

EMPEROR 1201

Chapter 1201 A Waste Of Deaths?

Davis nodded his head to her nod. As long as she understood that she did not need to feel guilty about it, it sufficed for him. He let her go as he tried to stand up but felt dizzy before losing his balance. He ended up falling on her, his face burrowing on her two lovely bosoms.

"Ahh~" Sophie let out a surprised moan.

It was not known whether this lucky chance was intentional or not, but Davis instantly decided, "Let me stay like this for a while..."

He took this chance and wrapped his arms around her and embraced her while Sophie's cheeks became crimson by the second as even her ears apparently became red. However, feeling that Davis wasn't doing anything suspicious, she calmed down as her rapidly pounding heart began to slow down.

Sophie didn't know what to do, but his face that had buried in her bosoms felt ticklish to her, making her feel some kind of strange pleasure. She bit her lips before slowly and lightly embracing his head with her arms, running her fingers through his blonde hair, feeling that she was holding a big baby,

For some reason, she felt more than pleasurable on her cleavage, making her confused, but since it felt pleasing, she ignored it as she closed her eyes, feeling that she should treasure these few moments.

Davis had his eyes closed as he took a deep breath. Her fragrance made him feel good as it made his headache fade a bit. It looks like his sense of smell returned, but that wasn't the point as he still wanted to feel the softness of her bosoms.

Unfortunately, he still felt numb.

While thinking all this, he constantly healed his soul essence using the life-like energy. The point of healing was near his forehead since that was where the soul sea was present, and that was why Sophie also felt strangely pleasurable at her bosoms where his head lay.

'Mhmm... If I recall correctly, my soul essence had healed up to ninety-seven percent from the time I split thirty percent of my soul apart to create the Solitary Soul Avatar. From that moment, no matter how I tried with my life-like energy, it became impossible for me to heal the remaining three percent as if the gap was too far.'

'Perhaps it would require months, a year or more to heal the remaining three percent, or the life-like energy is not capable of restoring my soul essence completely. If it was the former, I don't have time to do that either, causing me to only recover till ninety-seven percent of my soul essence.'

'Taking down all the Mid-Level King Beast Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes cost me nothing, but doing the same to those High-Level King Beast Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes caused me to more or less become dizzy. Considering that I seem to have lost thirty-eight percent of my soul essence, it is safe to say that each High-Level King Beast Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes cost me around two to three percent of my soul essence.'

'As for the big ones, killing just those two Peak-Level King Beast Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes made me want to die from just the sheer pain I experienced in my soul. Those two alone cost me twelve to fourteen percent each if I'm not wrong...'

Davis was not sure of the exact number, and he didn't bother about it either. All he knew was that Fallen Heaven had burned thirty-eight percent of his soul essence to kill two Peak-Level, seven High-Level King Beast Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes! As for the remaining kills that were well within his limit, Fallen Heaven killed twelve Mid-Level and twenty-one Low-Level King Beast Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes!

Excluding the King Beast Stage, there was a large amount of Lord Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes that were killed by Fallen Heaven, amounting to three hundred and sixty-seven, of which two hundred and fifty-nine were below Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage, making it so that the remaining hundred and eight Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes were all Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage ones that he required!

Hundred and eight Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essences! Combined with the twenty-seven and three Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage soul essences he collected in the past, he had a total of hundred and thirty-eight Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essences!

Davis felt his mind tremble for some other reason than pain. He felt that he had collected enough to see if he could raise the foundation or the prowess of his Soul Forging Cultivation. If he could, it would very well be his gain!

Well, if he couldn't, the danger he felt wouldn't keep waiting either.

It was a gamble he had to take!

Whether to stay in the Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage and see if it does anything to increase his prowess... or enter the King Soul Stage and find so many Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essences become useless in an overnight.

Davis felt conflicted, but he had to choose between one.

At this moment, Davis knew the numbness of his body had disappeared because he could now feel the softness of Sophie's twin peaks. They additionally made him feel pleasant, making him want to hold her and go to sleep for a long time.

'It must be the effect of the life-like energy that or am I really feeling sleepy...?' Davis mused as he didn't stop healing his soul essence.

A few minutes had passed, but already one percent was healed. However, he knew that the more he healed, the more time and energy it was going to take him unless he let Fallen Heaven passively heal him with its ever-present presence.

However, Davis abruptly froze before his body began to quiver.

Sophie opened her eyes as she noticed the anomaly and inclined her neck to see him. At the same time, Davis raised his head to see her. Her heart skipped a beat, thinking that something was gonna happen to him. However, when she saw his teasing expression, she knew that it wasn't anything significant.

"Don't be childish..." Sophie uttered with a pout, "Just rest..."

She found this whole situation to be embarrassing, but here he was, beginning to tease her again.

"Hehe... I just wanted to see how you would react..." Davis chuckled before he buried his face on her bosoms like a pervert.

Sophie could only roll her eyes and endure this shameful yet needy relaxation. However, she also liked this even though it was embarrassing as she returned to sleep while embracing his head, feeling like she possessed him all to herself now.

Above her bosoms, Davis's expression changed as it became cold and unamused.

"Fallen Heaven, where the fuck are those soul essences I collected...?"

Now... He was truly pissed off!

Not one single High-Level and Peak-Level King Beast Stage Soul Essences were present around Fallen Heaven in his soul sea, causing him to feel extreme rage, but he didn't show it towards Sophie and managed to calm down even though he still felt like shit. Not even the ones he had collected by himself remained even if Fallen Heaven refused to listen to his command just before he had fainted.

"I was waiting for you to notice..." A hoarse voice echoed in his soul sea.

Obviously, the owner of the voice was Fallen Heaven.

"Care to explain?"

Davis calmly asked.

"Well, I collected what you failed to collect as you told me to. I felt that it was a pity not to use them since they're already dead, but once you fell unconscious, after an hour or so passed, your soul sea's subconscious domain was no longer able to hold the High-Level and Peak-Level King Beast Stage Soul Essences in place, and they ended up separating from you before disappearing into the void."

"So... What you're saying is..." Davis's voice sounded confused, "Since those soul essences were too powerful, my soul sea was unable to keep them in check, and they ended running away like unchecked children?"

"Without a doubt..."

"You..!" Davis became speechless while he also tried to quell his swelling anger.

"Think about it..." Fallen Heaven slowly explained, "The heavenly laws constantly call them back to make them return where they should be to continue the cycle of life and death. You and I are withholding them from leaving, so what happens when your consciousness has become inactive, becoming unable to hold them back under the furious influence of the heavenly laws?"

"You have me, causing that 'furious' to become 'gentle'... If not, you would even fail to catch one, not to mention that none of those soul essences still there in you would remain while your soul is unconscious."

Davis kept himself from trembling!

What Fallen Heaven had said made extreme sense, but it served to make him angry instead! He understood that the physical souls he was absorbing from their soul essences should be eradicated under the heavenly laws of the reincarnation cycle while the spiritual souls would continue on, birthing into a new life.

This was what Fallen Heaven explained to him, so he could not find any fault with its answers.

Still, he remained unwilling.

"Why didn't you just devour them like you always do...?"

"Don't be unreasonable..." Fallen Heaven harrumphed, "If I did, what if something happened to you while you're naturally recovering? I won't harm you, but I won't heal you either unless whatever harmed you is capable of harming or killing me too."

"Besides, it would take a long time for me to refine. The soul essences would end up just disappearing unless you regain your consciousness, so it's all your fault instead..."

"Fine... It's my fault..." Davis sighed as he gave up.

"Nevertheless, I'm not worried since reaching High-Level King Soul Stage would perhaps take a few more months or years... I just feel it is a waste of deaths and my soul essence..."

"Indeed, it is a waste of deaths... All those lives... I feel sad..."

Davis rolled his eyes. Ever since Fallen Heaven gained the ability to heal, it was like another person altogether.

He descended into silence, and so did Fallen Heaven. The only thing he could now sense and feel were Sophie's soft bosoms under her silky white robes, her body warmth, and her heartbeat other than pain. His senses had completely returned, and he was no longer feeling lethargic.

"Hey, Fallen Heaven..." Davis suddenly called out.

"What?"

"By any chance, do you have a fire and lightning attributed cultivation manual?"

Chapter 1202 String Attached

Davis asked the matter that was weighing on his mind for some time already ever since he had obtained the Ashen Dawn Herb and the Crystallized Flame Bead, coming to know that he might be skilled in Fire Laws more than Lightning Laws.

He didn't expect Fallen Heaven to have a fire and lightning attributed cultivation manual, and even if it did, it was too late to probably change at this point. He mused that he would have to regress in cultivation, redo by breaking down his revolving core before reforming it again, but what about the side-effects?

He didn't know, nor was he an expert or a sage to figure the harm it would cause him to change or regress and change. Either way, this matter still weighed on his mind as he couldn't let it go, couldn't stop thinking about increasing his prowess in Essence Gathering Cultivation.

Nothing would start unless Fallen Heaven had one, and if it didn't, he could put his worries to rest. This was a good time to ask since he was resting, so he finally couldn't hold back.

"So?" Davis prompted again.

"I do, but are you sure you want to use one of your chances to obtain one?" Fallen Heaven asked instead as its hoarse voice resounded in Davis's soul sea.

"What do you mean...?" Davis asked.

However, it didn't reply after he waited for three seconds.

'Uh... It usually provides a quick answer... Is it warning me that it doesn't have and it is a waste of chance?'

Davis knew that he could place conditions when asking for a single thing, but he could not ask for multiple items. Like, he couldn't ask, "If you don't have this, give me that instead..."

However, he could ask for lower and higher variants. Just now, it also graciously told him that it has without using a chance. Perhaps, it felt guilty that it did not make the soul essence stay?

If it were the old Fallen Heaven, he wouldn't have doubted, but since it had changed, he didn't know.

'Or... is it saying it has one or a few, but they are all of Immortal Grade...?'

Davis stayed silent as he contemplated for a moment before giving an answer.

"Let me rephrase my request then..."

"Give me the best fire and lightning attributed cultivation manual below the Immortal Grade. If you don't have any, give me the Immortal Grade one."

"Mhm... Do I hear you right? The Immortal Grade one would be directly useless to you..."

"It's fine. I just don't want to waste a chance..." Davis answered.

Even before a second could pass, a streak of Fallen Heaven's death-like energy pierced through his soul essence, causing him to momentarily shudder under Sophie's embrace.

Numerous pieces of information rushed in, causing him to organize it into intelligible knowledge. It was in the Sky Word Language, and he was able to understand; only understand the title and the description while he couldn't understand even a bit about the intricacies.

'Fuck... It's an Immortal Grade Fire and Lightning Attributed Cultivation Manual, alright...'

Davis became disappointed in an instant, but that also laid his worries to his rest. He was just about to leave it alone in his memories when he saw noticed a few words that garnered his interest.

'Wait... This... manual is one of fusion laws?'

