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A purple light shone bright in the night sky, which dispelled a small part of darkness.

There were civilians in the city who saw the purple light in the sky. They shouted to the sky, saying that the heavens have opened their eyes.

Everyone from the City Lord's Mansion and the Chu Family saw the purple light appear.

"They can't take it anymore!"

Placido and Knox shouted these words almost at the same time.

A figure in a black robe appeared in the sky above the Eastern City. He seemed to make his way across by stepping on the purple rays of light. The sky was filled with dark clouds. Outside of the walls, the massive black shadow seemed to feel somewhat threatened and kept staring at the figure in the air.

The man in the sky stretched out his arm. The moment he did that, all the purple light across the sky condensed, then disappeared immediately. The world fell into darkness once again, but the darkness only lasted for a second.

Within the next second, dazzling purple light flashed once more. The purple light formed a gigantic guillotine in the air, restraining the giant dark figure within the range of the guillotine.

A wave of violent aura spread throughout the air. The Demonic Beasts, that had been wreaking havoc, all stopped in their tracks at that moment, they were even trembling with fear!

The whole world seemed to turn silent at that moment.

With a crisp snap of a finger, the gigantic blade plunged towards the neck of the giant black figure.

While that happened, not a single sound was heard, nor were there any collisions of Qi. The purple blade went through the giant black figure's neck, and then disappeared.

One second...

Five seconds...

Ten seconds...

The silence ensued.

The demonic beast trembled, as did the practitioners in the city. The violent energy that filled the air was just terrifying.

Knox and Placido stared solemnly at the sky. They could sense the other party's strength.

After a full 20 seconds, the beasts who were originally trembling in fear roared in unison. However, this time, their roars were no longer filled with violence, but fear.

The avian demonic beasts all shot up into the sky, flying out of the city in effort to escape.

As for the demonic beasts that moved on land, they too fought to flee the city, resulting in a complete mess. Each and every one of the demonic beasts was running with all its might.

Thunder flashed across the sky.

Outside the city, the head of the gigantic black figure was suddenly fell off its neck, just exactly like the child earlier.

Not a single drop of blood could be seen from the severed area of the figure's neck. It was completely sealed by a layer of Qi.

The enormous head fell from above and landed in the

Eastern City. Several houses were smashed, and the whatever that remained of the black figure toppled backwards.

"Boom!"

A loud rumble came sounded from outside the city. It was so loud that the earth shook.

The dark clouds in the sky dissipated, and the purple light disappeared completely. However, the tiny image of the black robed figure was imprinted within everyone. It was him who had slain the Gigantic Demon and saved the Eastern City.

Almost at the same time, figures from the Chu Family and the City Lord's Mansion shot up to the sky. Seeing that this matter had been resolved, it was about the revealed themselves.

The Chu Family was led by Placido Chu, who brought a high-ranking official of the Chu Family along with him.

The Eastern City was led by Knox Colver. With him was General Anteo, donned in silver armour and armed with a silver spear, who also shot up into the sky.

Just when the experts from the two clans had just flown up into the sky, four streaks of purple light appeared out of thin air, heading straight for the four of them.

The four of their faces were filled with surprise, and they quickly defended themselves by harnessing their Qi.

Knox initially had thought that the robed figure hailed from the Chu Family, and Placido also thought the same for the Eastern City. However, when they saw that both parties were attacked, they were taken aback.

After repelling the attack, Knox spoke loudly, "We are grateful for your aid in saving Eastern City, Strong One. May I be introduced to your name?"

Placido immediately said, "I'm the Head of the Chu

Family. Thank you for your help, Great Hero."

"I have a few questions." Henry finally spoke. This was after he had attacked them. His voice was very soft, but it was very clear.

Knox could not understand Henry's attitude towards them. He did not dare to approach Henry because of the attack he had launched at them earlier. He cupped his fist from a distance and said, "I'm the lord of the Eastern City. We are listening."

The reason Knox had made the effort to reveal his identity was firstly, to let this person know who commanded Eastern City, and secondly, to make it clear for the people of the city that it was now up to the Colver Family to negotiate with the other party on behalf of Eastern City.

"Hah." A scornful laugh sounded. "The lord of Eastern City? Oh, lord. Enlighten me then, while the gigantic demon wreaked havoc, what was that Colver Family of yours doing?"

Knox was already prepared with a speech for a question like this, it was originally meant for dealing with the Chu Family, but he used it anyway, "Back then, large demons were also wreaking havoc in the city, and we..."

Before Knox could finish, Henry turned and looked at the direction of Placido. "What about the Chu Family, what were you busy with?"

Having been ignored while being in the middle of his explanation, Knox was left stunned.

Placido answered, "The Chu Family had also come to face with large demons, back..."

"Bullsh*t!" Henry shouted angrily. This time, his voice rang loud like a bell, everyone could hear it clearly. This reply of his was filled with anger.

Henry stood in the air with a black robe draped over him. People could not see his appearance clearly.

Henry questioned harshly, "The Colver Family of yours governs Eastern City, yet when the demonic beasts wreak havoc within in, no experts arrived to handle the situation. Even right now, not a single trace of blood can be seen on you. Pray tell me, do you think the Colver Family deserves the right to govern Eastern City?"

Henry continued, "The Chu Family is the second largest force of Eastern City, yet when the demonic beasts were out wreaking havoc, they chose to shut themselves in. I am really curious about this behaviour of yours, what are your great families good for...?"

What were they good for?

The citizens of Eastern City were all shocked to hear those words.

These words sounded obvious that he intends to put the Eastern and Chu families out of power.

Knox's expression darkened. "Strong one, you have saved the lives of the citizens of Eastern City and slain the Gigantic Demon, I, Knox Colver, as well as the citizens of Eastern City are in your debt. However, this does not mean that you can just slander the Colver Family as you please."

"That's right." Placido chimed in. "The Chu Family are also citizens of Eastern City."

"Slander?" Henry's voice sounded a little scornful. "You mean to say that all of you were actually trying to fight the large demons back then?"

"Indeed." Knox nodded.

"So what have they become now?" Henry asked again.

Knox replied, "They have been slain."

"Was it that difficult to slay a large demon?" Henry questioned once more.

"Yes, it was." Knox replied. "The Colver Family had to give it our all."

"Oh?" Henry smiled. "If that is the case, this Colver Family of yours should be very exhausted by now, right? Well then, allow me to find out if the Colver Family had been going all out for Eastern City as you have said!"

"Crack!"

A bolt of lightning cut through the night sky, illuminating Henry's figure.

Immense amounts of purple radiance filled the sky once more, then formed a sword of Qi behind Henry.

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Looking at the purple-clad black silhouette in the darkness, Knox's expression turned solemn.

Anteo shouted loudly, "How dare you, monster! To try corrupt the hearts of the people of Eastern City!"

"The hearts of the people? You have the audacity to speak to me about the hearts of the people? Hahaha! Hahahahaha!" Henry erupted with a sudden laughter. His laughter boomed through the night, and his echoed throughout the entire Eastern City. "Look at what has become of the city, yet you still have the face to speak to me about the hearts of the people? Those words are meant for true rulers of the city! The purpose of your Colver Family is to protect the city and the people living in it, not to control it! The hearts of the people, you say? I don't know if you are still capable of winning over the hearts of the people, but I'm certain you have lost the initial trust of the people. Go."

Henry gently pointed at them with an outstretched hand.

Behind Henry, thousands upon thousands of divine swords appeared, blotting out the sky above them, then it all shot towards Knox and Anteo, who were standing mid-air.

Knox and Anteo could feel the oppressive force from the countless purple swords that shot at them. After exchanging a glance, they simultaneously activated their Qi to shield against the rain of swords.

A curved energy shield was formed in front of Knox and Anteo. When the purple divine swords came in contact with it, bursts of muffled sounds could be heard.

Henry stood in the air with his hands clasped behind his

back. Countless swords formed behind him, then they were shot repeatedly.

"Is this what it looks like when you say that you have exhausted yourselves?" Henry questioned again. "I don't know how exhausted you all have gotten. All I only know is that with the defence of Eastern City just now, even a four-year-old child would have been able to get by it and totter about in the city. While you, Knox Colver, the lord of Eastern City, were nowhere to be seen!"

"And Chu Family! Seeing that Colver Family did not take action, were you planning on keeping quiet too?"

Placido kept quiet.

In the sky, the curved energy shield that was formed in front of the two men broke apart suddenly, countless purple divine swords flew towards them. The expressions on the faces of Knox and Anteo were filled with fear. Just as the purple swords were about to hit the two men, the swords suddenly dissipated into thin air.

Knox's back was already drenched in cold sweat.

