

EMPEROR 741

Chapter 741 The Source Of The Lake

Once Davis arrived at this space, he didn't use his soul sense to quickly but slowly survey the area. He was somewhat wary of this place as it possessed a heavily repressive atmosphere, especially he could feel this pressure on his soul.

Davis narrowed his eyes in response to the scenery he saw with this soul sense! Although the atmosphere here was oppressive, it didn't affect his soul sense much as he freely yet slowly surveyed the area.

The lake was the most promising and eerie point in this place, so he concentrated his senses on that. It was deep blue in color and opaque. Hence he couldn't see anything but could sense.

A strand of soul sense sank into the lake, and he instantly felt a chill on the back of his mind! He quickly severed the soul sense that sank into the lake!

However, nothing happened at the next moment. He felt that something would happen, so he did not wait and unhesitatingly severed the strand of soul sense that sank in the small lake.

Recognizing that nothing happened, he heaved a sigh. He pushed his new strand of soul sense into the lake again and experienced a deep chill in his mind, but this time, he didn't sever it. He further plunged the strand of soul sense, surveyed the lake, and surveyed the lake's size by sliding over its surface.

The lake was no more than fifty meters in diameter, but the depth remained unknown to him as he was still making his way downwards. The strand of soul sense he sent was incredibly slow at this point. He was not doing it on purpose, but it was slowed down by the lake's effects.

By this time, it became evident that this lake was the culprit that produced the white fog that suppressed one's soul.

Furthermore...

'Yin?' Davis pursed his lips as he finally discovered the attribute of the lake. He initially thought that it was Ice, but contrary to his expectations, it was Yin!

'Yin heavily suppresses the soul... I should've known...' Davis mused as he mocked himself, but he couldn't be blamed because he had even read records of how some types of flames could suppress the soul.

He extended a few more strands of soul sense into the lake from the main strand and sent it out in multiple directions.

As the strands of soul sense were making its way in each direction, time passed.

Ten minutes passed.

At this moment, he had only managed to reach a depth of thirty meters, and he could see that the more he descended, the more it affected the speed of his soul sense.

Davis kept musing what he would find here...

However, his expression abruptly froze as he found one of the vines! Unlike the vines present above, it glowed deep blue as if it were painted by the yin nature of the deep blue lake!

His eyes that froze wondered what it was doing here...

'Could it be that lifeform's true body is below this yin attributed lake?' Davis became cautious, but this discovery didn't stop him from his search.

He was well aware that he would probably have to sacrifice his soul essence to Fallen Heaven to kill this lifeform, but he could also be wrong in any case. With a half-hearted reasoning and determined gaze, Davis continued to investigate.

By this time, Nadia had already cleared an escape route and reported it to Davis. She stood by him, watching his actions in confusion. However, she had no idea what was happening or about to happen!

Unlike Davis, she was ultimately not in the know, and he didn't bother to tell her either.

Another twenty minutes passed, and by this time, Davis had reached the fifty-meter mark in the depth of the lake.

Nadia felt worried as she looked at Davis's expression. She couldn't understand how he would become like this just by holding a vein.

Davis's expression had already visibly contorted as he could no longer take the chillness that invaded his soul anymore!

It was somewhat even painful!

However, he didn't want to give up!

Taking a deep breath, he invoked Fallen Heaven's white tendrils and used its pure and healing power to encase his entire soul sea. The next moment, the chill disappeared while he felt comfortable, calm, and relaxed.

Davis became pleasantly astonished.

The pure white aura even painted his soul sense as it became lively and powerful. His soul sense became no longer impeded by the yin attribute that caused it to become slow.

He felt that he should've used this from the start, but he noticed that his soul force was being rapidly drained to support such a long-distance soul sense that was two hundred kilometers into the ground.

He didn't dare delay and continued to explore the deep blue lake.

It quickly sank further, but after reaching a few meters deep in mere few seconds, Davis hung his mouth agape as he saw the vision provided by his soul sense!

The surroundings radiated a mysterious azure as if it were seen through a sapphire pearl. The glow radiated, especially strongly at the center, but he could make out the outline of a small candle flame swaying along with the deeply still lake.

"..."

Davis went flabbergasted before his lips twitched. He didn't think his luck, or rather... Natalya's luck would be this impressive!

'A Yin Essence...' Davis's eyelids trembled as he could make out its level!

'A Low-Level Emperor Grade Yin Essence...'

This Spirit Attribute Source is something that is directly a stage above the Derelict Extinction Lightning! And not only was it at a stage higher, but it was also even rarer than the normal Spirit Attribute Sources one could find in the Fifty-Two Territories!

The Yin Essence's presence made him tremble in the level of the soul!

The gap between King Grade and Emperor Grade was something he knew well off because he had to sacrifice his soul essence to make an Eighth Stage Expert his slave when he was at the Peak-Level Mature Soul Stage.

As for the Imperial Protectors, unfortunately, they did not protect their souls with their essence energy. Hence, Davis was easily able to make them his slaves without sacrificing his soul essence.

A heaven-defying being such as Fallen Heaven had to resort to consuming his soul essence to best them. The gap between the stages could be clearly seen from this fact.

Noticing the azure candle flame flicker with beauty and elegance, it took him a while to calm down. He then subsequently noticed the other eight objects that surrounded it. It was none other than those vines! They shone in deep blue and radiated the light as they stretched far!

Davis looked at a particular vine and recognized that it was the one he found. However, these vines were not only surrounding the Yin Essence, but they possessed a huge gaping suction maw pointed at the end. They had their maws open and continuously absorbed the Yin Essence's energy, making the azure yin flame flicker.

Davis's lips twitched.

His soul prowess was usually comparable to that of a High-Level Supreme Soul Stage cultivator even though he was at Mid-Level Supreme Soul Stage! Although it was only a single level, the gap between these two levels wasn't anything small but a big wide chasm.

Normally, the suppression that he would face from a Yin Essence would be heavy, and it remained the case even when it was at a higher stage than him, but he now knew why it failed to affect how soul heavily.

It was because these vines were sucking its energy! They were feeding off the Low-Level Emperor Grade Yin Essence's energy! And judging by how the Yin Essence did not retaliate, he could see that its Will had already been erased!

However, his lips that were twitching slowly curved into a smile.

If it could be said that he was still hesitant to face off with these enormous vines, it could now be said that he was basically raring to kill it so that he could steal this Yin Essence, helping Natalya quickly catch up to them in Essence Gathering Cultivation!

And judging by how this Yin Essence induced both cold and soul suppression, its properties should be these considering that his Derelict Extinction Lightning both had the properties of conjuring illusions and extinction lightning.

He didn't know its title, so its true powers remained a mystery to him.

In any case, this Yin Essence was useless to him, so he didn't feel even a bit of hesitation at the thought of presenting it to Natalya.

Chapter 742 Waking Up The Dormant Lifeform?

'However, if this enormous vine lifeform could erase the Will of this Yin Essence... Then it's at least at the Low-Level of Eighth Stage...' Davis smiled with little confidence.

Even if it was higher by two levels, he felt that he could still kill it using Fallen Heaven, however, if it were to follow the same cultivation system of a magical beast and possess a soul that is at the Eighth Stage, he felt that he would be perhaps sacrificing a huge portion of his soul essence to kill it!

An Eighth Stage Magical Beast's Soul was equivalent to an Eighth Stage Soul Forging Cultivator! Unlike these existences, the Eighth Stage Experts he enslaved had their souls at the Elder Soul Stage, the Fifth Stage in Soul Forging Cultivation.

But then again, this particular Yin Essence suppressed the soul, the same as Lightning!

Would it require more soul essence for him to kill it with Fallen Heaven?

He didn't know but started to consider even a worse possibility.

'What are the chances that its soul cultivation is higher than its body cultivation?'