Davis's eyes trembled before a deep smile slowly emerged on his face.

A fusion between fire and lightning!?

'This manual isn't a waste at all!!!' He became excited, 'I'm glad I got it now... It is now worth even if I have to cultivate my Essence Gathering Cultivation from the very beginning...'

This wasn't what he was looking for, but it sure was extremely helpful in deciding his future path!

He did imagine a time where he could fuse fire and lightning sometime later, but what needs to be said about it if he couldn't even train with a manual that did not support both fire and lightning energy in his body and dantian?

But now, he knew those fusion laws that combined two different laws were greatly powerful! This matter finally helped him make a decision about his Essence Gathering Cultivation, but then again, he remained unsure how he should proceed.

'Well, after I return, marry Isabella and Sophie, it is time I familiarize myself with the Alstreim Family's Grand Library...'

Perhaps, that would help him in knowing how he should proceed with his Essence Gathering Cultivation.

'For now, things stay as it is... I don't want any more complications...'

Davis inwardly cried as he got his soul essence damaged for nothing.

Those High-Level and Peak-Level King Beast Stage Soul Essences escaped were supposed to be the compensation for burning his soul essence, but they disappeared instead, causing him to still feel unwilling about it even though he knew that those were useless to him at the moment, just like the fire and lightning attributed cultivation manual he obtained from Fallen Heaven.

"Davis...?" Sophie's voice suddenly echoed, sounding worried, "Are you still not feeling well?"

Davis raised his head and blinked. Well, it looks like his excitement was misunderstood to be trembling from remnant pain. It would be a lie to say if he wasn't feeling pain as it still periodically shot through his soul essence as time passed, but the period was getting longer and longer while he mused that it would disappear soon.

"Sorry, that was a stupid thing to ask when I know that your soul is injured..." Sophie quickly apologized while being stared at by him.

"Don't be..." Davis opened his mouth, "I was just thinking on what to do with the Crystallized Flame Bead..."

"Nadia!" He then called out under Sophie's bewildered gaze.

"Master!" Nadia answered from the lookout.

She knew that her master had woken up but didn't want to disturb as they seem to be intimate. Master's wives always told her not to remain when they're like that, but she could understand that it was similar to the emotion called shame.

"Davis, in case if you're still planning on giving the Crystallized Flame Bead to me, I have no need for it since I have Starcy. I have formed a pact with her as I fed her my blood essence after comprehending

Level Five Intent, and she accepted, telling me that she would help me do a lot of things as long as I provide her flames to eat."

"Precisely..." Davis chuckled as he interrupted, "You don't have to waste your essence energy every day to feed her. Let me guess... you already spent more than sixty percent of your essence energy on feeding her?"

"Uh..." Sophie avoided his gaze, "I can live with it..."

"Perhaps you can, but with just your flames, Starcy would find it difficult to reach Peak-Level King Grade. Right now, she is just at Low-Level King Grade, which also made it extra easier for you to form a pact. However, if you want to her reach Peak-Level King Grade within a decade, you are dreaming a bit."

"But if you feed her the Crystallized Flame Bead, you wouldn't have to possibly even wait a year!"

Sophie appeared hesitant as she heard Davis's speech. It wasn't like she didn't know about these intricacies; that using the Crystallized Flame Bead would exponentially improve the rate of growth for Starcy. However, she felt extremely troubled that she was using his affection to her advantage.

She had even gone as far as to demand Starcy from him. Even now, she felt bad about it, but he gave it to her without asking why or getting offended or becoming suspicious of her.

In her perspective, even husbands wouldn't share these kinds of resources with their wives. Even if she took a step back because of the fact she heard that 'Alchemist Davis treats his wives well', she wasn't even a wife to begin with, but she was already showered with so much love and resources that she didn't understand what was going on in this man's mind.

How could someone so strong be this generous? Wasn't he afraid that people would dare to take advantage of his kindness?

She felt afraid that all this could very well be a fleeting dream, gone after they return from this place. The only thing keeping her sane was the indirect words Davis said to her that he would marry her after they return. If not, she would've thought he was just compensating her resources for her love as a form of pity, which she didn't absolutely want, and thought it would be better if she could just remain with him without getting any resources.

Her expression wavered as her lips moved, "Is it really okay for me to use the Crystallized Flame Bead? There are no strings attached...?"

"Strings...?" Davis blinked before his expression became solemn, "Actually, there is one..."

Sophie's lips trembled, "What kind of string...?"

Davis narrowed his eyes before his solemn expression faded, replaced with a smile.

"A red string of love that connects us for an eternity..."

Sophie's expression trembled as tears appeared in her eyes. This definitely wasn't the answer she expected, but she would give anything to hear it once again.

Davis raised his body and moved to kiss her. He was obviously talking about the Karma Thread, but Sophie wouldn't know. His lips connected with hers as they began to share a passionate kiss, their tongues starting to entwine as they slipped out of their lips.

His hands roamed on her body as he felt her softness and blazing warmth, and he felt greatly excited before he noticed that he had forgotten about someone. He reluctantly let Sophie's lips go before turning to Nadia, who seemed to be staring at them with a faint crimson blush on her face.

'So even she blushes when looking at something like this from this close...' Davis felt like he had learned something new before he sat upon the bed's edge.

"You collected all the carcasses as I instructed you to?"

Nadia nodded her head, but her gaze also occasionally landed on the blushing Sophie, who had already sat but turned away to the other side of the bed, lightly combing her hair as if to hide her embarrassment.

"Alright, show me your hand...:"

Nadia raised her hand as he took hold of it. There was a spatial ring on one of her fingers, a Low-Level Emperor Grade Spatial Ring to be precise, with a space of a million or so cubic meters.

Davis used his soul sense to check and saw that the number of lives he reaped were all there while still having a bit of space left. As long as the spatial ring's master allowed, the unrelated party could see what's inside but not take anything.

Davis needed this spatial ring, but not now. He opened his mouth to inform Nadia and Sophie.

Chapter 1203 Refining Flesh And Bones

"Excellent, Nadia. I need the carcasses of those King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes to try and see if I could refine their flesh, organs, and their everything into blood essence so that I can have the Crystallized Flame Bead absorb their blood essences to improve it."

While Nadia smiled at being praised, Sophie became shocked as she turned to look at him. When refined by her, the Crystallized Flame Bead would give her the opportunity to birth a Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Flame in her dantian, but if it is subjected to like what Davis said, what would happen?

Even she became entranced with his idea, but wouldn't it become more difficult to refine?

In any case, she was just going to feed the flames from the bead to Starcy, so she felt that she did not need to worry about refinement.

"Is it possible?"

Davis shook and then nodded, "I'll have to try with the carcass of a Mid-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape but first, let me work on recovering my soul..."

"Ah, I didn't mean to-"

"Relax, I'm doing this for myself as well..." Davis interrupted her.

"I'm an Alchemist, but I have never refined a magical beast into blood essence before. This should be rather educative and give me some experience in this field so I will not later embarrass myself in some competition if the need arises..."

Sophie became taken aback, not expecting him to give such a reason. He left her unable to retort.

"You're unfair..." She voiced out, her voice shaking, "No one in my life had made me feel so many conflicting emotions... not even my parents or my grandparents. You make me feel like if I'm a child experiencing new things... and it's vexing yet attractive at the same time because I can't control myself from falling for you..."

"Sophie, I must thank you for being honest..." Davis laughed in satisfaction, "I am indeed attempting to make you fall in love with me until you feel that you can never be without me. We're both aware that I'm making you rather incapable of extricating yourself from me, but isn't that what you also desire?"

A smile lit up on Sophie's lips as she leaned on his back.

"Yes..."

Davis chuckled as he raised his head, "That's more than enough reason for me to make you mine in this lifetime. All that is left is to tie the knot of our red string... so..."

"Will you marry me?"

Sophie's lips trembled as she smiled widely, "Gladly..."

"Hehe..."

Davis lightly laughed. It was rather obvious but hearing it from her own mouth made him elated too. He felt that it would be the same for her when he proposed, making her immensely satisfied.

"I've already decided that it couldn't be anyone but you..." Sophie suddenly spoke among the silence, "So, I really hope that your wives would accept me..."

"Oh, they would..." Davis stood up and turned around before patting her head.

"Alright, try re-manifesting your Law Manifestation, and if it fails, get familiar with Nadia. She's a good girl too, so at least, she won't bite you, hahaha!"

He laughed, causing Sophie to pout, "I know... She's extremely protective of you and also never failed to protect me even though I'm not anything to her. If anything, I am incredibly grateful to Nadia."

Davis smiled as he turned back, "You heard her, Nadia? Sophie apparently feels grateful to you..."

Nadia stared at Davis before her gaze fell on Sophie, "I'm obliged, Fourth Mistress..."

Sophie's heart skipped a beat as her eyes widened slightly.

Fourth Mistress? Was she already being called that? She tried to suppress it, but a smile still couldn't help but appear on her lips. Standing up, she left the bed before approaching Nadia to talk even though she felt nervous.

What was there to talk with a magical beast...? Hobbies?

Davis watched them move away from him, giving him space before he sat back on the bed, continuing to heal his soul essence.

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Four hours passed.

Davis opened his eyes, feeling better than ever. Even the sharp bout of pain that shot through his soul periodically had disappeared. He had spent seventy-five percent of his soul force to restore ten percent of his soul essence. That seemed to be more than enough to get him back into shape.

Of course, if he strained his soul or used more soul force, it might become difficult for him. This made it so that he could not try refining the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape into blood essence like he initially planned. However, he had plenty of soul essences he could refine to restore his soul force, plenty of low-level ones.

Comprehension of the heaven and earth energy wasn't the only advantage this refinement process gave him. It restored his soul force too, and he had plenty of unneeded High-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essences to spare.

He began the refinement in his soul sea, and if his MP meter gauge was filling up, his soul force began to be quickly replenished. A single High-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essence restored five percent of his soul force, and it only took him a mere minute. He kept doing the same ten more times before his soul force returned to ninety percent.

However, he could feel that his current soul force was on par with his original one, knowing that it was filled with a bit of impurity.

'Mhm... It would cause a slight decrease in my soul prowess, but I can't complain since I can get to have nearly unlimited soul force this way. Besides, the ones I refined are low-level compared to the high-level ones I always refine, so I can't really complain here...'

Davis disappeared from the wooden bed. When he reappeared, he was above the islet, taking out a cauldron.

It was a Low-Level Emperor Grade Cauldron, an asset he obtained from Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim's wealth. It seemed to be a precious artifact, but he now had it for himself after they divided the wealth.

He admired its pattern and design for a few seconds before he called out, "Nadia!"

Nadia quickly appeared amidst the roaring ocean waves and arrived before him. She looked at the cauldron and simultaneously knew what she had to do as she waved her hand. A seventy-meter tall carcass fell on the islet, causing it to slightly tremble from the impact while dust rose before it was blown away by the sea breeze in an instant.

