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“The secret is probably related to the Whirling World. Even if there are valuable treasures in the Whirling World, I have to put my life first.”

Rudy took a deep breath and nodded before he said, “You’re right. Are you planning on staying in Phoenix Valley and never entering the Whirling World?”

Jack sat up straight and thought about it for a while before he resolutely shook his head, “If I’m sure that the place isn’t that dangerous, or if I know the secret behind the place. As long as I have certain assurances, I will enter. It’s definitely not possible right now.”

Rudy sighed miserably, looking incredibly deflated. To Rudy, Phoenix Valley had become a prison where he was trapped in.

Jack looked at Rudy before saying, “The inner valley is the core of Phoenix Valley. Only by becoming an inner valley alchemist will I be able to have access to some of Phoenix Valley’s secrets. There are many reasons I want to enter the inner valley. The first is to increase my skills as an alchemist. After that, I want to find out the secrets that those people are hiding.”

Rudy sobered up at Jack’s words. Thinking about it, he did feel like a lot of things that they always wanted to find out about really did need Jack doing that to be found out.

Jack continued, “Just looking at Grayson’s matter. We’ve already investigated it, and you can’t even sleep without thinking about him. You’ve been obsessed about where Grayson is and if he’s even still alive. Yet, we’re alone in Phoenix Valley. Just being able to take care of ourselves is good enough. We don’t really have the ability to look into Grayson’s disappearance, which we’ve always wanted to find out about...”

“We don’t have any clues. We can’t even make the most basic of guesses. So, if we really want to understand everything, we have to first make sure we have more power. We need to have the right to even know about it!”

Rudy no longer had anything to say back to that. All he could do was nod earnestly. Jack’s decision was definitely right.

At that moment, frantic steps could suddenly be heard from the entrance of the courtyard. Lou was rapidly approaching with a panicked look on his face. Jack and Rudy frowned at the same time.

When Lou arrived next to Jack, he whispered, “A steward came over earlier to say that Elder Maurice is waiting for you at the Elder Hall. he has something to say to you.”

Jack furrowed his eyebrows. He had thought that it would take at least a few days before Elder Maurice approached him for anything. They would at least need to wait until everything blew over. After all, Elder Rick was still in the punishment hall.

Jack nodded at him, not saying anything else as he followed the steward who conveyed the news into the Elder Hall. At that moment, there were two chairs and a table in the Elder Hall. There were various fruits on the table, and even a fragrant tea was prepared.

Elder Maurice smiled at Jack when he saw Jack arriving. He motioned for Jack to sit in front of him.

Jack curiously looked at Elder Maurice, not sure why Elder Maurice summoned Jack to the Elder Hall. After all, the Elder Hall was not personal space. Normally, the Elder Hall would be completely shut if nothing was happening. Jack would not have been summoned there to talk about any private matters.

That was why Jack had thought that he would be facing more than just Elder Maurice for this conversation.

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He had thought that many elders would be waiting for him in the Elder Hall. Yet, when he arrived at the Elder Hall, he only saw Elder Maurice there.

Was it really necessary to use the Elder Hall for a personal meeting between the two of them?

Jack felt stranger and stranger as he thought about it, but he did not reveal his thoughts on his face. He politely greeted Elder Maurice before sitting down as Elder Maurice indicated.

Elder Maurice poured Jack a cup of tea, "This tea is a high-grade spiritual tea. Even the elders are only allowed to take it out when there are guests."

Jack hurriedly said, "You're an elder, we should follow the rules and not waste..."

However, before Jack could finish, he was interrupted by Elder Maurice, "There's no need for such empty pleasantries when it's just the two of us. I called you here because of a personal matter."

Jack nodded, motioning for Elder Maurice to continue.

Elder Maurice took a sip of tea before saying, "Have you heard about the Whirling World? "

Jack was taken aback, not expecting Elder Maurice to mention it immediately. Jack nodded, not really planning on hiding it. Elder Maurice glanced at Jack before saying, "What do you plan on doing after this?"

Jack furrowed his eyebrows, answering honestly, "I'll wait for the inner valley's test. I want to enter the inner valley."

Elder Maurice raised an eyebrow, having already expected that answer. He did not continue talking immediately but paused for a long time before saying, "You should put entering the inner valley aside for now. In two days, you should enter the Whirling World. Don't ask me why. This is for your own sake. That place has much more for you to gain than risk. With your skills, you'll definitely be able to make something of yourself there."

Elder Maurice's words stunned Jack for a moment. Jack frowned, having already considered what Elder Maurice would want to talk to him about. Yet, he never expected that Elder Maurice had wanted to ask him to enter the Whirling World. Jack started to be suspicious of Elder Maurice's intentions then.

Elder Maurice looked right at Jack after he said that. When he saw Jack's expression, he knew what Jack was thinking.

Elder Maurice let out a wry smile as he explained, "Don't speculate too much. I'm doing this for your sake. The Whirling World has its dangers, but the potential benefits are much larger.

"We already sent out people inside to scout. It won't just be the outer valley sending a lot of people inside, even the inner valley will be sending most of theirs."

Hearing Elder Maurice's words, Jack relaxed quite a bit. If he was going to be the only one to enter, Jack would definitely suspect that Elder Maurice was plotting something. However, if even inner valley alchemists were entering, it meant that the Whirling World was not as dangerous as he thought.

Jack looked up and asked earnestly, "Elder Maurice, why did you call me over to talk about this? Do you want me to hurry up and go inside? In truth, I was planning on becoming an inner valley student first before going in, if I was ever going to go in."

Elder Maurice sighed. He knew Jack's personality. If Jack did not clearly know everything, Jack would definitely not go inside. Elder Maurice poured himself some tea before he started to speak.

“I do want you to hurry inside as soon as possible. If you don’t go in quickly, you might very well be dragged into certain things. I don’t know how the following days will go.”

Elder Maurice had a strangely apprehensive look on his face as he said there. It was as if there were a lot of difficult matters in front of him. Jack frowned, not saying anything as he waited patiently.

Elder Maurice continued after a moment, “Phoenix Valley is basically right next to a massive storm right now. If we’re not careful, we’ll be dragged inside. No one knows what the final results of that will be. Even if you seem to only have Elder Rick as an enemy publicly, that’s just what’s known. Sometimes, talent is a double-edged sword. It will attract the attention of the higher-ups and give you better resources, but you’ll also invite the envy of others if you’re too talented...”

“In my eyes, the inner valley is even more dangerous than the outer valley. I knew you’d want to enter the inner valley after you got back, but that place is like a sinister sea. The moment you enter, it’ll be very difficult for you to get out. It would be better for you to venture into the Whirling World. There is a strength restriction there. As long as you’re smart enough, you’ll be able to accomplish a lot inside.”

Elder Maurice was quite sincere in his words. As he said that, he looked at Jack earnestly. Jack frowned, thinking about Elder Maurice’s words in detail for a while.