These vines were an unknown existence to him, and, most likely, he considered them to be a type of plant lifeform! And herbs that were used as ingredients were also considered as plant lifeforms!

The most he saw in these herbs were that they were mostly defensive, fixed on a place, and did nothing but grow by consuming on nutrients, just like this scenario where the plant lifeform was absorbing the Yin Essence's energy to grow.

However, if this plant lifeform were going to be aggressive...

Davis's eyes narrowed in hesitation and became nervous from overthinking.

He generally knew that plants had weak souls since they could only protect themselves and not project their souls outside. Hence, he felt the plant lifeform's soul would be generally fragile than its body.

What he didn't know was that all the herbs that reached Emperor Grade possessed Will that had complete sentience! They had the thought processing ability of an average human!

Old Man Garvin had failed to inform him of this simple fact since even he felt that Davis was from a peak power in one of those Fifty-Two Territories. He thought that it was only a matter of time before Davis knows all this by himself in the future through his power.

Not knowing all these facts, he felt that the chances of its soul cultivation being weaker than its body cultivation should be greater.

His hesitation was only for a moment before his gaze turned ruthless!

Davis retracted his soul sense in a few seconds and turned to look at Nadia, "Since you followed me here, you at least have the courage to stake your life for me. However, the battle that is going to take place is not something you can handle..."

Nadia blinked in response, not understanding what he was stating, but before she could say anything, Davis continued.

"Fly away from this Sunset Tear Mountain..."

Nadia remained stunned as she looked at Davis move towards a particular place, leaving her behind before he stepped over the lush green hill. She then saw him touch a small vine with his hand while grabbing it, making her confused about the things he said.

'What's so special about that vine which covers the mountain? It only makes all existences cry under the sunset, just like the Sunset Mountain Wolf's species technique...'

Nadia became sour. She deeply hated her past species technique, which was only useful for making magical beasts cry. Although it had the effect of blurring their vision and humiliating them, she didn't like such a species technique.

Davis produced a grim expression on his face.

Once he started this, he knew everything would perhaps go out of his control and pacing. From the time he had come to this world as Davis, everything was well within his pace.

From the moment he crossed into his next incarnation's body to now...

Even the invasion by the two Empires could only temporarily shake his pace as he managed to scare them into retreat, later killing them. However, if this plant lifeform were to escape his scope of power, including Fallen Heaven's, then he would have no choice but to run away!

His pace would then be utterly shaken and could even collapse!

How?

If the plant lifeform managed to follow him to the ends of the Territories, wanting to kill him, then his pace would be utterly destroyed as he would have to escape back to the Tripartite Alliance Territory.

If it even followed him there, then he would have to escape back to the Grand Sea Continent.

Of course, he could always bring the plant lifeform to the Alstreim Family and let the so-called Ancestor take care of the plant lifeform, but...

From then on, his fake identity as the Conferred Queen's Protector would become apparent or come under scrutiny, or even worse, his origin from the Forbidden Phoenix Realm would be exposed to the Alstreim Family and perhaps even the entire Fifty-Two Territories!

Such a calamitous scenario wasn't suited to his pace at all!

While he was thinking about all this, he suddenly noticed that Nadia didn't move from the place she floated.

"You still haven't escaped?"

Nadia was utterly confused, "From what?"

Davis blinked in response before he smiled at her, "Well, you're free to stay and even die in the aftermath that would take place, but since you're my magical beast mount, how can I lose you?"

"To lose you just a week after making you my Magical Beast Mount?" Davis wryly shook his head.

"I understand. I'll listen to master's words..."

Nadia blinked and pursed her lips. She flew towards the ceiling but turned to glance at him with a complicated expression on her face.

Was her master protecting her, or was he disappointed by her meager power which couldn't provide him aid? She couldn't guess which one from those words.

Davis didn't notice her expression as he already returned his gaze towards the vine. He abruptly started to viciously laugh, possessing a crazed expression on his face.

It was unknown if he was cruel to himself for playing with a lifeform that was above his power or the Emperor Grade plant lifeform for trying to kill it, but the next second, he sent an incredible surge of soul force into the vine!

The tremendous surge of soul force instantly traveled hundreds of meters through the vine in milliseconds and reached two hundred and fifty kilometers in two seconds!

Davis quickly caught a glimpse of a large body before he completely made his soul force go berserk and ripped the two hundred and fifty kilometers long vine from the inside!

RIP!!!~~~~

The sound of tearing echoed like a fleeting dream, muffled yet echoing as if the mountain cracked!

Nadia, who was almost near to the escape route, blinked in response as she heard the sound and turned back.

Abruptly, she felt the world become silent before her pupils instantly dilated in sheer fear!

Avvooo!!!!~~*

A loud shriek almost tore her eardrums, but Nadia didn't dare to stay still! She instantly shot towards the escape route and tried to escape to the skies as her heart pounded crazily!

The shriek almost reverberated across this region of the Sunset Tear Mountain as it made millions of magical beasts lay in the posture of submission!

Davis looked around at the hundreds of green vines that were trembling. They visibly shook and started to sprout out from the ground, enlarging in size as they twisted and churned.

The next moment, they all shot towards Davis at an incredible speed!

Davis's expression remained calm, despite the pressure he was welcoming. He extended his hand, and thousands of black bolts of lightning erupted from his palms, striking the vines in its tracks!

Bzz!~ *Bzz!~*

His attack instantly had an effect as the vines became charred like a burned charcoal. The vines shrank and disintegrated, but the earth below him shook, and large holes appeared before numerous green, thick and sharp vines shot out!

'As expected...' Davis inwardly laughed as he saw its thousands of weak Fifth Stage vines.

The ones he burned before were all at the Third Stage and the Fourth Stage. He could tell that it was pouring energy into those dormant vines, making it stronger as time passed by, but he wouldn't make a stupid move such as staying here and meeting all these vines.

Before the newly erupted vines could even react, he was already in the air, flying away towards the escape route!

Chapter 743 Vines Reaching The Skies

Border Town, near Sunset Tear Mountain.

People walked to and fro on a particular street.

Two men sat outside a rather run-down bar on that street that sells spirit alcohol beverages.

"Have you heard? It seems that the late Emperor Ethren had been ruthlessly scorched to death by one of his own sons..." One of the two spoke, he looked scrawny and malnourished with many scars on his face.

"Hmph!" The other man snorted. He looked a little bit handsome and possessed a righteous expression on his face.

"That does not even compare to the ruthless move by the Alstreim Family to completely wipe out the Zeth Empire's Imperial Family! There are more than a million people in that Imperial Family! Imagine the massacre that would have taken place..." He raised his voice.

"Shhh... Keep quiet! If someone heard that possesses malicious intent, we would get into deep trouble..." The scrawny man urged.

With a sigh, he continued, "Who told the Zeth Empire to betray the great Alstreim Family? The Emperor was even publically executed along with his countless heirs and eighty wives. It is such a sad event, but in the perspective of the Alstreim Family, siding with an external force is indeed a serious crime that cannot be forgiven..."

The one who spoke for the Zeth Empire snorted.

"So what if it's a crime? Does that mean that a hegemon that was supposed to protect this land from outside forces completely massacre its own people!?"

"You seem to be misunderstanding something..." The scrawny man chuckled, "The hegemon doesn't need to justify its actions to us lowly cultivators... If you want to get justice for the Zeth Family, then why don't you knock on their majestic doors and demand justice?"

"You!?" The handsome man's face fell as he almost stood up.

However, his expression froze.

"Did you hear that?" He blinked the next moment.

"Hear what?" The scrawny man laughed as he mocked, "The sound of your fake righteous mask come off?"

The handsome man didn't mind the insult but looked as if he lost his soul. He slowly raised his hand as he trembled and pointed towards the Sunset Tear Mountain.