"Nadia, help me sever its body into sections..."

Obviously, Davis knew he was not strong enough to do it by himself unless he used the death-like energy.

Nadia nodded her head as she complied.

Soon, the severed sections of the Mid-Level King Grade Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape were in the Low-Level Emperor Grade Level Cauldron. That's right; the entire body was there in the cauldron because it had an inner compressing space, capable of holding about a hundred thousand cubic meters.

He commanded Nadia to sever its body into many sections to make it easier for him to refine, not because there was not enough space in the cauldron.

All, if not, most Emperor Grade Cauldrons had an inner compressing space because of the size of magical beasts and other resources that are at Emperor Grade. It would become difficult to refine or concoct with limited space, so these features were implemented and required in almost all Emperor Grade Cauldrons.

In fact, even King Grade ones have, but not all of them as they were rare.

Davis began his refinement as he used the power of the cauldron. The cauldron had its artifact spirit, but it refused to talk to him, but it didn't deny him either. He borrowed its prowess and began to refine.

His soul force rushed into the cauldron while the flesh inside began to be refined. They turned bloody as if being crushed, smashed, and ground by a mixer, blood splashing around every corner of the cauldron.

It was a gruesome sight, but none of the blood had sprinkled out as if being held back by something.

Time passed.

An hour, two... five hours.

Davis continued to refine as the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes entirety became into a big blob of blood in the cauldron. Its flesh, organs, bones, crimson crystal, and even the bone marrow had been all turned into that one big blob of crimson blood.

The crimson-crystal was also a biological-type of flesh, so it had also been refined, but along with the bone marrow, there were a few impurities that were left within the cauldron as he was unable to refine perfectly.

Davis didn't care for that but looked at the big blob of blood floating in the cauldron. He had spent about seventy percent of his soul force for this, but there was still the final touch.

His lips moved as he reached his hands out to it, "Condense!"

Abruptly, the blob of blood began to twist and churn, with many drops being ejected out as if it was unable to endure in the condensation process. The big blob began to condense, but it didn't take long for it to be compressed into a pinky-finger sized drop of blood!

Davis narrowed his eyes as he looked at the tremendous amount of energy and vitality it held.

"If I had to guess, the blood essence has achieved a rate of eighty-seven percent of purity or so..."

He knew that he had lost much as he was unable to completely refine everything, leaving behind many impurities while also unable to condense all the collected blood. As far as he knew, anything other than the condensed blood essence had now become nothing but waste, devoid of energy, not even useful than its own manure.

Davis's soul force gently wrapped around the condensed blood essence as he brought it towards him amidst Sophie and Nadia's gaze. The blazing undulations and the sole vitality of had attracted numerous magical sea-beasts!

Nadia let out her queenly aura at that moment, and those magical sea-beasts instantly scrambled deep into the sea, choosing their lives over a feast that could potentially raise their stage or even cause a bloodline mutation if the conditions were met, but considering none of them acted strange, forgetting themselves at the sight of that crimson blood essence, it didn't seem like the case.

Davis waved his hand, and a Crystallized Flame Bead appeared on his palm. Sophie held her breath as she saw him drop the condensed blood essence on the bead. The bead became covered by the crimson blood essence before it began to radiate.

Abruptly, flames began to burn as the blood essence began to evaporate. No, it appeared to be absorbed into the bead as it continued to emit a deep crimson light!

Chapter 1204 Waiting For The Trade

The Crystallized Flame Bead directly absorbed the Mid-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape's Blood Essence as it seemed to be assimilating with it. Davis let the bead go because he felt like his palm would be burned by the surge of deep crimson light. It was sizzling hot, but even though he let it go, it still stayed in the air with the help of some kind of force while absorbing the blood essence.

Soon, in a few minutes, the crimson light faded while the Crystallized Flame Bead returned back to its original glow. However, Davis saw that its luster had increased while the patterns it held had experienced a bit of change. He could tell that it had definitely improved by its aura, but not by a large margin.

'Perhaps, I need only one more Mid-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape to improve it to high or peak quality treasure of Low-Level Emperor Grade...'

Low-Level and Mid-Level Emperor Grade denoted that a treasure's prowess is from Low-Level to Peak-Level Eighth Stage, and with just two levels to differentiate the prowess of the eighth stage, quality naturally becomes more of a requirement to be obsessed with.

Nonetheless, Davis smiled.

Now that he confirmed that the Crystallized Flame Bead could be improved, all that was left was to refine more Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes until he brings it to peak quality of Mid-Level Emperor Grade. Surely, with that kind of a feast, he felt Starcy would unquestionably mutate into something else when she breaks through to Emperor Grade.

In fact, the result might be the same if Sophie fed Starcy the Crystallized Flame Bead from now, so it doesn't matter if he brings it to the peak quality of Mid-Level Emperor Grade. He mused that the only difference would be that the feast would run out when Starcy reached Emperor Grade as opposed to reaching Emperor Grade and still having flames to feast on.

The truth was that Davis felt that he would find it difficult to refine High-Level and Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes at this moment because of his comparatively low Soul Forging

Cultivation. He knew that only if he broke through into the King Soul Stage would he be able to refine, but then, what about improving his foundation or prowess?

He couldn't afford to keep Sophie waiting either as he felt that it wasn't worth it. Besides, when he checked the Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes carcasses in Nadia's spatial ring, he couldn't find any one of them possessing a single Crystallized Flame Bead. From this, it could be seen how rare it was that he obtained one on his first kill.

After a moment of contemplation, Davis decided, 'Alright, I don't think it is necessary to improve the Crystallized Flame Bead till the peak quality of Mid-Level Emperor Grade. I think it would do if improved to the low quality of Mid-Level Emperor Grade...'

That meant he would have to refine and condense blood essence out of two or more High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes depending on the purity before handing the improved Crystallized Flame Bead to Sophie.

Once he made the decision, he knew what to do now, but there were still two choices placed in front of him to make, whether to increase his soul prowess, which might take months, or head to the Dark Thunder Island for added benefits of comprehending Lightning Laws.

The former could be done by refining Low-Level King Beast Stage Soul Essences to reach the very peak of Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage before continuing to refine Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage Soul Essences to see if it could improve his soul prowess.

The latter gave similar benefits along with comprehension of Lightning Laws if he was not wrong. The former's problem was that it would take months to verify this theory, so he felt that it would be better if he could head to the Dark Thunder Island first. He felt like he didn't have much time to waste and had to adapt.

Davis turned to look at Sophie, who came closer along with Nadia.

"How did it go?"

"It was a failure..." Sophie spoke, straight-faced with wide eyes.

She knew he was asking about her progress in re-manifesting her Law Manifestation and was a little ashamed to tell him that she had failed.

"As expected, you probably just need one more push, which is this Crystallized Flame Bead..." Davis grasped the crimson bead in his hand before storing it in his spatial ring, "However, it's still not time yet as I've not improved it to the level I feel it should be..."

Sophie thought of saying otherwise as she felt as she was needlessly wasting his time, but she pursed her lips and nodded.

"I understand... and thank you..."

Davis chuckled before he turned to look at Nadia, "Nadia, just leave four High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Ape Carcasses for me. You can eat all the remaining ones, including the Peak-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes!"

Nadia blinked, "Master isn't going to sell all these carcasses and crystal cores for wealth...? I didn't hun-"
"Enough, Nadia..." Davis interrupted, "If I say you can have it, then you can..."

Nadia realized that she was about to slip up her master's secret technique. She panicked as she nodded her head, but she also felt moved. If she wasn't wrong, she knew that these carcasses could sell for hundreds and thousands of Peak-Level Spirit Stones, and yet, it had been given to her for her growth.

She wanted to say that she can hunt her own food, and indeed she can with her strength, but when she recalled who was responsible for her current state and prowess, she gratefully spoke.

"Thank you, master..."

Davis frowned with a smile, "What's with you two thanking me suddenly? Aren't we all already one family?"

He lightly laughed as he saw the two beauties slightly blush, his mind going somewhere else before he brought it back.

"Alright, we're heading to the Dark Thunder Island now, so it's your turn, Miss Navigator."

"Ah, yes!" Sophie responded before she beamed with a smile.

It was time for another stormy adventure! The Dark Thunder Island was several islands away to the north, so it should take anywhere between a few hours to a day or more to reach!

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Davis sat there in a well-designed hall that had two doors to a large bedroom and a kitchen. He sat there in the middle of the hall on a cushion, digesting whatever content he had absorbed from the Passion Library of the North-West Dual Lotus Abode.

Yes, this was none other than the Solitary Soul Avatar, waiting in Drake's Abode. It had been more than a day since he began to wait for Drake to arrive with Jade Sua, but they still didn't show up in his room or contact him through a message talisman.

However, so many things did happen that he was unable to concentrate on digesting knowledge for a while, for exactly two hours.

Yes, it was the time when Davis had fainted.

At that moment, when the main body lost consciousness, he simultaneously felt his connection with the main body and the soul body in the Purple Guest Palace severed from him. It was one hell of a scare for the Solitary Soul Avatar!

Fortunately, the Solitary Soul Avatar knew why the main body had fainted, and although the connection was severed, he could still feel the other's presence, that the main body was still alive. Otherwise, he would've rushed back to help himself or the Purple Guest Palace instead of concentrating on his current goals, which is to find Shirley after completing the trade here.

When the main body had woke up, his connection was restored with the main body and the soul body left in the Purple Guest Palace as well before he learned that both bodies had been in a state of coma for those two hours.

Luckily, no one in the Purple Guest Palace knew about the soul body fainting because they were all secluded in cultivation. Otherwise, they would've all panicked, but he could've contacted them to calm them down as he possessed a messaging talisman to contact all of them, and so did the main body.

The soul body left behind wasn't the only means of communication as Davis had prepared for most contingencies. After all, he couldn't afford to let his guard down and get them all killed by a concealed or a rebellious group present within the Alstreim Family.

But with this event, he understood that while both were the same, they were different because their soul essences were separate. The Solitary Soul Avatar was born when Davis split apart thirty percent of his soul essence in a ruthless manner. That's why even though they were one and the same, they possessed separate consciousness but not separate minds.

For the same reason, the Solitary Soul Avatar could not sense Nadia's presence either since it was born long before Davis had contracted Nadia's soul with a beast pact. They just didn't have a soul connection with each other.

Nevertheless, that's why he had not fainted.

Perhaps, even if the main body dies, the Solitary Soul Avatar could still afford to remain alive, but he wasn't sure about it unless it happened.

At this moment, Davis's eyes shot open as he turned his head and gazed at the door.

"Come in..." He spoke.

The door was pushed open, and three figures walked inside, a man dressed in a red-robe and two women draped in blue robes that made them all look attractive and charming.