Elder Maurice did not reveal everything, but he still gave Jack a lot of information. The inner valley was a battlefield that was not fought with weapons. Even though Jack knew that he could not rely on the words of one person to make his judgment, Elder Maurice’s expression really looked like he was incredibly serious.

Thinking about Elder Maurice’s temper, he was definitely not someone who enjoyed putting on false pretenses. The thought played around in Jack’s head for a long time.

Elder Maurice knew Jack’s inner conflict, and he said helplessly, “I know you still want to enter the inner valley to witness what the inner valley really is like. After all, from the news you’ve gotten, becoming an inner valley alchemist will mean you will get a lot of tutelage and resources. However, I’m telling you that this is all just on the surface.

“After you enter the inner valley, you’ll be forced to join a team. The inner valley is split into various factions. It’s not all lumped into one like the outer valley. If you want to continue in the inner valley, you’ll have to pick a side and fight for...”

As he said that, Jack suddenly raised a hand to stop Elder Maurice. Just hearing all of that caused Jack to have a massive headache. He hated being involved in random problems when all he wanted to do was improve himself. If the inner valley really was a place full of such schemes, Jack suddenly lost a lot of interest in entering it.

Jack looked at Elder Maurice with a deep look before he said, "Thank you for wanting to help me. As for when I will enter the Whirling World, I need more time to think. However, I have another question before that. If you don't know, you don't have to answer."

Elder Maurice raised an eyebrow, shooting Jack a look to continue. Jack sighed before he said seriously, "Back when we first entered Phoenix Valley, we came as a group of three. After that, one of us went missing. Do you know of someone named Grayson?"

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The moment Grayson's name was mentioned, Elder Maurice's expression changed. His eyes narrowed while his head leaned back a little. Jack looked at him and was sure that Elder Maurice knew about Grayson.

Jack furrowed his eyebrows as he said seriously, "I'm very curious. Where is Grayson right now? Is he still alive? Even though I didn't really have a good relationship with him, we still entered Phoenix Valley at the same time. The three of us went through some things. After entering Phoenix Valley, only he disappeared. I really want to know why he disappeared. Does it: have anything to do with me?"

Elder Maurice sighed helplessly, "If he doesn't really have a good relationship with you, then you shouldn't look into this anymore. He's already been completely locked up."

"Why was he locked up?" Jack could not stop himself from raising his voice a little. The question had been in Jack's head for a long time.

Why was Grayson the only one locked up after what they went through?

Elder Maurice looked at Jack helplessly. There were some things he was not supposed to mention. However, He could very well lose Jack's trust if he did not tell the truth. To Elder Maurice, Jack was worth a lot more.

Thinking about it for a long time, he chose to answer in the end, "I've heard about what happened to you. When you were first supposed to enter Phoenix Valley, you were ambushed midway. Two deacons even lost their lives. We captured Grayson because of that," After saying that, Jack was noticeably excited.

He wanted to raise his voice to ask why, but Elder Maurice did not give him the chance. Elder Maurice sighed before saying, "Grayson was the one who leaked your journey..."

After Elder Maurice said that, Jack was stunned.

Grayson had leaked their journey? He was the cause of the ambush by their enemies?

That was too unbelievable.

Grayson's face reappeared in Jack's mind. He kept on feeling like Grayson would not be someone who would do something like that. Grayson was part of a fifth-grade clan and was incredibly valued by the Rosefinch Pavilion. After being tested and entering Phoenix Valley, he should have been treated very well.

After thinking about Grayson's origins more and more, Jack could not figure out why Grayson would do such a thing.

Why would Grayson leak their movements? Why would he allow that group to ambush them?

What exactly was the reason for that?

Furthermore, Jack was even more curious as to why the enemies were trying to kill them. If the ambush had happened at West Cercie State, Jack would have thought they were attacking him.

After all, Jack had been in West Cercie State for quite long. Yet, the vessel being attacked happened when he had not been in Middle Province for that long. Practically no one knew about him. Even Grayson and Rudy were just somewhat talented alchemists. They were no one notable at all.

Since Grayson was the person to leak it, then Grayson should not have been the reason for the ambush. Then, it must have been because of Rudy. Yet, after interacting with Rudy for so long, Jack did not feel like Rudy had anything about him that was worth assassinating. Rudy was incredibly ordinary as an alchemist and horrible as a fighter. He did not come from a notable family either. So, Jack could not figure out why anyone would want to kill Rudy.

After so long thinking about it, he was forced to conclude that the reason they were ambushed was because of the two deacons that died. They must have had a secret they were hiding.

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However, Jack clearly remembered the elder only telling them two deacons were going to follow them only when they left the alliance branch. Before that, they did not know who the two deacons protecting them towards Phoenix Valley were at all.

Could it be because of the Scarlet Blood Crystal?

Jack's lips twitched, suddenly feeling his mind overheat. No matter how he thought about it, he could not understand anything.

Elder Maurice interrupted Jack's thoughts. "I don't know about the details, but he's definitely the leaker. Even he himself admitted to it."

Jack sighed as his head swayed slightly, forgetting about the problem.

On The way back from the Elder Hall, Jack was fixated on it completely. He wondered if he should tell Rudy the story as well. Jack felt like Rudy would probably collapse mentally if Jack revealed the truth.

After thinking about it, Jack decided to conceal the news for the moment. He would tell Rudy at the right moment. When Rudy found out that Jack would follow them into the Whirling World, he was so happy he started to dance.

Rudy had been dreaming about leaving Phoenix Valley, so that chance was naturally something he had been longing for. After five days, Jack left for the Whirling World was not even a part of Hestia Continent through a transfer array. They were in a limitless, barren land. Rocks of varying sizes littered the whole place. There were still a few trees around, or Jack would have wondered if he came to the wrong place.

Rudy frowned and said, "So this is the Whirling World. It looks so different from how I thought it would. Why is it so barren? I thought that the Whirling World would be filled with life, there should have been materials everywhere."

Jack's lips twitched helplessly, feeling like Rudy really was someone filled with imagination. He explained helplessly, "The Whirling World is massive. Didn't we already hear about that before? It's about the size of the Middle Province. If there are materials everywhere, every single warrior in the world would try to get in. It could even lead to a massive clan war. After all, resources as abundant as that would be able to birth countless experts!"

Rudy nodded meaningfully, feeling like Jack was right.

Jack sighed as he looked at the sky.

Clouds filled up the sky. Even though it was very bright around them, they could not see the sun behind the clouds, which caused Jack to be curious.

Rudy anxiously asked, "Where should we go next? Could there be any remnants of the ancient city here? Should we try to find some clues here to give us a starting point?"

Jack nodded, looking around his surroundings before finding a direction to lead Rudy away. Before Jack could take two steps forward, he heard a string of footsteps. Jack frowned as he stopped.

"Alchemists! You're two really fat sheep. It was worth waiting here for two days!" A scarred man who had a blade in hand was walking towards Jack as he said that.

Behind the scarred man was a tall and lanky man. Looking at the way they were dressed, it was obvious they weren't good news. They had bones that were carved from spirit crystals around them and had quite a few scars on their faces. They really looked like thugs from novels.