His teeth clattered as he tried to speak, "L-Look!!"

"Hahaha! Look? You're clearly trying to change the-" The scrawny man laughingly looked behind, and his expression abruptly froze while his pupils dilated!

What he saw was a view that he would never forget in his life!

A countless number of vines stretched towards the air as it danced on top of the Sunset Tear Mountain, causing massive destruction over the terrain as it swept the trees and magical beasts.

The mountain cracked, and from the numerous holes, vines were constantly expanding and squirming as they tried to reach the skies. The vines flailed and smashed countless magical beasts to meat paste, sometimes only managing to break their bones.

It was like a scene that was out of a nightmare!

However, at a single point in the sky, there was a dense amount of vines that almost blotted out the more massive mountains from their view!

Numerous people started to witness the dense congregation of vines piercing and flailing through the air, but they didn't know that in the center of all of it was a single man responsible for awakening the dormant yet peak calamity that would've wiped them out in the future!

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Ripp!~~~~

Yet another vine that held on to his leg was ripped apart as Davis flew towards the skies!

At this point, he was around a hundred kilometers above the mountain valley he had escaped from, but...

The vine that managed to grasp his leg but was destroyed plunged to the ground, and at the same time, a dense congregation of vines caught up and surrounded him. However, they were all still weaker than him, comparable to the Sixth Stage in terms of Body Tempering Cultivation.

However, some green vines were starting to turn blue, giving off a vague suppression that targeted the soul!

'Heh, trying to suppress me?'

Davis laughed at its attempt to kill him quickly. His pupils abruptly dilated as he spread his hands like a messiah!

'Blazing Incandescence Plume Sea!'

His Supreme Soul Stage soul force blazed out from his body and instantaneously spread to a kilometer radius, encasing the thousands of vines in its range, and at the same time, the soul force burst into a flaming purgatory!

The flames instantly burned the vines in a kilometer radius, and the fire quickly spread to the other long ends of the vines! The other vines that tried to catch up to him abruptly slowed down as if they were terrified of fire, and shuddered, starting to shrivel under Davis's gaze.

'Heh, too bad... If I really had the Vermillion Beast Flame Source, then the might of the flames I could conjure would be even more terrifying...'

Davis lamented.

There weren't only Spirit Attribute Sources born from the amalgamation of heaven and earth energy with elements, but the magical beasts can also give birth to a Spirit Attribute Source!

Except, it is difficult to give birth to a Spirit Attribute Source as that would take thousands if not more years for a capable magical beast to produce one.

A magical beast could reach its peak power within a few decades, but to naturally birth a Spirit Attribute Source, it would generally take thousands of years, not to mention that the magical beast would need to meet various conditions.

The Vermillion Beast Flame Source was listed in the Incandescent Vermillion Soul Mantra as a Spirit Attribute Source, produced by the majestic Vermillion Bird that is an Emperor Rank Species.

Even if he obtained a Vermillion Beast Flame Source, it would probably be at Emperor Grade and not any lower. Plus, he doubted that he could easily take over a beast flame of that caliber.

By this time, Nadia had already reached hundreds of kilometers high in the skies, witnessing the battle with both fear and fervor.

She wanted to join the battle, but looking at the dense congregation of the vines that could easily trap her magical beast form and devour her if she ever were to get caught, a chill ran through her spine!

Hence, she could only stay here, wanting her master to win no matter what, but looking at the impenetrable gathering of vines blotting out the mountain below her, she became scared and worried.

Because no matter how she saw it, there were new vines continuously emerging from the mountains. Different from the weak vines that were already stuck out from the mountains, the newly emerging ones were becoming more durable and stronger!

At this point, it was only a matter of time before her master runs out of energy and gets surrounded or slapped into meat paste!

Initially, she had no idea that the vines that blotted out the mountains belonged to a lifeform such as this! She had even consumed a vine in the past, but that tasted bad, so she no longer deigned to even look at it as a food but only looked at it as the culprit that caused the Sunset Tear Phenomenon.

But to think that the vines that she had disdained in the past belonged to such a creature. She still couldn't believe it.

Davis looked at least a thousand vines burn under him in satisfaction.

Flames...

This was the attribute he comprehended from cultivating Incandescent Vermilion Soul Mantra, a Peak-Level Emperor Grade Soul Forging Cultivation Manual that held both Light and Fire attributes.

Light Laws and Fire Laws...

Although he had reached Level One Intent in Light Laws, he felt that using Fire Laws against this plant lifeform would be way effective than Light Laws and just as he expected, it turned out to be highly effective as the vines seemed to easily catch fire, becoming scorched and burnt in the next second as thousands of them turned to ashes in the skies.

For a few moments, the space around him turned empty as the vines had already turned into ashes, plunging towards the mountains like it was a rain of ashes.

Whoosh!~

A few vines soared into the skies and quickly caught up to him as they targeted the human that had awakened from its slumber, undeviatingly launching towards his head!

Davis seemed to do nothing as he maintained a calm, no, a mocking expression on his face even though he discovered that the incoming vines had the strength of a Peak-Level Seventh Stage Expert!

A silhouette flashed in front of him and suddenly punched!

Nadia became pale as she saw the scene from above!

Chapter 744 Stealing From Its Maws

Nadia, who momentarily became pale, noticed that the punch was not towards her master but the vines!

Flames soared into existence from the palm as those dense five-meter thick vines blazed before completely turning into ashes!

Two more silhouettes flashed behind as they surrounded Davis. However, Davis didn't care about their presence even a single bit as he commanded them.

"The two of you behind me, attack with flames and keep the vines occupied..."

"As for you, Kalamaz Ethren, keep the Ethren Family's experts or any other people from getting closer to this region and use the Conferred Queen Protector's name if they do not listen..."

The three who surrounded him turned to look at him as they bowed before replying monotonously, "Yes, master!"

The two who were behind instantly shot towards the mountain below and started to wreak havoc among the thousands of vines that possessed the strength of the Seventh Stage!

Flames erupted as they launched numerous battle techniques from the Astra Flaming Sky Manual that Davis had looked into before.

Davis glanced at the dense snake-like vines trying to get to him but getting ripped apart or burnt into ashes by the two Low-Level Law Sea Stage Experts.

He smirked as his silhouette began to fade away before it disappeared.

Meanwhile, Kalamaz Ethren shot towards the distance under Nadia's gaze, heading in the Ethren Empire's direction to stop any interference.

She had no idea who these three were, but looking at them bow towards her master, she became relaxed and elated that her master's subordinates have arrived!

However, she didn't know that they were not subordinates but slaves!

But she then recognized that her master has totally disappeared, even from the connection that tied them together. She became worried but imagined that he had a plan in mind. From what she had seen in the past, her master always had a plan on his mind and even quickly produced results on the spot when they encountered an Eighth Stage Expert!

Hence, she calmed down and looked at the vines slowly but surely increase in strength as those vines started to radiate Eighth Stage undulations!

Her expression became aghast, but looking at those people be able to still battle against the vines to a suppressed state with the flames, she regained her calm and watched the battle with a vague trepidation in her heart, wondering if they could survive this enormous disaster.

Abruptly, her eyes flashed with a dark light.

'If master becomes heavily wounded, I have to take him away from here no matter what!'

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Davis made his way towards the Yin Essence that emanated a bone-freezing chill and suppressive might but was being absorbed by the Emperor Grade plant lifeform. With his Dark Concealing Shroud Art shrouded him, he plunged into the dense white fog and descended kilometers into the chasm.

Within a few minutes of the ferocious and enormous battle that took place outside, he arrived at the small deep blue lake.

His body instantly chilled as he felt incredibly cold! Frost formed over his pores, hair, and eyelids, making him shiver. However, he withstood the effects and sent his soul force as it sank down the lake.