As the purple lights across the sky disappeared, Henry spoke again, "From today onwards, you, Knox, will no longer be the lord of Eastern City, and the area of the Chu Family's manor will be reduced by half. From now on, the Colver Family and the Chu Family will no longer be able to develop their own forces!"

Upon hearing Henry's words, the expressions of the members of the Colver and Chu Family changed altogether.

"Strong One, this is an internal affair of the Eastern City, it would seem that this is beyond your control," Placido said.

"What's that?" Henry looked in Placido's direction. "You are unwilling to let go of the power?"

"This has nothing to do with power or authority." Placido shook his head. "Since you have such power, you should be very clear about the roles of the Chu and Colver Family in Eastern City. You said that these two families of ours are not allowed to continue developing. I, Placido, wish to know, what gives you the authority to do so?"

Henry fell silent.

Seeing that Henry remained silent, Placido continued, "Both the Chu Family and Colver Family were tasked with a mission, Strong One..."

"How pathetic." Henry, who had been silent for a long time, suddenly interrupted Placido. "Sanford Chu was known as 'The Invincible Six Paths'. He was known for his righteousness and now lays buried in Kunlun. Your Chu Family are descendants of Sanford, am I right?"

Placido's was shocked. "Who on earth are you?"

Henry ignored him and looked to Knox. "The Colver Family, followers of Immortal Lu. That's how you were able to gain control of Eastern City? Just with a slogan like that?"

"You..." Knox stared at Henry. "Who the hell are you?"

Henry waved his arm and purple light flashed. Then, two figures were elevated into the air by the purple light. They were the two maids of Henry, Lisamari and Cherlyn.

Henry smiled and projected his voice, "Lisamari, Cherlyn, please tell them who I am."

"This... this..." Cherlyn's voice trembled. "This is the master of my family, Syl... Zhang..."

Syl Zhang!

Placido, who stood in the sky, as well as the members of the Chu Family who gathered in the courtyard, were all

shocked.

Jacindo, who hid in the dark with Eurydice, also witnessed the scene and heard Cherlyn's words.

Syl Zhang!

Knox nodded. "So you're the famous appraiser. I've heard a lot about you."

Henry ignored Knox. He looked at Cherlyn curiously and said, "I'm curious. You knew what I meant when I asked you that, yet you insist on giving me such an answer. Do you really take me for a fool?"

Cherlyn trembled with fear and crumbled to her knees weakly. Lisamari's face was ashen, not even daring to utter a single word.

Henry waved his hand once more, and another figure was lifted to the sky by the purple light.

This time, it was Trahern.

Trahern also trembled at that moment. He looked at Henry who stood in the air, then smiled and said, "Brother Zhang, what... what is the meaning of this?"

Henry smiled and said. "Brother Cui, seeing that the two people you had assigned to spy on me were not willing to tell them, why don't you tell them who I really am?"

Trahern smiled apologetically. "Brother Zhang, you must be mistaken, to say something like that is a little too much, don't you think?"

A smiley expression was still displayed over Henry's face. "If you don't tell them, I'll kill you."

Trahern trembled uncontrollably and subconsciously turned his gaze to look at a different direction. He immediately realised something and quickly recollected his gaze. However, such a small movement of his was still caught by Henry.

"Trahern Cui." Henry called him directly by the name this time. "I'll give you three seconds, three..."

Cold sweat trickled down Trahern's forehead uncontrollably.

"Two." Henry's voice sounded again.

Trahern's legs trembled fiercely, and his lips began to pale.

"One."

Henry's voice was like a countdown timer for his life.

"I'll talk! I'll talk!" Trahern roared. "He's Henry! He's Henry Zhang!"

Shouting the name "Henry" seemed to have used up every ounce of strength in Trahern's body.

With a wave of Henry's arm, the two sisters and Trahern, could once again feel the ground.

Henry Zhang!

This name sounded unfamiliar to the natives of Eastern City. It did not ring any bells, but to the upper echelons of Eastern City and the Chu Family, it could not be clearer what Henry's name meant to them.

The new Archbishop of the Eastern Continent!

The eyes of Knox and Placido were filled with disbelief.

"Now, tell me, you two." Henry spread his hands wide. "Do I have the right to restrict the development of the two families of yours?"

Knox and Placido were both stunned. They never imagined that this newly appointed archbishop had already entered stepped into the Recluse World and had been wandering around right under their noses?

Placido was the first to react. He knelt in mid-air and shouted, "Placido of the Chu Family pays his respects to

My lord!"

The Chu Family were close followers of the Archbishop of the Eastern Continent!

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The scene of Placido kneeling down in the air caused the people in the city to widen their eyes. Although the Chu Family's influence was not as strong as before, they could still stand up against the Colver Family. Yet now, he was kneeling in front of so many people. This was...

Still hiding in one corner, Jacindo's face had turned green with terror.

Henry Zhang! This person who had been constantly creating commotions was actually Henry!

Henry stood in the air with his hands clasped behind his back. He looked at Knox and said, "From today onwards, you, Knox, are relieved from your position as the lord of Eastern City."

Knox's face showed extreme dissatisfaction. Even though the lord of every city could be regarded as the spokesperson for the Archbishops of the corresponding continent, the Eastern City was somewhat special.

Knox gritted his teeth and said, "Lord Zhang, you..."

Henry's pupils shrank, and a sky of purple light burst towards Knox.

In the midst of the purple light that filled the sky, Knox, who was still mid-air, was sent flying like a cannonball and smashed heavily into the ground.

A loud explosion could be heard, and smokes of dust rose from the ground. When the smoke and dust dissipated, a huge crater appeared in everyone's sights. Knox lay limp in the centre of the crater, it was obvious that he was seriously injured.

"Weren't my words clear enough to you?"

Henry's voice sounded again.

He was able to heavily injure Knox with a single strike! Such a display of power, caused the expressions of those within the City Lord's Mansion's to change drastically.

A gigantic purple sword condensed in the sky. The tip it was pointed downwards. Right under the tip of sword lay the heavily injured Knox.

Henry raised his arm as if he was announcing a trial. "Colver Family, are you serious about not giving up the power and authority of Eastern City?"

Although the purple sword was still in suspended in the air, the sharp aura of the sword had already cut through Knox's skin.

The city was dead silent.

Henry's raised arm swung downwards in a single motion.

The purple sword plummeted vertical from the sky.

"Alright! We will do as you say!"

A loud roar rang out from within the Eastern City.

The divine purple sword came to an abrupt halt. At that moment, the tip of the sword, which seemed capable of ultimate destruction, was less than three centimetres away from the tip of Knox's nose. The sharp aura that emanated from the tip of the sword made Knox feel as if his body were about to be ripped apart.

At that moment, Knox was completely unable to garner any of his Qi. He felt that breathing had already become a difficult task for him.

Henry, who was still in the air, snorted and said, "You've made a wise choice. Before the Colver Family retires, please issue one last order to repair the walls and fill the trenches of the city."

Later that night.

The chaos within Eastern City gradually subsided, and the corpses on the street had been disposed by the guards. People worked spontaneously to rebuild and repair the destroyed houses. In this world where many Qi practitioners resided, repairing the houses was not a difficult task.

Henry sat on the throne of the City Lord's Mansion.

Lisamari and Cheryln stood behind Henry, still portraying the role of maids. Although they were maids, even Placido did not dare to offend them.

However, the two girls were not happy with their sudden promotion. It could be visibly seen how scared they were from how they were constantly trembling.

Knox and Placido stood before Henry, while the upper echelons of the Colver and Chu Family stood behind them.

Jacindo also stood behind Placido with his head lowered, not even daring to raise his head.

As for Trahern, he stood behind Henry. His face pale as death and his body trembled uncontrollably.

Henry held a teacup and blew at it gently. After a few sips, he said, "Both of your families, one being descendants of Sandford Chu, the other being descendants of Immortal Lu, tasked with the responsibility of watching over Eastern City. Yet in order to preserve your strength, you closed your doors and hid behind it when the demons attacked. Is this how you people protect the city?"

Placido and Knox both remained silent.

Henry sipped on the tea again, the whole hall of the City Lord's Mansion was silent. Only the sound of Ranjeet eating by the side could be heard.

When Henry finished the tea in his hand, he waved at them and said, "Go back, all of you. From now on, you are not allowed to leave Eastern City, if you do I will seek you out personally."

Henry put down the teacup and then no longer looked at Placido and Knox.

Knox and Placido understood his words. Without saying a word, they turned and led their men away from the City Lord's mansion.

After the Colver Family and the Chu Family had left, only Ranjeet who was busy eating, Henry, Lisamari, Cherlyn, and Trahern remained in the entire hall of the City Lord's Mansion.

"Could you please get me some more hot water?" Henry pointed to the teacup in his hand.