Looking at the two of them, Rudy hid behind Jack in fear.

"Let the two of them live. Since they're alchemists, we should use them well. We'll need to stay here for two years anyway. Let's make them our slaves and have them make us pills till their souls dry up!" The tall and lanky man said with a cold sneer.

The scarred man nodded in agreement, "How lucky are we? Alchemists aren't just big fat sheep but also the best candidates for slaves. When they make a lot of pills, we can even sell them to make more spirit crystals!"

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The two of them fearlessly discussed what to do with Jack and Rudy right in front of Jack and Rudy. They even mentioned wanting to turn them into slaves.

Rudy's face was steely, he was so angry his whole body shook. Yet, he did not dare to say anything at that moment. All he could do was place all his hopes on Jack.

Jack frowned, not saying anything as he calmly looked at the two bandits.

The tall and lanky man saw that Jack's expression was incredibly calm as if nothing was happening. The man could not help but let out a cold laugh, "I can't believe you're actually so brave. Could the two of you think that you'll be able to run just because the two of us are currently at the late stage of the innate level?"

Jack frowned, still not saying anything.

The tall man let out a cold laugh as he continued, "This is the Whirling World. I guess you still haven't fully memorized the rules since you just arrived here! Let me tell you right now, our strength is just restricted to the late stage of the innate level thanks to the Whirling World's rules! The both of us were already at the spring solidifying realm a long time ago in Hestia Continent!"

The mention of the spring solidifying realm caused Rudy's heart to thump loudly. He was just the early stage of the innate realm, it was a far cry from the spring solidifying realm. In Jack's eyes, the spring solidifying realm's experts were unbeatable.

With that in mind, he could not help but look up at Jack. He had seen Jack fighting before and knew that Jack was already at the spring solidifying the realm as well.

Could Jack fight two against one?

They were two spring solidifying realm fighters in front of him. Could Jack beat them?

Rudy got more and more nervous as he thought about it, and could not help but grab Jack's sleeve.

Jack let out a laugh, "So you're just two pieces of trash not worth looking at. You're just hiding here to ambush weaker fighters and steal spirit crystals."

They were at the entrance of the transfer array. Anyone who wanted to enter the Whirling World would need to go through that large transfer array. The Whirling World only had about two dozen or so entrances. The entrances were all basically destinations of the transfer array.

Normally, there would be two separate transfer arrays. One for entering, and one for exiting, but there was only one to the Whirling World. Only entering was possible.

Each entrance had a few designated spots, and the two bandits deliberately hid in the dark knowing that. They observed those who entered the Whirling World. If the newcomers were strong or had the numbers advantage, they would keep hiding. If they met anyone who was weak or who looked particularly tempting, they would jump out to rob them.

The two of them happily ran out of their hiding spot the moment they saw Jack and Rudy's attire. Alchemists were normally never poor. Furthermore, alchemists fully focused on refining pills and were normally not that strong.

The scarred man snorted, "These two are just pretending to be calm! I refuse to believe they didn't know the rules of the Whirling World before they entered!"

The tall man nodded meaningfully. The two of them exchanged a look, seeing the ferocity in each other's eyes. The two of them did not want to delay anything. After all, the place would see newcomers every now and then. If anyone else came, it could easily cause a disruption in their plans. It was possible that those two fat sheep would run away. In order to prevent any surprises, the two of them decided to take action immediately.

Rudy could immediately tell that the two of them were about to take action. He was so scared he started to pale as he whispered into Jack's ears.

“The two of them are about to attack! What should we do?”

Jack sighed helplessly, “Go and hide for now. Find somewhere further away. Don’t get hurt from the shockwaves!”

Those words successfully calmed Rudy down. Jack was basically his stabilizing factor. Jack had always been a logical person. As long as Jack was calm, there was nothing to be afraid of.

Rudy hurriedly ran to the side, not forgetting to shout as he did, “Be careful! These two are still in the spring solidifying realm in the end. Don’t underestimate them, going one against two!”

Rudy actually knew that everything he said was useless, but he could still not stop himself. After all, he had not done anything to help at all.

The scarred man could not help but laugh coldly at Rudy, “You should worry about yourself!”

After he said that, the scarred man and the tall man rushed right at Jack. The two of them held a long blade in hand, rushing at Jack with similar weapons.

The scarred man and the tall man ended up splitting up, one heading to Jack while one rushed towards Rudy. The two of them planned on finishing the fight quickly. Jack raised an eyebrow.

They were actually not bad. They did not delay things and decided to just hurry and end the battle. If they had been facing the usual weak alchemist, things would have gone the way they wanted.

The one rushing towards Jack was the scarred man. At that moment, he had a pleased smile on his face. He held his sword in both hands as he slashed right at Jack. His sword was filled with a bloody aura, and the bloody aura formed the shape of many skulls in the air. The skulls were like angry spirits in hell. They seemed to only be willing to rest after ripping Jack to shred.

Jack snorted as his gray sword appeared in his hands. Seventy-five Soul Swords were condensed in a flash. With a clap, the seventy-five Soul Swords condensed into the gray sword in Jack’s hand. After the swords merged with the sword, they let out a black glow. Jack narrowed his eyes slightly as he exploded forward!

The scarred man never expected Jack to dare to face him head-on. He had thought the alchemist would know his place, and frantically run away. However, the thought only lingered in his mind for a short moment, since Jack was already right in front of him.

Jack let out an angered roar as the bloody aura’s skulls slashed down at Jack with his sword!

The scarred man was incredibly confident in his move. Even though he had never joined any clans, he was still lucky enough to find a few lower Earth Grade skills. He had already gotten that skill up to the first stage.

The scarred man felt like even inner disciples within those clans were no match for him, let alone an alchemist that was not even at the spring solidifying realm!

That technique was all he needed to kill that alchemist who did not know his place! With that thought in mind, a slashing sound could be heard at the next moment.

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Right after that, a soul-tearing energy went through the sword in his hand into his body. The scarred man widened his eyes, full of disbelief. The skill he had thought would kill Jack instantly had disappeared immediately after clashing with Jack's sword. It could not even hold on for a second.

The soul-tearing pain immediately spread throughout his body. It was the first time the scarred man felt such pain. After that, the man fell from the air with a bang. He violently fell to the stone ground.

Jack let out a cold smile.

Did the guy not pause to consider that Jack entered the Whirling World because he had the skills?

If someone really did so, it proved that his opponent was dumb. However, the world was filled with idiots. Even though his whole body was reeling in horrifying pain, the scarred man obstinately looked at Jack.

At that moment, the scarred man no longer regarded Jack as lightly as he did before. Instead, he looked at Jack as if he was looking at a monster.

Was Jack really an alchemist? Why was an alchemist so strong?

His lower Earth grade technique was not able to hold on for a single second before it was completely shattered by that alchemist's skill. He even wondered if the alchemist was using a Heaven Grade technique.

He shouted with the last of his energy, "Who the hell are you? You're definitely not an alchemist!"