However, there was a woman who wore a beautiful blue-veil on her face while her mesmerizing eyes that were visible appeared to be gentle yet cautious. She scanned Davis before her rosy lips moved.

"So he is the close friend you spoke about, Drake?"

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"Yes, Jade..." Drake answered as he eyed Davis to talk.

Davis chuckled before he gestured, "My name is Davis. Drake, Kara, and core disciple Jade Sua, please take a seat."

Three more circular cushions appeared in front of him, creating a four-point circle. Jade Sua cast a glance at Drake, and seeing him nod his head; she blinked her beautiful virid eyes before she walked and directly sat opposite Davis as the main party of the trade that was going to begin.

Drake and Kara sat opposite each other.

They were all facing each other in a circle.

Davis summoned a table before him, and four small cups appeared. He poured pre-prepared tea for all of them before he smiled, "Well, I'm not versed at entertaining, so let's get down to business."

"It's fine..." Jade Sua spoke, her melodious voice echoing, "Drake said that you could help me break through to the Martial Sage Stage. I believe Drake, but I don't know about you... If it is possible, I would like to know your background as a start."

Davis blinked, thinking that she rather sounded courteous.

While he looked at her, he also saw that she had an hourglass figure, not at all inferior to Kara, perhaps even more attractive as her bust seemed to ninety-nine centimeters, only a few centimeters lesser than Evelynn's, whose bust was a massive hundred and six centimeters.

'No wonder Drake and many others fell for her...' He inwardly lampooned before he shook his head.

"It isn't that 'I won't', but it is 'I can't' due to some circumstances. Nevertheless, you don't need to believe me. It will do if you believe Drake because I won't betray my friends."

Davis took his cup of tea and drank a sip as it entered his body, feeling it dissolved by his soul force instead.

Jade Sua's lovely eyes narrowed before she simply nodded her head, "I heard that you need the Forsaken Yin Lotus for a reason, and it seems that Drake already informed you of my wants. What do you propose we trade in exchange?"

"Oh? Can you obtain the Forsaken Yin Lotus? Do you have two million lotus points with you?" Davis purposefully asked in a suspecting tone.

Jade Sua didn't seem to be offended at all as not even her brows squinted. Instead, she raised her hand, and a token plate with lotuses twirling around on a lily-pad cushion carved on it appeared.

A number simultaneously came up like a projection.

[1,952,890]

Davis's lips twitched. She could indeed obtain the Forsaken Yin Lotus, but it was not enough as it seemed that she lacked around fifty thousand lotus points.

Seemingly noticing his expression, Jade Sua lightly smiled, her expression hidden yet slightly noticeable under the semi-transparent veil.

"If you had contacted me through Drake earlier, I had more than three million points, but I bought a Low-Level Emperor Grade Invigorating Sage Tempering Pill, causing me to spend more than a million points. However, as you might know, my breakthrough ended up in failure."

"Nevertheless, I just have to participate in a short mission, and I can get what you require without fail."

She confidently uttered.

"Good..." Davis nodded his head as he relaxed.

He didn't know what this Invigorating Sage Tempering Pill is as his alchemy knowledge didn't reach Emperor Grade but could tell its use from its name and Jade Sua's need.

"But how much time would it take for you to complete this... 'short' mission?" He asked.

Jade Sua brows finally furrowed, "Before that, can I hear what you have to offer in order for me to have a chance at entering Martial Sage Stage?"

"Alright..." Davis nodded his head but then shook, "Have a chance? No, you are going to enter Martial Sage Stage without fail."

Jade Sua's brows deeply furrowed, "What do you mean...?"

"Do you understand that your words sound so... phony...?"

"Haha..." Davis laughed as he turned to look at Drake.

Drake smiled back as he nodded, telling him that she was certainly adorable with his eyes topaz eyes.

Indeed, the way she said it was funny than his phony words that Davis couldn't help but smile, "Then I'll let you see for yourself."

Davis waved his hand, and a common water canteen appeared on the table between them. Except for Jade Sua, Drake and Kara were already sipping the tea. When all three of them saw the canteen appear, a confused smile appeared on their faces.

"What is this...?" Jade Sua asked, her tone sounding confused.

Just now, didn't he say that he was good at entertaining? Why did he take out a canteen? She felt that it certainly couldn't be spirit water, so it could only be wine.

Davis gestured at Drake as he looked at Jade Sua with amusement, "The same thing I gave to him before..."

Pfftt!~

Drake spat out the tea he sipped to the side before he looked at Davis. He thought it was tea at first, but when he heard the word 'before', he couldn't believe his ears.

"Dude, 'that' works for entering Martial Sage Stage too...?"

His eyes were wide, filled with disbelief as he leaned towards the front. Kara possessed the same expression on her face as she kept the tea back on the table as if readying herself to attentively listen.

"I never said it didn't..." Davis chuckled, "Except, it wouldn't do anything in low quantities at that stage."

Drake lowered his head as he straightened his back. Just a moment before, he felt immense regret for using the nectar at low stages, but fortunately, it turned out what he used wasn't a waste. It seemed like it required plenty to enter the Martial Sage Stage.

"Drake...?"

Jade Sua echoed in hesitation. Looking at Kara and him become filled with profound emotion, she couldn't help but feel that this was odd. Why did they look like they believed Davis's words?

Drake looked at Jade Sua as his eyes blinked before he spoke, "Kara, let's show her..."

"Alright..."

Kara's voice resounded out before an icy wave of air began to descend the room. At the same time, hot air blazed around them, clashing with the icy air before they balanced each other out. Martial energy surged out like a tide from her and Drake, causing Jade Sua to widen her viridian eyes in shock.

"You... You two both broke through to Martial Ascendance Stage!?"

Drake and Kara both nodded their heads with satisfied smiles on their faces.

"But how...? Didn't you two just both breakthrough to the Peak-Level Gold Stage in the core disciple trials...?" Jade Sua still appeared shocked.

She was also there, so she knew about their cultivation progress. A long time hasn't passed, neither could it be said as short, but she knew that it certainly wasn't enough to enter the Martial Ascendance Stage, the Sixth Stage in Body Tempering Cultivation!

"Jade, believe me when I say that this breakthrough was possible because of this..." Drake pointed with his finger.

Jade Sua followed her gaze to the direction he pointed as her gaze rested on the water canteen. Her expression appeared to be dubious before she cast a look at Davis.

"Go on..." Davis raised his brows while having a teasing smile.

Jade Sua frowned but believing in Drake; she took a light breath as her bosoms heaved before reaching out her hand towards the water canteen. The lid came off, and a potent aura popped right on her face, causing her eyes to go wide.

Drake nodded his head in recognition as he commented.

"And I know this sounds phony as well, Jade, but I only consumed ten milliliters of it..."

"Me too..." Kara agreed from the side.

She had used ten milliliters of the hundred milliliters they had obtained from Davis, so she knew that this water canteen held that nectar, and feeling the energy it gave off, it was totally different from the time she held that small vial in her hand.

"This... This will help me a breakthrough in Martial Sage Stage...?" Although Jade Sua's mouth asked a question, her expression looked as if she was already starting to believe this 'suspicious' water canteen.

"Yes!" Drake affirmed once again, "Not only did it allow us to have a smooth and painless breakthrough, it didn't have any side-effects whatsoever. It's like a heavenly resource!"

He believed that Davis would not lie to him, and so didn't hesitate to vouch. Besides, the potent aura coming off from the nectar was quite obvious.

Davis flicked his finger, and the undone lid was put back on before he smiled, "Well, you've seen the item we're going to exchange, so I hope that you can get me the Forsaken Yin Lotus."

Jade Sua did not seem to react. Her eyes were still on the table, but she seemed to have descended into contemplation.

'Nectar...? Heavenly resource...? I think I've heard of this before...'

Her eyes widened as she raised her head and stared at the nectar's owner, her viridian pupils dilating.

"Wait... What did you say was your name...?"

Davis's brows furrowed. However, the next moment, his expression turned into an amused smile, "So you managed to figure out where I came from..."

Drake and Kara were stunned as they looked at Jade Sua and Davis. It seemed as if the atmosphere abruptly became intense.

"You are... the Alstreim Family Territory's... Dragon Queen's subordinate, aren't you...? Alchemist Davis..."

"Seriously, that Dragon Queen!?"

"What Dragon Queen?"

Drake and Kara uttered while the latter gave the former a wide eye.

"Miss Jade Sua," Davis's voice resounded with a solemn tone, "It seems you like poking into other people's background...?"

"I apologize! I didn't mean to..."

Jade Sua's voice became apologetic as she realized that her conduct was rude, "It's just..."

"I know..." Davis sighed, "But since you already revealed it, I see no use in concealing it anymore. But regardless, I want you all to swear that you won't tell where I came from to others other than Drake's wives."

"Sure, man. You can count on us..." Drake echoed.

Looking at Drake, Jade Sua nodded her head. They then collectively swore in front of him, causing Davis to smile again.

"I'm sure that Jade Sua will explain about me later to you two, so we'll return to our business." Davis nodded his head, bringing the conversation to his pace.

"The thing is, you can have this liter of nectar right now to break through to Martial Sage Stage..."

"What!?" Jade Sua echoed with disbelief.

"Do you understand how valuable this is!? It's the Million Emerald Vines Calamity's Nectar, and you're saying that you're giving it to me without any kind of trade or assurance!?" She went blank for a moment along with Drake and Kara before she screamed at him, her voice a bit suppressed.

"Trade?" Davis smiled, "You still have to complete a mission or two to gain that many thousand lotus points. As for assurance, isn't there a common person between us like Drake?"

"He will take responsibility if you back out of the trade after receiving the goods..."

Davis turned to look at the man whose smile had frozen, "Won't you, Drake?"

Drake inwardly cried as he wondered why Davis would use him as a sacrifice, but when he saw Davis's imperceptible wink, he instantly understood.

He patted his chest with a confident expression on his face, "I would do anything for my Jade, and more than that, I deeply believe that she would not act like a robber and not return what she promised."

Jade Sua went blank before her expression began to tremble.

"Drake..." Moisture welled up in her eyes while her voice echoed out as she silently muttered, "Thank you..."

She became greatly moved.

Vouching on behalf of her for a resource like this nectar was like weighing their heads on a concealed guillotine, unaware that a powerful entity might appear from nowhere and behead them in an instant. After all, who was the Dragon Queen?

No one knew, but it was rumored that she had a grand background, possibly powerful than any one of them can compare.

Jade Sua's body shook as she turned to look at Davis, "I don't want to put Drake's life in danger. This is a trade between us, so I'll take responsibility and swear that I won't tell this anyone. That's why, please grant me some time so I can exchange the Forsaken Yin Lotus for this nectar!"

"Oh...?"

Davis raised his brows as his voice sounded taken aback amidst Drake's dumbfounded gaze!