It didn't even let out a ripple in the water body as it quickly made its way towards the Yin Essence! He had already marked the point in his mind map; hence, within a few seconds, his soul force arrived just before the Yin Essence and instantly covered it!

Davis bit his lips as blood dripped down his chin as he inwardly chanted.

'Exhausted Ashes of the Vermillion!'

The soul force created a flaming barrier that momentarily impeded the vines from absorbing the Yin Essence, and the next second, his radiating soul force abruptly changed and turned into crimson ashes. Those beautiful crimson specks in the deep blue sea spread and stuck itself to the maws of the vines, many even going inside it!

The next second, the head of the vines silently dissolved into ashes and started to plunge towards the lake's bottom!

Davis rubbed the blood that oozed out from his lips. He was not using his blood essence but sacrificed his soul essence to attack!

He had chosen to unhesitatingly sacrifice some of his soul essences, bringing the attack to scale a level and destroy the extremely strong Eighth Stage vines from the inside!

He comprehended this technique along with the Blazing Incandescence Plume Sea technique when he practiced and comprehended the Soul Forging Cultivation Manual, Incandescent Vermilion Soul Mantra!

Davis is currently in the Mid-Level Supreme Soul Stage, and with his normal attack comparable to that attack of a Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage Expert, he managed to destroy those Eighth Stage vines by pushing the attack's level to a new height by sacrificing his soul essence.

Davis clenched his teeth in glee as he used another strand of soul force to quickly encase the Yin Essence, but as expected, it was heavy, soul-chilling for the current him to even touch it.

Hmph!!~

He snorted in displeasure and abruptly showered his soul force with the death-like energy... The next moment, the Yin Essence shuddered as if it feared the presence that enshrouded it, and the azure flames receded like a scared puppy.

He quickly scooped it up and brought it above the lake as he threw it into the container where the Derelict Extinction Lightning remained once sealed in the past!

AooWooo!~

Realizing that the Yin Essence had been stolen just a little later with its injured vines, the plant lifeform let out another piercing wail that threatened to slaughter the looter into pieces.

Davis flew away as fast as he could, but with his soul sense, he found that vines from both below and above targeted him as if its life almost depended on it!

He snorted and used his soul force to make a hole towards the side. Flying away from the vines that increasingly caught up to him, he chanced upon an already paved route of a vine that had been scorched to death from the battles above!

Right now, the Sunset Tear Mountain was filled with numerous holes and using it to his advantage; he traversed many routes despite being chased by thousands of Seventh Stage vines and tens of Eighth Stage vines.

However, unable to find him, the plant lifeform could only rampage around, destroying the mountain ranges from the inside inevitably!

A few minutes later, Davis appeared in the skies beside Nadia while the ceaseless and rampant destruction that shook the entire Sunset Tear Mountain Ranges continued to ring out like a death knell. He canceled out his Dark Concealing Shroud Art, causing Nadia to jump in fright!

"Ahh!!!... Master!! You're safe!" Nadia became embarrassed before her yellow pupils shimmered. Her standing posture then became relaxed.

Davis chuckled at her reaction and summoned the container that was now frozen to his side.

AoWoooo!~

A shriek echoed again as Davis knew that the plant lifeform sensed the Yin Essence. However, he didn't escape but waited for it to arrive at the height of three hundred and fifty kilometers, waiting for the plant lifeform to approach him.

However, the vines never seemed to reach even half the distance despite the vines desperately flailing around, trying to reach him.

His lips curved into a mocking smile as he knew that he was out of its range!

Chapter 745 Bating It Ou

"Master, it seems that those vines are trying to get to us but unable to reach..." Nadia spoke as she glanced at the frozen container with the corner of her eyes. It radiated an unusual chill, causing her soul to shudder.

'What is that? I'm a little uncomfortable in its presence, yet it is giving a favorable sensation...' She bit her lips but didn't dare to ask what it is...

Davis nodded his head with the same mocking expression on his face, "It's a Yin Essence..."

"Yin Essence!?" Nadia's eyes flashed with greed.

As a wolf who possessed an affinity with the moon, she desired dark, and yin attributed locations, with the latter being preferred a little than the former.

"Hehe..." Davis noticed her desiring expression, "It's not for you..."

"I'm currently using it for baiting the plant lifeform out of the mountains..."

Nadia blinked and turned to look at the vines starting to stretch out more towards them. Her eyes widened as she moved her lips, "Master, it's coming!"

Davis just continued to smile while watching his two slaves scorch the thousands of vines to death. Their flames were far-reaching, extremely stronger than his flames due to the stage difference. The vines all swiftly lit up the moment the flames touched them as if they were covered in gasoline.

They even burnt down the Eighth Stage vines that started to blot out the sky in response to his aggravation and bait.

Abruptly, his eyes flashed as he looked towards in the direction of the Ethren Empire.

'Eight minutes...'

From the start of the battle till now, only eight minutes had passed, but the experts of the Ethren Empire had arrived in the distance but were blocked by his slave, Kalamaz Ethren. However, he could feel their undulations reach the Mid-Level Law Sea Stage, meaning that the stronger Imperial Protectors have arrived.

Davis confusingly narrowed his eyes.

Even Magical Beast Tides only causes these experts to arrive after the Magical Beast Tides reached its stagnant point, but even after losing their Emperor, four Imperial Protectors to the Conferred Queen's Protector, they sent four strong Imperial Protectors to this place?

Judging by how they quickly came after being delayed by the news relay, it could be seen that they rather knew about this plant lifeform.

However, when he asked his four slaves about the Sunset Tear Mountain vines before, they only recited that those vines were the ones who caused the Sunset Tear Phenomenon and didn't say anything other than this despite his stern investigation.

That meant that perhaps the Emperor and the stronger Imperial Protectors who were at the Mid-Level Law Sea Stage knew about this plant lifeform.

Davis coldly laughed.

If they were bent on entering this region even after hearing the Conferred Queen's Protector's name...

'I couldn't be blamed, right?' An evil grin formed on his lips.

Davis returned his gaze towards the ruined mountains and saw the vines get destroyed and burnt in hundreds at a time. The two slaves simultaneously set up flaming walls that extended to ten kilometers, blotting out the sky, drenching the vines in intense flames as far as they could.

They never held back and continuously unleashed apocalyptic waves of fire that made the atmosphere turn incredibly hot! The vines tried to pass through the flaming walls, but they were all burned into a crisp.

Davis believed that they would have to maneuver to the side with no choice, but contrary to his expectations, numerous vines started to emit a bone-chilling coldness and broke through the flaming walls with the yin attribute.

Davis closely observed the vines that broke through the defense and found that they possessed the strength of the Mid-Level Eighth Stage!

'So it's not a Low-level Eighth Stage Lifeform...' Davis mused in interest as he initially felt it to be the case after stealing the Yin Essence from it, after all, the vines sucking the energy out of the Yin Essence were at the Low-Level Eighth Stage.

But now, the plant lifeform seems to possess Mid-Level Eighth Stage vines as well, and they seem to number in the hundreds.

If it were a High-Level Eighth Stage Lifeform, he felt that he would have to escape this place as soon as possible, but...

His sapphire eyes flashed with a mocking light.

Those Ethren Empire's Imperial Protectors who had arrived were like basically asking him to make them his slave. He could use them to distract it and perhaps even critically injure it.

And judging by how they were still not entering this mountain region, it could be seen that they were either intimidated by the hundred thousands of vines or feared the existence of the Conferred Queen's Protector in this region.

In any case, he didn't need them for now, so he concentrated his sense on the flaming purgatory below.

Even though the Mid-Level Eighth Stage vines were flailing around trying to break away from the two hindrances, they were still being burned to a crisp!

'Heh, it seems like the yin attribute it absorbed couldn't be used for a long time...' Davis laughed in disdain.

