least know how to weigh the strength of a technique or a normal attack!

Then the question comes... wasn't those soul techniques prowess somewhere between the Peak-Level of Seventh Stage to Eighth Stage?

She couldn't see or sense the Incandescent Cry of the Vermilion as it was truly formless. However, she was indeed able to see the soul techniques such as the Vermilion Bird's Talon Shackles, Formless Incandescence Feather Shield, and Blazing Incandescent Plume Sea, all of which was enough to easily exterminate or defend an attack from a Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beast!

How could she not be visibly be taken aback, finding herself still reeling with disbelief!?

Did this not mean what she thought it was?

But then, if it was...

"Are you scared?"

Sophie raised her head and looked at him, his sapphire eyes seemingly appearing to look into her very soul. She turned her head away, looking straight ahead.

"A bit..."

She closed her eyes in regret as she wanted to say that she was not when she suddenly heard a burst of laughter.

"Hahaha..." Davis lightly laughed at her answer.

He understood that he was breaking his image she formed in her mind time and time again. At first, he was nothing more than a lightning-attributed talented subordinate and an alchemist. Next, he was even

more of a monster in Body Tempering Cultivation, and now, it became apparent that his Soul Forging Cultivation was even more terrific than his Body Tempering Cultivation.

If Sophie did not find herself shocked by these twists, he would find it suspicious instead.

"Don't worry. You'll get used to it..." Davis tightly held her hands as he relayed his intent.

"Hehe..." Sophie giggled, "I think I will never get used to this..."

"We'll see..." Davis smiled as he looked towards the front.

As they traveled, the atmosphere around them became silent. Davis encountered a few more Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts, and as expected, he took them down within half a minute, all seven of them.

These magical beasts were from the same clan, seemingly searching for something, but Davis chose to be on his way to the destination with Sophie. However, he stopped halfway and brought out the wooden house.

"Nadia, come out. We'll be dining shortly..."

"Dining!?"

With a gluttonous echo, Nadia seemingly appeared from the void as darkness swirled around her.

Davis smiled as he looked at the excited expression on her face. He couldn't help but want to truly pat her head as she appeared extremely adorable. Unable to hold himself back, he reached out and placed his hand on her head as he rubbed her silky hair.

"Haha... Indeed, we're gonna eat a feast..."

He slowly turned to look at the astonished Sophie, "And the one who is going to make our food is none other than Sophie!"

"Me!?" Sophie pointed at herself, blinking in surprise.

"You don't know how to cook?" Davis blinked.

"Of course I know..." Sophie appeared to be excited, "Let me use this chance to showcase my skills and bring satisfaction to you all...!"

She instantly ran towards the door at the extreme end but was instantly caught by the wrist.

"Are you sure that your Peak-Level Law Manifestation Stage flames are capable of cooking the Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Beasts we hunted just now?"

Sophie's excited expression faded, swiftly replaced with a bit of embarrassment. She became aware that she was rather hasty.

"Nadia... wait for a while..." Davis uttered softly to Nadia, "Sophie can't cook those Seventh Stage Magical Beasts as her flames aren't powerful enough. I'll help her cook for you exceptionally to your liking, okay...?"

Nadia's golden eyes glistened as she felt something welling up within her. However, she just lightly nodded her head, pursing her lips, appearing as if she was extremely moved.

"Good girl..." Davis caressed her silky black hair before moving along with Sophie to the kitchen.

Nadia's lips slightly became agape, seeming to want to say something but simply held back, her gaze becoming complex as she fell into contemplation.

Once Davis and Sophie entered the kitchen, they began their work. Of course, they had become horny at a few incidents while preparing the ingredients, sharing deep kisses as they prepared.

"If I recall correctly, what you used to at that time to call the lightning from above, was it that fabled Spirit Formations that is said to be capable of being unleashed by Mature Soul Stage Experts or above?"

Sophie asked as she returned to cooking, her lips coated with a layer of his glistening saliva. She now appeared to be extremely at ease, simply sharing her love and mind with Davis.

Davis licked his lips as he looked at Sophie reach out her hands to conjure flames while there was a huge stack of meat under the huge vessel.

"Yes..." Davis smirked, "The one you saw with your own eyes was called Spirit Formation: Lightning Rain. It has the ability to attract a barrage of lightning from the storm clouds above."

"How does it work?" Sophie's eyes gleamed with a bit of excitement on learning new information.

"To put it in simpler words, using my body as the base and the heaven and earth energy to my advantage, I use my soul force to draw an inscription on the canvas, which is the space to attract the forces of heaven and earth energy to aid me. It's that simple but difficult to achieve unless you're at the Mature Soul Stage the very least..."

"You see, the condition to attract a barrage of lightning bolts had been met at that time, so I was able to call them with the help of the heaven and earth energy... I only spent a single percent of my soul force to draw that Spirit Formation symbol over its head when I cracked its forehead's carapace..."

Davis explained as he supported her flame energy with his own soul force, increasing its intensity as it cooked the meat inside the vessel.

