

EMPEROR 1191

### Chapter 1191 It Isn't A Dream

"Davis... Did you just have a breakthrough in your Fire Law comprehension...?" Sophie blinked, not believing her eyes.

"Heh, seems like it." Davis smirked, "However, it's not that significant since I had just reached Level One Intent in Fire Laws in both Essence Gathering Cultivation and Soul Forging Cultivation."

"Just by looking at the complicated engravings, you managed to comprehend in two cultivation systems?" Sophie appeared flabbergasted by Davis's speech, "You really are an Alstreim..."

"Mhm... Now that you mention it, it seems that I inherited both father and mother's talent in law comprehension, except I didn't concentrate on learning Fire Laws but Lightning Laws..."

Davis knew that he didn't comprehend Fire Laws for Essence Gathering Cultivation at all. It was not even at Elementary Intent, yet he directly crossed a level in comprehension and comprehended Level One Intent for Essence Gathering Cultivation while further cementing his comprehension to Level One Intent in Soul Forging Cultivation at the same time.

Perhaps because of his mother's higher class background, his talent in comprehending Fire Laws was more than Lightning Laws? After all, comparatively, his father's and paternal grandfather's talent in Lightning Laws should be lesser as they haven't entered higher stages in the past.

Logan had entered the Law Manifestation Stage just recently, causing him to nod in a bit of skepticism and agreement. After all, he also felt that his comprehension of Lightning Laws was thanks to the two Lightning Elementals he absorbed.

"Davis, can I know your age...?"

"... I'm about to become twenty-four soon..." Davis absentmindedly answered, still thinking about the intricacies, about what would've happened if he chose a Fire-Attributed Cultivation Manual first than the Lightning-Attributed one.

Would his Fire Laws be more powerful than his Lightning Laws, excluding the benefits given by the Lightning Elementals?

On the other hand, Sophie's expression was utterly stiff in incredulity. She was speechless again.

Twenty-four what!?

She was in her fifties, and she actually chose to fall in love with a man who was younger than her in age? Forget that... Didn't he say something about becoming a Soul King in this cultivation training sessions? Twenty-four and a Soul King?

'What is happening...?'

Sophie felt dizzy as her entire world view was being turned upside down again and again the more she was with him. She didn't know if she could really get used to it, as he had said before, but she wanted to get used to it. Otherwise, she didn't know when she was going to die of shock.

"Mhmm... Although the Lightning Elementals played a vital role, I cannot deny my father's talent in Lightning Laws played a part. As for Fire Laws, I have no choice but to accept that I inherited the most out of my mother... Otherwise, this double comprehension wouldn't make sense even with the aid of the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's Crystallized Flame Bead..."

Davis happily turned to look, "Sophie, I must thank you for making me realize that my com-"

He suddenly stopped, noticing that her expression was rather abnormal. He held her shoulders and shook her, "Sophie, are you alright?"

Sophie did indeed come out of her reverie, but her expression was funny as she didn't know if she should laugh or cry, perhaps both.

"Davis, you are younger than me by thirty years...?"

Davis became taken aback before he recalled saying something about his age. He smirked, finally knowing what it was that bothered her.

"Yes. Is it an impediment to our relationship?"

"No!" Sophie hurriedly shook her head before she shyly turned her head away in embarrassment, "It's just... I never thought that I would fall in love with a younger man..."

Sophie was deeply embarrassed, alright. After all, she always imagined that Davis was around eighty-years old, or at the very least, sixty years old, similar to her since he was said to be below hundred years old. She didn't know what to think after he told her that he was twenty-freaking-four!

This was just too much to bear for her heart and mind.

On the other hand, Davis became ecstatic about the fact that she was thirty years older than him. After all, his true age or soul age can be said to be fifty-four years old.

She was perfectly his age. However, he felt that this should be explained by his wives rather than him since it would be more believable.

'Now that I recall... Natalya still doesn't know that... Only Evelynn and Isabella know about my past...'  
Davis pursed his lips as he thought, 'Oh well, I'll have to rely on Evelynn again to explain to the both of them...'

Davis felt sorry for troubling her again, but she has to take a few responsibilities since she was the big sister. He inwardly yet shamelessly convinced himself.

He waved his hand and put the seventy-meter tall body into his spatial ring as the wind picked up the fill the empty space. He then pushed the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's Crystallized Flame Bead to Sophie, wanting her to have it.

"Still, this would be useful to you than me... I'm going to concentrate on my soul. As for Fire Laws, there are many resources out there in the world. We'll obtain as many as we need..." Davis smiled.

However, that smirk was extremely attractive to Sophie as she saw the confidence in him. It pulled her in like the empty void, making her heart rapidly beat for obvious reasons.

She lowered her head and uttered, "Thank you..."

\*Boom!~~~\*

A bolt of peak-level seventh stage lightning fell tens of meters away from them, causing them to shake their heads with smiles.

"Let's move on..." Davis grasped her delicate hand and headed towards the inner region.

He smiled as he felt convinced with this hunt. Not only did he obtain a Low-Level King Beast Stage Soul Essence and six Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essences, but he also obtained a unique resource, making it extremely worth it.

'Damn, this is remarkably easier than facing an entire clan. I hope I meet a few more scouting or scavenging parties so I could hunt with my own strength...' Davis inwardly felt the satisfaction.

"I hope we find a few kilograms of Yorang Ores... If not, it's also not a problem since I possibly could not melt them with my current strength..." Sophie uttered.

"Is that so...?" Davis smiled as he stared at her.

"What...?" Sophie's expression became filled with a crimson hue.

Why was he looking at her like that, as if there was a hidden intent behind his look?

"What's your Law Manifestation's level?"

"Uh..." Sophie's expression deflated even as she tried to smile.

Normally, she could say it with a proud tone, but in front of Davis, she found it extremely shameful instead.

Many women would spit at her back at home and give her the wicked eye for being with Davis, thinking that she had seduced him by selling her body. She knew that this kind of situation would be set in stone without a doubt if their relationship ever became public. However, she wasn't worried about that.

She was worried about her own shortcomings as she felt that she was not a match with Davis. His wives all appeared powerful, not to mention Dragon Queen Isabella. She did not know how she was going to face them or even have the right to speak with them.

She absolutely idolized Dragon Queen Isabella in the past, fixing her as a role model since she had the strongest Body Tempering Cultivation out of all the youths she had ever seen. Heck, she was stronger than the Elders, Grand Elders, and even their Ancestor in Body Tempering Cultivation.

She adored such an 'Isabella', and now, when she thought of standing equally with them, she felt unworthy to the core.

The prowess she was once proud of was worth nothing more than a fart in front of them.

"Go on, tell me..." Davis's voice became a little softer.

"I... I've manifested a Distinguished Law Manifestation..."

"Distinguished Law Manifestation, huh..." Davis nodded his head.

This was more than good for an Alstreim Family elite. Only Nora Alstreim is said to have comprehended Grand Law Manifestation among the youths, and Distinguished Law Manifestation is one level lower, so he could understand.

He felt that comprehending Level Two Intent at the time of breaking through to the Law Manifestation Stage to manifest a Distinguished Law Manifestation was very good. She was similar to his mother and father in this case.

"But since then, I've improved my law comprehension, reaching Level Four Intent!"

She softly bellowed, sounding as if she wanted to be approved of by him, that she would cultivate even harder from now, but she also appeared to be panicking as if she didn't want to see his disappointed expression.

Davis became satisfied on hearing her.

Already Level Four Intent?

Heck, his Lightning Laws was also at Level Four Intent, not at all having improved from the time he entered the Law Manifestation Stage!

Nevertheless, he understood that reaching a certain level in law comprehension and manifesting is different from manifesting and improving law comprehension.

Even though Sophie had comprehended Level Four Intent, she was still unable to reconstruct her manifestation into Superior Law Manifestation or even Grand Law Manifestation since she didn't have enough energy to support the cause.

However, with his help, would that be a problem?

Heck, even without his help, she was sure to re-manifest Grand Law Manifestation from this point.

After all, since she now belonged to him, the Alstreim Family might pore their entire resources on her as a sign of good faith, as well as to maintain a good relationship with him. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that Ancestor Dian Alstreim would personally award her with a Low-Level Emperor Grade Flame Essence that is usually reserved for the worthy Young Master or Young Mistress.

"Sophie..." Davis uttered, causing her to become anxious.

"What do you think about Evelynn's cultivation?"

Sophie blinked, wondering why she was being asked this question. She knew that some kind of advice, perhaps a harsh one, was coming, so she prepared herself, biting her lips before she spoke out her thoughts.

"Evelynn is truly a strong woman who took out Diamanda Alstreim easily during the tiny battle exchange... If I am not wrong, she should've manifested Grand Law Manifestation- no, Superior Law Manifestation! Otherwise, there was no way that she could cross almost an entire stage to battle!"

Davis smiled, "You are right. My Evelynn has indeed manifested a Superior Law Manifestation."

Sophie's expression didn't change as if this was expected. She pursed her lips, waiting for him to continue.

"However, do you know that she was nothing more than an average Body Transformation Cultivator six years ago?"

"You're kidding...?" Sophie's expression became abnormal.

"I'm not kidding." Davis slowly shook his head, "Evelynn is from a righteous power alright, contrary to what you may expect. She was assumed to be untalented, scorned by her peers and elders alike, but she tried hard to cultivate for me ever since we married even though she had little interest. Later on, I managed to find her talent in Poison Laws and encouraged her to follow that path. She was reluctant at first but eventually made her choice, only to become the powerful and also, a feared existence you all think she is..."

"In truth, she is a kind soul who would even hesitate to wrong someone..."

Davis was a bit emotional as he spoke, and hearing it invoked many emotions in Sophie's heart, causing her to imagine many things in her mind. Unexpectedly, she didn't mind and was instead curious.

"My Natalya also has a similar story. If they can become like a powerful existence in a short amount of time with me, then what about you?"

Davis deeply stared at her as he asked.

"I can...?" Sophie's heart trembled.

"You can, and you even have the determination to do so..." Davis smiled as he tightly held her hand, sounding as if he placed greater belief in her.

"Walk along with us... If you do so, the Ninth Stage isn't far off from us, and even reaching immortality isn't a dream!"

Davis implied with a solemn voice, causing great waves to arise within Sophie's heart.

Somehow, she didn't find the words emanating from his mouth as a lie at all!

### **Chapter 1192 Out For Revenge**

Sophie's mind was rocked with tumultuous waves as they headed into the inner region. Davis didn't give her any further explanation, leaving her hanging, and surprisingly, she still felt like believing in his words.