Cherlyn's hands trembled, then brought a kettle of water and filled Henry's teacup.

Henry looked to Trahern and said, "What's the matter? Still wondering how I knew?"

Trahern's body trembled as he nodded.

Henry stretched and said, "Frankly, you didn't display any flaws. It's just that you don't know enough about the psychological activity of a bounty hunter."

Henry glanced at Lisamari and Cherlyn. "To a bounty hunter, money is everything. I have been to brothels several times, hinting that I prefer mature women. Since you have already regarded me as a cash cow, why do you still insist on having them by my side? Moreover, I have hinted to you many times in front of them that if you had really bought them both with cash, they would probably contact me voluntarily, but unfortunately, not once did they even do that. It proves that the relationship between you and them is not what it would seem to be

on the surface."

"Of course." Henry snapped his fingers. "This is only one point. During this period of time, I have learned about the distribution of power in Eastern City. Although the Chu Family seems weak and hides underground, the Colver Family is not unaware of it. Every time the Chu Family sends someone to buy food supplies in the city, it is always acquiesced by the Colver Family. They also know that they can't wipe out the Chu Family. As a bounty hunter who has to count on the knowledge of your surroundings to survive, you should have known all of this, yet you still dared to act on the people in the granary, and even wanted to capture the people of the Chu Family. How was that reasonable? So that meant someone had arranged for you to keep an eye on me, right?"

Trahern did not make a sound.

"My...my lord... your tea..." Cherlyn handed the newly-made tea to Henry.

"Thank you." Henry smiled, took the teacup from Cherlyn, blew at it, and suddenly looked out of the door. "By the way, there is also you. You also have a flaw. Please come in."

Trahern was horrified.

Henry continued to speak, "We are old friends. Why do you have to cover up? In the view of outsiders, we had spent several nights together."

"Amazing." A woman's voice sounded from outside the door. Then Aeshah drifted down from the top and appeared in front of the hall of the mansion. "I would really like to know where my flaw is."

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Henry watched Aeshah approach him slowly, then shook his head slightly and said, "In fact, if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I really couldn't believe that the disciple of Sackcloth Visitor would be a rebel."

"What are you saying?" Aeshah walked in and took sit down. "We're just standing from different viewpoints, the way we view things are just different, how is that rebelling? If we follow your orders blindly without considering if they are right or wrong, wouldn't that be regarded as blind loyalty?"

"Yeah." Henry nodded approvingly. "You make a fair point. We're indeed looking at an issue from different viewpoints. There's no absolute right or wrong in this world. However, your mistakes were great."

Aeshah looked surprised, "Tell me about it."

"Do you still remember back then when we met?" Henry asked. "I went to see you and told you that Sackcloth Visitor sent to me. You looked a little surprised and asked me a few questions, only then you could confirm my identity. To be honest, the people who had convinced you to rebel really didn't train you properly, even third-rate actors could act better than you. Sackcloth Visitor was basically crippled. He came to Yinzhou to see me with whatever was left of his strength. I'm guessing that he didn't come looking for me to tell to first have a look at the Recluse World, he was very certain that his every move was under the watchful eyes of others. His main plan was to have me get rid of the weeds here. Let me think, there were many who could arrange for someone to keep an eye on Sackcloth Visitor, but not many would know that I have stepped into the Recluse World. Cleve

Chai? Quite impossible. So, it looks like there are only two cardinals left who could be behind this, right?"

Aeshah smiled. "Honestly, you really are so full of yourself."

"Honestly, your acting is pathetic." The teacup in Henry's hand shattered suddenly. Horror filled Lisamari and Cherlyn's faces. They subconsciously took a few steps back.

The teacup had shattered, but the water in it was not spilt, it condensed into a sphere and bounced around nimbly on Henry's fingertips, as if it was alive.

"Let's not talk about how many mistakes you have made back then when we met. Simply based on the fact that you have never even bothered to ask how Sackcloth Visitor was doing from the moment you showed up here before me, your identity has already been exposed. I'm guessing, the real Aeshah is already dead, am I right?"

Aeshah's expression darkened, then she said, "What's the matter, can't it be possible that I contact my master very often?"

Henry shook his head and said, "Don't you know how gifted Sackcloth Visitor is in music? Sackcloth Visitor is one who is capable of using music to kill!"

"You!" Aeshah frowned and then calmed down. "Fine, I admit that Aeshah is indeed dead. Her face is undeniably a pretty good mask. All this while, I've been worrying that you could tell that I was wearing a human-skin mask over my face."

As soon as Aeshah finished speaking, she placed her hand on one side of her face and pulled forcefully, a human-skin mask was torn off, then thrown onto the ground. Where the human-skin mask had originally been, a horribly disfigure face was revealed.

"Well, this is bad, I even cut off my nose just to fit into this mask. I was so beautiful back then, so many men fought to win me over, however now..." the lady shook her head. "But that doesn't matter now, as long as I kill you, all of it would be worth it."

The moment those words left her mouth, she suddenly exploded towards Henry.

"Phew." Henry breathed a long sigh of relief. "It seems that you have received a new order. Is your master planning to give up on you? Well, that's fair too, Trahern and the others probably only receive orders from you. If you're gone, no one will know who is that master behind you anyway, am I right? Go."

With a flick of Henry's finger, a drop of water shot right at Aeshah.

Aeshah stopped advancing instantly, then her pupils began to dilate in the next second. A red dot appeared between her eyebrows, then she crumbled forward to the ground.

Trahern and the other two ladies were so terrified that their faces turned ashen.

Henry stood unmoving on the same spot. He looked back at the three and said, "Let me guess. Next, someone would report that I had joined forces with the demons and killed people from the Colver Family, right? That way the Chu Family will be put under house arrest, and as for those of the Colver Family who had just left, they would probably already have lost their freedom."

"You!" Trahern stared at Henry with his eyes widened.

"Really, the three of you didn't do anything wrong. We're just looking from different standpoints." Henry flicked his finger, and three drops of water separated from the sphere of water.

Lisamari and Cherlyn shook their heads vigorously.

"Please... please! No... no!" Lisamari's face turned pale as death, and her legs turned weak, causing her to fall to her knees.

Cherlyn had already wet her pants in fear.

"Ah." Henry sighed and said, "This is why, you have to choose the right team. Life's like that, if you had chosen the wrong team, you risk falling to your death. Your master led the demonic beasts into the city with the intention to divide the Eastern Continent, it's apparent that your names had already long been engraved on his to-sacrifice list."

"Run!" Trahern roared and sprinted towards the exit with all his might.

Henry did not say anything. He flicked his fingers once more, and the three droplets shot towards the three of them.

Almost concurrently, a red spot appeared between the eyebrows of Trahern and the other two ladies. Whether it was Trahern who was fleeing, Lisamari who knelt on the ground, or Cherlyn who had wet her pants, they were all stunned at that moment. Then, they all toppled forward simultaneously.

All those years of experience had made it very clear to Henry that he who shows mercy to an enemy denies it to himself.

Although the three people who collapsed before his eyes had no conflicts with Henry personally, and in fact, his living quarters were even cleaned by these two ladies, but he could not show any mercy to them seeing that their views opposed his.

Henry knew that he was not a kind man, he had no intention of being a kind man either. Sometimes, when

one was too kind to the world, it would end up bringing great harm to oneself.

Trahern and the two ladies collapsed to the ground, and a loud shout rang from outside the hall.

"The sinner Henry Zhang! Cooperated with demonic beasts and schemed the murder of the lord of Eastern City! May he be presented with the death he deserves!"

"Alas." Henry sighed, shook his head, and murmured, "The title 'sinner' has been used in Recluse Association countless times now. Can't any of you think of something new?"

Right after the voice outside sounded, a large group of more than 20 people charged into the hall. Every one of them emanated a strong aura. All of these people were experts.

A figure entered from outside. This person was dressed in silver armor and held a long silver spear, looking like a God of War. It was Anteo, who stayed by Knox's side the entire time.

"Sinner Henry Zhang, you led the demonic beasts into the city, bringing harm upon the citizens, and conspired against the Colver Family. The six city lords have come to an agreement to imprison you. Do you have anything else to say?"

Henry looked at the men who had arrived with narrowed eyes, then said, "A bunch of weaklings show up and convict me upon arrival. Are you trying to provoke me into committing mutiny?"

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Anteo shouted loudly, "Henry the sinner, surrender yourself!"

Henry shrugged his shoulders.

Anteo waited for a few seconds. When he saw that Henry had no intention of retaliating, he waved his hand and two men came up tied Henry up with ropes.

This act of tying him up in ropes was obviously just for formality's sake.