He felt everything was within his grasp, and whether if it was his delusion or confidence, he didn't know.

Abruptly, the mountain started to tremble...

Everyone in the region and even those who were hundreds of kilometers away felt that! The tremor increased in intensity, and the magnitude shook the entire mountain and left the onlookers feeling like the whole mountain was going to split apart!

Davis's lips curved as he knew that it was about time the plant lifeform exited the mountain to pursue him, or rather pursue the Yin Essence that he had stolen from it. He felt that it could in no way resist the temptation of the Yin Essence since it seemed to be mainly feeding off of it.

However, even with its two hundred and fifty kilometer long vines, it wasn't able to reach him; hence, the only way that it could reach him was for it to exit the mountain!

That was why he retreated to where Nadia floated!

Boom!~

A part of the mountain collapsed and caved in when a ten-meter thick vine swayed above. It continued to ascend, and its kilometer-long enormous yet grotesque body appeared in his view.

Thick veins that were deep blue in color were running all over its body, throbbing in rage. Its stem was vast and dense, making up most of its lower body while there were strands of millions of thick hair below it, probably its root hairs.

The vines nearest to its head were larger in diameter and stronger than the thousands of vines below them. At the top of its head was a single, yet huge, hundred-meter wide six-petaled flower with a hue of the dusk coloring it.

Its petals have small and deep blue lines running inside its body like veins, reaching its pistil and stamen.

"Ahhh~?"

However, Davis cast his attention to Nadia, who actually widened her eyes while a strange moan escaped out from her lips.

Nadia clenched her teeth while her fists shivered. Her yellow pupils trembled for an unknown reason. She looked at the flower in desire as if it cast a bewitching spell on her.

Looking at her reaction, Davis became astonished because even her drool was cascading down her lips!

Chapter 746 Overwhelming It With...

"Nadia!"

Davis let out a bellow by using his soul force, and Nadia woke out of her reverie as she became stunned. She quickly rubbed her lips and chin and inclined her head above as she looked at the skies in blue shame along with other incompetent feelings.

In truth, she no longer dared to look at the plant lifeform, afraid that it would bewitch her again.

Davis scrutinized her reaction and expression from the plant lifeform's ascendance and recognized that she had intensely reacted to a specific part of the plant. In reality, he had also felt a unique aura from its body, especially from its flower.

It was its nectar...

The nectar from the flower of the plant lifeform seemed incredibly enticing to Nadia, a Twin-Tailed Dusk Wolf, and whatever that enticed her by far as he noticed had invoked a change in her bloodline, just like the carcass of the Crimson Darkness Condor and its smell of blood.

But then, Davis suddenly noticed the disturbance in the surrounding mountain regions where the magical beasts began to strangely act as they stopped to look at the plant lifeform momentarily, exhibiting the same behavior Nadia revealed.

However, the moment they stopped dodging was when the flailing vines crushed them into bloody meat paste, and the other magical beasts who were lucky enough to notice it and come out of their reverie managed to escape with their lives by continuing to run away.

Davis's sapphire eyes flashed in greed.

Whatever the nectar was, it unquestionably seemed to be valuable!

"Exhaust your power, distract this plant lifeform to the fullest of your abilities!" Davis sent a soul transmission to his two slaves and sent another one to Nadia.

"Keep the container floating with your dark energy, but don't let yourself be captured by the vines..."

Nadia became startled as she turned her head to see Davis, but she could no longer see him or sense him. The frozen container abruptly started to descend, but she quickly used her dark energy to enshroud the frozen container, making it float alongside her.

Instantly, she felt a chill all over her body, but it was bearable thanks to the formations inside the container working to suppress the Yin Essence's energy.

She didn't know that it was a strand of Davis's death-like energy that was doing the suppressing, not the formations. After all, the Yin Essence that is inside is a Low-Level Emperor Grade Spirit Attribute Source, while the Derelict Extinction Lightning in the past was a Low-Level King Grade Spirit Attribute Source.

The formation would've broken apart by now if the Will of the Yin Essence was still present, perhaps even including the fact that Davis's death-like energy was still suppressing the Yin Essence.

Nadia subconsciously glanced below and saw those two people turn the entire sky into an apocalyptic sea of flames. The heat even traveled to her as she felt the chill in her body dissipate, but being influenced by two different and contrasting energies at the same time, Nadia felt like she was trapped in an icy hell.

Without being able to provide any help, she could only helplessly watch and do as her master commanded.

Whoosh!~

Davis blinked past into the distance and made his way from the side so that he wouldn't accidentally get caught by those tens and thousands of vines or the twenty-kilometer long sea of flames.

His Dark Concealing Shroud Art that was further enhanced by his usage in death-like energy, and it made him concealed even to the likes of this plant lifeform.

He felt that as long as it was distracted, it would in no way notice him.

Judging by the undulations that the kilometer-long vertical body was letting out, he could sense that it was at the peak of the Mid-Level Eighth Stage! It was as if the plant lifeform was going to break through to the High-Level Eighth Stage in a few years or decades, but with his actions, he assumed that he ruined its plan and exposed its presence to the outside world.

As the plant lifeform kept ascending as it tentacle-like vines flailed and wreaked havoc around the mountain while showcasing its anger, Davis constantly neared its enormous body.

His eyes flashed red, but his face fell as he became pale. Nevertheless, realizing that he had come this close, he clenched his teeth in determination!

In the blink of an eye, he shot towards in his fastest capable speed and neared right in front of its body before his right arm swung heavily right at its stem!

Ripp!~~~

A small hole was pierced into its body, but what stuck in the hole wasn't his hand but a black-gold spear!

From the blade's shiny black surface, his death-like energy passed through the spear and wreaked havoc inside its body!

AoWooWoo!~~~

A miserable cry reverberated around the area. It left Davis almost feeling dizzy, but he stood fast and surged in a copious amount of the death-like energy into it, quickly expending his soul force.

The death-like every was pierced in through the sharp hole made by the spear and poured into its veins. It quickly spread to every portion of its body and wreaked havoc in its organs and veins.

Its veins crumbled, its leaves disintegrated, its Will started to erode!

AoWo~~~

This cry was very pleasing to his ears as he knew that he had injured it. However, he could sense the fear and pleading in its tone, which sounded very depressing to an innocent bystander.

Davis didn't know that it could not speak, nor did he know that it could think like a human being.

His eyes flashed ruthlessly as he continuously sent in large surges of death-like energy into its body! He had no choice but to do that since its huge mass of body somehow obstructed his Death God Eyes! Either that or the difference in the level didn't allow him to see its name.

He had no choice but to quickly formulate a plan in his mind on the spot to take it down since his Death God Eyes didn't work on it!

He was waiting for this exact moment as he didn't want to scare it away with his death-like energy earlier when stealing the Yin Essence. His deathly energy was as if it was the nemesis of almost all life forms.

Hence, he didn't even use it when he stole the Yin Essence instead of unhesitatingly sacrificing his soul essence. He used the Exhausted Ashes Of The Vermillion technique to destroy the Low-Level Eighth Stage vines that were sucking out the Yin Essence's energy.

A few seconds passed as he repeatedly sent out deadly floods of the death-like energy into the plant lifeform's body, overwhelming it. The vines that were flailing behind him tried to hit him, but it all fell on its own body and made itself tremble, further worsening its condition.

Aoo~~

Ao~~

Its cries kept weakening, and Davis knew that it was near death. With his death-like soul force drowning its body and disintegrating its insides, he was able to sense that its demise was increasingly near!

But then, Davis abrupt

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AoWo~~

Ao~~

The plant lifeform's soul resembled a heart-shape in his entrapment. Its cries sounded more precise than ever and miserable than ever.

He momentarily became soft-hearted as its cries sounded like a human baby's, but his eyes flashed with a ruthless momentum as he felt like he had been bewitched.