What were the scarred man's last living words?

In the next second, his soul was completely destroyed by Destroying the Void.

At that moment, Rudy shouted miserably, “Jack, save me!”

Jack frowned, exploding forward toward the direction. He did not take long to deal with the scarred man, and thankfully, Rudy had run far enough that the tall man had not caught up with Rudy yet. Everything had happened too quickly, and the tall man had yet to notice that the scarred man was killed instantly. At that moment, Rudy was the only person in the tall man’s eyes.

Jack took a deep breath as he activated the laws of space. With a speed indiscernible to the eyes, he rapidly approached the tall man.

The man sneered, “There’s no point shouting! No one can save you!”

However, the moment he said that a cold voice was heard behind him, “Is that so?”

The man’s whole body stiffened as he abruptly turned around. He noticed Jack, who should have already died to the scarred man, already right behind him. The tall man was full of shock, but his shock did not last that long. The two of them had wanted to deal with Jack and Rudy as quickly as possible.

Jack naturally wanted to deal with them quickly as well. They were in no man’s land. It was better to leave as soon as they could!

“How are you here?!” The tall man shouted.

As he shouted, he noticed the scarred man lying down on the ground, unmoving, behind him. At that moment, the tall man realized that they had targeted the wrong people. Those two alchemists were no simple characters.

The tall man felt a chill around his body. He abruptly looked up and shouted, “Stop! I have something to say!”

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Jack narrowed his eyes, naturally not answering his question. With a wave of his sword, a pitch-black slash headed right toward the tall man’s forehead.

The tall man raised his sword to stop it, but his skill was nothing compared to Jack's Destroying the Void. With a clash, the slash shattered the tall man's sword. The black glow entered the tall man's forehead in a flash.

Jack did not hold back at the slash. Before the man could even cry out in pain, his soul was completely shattered. He fell from the air and slammed onto the ground just like the scarred man.

Looking down, his chest was no longer moving. He was already dead. Rudy was so scared his breathing had even stopped. He was shuddering and sobbing, not reacting to anything at all.

Jack grabbed Rudy's arm, "Quit dreaming. Let's leave this place right now!"

Rudy was pulled by Jack just like that, as they ran toward the northern direction. The two of them advanced for three hours before they stopped. Only then did Rudy snap back to reality.

Jack glanced at Rudy, "It's not like you've never had your life on the line before. It's just two people, do you need to react like this?"

Rudy shuddered, slowly composing himself. His body was still trembling slightly, but he slowly started to speak, "I was just frightened. I never expected to encounter something like this the moment we entered the Whirling World. If you were any later, I'd definitely have been killed by that guy. This is the closest I've ever been to dying!"

Those words actually reminded Jack that, even though Rudy knew how to fight, he was still an alchemist in the end. Rudy merely learned combat to extend his life. He had never gone through a true battle. The only time he had truly seen a big conflict was the experience before they entered Phoenix Valley. It might have been an incredibly trying time, but Rudy's life had not been directly threatened.

It was different this time. The tall man's sword had been aimed right at his head.

Jack remembered that Rudy's whole body had been stiff earlier, probably going numb from fear. Jack's lips twitched helplessly as he reached out to pat Rudy on the arm.

"I thought you were already mentally prepared before coming in. I can't believe you don't seem prepared for what we'll encounter at all. Battles like this are just appetizers!"

"They're just appetizers?" Rudy's mouth was gaping wide, tears were threatening to fall from his eyes.

Looking at him, Jack felt even more helpless. It seemed like Rudy was really inexperienced. After all, Jack had encountered all sorts of battles before. Before he entered the Whirling World, he had naturally expected even more battles over resources. Rudy did not know that. Rudy had

thought that he just needed to play his part and he would be able to peacefully go through two years. Then, he would be able to safely return to Hestia Continent and live his peaceful days.

Realizing that he had been wrong in his thoughts, Rudy almost cried. He swallowed as he said, "I can't believe this place is even more dangerous than Phoenix Valley. I wouldn't have come here if I knew. If it weren't for you, I'd have been split into two just now!"

He was even more scared as he thought about it. His whole body shuddered. Jack did not know what to say at that point. Rudy had entered the Whirling World without understanding anything, he really was special.

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Ruddy stammered out, "Can we no longer go back?"

Jack nodded, speechless. He did not really want to say anything else. Rudy looked up hopelessly at the sunless sky.

Jack could not stop himself from rolling his eyes, not bothering with Rudy anymore. He started to continue moving forward. He needed to find somewhere to make camp at that moment, or at least find others who had entered the Whirling World as well.

He wanted to talk to them, to ask them if there were any dangers around. No matter how bad Rudy felt, Rudy still knew that he could not leave Jack at that moment. Otherwise, he would probably end up being killed by someone before the next day.

He ran after Jack, "Actually, we could have followed a larger team here. After all, the more people we have, the stronger we would be!"

For safety's sake, Elder Maurice had arranged for a large team from Phoenix Valley to enter the Whirling World. Basically, every major force had that arrangement. After all, there was strength in numbers. Even those who had ill intentions would not offend them. However, Jack rejected it.

Rudy had planned on following the larger group into the Whirling World, but Rudy had rejected it after Jack did as well. Compared to anyone else, Rudy felt like Jack was more reliable.

Jack glanced at Rudy, not hiding his thoughts, "Even though following a large group will give us more assurances, there will be a lot of trouble as well. You would need to accept any arrangements, and fight against everyone else. There is strength in numbers, but who knows what kind of trouble will pop up in the face of any valuable resources. Moving alone is much better. "

Jack hated fighting against others the most. The Phoenix Valley's group were all scheming sorts. He did not want to bother those people. Moving alone was Jack's favorite thing anyway. So, when Elder Maurice suggested that he move with the large group, Jack rejected it without a second thought. Rudy sighed helplessly, Jack was right in the end.

He did not want to mix around with people he did not know. Someone like him, who was not really that strong in martial combat and alchemy, would basically be cannon fodder for those people.

The two of them no longer dwell on the specifics. After determining a direction, they continued to move forward. Before coming over, Jack had found out what he could about the Whirling World.

The Whirling World was incredibly large. Even if it was not as big as Middle Province, it was almost that size. After walking for a long time, they still saw only desolate wastelands. They did not know when they could get out, nor did they know when they would find traces of the ancient city.

It took them till noon the second day to get out of the wasteland. Morning of the third day, they saw remnants of a small city. The moment they saw the city walls, they could not control their excitement. After making sure that it was a city wall, the two of them moved forward impatiently.

Rudy's face was all smiles, "I thought that we would have to walk a few more days to see anything! It would be better if he had a map, but we're just moving around blindly. We really did manage to find it. How lucky we are!"

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Jack smiled but said nothing as the two of them continued walking for another hour before reaching the city. From a distance, many people were seen gathering at the city gates. Those people were dressed in various sorts of clothes, but all of them were merely standing around the gate and not entering. Jack frowned and hastened his pace.