"That is simply... marvelous...." Sophie blinked, taken aback by what he said. She found Spirit Formations intriguing as she had only heard about it before and never had seen one, not even one in the Alstreim Family.

"But the way you said it. You meant to say that I missed another Spirit Formation you used?"

"Hehe..." Davis grinned, "You're correct. The other Spirit Formation I used is called..."

Chapter 1187 For The Good Girl

"The other Spirit Formation I used is called Spirit Formation: Bind..." Davis revealed a smile, "Since I implanted it along with Spirit Formation: Lightning Rain on its fleshy surface over the cracked carapace to have even larger effectiveness, it momentarily bound its meridians, not allowing it to maintain any kind of defense at that moment."

"Then, it was unable to put up any defense and became unconscious by being barraged on its weak spot by those sixth and seventh stage purple lightning bolts. Nevertheless, if it had been left just like that, its natural healing capability would've revived it, but I used another soul technique, ending its life."

"That is how I easily defeated that Low-Level King Beast Stage Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle."

Sophie gazed at him with a kind of fervor. He had said it so easily, but she doubted if she could do the same when facing an eighth stage existence while being at the peak of the seventh stage. The gap wasn't any small, and one small mistake could instantly reap her life.

Just imagining about it made her blood run cold even though she had a bit of capability, like being able to battle against Low-Level Seventh Stage existences with her Peak-Level Law Manifestation Stage Cultivation Base.

Davis pointed to the vessel, making her come back to reality.

"Well, Spirit Formations are similar to typical Formations in where they have offensive, defensive, and support capabilities except, instead of utilizing a formation plate or core, the caster is the formation core! Even if I am dead, as long any remnant of my soul force remains to energize the Spirit Formation, it would exist until eternity. At least, that's what the introductory aspects stated in the guide to Spirit Formations."

"I see..." Sophie nodded her head, possessing a complex glint in her eyes.

"You want to learn...?" Davis smilingly teased.

"That..." Sophie giggled as she added a few spices, "I want to... but there's no way I could comprehend it without reaching the Mature Soul Stage first. I'm just at the Mid-Level Young Soul Stage..."

"Haha... You'll be able to in the future. Don't worry!" Davis laughed as he imagined dual cultivating with their souls superimposed over their fleshly bodies.

He wanted to experience this heavenly and blissful feeling Drake spoke about but had no time because he wouldn't be satisfied with a single round once he began dual cultivating with his women. He felt that it was better if their dual cultivation session at least lasted for a single day or even half a day, which is twelve hours, which was unimaginable to him when he was a mere mortal human.

Besides, he still hadn't obtained the cultivation manual from the core disciple he was planning to kill. Furthermore, it would be Sophie's first time, and at least for that, he felt that he should behave a bit.

"I'm glad you're the one I hopelessly fell in love with..." Sophie uttered, satisfied that he didn't say that it was impossible for her.

Even if it was just lip service, she felt fortunate.

Davis just kept his smile before he recalled something.

"That's right! Since you're a blacksmith, you also learned inscriptions, right?"

"Of course..." Sophie proudly spoke, "I'm a Peak-Level Earth Grade Inscriptionist. So, as long as I am forging Peak-Level Earth Grade Weapons, I assure you that those are top quality weapons that wouldn't lose to any weapons made by Peak-Level Sky Grade Blacksmiths!"

"Great! Then you won't find Spirit Formations difficult as I've noticed a few similarities between them. Nevertheless, you must first reach the Mature Soul Stage to be able to comprehend the concept of Spirit Formation, and the intricacies it has with the heaven and earth energy..."

Sophie nodded her head, feeling determined.

"Seems like you came to accept that I am not a Mature Soul Stage Cultivator but a Supreme Soul Stage Expert..." Davis smiled widely.

"You're at the Peak-Level of Supreme Soul Stage from what I saw, but with that kind of prowess, you're extremely closer to the Soul King Stage, no?" Sophie wryly smiled.

In fact, she was still racked with a sense of disbelief that she could not get rid of, at least not on this day. However, she came to accept that it was like this, that her man was a soon-to-be Soul King.

Honestly, she didn't know how to feel about it. If watching him reach Martial Master Stage made her incredibly proud and excited, watching him reach the peak of Supreme Soul Stage should also feel the same, and she indeed did.

However, she was simply unable to keep that feeling.

Perhaps, it was because she felt that she no longer deserved to be within the same world as him.

A Soul King below hundred years of age? What kind of joke was this!?

Shouldn't he be in those famous large Territories or the Soul Palace with this kind of terrifying soul forging cultivation base?

Nevertheless, she knew that she had become his woman, and that made her herself determined to follow in his footsteps no matter the cost. She was unwilling to stay as the old her, an intense feeling of wanting to become strong enveloping her mind!

"Yes, you're right." Davis's tone became solemn, "The reason I'm here is to increase my cultivation base and breakthrough to the King Soul Stage..."

Sophie's heart shook as she heard.