If it were from any other person she knew, any person from the Nine Western Territories, any person from mid-sized Territories, and even large Territories, she would have been skeptical inside even if she acted like believing. However, she placed great trust in him that even when she found it absurd, she couldn't help but still believe in him.

What's more, she was self-aware about the whole situation, that the thought of reaching Ninth Stage alone was absurd, let alone immortality. If it were so easy, many Grand Elders would've already become Ninth Stage Powerhouses. Even though she felt herself to be foolish for believing in his words, she couldn't think otherwise, or for what reason he would have in order to lie...

Even without Davis having to go this far to inform such a matter, she was still head over heels for him. She knew that he could undoubtedly discern her feelings for him too.

'... I didn't think falling in love would be this dangerous...'

Sophie couldn't help but shudder at this thought. She didn't like her rationality being taken away as she had never felt like this before.

However, thinking back, did she ever act rationally in front of him?

Sophie's lips curved into an embarrassed smile as she knew that the answer was no. Being with him, the only thing that made her feel was her heart unceasingly pounding, especially whenever he cast his gaze on her. It was a strange feeling, but she liked it.

Soon, Davis, Sophie, and Nadia entered the inner region. The scenery remained the same with lava flowing in streams and craters from below, but the density of magical beasts and the falling lightning became a little too high, with numerous magical beasts in the range of detecting a battle and coming to see it in curiosity rather than staying in their territory.

Davis felt that he would not be able to battle freely as there is the possibility that numerous magical beasts would gang upon him. At that moment, he would be forced to engage in a slaughter, reaping many lives rather than the ones he wanted.

"Well... This has turned into a difficult situation..." Davis uttered as he hid behind an elevated cliff along with Sophie.

"I agree..." Sophie nodded, "There's too many of them. There are even two Mid-Level King Beast Stage Magical Beasts in this surrounding hundred kilometers..."

Unlike them who kept their undulations under control, the magical beasts here sure did not bother to conceal, but instead, sometimes even made their undulations explode as if flexing their strength to warn the other magical beasts.

"Well, those two Mid-Level King Beast Stage Magical Beasts we sense are pretty far away. There's a bit of chance that we would disturb them when we fight, but if we did indeed disturb them, Nadia could take care of them."

"Isn't that right, Nadia?"

"They would be nutritious indeed..." Nadia's desiring voice resounded out from the void. It also sounded as if she licked her lips.

Davis wryly chuckled, also causing Sophie to hold in her laughter. The way Sophie felt, it was way easier to hunt them with Nadia fighting together with them.

Davis stood up from the scorched rock as he was sitting. He just took a step into the air when he suddenly stopped as his eyes narrowed. His narrowed eyes abruptly widened before he captured Sophie's wrist as he sent a soul transmission to Nadia.

"Nadia, get us out of here!"

He jumped off the cliff when Nadia suddenly swooped in and carried them away in her magical beast form, all the while maintaining her concealed state.

"What's happening!?" Sophie was shaken by his sudden movements.

"It's them..." Davis calmly uttered when suddenly sounds of distant roars could be heard.

It became increasingly audible as hundreds of undulations spread out, causing the magical beasts that were here to scam as if they had seen something terrible, like they were facing a calamity. Even the two Mid-Level King Beast Stage Magical Beasts were running for their lives in different directions.

Sophie looked behind, her purple eyes reflecting hundreds of tall Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes coming their way with intense anger revealed in their eyes. The magical beasts that got caught in their grasp were either burned alive or tore off limb by limb as they squealed and cried in pain.

The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes at the King Beast Stage commanded the others to kill! However, they were also looking around as if searching for something.

"They're out here for the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes we killed...?" Sophie's expression changed, "How did they know!?"

"Who knows what kind of method did they use to know..." Davis had no idea as well, "But as you said, it seems like that Low-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape we killed was extremely important to them. Otherwise, they wouldn't have come out in the hundreds, moving out from the Lord Beast Stage till the High-Level King Beast Stage."

"Yes, but they're increasing... They're gonna be a thousand of them soon..."

Sophie's scalp tingled as he saw those Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes jump around, destroy mountains, become bathed in lava but still remain unscathed as they ran around killing any magical beasts that they could find in their path.

She looked back at Davis, feeling fortunate that she was with him as she felt secure.

Davis's expression appeared to be a bit pissed off while looking back, staring at the destruction they caused. He stood up and jumped off.

"Nadia, take Sophie to safety..."

"Wait!" Sophie screamed as she saw him escape the concealment, but then, he disappeared from her sight, causing her to be taken aback. Her body flinched, wanting to go after him but then instantly realized that she would only be a burden.

Most likely, she would get into a life and death situation faster than him and possibly die.

"Nadia, leave me somewhere here and go after your master! I promise that I'll hide!" She urged!

"Master doesn't need my help..." Nadia simply replied.

"I know, but what if their Peak-Level King Beast Stage Ruler arrives? What would you do then!?"

Sophie felt a minute trembled while sitting over Nadia's back. She knew that this was her chance and tried to convince, "Nadia, your master's life is more important than mine! Remember who you should protect! Is it me or him!?"

"Hmph!" Nadia snorted and abruptly split into two.

Sophie became flabbergasted as she looked at the other Nadia. Wasn't this the same move Nadia used in the battle exchange to corner the Ancestor? She had heard about this strange technique before...

Nadia used her doppelganger technique to split herself before using her main body to search for Davis, while she used her energy body to take Sophie to safety.

Sophie sighed as she felt that this arrangement was okay. Last time, it was because of her that Davis failed to kill those Twin-Shelled Earthen Tortoises, and she still felt bad about it. She didn't want the same or similar matters to occur.

While the energy body escaped in the outer region's direction, the main body flew towards the skies before stopping at five thousand meters above the surface. Nadia oversaw the mess and kept a lookout for her master. Due to his concealment, she was unable to find his exact location but could feel the general direction.

However, she frowned.

"Master headed further into the inner region...?"

Purple lightning fell around as she looked into the distance, noticing that there was a bright red forest aligned in front of two long mountain ranges. She felt that was where her master went, and with a dark flash, she disappeared into the distance.

\*Roar!~?\*

A High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape glanced up and saw the dark flash of light, feeling suspicious. Thinking that it was probably just a bolt of strange lightning flashing in the skies, it continued its search.

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Numerous thousand-meter tall trees stretched into the skies, with at least each reddish tree ranging from five to thirty meters wide, looking like massive skyscrapers. Davis arrived in this bright red forest region and saw that the purple lightning landing on these fire-attributed trees caused little or no damage to it as when it lit up, the flames surged from combustion automatically end up disappearing, seemingly absorbed by these trees.

'Well then, since the people are not at home, it's time to rob...' Davis smirked as he looked around, searching for treasures with only his eyesight. He didn't use his soul sense since he was not even a Soul King yet.

Chances are that he would be quickly found out by a King Beast Stage Magical Beast, especially the Mid-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes and above. After all, his concealment had only worked against that Low-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes so far.



There was no guarantee that it would work on Mid-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes.

Right now, he was in the inner region of this bright red forest and not the core region. He felt that he would be relatively safe from the Peak-Level King Beast Stage Ruler of this Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Clan and began his search. However, he only saw juveniles running around, seemingly gossiping with each other about why the elders all left in a hurry.

'Oh... So, I killed one ruler candidate of this Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Clan... Makes sense since that Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape was capable of releasing attacks one level higher, possibly qualified to fight against Mid-Level King Beast Stage Magical Beasts because of the Crystallized Flame Bead it had given birth to...'

'In the absence of a King-Tier, I can understand why they're so mad about losing its life... However, how did they manage to find that it died...? Do they have something similar to life crystals, life tablets, or something...?'

Davis mused, but his concentration was on swiftly finding some treasure and leaving from this place. Considering that the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes seemed to have left out in rage from the conversation of these juveniles, he felt that some of them might quickly return after not being able to find its carcass since he was the one who had it.

However, the fountain of blood in the place he slaughtered would be clear to see, so he knew that they would quickly return, only bothering to send out a few search parties to discover the enemy or enemies who killed their ruler candidate.

Davis walked past numerous giant trees. At the same time, he picked up whatever herbs and ingredients alike he came across, and to his excitement, most of them were useful in concocting pills that related to Fire Laws and its attribute.

Well, considering the environment, he wasn't surprised, but he knew he hit the jackpot by sneakily approaching this place!

### **Chapter 1193 Strange Herb**

Davis gathered twenty different King Grade Herbs, each one at a different level while two were at the Peak-Level King Grade, but most of it was unable to be identified by him as he was not versed in King Grade Alchemy above Low-Level. Nevertheless, he picked whatever he came across and didn't leave the Sky Grade ones either, as there were literally hundreds of them growing like patches of rare-colored grasses.

This whole region was an unscavenged, virgin land and would be so for years to come until the Alstreim Family's expedition or the invasion, or so he thought.

In any case, he needed all of these ingredients to improve his alchemy skills one way or another, so he kept robbing, storing them into sealed jade boxes before throwing them into his space ring. He did it cleanly and silently, not garnering the attention of any Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes roaming around, minding their own business.

However, some did look confused, wondering why the herbs that were present all this time were missing. Of course, it was after he had swiped them into his spatial ring.

Davis knew time was ticking, so consequently, he didn't bother with collecting these precious herbs which he would never find outside here, at least never find in the remaining Alstreim Family Territory. He reluctantly left, looking for heavily guarded places for a good while before he came across a 'heavily-guarded' cave right before he could enter the core region.

It was secluded with foliage from red, brown, and yellow leaves covering the entire place, as well as the elevated rocky mound above the cave, but the Low-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape who stood in front of the cave's entrance, picking its nose while lazing off, gave it off to him.

Davis evilly smirked as he got past the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape without facing trouble. Once he entered the cave, he walked for about five hundred meters inside the narrow pathway before entering an open space. Simultaneously, his gaze fell on the center of the area where a peculiar herb grew.

It had three symmetrical leaves that glowed in a reddish-yellow glow. However, the leaves were not one full component but looked as if they were stitched with dotted grey lines, similar to ashes from burnt particles.

"Judging from the aura alone, it is a Peak-Level King Grade Herb...?" Davis blinked in confusion.

There was something special about it that he couldn't place his fingers on. Besides, it still seemed to be growing. Nevertheless, he didn't just stand and carefully collected it by referencing a few gathering records in his mind and stored it in a special jade container to preserve its energy before heading out.

\*Roar!~~~\*

Davis let out a wry smile as he heard the roar. He could tell that it was from the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape that stood guard outside, and it likely knew that its treasure was stolen.