"This is too much! The city is a remnant left behind from ancient times. What does it have to do with you? What gives you the right to ask for an entry fee that's so expensive! You're asking for ten thousand spirit crystals! It's daylight robbery!"

"Exactly! You're being too heavy-handed! All of us just got into the Whirling World as well. You were just a step faster than us. What gives you the right to claim the whole city?!"

"That's right! This is too much! The Unbreaking Pavilion might be an eighth-grade clan, but still, you can't do this!"

Both of them could hear sounds of quarreling from afar. Upon hearing the words 'Unbreaking Pavilion', Jack was immediately on alert. He looked toward the front.

He saw five men in similar-looking black clothes standing in front of the city gates. The five of them had their heads held high, their expressions were incredibly arrogant!

The disciple from the Unbreaking Pavilion who stood at the front let out a cold laugh, "Don't you know the early bird gets the worm? I already told you before, that the Unbreaking Pavilion has claimed Black Sun City. This whole city is our territory now! If you were here earlier, you could have taken over Black Sun City as well. However, we got here first, so let's not waste time on nonsense!"

"I've already told you the rules. As long as you pay ten thousand spirit crystals, I'll let you in. If you don't want to pay the tax, then get lost!"

The disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion did not care for the warriors in front of them. After all, they were one of the top clans in Middle Province. As a disciple of the Unbreaking Pavilion, they had a sense of arrogance to them, regardless of what their ranking within the clan was. They did not regard anyone else highly at all.

After the person spoke, the warriors outside were all incredibly indignant. Their faces reddened in anger.

"This is too much! What do you mean by arriving first?! This city should be shared between all of us. You can't just claim the whole city for yourselves just because you got here first! Don't you think you're crossing the line?!"

The disciple that stood in front sneered as he said with disdain, "Crossing the line? What line? Why don't you look at yourselves in the mirror first? Do you even have the right to say any of that in front of me? I'm already being very nice to you by standing here and talking to you so calmly! If I had my way, I wouldn't let you in even if you gave us ten thousand Spirit Crystals! It's only thanks to the mercy of our senior, Philip Devine, that you even have the chance to enter!"

Jack's lips twitch helplessly. He never expected to encounter something so troubling the moment he found a city he could settle down in. He looked at those Unbreaking Pavilion disciples earnestly.

With just a look, he could tell that they could back up their words. They were all incredibly arrogant and probably had some skill. They would naturally not be bothered with those warriors who looked like mere wanderers.

Rudy might not have any skills, but he was still incredibly furious after he heard what the disciples from the Unbreaking Pavilion said. He whispered to Jack, "This is too much! Just

because they were a little earlier, they took over the whole city and refuse to let us in! Aren't they afraid that all the warriors here will work together and fight them?"

When Rudy said that, his entire body was trembling. He looked very eager to rush over and start cursing at them.

## Chapter 2752

Jack let out a laugh and replied, "Of course, they're not scared. There might be a lot of warriors gathered outside the city, but they're just cannon fodder in the Unbreaking Pavilion's eyes. They're not worth noticing at all. It would be incredibly difficult for them to group together in the first place. If all of them really attacked, the Unbreaking Pavilion would not be worried anyway. Even though everyone's strength has been suppressed to the late stage of the innate realm, everyone's skills and cultivation levels are different..."

"To be able to become a disciple of the Unbreaking Pavilion means that all of them are definitely talented and skilled. Facing wandering warriors like these, they can win even if the numbers were stacked three to one. Naturally, they're not scared!"

Even though he did not want to, Rudy had to admit that Jack was speaking the truth.

Rudy sighed helplessly, "Even with the suppression of the laws, the techniques and skills that we've learned can't be restricted. Those with Earth level techniques are naturally much stronger than those with only Red level techniques!"

"I was only at the early stage of the innate realm before this, and only have a middle-level yellow stage skill. If you weren't by my side, I would have been an ant that could be stepped on at any moment!"

In truth, Rudy knew that it was best to shut his mouth during times like this, but he could not help but feel a bit indignant. He felt like the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion were absolutely shameless to be preying on the weak like that!

"You can't do this! You're really crossing the line!"

"So what if we enter?! We're not asking for anything amazing. At least give us some scraps!"

"You're trying to claim everything for yourself! This behavior of yours can't be justified!"

Everyone tried to fight for themselves emotionally. They felt like they had been deeply insulted, and wanted to fight for their own benefits.

In Jack's eyes, it was absolutely pointless to say anything even if he yelled until his voice turned hoarse.

In the eyes of the Unbreaking Pavilion's disciples, all of them were just grains of sand that could be stepped over at any moment.

Rudy felt that what everyone said was right, and could not help but voiced out, "That's right! They really are crossing the line. Even if they want to take all the best things for themselves, they should at least save some scraps for the rest!"

Jack did not say anything at Rudy's words. He merely looked at those disciples from the Unbreaking Pavilion. The ones who stood in front were clearly starting to get frustrated. He felt like that group of people were really not showing any respect.

He raised his voice and shouted angrily, "Stop talking so much, I'm about to go deaf! If you're not happy with it, then fight with us! However, you'd better know what kind of consequences are waiting for you if you do!"

The moment he said that the emotional crowd suddenly went quiet. At that moment, everyone was dead silent as they all exchanged looks with each other, not knowing what to say.

Jack sighed in exasperation. They really were useless. They had been so emotional when they spoke, but all of them decided to cower in silence when it was time to stand up. No one wanted to take the lead.

In truth, they knew very well that even if they fought, they would not be able to do anything to the Unbreaking Pavilion with their skills.

Anyone who decided to take charge at that moment would just be pure cannon fodder. Hence, no one else dared to say anything.

## Chapter 2753

Rudy felt especially frustrated and said, "They're being way too coward about this. Won't they win if they all charged together? Even if the Unbreaking Pavilion is strong, they should at least be able to do something with their numbers. They shouldn't just take these insults!"

Jack's lips twitched helplessly. Rudy was really just there for the show. Nothing was happening to him, so he naturally felt like everything was fine.

He had not been whispering earlier, and someone next to Jack heard it. The person had a gray robe on and looked at Rudy angrily after he heard that

He said rudely, "Brat, you'd better watch your mouth. If you think we're scared, why don't you stand up and take the lead? Lead us into a fight with the Unbreaking Pavilion. If you have the guts to do that, you'll have my respect!"

Of course, Rudy did not dare to do that. He did not have the skills or the guts. Rudy let out a laugh as he walked toward the gray-robed man. Even though he had heard about what happened from the quarrel, the two of them were still new to the Whirling World. They still did not know much about the Whirling World, so he wanted to take the chance to learn more about it.

"Could you tell me your name? The two of us are alchemists from the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance. We just arrived here, so I want to clarify a few things," Jack was incredibly polite, and the gray man immediately calmed down to talk to Jack when he saw that.