She then relaxed, "I see... You want to take advantage of the lightning-attributed resources to temper your soul. However, finding one is too difficult. The best chances are if you encounter a Lightning Elemental, but only two hundred years have passed since the last silent invasion. New Lightning Elementals would still be given birth to in these remaining three hundred years by the lightning-attributed heaven and earth energy present here, so until one more century, finding a Lightning Elemental at Emperor Grade should be difficult."

Davis nodded his head in agreement. He was of the same opinion, but he didn't need Lightning Elementals to increase his soul forging cultivation base as he had Fallen Heaven for that. However, he

wouldn't say no when he found one as he still had to increase his Essence Gathering Cultivation as well as comprehend Lightning Laws.

Nevertheless, it was secondary as he had to first concentrate on his soul. However, he was a bit worried since his comprehension of King Soul Stage was basically void. He didn't know how it was going to affect him in the future, but he still had to take the leap as the danger he felt could be upon him anytime.

"Davis..." Sophie abruptly echoed, appearing to be hesitant.

"Yes...?"

However, no matter how Davis waited, she didn't speak out her next words.

He glanced at her before his solemn expression faded, "Sophie, no matter what it may be, ask away. You have the freedom to do so as you're mine."

Sophie's hesitant expression faded, replaced with a smile, "Then I'll... resolve myself to be punished later..."

She turned to look at him, her eyes gleaming with a bit of fear, "Is your relationship with the Dragon Queen Isabella one of intimacy?"

"I wondered what it was, but to think it was this..." Davis uttered with a bit of melancholy as he was reminded of Isabella's proud yet delicate beauty that only he knew.

He did not think about her these three weeks as he was in seclusion, and once he came out, he forced himself to not think about her so that he could concentrate, but once Sophie reminded him, he couldn't help but ponder, 'She must have passed the Immortal Grade Trial by now, presumably in the process of digesting her rewards.'

Looking at his sad expression that she misinterpreted to be disappointment, Sophie's heart fell.

"I- I'm sorry... I was just curious..." She uttered with a bit of anxiety, regretting her straightforwardness at this moment.

Davis was brought out of his reverie by her words. Only then did he realize that he was keeping a sad expression that made her scared. He awkwardly spoke, "Don't act like I'm going to abuse you or anything."

"I would never do that to you, Evelynn, Natalya, or... Isabella..."

Sophie's purple pupils narrowed into two tiny slits.

Davis smiled, "You have your answer, right?"

Sophie absentmindedly nodded her head. She really did not expect to have an answer, nor did she expect to be punished like the last time. Instead, she was expecting a real punishment.

"That means... you are also her Protector?"

Sophie felt like there was a quake in her heart right now as she saw more things become apparent, as if there was a curtain in front of her disappearing right before her eyes, letting her see what's behind it.

"Smart..." Davis appeared satisfied, "I am indeed Isabella's Protector..."

However, he wasn't surprised. It was discoverable as long as one managed to know his true Soul Forging Cultivation. After all, there were just too many conspicuous points, like why no one felt Ninth Stage undulations from the Dragon Queen's Protector.

"But then... You had a battle exchange with the... Ancestor!!!" Sophie appeared deeply taken aback that her flames below the vessel became erratic.

"Calm down..." Davis waved his hand as he instantly supported her and her flames with his other hand. He looked at her and chuckled.

"Yes, it would be like that, but I underestimated Dian a bit as he already knew what Isabella and I were up to and was just going along with our schemes..."

"Dian...?"

Sophie's lips twitched as she heard her Ancestor's name be so casually named. It was basically blasphemy in their Alstreim Family, but somehow, she didn't mind him calling that or got angry over it.

Moreover, she felt that she came across a topic that she should not know about as she heard the word 'schemes'.

"That's right" Davis narrowed his eyes, "Have you been told whose child I am?"

Sophie shook her head. She only knew that Davis was an Alstreim and nothing more.

Davis relaxed, knowing that those Grand Elders weren't that stupid to bring their own demise. Even if they wanted to marry their daughters or granddaughters to him, they still kept the secrets about Claire within the wrap.

Sophie felt like she should not touch these 'schemes', but she became a bit anxious. It could not be something like working against the Alstreim Family, right? She didn't want to become a sinner for no reason.

She then instantly recalled him mentioning along the lines of 'who would dare to offend the Alstreim Family in a decade?' and couldn't help but think it was nothing of that sort.

She promptly relaxed, but instead, she asked what she had in her mind, which prompted her to ask all these questions.

"Then... is the King-Tier Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf your magical beast mount?"

"That's right... She's a good girl, isn't she?" Davis smiled innocently, causing Sophie to be taken aback even though she expected it.

"However, she isn't just a mount anymore. She is a part of my family. I can't see her any other way with the time we spent together, and this feast is also specifically prepared for her for protecting us in that terrifying Lightning Rain."

Davis couldn't help but reminiscence. She was extreme beauty who had his heart confused, but more than that, she had always helped him and strived for the best, listening to his words to the fullest extent.

Rather than a magical beast mount, she was like a caring and loyal maid who listened to him, but he was the one who took care of her, maintaining a mutual kind of relationship. Consequently, how could he not have attached sentiments to her?

