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“Master Hammerhead, I have a sword with cracks. Could you please examine it and see if it can be repaired?” As Kai finished speaking, he reached out his right hand, and the Dragonslayer Sword appeared in his grasp.

In that instant when the Dragonslayer Sword appeared, Hammerhead was stunned. His eyes widened, and he stared fixedly at the sword in Kai’s hand.

“Dragonslayer Sword?” Hammerhead blurted out after observing it for a while. “Master Hammerhead, how did you know this is the Dragonslayer Sword?” Kai was surprised.

“Dragonslayer Sword was originally a spiritual sword crafted by Divine Smithing Sect. It was once wielded by our sect leader, who used it to vanquish three demon kings. However, over time, the sword spirit suffered damage, and the sword eventually disappeared. I never anticipated that the Dragonslayer Sword would find its way to the mundane world and into your hands. Yet, the fact that you can command the sword demonstrates your affinity with it,” Hammerhead explained.

Never in a million years did Kai expect the Dragonslayer Sword that had accompanied him through countless battles to be a spiritual sword forged by Divine Smithing Sect. The fact that they were able to create a spiritual sword like the Dragonslayer Sword showcased the formidable power of the sect.

“Master Hammerhead, please take a look at it. The Dragonslayer Sword has developed cracks due to some unknown reason, and it seems to find me repulsive.” Kai handed the Dragonslayer Sword to Hammerhead.

“This shouldn’t be the case. Even if the sword spirit of the Dragonslayer Sword is damaged, the blade itself is incredibly sturdy and shouldn’t develop cracks.” Hammerhead retrieved the sword and examined it carefully. Soon, he discovered the root of the problem.

“The sword spirit of the Dragonslayer Sword seems to have gained strength in your hands. However, as your power continues to grow, the sword spirit hasn’t kept pace. So when you wield the Dragonslayer Sword, it struggles to withstand the aura you emit. Furthermore, the Dragonslayer Sword is unable to unleash the full extent of your power in its current state. You have to upgrade the Dragonslayer Sword once again,” Hammerhead advised Kai.

Upon hearing his words, Kai quickly understood the situation. He had been too preoccupied with his own power development and neglected the growth of the Dragonslayer Sword's sword spirit. His power experienced a sudden surge, so the sword trembled and emitted a buzzing sound when he infused it with the Power of Dragons as it struggled to withstand his power.

"Master Hammerhead, could you help me repair the Dragonslayer Sword? Or perhaps upgrade it?" Kai inquired with eagerness. Hammerhead shook his head. "If it were an ordinary weapon, I could assist with repairs. However, with the Dragonslayer Sword, given my current abilities, I cannot repair or upgrade it."

Kai could not help but feel disheartened. "So, am I supposed to watch the Dragonslayer Sword turn into useless scrap?" "Master Hammerhead, considering the Dragonslayer Sword was forged by your sect, why is it that you are unable to repair it?" the puzzled Flaxseed asked.

Hammerhead explained, "For spiritual swords like the Dragonslayer Sword, repairing or upgrading them requires more than just a blacksmith. Without the knowledge of the art of forging, you're unaware of the intricate procedures involved. Do you think that a spiritual sword like this can be crafted solely through forging? Have you ever wondered how the sword spirit within it is formed?"

"How is it formed?" Kai and Flaxseed asked in unison. The two of them were filled with strong curiosity, as they possessed limited knowledge about blacksmithing. In the mundane world and even in secret realms, blacksmiths were scarce.

The divine weapons used by many were often stumbled upon in ancient ruins or discovered as buried treasures rather than being intentionally crafted.

Therefore, not many people had actively contemplated the process of forging such weapons and the origin of the sword spirits within them.

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"In Divine Smithing Sect, there's a sacred lake called the sword-cleansing lake. Every sword forged within our sect must be submerged into the lake, where it is nurtured by the spiritual energy within the water, gradually giving birth to a sword spirit. But not every sword is capable of manifesting a sword spirit.

Some swords, when placed in the lake, might suffer irreversible damage, rendering them useless. To repair or upgrade your Dragonslayer Sword, it must be immersed in the sword-cleansing lake before I can apply my blacksmithing skills to it," Hammerhead clarified.

"So, all we need to do is go to the sword- cleansing lake to restore my Dragonslayer Sword, isn't it?" Kai asked. Hammerhead stared at Kai as if he were a fool. "We're currently in the mundane world, and the sword-cleansing lake is in the Ethereal Realm. How are we going to get there? Furthermore, my power has been greatly suppressed because I've been here for years. I can no longer tear through space and time to establish a pathway between the mundane world and the Ethereal Realm."

"It seems quite challenging to reach the Ethereal Realm," Flaxseed chimed in. Kai, on the other hand, remained silent. After deep contemplation, he turned to Hammerhead and asked, "Master Hammerhead, if I'm able to open a pathway from the mundane world to the Ethereal Realm, can you take us to the sword- cleansing lake?"

