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Lamar's eyes widened in disbelief as he watched Kai's astonishing display of power. Never in his wildest dreams did he imagine that he could not self-destruct to bring Kai down with him. Standing before Lamar, Kai stared at the trapped, helpless man with a smug expression on his face.

"Kai, don't celebrate just yet. I'm not the only purple-robed emissary. Besides, the spiritual energy will soon be restored. When that happens, you will all die," Lamar growled at Kai through gritted teeth.

"I can't say for sure if I'll still be alive then, but you're certainly going to die now!" Kai declared, his hand striking the man with unwavering resolve.

With that, Lamar's cultivation was swiftly drained out of his body, and he soon turned into a dried corpse. Having absorbed Lamar's and Kayden's cultivation, Kai could feel the aura within his body surging.

It was a telltale sign of an imminent breakthrough. Kai surveyed the corpses of the demon beasts that strewn the ground, then said to Chester and Wayne, "Great Elder, Mr. Gingerich, lead our men in collecting the beast cores from the dead demon beasts. With these cores, I may finally achieve the breakthrough I seek."

"Master, if you desire, I can command these demon beasts to regurgitate their cores for you," Feenix offered. With a single command from her, the demon beasts would sacrifice themselves and regurgitate the beast cores. However, Kai waved his hand dismissively. "There's no need for that. I still need them to tackle the other secret realms."

Those surviving demon beasts held immense value to Kai. Moreover, the fierce battle had claimed the lives of many demon beasts; he believed the cores collected from them would be sufficient.

Soon, the beast cores were presented before Kai, formed in a pile radiating a kaleidoscope of vibrant colors. Unsure of how long the breakthrough would take, Kai cautioned, "Guard this place and ensure no one interrupts me."

"Don't worry, Mr. Chance. We will not allow anyone to disturb you," Chester promised. "Master, I will remain by your side to guard against any interference," Feenix chimed in with determination.

Feeling assured, Kai settled into at comfortable sitting position and activated the Focus Technique. The tremendous influx of spiritual energy from the beast cores surged through his body.

Chester and the others stood watch for seven days. The once towering mound of beast cores had then diminished significantly. However, Kai showed no signs of a breakthrough. "How terrifying. Even with so many beast cores, he has yet to make a breakthrough," Wayne commented in astonishment.

"Let's wait and see. Mr. Chance's breakthrough does require a considerable amount of resources. However, the power he will exhibit after the breakthrough is beyond our reach," Chester remarked.

In the blink of an eye, it was the tenth day since Kai attempted to reach a breakthrough. As of then, the ground was devoid of beast cores. Feenix made the crucial decision to summon some demon beasts and have them regurgitate beast cores to provide Kai with the necessary resources for his breakthrough.

After all, he had reached a critical juncture, and they could not afford to let their previous efforts go to waste. However, just as Feenix was about to summon some demon beasts, Kai's body suddenly erupted with a terrifying aura. That formidable aura pierced the heavens. Soon, a beam of light descended from above and enshrouded Kai completely.

Within the beam were flickering golden lights. Astonishingly, the breadth of the beam and the power it possessed surpassed any lightning tribulation. Chester and Wayne watched the phenomenon with widened eyes, their expressions filled with disbelief.

"What... What is happening? Does transcending to a higher cultivation level not require a lightning tribulation?" Wayne questioned, unable to fathom the extraordinary sight.

"Perhaps this is the difference between Mr. Chance and us. The power contained within this beam of light might be far stronger than a lightning tribulation. I'm just worried that Mr. Chance won't be able to withstand it," Chester said worriedly.

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Feenix was also shocked by the scene unfolding before her eyes. Sensing the overwhelming power emanating from the beamn of light, she grew concerned that Kai might struggle to withstand it. Hence, she decided to assist him.

However, just as Feenix moved to aid Kai in mitigating some of the force, the beam unleashed a powerful attack on her, violently propelling her away.

That beam of light shone on Kai, subjecting his body to a rapid metamorphosis. accompanied by excruciating pain. Beads of cold sweat formed on his forehead as he endured the torment.

Kai gritted his teeth and remained motionless. He understood that it was a pivotal moment. If he could endure the pain, he would achieve a complete breakthrough.

It would not only amplify his power but also enhance his physique. Gradually, a white cloud materialized in the sky. The beam of light shone on the cloud, transforming it into a magnificent rainbow celestial cloud.

Kai, who was sitting below the cloud, emanated an aura reminiscent of an immortal. The pain in his body gradually dissipated after some time. Following that, he felt as if he were enveloped in the soothing warmth of sunlight, akin to immersing himself in a rejuvenating hot spring.

"Look, the beam of light is changing!" Wayne shouted. Just then, the energy within the beam of light became tame; it was no longer wreaking havoc with its terrifying might. Meanwhile, Kai felt a powerful updraft lifting him off the ground, carrying him toward the rainbow celestial cloud above.

With his body bathed in a radiant golden glow, he moved higher and higher as if he were becoming a divine entity. Soon, Kai passed through the celestial cloud and stepped on it. In that instant, he sensed an overwhelming surge of power coursing through him.

With a graceful motion, he summoned the Dragonslayer Sword into his hand. Yet, to his astonishment, as he infused the Power of Dragons into the sword, it started to tremble violently..

The connection between his mind and the sword spirit within the Dragonslayer Sword encountered unexpected resistance, hindering their once-harmonious union.