"In any case, you will eventually know about these things, so you don't need to worry about it while ruining your mental health."

Davis reached out his hand and patted Sophie's head, causing her to smilingly nod.

Unexpectedly, she found his sentimental side to be cute!

On the other side of the room, Nadia sat on the couch as she curled herself like a cat. Her face possessed a bit of a smile, but tears fell from her adorable golden eyes as she sneakily listened to their speech by utilizing her concealed energy, which even Davis was unable to find with his current cultivation.

Soon, the moment the door opened and the extravagant aroma rushed out of the room, she hurriedly wiped her tears and stood up, removing any traces of her mood with her dark energy.

"Nadia, your favorite dishes are ready!" Davis walked out as he brought the vessel out with his soul force.

"Master..." Nadia's bosoms heaved as an expectant smile filled her face, her eyes gleaming as she saw the aromatic food in front of her.

The succulent pieces of meat were kept on the flying dishes, which were soon kept on the table in the center before they began to feast. That's right, the seven deer magical beasts that came looking for its clan member who was caught by the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle were now on the same plate!

Nadia's eyes were tearing up as she ate, and the other two smiled at her as they misunderstood that she was moved by the taste. After half an hour, their stomachs were filled with Nadia having eaten eighty percent of the meat. Feeling satisfied, they instantly set out!

Chapter 1188 Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape

It didn't take long for Davis and the others to arrive at their destination, at the northern periphery, just before one can enter the outermost area of the inner region. In this place, the ground was scorching red while lava flowed in a few ditches like a stream. Purple lightning still fell from the skies, but their prowess was no longer at the sixth stage but mainly at the seventh stage.

Seldom, a few eighth stage purple lightning bolts also fell, but due to the low density, unless one was really unlucky, they were unlikely to be hit by one.

Davis arrived at the place and looked around, managing to spot some shady colors over the many rock formations.

"There..." Sophie quickly found as she pointed, "That's where one of the ores I'm looking for is situated, the Blazuk Ore."

Davis followed his gaze in her direction and saw that there reddish-grey spots over a tiny elevation thirty kilometers away. However, when he panned his gaze a bit towards the side, he saw a magical beast slowly making its way over to that place along with a few other magical beasts following it.

Except for the biggest one's height, they all possessed an ape head with light-red eyes, a fifty-meter tall crimson-black body, and intense muscles that were scorching with a crimson crystal gleam.

"Mhm? That's the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape?"

Davis recalled these magical beasts' features and matched them with a magical beast he had read about before.

"Mhmm..." Sophie nodded her head, "In the inner region, there's a fire forest, and that is where they stay, claiming it as their territory... They are under our Alstreim Family's tribute rule as they are just a King Rank Species, but they do not bother about the status quo just like the Twin-Shell Earth Tortoise."

"If they want to, they could kill me as they see fit..." She warned.

"I see... But fire forest, you mean trees that are fire-attributed...?"

"Yes... Likely, this is a patrol team that is sent to collect these ores for their young ones' growth. After all, specific magical beasts like the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape can eat these ores for increasing their cultivation base."

"By the way, the crimson crystals located on their forehead, back of their nape, their arm and leg muscles are also used in forging. They are also helpful in creating a few fire-attributed decorations, as well as cultivation resources that help transform the heaven and earth energy into fire-attributed heaven and earth energy to be absorbed into our bodies."

"It is helpful to set up a cultivation room, specific to fire-attributed cultivators like me. Perhaps, at least eighty percent of the Elders have it their room to help with increasing their cultivation base while also aiding in improving their comprehension of Fire Laws."

Davis chuckled softly. He had complete resources for his breakthroughs in cultivation and comprehension, so he had no need for these kinds of resources in the past. If not, and he was broke, he would have to settle for this like those Elders.

"Alright, my luck is not bad this time... One Low-Level King Beast Stage and six Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts. Perfect for me to test my Body Tempering Cultivation and Soul Forging Cultivation against multiple opponents, but this time, watch me assassinate the boss before taking down the lackeys."

Sophie grinned as she giggled while stretching her eyes, "This time, I'll be watching with my two eyes widened!"

"Hehe... You won't find me even if your eyes come out!" Davis disappeared into thin air, causing Sophie to blink.

No matter how she tried, she couldn't sense or see him anymore, which made her a bit amazed. She felt that even if she saw it again, she would feel the same emotion. Turning her head, she saw the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes slowly walking towards the Blazuk Ores as if they owned this place.

"Hmph! The resources here belong to the Alstreim Family! Why do they always take it back and give a few as a tribute?" Sophie couldn't help but mumble reluctantly.

These magical beasts were also a problem since their strength proved to be far stronger for the younger generation to handle, and so they couldn't obtain resources as they liked. As for the Elders, they'd rather not take it as there was the case of forceful acquisition from the mid-sized territories.

Their Ninth Stage Powerhouses were also down to one in these ten thousand years, leaving them with no choice but to behave a bit. Honestly, they were stifled, but they could do nothing about it unless a new Ninth Stage Powerhouse is born!