'My bad... Did it place its mark on it or something...?'

Davis omitted to check as he didn't want to tamper with the herb's efficacy or garner a reaction from it in case it reacts to a touch of soul sense. It wouldn't be strange if it attacked him. After all, they can defend themselves as a King Grade Herb.

That was why Davis was careful in digging them out.

Footsteps could be heard in the narrow pathway before the silhouette of a woman appeared in front of his sight, looking extremely angered.

Davis became momentarily taken aback when he saw the crimson-haired hot lady stand in front of him, unaware of his presence.

She wore scanty crimson cloth, not much different from a modern woman wearing a bra and a panty. With her big bosoms and big butt, she appeared extremely sexy, making Davis become flabbergasted as he never expected to witness an eye-watering sight.

He inwardly coughed as he walked two steps ahead and went past her as she looked around, wondering how could the treasure she was protecting disappear like that. As she moved around, her neck suddenly bled before she fell to the side as it plunged to the ground with a thud!

"You!-" Her lips moved as her voice echoed out, but her soul was also instantly exterminated at that moment!

Davis held Yama in his grasp as he looked at the sexy woman transform back into a headless Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape again, with her human head also transforming back into an ape head that had an unwilling expression while bleeding out.

'Magical Beasts are weak in their human form, so my Yama was easily able to cut her flesh, but the only way these Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape could get in here is to transform to their human form or face the destruction of their terrain with their big magical beast form...'

Davis felt that this poor Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape was the easiest Eighth Stage kill he ever had through his own strength. He stored her carcass in his spatial ring with a wave of his hand and left through the narrow passage without feeling pity as she was his target.

With her soul essence, he had obtained three King Beast Stage Soul Essences already. He needed one or two more, but to hunt here was dangerous.

Davis decided to leave as he exited the narrow passageway of the cave, and at the same moment, his foot refused to move as he saw the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes gather in front of him, sealing his escape route as they stared at him as if seeing right through his concealment.

'Were these magical beasts purposefully hiding their undulations...?' Davis felt incredulous as he saw them surround him. Otherwise, he would've at least noticed!

These were all King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes! There were seven of them! Two at the Mid-Level and five at the High-Level!

Davis knew he was practically doomed if even one of the High-Level King Beast Stage ones attacked him, but since he didn't move, it looked as if they were stuck in a stalemate, both parties seemingly sizing up the other side.

'Wait, did they actually not find me but are looking at the entrance of the cave...?' Davis incredulously thought.

To test it out, he silently and harmlessly moved towards the right and also saw their wide pupils clearly glancing at him as they followed him.

'Fuck! My concealment doesn't work on them in this close range...!' Davis knew the situation had turned bad.

He had no choice but to use Fallen Heaven now, sacrificing his soul essence, perhaps a bit too much for his own good.

Davis didn't let go of the opportune moment. He had used his Death God Eyes for a good while as he stared at them, coming to know their names after a while. He was just about to kill when a voice echoed, interrupting him.

"So you killed Koara too?" The solemn voice of a man echoed, causing Davis to look above as he saw a seventy-five-meter tall Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape carelessly hanging on a branch while looking at him with cold eyes.

"If it's the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape guarding this cave, then I was the one who killed..."

Davis didn't bother to use his concealment anymore as he stopped using Dark Concealing Shroud Art. However, he did use his Death God Eyes and learned all their names, except this Peak-Level King Beast Stage existence hanging on the branch as he could not see through its lifespan or name no matter how he stared at it.

Nevertheless, Davis knew that names are not a requirement to kill as long as the target is visible to him. It was just he would lose the means to kill them from a long-distance where he could not see them from.

The Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape frowned, its nostrils flaring with flames, "What about Tazon and his group? Were they killed by you too?"

Davis stared back at it, not bending his gaze as a smile appeared, "If it's the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape far away from here, traveling with a group of six others, then yes..."

"I see..." The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's light-red eyes became bloodshot, "Then die!"

It reached out his drooping hand and targeted Davis, its palm scorching with intense heat while brilliant crimson flames were about to blaze out!

\*AWOOOO!~~~\*

However, the cry of a wolf suddenly echoed, causing the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's eyes to turn even more bloodshot!

\*ROARRR!~~~\*

It roared out in pain as it let go of the branch and held its head, struggling in mid-air before it plunged right into the ground, creating a tiny crater as it rolled around, still screaming in pain.

The other Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes were all stunned as they looked at their Ruler suffer like they had never seen before. Momentarily, they didn't know what to do as they became panic-stricken. It was only after two seconds did they come out of their reverie and saw that the human had disappeared somewhere.

A few kilometers away in the distance, Davis sat on Nadia's back as he softly caressed her dark fur. Her two dark wings that soared through the air took him away from danger.

Back when he faced the Peak-Level Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape, he smiled because he knew Nadia had found him. From that moment on, the sense of danger he felt had entirely disappeared.

He turned to look back and saw that the Ruler was still rolling around in pain while the other Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes scrambled to search for him, even destroying the cave in the process.

'Damn, if it weren't for the crimson crystal on its forehead that suppresses soul attacks, it would have definitely died at least six out of ten times after being hit with Nadia's Species Technique that targets the soul...'

### **Chapter 1194 Should It Be This Big...?**

The Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Clan remained screaming in pain as it helplessly rolled around. Blood also kept pouring out of its eyes, ears, and nose, causing Davis to see a miserable sight, making him think that if he should put it out of its misery, but he digressed.

In any case, since it was neutralized, he didn't think that it would pose trouble to his escape. However, just because it was the Ruler didn't mean that there weren't other Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes present in this forest's core region.

He felt that escaping out of this forest was the most desirable option as his goal was to stay alive and get resources. He couldn't afford to injure his soul essence as he was here to train his soul.

Sure, he could heal his soul essence but getting delayed wasn't an option, and it would be counterproductive.

Besides, he might have to deal with these Mid-Level and High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes spreading out, mindlessly searching for him when there was little chance that they could see through Nadia's concealment. At that time, he could hunt them down all he wanted.

He turned back and caressed Nadia's dark fur with a smirk on his face.

"Master, it isn't as if I don't have to believe in your strength..." Nadia suddenly uttered, "It's just, I-"

"Thanks, you saved me, Nadia..." Davis gently stroked her head as he reached out with his hand.

"But why did you come? Did you leave Sophie in a safe place?"

He felt worried.

Nadia relaxed, "Yes, she convinced me to protect master instead, and I also have my doppelganger with her..."

"Smart girl..." Davis grinned as he thoroughly shook her smooth fur.

As expected, was what he thought about the both of them. Both of them did care about him more than he expected.

"Alright, let us return back to Sophie..."

"Yes!"

Nadia increased her speed as her dark wings fluttered, giving her an additional boost of speed as she traveled in the outer region's direction. However, Davis stopped her for a short break, doing what all humans needed to do to feel relieved after eating.

The meat of the Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts he ate was indeed nutritious to him, but it seemed like his Martial Master Stage Cultivation was unable to completely digest it as it had always done. In any case, he cleaned himself up and left with Nadia.

Fifteen minutes later from the time he escaped, Davis and Nadia arrived before a tiny valley where a stream of lava flowed. Over the walls of the two intersecting mountains, there were a few caves. Nadia led him to one of them as she entered.

Its entrance was a bit narrow, but inside, it was spacious, even capable of supporting Nadia's twenty-three-meter tall and twenty-five-meter long wolf body. Even the space for her two long tails was ample, but now she had only one tail, not until she dissolved her species technique now, gaining back her two dark tails.

Sophie looked at Davis as she smiled. Looking at him be unscathed, she relaxed as she stretched her limbs her body while standing, heaving out a pleasurable sigh, "I knew nothing would happen to you..."

"Well, thanks to you..." Davis looked around as he nodded his head.

"This is a nice place..."

Sophie giggled, "I specifically searched for it so that we can all hide for some time if we need to..."

"Don't worry. We'll get those Yorang Ores eventually..."

"I'm not worried." Sophie shook her head, "In fact, I'm not bothered if we don't obtain them either... Right now, I'm only good enough to forge with these King Grade Ones. It's good if I can obtain them later on after the Alstreim Family's expedition..."

"Trust me. You'll need those Yorang Ores sooner than you think..." Davis revealed a suspicious smile.

Sophie was taken aback before she recalled that she had the Crystallized Flame Bead collected from the dead Low-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape with her. However, even with refining that, her prowess would only reach Mid-Level Seventh Stage at best, perhaps one and a half level higher.

She wasn't expecting more than that, but once she broke through the Law Dominion Stage, she was confident that she could at least struggle against, defending a few hits from Peak-Level Law Dominion Stage Experts at her best.

She knew that she wouldn't be getting her hands on forging by using those Low-Level Emperor Grade Yorang Ores.

"Hehe, you're just in luck, Sophie..." Davis raised his brows, "Do you think that this short trip I took to the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's Forest was beneficial or not?"

Sophie blinked, not once but twice before she became a bit pale, "Don't tell me you really went to take resources right from their maws!?"

Davis laughed, "So you did know where I was going... My Sophie is indeed smart..."

"You..."

Sophie's lips trembled as she didn't know what to say. How can he be so irresponsible in looking after his own skin!?

That forest was literally the death zone of so many Alstreims, and yet he intruded in it when they were actually looking for him!? Her heart almost leaped out of her throat. It kept pounding heavily as she just found it too much to bear!

Even if he could kill these Low-Level King Beast Stage Magical Beasts, the same couldn't be said about Mid-Level, High-Level, or even the notorious five Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, not to mention the current Ruler!

She felt that it was a good thing that she tried to convince Nadia and somehow managed to send her. When he thanked her, she felt it was just politeness, but thinking back, he could've been saved by Nadia.

Sophie inwardly heaved a sigh of relief as she relaxed, "Please don't do something reckless again. I know you are strong, but life can be ended in an instant, especially when you don't see it coming."

"Really? You're telling me that...?" Davis eyed her, causing Sophie to blush heavily.

"I'm speaking from experience, okay!?" She cried out, feeling shameful and embarrassed as she hid her face with her palms.

She had learned this the hard way. Without Davis, there were few chances that she would have survived. Even if she survived after the Amberal-Armored Armadillos let go of her after knowing that Weiss Alstreim died, she would've been still bent on coming to this place.

If she did, she now knew that only death awaits her here.

"Alright, alright. I'll try to listen..." Davis consoled her as he held her wrists, seeing her embarrassed expression appear extremely adorable, but he continued.