Henry was then escorted out of the City Lord's Mansion by Anteo. Many people outside the City Lord's Mansion watched as this scene unfurled.

Anteo took the lead in spreading this piece of news. Claiming that the sinner Henry joined forces with the demonic beasts to frame Knox with intentions to take over Eastern City by force, and added that the Chu Family was affiliated with Henry, saying that the demonic beasts attacked the city because the Chu Family had entered the city and attracted them over!

This news from Anteo's mouth and spread all over Eastern City like wildfire.

Having just experienced all of that, the hatred of the survivors towards the demonic beasts had already bore deep into their bones. The man who had appeared and filled the sky with purple divine light was originally the hero in their hearts. However, at that moment, the image of him being a hero had completely been destroyed and had turned into a sinner. Waves of cursing and swearing erupted from the citizens.

Outside the home of the Chu Family, an angry crowd had already gathered there.

There was a celestial prison in Eastern City, where criminals who were guilty of sexual assault were locked up.

Henry, who had his limbs bound, was brought there and thrown into a cell.

This cell, was exactly like the cells in historical costume movies, its cell bars were made of blocks of wood, it could not keep ordinary beings who possessed some skills in, let alone an expert in Qi-control.

Anteo ordered the men to throw Henry in there, then left.

As for the rope that tied Henry up, it was just for show. It had already fallen off naturally by that time.

The cell was dark and damp without a single ray of light. Being in there brought extreme discomfort.

"Hey, isn't that the righteous Henry? Why is he also locked up in here?" A sarcastic voice sounded from the opposite direction of Henry.

Henry then looked to the opposite direction. It was a cell filled with many people, but Henry did not recognise any of them.

"Why, isn't this the great hero who saved Eastern City, the one who spoke of righteousness and morality? How did he also end up here?"

"He's probably the first cardinal to be imprisoned in the celestial prison of his own city, hahaha!"

"To even cooperate with those demons, what a piece of sh*t!"

Curses erupted one after another.

"Alright, that's enough talking." A voice rang out from the depths of the cell. The shouting crowd obediently shut their mouths the moment they heard this voice.

Henry could recognise that this voice belonged to Knox.

Henry gently waved his hand, and the gate of the cell in front of him opened automatically. Henry stepped out of the cell and walked over to the opposite cell. Then he waved his hand again, and the gate of it was easily opened as well.

"What are you doing!"

When the men in the cell saw Henry approach, wary expressions showed across their faces.

"Let me guess." Henry smiled and said, "Did that Anteo announce that he possessed evidence of me joining forces with the Chu Family to cooperate with the demonic beasts? Then told you people to accept that as a fact, and promised to grant all of you freedom after he had gotten rid of the Chu Family and I?"

The people in the cell did not reply.

Henry smiled slightly. "Looks like my guesses were correct."

Henry stepped into the cell.

"Henry, what are you trying to do?!" Someone shouted.

Henry stretched out his hand and pointed to the deepest end of the crowd. "I'd like to have a chat with Knox."

Someone shouted again, "Our Lord has no interest in talking to you. Leave at once!"

"Pay attention to my words." A flash of purple light appeared in Henry's hand. "I said that I'd like to have a chat with him. I don't care if he's interested, got it? Now, get lost!"

The moment Henry uttered the words "get lost", the members of the Colver Family who stood in his way all stepped back almost simultaneously to make way for Henry.


With Henry's capabilities, he could be said to have

absolute power in there.

Henry made his way through the crowd of the Colver Family and saw Knox sitting in the deepest end of the cell.

Knox looked at Henry with complete disgust in his eyes. Earlier, he had heard that Henry, the Bishop of the Eastern Continent, had coordinated with the demons, resulting in the Red Cardinal, Cleve Chai, to sustain serious injuries.

"Haha, lord of the Eastern City, I thought that only those who allied with demons would be given this kind of treatment. What a surprise to see that even you are being treated like that. I am the first cardinal to be thrown into the jail of my city, and you are also the first city lord to share the same fate."

"Take your nonsense elsewhere, Henry." One of the members of the Colver Family yelled, "We are just here temporarily. Once people like you who have allied with the demons have been disposed, our Colver Family will be free!" 

"Haha. what wishful thinking!" Henry sneered.

"Henry, what are you sneering about?"

"At how naive you all are, of course." Henry shrugged. "Haven't any of you wondered how Anteo would suddenly come on with a plan like this. Plus with what I am capable of, do you think Anteo would even be able to throw me into this prison? I'm sure all of you still don't know that after you lot were locked up here, at least ten experts of the Divine Realm arrived at Eastern City, and Anteo has already been appointed as the acting city lord of Eastern City. Moreover, in his public announcement, I, Henry, have already killed every member of the Colver Family. In the eyes of others, all of you are already dead men. You people spend so much time in political tactics,

"I'm sure you can see the problem in this."

The expression of the people from the Colver Family darkened a little.

The title of "acting city lord" was obviously just an excuse to take over the power of Eastern City before he sat on the throne.

"Henry, you are telling us this just to ridicule us, aren't you?" One of them said gloomily.

"I'm not that bored." Henry shook his head. "I'm just here to cooperate with the lord of the Eastern City."

"I'm not interested." Knox said bluntly. "I, Knox, will definitely not cooperate with scum like you who would ally with demonic beasts."

"Calm down, Lord of Eastern City." Henry smiled and said, "It's still not too late to make a decision after hearing me out. Eastern City is still in a mess, and the demonic beasts haven't completely disappeared yet. The citizens now have too much on their minds to think carefully, they now believe whatever the authorities say. Now that they are spreading the news that every one of the Colver Family has been killed, Anteo would instantly be overthrown the moment you step out of here and testify for me. After that is done, you will still be the Lord of Eastern City, and as for the Chu Family, I will make them obey you, that way, the Colver Family shall still reign supreme in Eastern City. As for me, I will leave and go about my business as the cardinal. What do you think?"

"Did I stutter?" Knox replied sternly. "I said I won't cooperate with scum who allied with the demonic beasts!"

"I gave you face, yet you just tossed it away like it was trash." Henry's eyes turned grim as he grabbed Knox by

the neck. "Lord of Eastern City, I am advising you to rethink your decision. Either you cooperate with me, or every single member of your beloved Colver Family shall die in here."

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Knox's face turned scarlet as he was choked by Henry. The Qi of his entire body had been sealed. When faced with Henry, Knox who was known to be powerful, was no more than an ordinary man.

"Knox, you should know how to answer such a simple question, right?" Henry's eyes were filled with ferocity, the purple aura that enveloped his body expanded.

The corners of Knox's lips curled slowly into a smile. "Dream... on, Henry!"

"You wish to die? Very well! I'll give you a hand!" a purple blade of Qi formed in Henry's hand.

The members of the Colver Family remained silent.

Knox also closed his eyes and displayed an indifferent expression across his face, ready to take the blow of the blade in Henry's hand.

However, after a long pause, Knox did not feel any of the pain that he had imagined. Instead, he felt more relaxed as the fury that had completely suppressed him suddenly vanished.

"I'm very curious." Henry's voice sounded.

Knox opened his eyes and discovered that the blade of Qi in Henry's hand was gone.

Henry looked at Knox. "According to what I already know, the people you have been looking up to are already dead. Furthermore, he no longer belongs to the Recluse Association. Why do you have to be this loyal?"

"Henry, I'm warning you!" Knox yelled loudly. "Even if some sages have already left this world, you shall not... what!"

Knox lost himself in the middle of his sentence and suddenly widened his eyes to look at the scene before him in disbelief.

At that exact moment, a purple lotus rotated slowly above Henry's head, giving out a magnificent glow.

Knox's eyes were gradually filled with infatuation as he stared at the purple lotus.

"Henry, what kind of dark magic is this? I...."

A member of the Colver Family shouted, but before he could finish his words, he was stopped by another senior member of the Colver Family.

"Shut up!" After the senior member of the Colver Family scolded the man, he looked at Henry with a complicated expression. Disbelief, suspicion, shock, and satisfaction could all be seen his eyes.

Henry smiled and asked softly, "Do you recognise this?"

Knox's body trembled as he said, "Sacred... Sacred... Sacred Lotus."

"Looks like you do recognise it." The lotus flower above Henry's head disappeared suddenly. "Now do you still think that I am working with with demonic beasts?"

Knox, who had just returned to his senses, fell to his knees and knelt before Henry. He then bowed deeply and said, "Greetings, Immortal disciple!"

When the upper echelons of the Colver Family saw this, they all came to their senses and knelt down in unison.

"Greetings, Immortal disciple!"

"All right, you may rise." Henry waved his hand, and all those who knelt were lifted up by an invisible force. "I still have questions for all of you."

Knox gulped. "My Lord, before that, may I be allowed to ask you a question?"