They were all waiting for it to happen! Then, with one Ancestor-level character taking care of the family as a defender, the other can act as a front to defy these righteous looters. After that, they would have no need to worry about those bigshots trying to take advantage of them as long as they don't go overboard.

But to Sophie's eyes, rather than her grandpa or any other individual, she felt that her man would be the second Ninth Stage Powerhouse in the family! Even if he wasn't, she felt that he still would be the third!

After a minute, Davis appeared above the King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape a few hundred meters above, looking at it with interest.

The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's forehead was embedded with a diamond-shaped crystal that glowed with brilliant crimson color. Judging by its look and density alone, he felt that it should be comparable to the Violet Lightning Paralysis Beetle's carapace and even thought that it should be a bit harder and durable. However, was the crimson crystal capable of blocking his soul attack?

Did the crimson crystal contain special properties that suppress soul attacks? He recalled reading something like that but wasn't so sure as the writer of the book itself said that he or she wasn't sure.

If so, then attacking right through its forehead, its nape, or its muscles wouldn't do him any good as he would miss the chance to kill it with one-shot.

'My bad... I shouldn't have bragged that I would be able to assassinate it...' Davis felt his confidence waning.

However, he then saw that it was approaching the Blazuk Ore, finally starting to near it. He felt the urgency to quickly end its life, but an idea suddenly popped up in his mind as a smirk appeared on his lips.

'Oh well. It's worth a try than simply making it do it but would end up warranting its confusion...'

Davis waited for them to reach the small elevation that seemed to be filled with Blazuk Ore.

Once they arrived, the seventy-meter tall Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape simply pointed, and the six Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes scrambled as they jumped, all of them attacking the cliff at the same time while their elbows and fists were burning with flames!

Boom!~

Boom!~

Boom!~

The small elevation broke and crumbled into dust, revealing the reddish ore with yellow spots. These were the King Grade Ores, which was frequently used by the Alstreim Family to forge fire-attributed King Grade Armaments but had recently gone out of stock as the reserves were used up.

If Sophie waited for a few more years, she would manage to get it as the granddaughter of Grand Elder Krax Alstreim, but she had no chill and time to waste in wanting to be acknowledged by her crush. So, here she was looking at it be pried open by those Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes while Davis was nowhere to be seen.

Still, she believed that she had a plan in mind, awaiting his entrance with avid expectations.

Meanwhile, Davis calmly saw those Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes carry the ores within their large hands, completely emptying out the mound from Blazuk Ores. Then, as if their job was over, they turned back to the direction of the inner region, walking back to where they came from.

It was obvious that it was their routine.

However, the King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape suddenly felt its throat go dry, filling its tongue with drool. It simply reached out its hand as it took the Blazuk ores carried by the others in one fell swoop, bringing it to its face as it glanced up, looking as if it was going to swallow the ores as its jaws widened.

The other Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes were watching their boss with confusion.

'Why eat it when it wasn't useful to you?'

They couldn't help but feel like crying as their eyes were filled with reluctance!

Puchi!~

At this moment, the sound of piercing echoed like a clap of thunder, and blood splashed right out of the King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's mouth, continuously flowing out from both its back head and mouth.

A bloody silhouette became visible in the air before it waved its hand.

Davis's concealment came off as he held an emerald scythe in his hand, looking at it with a bit of excitement.

"How was that Yama? You managed to take out a King Beast Stage Magical Beast while being a Peak-Level King Grade Armament! Feeling proud?"

The Grieving Emerald Scythe trembled with satisfaction and excitement in response, causing Davis to grin as he looked at the light in the King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's eyes disappear as it collapsed with a thud. It invoked a dust-storm, causing the other Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes to still appear stunned as they couldn't comprehend what had happened in this short moment.

Why was their boss lying on its own pool of blood?

"Don't worry. I need something from you magical beasts, and for that, you are all going to die one way or another..."

Davis coldly uttered as he pointed the scythe's curved emerald blade towards the stunned Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes. For these Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts, he didn't feel like using his concealment skills to battle.

Instead, he was going to let Yama have its due fun!

Chapter 1189 Twelve Seconds

Sophie saw him hover in the air with her wide purple eyes. She didn't miss one bit of it and could even tell how he had killed it as she noticed the moment blood came out the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape.

'From inside the body, also its mouth... it would be weak indeed...' Her eyes gleamed as a deep smile became apparent on her face when she realized he actually instakilled a King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape!

Even their Elders found it difficult to kill them with their hard and extremely durable defense, but her man instantly saw through them and waited for his opportunity to kill it in a single move. He had no experience dealing with these Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, but he managed to instakill their boss in a single move without a brief moment of hesitation as if he had planned it beforehand.

An overwhelming emotion enveloped her as she felt herself falling for him more. A strong man was attractive to many women in this world. She thought that she was different, but when he showcased it right in front of her eyes, in reality, it made her understand that it could make her fall for him even more in love.