"The matter is, I obtained many fire-attributed resources in that fire forest, and I've confirmed that a few of these ingredients makes it possible for me to concoct a pill that helps in law comprehension."

Sophie became taken aback, "You mean the pills like the ones that are in the markets but hardly increase the chances by five or ten percent...?"

Davis shook his head as he knew that those were trash pills.

The Regal Sunbeam Pill he saw back in the Alchemy Convention in the Ethren City was one such pill that had a bit of a chance to increase comprehension in Fire Laws and Light Laws but good as trash unless people were really confident in their breakthrough.

The same went for the pill that could increase comprehension of Wind Laws a bit, the Verdant Hurricane Pill he bought for his little sister, Diana.

He had already sent it with Princess Isabella to be delivered to Clara.

Sophie's eyes lit up, "Oh my! Then it's like the Thousand Pill Palace's authentic pill that increases law comprehension rate by twenty to forty percent!? That would certainly help me improve my law

comprehension to the next level if it were the case since I think I'm not far off from Level Five Intent in Fire Laws!"

Davis chuckled as he smirked, slowly shaking his head.

Sophie's excited expression died down, replaced with shock, "Don't tell me you have a greater variant of these pills...?"

Davis nodded his head as Sophie's expression trembled under his grasp. If random people strode into this cave, they would probably be mistaken that Davis was going to violate Sophie with the way it looked.

"The pill I can make assures a rate of fifty to seventy percent... That's why you don't need to worry about reaching Superior Law Manifestation like Evelyn. I'll help you achieve that..."

Davis pulled one of her wrists he held towards him and wrapped his other arm over her thin waist as he embraced, feeling her supple softness over his chest before he whispered in her ears.

"... even if you don't want to..."

Sophie's body shuddered as she felt her legs becoming limp. It wasn't the desire to manifest a Superior Law Manifestation but the sensual tickle she felt over her ear that made her tremble in anticipation. The fact that she was alone with him made it worse as she felt like anything could happen in this desolate yet secluded cave.

Nadia was still in her magical beast form, so she didn't enter her mind at all!

"Davis... We... we can do it after we return..." She lowered her head as she shyly voiced out.

"No, I can no longer hold back..." Davis whispered, causing Sophie's purple pupils to tremble.

Davis still held one of her wrists. He took it to the front of his body, causing Sophie to tremble even more as she felt nervous yet excited at the same time. He then lowered her hand before Sophie felt that she had grasped something hard.

It was squarish in shape, half a meter wide and tall, causing her to blink in extreme confusion.

'What...? Was it supposed to be this big...?'

She lowered her head and saw a jade container. It was what she was touching.

Sophie raised her hand and looked at him with an incredulous expression on her face.

Davis's expression was so weird that it looked like he could burst out laughing at any time as he suppressed the laughter that was threatening to escape from the bottom of his stomach to the best of his ability!

## **Chapter 1195 Indeed, It's A...**

A few moments passed in awkward silence as they looked at each other.



Sophie cast him a death stare with her wide eyes as the embarrassment had finally receded from her expression. Her bosoms heaved, her expression blank enough to cause beads of sweat to form over the other party.

Davis strangely coughed and spoke.

"Well, I can no longer hold back in wanting to know what this special resource is..."

He moved back and handed her the jade container, "So, do you know what this is?"

Sophie's shoulder drooped as she relaxingly held the jade container. She was given a scare just now, but it looks like she was nothing but pranked.

However...

Was it disappointment that she felt when he didn't take her now or was it relief she that felt when he chose to respect her wishes? She really didn't know.

Perhaps, it was both.

But she then shook her head and smiled, knowing that he didn't mean to humiliate her or anything. She knew that these were moments that should be treasured as she opened the jade container, and the moment she did, her smile faded, replaced with a blank expression.

Davis's eyes lit up as he saw her reaction. It seemed like she knew what this strange herb was?

"Wait..." Sophie uttered as she kept the jade container on the floor and began to look at it with utter importance as her gaze fell on every part of the leaves and the stem.

Davis also became excited as he looked at her.

He knew that Sophie might be able to identify it even if she is not an Alchemist, Apothecary, or an Herbalist who grows ingredients. After all, she was part of the Alstreim Family, and the Alstreim Family might have records of treasures found here in the past since this island, Purple Thunderflame Island, was well known to them.

He felt she might've even heard about it before.

What are the chances?

Davis didn't know, but he sure did want to try as he felt something unique about this strange herb.

"This... Is this what I think it is...!?" Sophie finally screamed, her butt plopping to the ground as she lost her footing.

Davis awaited her answer as he saw him stare at the strange herb in shock. However, even after waiting for two seconds, she still didn't answer but possessed a dumbfounded look on her face.

"Sophie...?" He urged.

And then only did she look at him, her expression trembling as if she didn't know what to say to his luck.

Taking a deep breath, she pursed her lips before she spoke, smilingly pointing at the strange herb, "That's the fabled Ashen Dawn Herb mentioned in one of the records I read..."

"Fabled...?" Davis narrowed his eyes before it shot wide open in realization, "It's a heavenly resource!?"

Sophie nodded her head, her expression still looking shaken even though she appeared to be suppressing her emotions. She stood up and took a deep breath, patting her robes to get rid of the dust before she exhaled.

"Indeed, it's a heavenly resource, capable of directly bestowing Fire Law comprehension as it resonates with the heaven and earth energy, making the user comprehend Level Nine Intent in Fire Laws even if they are incapable of doing so..."

Davis's heart shook as he heard her incredulous speech that he became tongue-tied.

Such a thing was incredibly rare... rarer than anything he could think of with his currently short-circuited brain.

But really? Did he obtain a heavenly resource at the fire forest's inner region, where it is comparatively safe and not at the core region where it should've been actually present as risks faced and rewards gained are directly proportional?

"You must be kidding me..." Davis uttered as his lips twitched.

He felt that he didn't have such luck! His mind just couldn't imagine that he just swaggered to the fire forest, robbed some ingredients along with a strange ingredient before he easily escaped with Nadia, but the strange herb turned out to be a heavenly resource!?

What are the odds of this absurdity occurring!?

He did think of it to be special but not this special!

Sophie shook her head, "This Ashen Dawn Herb was used by one of our Ancestors, so it is well known amongst people who have read about the experiences of our Ancestors. If I truly am not wrong in identifying this herb, then this should be that fabled Ashen Dawn Herb, which granted a huge boost to that Ancestor when he was a Law Dominion Stage Cultivator!"

"Sophie..." Davis smiled, "Tell me this is a prank...?"

Sophie helplessly shook her head, "I read that the Ashen Dawn Herb that the Ancestor used was at Mid-Level King Grade, increasing his Fire Law comprehension to Level Seven Intent, but he... still he..."

Sophie's expression became filled with a shade of red as her lips remained closed.

"He?" Davis prompted in curiosity.

"Since it directly raised his Fire Law comprehension, side-effects naturally followed. He first went berserk and defiled the Young Mistress of that time, but even then, since he was also the Young Master who was promised to the Young Mistress, he was easily let go off and even provided more women to his bedchambers as he took their virgin yin essence while trying balance his rampaging yang."

"Months later of arduous quelling, that Ancestor was finally able to digest his comprehension after balancing his rampaging yang. It was said that later he married all of them who helped him quell, but that's not the point...!"

"You can't definitely consume one here!"

Davis's eyes twitched.

Why was it that it was a given that he would absorb this strange herb without completely identifying it? Did he look like such a fiend or a greedy fellow or an idiot to her?

In any case...

"Are you sure that this Ashen... Dawn Herb, you say? Can raise one's Fire Law Comprehension to Level Nine Intent regardless of the inability of the user? Is it verified?"

Sophie took a deep breath before she explained again.

"Yes, after the incident, they seem to have naturally investigated and found that that strange herb was the Ashen Dawn Herb that could raise one's Fire Law comprehension to Level Nine Intent directly as long as it has matured to the very peak of King Grade."

"Its side effects are similar to being administered a potent aphrodisiac, but it's not an aphrodisiac in nature since during the bestowal of law comprehension as the herb resonates with the heaven and earth energy inside one's body, it naturally causes the yang of the user to infinitely swell, causing them to be affected with an effect that is similar to being administered an aphrodisiac."

"If the consumer was a woman, it seems to have the same effect since their yin becomes scraped away from the swelling of yang within their body, making it so that they would also wan... want to share..."

Sophie stuttered as she realized that she got carried away in explaining.

"Well, in any case, it is possible for both parties to die without engaging in dual cultivation. However, dual cultivation is not a requirement. One can find extreme yin locations to quell the rising yang within their bodies, but it must be the freezing type of yin in that location. However, that would also have a chance to freeze them to death."

"Therefore, offsetting the side-effects with dual cul-"

"Ah! I've said enough. You now know what it is and what it does!" Sophie cut short her speech.

Her cheeks were extremely crimson that she wanted to find a hole and bury herself in it.

Davis shook his head with a chuckle as he saw her adorable reactions before he spoke, "Looking at this Ashen Dawn Herb closely, one can see that its aura is not stable but lowering a bit with each second. Presumably, it still has a few more years to mature, but I've already brought it out of its unique environment that is required for it to grow..."

"For what it is worth, I have already stolen it from the ape's maws and can't go place it back." Davis took the jade container back as he looked at it with greed, "Therefore, I'm going to consume it now!"

"No! If you consume it, you... you will..." Sophie seemed to become tongue-tied, not knowing what to say.

"Naturally, you'll have to quell my raging desire..." Davis looked at her with a blank expression on his face.

Sophie took a step back as she retreated, her expression quivering in fear.

Months! She would have to spend months in this cave, dual cultivating with him if Davis really consumed it now! She would be doomed if it were the case! It was doubtful if her body could withstand!

"Don't..." Sophie shook her head, "You...!"

However, she noticed the imperceptible curve on his lips, realizing that he was pranking her again! She ran towards him and aggressively beat his chest with her hands while he laughed, not even feeling a bit of pain but felt like a massage.

He wrapped his arms around her, locking her in place as he gave a long kiss on her lips as Sophie squealed.

"Mhmm!~~~"

He moved back his head and saw her deeply embarrassed look.

"Did you think that I would really consume this kind of herb without completely knowing its effects? Unless I am desperate or have a death wish, I would not do that..." Davis shook his head as he gave a peck on her forehead.

"That's right... I could be wrong in identifying this herb..." Sophie uttered, "If I am, I apologize..."

"Heh, even if you're wrong, it's still within my expectations. As I keep saying, you don't need to be worried at all..." Davis uttered with extreme confidence.

