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Chapter 1641

Mhm.”

Tapio nodded.

The elder from the Blithes stomped on a stone slab, walked another three steps, and repeated his actions.

The second stone slab sank, and the previous one rose back up.

The elder ignored the first slab’s movement and continued on to the next stone slab.

About ten minutes passed.

A small click echoed.

The stone slabs in the center area suddenly receded into the floor, and a 5-meter wide passage appeared.

Seeing the passage, Donovan walked over ecstatically.

James followed closely behind him.

They reached the passage entrance and peered down into it.

There were stairs leading underground inside the passage’s entrance.

Donovan took the lead.

James was the next to enter, followed by Tapio and the other Blithe family members.

After traveling for a short while, they eventually reached a dead end.

James looked at Donovan and asked, “How do we proceed?”

Donovan looked at the floor plan.

As soon as he took it out, Tapio snatched it away.

“W-What are you doing?!”

Donovan roared furiously, and a powerful energy erupted from his body.

He reached out and tried to snatch the floor plan back.

Tapio thrust his palm forward in response.

Their palms clashed.

Donovan was sent flying and slammed into a stone wall.

The stone wall was sturdy.

Although a deep concave crack had formed, it did not collapse.

Donovan slid to the ground and coughed out a mouthful of blood.

Tapio picked up the floor plan and looked at it.

James also leaned over to have a glimpse at the floor plan.

The floor plan was extensive and mapped out many paths and some mechanisms that had been built into the mausoleum.

After skimming over it, Tapio casually threw it back to Donovan, who had just gotten up from the ground.

“Come with me, James.” Tapio walked to a stone wall ahead and slammed his palm into it.

Suddenly, a small, secret door appeared.

Tapio stretched out his hand and pressed his palm into the secret door.

At that moment, the stone wall blocking their path slowly parted.

As the stone door opened, yellow mist wafted out from behind it.

Tapio quickly shouted a warning, “Be careful. It’s highly poisonous.”

James immediately held his breath and backed away simultaneously.

Tapio and James reacted to the dangerous mist immediately.

However, some of the Blithe family members were slow to notice the imminent danger and found themselves surrounded by the yellow mist.

Upon coming in contact with the strange mist, their bodies immediately began to self-combust.

Donovan wanted to rescue them, but alas, it was already too late.

Those that fell victim to the mist all burned up on the spot as if they were pyres.

In less than ten seconds, there was nothing left of them but ashes.

Seeing this scene, James drew in a sharp breath.

“What a ghastly mist.”

Tapio reminded him, “King Quavon was the strongest martial artist to ever exist in the past millennium. He ruled the world and had countless talented men serving him. His mausoleum is filled to the brim with a variety of deadly traps. Every mechanism planted here can easily take out a powerful martial artist. Without knowledge of the floor plan, anyone who enters this place will be walking to their doom.”

James looked at Tapio and asked, “Is this floor plan reliable?” Tapio nodded and said, “Judging from the current situation, it should be pretty reliable.”

“Let’s go.”

While speaking, Tapio began to advance. James followed behind him.

Donovan did not have the time to worry about his recently deceased family members and quickly followed them.

The group entered King Quavon’s Mausoleum.

Half an hour after they entered the mausoleum, a figure appeared on top of the mountain.

It was Sky who had rushed to the location.

As soon as he reached the mountaintop, he noticed the unsealed passage and rushed in without hesitation.

Soon, he reached the first checkpoint.

Unfortunately for Sky, the stone wall had already gone back to being closed.

Since he did not have the floor plan, he had no idea where the mechanism was hidden.

He could not advance any further from that point.

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Sky arrived at the entrance to the mausoleum. However, his path was blocked by a stone wall.

“Damn it,” he hissed.

He concentrated his True Energy and slammed his palm into the stone wall before him.

King Quavon had instructed his servants to specially build this stone wall. It took them countless years of painstaking effort to construct it with unique materials.

Although Sky had ascended the peak of the Sixth Stair, he could not break the wall.

“There must be some sort of mechanism.”

After he let out his frustrations on the wall, he calmed down and began to look for the mechanism. He searched for a long time but to no avail.

Before he could find the mechanism to open the stone wall, a figure approached him. It was Thomas who had also rushed to the scene.

Thomas immediately noticed that Sky was searching around for something. He walked over, glanced at him, and asked, “What’s going on?”

Sky replied, “I was a little too late. The Blithes have already entered King Quavon’s Mausoleum using the floor plan. I’m stuck at this checkpoint and can’t proceed any further.”

Thomas scanned the surroundings and began to search for the mechanism Sky described. Before the two could activate the mechanism, another person soon arrived. It was Callan who had rushed over after hearing the news.

More and more people began appearing outside King Quavon’s Mausoleum.

Meanwhile, James and Tapio continued to solve the various puzzles and advanced further into the mausoleum while Donovan followed behind them. He remained silent throughout the journey.

As for the other Blithe members, they became increasingly vigilant after the initial casualties, and there were no more accidents along the way.

Tapio suddenly stopped in his tracks.

James asked, “What’s wrong?”

Tapio replied, "If the floor plan is correct, we should be right outside the crypt. We'll need to get past this complicated labyrinth in order to reach it."

James had also scrutinized the floor plan.

Thus, he knew there was a labyrinth within the mausoleum.

He turned to Donovan and said, "Pass the floor plan to me. I'll do a double-check."

Donovan took out the floor plan and handed it to James without hesitation.

James pursed his lips together before saying, "There's indeed a labyrinth marked out on the floor plan, but it doesn't show the passages within it."

James folded open the floor plan and pored over it.