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While Davis was impressed that this two hundred plus-year-old senior sister didn't use her junior brother to achieve what she failed to grasp with her own hands, Drake remained stunned at her words. He didn't expect her to place such importance on him.

For heaven's sake, he hadn't even begun to hold hands with her! However, both knew that there was a kind of tension between them as he flirted with her whenever he had the chance.

Could it be that their feelings for each other were mutual? Or did she just want to protect him as his senior sister?

However, Davis could tell at that moment because he sneakily used Misdirection to distract them and invoked Karma Threads. Drake and Jade Sua certainly did have a red thread connecting them, but it was full of other colors as well, such as worry and anxiety.

Perhaps, they were both indecisive on how they should proceed with their feelings, just like him and Isabella of the past, but it didn't matter to him since they already have a red thread connecting them. He felt that Drake would eventually take care of it if it is fate's way of connecting them.

"Jade, it's fine to use my influence at this moment..." Drake softly added.

"No, you don't know what taking responsibility entails..." Jade Sua shook her head, "What do you know about the mysterious Dragon Queen?"

"Well..." Drake smiled as he shook his head, "Other than hearing how she managed to drive the Aqua Flood Dragon away with her bloodline prowess, I only know that she is a member of the younger generation and a heavenly beauty who took the hearts of numerous men as she became a fantasy here."

"An Eighth Stage Expert below two hundred years is rare even in our main headquarters, the Dual Lotus Manor. However, having that kind of prowess at the Eighth Stage is practically unheard of, so I get why she would be a fantasy here for a short time while it lasted."

Drake rubbed his chin as he looked at Kara, "Still don't remember?"

"Yeah, I now remember about some silly hype among the men at that time..." Kara narrowed her brows, "But wasn't it said that the Dual Lotus Manor was going to pay a visit but changed their mind since those Four Great Dragon Families silently sent word to all nearby hegemony that no one should visit or harm her?"

Drake shook his head, "I'm not sure as it's just a rumor..."

"But if it were the case, it was done probably to protect her from the prowess of the mid-sized Territories. Obviously, she can reign and wander carefreely in the small Territories like the Nine Western Territories with her current prowess, but if any one of us, like the Dual Lotus Manor or the closest to the Alstreim Family, the Poison Lord Villa, were to enter the fray, she would be endangered which would directly be an act of offending the Four Great Dragon Families."

"Drake, did these all really happen?" Davis laughed but inwardly, he felt confused.

"You don't know?" Drake became confused.

Didn't Davis just indirectly accept that he was a subordinate to that Dragon Queen?

"I..." Drake frowned as he truly didn't know whether it was the truth or not.

"It's probably true." Jade Sua interrupted, causing everyone's attention to turn to her.

"I put a formal request to head towards the Alstreim Family so that I can meet the Dragon Queen because I needed the Million Emerald Calamity Vines' Nectar to enter the Martial Sage Stage. The moment I heard about the heavenly resource, I couldn't let it go without doing anything. It was important to me, to my future."

"Even if the Dragon Queen ousted me without being granted an audience, I was prepared to try, but the Dual Lotus Abode rejected my request and specifically told me to stay and search for another method rather than to meet the Dragon Queen. If I don't listen, they low-key warned that they would expel me,

so I can only helplessly try other methods, but never in my life did I expect for the Dragon Queen's subordinate to come in search of me for the Forsaken Yin Lotus."

"Truly, the heavens do open a path when everything else is closed..." Jade Sua appeared to be moved as she cast a glance at Drake.

If not for him, she wouldn't have met Davis, who would bring her the treasure for her to enter the Martial Sage Stage. Her heart became filled with complex emotions as she stared at him. She had tried to enter the Martial Sage Stage so many times, but all of it had ended in failure. There wasn't a day that passed by where she didn't feel regret for her countless failures.

Davis inwardly became flabbergasted as he heard Jade Sua's speech. He didn't know so many things, but once he was outside, his horizons kept expanding.

He always felt why those fabled Dragon Families he had heard about didn't bother to visit the Alstreim Family to check if Dragon Queen Isabella was a real person or not. However, it looks like it wasn't that they didn't bother to visit the famed Dragon Queen, but they are already aware and seemed like wanting to display sincerity towards her by causing all the near mid-sized Territories to stay their hands, by protecting her from the shadows.

When Isabella came to learn of it, she might or would feel grateful.

However, he still felt confused. There was no need for them to wait, but if they did wait, then the likely answer was that they had hit a wall of some sort. He felt that they had a problem at their home or alliance, or they were unable to reach a consensus, like which Dragon Family should she belong to in the future...?

Likely, they investigated which family she had belonged to, but no one came forward to claim her as one of their own. Later, they decided to make her one of them, but they couldn't decide to which family she should belong to and so came to a consensus about something, like letting her choose for herself...?

Davis's brows furrowed as he didn't like the speculation he had derived from hearing all this information, but sure enough, for now, they seem to be just watching. Perhaps the moment Dragon Queen Isabella left the Alstreim Family would be when they would try to make contact with her!

Davis knew that this day would always come, but he just wondered why it didn't come sooner and why there was no sight of it? It turned out that they had their own plans for Isabella!

Besides, the Dragon Families probably hated lowering their pride to visit the Alstreim Family Territory, a country-side in their terms. Moreover, coming to get her from all the way would thicken Isabella's pride, so they were probably letting her play it out in the country-side for a while before making her know about the vastness of the cultivation world.

Davis inwardly snickered.

Unfortunately for them, by the time Isabella returns, she would probably be able to battle against Ninth Stage Powerhouses! Even if she can't fight all of them, she sure can hide by that point with a lot of Emperor Grade Treasures at her arsenal. However, if they wanted to get her, then they would have to get past him first.

'Well, thinking about all these is stupid considering she would be already my woman in body and soul by the time she returns...'

Davis just simply nodded his head after hearing Jade Sua's understanding, "I see. I'll be sure to relay this information."

"So you really are the Dragon Queen's subordinate..." Drake blinked in wonder before he let out a lewd smile, "Dude, you never said that you got yourself a sugar mommy? How can you hide this from me? I'm completely jealous now!"

Davis's lips twitched.

If anything, it was more like he was the sugar daddy instead. Nevertheless, he let the misunderstanding stay a misunderstanding.

While Kara and Jade Sua wondered what a sugar mommy meant, Davis continued.

"Alright, this information you provided was greatly helpful to me, Miss Jade Sua. I am willing to let you have the nectar first so that you can experience a breakthrough. You can then take on a mission that will allow you to complete the mission within a few hours or within a day with your newfound Martial Sage Stage prowess."

"This way, we all seek to gain what we want in a swift manner."

Jade Sua became taken aback before her expression became solemn, "Are you sure? I would not allow Drake to take responsibility for this trade because only I would be responsible."

Davis nodded his head, causing Jade Sua to smile as he cast a glance at Drake and Kara before turning to look at Davis.

"Thank you all..."

"Haha, no need to mention 'thanks' among us..." Drake laughed.

Kara also smiled as her gaze softened.

If it was said that she still held some misgivings for Drake to welcome Jade Sua as one of them, she no longer held them anymore as she didn't make use of him. At the least, she felt like she could accept her as her sister as she had done with his other five wives.

"Alright, you can take this canteen that contains the nectar. I'll be waiting here in this room for the Forsaken Yin Lotus, so don't disappoint me."

"I will not!" Jade Sua replied to Davis, her eyebrows shaping themselves solemnly, "If I don't fulfill my end of the bargain, you can send experts to kill me. I won't resist."

Davis became stunned, and so did Drake and Kara.

They did not expect her to be so blunt with words. However, they understood her meaning, that if she had somehow failed to fulfill her side of the deal, he was free to kill her and not find responsibility with Drake.

Davis understood that she was originally willing to carry her legs to the Alstreim Family to meet the Dragon Queen, so it made sense that she had a resolute will to carry out things.

However, he also mused that in all her time here in this Dual Lotus Abode, she could've never remained a pure woman for more than two hundred years without a resolute will like the one that chooses death over being shamed! Instead of serving or slavery as a punishment, she chose death!

Jade Sua took the canteen with a wave of her hand and stood up before giving him a cultivator's respect greeting as she clasped her hands.

"I'll make haste!"

She then turned around and left while Drake and Kara remained, their expressions a bit rattled.

"Davis, you won't truly kill her, would you?" Drake stared.

Davis chuckled, "Well, I won't kill her for you, but the responsibility is unavoidable in case if she can't obtain the Forsaken Yin Lotus for me, you understand?"

Drake took a deep breath before he nodded his head, "Alright. If she falls in a predicament like failing to breakthrough, then regardless of her will, I'll aid her in getting you the Forsaken Yin Lotus, so don't worry."

Davis nodded his head, "I'll give you a heads-up. To take such a risk, she already loves you. It is up to you to break the matter. If you let this chance go, perhaps you'll see her with another man once she is promoted and sent to the Dual Lotus Manor. I won't be helping you anymore."

Drake's eyes narrowed, "I understand..."

Chapter 1207 Dark Thunder Island

Darkness enshrouded the place as the surface of the sea appeared pitch-black. Lightning fell from the skies as they struck the waters and land. However, these bolts of lightning seemed to be shining black as they struck the land with an unending might, leaving a blackish-scorched mark every time they grazed the air and the land.

The land seemed to be enshrouded in a kind of grey fog, making one's path unclear.

Davis, Nadia, and Sophie finally reached the Dark Thunder Island. He stood on the flying boat's deck as he sensed the familiar might that belonged to Lightning Laws, the energy of extinction lightning!

He raised his hand and drew a symbol above him. It abruptly glowed, causing the dark clouds above to react!

Rumble!~

Thunder resounded, and black lightning flashed as a dozen bolts landed on Davis as it struck him!

Boom!~

Boom!~

Boom!~

Black lightning kept striking him into oblivion amidst Sophie and Nadia's dumbfounded gaze. Looking at Davis not doing anything but receiving the black lightning strikes with his body as arcs of black lightning swelled around him, they felt a momentary chill as Sophie began to scream in worry.

"What are you doing!? Defend!...?"

She shouted, but only after a second later did she realize that he was instead experiencing the 'black lightning' as he appeared carefree and unharmed under their continuous barrage.

"Oh..." She pursed her lips as she felt stupid for a moment, realizing that he had used that so-called Spirit Formation: Lightning Rain to attract these lightning bolts so that he can start comprehending Lightning Laws.

However, there was no need to start this soon, right? They haven't even disembarked out of their flying boat yet.

Davis spread his hands as he welcomed the black lightning into his body as it struck him without a stop. The moment those black lightning bolts fell on his head, shoulders, and other places on his body, it tried to invade his pores and meridians, but it was quickly withheld and stopped by his own essence energy from doing damage to his body.