Sophie bit her lips as she gazed at his sapphire eyes. Her heart fluttered as a crazy thought welled up in her mind.

Perhaps, it wouldn't be bad to stay here for months...

### **Chapter 1196 Deciding To Leave?**

Davis naturally kept back the Ashen Dawn Herb back into his spatial ring. He wasn't going to use it right now as his concentration was now on the soul.

Besides, he was a bit hesitant to use it on himself since Fire Laws weren't his main, nor is it something he is currently trained in, but since it allows him to directly comprehend till Level Seven Intent or most likely Level Eight Intent due to its immaturity, he felt conflicted.

If it were any lower, like Level Six Intent, he would've definitely given it to Sophie without feeling any hesitation.

Nevertheless, he didn't have a lightning and fire attributed cultivation manual. He could not train individually in both of them as he didn't have the means to do so. His revolving core had also mutated to

be more suitable for hosting lightning energy in his dantian. It would be unknown what would happen if he brought fire energy into the fray.

If he trained in Fire Laws without a manual's help to control the fire energy from going out of control, there might be complications in his dantian. As for whether it would be negative or positive, he felt that it would most likely be negative.

First of all, was it possible for lightning energy and fire energy to coexist in his lightning-mutated dantian? Even his meridians were tempered by lightning and became suitable to hold lightning energy!

Davis had so many questions in his mind, and yet he had no concrete answers and only assumptions for everything. That's why he also felt that it would be beneficial to his group if the Ashen Dawn Herb was given to Sophie.

She was the one who stands to gain the best, and yet it also served to boost his prowess to a frightening level if his body somehow accepts the energy!

In any case, to completely receive the benefits of the heavenly resource, he presumed that the user must be at the Law Dominion Stage. Otherwise, it was possible to lose benefits or gain it later after breaking through but would it be that simple and convenient?

After all, heavenly laws dictate that one can comprehend Level Seven Intent to Level Nine Intent only when they are in the Law Dominion Stage, the Seventh Stage, or above.

If he consumed at the Law Manifestation Stage, perhaps he might be only able to comprehend till Level Six Intent, or it would be Level Six Intent but would be enormously powerful enough to compare with Level Seven Intent or above. He didn't know what to make of this and wouldn't know the end result unless he consumed or investigated it.

'It's a drag...' Davis felt like just giving it to Sophie rather than think about these intricacies and discrepancies as he hovered before a sunken ditch.

He stared at Sophie, picking up a few crimson-greyish rocks with difficulty before throwing them into her spatial ring.

After a minute of scraping this place, Sophie flew towards him as her eyes gleamed, "We managed to obtain around ten cubic meters of Blazuk Ore and two cubic meters of Yorang Ore."

"Good!"

Davis nodded his head, feeling that this kind of reserve was already good. The first time they had obtained Black Yinssa Ore, they obtained a few tons, which altogether amounted to no more than a half a meter thick, arm-sized ore. It was more than enough to forge a sword's blade or similar weapon.

As for the Blazuk Ore and Yorang Ore, fortunately, they managed to obtain comparatively more than the Black Yinssa Ore, but it made sense, considering that this place was not yin in nature.

Davis looked around and saw that his gaze met with a Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's. It was just about to roar when its soul trembled before collapsing on itself. The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's orifices bled as it collapsed on the ground, but just before it could hit the surface, it disappeared into Davis's spatial ring.

Davis had just used the Incandescent Cry of the Vermilion Bird to instantly take care of it.

This was the sixth site they had been to while Davis took out a few more Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes and a few other magical beasts that chanced upon them during the process of excavation in the other sites. He had killed thirteen of them during this time without making a sound, and just now, one more fell prey to his soul technique.

"Mhm... Am I unlucky not to have met any Low-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, or am I lucky that I didn't meet Mid-Level and above Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes?" Davis loudly wondered.

"You are lucky, but Nadia is unlucky since she didn't obtain any meat..." Sophie giggled by the side.

Davis chuckled as he shook his head. He had advised her to go hunt alone, but she refused to leave him, obviously to protect him from danger. However, he already felt like leaving the Purple Thunderflame Island as he felt like he had already killed enough here.

From the moment he entered this island, he had killed and collected so many soul essences already. Three Low-Level King Beast Stage Soul Essences and twenty-seven Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essences. He still had to go to the Dark Thunder Island to increase his Lightning Laws while also having a chance to temper his soul, not to mention that there would be magical beasts to hunt. This purple yang lightning was a bit incomprehensible to him due to his specialization in black extinction lightning.

Unless he pondered on for a longer time, he knew that he wouldn't be obtaining any benefits from this perpetual purple lightning that fell here. Therefore, he felt that it would be okay to leave now towards the Dark Thunder Island as he had gained much from this Purple Thunderflame Island.

Nevertheless... He looked towards the fire forest's direction, the home of the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, and frowned. There should be more resources in the core region, making him feel reluctant to part. He turned to look at Sophie as his lips moved.

"Is the core region of the fire forest inside the core region of the island?"

Sophie became taken aback before she solemnly nodded her head, "We absolutely cannot enter that place as even the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes only live at the edges of the fire forest's core region."

Davis decided to honestly listen to her speech. He had no death wish since those purple lightning falling there were mostly at the eighth stage, from low to peak, but there were still the ninth stage ones! If he got hit by one, it would mean certain death. Even here in this inner region, he was already struck three times by eighth stage lightning bolts while Sophie was almost hit once, but Nadia saved them each time without him having to make a move.

But in front of those ninth stage lightning bolts hanging over their heads like a Damocles Sword, he couldn't assure any of their lives. Even if Nadia could survive a hit, she might end up gravely injured!

"Alright, we'll move to the Dark Thunder Island then..." Davis decisively spoke.

Sophie nodded her head without any hesitation. She was already delighted with the number of resources she obtained, so of course, she complied with his wishes without feeling greed for more resources that could be obtained here.

'When I reach the Law Sea Stage, I'll come back here to get more resources with my own strength...' She inwardly nodded her head.

Soon, they left toward the northern coast of the Purple Thunderflame Island, and on their way, Davis spotted a Low-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape that seemed to be on the lookout, possibly searching for them.

"Well, well, look at that, my dear Sophie..." Davis was flabbergasted, "It's a parting gift from the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes..."

With its soul essence, he was possibly ready to break into the King Soul Stage. He thought he would obtain it after reaching the Dark Thunder Island or when possibly voyaging above the sea, but it looks like he didn't need to wait that much longer.

Davis used his Dark Concealing Shroud Art to conceal himself as he made his way towards it but suddenly stopped as he saw it swing its fists.

\*Boom!~~\*

\*Boom!~~\*

\*Boom!~~\*

It began to use its fists to destroy the ground as it became quite leveled, looking as if a nuclear bomb had dropped on it.

Davis smiled as he became amused.

What was it doing pounding the ground with its flaming fist? Was it mindless, or was it angry that it was unable to find him?

He was just about to deliver a lethal blow to its neck, severing its head by taking out his scythe, when he abruptly noticed a vague entity flashing through the streams of flowing lava.

'What was that...?' Davis momentarily felt that it was an illusion, but he noticed it again, flashing as it swam through the lava while the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape kept pounding its blazing fists at a particular area, forming an enclosure while the strange light just sneakily got out of it.

Davis had his eyes on it as he didn't let it go. He glimpsed at the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape and instantly understood that this strange light was escaping from it while the ape was searching for it. He decided to spare the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape as he followed the strange light.

Nadia felt that her master was going in another direction rather than attacking the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape. She frowned but didn't move as she stayed with Sophie.

Davis followed the strange light for a while before it came across a mountain range. It flowed against the stream as it flew up the lavafall before it shot towards the skies, its purple star-like silhouette amidst blazing flames becoming visible to Davis as his eyes shot wide while his mouth went agape in shock.

'Damn, isn't that the Purple Star Flame...?'

## **Chapter 1197 Purple Star Flame**

Davis looked at the King Grade Flame Essence in front of him. It was ranked nineteenth in the King Grade Flame Essence Chart and was desired by many forging experts since its heat was tremendous and had a few advantages! It was blazing with intensity than any other King Grade Flame Essence above the top ten, making it the most popular Flame Essence for blacksmiths in the Nine Western Territories.

This wasn't the only place it was obtainable, as there were many in other Territories. However, Nora Alstreim obtained a variant of this Purple Star Flame that came to be later known as the Purple Yin Star Flame, likely a result of the mutation caused by the refinement of flames, lightning, and something else alike that he didn't know about.

Nevertheless, it didn't matter.

His body moved as if he was in a trance as he appeared right before it, his fist becoming covered by brownish-golden scales as he launched a powerful attack.

\*Boom!~\*

The Purple Star Flame's body shook as it noticed the air reverberating with immense energy. However, it was too late. The blazing flames covering its body shook as they were exterminated like candle flames snuffed out by the wind, revealing its star-shaped main, energy body.

At the same time, his soul force surged out of his soul sea like a tsunami, directly invading its spirit sea without facing a hitch.

However, Davis felt like he was roasted under a grill, but it was bearable.

"Ah!~ Please don't harm me!"

A child-like voice of a little girl abruptly echoed.

Davis's killing intent faded as he heard its clear voice while the martial energy that surged out of his fist for the next attack receded. The main reason he stopped was that he saw it stop as it kept trembling before him. Surely, he hadn't even scraped off five percent of its energy, and it could still burst out with flames, put up a fight and give him a bit of a hard time even though he had the initial advantage.

'Oh my... It's a young and immature Purple Star Flame...'

Davis blinked as he realized that it was recently born, perhaps in this decade or recent years... and suddenly, he felt hesitant as he looked at its trembling main body.

It had surrendered, so there was no need to kill its Will, right?

He pondered but still didn't stop using his concealment or exit its spirit sea. Only his solemn voice echoed.

"Do you want to live?"

"I...! I do!" The Purple Star Flame trembled as its purple flames surged out of its body to cover its main energy body, "Please don't... don't kill me..."

Its voice still resounded with an imploring tone, causing Davis to sigh inwardly. He didn't expect to catch a Purple Star Flame, and one that seemed to be afraid and cooperative nonetheless.



But would it still be cooperative after he informed it of its bleak situation?

"If you want to live, then you must serve a human!" He didn't hide.

"Ah!~ I will! I will!~"

"Wuwuwu~~~ Please... Please don't kill me!~"

Sounds of crying echoed, and Davis's expression was not amused. He felt like bullying a little girl, making him feel terrible. If it was intentionally doing it, he had no words to say other than wanting to kill it, but it didn't seem like the case as he had invaded its spirit sea.