"What... What is happening?" Kai furrowed his brows Despite his attempts to intensify the infusion of power, the tremors within the Dragonslayer Sword grew stronger as if it was wrestling with inner turmoil.

Eventually, Kai had no choice but to keep the sword. He could not comprehend why the sword's affinity with him had diminished after his breakthrough.

With the Dragonslayer Sword safely stowed away, he turned his focus to the Dragon Bell. In the past, his lower cultivation level had nearly. cost him his life when he forcefully activated the bell.

Since his cultivation level had increased, he desired to test his ability to wield the Dragon Bell's power. Kai took the Dragon Bell from his Storage Ring and held it in his hand. After staring at it. for a moment, he tossed the bell high into the air.

Suddenly, the bell began to expand in size and twirled in the air. With the hammer gripped tightly in his hand, Kai leaped forward and forcefully struck the Dragon Bell.

Chime! A resounding sound emanated from the Dragon Bell. The Gate of Fire trembled violently, and the fabric of time and space within the secret realm underwent rapid and drastic changes.

The once desolate desert in the Gate of Fire transformed before their eyes, shifting at a visible and rapid pace. Lush oases and verdant forests emerged, painting a breathtaking new panorama.

The bewildering transformation left Chester and Wayne dumbfounded. Despite spending many years in the Gate of Fire, they had never witnessed such a profound change in its environment.

After all, each of the Eight Major Secret Realms was intricately designed according to the Five Elements and Eight Trigrams, each with its unique features and geographical settings..

Yet, the current environment was undergoing an unprecedented metamorphosis. Just as Chester and Wayne grappled with their disbelief, Kai swung the hammer once more, striking the Dragon Bell with renewed force.

Although Kai only experienced a slight tingling sensation in his hand that time around, the resonating sound from the bell intensified.

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The new environment underwent another profound transformation within the secret realm. The spatial fabric contorted and twisted while turbulent temporal currents wreaked havoc within the secret realm, posing a severe threat to its stability. The entirety of Gate of Fire was about to collapse!

Kai, who was on the celestial cloud, remained oblivious to the tumultuous changes unfolding in the Gate of Fire. All the other secret realms also trembled and quaked in response to the reverberating sound waves.

"What's happening?" Quindon had a fearful look in his eyes when he sensed the vibrations in the Gate of Heaven. Staying within Violet Fulmina Sect at the Gate of Earth, Angus, too, felt the intense. fluctuations rippling through the secret realm. He swiftly dispatched his disciple, Sigwin, to investigate the source of the turbulence.

At the same time, Tanner, who was within Evil Heart Sect, opened his halfclosed eyes abruptly. The secret realm he was in was shaking violently as well.

"Kai has actually made a breakthrough. He intends to tear down the Eight Major Secret Realms one by one, but I won't let him have his way." With a single wave of his hand, multiple beams of purple light shot forth. Tanner's plan was to summon the purple-robed emissaries to thwart Kai's ploy.

They would bide their time until the designated hour to activate the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation. Once that happened, Kai would be powerless.

Within the Gate of Fire, Kai stored away the Dragon Bell. Although his current cultivation allowed him to activate the bell, he could only tap into a fraction of its true power.

When Kai leaped down from the celestial cloud, he was taken aback to discover that the Gate of Fire had undergone a profound. transformation.

The turbulent currents wreaked havoc on the secret realm, rendering the place completely uninhabitable. "How did this happen?" Kai asked Chester int disbelief.

"Mr. Chance, did you sound the Dragon Bell earlier? After the bell rang twice, the secret realm turned into this state," the latter explained.

"..." Kai felt a pang of embarrassment. Earlier on, he merely wanted to test if he could activate the Dragon Bell. It was beyond his anticipation that such a simple action would bring about the destruction of the Gate of Fire.

"We must leave quickly. I reckon the Gate of Fire is on the brink of collapse," Kai declared. He quickly opened Thousands of Miles Away and promptly teleported back to Jadeborough.

Having achieved a breakthrough in his cultivation, Kai felt a newfound confidence. Although he might not be as powerful as Tanner, he believed he could win against the purple-robed emissaries.

However, he could not comprehend the sudden resistance he felt from the Dragonslayer Sword. The sword had been his loyal companion for all his battles; it was an extension of his very being. Kai found it hard to accept such a sudden turn of events.

"Could it be that the Dragonslayer Sword thinks I will forsake it since I now possess the Divine Bow and the Dragon Bell?" he muttered in bafflement.

Although the Dragonslayer Sword's power currently paled in comparison to that of the Divine Bow and the Dragon Bell, it was still a formidable divine weapon. However, due to the damage it suffered, its strength had greatly diminished, requiring Kai to nurture and develop it painstakingly.

Kai grasped the Dragonslayer Sword in his hand once again. He infused it with a trace of the Power of Dragons to establish at harmonious connection with the sword, but the blade quivered vehemently, displaying a strong sense of resistance.

Feeling somewhat helpless, Kai reluctantly retracted the Dragonslayer Sword. It seemed that he would no longer be able to wield it effectively.

"I wonder how Josephine is doing?" he mumbled. Kai was determined to visit the woman, regardless of any lurking danger. He yearned to share the joyous news of his mother's rescue with her.

Moreover, after being separated for such a prolonged period, he could not deny the longing. he felt for Josephine's presence. He made his way to the

backyard of the Warriors Alliance. It was also the entrance to the Divine Quest Sect's secret realm.

Once Kai opened the entrance, his body gradually faded from view before reemerging in the Divine Quest Sect's secret realm.