He dared to do something like this because these black lightning bolts were just at the sixth stage, easier for him to keep it under control and to obstruct it from causing damage to his body. In fact, even seventh stage lightning would fail to cause much damage unless it was at peak-level because of his Martial Master Stage Cultivation.

Nevertheless, for beginners like him, this was just perfect.

He took a deep breath as he began to comprehend while basked in these numerous bolts of black lightning. The moment he came here, he became assured that this environment filled with black lightning would definitely help his comprehension improve by leaps and bounds.

From Level Four Intent to Level Five Intent.

Even just staying here made him feel that he was going to breakthrough in a few weeks or within a month as comprehension welled up within him, so when he decided to instantly use the opportunity, he didn't hesitate and drew a Spirit Formation above him to attract the black bolts of extinction lightning!

When the first extinction lightning hit him, he instantly curbed its berserk energy and began to feel what the 'extinction' was with his own body as his comprehension began to resonate with heaven and earth. Obliterating the rampaging will of the heaven and earth's lightning energy that attacked him, a wisp of lightning energy was left, which he brought to his dantian from the meridian pathways and began to perceive its inscrutability.

His comprehension of 'extinction' began to swell as numerous black lightning continued to strike his body. The thundershower that fell on him seemed unending, and unless the Spirit Formation: Lightning Rain faded away, the raining black lightning wouldn't stop at all.

Moreover, these kinds of energy wisps refined from these berserk lightning bolts also helped his Essence Gathering Cultivation increase, causing him to smile in satisfaction.

Looking at Davis's smile, Sophie's lips twitched.

Others would stay clear of these lightning bolts, especially the extinction lightning, as destroying it would take more energy than the norm. However, Davis did exactly the opposite. She could understand basking in lightning to comprehend as long as it was one or a few bolts, but to take this many at once seemed nothing more than suicidal.

Nevertheless...

'Davis couldn't be measured by my current common sense...' She kept telling that to herself.

The flying boat came to a stop at the edge of the Dark Thunder Island. They hadn't even entered and was just floating by the shore while Davis entered a comprehension state. They stayed like that for half an hour. Hundreds and thousands of lightning bolt fell on Davis before his eyes shot wide open as the Spirit Formation above his head faded away.

The heaven and earth energy resonated along with him as essence energy surged out of him before rumbling into arcs of black lightning that seemed immensely powerful and deadly!

"Level Five Intent..." Davis's smile left his face as he took a deep breath once again.

It could be said that any remnant comprehension of Lightning Laws Davis had from the Derelict Extinction Lighting was completely incorporated into his understanding, making him comprehend Level Five Intent!

The Derelict Extinction Lightning was a Low-Level King Grade Lightning Elemental, and by all right, it should've granted him comprehension till Level Seven Intent. However, it didn't, mostly because he had exterminated its Will and forcefully absorbed it.

When he had absorbed it, it allowed him to comprehend Level Three Intent and Level Four Intent. His starting point was low, so the maximum he could comprehend and gain from it was also low. If he was at Level Five Intent when he absorbed it, he could've at least reached Level Six Intent, but now, with reaching Level Five Intent, the remnant comprehension was fully digested.

Of course, if its Will were alive like Starcy's, the Derelict Extinction Lightning would still aid him, but it had already died, making it so that he could not actively comprehend Lightning Laws from it, making it so that he could only rely on what he perceived at the time of absorption. That is why Sophie became unable to hold herself back and asked Davis to give the Purple Star Flame to her.

The way Starcy was now, she would help Sophie reach Level Seven Intent without fail in a few years.

Nonetheless, Davis's essence energy capacity was reduced to twenty percent from enduring all those black extinction lightning with his bare body. In fact, it was reduced to twenty percent when the lightning bolts that hit him were about eight thousand, and after that, he relied on his body's natural defense and martial energy to curb the berserk will of the black lightning bolts.

Otherwise, he would've been fried to a crisp. That's why many others couldn't use this method because their Body Tempering Cultivation wouldn't be extraordinary compared to their Essence Gathering Cultivation. As far as Davis knew, they weren't like him or Isabella or Evelyn.

Davis stared at Sophie as his lips moved, "Luckily, the time it took for me to refine and improve the Crystallized Flame Bead was the same as the time you took to reach the Dark Thunder Island."

He threw a crimson bead to Sophie, which she caught with her palm. She glanced at it and saw that it possessed immense fire energy engraved by numerous patterns. It was already at the Mid-Level Emperor Grade, making her heart rapidly beat in turmoil.

The resource in her hand was extremely rare, so rare that she understood that it would sell for more than a few million Peak-Level Spirit Stones. Such a thing was given to her without any hesitation. There was a huge ripple in her heart, but abruptly, there was a ripple in her dantian as well.

"Master! What is this!? It smells tasty! I want it!" A string of passionate words fell on her soul, causing her lips to reveal a smirk.

Starcy seemed to be eager to devour the flames from the Crystallized Flame Bead, while Sophie was reassured that this resource would allow her to feed Starcy till she becomes a Low-Level Emperor Grade Flame Essence.

It would be a direct increase in stage, and all she had to do was feed her for a few months at best! Sophie became incredibly excited as she flew towards Davis and wrapped her arms around his neck, tightly embracing him as she stayed like that for a while. The emotions she felt couldn't be described as it rocked her heart greatly, knowing that it would be fine even if she died unfortunately while being struck by a bolt of stray lightning.

Her satisfaction was high that she couldn't help but imagine!

Davis smiled as he wrapped his arms around her waist, thinking of taking a few advantages as he caressed her soft waist.

He had refined the blood essence of one Mid-Level and three High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Apes to improve the Crystallized Flame Bead to the low quality of Mid-Level Emperor Grade. The second time he refined the blood essence, he found that it became easier to condense blood essence because his proficiency was increasing, and he knew what to do and how to proceed for the subsequent refinements, causing the time needed to drastically lessen.

Nevertheless, he still knew that refining those two Peak-Level King Beast Stage Carcasses was practically impossible unless he entered the King Soul Stage or improved his soul prowess. He had felt killing himself when he refined the three High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Ape Carcasses. It was that difficult for him to expend his soul force, causing him to become exhausted before he recovered it by refining soul essences again.

He continued this cycle four times before he managed to improve the Crystallized Flame Bead.

At the same time, his gaze fell on Nadia.

During this time, Nadia had eaten the remaining High-Level King Beast Stage Scorched-Crystal Crimson Ape Carcasses. Her aura was no longer at the Mid-Level King Beast Stage but at the High-Level King Beast Stage! Just by devouring that much meat, she had stepped into the High-Level King Beast Stage without facing any problem.

Chapter 1208 It's A Fantasy Come True!

While Davis stared at Nadia, she did the same. She had a look of askance, wondering why he was looking at her while embracing his fourth mistress.

Did she have something on her face?

Indeed, she was an extreme beauty whose facial features were almost perfect, but Davis wasn't thinking of that while looking at her, but instead, he was wondering if her prowess had reached the Ninth Stage!

However, he felt that it was unlikely unless she stood at the cultivation base of Peak-Level King Beast Stage. After all, the gap seemed to just get wider and wider, but what did King-Tier stand for?

Does it absolutely allow to cross levels by two times regardless of the stage, or was it like humans just increasing their prowess by two times? Davis felt that although King-Tier's ability in crossing levels applies to levels, it surely does not apply to stages.

For example, although he now may be able to fight a stage higher in Essence Gathering Cultivation, it wouldn't be the same once he reached the Law Dominion Stage. The number of levels he could surpass would take a hit unless he managed to conjure a high-level domain, increasing his prowess at that stage.

However, for a King-Tier Magical Beast, whether if it was Earth Rank Species Magical Beast or an Emperor Rank Species Magical Beast, it would be able to fight two levels above its current cultivation base regardless, but when it comes to stages, it does not apply.

Therefore, although Nadia could easily outwit Low-Level Ninth Stage Powerhouses with her concealment, she could not defeat or even injure them at this point in time unless she had the chance to strike at their weakness or at their weak moments.

Thinking of Ninth Stage, Davis frowned, but he then put a smile on his face before separating from Sophie.

"Sophie, do you think Emperor Rank Species Magical Beast exists in the Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago?"

Sophie blinked, wondering why he suddenly brought this, but her lips moved as she didn't hesitate to answer, "Well, this is something that I heard from hearsay and asked my grandfather since I felt curious. He said that Emperor Rank Species Magical Beasts did exist here, but it was something about even before the Alstreim Family was founded. It seemed that they were all exterminated by the Infernal Lightning Palace and the other powers who came here to plunder the resources here."

"Oh... So it wasn't only the Alstreim Family who was subjected to this kind of bullying..." Davis finally understood.

Likely, the Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago was the same as Peak-Level Spirit Stone Mines. The resources that probably acted as a source, generating Emperor Grade Resources, were all taken away when the fog split apart the land, splitting it into Fifty-Two Territories!

And when every five hundred years passes, new Emperor Grade Resources would've been born in the Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago, and it would be ripe for the taking, making the other peak powers move while ignoring the hegemon so as not to attract the giants of the righteous path.

When he thought of it this way, apparently, leaving a few Peak-Level Spirit Stone Mines in small Territories and banning it from being plundered by all cultivators of the righteous path and a few understanding magical beast powers was nothing but an act of mercy in the giants' eyes.

'If even the Peak-Level Spirit Stone Cores that act as sources are taken away, then the small Territories would become worse than country-side, becoming desolate and weak like the current Tripartite Alliance Territory.'

The only reason why Eighth Stage Experts weren't present in the Tripartite Alliance Territory was because of the decree announced by the three nearby ruling hegemony, and the only reason why the Ninth Stage Powerhouses weren't present there and tried to usurp the control of the Territory was because of the absence of Emperor Grade Resources.

Where there are peak resources present, peak powers shall naturally be present.

'So this is the reason why the Infernal Lightning Palace doesn't want this Territory. Instead, they have taken a mid-sized Territory for larger space while having better resources at their reach. As for this far away Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago, they would probably send one or two Ninth Stage Powerhouses along with Eighth Stage Experts to collect the resources that have grown in the last five hundred years.'

Davis felt that everything about Alstreim Family's silence about the Infernal Lightning Palace fell into place as it now made sense. They were an enemy whom they could not declare as an enemy, and it wasn't their problem as the Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago never truly belonged to them as it was being plundered even before they had established themselves.

"Indeed, letting no one know about the situation in the Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago and maintaining their reputation is the wiser move..." Davis nodded his head.

"What...?" Sophie became confused.

"Ah, nothing. I was just thinking about Ninth Stage Powerhouses, that's all."

Davis shrugged before he took control of the flying boat, riding it towards a mountain peak that was enshrouded by grey fog. It made no difference where he landed since the Dark Thunder Island's entirety seemed to be covered in grey fog from his view, so he felt that it was better if he took the high ground.