It did not even try to push his soul force out of its spirit sea, and it must be its first experience of having its spirit sea invaded. Davis assumed that since it felt extreme danger from him, it became instantly cooperative, afraid that he, the mysterious existence, might end its life.

It was probably a misunderstanding, but since he would not let it escape, he decided to take advantage of it!

"Very well! Retract your flames, and cease any thought of resistance..."

"Mhmm... I will obey... so..."

"Please don't harm me~~~"

Davis's brows twitched as he felt that he was dealing with a kid in reality. It gave him the goosebumps, and some cultivators might kill it just because it sounded like a strange little girl. It was just outright creepy.

But he still couldn't help but feel pity for it as he understood that it was just another living existence in this world.

Davis's eyes flashed red as he saw its name and lifespan.

'Flame Starcy... Is it supposed to be any different from Lightning Avidre...?'

Davis didn't understand how these beings were named.

The Derelict Extinction Lightning he had absorbed was named Lightning Avidre, and this little girl sounding Flame Essence was name Flame Starcy.

The only thing he could decipher was their first name, which would be obvious to anyone if they had the Death God Eyes.

Nevertheless, he became astonished to see that its lifespan wasn't anything small. Since this was the case, he became convinced that it wasn't killed by him nor any others. Unless a sudden change occurred, he felt that there was no need to doubt its words.

As it delivered, the Fire Essence had retracted its purple flames, revealing its starry body. It then cowered under the might of his soul force, so after contemplating a bit, he took his soul force away, causing it to relax.

Davis revealed himself and spoke, "What's your name?"

"..."

There were a few moments of silence before Davis prompted it again.

"Well?"

"I... I am called Starcy..."

Davis blinked as he felt even more doubtful. How under the heavens did it know its own name? It was beyond him.

Was there some kind of karmic intricacies related here that he didn't know about?

He turned around and spoke, "Starcy, follow me..."

"Yes..." Flame Starcy sounded hesitant, but it still followed him, its starry body leaving trails of beautiful yet shimmering purple sparks in the air.

Davis glanced at it and saw its magnificence. He became a bit mesmerized by the sight before he returned his gaze to the front, seemingly having no guard.

However, by the time he reached back to Sophie, Flame Starcy didn't even speak a word to him, much less attack.

Considering that it simply followed him, Davis understood that it was naive, but he could understand that since it seemed to be an immature Flame Essence with little to no experience.

"Davis...?" Sophie's expression appeared blank as she saw the starry body of the Flame Essence, its simple presence causing her eyes to narrow from the sheer amount of heat spreading to her face.

Davis looked around and saw that the Low-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape was nowhere to be seen. He assumed that it left and returned his glance back to Sophie.

"Sophie, you're in luck..." He sent a soul transmission.

"It's a Purple Star Flame..." Sophie's voice dumbfoundedly resounded out.

"Yes, it's... Well, she is an extremely young and immature Flame Essence..."

Sophie's expression shook as she heard his words. At first, a ripple had appeared in her heart, but now, after she had heard his words, it was swelling like a quake. She turned to look at Davis as she asserted!

"Davis, I want it... Please!!!"

The Purple Star Flame was an intense flame that could melt and forge easily with its tiny metallic property. It was extremely useful to her in forging, and what's more, this was a juvenile Flame Essence that could be relatively yet easily tamed.

She didn't have to exterminate its Will to digest its comprehensions. Just coexisting with it could ensure that she gained more benefits than exterminating its Will and digesting it. This was even better than a fully matured Purple Star Flame in terms of long term benefits!

Furthermore, its Will was still alive, meaning that it could help her battle opponents and even aid her in forging! It is said that it even memorizes whatever she forged, just like the tales of numerous powerful Flame Essences she had heard about!

Davis chuckled at Sophie's plea. He felt that this should be how it was, his wives asking him and him granting them. As her man, it gave him complete satisfaction to grant their request!

He glanced at the Flame Essence and spoke as he pointed at Sophie, "Henceforth, you will become hers, your master's, Sophie Alstreim's."

"Master...?" Starcy appeared hesitating as it projected its voice outside.

"It means that you will never disobey her from now on but obey each word to the fullest of your ability. You got it?" Davis narrowed his eyes.

"Mhmm... I will obey..." She trembled, "But I also want to consume flames..."

"Don't worry! I will feed you to the best of my ability!" Sophie echoed, her eyes becoming soft as she heard its childish voice.

"Really...?"

"I swear!" Sophie patted her bosoms. She knew what she was doing as she had read about juvenile Spirit Attribute Sources.

"Then... okay..." Starcy's voice sounded helpless and pitiful.

Unmistakably, it at least understood that it was going to lose its freedom.

Davis looked at the both of them as he felt that they were childish enough. He chuckled and spoke, "Sophie, prepare to welcome Starcy into your dantian."

"Starcy, don't harm Sophie..."

His last words were spoken with killing intent that Starcy began to tremble again.

"Davis, don't scare her. Come here, Starcy..." Sophie benevolently called out, "I will take care of you and feed you my flames..."

Starcy appeared to no longer bother with Davis, but also not as it seemed like it ran away from him as it approached Sophie to seek shelter.

Davis cast a look at Sophie and inwardly gave her the thumbs up. She sure knew how to play the good cop. He didn't blame her but thought that was a smart move.

Soon, Sophie didn't possess any resistance against Starcy, and neither did Starcy resist Sophie as it compressed its form and entered Sophie's dantian before settling down. Starcy instantly found a huge mass of flaming sphere floating with immense fire energy in the dantian and began to siphon energy from it when it suddenly received a message.

"Take it slow..." Sophie warned.

"Mhmm... I will obey master..." Starcy's cute voice resounded out, causing Sophie to smile before a wave of strange resonance befell her.

Meanwhile, Davis was a bit flabbergasted by this situation. He thought that he would only find Fire Essences in those tall mountains seething with lava as it explodes, but contrary to his expectations, he found one roaming at the coast just before he left to the Dark Thunder Island.

What kind of luck was that?

Wait, wasn't his luck pretty good in these recent times?

However, Davis's heart fell as he thought of his cooked-up nonsense.

'It couldn't be something like stuffing me up before dealing me a death blow, right...?'

He became more than skeptical as he still instinctively felt danger within him never disappear, but his thoughts disappeared when he saw the fire energy spike within this area as Sophie entered a meditative state.

'Sweet! She's going to comprehend the next level in Fire Laws...'

Davis couldn't help but silently laugh, afraid that his laughter would disturb her.

### **Chapter 1198 Attracted?**

Davis kept staring at Sophie's comprehension state before he realized something. The surrounding heaven and earth energy was resonating to Sophie's comprehension. Likely, it was a comprehension bestowal brought by the Purple Star Flame's presence in her dantian.

'Well, this might attract some fire-attributed onlookers who might get greedy...'

Davis thought of hiding these strange undulations with his concealment skill, but he was worried that his energy would interrupt her. Nadia's dark energy was also yin in nature, so it might threaten Sophie's comprehension state that was yang in nature. Even if it was of the same nature, he couldn't guarantee if it would affect her or not.

"Nadia, take care of any magical beasts that might be attracted to the change in the heaven and earth energy here." He commanded.

"I'm on it, master..."

Nadia's voice resounded from the dark void as she seemed to have already discovered an onlooker.

Davis simply nodded his head and waited for Sophie to have a breakthrough in her law comprehension. The location was not apt with magical beasts roaming around in tens and hundreds, but with Starcy complying at that moment, he or Sophie had no choice. Perhaps, Starcy's mind would change, and she might try to escape causing him to put an end to her, so he felt that this was for the best.

Right now, Sophie possessed a huge boon!

A listening and cooperative Flame Essence was practically rarer than finding a Flame Essence of that same level. Many fire-attributed cultivators would forsake most precious things to obtain one.

Starcy still had her life as her Will wasn't exterminated. She could greatly and actively help Sophie comprehend Fire Laws, and as long as Starcy's strength increases as she began to mature while eating Sophie's flames, Sophie would receive benefits like this moment.

It was a mutual relationship where one feeds, and the other helps comprehend. As a result, both grow stronger!

Davis attempted to try this with the Derelict Extinction Lightning, but it refused to even speak to him, much less cooperate. Still, he tried to do something about it, trying to force its weakened Will into submission with Fallen Heaven's death-like energy but it ended becoming shocked to death, which he didn't expect at all.

Perhaps, he might obtain a new Lightning Elemental in the Dark Thunder Island that has the extinction property. In reality, he hoped to obtain a Lightning Elemental, perhaps one at the Low-Level Emperor Grade, suitable for him to hunt with Fallen Heaven.

For all he knew, he felt that he only had a ten percent chance to win against a Low-Level Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental by using his own strength, unless he got to the Soul King Stage. That's why he felt that it would be better to use Fallen Heaven.

But Davis had a greedy thought...

'I hope my luck exceeds again, causing me to find one similar to Starcy, young and immature...'

'Wait, that sounds so wrong...!'

Davis shook his head as he came out of his reverie.

He looked towards the distance and gazed around, noticing that Nadia had left numerous carcasses in the surroundings, possibly to warn the onlookers. Most of them were Saint Beast Stage Magical Beasts, not making him interested. He didn't mind the Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts either but went around to collect Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essences.

"Tch!"

However, his brows narrowed as he let out a sound of annoyance as he looked towards the distance. From the direction of the inner region, he could sense the undulations of numerous Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes blaze towards them, and to make it worse, there were tens of King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, causing him to frown.

The situation had become worse in an instant, and perhaps it was that Low-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape went to call its friends so that they could capture the Purple Star Flame?

'I should've killed it...!' Davis narrowed his eyes, but if he had done that at that time, catching Starcy alive would've proven to be a monumental or even an impossible task.

In any case, whatever the reason was, Davis knew that he couldn't let them disturb Sophie's meditative state. Such an opportunity was rare.

"Nadia, leave your doppelganger with Sophie and come with me..."

He commanded and took a step forwards while Nadia quickly appeared under him before they shot towards the distance, leaving another Nadia who remained to protect Sophie.

Soon, they appeared at the precipice of a mountain range that acted as a natural barrier.

Just when the hundreds of Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes were about to cross it while jumping and flying with excited expressions on their faces, Davis appeared with Nadia while she simultaneously surged with dark energy as she gave off her queenly undulations, instantly stopping the hundreds of Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes right on their tracks!

The Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes were terrified before they began to retreat, hiding behind their King Beast Stage counterparts. The King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes appeared nervous as they looked at the Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf emit immense undulations that made them feel little in front of it!

They instantly began to think perhaps only their Ruler and the other five can deal with it, but since they had the numbers, a High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape stepped forwards and roared.

"What do you want, wolf? Give us the way..."

Nadia snorted as her golden eyes gleamed with intimidation, "Hmph! Return from where you came from... Otherwise, you will all feel my fangs and claws scraping off your innards sooner or later..."

As she spoke, her eerie dark energy began to surround the mountain range, encasing it in darkness. Since it was always night, the surroundings grew darker with only these Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes and flowing lava lighting up the area like candles.

The High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape gradually found itself taking a step back. Its expression instantly became ugly as it knew that it disgraced itself.

\*Roarr!!~~~\*

It pounded its chests and roared as flames burst out of its body, "Give us the way, wolf! Otherwise, don't blame me if we kill you and the human above you!!!"

"Insolent..." Nadia coldly uttered as she disappeared from her location, leaving Davis hovering alone.

The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape blazed with brilliant crimson flames as it flew towards Davis. Even though it lost sight of the wolf, it still hadn't lost sight of the human. It switched targets and approached when suddenly darkness engulfed it from below!

\*Roarr!~~~\*

Flames burst from its limbs and crimson crystal, generating an incredible amount of fire energy before it let out a heavy punch. The darkness that tried to cover its front was dampened, but the overwhelming darkness caught up and encased its fists, causing it to roar in pain the next moment as its flesh and skin began to corrode along with its body.

It became trapped but still had the room to launch an attack.

Its feet and fists blazed with brilliant crimson flames, trying to get out when its eyes suddenly narrowed!

\*Crunch!~\*

\*Roar~~~\*

A muffled sound echoed out of its voice as Nadia snapped her jaws over its throat as she caught its other arm with her legs while having her claws hooked on to its chin and chest, holding it in place.

The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape collapsed to the ground as it sounded like echoing its death throes as Nadia inflicted her dark corroding fangs upon it while blood splashed out of its throat! It was a gruesome sight, but the surrounding darkness made it so that no one saw what was happening, not even Davis.

Nadia's mouth was filled with flesh and blood as she munched on it and gulped in a second as she made the next bite, swallowing more meat and gore in the process as she literally tore the bloody flesh out of its neck. She let the neck go, licking her lips before she slightly moved.

The miserable Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape tried to counterattack, but it was firmly held in its place, unable to move or fight back. Those two seconds it experienced were hell considering that it was still alive after all that while its neck was being rampaged under dark energy.

Just when it thought of sacrificing its blood essence to overdraw its strength and escape from Nadia's claws, a sharp, piercing object stabbed through its ears, reaching to its brain. Its eyes went wide before it trembled as the light-red color in its eyes faded!

Nadia moved back as she saw the dead High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape she trampled on. She was small when compared to it but had easily killed it by overwhelming it with her dark energy, limiting its movements with her fangs and claws before ramming her dark-golden horn beside its ear, corroding the inside of its head as her dark energy went berserk!

The dark-golden horn she possessed can release deadly and potent dark energy that quickly killed the High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape!

Just as the surrounding darkness receded, everyone saw what the Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf had done to their High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape, causing them to further retreat as extreme fear and anger took over their minds.

"Fools! There are so many of us! What are you all retreating for!?" Another High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape roared at the Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, causing them to stop in their tracks.

However, even after five seconds passed in silence, they all didn't dare to attack Nadia despite having the advantage in numbers since she had disappeared right under their gaze, afraid that she might appear from nowhere to rip their throats.

"Go back..." Davis shook his head as he saw the stalemate while sneakily absorbing the dead Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's Soul Essence, "I don't want to waste my energy or time..."

"Human! Don't think we don't know what you did in our forest! So it was you and this evil wolf who sneakily came and robbed of our resources! You will die along with that mutt when our Ruler arrives!"

"Nincompoop!"

"Pea-brained human!"

Numerous insults began to be hurled at Davis while he furrowed his brows, and indeed, he could abruptly sense the undulations of a Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape appear near suddenly.

"Well said! We will not falter before a mutt, although it is a pity to lose one of my close-aides..." A man's cold voice echoed before a seventy-five-meter tall Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape appeared, causing everyone in its clan to become excited.

"Heh! Your words are dignified like a Ruler, but you're not at the King-Tier, are you?" Davis sneered as he saw passing through its clan's apes.

"Human! You know nothing about how a King Beast Stage Magical Beast rules! I am the strongest and the rightful king of this clan, and they shall obey every one of my words!"

The Peak-Level King Beast Stage roared at him as it bared its fangs before it turned to look at the Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf standing in front of it.

"Tell me... Were you the one who attacked my soul in my forest?"

### **Chapter 1199 Die!!!**

Nadia's golden eyes narrowed as a grin appeared on her muzzle, revealing her deadly fangs, "I let you survive, but you now stand brazenly before me?"

"Insolent mutt!" The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Ruler took two steps forward as it instantly became incensed.

It was gloriously ruling the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Clan, but a random wolf had come from nowhere and utterly ruined its reputation. If it did not take revenge, it didn't know what kind of face it should have while facing the other five Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes that contented with it.

It was the only one who lived on the edge of the core region, and as for the other five, they each took an area of the fire forest as they lived in unity under its rule! However, if it were unable to take revenge, its inability would definitely bring its might and rule into question!

At that time, it would have a major headache. So, for its sake, it had to kill the Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf!

Its two legs and two arms blazed with crimson flames that soared into the atmosphere while even the surface under it began to melt rapidly, forming lava rocks under each of its steps!

"Stop!"

The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Ruler momentarily paused as it looked at the human, but it snorted and continued onward while Nadia began to surge with dark energy eerily spreading around her.

Davis narrowed his eyes, "I said stop, or you leave me with no choice to kill all of you!"



"Shut up, human! With your measly strength, you're capable of nothing!"

The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Ruler coldly harrumphed before it began to run but forcefully stopped in the middle of its growing throttle as it saw the Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf's golden eyes dilate into two tiny slits while its hair ended up standing on its end!

The Ruler became bewildered. It felt something extremely odd simultaneously, as if the undulations behind itself were slowly fading away from its senses, making it turn around to check.

\*Boom!~~~\*

\*Boom!~~~\*

\*Boom!~~~\*

The sound of numerous bodies hitting the hard surface echoed as a dirt storm picked up, causing it to blink. However, the more it looked, the more it felt something had happened before its eyes shot wide in shock.

At a glance, they, the fifty-meter Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, all looked as if they had fainted and collapsed while the seventy-meter tall Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes looked dumbfounded as they looked around.

They were all wondering why all the Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes had collapsed without even giving some sort of warning when they suddenly realized something!

None of them were breathing! The bodies of those collapsed Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes appeared unharmed, but none of them even displayed a sign of life as all their eyes were dull while their bodies remained stiff!

It seems like... hundreds of seventh stage existences had died in an instant!

"You brought this on yourself... you foolish king..."

At this moment, Davis's voice resounded out, making it known that he was the character who was responsible for this silent yet instant massacre.

The King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes left alive all turned to stare at him in hatred as well as fear, wondering what kind of technique he utilized to kill these hundreds of Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes in an instant.

The Ruler's eyes were bloodshot as it saw its clan members, and even close ones ended up falling to death above the tiny streams of flowing lava. There were at least three hundred carcasses present in its eyes, more than three hundred lives lost just like that. It appeared to be enraged as it turned to stare at Davis, looking as if wanting to kill him many times over as it clenched its sharp teeth!

Davis simply snorted, his expression not experiencing a change, "This is nothing more than a warning, so before it gets worse, I suggest you turn back to where you came from..."

The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Ruler trembled as rage erupted from its very bottom of its soul!

"You damned human!!!!!"

It jumped, flying straight towards him as brilliant crimson flames surged out of its body!

\*Shhh!~\*

A wave of darkness surged from below and swirled around before it encased it! The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape belatedly realized, but his flames still blazed away, exterminating the darkness that surrounded him before launching a flaming fist at the Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf!

Nadia looked at the tornado of blazing flames that threatened to bury in this scorched land. Knowing that the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's attack prowess appeared to be greater than hers by a bit, she decisively dodged and shot towards Davis to protect him.

However, at this moment, Davis's lips moved.

"Die!!!"

The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Clan's Ruler felt its heart skip a beat as it froze. It plunged towards the ground along with its flaming fist before crashing on the scorched surface, creating a massive crater. It was on its knees as its light-red eyes trembled.

Raising its head, it saw the human possess an indifferent expression on his face before turning to look behind, witnessing the collapsing form of the King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes with its own eyes.

\*Boom!~~~\*

\*Boom!~~~\*

\*Boom!~~~\*

The sound of seventy-meter tall bodies fell on the ground, invoking a massive dust storm that spread throughout the area as the Ruler witnessed this strange yet incomprehensible phenomenon.

Dead... All of them were dead...

From Low-Level Lord Beast Stage to High-Level King Beast Stage... none of them survived, causing its trembling to not stop but increase in intensity as it realized the weight of the situation!

Why?

No... How?

How was this puny human capable of reaping all their lives without even making a sound...? It wasn't able to understand!

Davis lightly held on to Nadia, who came to his side. While she was watching those King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes carcasses in utter awe as her dark fur stood on end, Davis felt his sight blur while he felt immensely dizzy.

There was a significant pain in his soul, but that was bearable for him. As he checked his soul sea, he saw that only twelve percent of his soul essence was burned, sacrificed to get rid of these King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes.

Nevertheless...

"I told you..." Davis's voice echoed, causing the Ruler to look at him with a lost expression on its face.

"Their deaths all are on you now..."

He raised his hand, and a plethora of strange sparks converged, moving towards his direction before entering his soul sea. The Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Ruler was able to witness all these strange glittering sparks moving towards the human, having no idea on what were those but it definitely knew that it belonged to its brethren and clan members.

Its eyes went bloodshot as sheer rage encroached its heart, but the deep fear residing in its mind to the human's unknown yet terrifying technique made it stay conscious of what it was supposed to do... Its biological imperative wanted it to survive!

"Ruler!!!"

At this moment, the undulations of High-Level and Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes soared into the area, causing Davis to narrow his eyes in utter annoyance.

"Scram or die!" Davis gave his ultimatum to the Ruler, waiting for its answer while the new Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes approached. However, he wasn't planning on letting it live. He wanted to deal with it later as he felt that he had already used a lot of his soul essence.

Besides, Nadia couldn't possibly take on the both of them. Even if she could, she would be gravely injured, and he didn't want that.