Bzzz!~

Instantly, he completely engulfed it with his death-like soul force, and its heart-shaped soul disintegrated into nothingness, leaving only its long ravaged body and flower behind.

Davis noticed the plant lifeform go silent while all the vines returning to kill him plunge to the mountains as if they lost the weight to support themselves.

Torrential wind storm erupted, and dust spread throughout the mountain as each vine hit the ground, creating an unsurvivable zone for a few minutes as the vines crashed above the mountains!

He heaved and took in breaths as he held the black-gold spear in his hand. Using his other hand, he pulled it out from the wound and felt it to be extremely heavy.

Even with his Body Tempering Cultivation at the Peak-Level of the Sixth Stage, he found it extremely heavy as if he was holding a mountain!

He momentarily cast a glance at the weapon he used.

The spear's imposing golden-rod gave him the feel of holding a dragon while its blade appeared jet black and wickedness, seeming to possess an enormous amount of sharp yet deadly might!

This spear was none other than one of the nine treasures he obtained from the Emperor Grade Treasury of the Earth Dragon Immortal's Inheritance!

A Low-Level Emperor Grade Spear!

The Golden Sheen Obsidian Spear!

In reality, he knew that its weight is around a million kilograms, but with his Peak-Level Martial Ascension Stage Cultivation, he could still hold it and swing it with one arm!

Staring at its sharpness and power, he knew that it was one of the stronger Low-Level Emperor Grade Armament!

"Human! Let me go!"

A voice echoed abruptly from the spear in his hands.

"Shut up!" Davis coldly spoke as he surged it with his death-like energy, not caring if it acknowledged him or not.

"AH!"

The Golden Sheen Obsidian Spear let out a fearful groan and became silent, no longer speaking up despite its majestic undulations flaring like no other armament he had seen.

'Desire causes one to be lost, and fear causes one to stop...'

His eyes flashed as he couldn't help but momentarily compare himself to desire, and fear with the spear and the plant lifeform.

He flew up for a few seconds and reached the flower. The petals looked utterly ruined, but he glanced at its tender nectar. Feeling its unique aura, he knew this was what caused him to desire and forgo his mental caution.

As for the Golden Sheen Obsidian Spear and the plant lifeform, the former obeyed him out of fear, and the latter couldn't even properly defend itself out of fear!

His Death God Eyes regrettably failed to help him this time.

Fortunately, his mind worked speedily to formulate a viable plan.

To pierce a hole with the Low-Level Emperor Grade Spear and kill the plant lifeform's soul with his death-like energy flooding into its body...

Only a single Eighth Stage vine was probably required for him to be turned into a meat paste, and not only did it fail to strike him to death, but it also hit its own body numerous times, causing damage to itself in fear.

Although his plan was crass and straightforward, its soul feared his energy so much that it started giving out its hiding place to himself. That quickly ended its life. Otherwise, perhaps he would've been the one who lost his life here.

Davis stared at the closed opening of the nectar before he came beside it and floated. With a slash of his spear, he cut the opening, and a viscous liquid shot out from it like honey.

He instantly took out a medium-sized cylindrical container with a big opening and held it with his soul force, collecting the nectar that was pouring out like a tide. A few drops poured on his face and hand, but he didn't pay it any heed and continued to collect it in the small container which he stored spirit water.

The container had a sixty liters of capacity, so he wasn't worried since it was getting filled up in liters per second as it spurted like a water hose.

In a minute, the nectar had been completely spurted out by the body, and he tightly closed the cylindrical container, which contained fifty liters of nectar. He even sealed it in an unused high-grade jade container used to seal herbs from losing its potency.

With his sapphire eyes concealed in a dark shade, he swung his arm with five and cut the stem of the flower from the plant lifeform's and stored the hundred-meter flower in his spatial ring.

As for the enormous kilometer-long vertical body, Davis could store it, but the two hundred fifty meter long vines that have mostly already settled down on the mountains made him hesitate since it would be consuming more space. Nevertheless, since he had four extra Mid-Level King Grade Spatial Rings with a storage capacity of 40,000 cubic meters each, he felt that he could store this massive lifeform in one of those spatial robes.

The Mid-Level King Grade Spatial Rings were all, of course, obtained from those whom he had made his slaves. The Blood Arc Mercenary Leader, and the four Imperial Protectors!

With a swing of his hands, the enormous, sprawling yet dead carcass of the plant lifeform disappeared into one of his Mid-Level King Grade Spatial Ring!

It was as if the mountain suddenly lost an enormous part of it. The vines that looked as if almost stretched towards the ends of the mountain and the sky simultaneously disappeared along with the dead body, leaving a massive void that wind rushed in to fill!

It momentarily caused a wind storm that lasted a few seconds, but Davis's attention wasn't there, but he looked the Sunset Tear Mountain, which was completely devastated and utterly ruined.

Of course, the part that was devastated could only be considered a little region in the Sunset Tear Mountain, but since this side was the face of the mountain to humans, it was as if the mountains were rendered asunder and struck by thousands of lightning!

But then again, his attention wasn't on the destruction of the mountain but the rapidly fading life essence of the hundreds and thousands of Magical Beasts below him. Their bodies were giving off a deathly aura that invoked some kind of response from his soul.

Death was all around the corner of the world, and he had massacred an army of more than two million before, but this was the first time he literally felt the presence of death.

He suddenly felt his soul resonating with heaven and earth energy; the tainted heaven and earth energy were filled with the aura of death!

It was as if a moment of comprehension had arrived...

Davis didn't think much and tried to comprehend this sudden sensation as he closed his eyes. He went deathly silent, similar to a corpse as his aura of life almost receded like a cultivator who is going to die in seclusion.

Chapter 748 Gains From The Aftermath

It was unknown how much time had passed among dusty ruins of the destroyed mountain ranges, but when Davis's shot his eyes wide open, he could intrinsically feel that he was in control of a new law!

During the time of comprehension, he didn't notice that he lost all signs of life because the black tendrils from Fallen Heaven had influenced him. So he was unaware of how the Death Book instinctively reacted to his comprehension.

He took a deep breath and was about to conjure the new law when he turned cautious as the second thing he noticed was he didn't know how much time had passed.

A second? A minute? An hour? Or more than that?

It was still day, and the sun more or less shone from the same position, but what if exactly a day had passed?

He had ultimately become defenseless during his comprehension state, but seeing that nothing happened to him while he stayed floating at the same location in the air, he squinted his eyes and noticed that the soul essences of the magical beasts that were dead still hadn't disappeared.

That meant only a few minutes had passed at best. He could ask Fallen Heaven for confirmation, but he didn't mind about it anymore since he knew the answer.

"Fallen Heaven, collect all those soul essences for me..."

"Are you sure? Judging by the quality, they would probably help you only a little bit..." Fallen Heaven's deep voice sounded in his soul sea.

"I would like to confirm that myself..." Davis calmly replied.

"Alright..."

Fallen Heaven didn't speak much and collected all the soul essences in a kilometer radius. Clearly, its range had tremendously grown after he had stepped into the Supreme Soul Stage.

Perhaps that was the difference between the Mature Soul Stage and Supreme Soul Stage. In Supreme Soul Stage, not only was the soul force capacity nearing the Essence Gathering Cultivation's Law Dominion Stage, and it was also able to defend against millions of kilograms of physical force from the Body Tempering Cultivation's Martial Ascendance Stage attacks!

And with the usage of the death-like energy that was incredibly deadly to lives, he more or less was able to fight across a stage, becoming capable of killing the aggressive plant lifeform with pure power!

Of course, if he had just fought openly, attacking and slashing the vines with the death-like energy before making it to its body eventually, perhaps he might have completely expended all of his soul force before being crushed to death from the lack of energy.

At that time, he could only wait for death or try to escape as he had initially planned.

