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Chapter 2469 Refinement

“Master Hammerhead, what’s the story with these armored beasts?” Kai, seeing Hammerhead in tears, voiced his confusion.

Hammerhead wiped away his tears and said, “These armored beasts were raised by Divine Smithing Sect for the purpose of mining spirit ores. But after Divine Smithing Sect was destroyed, no one remained to feed them. I didn’t expect them to still be alive.”

“Master Hammerhead, why don’t these armored beasts run away and find something to eat outside instead?” Flaxseed asked.

“You don’t understand. Once these armored beasts are tamed and kept captive, they will never leave. They would rather die than leave this mine,” Hammerhead explained with a shake of his head. “Besides, even if they were to leave the mine, they wouldn’t find anything to eat. They feed on spirit ore essence.”

“But this mine is full of spirit ores. Why don’t these armored beasts eat them? Are they just waiting to starve to death?” Kai asked.

“These spirit ores are unrefined. The armored beasts cannot consume them. The ores need to be refined first before they can be fed to the beasts. Just now, they must have sensed my aura, so they exerted all their strength to attract my attention.”

When he finished speaking, Hammerhead’s aura suddenly erupted as Smithing Force surged from his body. Soon, a large hammer formed in his hand.

He swung the hammer at a spirit ore about one meter in size within the mine.

The spirit ore shattered upon impact, revealing a small, translucent core the size of a fingernail at its center.

Hammerhead tossed the tiny core to one of the armored beasts, and the creature promptly swallowed it.

However, such a small amount of spirit ore essence was like a drop in the bucket for the armored beasts dying from starvation.

“Master Hammerhead, how can such a large piece of spirit ore yield so little ore essence?” Kai wondered, puzzled.

“These spirit ores here are considered trash, which is why they were discarded at the entrance of the mine. The truly powerful spirit ores, containing abundant Smithing Force, can only be found deeper within the mine. If we want to feed these armored beasts and restore their strength, we must venture further into the mine and find higher-purity spirit ores,” Hammerhead said.

“Master Hammerhead, even if we find the spirit ore mine, we don’t have the ability to refine it. We lack your skill in extracting the ore essence from the spirit ore,” Flaxseed said.

After all, neither Kai nor Flaxseed knew smithing techniques, let alone the art of refining spirit ore to obtain their ore essence.

“That won’t be a problem. The process of refining spirit ore is not complicated. I will teach the two of you. But for now, our priority is to reach the deeper parts of the mine as quickly as possible and find higher-purity spirit ores.”

With that, he headed straight for the deeper parts of the mine.

Kai and Flaxseed followed closely behind, while the sword spirit, Zelda, sensing the dark mine, felt a trickle of fear. She transformed into Dragonslayer Sword and entered Kai’s body.

Guided by Hammerhead, Kai and Flaxseed continued their journey deeper into the mine. They didn’t know how far they had gone until Hammerhead stopped in his tracks.

Right then, faint blue and pink spirit ores were scattered on the walls and surrounding areas of the mine.

“Master Hammerhead, why aren’t we moving forward?” Kai questioned in confusion.

“We need not go further. My smithing skills can only refine these types of spirit ores. I won’t be able to refine the purple spirit ores up ahead,” Hammerhead explained.

“Master Hammerhead, why don’t you teach us the technique to refine these spirit ores?” Kai asked.

Hammerhead nodded. Then, he retrieved a yellowed parchment from his pocket.

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“Insert your spiritual sense into this parchment. Then, you’ll automatically master the lowest level of smithing skills and can refine low-grade spirit ores.”

After saying that, Hammerhead spread the parchment on the ground.

Seeing that, Kai and Flaxseed swiftly unleashed their spiritual sense and entered the parchment.

In the blink of an eye, they both mastered the skill of refining spirit ores.

“Now that you’ve mastered the method, you can try putting it into practice,” Hammerhead declared as he put the parchment away.

Kai and Flaxseed nodded in acquiescence. Subsequently, streams of aura burst forth from them and condensed into a massive hammer in front of them both respectively.

The massive hammers exuded bursts of condensed aura. As the two men held them, they could actually feel the tools in their hands like tangible objects.

“You can condense a smithing hammer now, but the grade of spirit ore you can refine with it hinges on your insight and grasp of skills.”

Having said that, Hammerhead located a spirit ore and started refining it.

Kai and Flaxseed followed suit, bringing the massive hammer in their hands down on a spirit ore.

Although the spirit ore shattered when they did so, there was no sign of the core essence. Instead, many impurities were still mixed with the essence.

At that, they could only repeat the process. It was only when they had done it countless times to the point that they were drenched in sweat and panting heavily that they finally succeeded in refining a spiritual ore.

An ore essence the size of a fist appeared before them. But by then, Hammerhead had long since refined a dozen of the same.

“Ugh... We’re simply too slow!” Flaxseed lamented with dejection written all over his face.

“The two of you have only just learned to refine spirit ores. Constant practice is required to increase your proficiency. With that, your speed will slowly improve,” Hammerhead consoled.

Giving a bob of the head in acknowledgment, Kai and Flaxseed began to refine spirit ores tirelessly. Calming his mind, Kai pondered upon smithing skills as he practiced.

After that, clanging sounds reverberated in the entire mine endlessly.

To Kai’s surprise, as his speed in refining spirit ores grew, he found a sense of Smithing Force within him. It drifted around his elixir field incessantly. At the same time, his cultivation level was increasing without him realizing it.

Following that realization, he worked even harder, swinging the massive hammer in his hand vigorously.

Time passed, and it was uncertain whether it was day or night, but there were already hundreds of refined ore essences in front of the group then.

By then, Hammerhead was so tired that he was on the verge of collapse. The smithing hammer in his hand started turning incorporeal. In the end, it slowly faded.

He had expended too much energy. As such, the condensed hammer ultimately failed to remain solid and vanished instead.

“With so many refined spirit ores here, there are probably enough for those few armored beasts to regain their energy,” Hammerhead panted out.

“You two rest here first, Master Hammerhead. I’ll take these spirit ores to the armored beasts.”

While saying that, Kai placed the spirit ores into his Storage Ring before heading toward the entrance of the mine.

When he reached the entrance of the mine, the dying armored beasts caught sight of him. They all became a tad restless, their eyes brimming with hunger.

Kai hastily took out the refined spirit ores, upon which the few armored beasts swarmed over and started devouring them.

In a flash, the hundreds of spirit ores were all polished off by the few armored beasts.

After they had consumed the spirit ores, their auras intensified significantly.