She couldn't explain this inexplicable feeling. As for these Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, she felt no pity but experienced bliss as she had a personal bias against them for killing so many of their Alstreim Family's elites from time immemorial.

"Sneaky human!!!"

One of the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes finally came out of its reverie as it angrily jumped at him, its flaming fists swinging at him in full force.

Black lightning erupted from Davis's legs as he instantaneously dodged the attack using the Thunder Cloud Movement. By this time, the other Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes came out of their reverie and made their move!

Davis easily dodged their flaming punches and kicks that appeared at different angles. He couldn't help but softly chuckle as he recalled what he did to make them so angry.

He simply used his karmic technique, Misdirection, to draw most of King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's attention to the Blazuk Ore. It wanted to fill its stomach with the Blazuk Ores at that moment, not giving much thought as to why it would suddenly feel greedy for it when Davis suddenly made his move.

He shot towards its mouth in his concealed state while using Dark Concealing Shroud Art and summoned the Grieving Emerald Scythe before he cleaved its head from the inside as he shot above from the

surface of its tongue, managing to easily pierce through its flesh and skull, destroying its head from the inside.

The erupting earth-attributed martial energy he left along with the deadly slash in its head had eradicated even the few signs of life it was capable of showing with its vitality!

He knew that they were angered at him for not facing their boss in a frontal battle. Likely, they thought that he wouldn't be able to win with his cultivation base.

Davis grinned, wanting to prove them wrong, but he suddenly saw a Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape running away towards the inner region.

"Calling for reinforcements...? That's a rather cautious ape..."

Davis muttered in amusement before he shot towards it.

"Courting Death!"

The other Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes all roared at the same moment as they all raised their hands, creating a bunch of flaming spheres that looked like it could raze an entire plot of green land into scorched land. They all threw it at him at the same moment, causing Davis to let out an annoyed harrumph.

"Earth Dragon's Overbearing Fist!"

Boom!~

The air reverberated, and the incoming brilliant flaming spheres were like candle flames that were snuffed out in a few moments of entering his range. The intensity of his Earth Dragon's Overbearing Fist further traveled to them as it lifted them up a bit from the ground, causing them to lose their balance as they rolled on the ground, their fifty-meter tall bodies causing waves and waves of a dirt-storm.

Some landed on the stream of lava, but they were unscathed by it. The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes were all shocked while Davis satisfactorily nodded his head.

'As I thought... These Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage existences are no longer a match for me unless they are at the King-Tier like Nadia...'

Davis turned around as his body flashed. He caught up to the escaping Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape in a few seconds and swung the scythe from behind.

Clang!~

His scythe sliced through its neck. However, it hit the crimson crystal, and halfway through it, it blocked his attack as the scythe came to a stop, the other half the crystal cracking as if it could no longer hold on.

"AHHHHH!!!~::~"

Blood splashed as a female ape's painful voice echoed as it lost its footing and fell, rolling on the scorched ground as it miserably cried out in pain.

Davis paused for a moment before he instantly appeared behind its half-severed nape and swung his scythe, instantly severing its head while his martial energy that was encased on the curved blade surged through the head before it destroyed its soul.

"Sorry, if it weren't for your crystal, you would not have felt any pain..." Davis visibly sighed.

He had determined himself to kill them when they had done nothing wrong against him, knowing that he was the one who is at wrong. Then, the only bit of mercy he could show was to make the experience a painless death. He wanted to kill them without making them feel pain while using his own strength, but the crimson crystal proved to be a bit tougher than he expected.

Now, he knew that if he fought a frontal battle with the King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape, it would've proved to be a brutal battle than the one he had with the Violet-Lightning Paralysis Beetle. After all, its crystal was able to defend against both physical and rumored to suppress soul attacks.

He turned to look around and saw the immense hatred swelling within the bloodshot eyes of the five Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, their eyes staring at him as if they'd like to kill him many times over and over again, flattening him into meat paste with their very flaming palms.

"Your hatred is all justified, but unfortunately, I can't die for myself and others... Next time, I'll use more strength to let you all die a painless death..."

Davis voiced out with determination as if he was sorry, but there was only cruelty in his eyes.

While they were both scared and raging, he moved, his tiny figure flashing with lightning as he targeted the nearest Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape. Its eyes practically widened as its hairs tingled, but before it could even react, its head was severed from the front, its soul destroyed simultaneously at that very moment!

Davis didn't stop, and neither did the remaining four Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes stood there watching as they all rushed out in different directions, wanting to escape somehow. It was apparent that they all understood that they were no match for this human.

Davis instantly realized what they were up to as he continued on to the next nearest Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape.

A mutter escaped from his lips.

"Earth Dragon's Overlord Rush!"

Boom!~

The air reverberated at the bottom of his feet as he shot off with an incredible speed towards the targeted Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape. Without even stopping, he swung the Grieving Emerald Scythe and severed its head, destroying its soul with his domineering martial energy while he moved on to the next one.

The next Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape hadn't even got far before it managed to catch a glimpse of that terrifying human appearing by its side with an emerald scythe in his hand. The next thing it knew, its gaze elevated towards the skies and turned around as it saw the ground before its sight became pitch black. It had died in that instant.