That's why he had to bait it out and kill it in one single strike! Fortunately, he had succeeded!

Davis started moving around every corner of the mountain as seconds passed by, helping it collect the thousands of soul essences scattered around the Sunset Tear Mountain since Fallen Heaven's range was limited to a kilometer radius.

When all those soul essences were pulled out of the magical beast carcasses, it formed a whirlpool of thick soul undulations around him as it congregated towards him while entering his soul sea.

Davis let out a chuckle as he noticed the commotion the collection of soul essences created. At that time, when he massacred two armies consisting of millions in the past, he was regretful that he didn't manage to collect their souls, but looking at it now, he knew that his instincts and decision was correct.

All those soul essences converging to him wouldn't definitely make the Emperors at that time notice him. His facade of being the mysterious senior who was rumored to be an Immortal Existence would've never been birthed.

Instead, he was the one who would've been killed while the Loret Empire would've met a tragic fate, including his parents.

'Mhm?'

Thinking like this, Davis abruptly thought if he had changed the flow of fate back then with Fallen Heaven's powers.

'Fallen Heaven's powers are fate changing, considering that it could quickly kill a person regardless of their destiny or lifespan... It even influences the fates of the people around me to some degree as if it were a passive effect...'

Glyn, Agis Stirlander, and Arianna Woller. These three people were the only ones who had their fates changed under his watch, but for Glyn, instead of his lifespan expanding, it was probably severed, ending him up abruptly dead.

He didn't know how many people, or perhaps even magical beasts, had their fates influenced by Fallen Heaven right under his nose.

Davis wasn't naive to think his fate hadn't changed. The moment Fallen Heaven had landed in his grasp, he was able to overcome many difficulties without putting tremendous effort. Although there were some steep paths, everything had been smooth sailing for him.

All this made him feel like there was a big conspiracy behind him, like he was in the hands of someone, dancing on their palms according to their play, entertaining themselves in the process.

Heaving a sigh, Davis shook his head and didn't ponder on it anymore as it would just affect his determination. His will would become weak, and he would be afraid of everything incomprehensible to him in the future.

He wanted to avoid that and keep his will firm.

Davis then counted the number of soul essences that got stored in his soul sea, growing in number as time passed.

Hundred...

Thousand...

Fifteen thousand...

When those soul essences entered his soul sea, they were all suppressed and compressed and kept by the side of the Death Book.

Fifty thousand...

Hundred thousand...

Two hundred thousand...

Five hundred thousand...

One million!...

One million, three hundred, and sixty-five thousand soul essences!

The number of lives killed by the flailing vines was precisely this count!

It was such a large number that Davis felt the urge to spit at some beings because it didn't even cause his soul essence to shudder, much less give him the impression that it would help him increase his soul essence and soul force.

After all, his Soul Forging Cultivation was at the Mid-Level Supreme Soul Stage, while these Soul Essences ranged from the First Stage to the Sixth Stage, with the majority of them being at the Second Stage.

From this, it could be seen that not a single Seventh Stage was unluckily dead. To kill a Lord Beast Stage that could easily dodge the flailing vines with ease... Too difficult!

Of course, unless the plant lifeform explicitly targeted them, it was just too difficult for the randomly flailing vines to flatten those Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts to death.

There were also the soul essences of humans, but they were also weak, many at the Fifth Stage, and a few at the Sixth Stage. He knew that there were many mercenaries and adventure groups who were willing to come here to hunt, gain wealth and adventure, so he wasn't surprised.

It was too bad they all got implicated because of him; because of his action to provoke the aggressive plant lifeform.

Davis felt some pity, but since they were already laying their lives to earn on a mountain that had hidden such an existence, he didn't see why this existence wouldn't become a calamity in the future.

Just its hundreds and thousands of flailing vines had killed millions... If it entered a city and targeted humans, wouldn't it have massacred billions?

Chapter 749 What A Waste...

Davis felt that he had done an immeasurable service to the people who resided in the surrounding regions by eliminating it as early as possible.

After all, he had sensed that it was nearing the High-Level Eighth Stage and was going to breakthrough in a few decades.

He was now able to tell that it was still growing with how its baby-like voice sounded, its soul should've taken form long ago, but it didn't develop mentally due to its non-interaction approach towards other, but at a point in future, if it ever invaded the cities, he guessed that he wouldn't even be here.

Nevertheless, the responsibility of their deaths fell on him. Davis understood this point and wasn't going to deny it if there ever came a time with a person asking for justice for their deaths. He would like to give them compensation to sever Karma if he had any in the first place.

After roaming around the ruined regions of the mountain, ultimately collecting the entirety of the soul essences present in the ruined part of the Sunset Tear Mountain, Davis created a soul body from separating his soul force and materializing it.

He sent the conjured soul body to collect the yin-attributed lake below the mountain before gradually making his way towards the skies.

He hoped that the vines did not consume the lake out of desperation or retaliation, fearing that it would have lost the Yin Essence forever. After all,

'The lake should be of tremendous help to Natalya!'

If Davis were right, he would be able to condense the deep blue lake into an essence bath and, to a degree, make Natalya impervious to the harmful effects of the Yin Essence by soaking her in the bath, making her absorb the yin into her pores and veins.

However, with his skills as an Alchemist, how would he refine the lake and condense it?

Davis did know the procedure as it was extremely simple, but was his soul force up to the task? He could only find it out later.

As he was heading towards Nadia, he momentarily stopped and looked in the direction of the Ethren Empire.

Hundreds of kilometers away, his slave, Kalamaz Ethren, stood in the air languidly and blocked the path of the four Imperial Protectors in front of him. Obviously, the slave could do nothing to the four of them, but the person behind him, his master's presence alone, stopped the four of them from entering the region.

The four Imperial Protectors all witnessed the happening with their own eyes. They all held solemn expression on their wizened faces before while watching the mountain shattering vines and flame billowing skies with awe, but once the entire plant lifeform disappeared, they all panicked without fail.

Even then, they didn't dare take a step past Kalamaz Ethren, nor did they try to speak sense into him as they knew that he had become a slave to the Conferred Queen's Protector. They knew that their words would fall on deaf ears.

"Are we going to just let that person take it away like this?" One of the four Imperial Protectors possessed a disoriented expression on his face.

The other three Imperial Protectors turned to look at him with stunned expressions on their faces.

One of the three woke out of his reverie and clenched his teeth, "If we knew that this existence hiding in the Sunset Tear Mountain possessed Mid-Level Eighth Stage strength, then we could've made a move on it long ago..."

The way they spoke made it seem like they already knew about the plant lifeform's existence but didn't know about its true identity.

"It isn't as simple as it seems..." Another Imperial Protector interjected with a sigh.

"Even if we attacked, our Ancestor is still in seclusion. Looking at how it was able to strike with enormous power and has countless vines, we will not last an hour before our essence energy depletes..."

The last Imperial Protector nodded his head, "Right, in any case, we lost our chance to obtain complete benefits, but since this mountain is in our territory, we could try-"

"Begone!"

Abruptly, a momentous voice struck right at their faces! Their hair even shook from the wind that brushed past while their faces simultaneously changed as their expressions betrayed their fear!

"S-senior!" One of the four Imperial Protectors clenched his teeth as he gathered his courage, trying to convince but just when he opened his mouth...

"Don't make me flatten the Ethren City..."

That deep and imposing voice echoed again, causing their expressions to become ashen!

They all clenched their fists but didn't speak out anymore because they could tell that the senior had reached the Supreme Soul Stage. Such a sound coming from a long distance made them aware and deeply scared about the undulations they felt.

When Senior was in the Peak-Level Mature Soul Stage, he made their junior Imperial Protectors his slaves instantly, but now, since he had reached the Supreme Soul Stage, wouldn't they easily be enslaved?