Henry nodded and said, "Go ahead."

Knox clenched his fists subconsciously and said. "Immortal Lu, he, is he really..."

"Yes." Henry spoke before Knox could finish his question. "I buried him personally."

The rims of Knox's eyes turned red instantly. "We have always believed that only seventy percent of this news was true, but we never expected..."

"Don't be sad about it." Henry shook his head and said, "It's the old man who didn't want to continue living. Otherwise, with his capabilities, how would it possibly be my turn to bury him? It would seem more possible for the old man that he was to see the younger ones off. Now I have a few questions for you. Who was the one who spread the news about me cooperating with the demonic beasts?"

Knox pondered for a moment, then said, "This news came from the outer cities. I don't know exactly which city it originated from."

"Question number two." Henry stretched out a finger. "I heard that back then, the Chu Family joined forces with the demonic beasts and resulted in the death of your son?"

"Yes." A look of hatred flashed in Knox's eyes. "Back then, it was indeed the Chu Family that cooperated with the demonic beasts and killed my son."

"Do you have any evidence on that?"

"I don't!" Knox shook his head. "But I saw it with my own eyes. It was Placido who killed my son back then, and I saw it clear as day! The technique Placido had used was the same as the Demon King!"

Henry frowned and thought for a moment, then he asked, "One last thing, is there anyone in the Colver

Family who joined forces with the demonic beasts? When I first entered the Recluse World, I saw someone from the Colver Family take Eurydice as hostage, that person also used the method of coordinating with the demonic beasts."

"Impossible!" Knox spoke with absolute certainty. "The Colver Family would never possibly join forces with demonic beasts, nor would we ever try to harm the girls of the Chu Family. Placido may have cooperated with the demonic beasts, but I believe that most of the members of the Chu Family are innocent."

"Okay!" Henry snapped his fingers and said, "I ask you this, if I take you out of here now and murder Placido, are you confident that you can regain your power in Eastern City?"

"Yes!" Knox nodded.

"Very well, then..." Henry looked at his feet, then he shot out his arm very suddenly and grabbed the neck of a senior member of the Colver Family.

Knox was alarmed. "Immortal disciple, you..."

"Seriously." Henry squeezed the neck of the man in his hand as he looked at Knox, and said with a faint smile, "As the head of the Colver Family, why was nobody speaking up for you when you were in trouble? It's because everyone thinks that you are just puppet, you're not important, is that right?"

Knox was horrified to hear those words.

Henry continued, "Since the people behind all of this already know that I have arrived at the Recluse World, how would they have not thought that I would reveal my identity to you? Your acting is indeed better than the others. However, humans possess subconscious behaviours of their own, which cannot be concealed

through their acting. If you really are the lord, it can't be possible for the upper echelons of the Colver Family to keep turning to look at him every time I make a scene."

Henry grabbed on to the man's neck forcefully, but the man's face showed not even the slightest look of pain. Instead, a sneer appeared on his face.

This was a middle-aged man who looked to be in his forties. He was looked ordinary, which would not catch any attention.

"Henry, Henry, you really are impressive. It's no wonder you were able to climb up to this position from the bottom." The man spoke with ease. "But, have you really figured it out? Are you going to take action? As of right now, you are being accused of cooperating with demonic beasts. Once you lash out, do you think that you will be spared? The Chu Family that follows you so dearly would also be annihilated by the Recluse Association."

"I don't think that sounds right." Henry said confidently, "Aren't the members of the Chu Family also your subordinates? Since I stepped into this Recluse World, you have been acting it all out before me, acting as if somebody was planning to split my Eastern Continent and my master's lineage. So let me guess, what you really desire is not for me to commit mutiny, instead you desire information. However, you could never get me to speak, therefore the only way to obtain the information you need is through questioning the real Knox Colver and Placido Chu, am I right?"

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"You really are confident!" The middle-aged man who had his neck held on to by Henry sneered. "Do you really think that your guesses were all correct?"

"None of that matters now." Henry shrugged his shoulders. "Honestly, I had asked so many questions just now, just to find out one thing. You've said all that, but you only one sentence was true."

"Oh?" The middle-aged man showed a look of interest. "I'd really like to know which sentence you thought was true."

"Most of the members of the Chu Family are innocent', right?" Henry smiled. "On the day I visited the Chu Family, I met directly with the upper echelons of the Chu Family. I didn't even have a chance to speak to the lower-ranked people. No matter what I did, Placido would always arrange for someone to take me around. Even when I had just gotten up in the morning, someone had already been waiting outside the door. However, you really forgot something."

"Forgot something?" The middle-aged man looked suspicious. "What is it?"

"The season," Henry said, "the Chu Family's underground chambers should have been damp in the current season, yet it was extremely dry. After entering the underground chamber, the whole path was like walking a downhill slope, but that was just an optical illusion, right? It just looked like we were walking downhill, but in fact, the path leads us uphill. We are not underground, that is for a fact. Moreover, with the construction skills of Eastern City, to dig a 50-meter-wide trench outside the city, if it really was hollowed, I'm afraid that the corner of the city

has already collapsed, right? Living underground, was just something you all told me to create an illusion that the Colver Family and the Chu Family were fighting for supremacy. In fact, the lower-ranking members of the two families had no idea what had happened. That scene of entering city, was all just a show specially for me, wasn't it?"

The middle-aged man replied with a faint smile, "And then?"

"Then it's very simple. No matter which family I believe in, I would take action against either one of the families, and once i do that, your goal of splitting the Eastern Continent will have been achieved. Of course, this is just one of the points." Henry narrowed his eyes. "As for the second point, say I don't trust anyone, and I don't even give a d*amn about this matter, that way you can place all of the blame on me, and spread the news saying that Cardinal of the Eastern Continent had cooperated with Demonic Beasts. If the news of this sort were widely spread enough, the forces of the Eastern Continent would still end up being scattered. At the very least, it would no longer be as united as it used to be. That way, no matter if it's the successor of Sanford Chu or the successor of Master Lu, no one would be able to inherit the position of the Cardinal of the Eastern Continent, Leaving the Eastern Continent free for you to infiltrate as you please, am I right? At that time, it would be a piece of cake for you to obtain the information you desire from the real Placido and Knox. It's easy."

"Haha! Wonderful, wonderful!" The middle-aged man raised his arm and applauded heavily. "You truly deserve to throne of the King of Hell. Amazing indeed. We had put in so much effort to gather so many of our men to act out a scene with you, yet in the end, only to have the King of Hell laugh at our efforts. You're amazing!"

However, have you ever thought of one possibility? Which is, we were never interested in any information at all, and there was never any information for us to obtain in the first place."

"Then that's even easier." Henry's eyes were cold. "Seeing that your goal of dividing the Eastern Continent has been unsuccessful, you lot plan on not letting me leave the Recluse World alive, right?"

"Hahaha! King of Hell! It has been such a pleasure exchanging banter with intelligent people like you, hahaha!" The middle-aged man laughed loudly, and a powerful aura erupted from him in the next second.

Henry's face hardened slightly, and he quickly retreated backward.

"Boom!"

The entire celestial prison collapsed instantly.

Red light enveloped the middle-aged man. Then, the red light that covered his body formed a red cloak with a crescent moon engraved on it.

The middle-aged man put on his cloak and said softly, "The Red Cardinal of the Recluse Association, Nevyle, sends his greetings to the King of Hell."

"Haha, another cardinal." Henry extended his arm, and a purple sword formed in his hand. "Are you sure that you are capable of keeping me here?"

"With just the strength of one man, it would be impossible to restrain the famous King of Hell." Another figure appeared behind Henry. It also had a red cloak with a star printed on it. "The Red Cardinal of the Recluse Association, Marinos, sends his greetings to the King of Hell."

The corners of Henry's lips suddenly curled into a smile. Then he said, "Awesome. Having two of the great Red

Cardinals of the Recluse Association to show up at the same time just to restrain me. You really do think highly of me."

Marinos's voice sounded illusory. He was clearly standing right behind Henry, yet his voice rang out from different directions.

"Well, what more can I do, when I have to face the King of Hell?" Two bloodied sickles appeared in Nevyle's hands.

A blue book drifted in front of Marinos, emanating a strange blue light.

Henry did not say anything else. The purple light around him suddenly burst outwards, then two purple divine swords appeared out of thin air and slashed towards Nevyle and Marinos.

Nevyle's crossed his sickles and formed a giant blood net, instantly crushing the divine sword that slashed at him.

As for the other purple sword, just as it neared Marinos, its speed became extremely slow. Then it completely dissipated like particles scattering.

The techniques of these two cardinals simply could not be comprehended with common sense.

The people in the cell had already left the moment they could.