The man was called Robert Mason. He was a wandering warrior that did not belong to any clans. After hearing about the Whirling World, he had entered the place with a few friends. Yet, they were attacked by bandits the moment they entered, and he was the only one who survived among the three of them. Jack did not tell him that they were from Phoenix Valley. After all, Phoenix Valley was in a precarious position at that moment.

Rudy had been silent the whole time, not saying anything. After all, Robert had just mocked him earlier. However, Jack ignored Rudy's feelings as he earnestly asked a few questions that Robert answered.

He had already arrived at Black Sun City a day ago but was stopped outside the gates. Ten thousand spirit crystals was a large sum to a wanderer like him. Even if he could afford it, it would end up costing him his whole fortune. Naturally, he was not willing to spend that money on the entry tax.

"Actually there were even more people here yesterday. After fighting over it for a long time, they were not able to enter at all. Most of them have already dispersed. I'm already injured, so leaving this place will be incredibly dangerous. That's why I decided to stay."

Jack nodded as he looked at the crowd that was still just as emotional, but unwilling to speak up. Jack then asked, "Did everyone gather and make a scene here yesterday as well?"

Robert shook his head and replied, "That didn't happen yesterday. Everyone's just getting impatient today. After all, it's starting to get dangerous outside. Hence, entering the ancient city would guarantee us temporary safety."

Even though Robert did not voice it out, Jack could still imagine what was happening. Outside the city was the vast Whirling World. The fewer people that were around, the easier it was for

conflict to happen. Everyone knew that those who did not walk the righteous path liked to hide in the wilderness, killing anyone who passed by.

Jack suddenly remembered what Elder Maurice had said to him back then.

He had said that the Whirling World might not have any beasts, but that did not mean that the place was safe. In this world, the most terrifying thing was the human heart. The Whirling World truly revealed how despicable the human heart could be. It was actually quite a joke. Even though without any beasts around, more warriors actually ended up dying.

## Chapter 2754

Robert sighed as he let out a cold smile, "Just look There's a reason for all this noise. A few days ago, a group of people entered Black Sun City before the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion did. There was news from within Black Sun City that there are a few amazing things left behind from the ancient civilization. I heard that the most valuable thing was the true energy fields. Each of those fields has its own traits."

"I'm a wood element specialist I wanted to use the wood element true energy field to practice but was blocked by these guys. The outside of the city has been getting increasingly dangerous day by day, and with what's inside Black Sun City, no one really wants to give up on entering. Even though no one has stood up yet, they've still not dispersed. This time, they don't want to give up so easily!"

Jack could feel everyone's determination as well. Everyone knew that the person who took the lead would be targeted, but even if no one took the lead, they did not want to give up just like that. They were not willing to fork out ten thousand spirit crystals either. After all, it was not a small sum!

Rudy reached out to pull at Jack's sleeve and said worryingly, "What do we do? Should we go inside? If we want to, we'd have to pay a ten thousand spirit crystal fee. I might be able to afford it, but it's no small sum..."

Jack could not help but roll his eyes at Rudy's words.

Rudy was just trying to get Jack to think of a way to get everyone in. Robert just mentioned that there were true energy fields inside. They were something incredibly beneficial. It caused Rudy so much excitement that Rudy started to breathe faster.

Jack snorted, ignoring Rudy. Rudy suddenly got anxious when he saw Jack's reaction, unable to stop himself from saying, "This group is just going too far. Even though I don't know how good the true energy fields will be for us, it's still definitely an amazing place. Otherwise, they wouldn't have taken over the whole city. Honestly, this isn't worth that much to us."

“After all, I’m an alchemist. Increasing my strength just gives me a bit more support. It’s different for you. You’re not only talented as an alchemist but as a martial artist as well! The true energy field is something you definitely need. It would be an incredible loss for you!”

Rudy got more and more excited as he spoke. Jack could not help but raise an eyebrow. Rudy’s overexcitement was beginning to cause Jack some doubt

In truth, Rudy had been right. The true energy fields were amazing for martial artists, while they were not that useful for alchemists. Rudy was someone completely focused on alchemy, so Rudy was very different from Jack.

Jack did not know if Rudy was excited on Jack’s behalf or because Rudy had some other thoughts in mind.

Rudy started to get even more nervous when he saw that Jack was still so calm after he described things to that degree. He was about to say a few more words when Jack raised a hand and interrupted him, “You want to enter Black Sun City that much, but don’t you know that we can’t enter at all? Unless we defeat those people, we won’t be able to enter at all...”

“It would be easy for me to deal with them if they didn’t have the numbers, but there are so many of them. If we fight, and the people here don’t help, there’s no way for us to win at all. Why don’t you just give up on those thoughts!”

After Jack said that, Rudy anxiously said, “How could they not help us? Even though some of them are incredibly insignificant, they’ll definitely join you in the fight if you take the lead! The disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion were so harsh with their words. Everyone here is furious. They just don’t have the guts to stand up to the Unbreaking Pavilion by themselves. As long as someone leads them, they’ll definitely follow the leader!”

## Chapter 2755

Rudy was incredibly firm with his words. He narrowed his eyes as he looked at the disciples from the Unbreaking Pavilion in hatred.

Jack was speechless when he saw how Rudy was. He did not know why Rudy was so angry that he needed to go against the Unbreaking Pavilion that badly.

Jack helplessly pursed his lips as he patted Rudy on the shoulder.

“It’s not easy to take the lead in this. You can’t read their minds. You can’t be sure they’ll follow if I start fighting. Nothing right now is certain!”

Rudy had wanted to counter Jack's words, but Jack shot him a look. Rudy was crossing the line. Rudy was insisting that Jack take the lead and fight against the Unbreaking Pavilion.

He did not know if Rudy was too confident in him or Rudy just purely hated the Unbreaking Pavilion.

Just as the two of them were still on the problem, the city gates suddenly opened from within. Everyone immediately shut their mouths as they looked toward the city gates. They saw two Unbreaking Pavilion disciples in luxurious clothes slowly walk out of the city.

The two disciples were in black clothes as well, the patterns on their clothes were similar to the ones on the disciples standing outside. It was obvious they were from the same clan. However, the two of them were dressed much more luxuriously than the disciples outside. They were even adorned with jewelry. When the two of them walked out, the five disciples on the outside had a sudden change of expression.

Back when they were facing the wandering disciples on the outside, the five of them were incredibly arrogant.

Yet, when facing those two, they suddenly became obedient dogs that had their tails wagging. It was a far cry from their earlier demeanors. Yet, no one dared to say anything at that moment. That was because the two of them were clearly no ordinary disciples.

One of the disciples that stood in the front earlier saluted the two of them as he said respectfully, "Philip, Derrick, hello! Did something happen inside? Why did you come out here?"

Philip frowned, his expression was quite dark. He let out a sigh as he walked forward, "Something really did happen."

After that, he deliberately lowered his voice. All of the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion gathered together as they started to discuss the matter. They did not want the wandering warriors to hear their discussions, but those warriors could tell from their faces that something had definitely happened that caused some difficulty for the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion.

Jack frowned as he stared at the few of them, feeling like something bad had definitely happened for those two to walk out.