He surveyed the grey fog and saw that his soul force wasn't impeded. He tried using his essence energy and martial energy and perceived that it was the same. The grey fog had no effects on his energy, nor did it serve to deeply obstruct his eyesight. It seemed to be just a byproduct of the extinction lightning that fell here all second, all day long, seemingly not harmful at all.

Davis furrowed his brows in suspicion.

"Sophie, do you think or know if this grey fog is harmful...?"

Sophie shook her head, "No, it's just harmful to cultivators who haven't reached the Gold Stage yet."

"Mhm? Gold Stage?"

"Yes, Gold Stage because this grey fog is extremely dangerous when it is breathed in before it manages to seep through your bones, tainting your bone marrow while making it rot. Fortunately, with the nectar you gave me, I advanced into the Gold Stage, so I would not be harmed here even if my energy becomes nil because my natural body's defense has effectively made the grey fog harmless."

"However, I would not survive in the inner region where the grey fog's potency is much greater than the grey fog here. Nevertheless, for you, you would be fine even in the core region, but of course, you would be taken down by ninth stage extinction bolts of lightning instead, so I wouldn't recommend."

Sophie uttered while Davis saw her brain expand like a balloon in an imaginary manner. He bowed and gestured a cultivator's greeting.

"I understand, your majesty!"

Sophie flushed red, "Don't tease me!"

"Ahaha!" Davis laughed as he turned to look at Nadia.

"Nadia, don't conceal your undulations. Make it blaze so that no magical beasts dare to disturb us anymore. My targets aren't magical beasts anymore but the comprehension of the soul and Lightning Laws, so use your doppelganger to stay here with Sophie while you come with me to protect both of us at the same time."

"Yes!" Nadia's lips possessed a wide smile.

"What...? But... I..." Sophie looked crestfallen.

Davis knew that she wanted to say that she would come with him, but he digressed.

"Sophie, I understand your feelings..." He spoke in a soft tone, "But staying here while beginning to comprehend Fire Laws through Starcy will help you tremendously in re-manifesting your Law Manifestation than sticking with me at this moment. Nadia's doppelganger will protect you during this time, so be my sweet wife and wait for me, okay?"

"Yes..."

Sophie appeared to have melted from affection as she lowered her head. She raised her head a moment later and looked determined.

"I won't disappoint you!"

Davis smiled profoundly as he grasped her chin, "I like strong women, but it's not like I dislike women who listen to me either."

He leaned as his lips pressed on hers, giving her a parting gift.

"Alright, wish me luck."

"Mhm... Please take care of yourself and don't overdo it."

Davis grinned widely as he bowed, "As you wish, your majesty."

Whoosh!~

He disappeared into thin air along with Nadia, causing Sophie to not let out her retort as it got stuck in her throat. She closed her agape lips and smiled, 'Why are you so good to me? It's almost like a fantasy....'

She blinked before she shook her head.

'It's a fantasy come true!'

Sophie smiled as she looked around. Finding herself a good spot on the mountain peak, she brought out a wooden house similar to what Davis summoned out of his spatial ring. Any elites planning to head towards the Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago will bring these types of abodes with them as they wouldn't be able to find a cultivation cave or too lazy to create one for themselves.

She wasn't surprised.

Soon, after informing Nadia that she was going to seclude herself to perceive Fire Laws, she entered a room and sat crossed-leg on the bed. She took out the Crystallized Flame Bead as she held it in her palm, feeling its heat trying to enter her pores.

"Master!~"

Sophie could feel the excitement in Starcy's childish voice. She smiled before she spoke, "Go ahead and absorb it."

Whoosh!~

Starcy appeared out from Sophie's dantian as her purple flames soared. Her flame body appeared and directly engulfed the Crystallized Flame Bead as she began to devour its energy! In just an instant, Starcy's energy began to rise as if it had been fed some vigor pills.

"Yes, keep absorbing its energy just like that until you achieve a breakthrough. We need to become stronger for me, for yourself, and most importantly for him!"

Sophie's expression bloomed into a delirious smile as she saw a bright future ahead of her. All that remained was to grasp it and never let it go! Such a simple matter, but she mused that it was the most challenging task to do!

Chapter 1209 No Lightning Elemental In The Inner Region?

Davis mounted Nadia as they headed deep into the Dark Thunder Island. He felt bad for leaving Sophie out there, but he felt that this was the best way to maximize efficiency. While Starcy grew from devouring the massive fire energy present within the Crystallized Flame Bead, Sophie would begin to comprehend from the source, practically comprehending Fire Laws from Starcy at the moment of her breakthroughs.

That's when the resonance of heaven and earth energy would be strong, and if Sophie managed to grasp it, she would enter a deep meditative state and come to possess a chance at easily comprehending the next level. That was the difference between having a Will-less Spirit Attribute Source and a Spirit Attribute Source with a Will.

It made up for a ton of difference!

"Now, if only I luckily met an Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental, how good would it be?" Davis loudly mused as if asking Nadia.

"Everything in this world is master's!"

Davis became taken aback by Nadia's reply before he laughed, "Hahaha! You really think that way? Makes me happy to hear that..."

As Nadia smoothly flew through the air as she flapped her thirty-meter long, spanning dark wings and stepped on mid-air as ripples of darkness flowed, they finally reached the inner region in a mere five minutes. Davis saw many yin-attributed, dark-attributed, lightning-attributed magical beasts along with a few resources like natural ingredients at the Earth Grade, but all of that made him uninterested.

The magical beasts themselves feared Nadia's terrifying undulations, so they didn't try to near them either.

It was a smooth journey for Davis and Nadia as they arrived at the inner region's periphery. Here, the grey fog became thicker as it began to obstruct their view a bit, but it posed no threat to the both of them as it wasn't able to forcefully enter their pores or enter through their nasal cavity or other orifices as they disintegrate upon meeting with impenetrable flesh.

Davis searched around for a while as they progressed, even going as far as to use soul sense in a hundred-meter radius. Still, he was unable to sense an Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental anywhere in this grey fog, much less spot one. The black extinction lightning that fell on his soul sense with a destructive will was impeded by his soul.

It actually held against the extinction lightning as if it had resistance against it, and Davis wondered if it was because of the tempering he had received when absorbing those two Lightning Elemental with the extinction property.

In fact, he didn't wonder but felt that was the case. His soul had probably gained resistance towards these black extinction lightning.

'No wonder I was able to endure against so many lightning bolts without my soul feeling a thing... Well, that makes sense, and most likely, in regards to an Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental, I would only be able to meet one within the core region or at the very end of the inner region...'

Davis mused as he decided on something.

However, his brows narrowed as he suddenly spotted a sparkling ingredient on top of a peak, seemingly protected by a magical beast.

"Nadia, you think you can-"

"Scram!!!" Nadia's voice bellowed as waves and waves of dark energy was emitted by her voice.

The Peak-Level Lord Beast Stage occupying the territory and protecting the resource for its own use had its fur turn into spikes as it stood on end in fear. The next moment, even without turning to look at Nadia, it ran away with its tail between its legs at hundred and twenty percent speed, each step leaving behind a trail of scorched marks on the hilltop.

Davis saw the leopard-like lightning-attributed magical beast retreat without a fight as he smiled at Nadia's understanding of him. It was like she knew what he was going to do before he even fully instructed her.

Could it be that even his intent was being fed to her because of the magical beast taming pact?

He mused before he glanced at the sparkling ingredient as Nadia took him to its location. Davis dismounted her before he moved to stand in front of it. The herb appeared to be crystal-shaped, appearing like a prism as it reflected sparkling strands of lightning.

"Prismatic Lightning Arc Herb... A Peak-Level King Grade Ingredient that's useful for one's soul in various ways. To think I would find it in this place where the level of extinction lightning is high..."

Davis shook his head as he bent down to collect it. He harvested it before returning to mount above Nadia.

He didn't know about this herb from his alchemy knowledge he learned, but from a few of the Pill Recipes, he had from Old Man Garvin. Supposedly, one of the Pill Recipe it is used in makes a user of the Supreme Soul Stage enter a strange state where they come to comprehend more about the comprehension of the soul as they resonate with the heaven and earth energy.

Coincidentally, he already had the other main ingredient required to create this pill, making him doubt his luck again. This Pill Recipe was one of the few rare ones requiring a less amount of ingredients, just two main ingredients, but both were Peak-Level King Grade Ingredients.

The other main ingredient was the Great Sky Orchid he received as a gift from the Alstreim Family elites. They sure did have some good stuff but was unable to use it or know its significance due to their ignorance. Even he wouldn't have been interested in the Prismatic Lightning Arc Herb if it weren't the case.

Davis had received so many ingredients as gifts from that time.

The Ivy Redwood Silk, Tempestuous Mist Flower Shard, Great Sky Orchid, Cherry Mantled Lingzhi, Evergreen Tide Dark-Stone, Jade Thorn Bamboo, and Disguised Golden Leaf. All of these ingredients were at Peak-Level King Grade, not to mention that there were tens of lower-level ones.

He had planned on using all these for his alchemy training, but never did he have the chance to work on it due to certain constraints. Additionally, the danger he felt also made him think twice about concentrating on supplementary professions.

Nevertheless, as for the secondary ingredients, out of the four, he lacked only one, and it was a Low-Level King Grade Herb. But luck would have it that he precisely saw that on his way here. He smiled as he returned back to the place with Nadia before managing to collect it.

"Oh well, might as well pick up some goodies at King Grade as I search for an Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental." Davis snickered as he continued his search.

As for concocting the pill, he planned to do it a bit later after trying his unending luck.

"Wait, isn't that the Ebbing Cedar Lightning Wood...? It is! It's mine!"

"Okay... why do I sense my soul sense being impeded a little...? Heck, isn't that supposed to be Soul Impeding Thunder Stone!? This should be useful to suppress all soul sense below Supreme Soul Stage!"

"Nadia, we searched for seven hours already... We collected so many ingredients at King Grade, but we have yet to encounter a single Lightning Elemental. This is just too much..."

Davis poured out his worries as he simply lay on her, burrowing her face in her fur coat over her neck. He was truly beginning to think that his luck was so good rather than bad, so why was he unable to meet one single Lightning Elemental then?

He felt that it was fine even if he met a single Earth Grade Lightning Elemental, even if it was not useful to him, but he did not meet a single one even though he felt like he had almost mapped out the entire inner region.

"Master..."

Nadia's voice resounded.

Davis heard it, and he was about to respond when he noticed her strange tone. He raised his head, and his eyes widened as he saw a lightning ball dance through the air in the distance. It appeared like a globular bolt, making the air near it tremble from the pure force as it swayed in the air.

Its crackling lightning made a tune as if it was melancholically dancing in this island before leaving towards another obscured space.

It was just a brief glimpse amidst the grey fog, but Davis didn't miss it with the help of Nadia's timely warning. His wide eyes trembled as his lips turned into a wide smile!