Davis looked at its severed head for a moment, knowing that it experienced a painless death but possessed fearful eyes before he shot towards the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape that had gotten the nearest towards the inner region.

Roar!~~~

It was roaring for help, fearing him. However, with his speed that was enhanced by three times, he caught up to it in three seconds and slashed again, severing its head as blood splashed from it like a fountain. It was raining blood from four heads, dying the reddish-purple land with crimson.

He turned around to look and saw that there were only two Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes left. One at the east, and another one towards the west. He was faster than them and was already in front of them, so if they wanted to escape, they could only escape towards the outer region's direction.

The two Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes bared their fangs while fear was visible in their eyes. They roared at him, trying to intimidate. No, they were giving themselves the courage needed to get past him.

However, one of their heads flew towards the skies before it plunged to the ground right at this moment. The last remaining Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape became shocked and horrified to see its clan member die before it suddenly noticed the human with the scythe standing beside it.

It then looked towards the 'human' who blocked their path and saw it disappear, fading away into the void like an illusion.

When it glanced back at the human again, it saw his figure flash from a distance towards its way. At that moment, it went stiff, realizing that it could do nothing as it watched the human near it, feeling a moment of weightlessness before its consciousness faded into the complete dark.

Davis turned to look around and saw that he only needed twelve seconds to kill these six Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes. The amount of blood made him frown, but he went around collecting their carcasses into his spatial ring after their blood emptied out before heading towards the carcass of the King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape.

Chapter 1190 Beryl Bead

After collecting the carcasses and the ores, Davis arrived beside the seventy-meter tall Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape that lifelessly lay on the ground with blood still flowing out from both holes on its head. It was not a clean kill but was definitely a one-shot kill, making him feel proud of his assassination skills.

He felt that attributed to Misdirection, his assassination skills could become the strongest weapon in his arsenal as long as the victim doesn't realize that some strange power was influencing him or her. Even then, by the time they realize something had gone wrong, perhaps, he might've already taken their lives.

It was that terrifying!

At this moment, Sophie arrived towards him from her hiding place, causing him to look at her in amusement with raised his brows as he saw her appear excited like a little child.

"Davis!!!"

Sophie whooshed towards him and stopped right in front of him as she scanned his figure with her gaze. Even though he cleaved the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape from inside and blood fell like rain from the severed heads, Davis appeared to be still clean.

On the other hand, Davis expected her to say something, but she still looked at him, appearing to be excitedly speechless. Well, it would be apt to say that he was expecting a praise or two as he managed to do what he said but looking at her remaining speechless, he moved as he grabbed her soft waist.

"Well, I can understand your disbelief in regards to my powers. But, how about a reward or something like that?" He asked, his sapphire eyes flashing with obvious intent.

He felt that a kiss wouldn't hurt.

Sophie picked it up but avoided his gaze as her cheeks took on a red hue, "A reward? I possibly c-can't..."

"Oh no, you can..." Davis chuckled with satisfaction, "But first, let me take care of the carcass..."

He let her go and turned to look at the King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape that almost had bled out. Sophie also shyly turned to look at the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape with expectations, but the moment she laid her eyes on the carcass, she blinked before her eyes narrowed into two tiny slits.

Davis was just about to store it in his spatial ring when he suddenly heard her shout.

"Wait!"

Davis became taken aback as he looked at Sophie, wondering why she sounded extremely shocked. He followed her gaze and looked at the dead Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape. It was undoubtedly dead, so what did she scream for?

Sophie's purple pupils were dilated as she stared at the carcass of the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape. Specifically, she was staring at its forehead, where there was a tiny crimson bead embedded deep in its diamond-shaped crimson crystal.

Her purple eyes became normal, but she shook her head and blinked, noticing that it was still there and not her delusion.

"Is that what I think it is...?" She muttered, feeling her heartbeat increase while hearing it pound in her head.

"What is it...?" Davis glanced back and forth between her face and its head. What did she find?

Sophie grasped her cheeks, excitedly looking at Davis as she pointed towards its forehead, "It's the Crystallized Flame Bead of the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape..."

"Crystallized Flame Bead...?" Davis's eyes narrowed as his gaze settled on the diamond-shaped crystal before he saw an inconspicuous tiny bead on the center of its forehead.

His eyes went wide as it finally clicked in him!

"It's a Beast Flame's condensed source... Refining it can make the user conjure a Beast Flame within their dantian..."

Crystallized Flame Bead...

He vaguely knew this term as it was called Crystallized Flames, Condensed Flame Spark, Condensed Liquids, and whatnot. It all came in different forms, but it was true that various magical beasts were capable of producing them. The conditions to give birth to them in their body were unknown, but once this kind of resource was found in them, humans would go crazy to obtain them even if it meant sacrificing many things!

After all, it's a Beast Flame that could increase their prowess and aid their cultivation base!