After a while, Philip finally determined their next actions.

He nodded at his other disciples and said, "Let's do it this way. After all, these people will die elsewhere if not here anyway. Let's just have them help us!"

Derrick laughed and said, "Philip is right. After all, these pieces of trash are going to die anyway. We might as well make the most out of them."

The other disciples all laughed at Derrick's words. It was an incredibly meaningful sort of laughter. Derrick turned around to look at all the wandering warriors outside.

Those wandering warriors were not part of any clans and had entered the Whirling World just to look for some resources. They wanted to strengthen themselves, but they were still just insignificant ants in his eyes. They could be killed effortlessly by a wave of his hand.

Philip exchanged a look with Derrick who was next to him before the two of them walked forward. Philip let out a small cough before he announced, "I've heard all your pleas earlier. My fellow disciples have conveyed your thoughts to me. Even though some of you were a bit harsh with your words, I have to admit that what you said was right. It really isn't right for us to do this. I've talked about it with my fellow disciples, and we plan on loosening the restrictions for you to enter Black Sun City!"

After hearing that, the wandering warriors all started to get excited. No one expected that the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion would be so reasonable. Although they had been crying out crazily earlier, they never expected to get an actual response.

After all, those people were usually so high up on their perches that they were oblivious to those wandering warriors. They looked down on wandering warriors, even lower than dirt. After seeing the responses of the wandering warriors, Philip's smile deepened.

After a moment, he continued, "There's still something I have to say. It's impossible for us to read the human heart. Even though I trust that you won't cause any trouble for us, we still have to take precautions. Before loosening the restrictions, I'll need some proof!"

After saying that, Philip paused. He observed their reactions and they were well within his expectations.

There were traces of doubt within their confusion. Philip saw through all those reactions. He forced a somewhat pleasant smile on his face as he continued, "I'll need to pick out a few people to test if you'll cause trouble to us at all. If there's no trouble, only then will I loosen the restrictions to entering Black Sun City. All of you will have the right to enter. You won't need to pay that many spirit crystals as well."

After he said that, the wandering warriors were even more excited. All of them started to talk amongst one another.

“It looks like our number really accounts for strength! Even though those disciples from the Unbreaking Pavilion are all usually so arrogant, they can’t just ignore so many of us gathered here. They’re worried that we’ll do something, so they’re loosening their restrictions! We’ll be able to enter Black Sun City to train without any trouble soon!”

“I can finally use the legendary true energy fields. I wonder how much I can improve with that!”

The discussions were not spoken about in hushed tones at all. It was easily heard by all the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion. Based on the past behaviors of those disciples, they would have definitely reacted to those words. Yet, they did not seem to react that much. It was as if they did not care about what was being talked about at all.

Jack’s eyebrows were furrowed tightly. He was the most clear-minded person present. No matter how nicely the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion put everything, Jack felt like there was some sinister plot hidden behind it.

Those disciples from the Unbreaking Pavilion would absolutely never be bothered by those wandering warriors, nor would they be bothered with their opinions as well.

## Chapter 2757

Even though those people were a pretty substantial force if gathered together, they were still just a speck of dust in the eyes of the disciples of Unbreaking Pavilion. For the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion to suddenly change their mind definitely meant that there was a plot underfoot!

Rudy raised an eyebrow and said, “Even the disciples of a large clan would be scared at times. They know that it won’t end well if they end up fighting!”

Robert agreed with him after hearing that, “We can finally go in. I’ve already waited here for so many days. I thought that they would never give in and I would never be able to actually experience a true energy field in my life. I can’t believe they’re actually somewhat considerate!”

Rudy and the other wandering warriors thought the same. They thought that the Unbreaking Pavilion took a step back because they were worried that the gathered wandering warriors would try to fight against them.

He excitedly discussed things with Robert. The unhappiness between the two of them earlier was suddenly wiped clean.

However, the more Rudy talked about it, the more he felt like something was wrong. That was because Jack, who was standing next to him, had a frown on his face the whole time. It was as if he was thinking about something serious.

Rudy had been so excited, but Jack did not say a single word.

Jack was acting far too strange. After interacting with Jack for so long, he more or less understood Jack's temper. The moment Jack had an expression like that, it meant that something terrifying was about to happen.

He took a deep breath as he turned to whisper, "Did something happen? Why do you look like this? They've already given in. We will be able to enter soon. Aren't you happy about that?"

Jack's lips twitched in exasperation as he turned to look at Rudy and replied, "Why are you still unable to think for yourself after so long? Do you really think the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion are so nice? Why would he be afraid of all these riff-raff? If their thoughts are really as they said, then they would never have been so stubborn to start with. They must have their reasons for doing this. Keep your excitement in check!"

Rudy frowned, feeling like Jack's reaction was unreasonable. It clearly looked like those disciples were giving in, yet Jack somehow felt like they were just putting up an act.

As Rudy was thinking about it, Philip started to pick out the people. Earlier, his words seemed reasonable and noble. He would first pick out some people to experiment with to see if they would cause the Unbreaking Pavilion any trouble.

As long as those people behaved, Philip would loosen the restrictions to enter the city. They would all be able to enter. With that reasoning, the wandering warriors naturally allowed Philip to pick them out.

Philip walked around the wandering warriors. His sharp gaze fell on everyone. He appraised everything seriously as if he was shopping. He would pick out a person every few steps he took. After a moment, he pulled out five warriors from all of them. Those five would be the test subjects to first enter Black Sun City.

The five of them were worried that they would still need to pay the entry fee if they entered then, but Philip generously said they could enter for free.

## Chapter 2758

"You're just: entering as an experiment. As long as you're obedient and don't cause us any trouble, you'll be able to peacefully train in the true energy fields. You'll be sent out safely as

well. You're the leaders of the pack, so we won't ask you for any spirit crystals. You can enter the city for free!"

After the few of them heard Philip's words, they were incredibly excited. One of the men in purple clothes actually walked forward and shook Philip's hand in gratitude.

Philip and the others gave out a happy look in response to everyone's excited expressions.

Jack could even feel a pleasing aura from them. At that moment, Jack felt incredibly strange witnessing the atmosphere between the wandering warriors and the disciples of Unbreaking Pavilion. Ever since he arrived at Hestia Continent, he learned the meaning of what survival of the fittest meant. No one would ever change, nor were they capable of changing.

As disciples of an eighth-grade clan, they would always have an arrogant air to them when they faced the wandering warriors. Jack felt like the attitude the Unbreaking Pavilion's disciples had toward the wandering warriors earlier was not surprising.

Instead, their current reactions had Jack feeling incredibly uneasy. Those wandering warriors had actually thought that the Unbreaking Pavilion was afraid of them and bothered with their opinions.

Jack felt incredibly amused at that. However, it was pointless for him to say anything at that point. He merely looked on silently as he waited to see what the Unbreaking Pavilion would do next.

After choosing the people, Philip and Derrick led the five of them into Black Sun City. As they entered the city, the other wandering warriors were even loudly shouting at them.