The new Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape had one of its eyes cut, seemingly having a useless eye. It arrived behind the Ruler soon and turned to look at Davis, its eye narrowing in confusion.

The Ruler's eyes were moist, filled with tears as it turned to look at the one-eyed Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape. They looked at each other for a moment before nodding their heads.

Unexpectedly, the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Ruler, at this moment, turned around and swung its arm. A huge scorched boulder came whirling at them, threatening to blast them into pieces when Nadia's dark energy surged out of her body before stopping the boulder as it began to corrode in mid-air.

However, at that moment, the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Ruler and along with other Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes, appeared behind the dark veil, causing Nadia's eyes to widen in a panic!

"Die!!!" Davis uttered.

\*Rumble!~\*

An invisible echo resounded in all of their minds. It could very well be an illusion, but the light in their eyes faded as they all simultaneously began to lose strength from their muscles as they turned stiff while their flames died down.

All of their soul imprints were erased in an instant, causing them to fly past Davis and Nadia as they collapsed on the mountain range, crashing as they invoked a dirt storm again.

However, Davis wasn't fine as intense pain rocked his soul. He believed that his very life was in danger as he felt like his had soul had split apart, causing his sight to completely turn white while all sounds became blank. Momentarily, he even forgot who he was as his mind became clean, making him extremely bewildered as to why he even existed.

A few moments passed before he regained some kind of reason and understanding, but then a completely different, overwhelming pain shot through his soul, making him and his everything tremble as he lost his balance while foaming like a dying, poisoned man.

"Nadia, collect all their carcasses for me. If you can't, then carry Sophie and me away from here to a safe place. Don't stay to fight!!!"

"Fallen Heaven, collect all the dead's soul essences that you come across during this time!"

He used all of his willpower and managed to send a soul transmission before collapsing, but he also further managed to echo out in his soul sea at the last moment by using his last bit of remnant consciousness before he completely fainted, plunging towards the surface.

"Master!" Nadia captured Davis by wrapping her dark wings over him before placing him on her back. She looked around and saw that even the new Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes ended up dead along with every one of them that stayed dead.

She couldn't believe her eyes! This was a complete massacre, and she didn't even see or sense a single technique!

It wasn't an illusion, not one bit like she had doubted or still had some doubts about the situation. Even though her heart couldn't stop pounding, she still remembered what her master said and went around, collecting the carcasses as she stored them into her spatial ring!

It took a while, but she managed to collect all of them before screaming the hell out of here!

## **Chapter 1200 Waking Up On A Bed**

Ears pricked up as it could hear the sound of tidal waves crashing against the rocky shores. Eyes trembled as a person groggily opened their eyes, feeling extremely lethargic as if they had never felt this weak before.

'Ahh... it fucking hurts...' It was the first thought that came to this person's mind before hearing something else.

"Davis... You're awake...?"

Davis heard Sophie's voice echoing, but it felt so distant as if it came from afar. His hearing remained muffled while he felt extremely uncomfortable as he could even feel his soul throbbing in pain. The soul-splitting pain had disappeared, but a sharp pain shot through him every time his soul throbbed, making him feel like shit.

'So this is the price of killing so many powerful eighth stage magical beasts with Fallen Heaven... especially those two Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes which are directly a stage above me...'

He blinked, feeling his head aching before he looked around. The focus to his eyes came back, and the first thing he saw was Sophie's face filled with tears as she looked at him from above.

Well, it seems like she was using her lap as a pillow for his head. He felt delighted at that moment, but it was too bad that he could not feel her warmth as his whole body felt numb.

His sensitivity was returning one by one, or it was apt to say that nothing fatal happened to his body, but it was affected by his soul essence that was burned to power Fallen Heaven's deadly attack.

"How long... was I out?"

Sophie revealed a smile as she heard his voice, but the moisture in her eyes began to fall as she happily shed tears.

"You're fine..."

"Yeah... I will be more so in a few minutes, or perhaps hours..." Davis sat up as he turned to look at her, his brows imperceptibly twitching from the head pain.

From his previous case of fainting, he knew that the pain would disappear. However, since the damage was greater than the last time, he didn't know if it would disappear or not.

Sophie sniffled, "You were fainted for about two hours..."

"Two hours... huh..." Davis's lips widened as he chuckled, "That's more than enough time for any surviving enemies to kill me after I had fainted..."

"Fortunately, it looks like Nadia delivered me to this safe place..."

Davis looked around and saw that he was in a cave. The sound of waves splashing could be heard, so he mused that this was a cave between the shores and an elevated hill.

At the entrance, he saw Nadia's back. She was standing at the entrance of the cave in her human form, probably on the lookout for magical beasts.

"Did we leave the Purple Thunderflame Island...?"

Sophie nodded her head as she wiped her tears away, "Mhmm... This is an islet, like the one we stayed in the past, and luckily, there's not a single eighth stage magical beast present here, at least according to Nadia..."

"I see..." Davis relaxed.

He trusted Nadia to protect them as she had always done as he went leaned back. He was not lying on the cave's rocky surface but on a wooden bed, above the comfy mattress, his head falling on Sophie's lap.

"I'll rest for a few minutes..." Davis still felt lethargic.

"Please do!" Sophie's expression was filled with worry.

Davis took her hand and placed it on his forehead, trying to feel her warmth so that he could feel some illusion of his pain fading. However, he couldn't even feel her softness, and that was a strange sensation in its own way.

"What happened...?" Sophie hesitantly and worriedly voiced out.

Davis became taken aback as he brought her hand to his lips, kissing her palm.

"Nadia didn't tell you?"

Sophie shook her head.

She still didn't know why Davis had fainted, and Nadia didn't say anything either, causing her to not know what exactly happened to him. She checked him with her soul sense but failed to find any injuries, not even in his soul.

How can she find his soul essence with her low understanding of the soul?

Hence, she could only wait to hear it from his mouth, and now that he was awake, she could no longer hold back and asked.

Davis chuckled as he felt pleased with Nadia. Likely, Nadia knew that his mysterious technique should remain a secret and so hadn't told Sophie what had happened. He felt like he must praise her for it.

"It's just I had burned my soul essence a bit to kill some magical beasts that caught wind of the Purple Star Flame..." He smiled as he kissed the back of her hand again, "It's nothing to worry about..."

Sophie's eyes widened as she realized something.

So it was all because that she was comprehending that he was forced to burn something like the soul essence...?

It sounded even precious than blood essence to her, and yet how could he burn that like it was nothing and tell that it was nothing to worry about?

She couldn't help but stare at him angrily as tears fell from her eyes again, staining her cheeks. Her eyes became red as her lips trembled.

"Davis... I was thrilled to have comprehended Level Five Intent, but when I opened my eyes and saw you being carried by Nadia while you were unmoving, I was horrified..."

"I felt like I had... lost my soul at that moment at that very moment, thinking that you had died..."

"Well..." Davis smiled as he used his other hand to wipe her tears, "I am not dead..."

Sophie did not look amused at all, "But why... why did you do something like burning something like that... soul essence, was it...?"

"You could've just slapped me awake, and we'd have escaped in an instant!!!"

Her voice was trembling as she tried to suppress her scream.

"That's because it was those Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes were not going to give up their chase on me... You already know that I stole many resources from their territory, and they would kill me one way or another if I don't kill them, right?"

Davis smilingly shook his head, "It wasn't you..."

"You're lying..." Sophie clenched her teeth while the whites of her eyes were still red, "I'm not stupid... Nadia's concealment is something even Peak-Level King Beast Stage Magical Beasts would find it difficult to discover. Wasn't it said that even Ancestor Dian was unable to find her when she remained concealed...?"

"Don't lie..." Sophie sniffled as she took deep breaths while shaking her head, her voice ridden with guilt, "You did that for... me... to protect me while I ignorantly comprehended..."

"It's all my fault..."

Davis still possessed a smile on his face, but sometimes, he wished that Sophie became dumb enough to not know the events. It wasn't his intent for her to know, and he felt that he could just slide it off while concealing what he did, but it looks like she understood that she was the root cause as to why he stayed and fought rather than to escape.

He really wished that Sophie was dumb at this moment before he took a deep breath.

"Alright, I was lying. It's your fault... indeed."

Sophie's expression changed as she stopped trembling. She pursed her lips before solemnly nodding her head, "I've caused you so much pain and suffering. Even if it means abandoning my insignificant cultivation path, I'll stay with you to take care of you till I die. I swear th..."

"Wait!"

'What the shit! Is she taking me for a cripple...!?' Davis finally understood.

Now that he thought about it, this situation was a given that she obviously didn't believe his statement of recovering within a few minutes or hours. After all, any injuries that were inflicted upon the soul could be considered permanent.

Unless they could obtain a heavenly resource that heals the soul or obtain a legendary pill that could heal his soul, it was practically impossible to heal his soul that's in the Supreme Soul Stage. Forget Supreme Soul Stage, Sophie knew that the Alstreim Family or even the Dragon Queen would have no means to heal a soul that's at the sixth stage.

If something that could heal the soul was readily available, why would anyone have a deep-rooted fear against soul cultivators?

In her perspective, Davis was possibly half-crippled, perhaps never to make a breakthrough again in his Soul Forging Cultivation. However, he had the life-like energy that healed his soul essence, but Sophie didn't know about that, leading to her extreme guilt and her subsequent vow, that Davis had stopped now before he saw her bewildered expression.

"Let me take responsibility for this..." Sophie trembled as if was the least she could do for him, for the mess that she believed that she had created.

"Responsibility, my ass!" Davis sat up in a single move and forcefully pushed her on the bed.

Sophie panicked as she fell on the bed. She tried to move, but her wrists were held by him, making her unable to even move a finger. She realized at that moment even if he appeared to be weak, his physical strength was something else, like the remnant of a dragon, like the names he always yells before using a technique.

Davis stared at her from above as she pinned her down. He appeared to be a predator who had caught its prey, but his expression was something one of solemnness.

"Look! I may have injured my soul but healing it is easy for me! You don't have to feel guilty for that, you understand!?"

"You are mine, and it is my burden and joy to protect you! The only responsibility you shall bear now is to become one of my wives after we return, you understand!?"

Sophie's cheeks went beet red as she heard his unreasonable lecture. He can worry about her but not her? Even though she had tons of retorts as she still held some disbelief as to whether he could really heal his soul or not, she still couldn't stop herself from nodding her head.

His tone was so forceful that she didn't know what to say, and that last sentence that sounded as if he said that she should marry him appeared like a fairy tale that made her go speechless!