"That's right!" Sophie's eyes gleamed, "Ranked Thirty-Second in the Emperor Grade Beast Flame Chart! Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Flames!"

Davis knew nothing about Emperor Grade Beast Flames. However, he could tell that it should be better in terms of prowess when compared to Nora Alstreim's Purple Yin Star Flame. After all, the latter was Peak-Level King Grade while the former appeared to be Low-Level Emperor Grade.

However, the prowess that could be harnessed from a Beast Flame would be relatively less than a Flame Essence unless the user has absorbed the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's blood essence.

Nonetheless, since it was a Beast Flame, he felt that it should have the potential to increase in strength as long as he obtained many blood essences of Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes to feed it.

He appeared a bit absentminded before he chuckled while turning to look at Sophie. He had actually missed it, and the one who noticed it was none other than Sophie herself.

His routine was killing and storing, so he didn't bother to check. Perhaps, he would've found it later or sold it to gain Peak-Level Spirit Stones while the buyer would've greedily profited out of him, but who knows about something that would come to happen later?

His sapphire eyes were fixed on Sophie with an intense gaze, "It's yours..."

"That's right!" Sophie appeared excited, "With this, you can finally improve your Fire Laws to a tremen-"

She suddenly stopped, feeling like she heard something else as she turned to look at Davis in confusion.

"What...?"

"I said it's yours..." Davis implied in a deep tone.

"What!? I can't take something so precious...!" Sophie flinched as she retreated, "Don't be absurd! You single-handedly hunted this Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape, so it belongs to you!"

"That's right..." Davis smiled, "But now I'm giving to you, so it's yours..."

"But..."

"Sophie..." Davis called out, causing her to grow silent.

"Do you train in Fire Laws as main, or do I? I think the answer should be obvious by now on who this should go to?"

Sophie's expression trembled as she appeared to be moved. Actually, she was planning on asking Davis later, feeling like she could try her luck. After all, this Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's Crystallized Flame Bead was extremely useful to her in helping her conjure the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Flames that would aid her in forging.

It was practically perfect for forging, not to mention that it would tremendously increase her battle prowess. But now that he gave it to her as if it belonged to her from the first, she couldn't help but tear up.

She didn't expect this at all as in front of valuable resources; it didn't matter if it were loved ones, people would tend to put themselves first. Although she knew Davis wasn't a person like that with what she saw, she still couldn't help but become extremely moved when she saw the reality with her own two eyes.

He was just the man she perceived him to be...

She quickly rubbed her eyes and sniffled, "Then I'll ask you myself. Can I have the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's Crystallized Flame Bead...?"

Davis softly chuckled at her sincerity, "You really can... You can have anything that would make you strong since I need you to be with me till I die one day..."

Sophie's lips trembled as she held back her tears. She took a step forward, hovered above a bit as she pressed her lips on his of her own volition, sharing an innocent kiss with him before she separated and looked into his sapphire eyes.

"What?" Davis smilingly asked

"The reward..." Sophie shyly lowered her head, "I gave it..."

"Oh..." Davis appeared taken aback as he had forgotten entirely about that after finding the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's Crystallized Flame Bead.

Looking at her shy expression, he just wanted to get a room.

"You wait, I'll collect it now..." Davis held his fists and cracked as he turned to look at the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape.

He knew that if he used Yama on its crimson crystal, Yama would break without a doubt. So the only way he could crack it was using through his bare fists.

"Please be careful..." Sophie uttered as she recognized the sturdiness of the crimson crystal.

It was what that gave their Elders a tough time to break, making these Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes rather be unbridled towards them, just like those Twin-Shell Earthen Tortoises. She even felt it would be better to return before collecting it from its forehead crystal.

She was afraid that he would rather hurt his fists despite seeing his strength.

Davis hovered above its forehead, wanting to use Earth Dragon's Destructive Fist with Hardened Scales, but he changed his mind and concentrated as he placed his palm on the center of the crystal.

"Earth Dragon Shatters The Earth..."

Martial energy surged from his palm and cracked the crimson crystal's surface before the crack spread for a few meters deep. However, it was still a few meters away from reaching the Crystallized Flame Bead.

"Good..."

Davis smiled as he knew that he should not crack the Crystallized Flame Bead as well. Therefore, he lowered his martial energy prowess before moving on to breaking it with the same technique.

He used the move two more times before the crystal shattered enough, revealing the price he was eager to take and hand it over to Sophie. It appeared to look like a beryl bead, but that was incredibly complex flame patterns that made Davis frown as he felt his head go dizzy.

Even then, he continued to stare at it for a while, feeling like grasping something before his eyes went wide!

The heaven and earth energy around him resonated, making his essence energy surge out as it transformed into flames amidst Sophie's dumbfounded gaze. It didn't stop there, but the heaven and earth energy around him strangely fluctuated again as his essence energy danced with weirdly patterned flames.

'My comprehension in Fire Laws has reached Level One Intent...?'

Davis possessed a dumbfounded expression like Sophie before he chuckled in amusement. It was absolutely useless to the current him, but who knows?

He felt that it could be a start for something...