However, Henry had no intention of fighting them both. He was very clear about his own capabilities. Back then, he was able to heavily injure Cleve with the help of the broken sword, and using it would exhaust him. What Henry needed to do at that moment was to leave the Recluse World!

After Henry had shot the two divine swords at them, he blasted up into the sky at a high speed immediately.

The cell collapsed, and nothing stood in the way of Henry.

"Henry, now that we've already had a falling-out, do you think you'd be able to escape?!" Nevyle roared.

A large net weaved by Qi suddenly came at Henry from the sky. They were the experts that Anteo had brought into the city earlier before, and they had come to work together with Nevyle and Marinos to take down Henry.

"F*ck off!"

Henry roared, and a giant purple sword cut down from the air, cutting directly through the net.

The several Divine Realm experts that stood in the air could be visibly seen coughing out large mouthfuls of blood. Henry's attack did not only break their technique, it also injured them. Destruction was his divine will. That was just how terrifying it was.

For experts like Henry, breaking through the massive net and the tiny Eastern City, only took a second.

Outside the city, the demonic beasts were already gradually retreating. Only the 300 meter long python was still lingered at the mountains not too far away, flicking its tongue silently.

Henry was fleeing right at the direction of the python. It was a Bashe that was almost turning into an adult! Henry was sure that if the Bashe grew a little more, it would definitely experience a new level of change.

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Henry went straight for the mountains.

How would the Bashe that had wrapped itself around the mountain not notice the glaring purple light? A fierce glint sparkled in its eyes as it stared at the little dot that was getting closer and closer to it. It was an overlord among the demonic beasts, and it possessed intelligence. The demonic beasts had already retreated, yet it still stayed, occupying a territory where it could be king.

Now some little guy dared to provoke its majesty. The Bashe spat out its tongue and raised its enormous triangular head, ready to launch a ferocious strike any time.

However, the Bashe's eyes quickly moved from Henry, who was closest, to the person behind him.

Nevyle and Marinos sped out of Eastern City to chase after Henry.

"Kill him!" Marinos said.

"I know." Nevyle nodded. Then he blasted towards Henry with an explosive speed.

At the same time, an enormous shadow shot out towards Nevyle, striking as fast as lightning.

Nevyle was taken aback. He stopped charging forward abruptly and began retreating, avoiding this attack.

Nevyle regained his balance and looked at the gigantic figure before him, his eyes grim.

"What's going on! Why did the monster attack you?" Marinos frowned. They were after Henry, but Henry could easily go through the Bashe. Instead, Nevyle, who chased after Henry, was attacked by the Bashe.

"There's something strange about this kid," Nevyle said as he cast a glance in the direction Henry was headed. "He had once been in a laboratory for a long time, and he probably knows a little about the characteristics of these experimental subjects."

"Impossible." Marinos disagreed with him. "The evolution of the experimental subjects is completely uncontrollable. Whatever the experimental subjects here could evolve into or whatever the characteristics that they possess is impossible for anyone to know of."

While Nevyle and Marinos were making their speculations, the Bashe launched another sneak attack. It had completely ignored Marinos. The enormous triangular head of the Bashe possessed an explosive force that was even more powerful than a speeding train as it charged straight towards Nevyle.

Even with Nevyle's capabilities, he'd still sustain serious injuries if he took a hit like that.

Nevyle dodged swiftly, but the Bashe's body was similarly agile. Although it had a massive body, its movements were sharp as lightning as it continuously chased after Nevyle.

"Hang on!" Marinos let out a loud roar. "It wasn't that kid who had some sort of peculiarity on him. It was you!"

When Nevyle heard this, he subconsciously checked himself, and felt a black scale the size of a palm at the center of his back.

"Roar!"

When Nevyle grabbed at the scale, the Bashe let out a blood-curdling roar. It opened its jaws and bit at Nevyle.

Nevyle immediately understood what was going on. It was no wonder why this monster was not willing to leave him alone. The scale in his hand was exactly the

same as the scales on the monster's body.

Nevyle casually tossed away the scale. The Bashe that charged at him suddenly turned, and its enormous body moved instantly to catch the scale that had been thrown by Nevyle.

Nevyle's face darkened heavily. "This kid sped towards this monster fearlessly. He must have decided that from the beginning, when did he even place that on me?!"

Having fallen into Henry's trap, Nevyle was extremely furious.

"Forget about that for now, let's get him!" Marinos shouted. The both of them burst forward, increasing their speed to catch up with Henry.

Henry had temporarily shaken Nevyle and Marinos of his tail, the Recluse World was massive and Henry still knew too little about it. His only option was to run in the direction where the demonic beasts had retreated.

The reason Henry had said all those in the prison earlier was not simply to expose the scheme of Nevyle and the others. In fact, Henry had realised that something was wrong since when he saw the trench outside the city that night. He also tested Aeshah that night and signs kept showing that everything there was part of a plan. Henry had wanted to leave since that day, and had been looking for an opportunity the whole time, because he knew that he constantly was being watched, and it would be extremely difficult for him to make his escape so directly.

When Henry severed the Gigantic Demon's head, he also noticed the lingering Bashe at the mountainside. Henry had dealt with Bashes before, so he knew that if a Bashe was reluctant to leave, it must be looking for its lost scale.

When Henry attacked Knox, he happened to see the scale in Knox possession.

Therefore, Henry first attacked Knox in the prison. He created a huge scene, just to quietly obtain the scale.

Next, Henry grabbed Nevyle by the neck and produced a long speech, and that was all because he wanted to attach the scale onto Nevyle.

Henry had not known about Nevyle's identity back then. He only knew that when everything was in place, he would always have the opportunity to use it.

Henry was not familiar with the Recluse World, so he had to be careful when choosing a direction and be wary about entering the territory of some sort of demonic beast. However, Nevyle and Marinos were familiar with this place, and they moved extremely quickly. It was only a matter of minutes when they found Henry.

Feeling the fierce energy coming from behind him, Henry could sense that something had gone wrong. He stopped picking his choices carefully, and suddenly accelerated towards one direction.

"Get him! Don't let him escape!"

The scythe in Nevyle's hand formed a bloody net and charged towards Henry's back.

At the same time, Marinos opened his blue book and chanted some words. Suddenly, the bloody net by Nevyle disappeared suddenly, and appeared right in front of Henry in the next second, blocking his way!

Such a scene was completely beyond Henry's expectations. He knew that the two cardinals were very powerful and that he was no match for either of them if he only relied on his own strength, but he did not expect that they could coordinate their attacks with a teleportation technique. This was completely beyond his

comprehension!

Henry could understand the emergence of Qi. After all, in this world, many creatures used Qi to attack. It was just a difference in terms of its transformation.

Henry could also understand the extreme speed.

However, Henry truly could not understand this instant teleportation! The law of space was absolute, every being in the world had to obey it. Not a single living creature was able to perform it! This was something that exceeded Henry's understanding!

The violent, blood-red net of Qi appeared so suddenly that Henry was unable to react to it. The Qi that charged at him was filled with an immense tearing force.

Henry managed to condense a shield of Qi in front of him, but this shield of Qi did not have much of an effect.

The blood-red net of Qi, smashed into Henry in the air like a gigantic palm.

"Boom!"

A muffled slam could be heard, and a smoke of dust rose from the ground.

Blood trickled from the corner of Henry's mouth, and the ground beneath him had cracked completely.

Henry was injured with a single strike by the techniques of the red cardinals.

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Henry's clothes were torn from this blow. He got up from the ground and gasped for breath.

Nevyle and Marinos arrived through the air and looked down at Henry.

Henry knew that it would not be that easy for him to escape now. He could not dodge the teleportation attack because he was unable to pinpoint where the attack of those two men would appear.

Henry stared at the two men, and his eyes were grim.

Far away, in the little city of Yinzhou.

In a quiet cafe, a man in a black gown ordered two cups of Blue Mountain Coffee. He sat alone in front of the window and looked at the scenery out of it.

"Ring."

The wind chime that dangled from the top of the door suddenly rang. The door opened and a six-foot tall figure stepped in. He wore a plain shirt, jeans, white shoes and a cap. The bill of the cap was pressed down to hide his appearance.

As soon as the man entered through the door, Catman immediately stood up respectfully.

"Sit," the man said. It was a middle-aged man's voice. "I believe that I had told you to behave a little normally in public."

"Yes, sir." Catman nodded and sat down.

The middle-aged man sat opposite Catman and looked at the coffee on the table, then said, "Do you like the stuff these young people drink?"

"No." Catman shook his head. "I ordered it for you, I think

you might like it."

The middle-aged man looked at the coffee on the table and was slightly stunned. Then he smiled and said, "I can't say that I like it, but I do feel it's a pity. Has Henry... gone to the Recluse World?"