"Are you saying you can open a pathway from the mundane world to the Ethereal Realm?" Hammerhead looked at Kai in disbelief. "Don't pull my leg. Even though your power is formidable, it's simply impossible to open such a pathway."

He felt that the latter's words were based on nothing more than wishful thinking. "Master Hammerhead, can you take me to the lake if I'm capable of opening a pathway?" Kai asked with a serious expression.

"Of course, I can. It has been many years, and I also yearn to return. If I really can return to the Ethereal Realm, I will not leave again, even if it means being captured by the disciples of Fire Incineration Sect." Hammerhead nodded affirmatively.

"Kai, do you truly have the ability to open a pathway to the Ethereal Realm? Don't joke around. If your power is insufficient, yet you attempt to open a pathway to the Ethereal Realm forcibly, you might suffer severe consequences for your actions," Flaxseed warned Kai.

"Let me give it a shot. I should be able to succeed," Kai replied and took out the Divine Bow. As soon as the Divine Bow appeared, Hammerhead was dumbstruck.

“T-This is the Divine Bow, the treasured divine weapon of the Ethereal Realm. How did it end up in your hands? I heard that the Divine King’s Bow was sealed in the Valley of Death, and many people who tried to obtain it returned empty-handed. How did you come to possess the Divine Bow? What exactly has happened? Who are you?” he questioned.

Hammerhead was left utterly bewildered the moment his gaze fell upon the Divine Bow. He simply could not fathom the sight of a treasure from the Ethereal Realm appearing in the mundane world.

“I obtained it by chance.” Kai struggled to find an explanation. Without hesitation, Kai firmly gripped the bowstring, and the Ultimate Force within him surged forth in a torrent. With the Divine Bow being pulled back, countless specks of light from the surrounding area started gathering toward it at an astonishing speed.

The bow emitted an immense suction force, seemingly absorbing all the surrounding energy. The brilliance converged and swiftly coalesced into a radiant arrow, casting a dazzling golden light that adorned the entire sky. Gradually, the golden radiance of the arrow dimmed, transforming into a translucent crystalline form.

The aura emanated from the arrow filled Flaxseed and Hammerhead with a sense of terror, as they had never experienced such a formidable aura before. Kai clenched his teeth, gripping the bowstring tightly. Beads of cold sweat had formed on his forehead and were trickling down continuously.

Despite his trembling legs, Kai steadfastly held onto the bowstring. He was unsure whether the arrow would create a pathway to the Ethereal Realm, so he was determined to give it his all.

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Chapter 2449 Three Major Races

Flaxseed and Hammerhead grew nervous when they witnessed Kai’s actions.

Kai released a furious, thunderous roar. It was so loud that it hurt Flaxseed’s and Hammerhead’s eardrums.

Whoosh!

Then, he let loose the bowstring, shooting the transparent arrow into the sky.

The speedy arrow tore through the air, creating a piercing sonic boom as it did.

Exhausted, Kai dropped to the ground, panting heavily.

“Are you all right, Kai?” Flaxseed hurriedly trotted toward Kai and helped the latter up.

In response, Kai nodded. “I’m fine.”

Upon ending his sentence, he stared at the transparent arrow intently as anxiety flooded his heart.

As the arrow flew higher and higher, it suddenly exploded. The violent, deafening blast could be clearly heard even hundreds of kilometers away.

Following the detonation, the air shook and twisted. Eventually, a black hole formed in the sky.

The black hole started small, and its power was very weak.

Gradually, though, the black hole swelled in size, revealing a vortex inside.

The tremendous energy inside the black hole was pulling Kai and his gang toward it.

Hammerhead stared at the black hole before him in disbelief. “It’s open! I can’t believe the portal is open!”

Tears welled in his eyes because he had been trapped in the mundane world for over a decade by that point. He never thought he had a chance of returning to the Ethereal Realm.

Kai turned to Hammerhead and urged, “Let’s go, Master Hammerhead. I don’t know how long that portal will last.”

In response, Hammerhead nodded and jumped toward the black hole in the sky with Kai and Flaxseed. Then, they were sucked into the dark vortex.

The group only felt their bodies tumbling around in the black hole for a moment before they passed out.

When they woke up, they discovered they had landed on a mountain range with a thick primeval forest.

“Where are we? Have we arrived at the Ethereal Realm?” asked Flaxseed as he scanned the surrounding trees, bewildered.

Kai was confused, too. While he had visited the Ethereal Realm in the past, he only spent his time in that valley of death slaying phantoms. He hadn’t gone anywhere else.

Hence, Kai and Flaxseed had no choice but to depend on Hammerhead. After all, Hammerhead was a resident of the Ethereal Realm, so he should be familiar with the place.