They no longer possessed any thoughts on the plant lifeform as they all held back their greedy thoughts and even suppressed the humiliation they felt in their hearts.

As the Imperial Protectors of the Ethren Empire, when have they been subjected to this kind of plain insult or treated like roadside crap? There were only a few people who could afford to treat them like this in the Territory since they couldn't hope to offend the Alstreim Family, but that was because the Alstreim Family is their hegemon!

The power that they have to obey to thrive!

But this person from an external influence time and time again suppressed them, even taking four of their own as slaves. It would be a lie to say that they didn't want to kill him and chop his corpse to pieces!

It was just that they didn't even dare bare their fangs! They knew that they were no different than a child in front of him!

The Imperial Protectors all turned their backs and left in the Ethren Empire's direction without a word of complaint. They had their heads down in humiliation. They all felt ashamed, but they had no choice but to return if they didn't want to forfeit their lives or put the Ethren City in danger.

Power is the ultimate deciding factor in the end!

Davis mockingly smiled at those retreating Imperial Protectors while Nadia had already arrived behind him, looking at him in a strange way.

He didn't pay her any heed as he scared the four Imperial Protectors into retreating, failing to notice her strange and greedy expression.

'What a waste... They didn't attack me...'

Lamenting that he could not make them his mindless slaves, he continued to look at them leave before he abruptly felt a slimy sensation on the back of his palm. He instantly became startled before he retracted his hand towards his chest and saw Nadia have her pink tongue out, looking at his hand with a lustful gaze.

His expression changed as he looked at her face be covered with hesitation, while her fingers were trembling as if she was trying to hold herself back.

"You!-" Davis became shocked.

Nadia instantly pounced on him with her yellow eyes glowing and tongue lustfully reaching his face. She even used her hands to grasp his shoulders, trying to pin him into place!

Chapter 750 Retreating To A Secluded Spo

Davis instantly reacted to her oddity and dodged her grasp before strangely reappearing behind her, as if he ghosted from one place to another.

"Stop!"

Davis bellowed as his soul force flared, suppressing Nadia's movements almost instantly as he applied his Soul Suppression Art on her.

Nadia instantly felt a tremendous pressure oppressing her soul, and it pulled her out of her reverie! Even as a High-Level Lord Beast Stage Beast, her soul was still one of her weak points. It heavily affected her movements and even caused her pain, especially when Davis's soul force was comparable to an average Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage Cultivator.

She revealed a painful expression as her lips moved, "M-master..."

Once he heard Nadia's plea and saw that she came out of whatever state she was, Davis removed the pressure and oddly cast a look at her. He moved his hand and wiped the remnant drop of nectar from his cheek with his sleeves before rubbing his hand that was coated in her saliva.

He could tell that this nectar was perhaps the reason for her strange state. After all, earlier, she was inadvertently bewitched by the plant lifeform.

In the distance, many Magical Beasts were looking at them. Forget Lord Beast Stage Magical Beasts... Even King Beast Stage Magical Beasts were looking at them in scrutiny from a distance, although they were far from them, thousands of kilometers away.

Davis knew that these extremely strong magical beasts were hesitating and were eying the nectar, so before things turned against him, he grasped her hand and shrouded in Dark Concealing Shroud Art before disappearing from the skies.

He reappeared on a certain location in the mountains, not privy to the eyes of any living being. Only the three slaves were left in the skies, but he already sent them a soul transmission to standby in some concealed location after some time.

All the attention was cast to them, and he didn't care if they died since they would serve as baits.

Nevertheless, in the direction of the Ethren Empire, he didn't notice that two new variables had appeared.

Two men were wearing the robes of the envoys from the Alstreim Family. They were none other than the two subordinates of the Head Envoy, Havle Alstreim.

In fact, they had stopped thousands of kilometers away from nearing the Sunset Tear Mountain region because they had heard the vague voice of the Senior's intimidating bellow. They floated stiffly in the air and did not dare to head into the region, afraid that they would be implicated and killed.

"There's no way senior would use the tone against the Alstreim Family, right?" One of the two spoke, tinged with disbelief for his own words.

"That's plausible... but doesn't it still depend on the person? We are not the Head Envoy or the Grand Elders for senior to even cast a glance at us..." The other man replied.

His face remained covered in hesitation.

The man who first spoke also hesitated a lot, wondering what to do!

The word 'Begone!' filled with boundless arrogance had managed to deliver fear in their hearts and made their hearts tremble in trepidation.

At this time, they saw the four Imperial Protectors flying in their direction, better said that they were returning in the direction of the Ethren City.

"Hmph! Here they come! Let me make them give an account of what had happened!"

"Wait! What if they silenced us!? The matter about this so-called enormous Eighth Stage existence looks likely to be concealed by... them?"

The man who first spoke became startled. He clenched his teeth in anger and hissed.

"Tch! Let's just inform the Head Envoy first... Other matters can wait!"

The four Imperial Protectors soon came near them, but they only glanced and didn't bother to entertain them. This made them realize that stopping them would've produced some terrible consequences. Hence, after the four Imperial Protectors left from their range, they instantly informed the Head Envoy, who had returned to the Alstreim Family to personal report about the progress in the Ethren Empire.

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In a concealed cavern, two figures abruptly appeared hand in hand and materialized as if they just suddenly sprouted to existence.

It was none other than Davis and Nadia, except the latter slightly trembled in his grasp. If a clueless person saw them, they would think that they're a couple who secretly came to a secretive spot to engage in nightly affairs.

Davis withdrew his grasp from her soft wrist and looked around the cavern's structure for a while before turning to look at the guilty female wolf who stopped trembling.

"Care to explain?" Even though he was sure of his guess, Davis wanted to hear it from Nadia's own mouth.

"M-master... I swear... It wasn't on purpose..." Nadia fearfully spoke as her lips quivered.

Davis just simply nodded his head, indicating for her to continue.

"When... When I floated beside you, the aroma of that unique liquid invaded my nostrils..."

"My blood completely heated up, and my instincts were screaming at me to consume the drops of the viscous liquid I found on you..."

"I tried so hard, but I wasn't able to stop myself... I apologize, Master..." Nadia possessed an imploring expression on her face. It was as if she completely lost her wild countenance and became submissive.

Davis inwardly laughed.

He was rather glad that she wasn't in her Magical Beast form since he thought she might swallow him whole or, even worse, thoroughly lick his body with her big and long tongue.

Somehow, it gave him the chills as his hair stood on end.

In his life as Tian Long, he made it a point to not rely on the comfort of pets as he felt that it would be a bit fake, like a coping mechanism to comfort himself of the loneliness he willfully fell into, but he did indeed feed and play with stray animals from time to time, feeling pity for them because he saw himself in them.

At that time, whether if it were stray dogs or stray cats, he felt their caress to be heartwarming.

But getting licked by a big tongue from a big wolf wasn't the least bit heartwarming for him... The thought itself just gave him the shivers.

Nadia bit her lips as she knew that she had committed a grave mistake.

'Barring your fangs against your master? Nadia, you're such a fool!' She berated herself in anger as she thought that her master might've misunderstood that she was going to eat him. In her trance, even she didn't know what she was going to do as her movements were purely instinctive!

Nadia bent her waist slightly and lowered her head.

"Master, I'm willing to accept any punishment..."

Davis blinked and inwardly nodded his head, thinking that at least, she knew that what she had done wasn't appropriate.

"Just leave it..." Davis waved his hand, "This time, I'll ignore your transgression...."

Nadia became blank before she instantly revealed a smile on her face, inclining her head to look at her master. She wanted to thank her master, but her blood boiled again now that her fear had receded.

Her face then possessed ounces of hesitation as she tried to speak, but words failed to come out of her mouth as she knew that she had wronged.

Davis noticed her difficulty and prompted her like the good and forgiving master he is, "What is it?"