"You absolutely must not break any rules! Otherwise, we won't let the five of you off."

"Even if you see any treasures, don't be greedy. They're still an eighth-grade clan. With your talents, you're not a match for them at all! Know your place. We'll only be able to enter if you're obedient!"

"You won't like the consequences if you break the rules and cause us to not be able to get in!"

The five of them nodded fervently, slapping their chests in the guarantee. They would absolutely be obedient and not cause any trouble for the Unbreaking Pavilion. They would give a chance for everyone else to enter Black Sun City.

After the five of them disappeared behind the city gates, everyone started to have a relaxed expression on their faces. Everyone had just happened to gather there by chance, so they were not very familiar with the five of them. However, they knew very well that the five of them would try to not cause any trouble no matter how daring they were.

Compared to the excitement the rest of the warriors felt, Jack was much calmer. He stood on the spot like a pillar as he continued looking toward the entrance of the city gate. No one could tell what he was thinking.

Rudy was happily discussing how they would increase their strength when they entered later on. Even though he was purely an alchemist, he still wanted to see how much the true energy field could help them. Even though Jack was next to him in the Whirling World, he could still end up in danger if he was not sufficiently skilled.

If he improved himself however much he could, it might actually be useful at a crucial moment!

He was incredibly happy, and Robert was as well. However, Jack was the complete opposite of them, he was so silent that it actually attracted suspicion.

After Rudy talked about it for so long, he tried to pull Jack into the conversation, but Jack ignored him.

## Chapter 2759

He seemed to be pondering an incredibly hard question. He frowned as his eyes darted all over the place.

Rudy said somewhat helplessly, "What exactly are you thinking about? Don't you feel happy? Even though what you said earlier was reasonable, didn't the disciple from the Unbreaking Pavilion do exactly as he said and pulled a few people in as a test? As long as the five of them be on their best, we'll be able to enter. The number equals strength. Even if they want to do anything weird, they would still need to consider the fact that there are so many people waiting out here!"

As he was saying that, Rudy was filled with confidence. It was as if he was a ferocious beast that no one would dare to touch.

After Jack heard that, he was completely speechless.

If Rudy already had that thought, let alone everyone else. Jack could not help but turn around to look. Everyone present looked incredibly excited as well. It was obvious that they were not worried that anything bad would happen.

Jack could not resist shaking their head at how they were. He whispered, "Can you use your head and think about it? Didn't you notice something weird about the five that Philip picked out?"

Those words ruined all of Rudy's excitement and he started to feel goosebumps around his body.

His mouth stiffened as he said, "What's the problem? Did you notice something? I thought five of them looked pretty ordinary. They were all regular fighters! Just tell me, I can't wrap my head around it!"

At that moment, Rudy looked incredibly honest. He really could not see anything amiss at all.

Jack sighed in exasperation as he frowned and said, "The cultivation levels of all five of them were not particularly good. They were probably only in the innate realm. When Philip picked the five of them out, I purposely paid attention to them. Their energies were all not very stable. It was obvious that they had been forcibly raised to the late stage of the innate realm. It means their true levels aren't at the late stage of the innate realm."

"They are considered merely ants if compared to the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion. If they wanted to do anything to those five, the five of them would be obliterated with just a wave!"

Jack's words caused Rudy to shudder as he had not realized that at all. He had been too happy earlier, thinking that the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion would definitely keep their promise and allow everyone there into Black Sun City. However, Jack's words gave Rudy a moment of realization.

He took a deep breath as he said anxiously, "Were all five of them not at the late stage of the innate realm? All five of them? Are you sure?!"

Jack raised an eyebrow as he looked at Rudy with some praise. That question meant that Rudy was at least not a complete idiot. Rudy immediately saw through the key point of the problem.

Jack nodded and said, "All of them!"

Those words were like large boulders on Rudy's heart.

If all five of them were not at the late stage of the innate realm, then everything that had happened earlier was definitely problematic. The disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion clearly had ill intentions. If they really planned on doing an experiment, they would have grouped in some warriors of stronger levels as well. Yet, they did not do so. Even those wandering warriors that were stronger were still nothing in front of the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion.

They would not have caused that much trouble!

Rudy felt a chill down his spine as he reached out to grab Jack's arm and said, "What are they trying to do?"

Jack took a deep breath as he said with a sliver of uncertainty, "They were probably speaking half-truths earlier. The five of them should have actually been pulled inside for an experiment. As for what kind of experiment it is, that's hard to say.

"We won't even know if they'll end up dead or alive. If I'm not mistaken, Philip will still be coming out later, but not the five of them."

Rudy's body stiffened as his breathing sped up. His eyes darted all over as his heart started to race. After a long time, he whispered into Jack's ears, "Why don't we leave this place? I feel very unsafe. Even if Black Sun City has true energy fields, we'd actually need to be able to get in there. The disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion are all bad people. Who knows what sort of plots they have up in their sleeves!"

In truth, Rudy had been so excited earlier purely because he had been too angered by the Unbreaking Pavilion's disciples. He merely wanted to push Jack toward leading the warriors around here to cause some trouble in order to teach those people a lesson.

Rudy had wanted them to know that even weak warriors were not to be trampled over. However, he was beginning to get worried. The Unbreaking Pavilion's disciples were too deep in with their scheming. Rudy might be dragged into it at any moment.

No matter how angry he was, the anger had all been swept away by his worry. After all, the true energy fields were only able to increase a person's strength. It was actually not that useful for Rudy. He did not know what those people were planning, so it was far better to leave as soon as he could!

Rudy really was beginning to feel afraid. He was afraid that the disciples of the Unbreaking Pavilion would suddenly attack them.

After considering his own strength, he knew that he would merely be cannon fodder among them!

He could die at any moment of carelessness. He had been so excited in urging Jack to go against the Unbreaking Pavilion purely because of his anger. He had not fully considered the circumstances. After thinking about it in detail, he finally started to feel afraid.

He took a deep breath and said, "Let's hurry up and leave this place. It's not easy for us to deal with them. What if they suddenly attack when they come out? What would we do then? Everyone's already let down their guard against the Unbreaking Pavilion! If the Unbreaking Pavilion suddenly attacks, they would definitely panic. They were already the weaker side to start with. It probably wouldn't take very long for most of them to die!"

As he said that, he looked around his surroundings. The wandering warriors were just like him earlier. They were all gathered together to discuss how they would be training earlier. Some of them were already incredibly relaxed.

They had completely thrown away all sense of alarm. If anything happened, it would not take too long for most of them to meet their end.

Jack smiled bitterly, starting to feel like there was something wrong with Rudy's head. Rudy had just been urging him so excitedly earlier, and now Rudy was trying to leave the place like an incredibly scared bird.

Jack let out a small sigh as he said, "I'm not planning on leaving this place. I want to see what these people are plotting."

Hearing that, Rudy's heart almost jumped out of his throat. He reached out and pulled at Jack's arm, "Don't do that! Later, if..."