At that moment, Hammerhead snapped a few branches from a nearby tree and stabbed them into the ground. Then, he used his finger to draw a few weird diagrams on the dirt. Slowly, the branches’ shadows began to move.

After he observed the movements for a while, he furrowed his eyebrows. “D*mmmit. Why were we teleported to the domain of monsters? We need to leave here as soon as possible.”

Upon ending his sentence, Hammerhead used his feet to destroy the diagrams and led the other two away.

“What do you mean by that, Master Hammerhead? Are there demon beasts in the forest?” asked Kai, confused.

“The Ethereal Realm is different from the mundane world. This realm has three main races. The humans, the monsters, and the demons. Each race lives in its own domain. While conflicts occasionally break out, the races have never waged wars against each other. They have a peace agreement, which is why the Ethereal Realm has been relatively harmonious for so many years. However, it’s been over a decade since I returned here. I don’t know if there has been any new development, so we should leave this place as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary problems.” As Hammerhead explained the lore of the Ethereal Realm, he sprinted out of the forest with the other two.

After an unknown amount of time passed, the trio finally left the woods and arrived at the bottom of the mountain.

“How far are we from Greenoxen Peak, Master Hammerhead?” inquired Kai.

“I don’t think it’s far, only over thirty thousand kilometers left,” Hammerhead answered.

Kai and Flaxseed almost fainted when they heard that. Over thirty thousand kilometers? How is that not far?

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Chapter 2450 Young Woman In Danger

“How big is the Ethereal Realm, Master Hammerhead?” asked Kai.

Hammerhead replied, “I don’t know the exact measurements, but it should be about over a hundred times larger than the mundane world.”

Over a hundred times larger? Kai and Flaxseed were stunned. They didn’t expect the Ethereal Realm to be that huge.

Even though they were powerful enough to soar through the air, it would still take them a long time to reach their destination.

When Hammerhead spotted the confusion in their countenances, he clarified, “Many in the Ethereal Realm know how to utilize a Teleportation Array. Hence, they don’t rely on walking to travel. Additionally, experts are a common sight in the Ethereal Realm. They don’t even need a Teleportation Array. They can instantly appear over a thousand kilometers away with a single thought.”

“That makes sense. The people in the Ethereal Realm are almost immortals, so distance shouldn’t be an issue to them,” commented Flaxseed.

In his eyes, the Ethereal Realm was no different from the Immortal Realm because the inhabitants of the Ethereal Realm were practically immortals themselves.

Upon hearing that, Hammerhead smiled. “The people of the Ethereal Realm aren’t that different from the citizens of the mundane world. Not everyone in the Ethereal Realm is an expert. This place is but another world in the universe. There are no immortals in the Ethereal Realm. A true immortal is someone capable of freely traveling across time and space. They can go to whatever world they wish handily. The Ethereal Realm isn’t as marvelous as you two imagine.”

His words instantly dumbfounded Kai. The Ethereal Realm is a place where many cultivators in the secret realm have been trying to reach. Yet, Master Hammerhead is saying that the Ethereal Realm is no different from the mundane world, that it's just another ordinary location in reality. I... I can't accept that. According to what I know, the Ethereal Realm should be different. After all, those overpowering demons originated from the Ethereal Realm.

Instead of providing any further explanation, Hammerhead guided Kai and Flaxseed to their destination. Just as the trio were prepared to leave, they heard the roar of a demon beast.

The trio promptly turned toward the sound and saw a demon beast rushing out of the forest, chasing after a bloodied young woman. The young woman appeared to be about eighteen years old. Her forehead was covered in cold sweat as she ran for her life.

Based on the aura she was emanating, her cultivation level was only at Nascent Soul. Even in the mundane world, someone with that cultivation level wouldn't be recognized as an expert. Kai didn't understand why someone as weak as she existed in a place like the Ethereal Realm.

The demon beast pursuing the panicking young woman was obviously more powerful and faster than her.

Just as the creature was about to catch her, she spotted the trio and was stunned momentarily.

Then, she dashed toward Kai and the other two. "Help! Save me!"

Seeing that, Kai planned to rescue her. However, Hammerhead stopped him. "Don't interfere. It's best not to stick your nose into other people's business in the Ethereal Realm. The humans here aren't as good as you may think."

Shocked, Kai stared at Hammerhead, failing to comprehend the hidden meaning of the latter's words.

At that moment, the demon beast had caught up to the young woman.

With a roar, the creature pounced on her.

Seeing that the trio wouldn't aid her, the young woman gritted her teeth and slashed at the demon beast with her broken sword.

The fearsome creature sidestepped the attack and slapped her away with its big paws.

Once again, the demon beast pounced on her. Realizing with despair her imminent death, she helplessly closed her eyes and waited for the end.

When the creature opened its mouth, a thick stench of blood gushed forth, causing the young woman to retch.