"Yes," Catman replied. "I gave him the invitation at the same time the Recluse Association had summoned him, but he chose the Recluse Association."

"Alas." The middle-aged man sighed. He put his right hand on the table and tapped on it with his fingers. "Living in the centre really isn't easy. He knows that he is more likely to be in danger if he goes to the Recluse World this time, yet he still has to go. If he disobeys that order, the Recluse Association would have a legitimate excuse to kill him. What a ridiculous rule they have."

Catman pondered for a moment, then said, "He could also choose to join us Noble Berserkers."

"He probably thinks that it's more dangerous to join us than the Recluse Association. After all, he possesses too many secrets. I didn't expect him to be able to open the gates of the City of Hell. How great it would be if I had known of this earlier."

"The Alvin League is deliberately spreading this news at a time like this. Is the world still not chaotic enough?" Catman's mouth twitched. "Sir, do we have to do anything?"

"No." The middle-aged man shook his head. "If we intervene now, it would only make the situation more chaotic. The Recluse Association could only put Henry under a house arrest at most. They wouldn't dare to kill him. After all, there are two prisoners of the City of Hell roaming free. Didn't Henry say that his life was also the business of those prisoners? Whether or not what he said was true, the Recluse Association would not dare

to take any risks. They'd just out him under a house arrest."

Catman said worriedly, "If the Recluse Association gains control over the City of Hell, we..."

"Heh." The middle-aged man let out a disdainful laugh. "Regardless of whether or not Henry would expose the truth about the City of Hell, or even if Henry did tell them, do you think the people of the Recluse Association would dare enter the City of Hell? Besides..."

The middle-aged man paused and looked out of the window. "It's still not certain whether or not they are able to capture Henry."

Back in the Recluse World.

Three beams of light clashed.

The blood red and blue lights completely overpowered the purple light.

Henry's black robe was in shreds, revealing his muscular upper body. His body was covered with wounds that resembled crosses. The blood red light of Nevyle was particularly strange, it could easily penetrate the energy shield in front of Henry and leave wounds on Henry's body.

Marinos, on the other hand, held a blue book in his hand. Each time Nevyle attacked, Marinos always gave him a buff. Henry was completely unable to resist their combined attacks.

Henry gasped for air. With their powers, each move was filled with killing intent. Each strike was not only a clash of strength, but also a battle of intelligence.

Nevyle and Marinos fought Henry two against one, completely suppressing him.

Just the brief exchange of blows was enough for Henry to feel like he was at the end of his rope.

"Henry, in your current state, do you think that you still have a chance to escape the Recluse World?" Nevyle spoke. At that moment, he could have seized the opportunity to take him down, but he remained cautious.

Both Nevyle and Marinos knew that Henry had seriously injured Cleve in the King's Mausoleum of Western Xia. They knew that Henry had a trump card. Even if Henry was at a disadvantage at that moment, his trump card still made Marinos and Nevyle fear him.

After all, Cleve was the head of the three red cardinals, and he was the strongest of them all. If even he sustained heavy injuries, neither Marinos nor Nevyle had the confidence to take a blow from Henry's trump card. Nevyle could only hammer continuously at Henry psychologically.

"Dear Henry, why do you still resist?" Marinos spoke. "Do you really think that you can escape our grasp? You are considered a genius to have attained such a level seeing that you started as an ordinary man. Frankly, if you would cooperate obediently and tell us the secrets of the City of Hell, we won't necessarily have to kill you."

"Indeed." Nevyle nodded. "One more friend, one more helping hand. Right now, the news of you possessing the secret of the City of Hell has already been spread far and wide. I imagine you should understand the situation you are in right now."

Henry took a deep breath and said, "I thought the two cardinals were hostile to each other, but I have a question. Even if I do tell you about the City of Hell, would you have the guts to step into it?"

Nevyle shook his head.

"Whether or not we have the guts to enter it isn't any of your business. As long as you..." Nevyle was in the middle of his sentence when he suddenly roared,

"Attack!"

Marinos had long been prepared. As soon as Nevyle roared, Marinos activated the blue book in his hands.

Blood-red light charged at Henry from his back. At the same time, those lights appeared from the top of Henry's head and from both directions of his body. This attack style similar to teleportation, was beyond Henry's comprehension. He had exchanged several blows with the two men, but besides resisting those blows, he could not find any other way to fight back.

Nevyle also launched an attack directed straight at Henry.

The violent methods that came from every direction sealed off every possibility of retreat for Henry.

A purple lotus emerged from the top of Henry's head, and the dense purple energy enveloped him completely.

"Boom!"

There was a loud explosion sounded, causing the ground to rumble.

The ground around Henry collapsed from where he stood. Countless demonic beasts that lived in the wild scurried away in different directions with fear.

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Chapter 1266

After the violent attack, the world was peaceful again.

Marinos and Nevyle were already standing in the air, their gazes were focused on the ground below.

Below them, the ground had collapsed. Smoke and dust rose in the air. They could not clearly see what was going on with Henry.

As a strong gust of wind blew past them, the dense cloud of smoke and dust began to disperse.

Henry, who was in the centre of the collapse, was also gradually revealed in Marinos and Nevyle's sight. As they saw the state Henry was in, the corners of their lips curled into smiles.

Henry had completely lost the ability to fight. His upper body was covered with blood. The violent Qi tore his skin apart, and the white bones of his shoulder blades were visible, which showed how bad the state Henry was in.

However, even so, Nevyle and Marinos did not dare to go down immediately. Nevyle stood in the air and blasted of blood-red rays of light at Henry, launching long-distance attacks at him.

Being in that state at that moment, Henry was unable to resist those attacks effectively. He could only condense an energy shield over his body. However, every time he resisted Nevyle's attack, the shield in front of Henry would weaken.

Nevyle and Marinos were not in a hurry either. They were just hacked slowly at Henry's defences.

Henry lay on the ground covered in blood. He put one hand on his chest and held the broken blade in the other.

At that moment, the broken blade was the trump card for Henry to break through the obstruction of Marinos and Nevyle. Henry was sure that he could definitely injure them seriously if he struck at them with an all-out blow, but he would end up much worse than them. What he needed to do was not to injure them heavily, but to escape the Recluse World.

However, how could he escape now? If the two red cardinals wanted to kill him, he would definitely be unable to escape by relying on a normal path. If he were to fight them with all he had, both parties would sustain serious injuries. By then, even a Qi-concentration Realm practitioner or even a Qi-Transformation Realm practitioner would be able to take his life, much less a Divine Realm Realm expert who stood guard.

A sense of desperation rose from the bottom of Henry's heart. Henry knew that this trip to the Recluse World would be a dangerous one, but he was not expecting the Recluse Association to have such a strong intention to kill him. In fact, Henry had already known that the secret of him knowing about the secrets of the City of Hell had completely been exposed, but he was still unsure if this news had been spread by Randell, or if had been leaked from elsewhere.

From the moment the Recluse Association had told Henry that he was to meet with its President, and when the Noble Berserkers had sent a similar invitation letter to Henry on the same day, Henry had already known that these two superpowers were trying to force him to spill the secret.

Currently, Radiant Island was still weak. In the face of the two superpowers, the Recluse Association and the Noble Berserkers, Radiant Island was just like a small raft in the sea. As for the two superpowers, they were

like giant cruise ships. Once the sea begins raging, the small raft would have to choose a giant cruise ship to rely on.

Between the Recluse Association and the Noble Berserkers, Henry chose the Recluse Association. Unfortunately for him, it seemed that he had made the wrong choice.

Henry lay weak on the debris-filled ground. The ground beneath him had collapsed, and the sprouting plants beneath the ground were visible.

The energy shield that was formed over Henry began to weaken.

Nevyle's attacks from the air had also become increasingly fierce.

A crescent-shaped ray of red light slashed towards Henry, and the moment it touched the energy shield in front of Henry,

"Crack!"

A soft crack sounded.

The energy shield in front of Henry broke like thin glass.

At that moment, Henry's eyes lit up. He stared at the bud sprouting from the soil in front of him, and a smile appeared on his face.

Seeing that the crescent ray was about to cut down on his body, Henry inhaled deeply and suddenly waved his arm. A purple ray light in the shape of a crescent was shot out by Henry.

"Boom!"

When the two rays of Qi collided, a muffled explosion was heard. Henry was pushed backwards at a high speed.

At that time, Henry was covered in blood, and the white

bones of his shoulder blades were visibly seen. He was in a terrible situation, yet he still had a smile on his lips.

"Interesting! Interesting! How very interesting! Hahaha!"