'Jackpot!!! That's a Mid-Level Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental!!!' Davis inwardly screamed in excitement as he almost jumped when he sensed its strength.

Moreover, its lightning body was pitch black in color, indicating that it was probably the evolution of Derelict Extinction Lightning or some similar Lightning Elemental! All he knew was that it was surely extinction lightning as he found it to be familiar!

"Quick, Nadia! Follow it!" Davis urged.

However, the next second, he became taken aback.

He knew that Nadia wouldn't waste a second as she always moved before he finished his words, understanding his intent. But, instead of advancing, he felt like she had moved backward. It was almost as if she was retreating.

"Nadia...?"

"Danger...!" Nadia slowly retreated as she growled, her fangs exposed for whatever there was outside amidst the grey fog to see.

Davis narrowed his eyes as his heart tightened. For Nadia to feel danger, the unknown must be extremely powerful. He kept his senses wide open for a while before he suddenly managed to catch a glimpse of a humanoid-shaped silhouette.

The silhouette looked as if it was carrying another humanoid-shaped silhouette, followed by another humanoid-shaped silhouette as they floated in the air.

'Magical Beasts...?'

Davis confusingly mused as he saw them briefly come out of the grey fog, but abruptly, it appeared as if they, all three of them, were traveling on a tiny flying boat as they headed in the same direction the Mid-Level Emperor Grade Lightning Elemental left towards.

At that moment, their facial features became visible.

A handsome man with viridian eyes and long hair stood on the pier holding a black-haired woman in his arms, looking as if she was asleep. Behind them was a charming woman with the same viridian eyes and long hair as the man, but contrary to him, she did not have long furry ears and a viridian tail. All three of them seemed to wear the same green robes.

Davis remained silent, but both the man and the woman who was awake on the flying boat cast a look at him when suddenly an incredible pressure landed on him and Nadia, locking them in place while Davis's eyes went wide in shock as his scalp turned numb!

'Two Ninth Stage Powerhouses!!!?'

Chapter 1210 Everything Below Is Trivial

"Holy shit!? Two Ninth Stage Powerhouses?"

At the same time, the Solitary Soul Avatar, who sat in a particular room in Drake's Abode, had his eyes shot wide open as he stood up in shock. His expression became solemn for a few moments before he relaxed.

He knew what the main body saw, heard, and knew, with only a bit of delay as there was a wide distancing separating them. That's why he had previously known that it was sacrificing the main body's soul essence caused the main body to faint.

Knock~

Davis abruptly heard a knock on the door as he jerked. He was concentrating on the other side, so he instinctively thought it was those Ninth Stage Powerhouses who just knocked just now.

Knock~

A few moments passed as a knock echoed again.

Davis relaxed and walked towards the door before he waved it open. A beautiful veiled figure stood before him while being draped in exquisite Dual Lotus Abode's core disciple blue robes.

"Miss Jade, you're back so soon? It's been about seven hours since you left, but I recall that I gave you a day or so...?"

Davis became confused.

Why was Jade Sua back so early? It couldn't be that she broke through to the Martial Sage Stage, finished a mission, and collected the Forsaken Yin Lotus before appearing here in just these few hours, could it?

He imperceptibly frowned, 'It couldn't be that she wants to back out of this deal, right?'

He couldn't think of any reason that she would do so unless she was a god-like deceiver. He knew he had a good eye for perceiving people's character but forgetting that fact, almost nothing could deceive his Heart Intent as long as they weren't higher in Soul Forging Cultivation than him. He felt that Jade Sua wasn't such a character.

Jade Sua raised both of her hands, and a jade container appeared on her palm out of thin air.

Davis's eyes went wide, "Is this...?"

"Yes. You showed me sincerity, and it is only right that I reciprocate."

Davis glanced at her smiling eyes before he returned his gaze to the jade container. He took it and saw it was embedded with numerous patterns that seemingly sealed whatever remained inside, serving a lot of purposes like not letting its energy or harmful effects leak.

Davis gulped as he opened the jade container, telling himself that it better be the Forsaken Yin Lotus and not some phony poison. The moment the lid came off, an icy sensation quickly spread to his fingers, but it was unable to freeze him.

Davis stopped for a moment as he mused, 'Damn, this icy energy is capable of freezing Fourth Stage Experts to death the moment they came into contact with its icy energy without a doubt...'

The Forsaken Yin Lotus Manual was not a requirement at the early stages. That's why Natalya could cultivate in it without a problem. Well, it was only until the Law Dominion Stage at best.

He fully opened the jade container and saw an icy white and sapphire petaled lotus that seemed to be hovering inside the jade container. It appeared to be entrancing and made the atmosphere chill, but both he and Jade Sua remained unaffected. He saw that it had no Will, or perhaps its Will had already been eradicated.

He didn't bother anymore and closed the jade container before looking at Jade Sua, "Thanks, much appreciated."

"Fortunately, I found a comparatively easy mission that required me to kill a Lord Beast Stage Magical Beast that was terrorizing the local populace to the north-west." Jade Sua smiled, "It took me some time to search for it, but I was able to make it stop terrorizing the towns by ending its life within two hours."

Davis narrowed his eyes. He didn't look closely at first, but now that he took another look, he saw that her forehead bore a bit of moisture, while her clothes seemed roughened up a bit. He instantly mused that as soon as she killed that magical beast, she returned and got the Forsaken Yin Lotus for him, to keep her word and protect her reputation.

'This woman is really playing life at the hardcore difficulty level...'

But it made sense, considering that she could remain a virgin for so many years.

"So you didn't enter the Martial Sage Stage yet..." Davis pursed his lips, "Makes sense considering that there is no spill of martial energy from your mid dantian. Your foundation is still stable."

"Yes, I am now on my way to seclude myself for a hopeful endeavor. Therefore, I hope the resource we traded me would help me achieve what I failed to reach for over fifty years. I am grateful to you and the Dragon Queen for this transaction. Please relay my humble words to her esteemed self."

Davis chuckled on hearing her polite words, "Sure!"

"However, remember to not leak a single word about my background, nor the nectar. I'm saying this for your own good, as well as for Drake's safety."

"Don't worry, I won't." Jade Sua's voice became solemn, "Moreover, we already swore in front of you."

Davis smiled, but he didn't say anything. Swearing wasn't much of a bind at higher stages unless their way of life depended on the reason. This became apparent after his soul forging cultivation grew by a large margin. Soon, even Old Man Garvin's Blood Soul Contract would lose its bind on him. He could feel it as he grew stronger.

At this moment, Drake appeared by the end of the hallway.

Davis waved his hand, and all the things he kept within the hall ended up in his spatial ring.

"Alright, I'm leaving as my work is done here."

"You are!?" Drake appeared taken aback before his eyes shone, "I see. Well then, we'll see you next time."

"Maybe..." Davis shrugged as he walked towards him, "Perhaps you'll be all at the Dual Lotus Manor by that time, possibly together with..."

He shot a smiling glance at Jade Sua, but he saw her eyes swiftly avoid them before he arrived before Drake and patted his shoulders twice. He left the hallway as he left them standing there, letting them enjoy the awkward atmosphere he had purposefully created while he inwardly snickered.

Once he came out, he mused Drake would be sweating buckets in nervousness. However, never did he know that this purposeful prank of his playfulness lit a spark to their relationship. Nevertheless, by that time, he had already exited the Dual Lotus Abode and went far away amidst the gazes of the watchful guards.

However, that was a ruse. He hid in a nearby mountain region that had a particular name.

"Oh well. I waited for that shit over a month, but it seems like he's still enjoying a debauchorous king's life in his abode. It's time to drag him out!"

Davis sat on a mountain peak as he waited.

An hour, two, four... eight hours passed. During this time, he wasn't hasty and instead concentrated on digesting the remaining content he learned in Passion Library. There was just too much to ponder on, not to mention that each concept and topic invoked the 'man of culture' in him.

At this moment, a flying boat seemed to be passing by here. On it, a red-robed man with two women by his side became visible to Davis's eyes. They possessed haughty looks in their eyes, seemingly looking down on everything they passed by as the flying boat flew through the air.

There was a town nearby, so Davis could understand their haughtiness as he mused that they had just met some plebeians. Nevertheless, he raised his hand and waved.

The three of them caught sight of them as they seemed to be taken aback. The man then scornfully looked at Davis before he looked elsewhere. However, a voice fell on his ears.

"Maurn Cunt! Obediently give me your entire wealth like the greedy whore you are..."

Maurn Clint's anger shot up as his essence energy flared, but it suddenly died down before he moved the flying boat towards Davis's direction. However...

"Do you want to die!? How dare you!?"

"Nameless cultivator, I won't bother asking your name for this sin you just committed is heavier than your life. You must die!"

Both the cyan-robed women, who seemed to be like inner disciples, took out two shining silver daggers in each of their hands as they pointed at him. They appeared to be unaware of Maurn Clint's strange state as they turned hostile towards Davis.

Davis's eyes flashed red in an apathetic manner before his lips moved, "As for you two, once Maurn Clint leaves, go poison the women who betrayed their partner to be with him to death before killing yourselves."

The two women's eyes became dull before they kept their swords back in, their knees hitting the surface of the deck.

"As you command, master..."

The flying boat arrived near Davis, and Maurn Clint bowed as he presented his spatial ring to Davis in a submissive manner. Davis felt that this reality was out of place, but it couldn't be any more real, any easier.

He swiped the spatial ring from Maurn Clint's hand and bound it to himself before removing all tracking objects as he threw it on the flying boat.

"Store them all. Go find a King Beast Stage Magical Beast towards the south and attack its buttocks. After that, you must do nothing but watch it smash your body apart to smithereens, understand?"

"Yes, master..." Maurn Clint dully replied before his hand jerked while the treasures nearby all ended up in his secondary spatial ring.

"Good, all of you leave to do as instructed!"

"Yes..."

They dully replied before Maurn Clint left in the flying boat he stood on while the two beauties flew back to the direction they came from, towards the North West Dual Lotus Abode.

Davis watched them leave for a few minutes as their silhouettes finally disappeared from his eyes. He blinked, feeling a bit distanced from reality even though he experienced this feeling many times.

'Fallen Heaven almost makes everything below my cultivation base a trivial matter...'

He shook his head and left.

Davis saw the spatial ring before he felt that he had already wasted enough time. He decided to look at its content later since he was already delayed by a month. In any case, he ordered Maurn Clint through Fallen Heaven to put every single one of his valuables in his spatial ring.

He headed east, making his way towards the far end of this Territory before he arrived at the Territory Gate after some time, seemingly looking at it in glee.

'Burning Phoenix Ridge...'

His eyes shone with anticipation as he took a step forward that looked utterly momentous!

"Here I come, Shir-"

Davis's eyes suddenly went wide while his entire body froze. He jerked out of his reverie as his expression twisted.

The connection he had with the main body was abruptly severed!