Henry suddenly laughed aloud. He looked up. In the night sky, the crescent moon was hung high, and dark clouds drifted in the distance. He believed that it would soon block out the crescent moon.

"Henry, what are you laughing about!" Nevyle frowned and roared.

"I've always felt that something was off in the Recluse World, but I couldn't tell exactly what it was. However today, I have finally found it. Ahem." Henry coughed out a mouthful of blood, but his face was full of excitement.

Henry wiped his lips with his right thumb and continued, "Earlier before, I had heard that the skies of the Recluse World was three-dimensional projection of some sort. I have always been curious about what kind of projection it was, that could make it seem so real, including the other micro world that I had visited before. However, today, it suddenly struck me that it never was a three-dimensional projection, am I right? No matter how amazing the three-dimensional projection is, shadows would always appear, but that doesn't seem to be the case for this place. Besides, according to the information I had received, the micro world exists in the depths of the earth, and a strong pressure surrounds it, which prevents it from ceasing to exist due to the moving of the Earth's crust, but if that is so, there would be no extra space under the ground, so how do plants sprout in the deep soil? The micro world may sound mysterious an all, but in truth, wherever we are right now, exists on land!"

Nevyle and Marinos, who were in the air, narrowed their eyes in unison.

Henry shook his head and said, "There are no such things as micro worlds. This area is probably just some corner in the world that people on the internet call 'the restricted area of life', nobody ever comes here, right? Every time people enter the micro world, it is the people of your kind that deliberately mystify them, giving them the impression that they have entered the micro world of the Recluse Association, tricking all of them into believing that this is truly a micro world, numbing their thoughts and beliefs, when everyone here is actually living on the surface of this planet. You members of the Recluse Association go around the world in the name of saving lives, but what you all really are doing is just a business of slavery!"

"Kill him! We can't keep him alive!" Marinos suddenly yelled.

Nevyle did not say anything, but his action of charging forward also showed his determination.

"If that's the case..." Henry looked into the distance and said, "That place where the demonic beasts gather, that's the end of this micro world, which is also the exit, right?"

Henry inhaled deeply, then a powerful burst of Qi exploded from behind him, blasting him towards the area where the demonic beasts gathered.

"Kill him! We can't let him escape!"

Marinos and Nevyle's decision to kill Henry was firm.

Henry, who now knew of the secret of the Recluse World, no longer felt hopeless as he did before. Although Marinos and Nevyle were powerful, he was no weakling either. It was not impossible for him to escape from them. Furthermore, he also still had his trump card up his sleeve. Everything would be easier for him the moment he escaped the Recluse World.

Henry knew that after he had revealed the secret of the Recluse World today, the Recluse Association would definitely not spare his life. However, Henry believed that it would not be that easy to chase after him and kill him in the city.

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Chapter 1267

A large piece of land was occupied by demonic beasts in the Recluse World. The areas occupied by the great demons regarded it as their own territories. No one would visit it. The adventurers all marked out the areas on the map where the great demons resided with blood-red exclamation marks, no one dared to approach those areas.

However, at that very night, the territories of the great demons were trespassed one after another. The roars of the Demonic Beasts burst out continuously.

Henry may have been covered in blood, but he still moved with incredible speed. He trespassed into the territory of countless great demons, infuriating them so much that they chased after him.

"Roar!" A giant ape of approximately thirty meters in height brandished its fist angrily. Its fist missed Henry, but it almost hit Nevyle who was chasing after Henry.

Nevyle and Marinos' expressions were extremely dark. They knew what Henry was trying to do, it was no longer just the two of them who were chasing after Henry, the great demons joined in the chase too. The great demons had no knowledge about the grudges between the three of them. The moment they saw humans barge into their territories, they all started attacking.

With the disturbances from the great demons, the chase after Henry was not going smoothly for Nevyle and Marinos, they had to always watch out for the attacks of the great demons. Each time the great demons attacked, it would slow them down.

Of course, Henry would also be affected by it, but one party was on a chase, and the other was on a run. In

such chaos, it was obvious that the one fleeing had an advantage over the pursuers.

Henry had gradually managed to create more and more distance and he got increasingly closer to the edge of the Recluse World.

Henry even saw the ruins of a laboratory on the way of his escape, some containers had not even broken, containing a complete foetus of an experimental subject within it.

Henry swept past the ruins below. He raised his head and saw that across the night sky not too far away, a colossal mountain stood tall and proud, it seemed to connect the heavens and the earth, it shot up straight into the clouds. As if to remind the monstrous demonic beasts that they were nothing more than a speck of dust in the face of this colossal mountain.

"So this should be one of the edges of the Recluse World huh?" Henry took a deep breath and looked behind him. Nevyle and Marinos were still entangled with the demonic beasts and could not free themselves to chase after him.

Henry put all his strength into his legs and leapt forcefully towards the top of the mountain.

The towering mountain was full of cliffs. Henry was already exhausted and could no longer form steps with his Qi. He could only rely on the cliffs and find his footing to climb the mountain bit by bit.

The moon was completely hidden behind the dark clouds. The silhouette of Henry's could be seen climbing the mountain with determination, as if the tip of the mountain held Henry's hope.

"Hurry!"

Nevyle and Marinos got anxious when they saw that

Henry had already gotten up the mountainside. However, Henry had sped through the territory of many great demons along the way. Some of them were strong and some were weak. The weak were no match for Marinos and Nevyle, but the stronger ones were just about as strong as the Bashe. The both of them felt helpless. At the moment they had gotten anxious, they were ambushed by a great demon, which nearly screwed them up.

"Quick, we mustn't let him escape!" Marinos roared.

Nevyle's heart tightened, and a hint of viciousness flashed across his eyes. "Marinos, use that technique!"

"That technique!" Marinos was stunned for a moment, then shook his head. "If that technique is used, both of us would be badly injured. In addition to that, the both of us would have to remove our red robes and hide in the dark like rats."

"I'd rather be a rat than die!" The red light in Nevyle's hands condensed. "We've already fallen out with him, and he already knows of the secrets of the microworld as well. Once he escapes, I imagine that you would know of the fate that awaits us."

Hearing these words, Marinos's face instantly turned ashen. It was as though he had already thought of the horrible consequences.

Marinos gulped heavily and took a deep breath. "Fine, let's use that!"

"There's no need for that." A soft voice sounded behind the both of them.

As soon as they heard this voice, Dalton and Nevyle both trembled with fear.

"You two pieces of trash, you can't even handle such a small matter. Go back and strip off your cloaks and

await your sentence. Piss off!"

A figure flashed past the two of them, turning into a blur as it sped towards the colossal mountain.

The great demons seemed to be unable to sense the figure that had suddenly appeared. They did not try to stop the figure at all.

At that moment, Henry had already climbed up to the top of the mountain. Just as he stepped onto the top of the mountain, Henry's eyes were dull. He stared ahead blankly and his breathing gradually became heavier.

On the top of the mountain, a perfectly connected wall of steel stood in the way of Henry, blocking his path. A row of machine guns were lined up atop the wall. Beneath the wall were countless rotting carcasses of demonic beasts, a small number of them could be visibly seen to have just died. Which meant that it was not that no experimental subjects had rushed up to the top of the mountain, but that every single one that had made it up there had been killed.

An ordinary machine gun would definitely have not been able to kill such powerful experimental subjects, these weapons had all been specially enhanced.

Henry could even see that there was a person standing on the wall in a white experiment suit, with a tablet in his hand, as if he was recording something. Henry had seen experiment suits of this kind before. Back in the laboratory of the micro world Henry had visited, experiment suits of this kind filled the closets of the researchers.

This experiment suit clearly belonged to the Alvin League!

Henry suddenly thought of a very terrible possibility! And if it was spread, it would definitely cause great chaos!

Henry held back the shocked feeling in his heart. He would be able to leave this Recluse World the moment he crossed that wall!

The great consumption of Qi from all that escaping, and the serious injuries Henry had sustained all brought him to the end of his rope. Now he was just one step away from leaving this place. If he could not make that step, he feared that he would have to die there.

Henry inhaled deeply, then he burst into action, speeding towards the wall of steel at full speed.

The moment he approached a certain distance from the steel wall, the machine guns on the wall all aimed at Henry simultaneously.

As for the people who stood on the wall, they seemed to have gotten used to situation of that sort a long time ago. They just threw a glance at Henry and never looked at him again.

Henry suddenly noticed that among the dead bodies beneath the wall, quite a few belonged to humans. All those who unintentionally discovered the secret of the Recluse World had died there.

The machine guns that were aimed at Henry did not fire chains of bullets. Instead, they accumulated some sort of energy. Henry could clearly see that in the depths of the barrel of those guns, some kind of energy was being accumulated. This accumulating energy had already filled Henry's heart with fear. ²

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