The labyrinth was huge and was composed of a multitude of stone chambers.

Inside the labyrinth, there were intricate passages that passed through these stone chambers.

Unfortunately, the floor plan merely marks the labyrinth's location on the map and did not specify the way to get through it.

James looked at Tapio and asked, "Do you remember how long we've been walking in the mausoleum?"

Tapio gently shook his head and said, "No, I only realized we entered the labyrinth after passing by a few stone chambers."

"Then, we should turn back."

James pointed at the floor plan and said, "We should return to this location.

Although the route isn't marked out, we can still easily pass through the labyrinth since we can reference the overall layout."

Tapio nodded and said, "That's our only option for now."

James put away the floor plan.

"M-My floor pl—"

Before Donovan could finish his sentence, James glared at him.

He immediately shut his mouth and swallowed the rest of his words.

“The floor plan belongs to us. You can hold onto it for the time being, but please return it to me after we leave this place. It’s been passed down in my family, and although it’ll be useless after this, it’s still an important family heirloom.”

James ignored Donovan.

Following his memory, he pushed open a stone door and walked out of the labyrinth.

Tapio followed closely behind him.

Suddenly, Donovan came to a sudden stop and quickly pushed another stone door open, leading his family members away.

James turned around and realized Donovan was no longer following them.

Suddenly, he had a bad premonition and quickly turned back.

However, the Blithes were nowhere to be seen.

“Damn it! Donovan’s escaped.”

James quickly determined the direction they had left in and said, “He must know how to get through the labyrinth. I think they went this way. Let’s go after them.”

Tapio quickly pulled James back and said, “Don’t act rashly. This labyrinth may look simple, but it uses the principles of the Four Symbols, Five Elements, and Eight Trigram Formation. It’ll be impossible to get through without understanding these concepts. Let’s proceed with the method you just suggested. We’ll return to the starting point and use the floor plan to find a route through the labyrinth.”

“That seems like our only option now.” James nodded.

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The two decided to return to the starting point.

However, they failed to reach the labyrinth’s starting point even after passing through several stone chambers.

“This is strange. I don’t remember going past so many stone chambers when we first entered this place. I’m following the direction we traveled earlier, so how is this happening?” Tapio said solemnly, “The labyrinth seems to be playing tricks with our psyche. It only seemed like we were returning through the same path, but we’re actually going deeper inside.”

“Then, which stone chamber are we at right now?”

James took out the floor plan and tried to identify their location.

Tapio shrugged and said, “How would I know?”

“What should we do?” Tapio racked his brains for a plan.

“I know!”

Tapio shouted out of the blue.

“Hmm? “

James looked at him in confusion.

Tapio walked toward James.

Then, he whispered, “James...”

James paid close attention to his words.

Suddenly, Tapio thrust his palm at James’ chest.

Tapio had ascended the third stair and attacked with all his force.

James let his guard down because he never thought that Tapio would attack him.

Therefore, he was unprepared for the sudden attack. His body was sent flying and it crashed into a stone wall. Then, he fell to the ground.

Hurk! He choked out a mouthful of blood.

“You...”

James pointed at Tapio. He wanted to speak but his body was wracked with pain the moment he attempted to open his mouth to speak.

He immediately put himself into a lotus position and circulated his True Energy to suppress the turbulent Blood Energy in his body.

At the same time, he glared viciously at Tapio standing a short distance away from him.

“You’re careless, James. Shouldn’t you know by now not to trust anybody in the ancient martial world?”

Tapio's lips curled into a faint smile. James' heart seethed with anger. He trusted Tapio because he was Delaine's brother.

Although they had fought once at Mt. Thunder Pass, they did not go all out.

Ultimately, Tapio conceded defeat and left. He never expected Tapio to sneakily attack him like this.

At that moment, Cold Energy spread throughout his body like poison.

James could not expel it from his body and it was rapidly destroying the cells in his body.

James had temporarily lost his ability to fight.

Tapio walked toward James and picked up the sword on the ground.

"What an incredible sword..."

As soon as he picked up the sword, a tremendous force swelled from the blade and blasted him away. He quickly dropped the sword and checked his palm.

The sword had burned his skin on contact.

"What an interesting sword..." he murmured.

James glared at Tapio and asked, "Why did you attack me? What are you trying to achieve?"

He was trying to buy time because his body had been severely injured.

If Tapio, attacked again, James would not be able to survive it. A few minutes was enough for him to close up his injuries.

Although he might be incapable of killing Tapio while fighting in an injured state, he was confident he would be able to escape.

Tapio glanced at James and said calmly, "There really isn't a reason. I simply wanted to teach you not to trust anyone from the ancient martial world. Regardless of the situation, you must stay on your guard. That's all. You're on your own from here on out. I'm getting out of here."

After Tapio finished speaking, he turned away and departed. He did not bother with James, nor did he care about the Primordial Dragon Blade on the ground.

James looked on in confusion.

“He simply wanted to teach me not to trust anyone?” He was puzzled by Tapio’s sudden behavior.

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Tapio left.

After passing a few stone chambers, he met up with another person. It was none other than Tyrus.

“Master,” Tapio greeted him respectfully.

“How did it go?”

Tyrus had his hands behind his back.

Tapio replied, “James is a little arrogant and trusts others too easily. He lets his guard down once he trusts someone. He was still wary of Donovan but completely let his guard down with me. I managed to hit him with a sneak attack using my full strength.”

“Mhm.” Tyrus gave a small nod and said, “It’s because he’s become one of the greatest martial artists in this world before hitting his thirties. It’s not surprising that he’d get a little full of himself and overconfident. This will teach him to be more cautious in the future.”

“Master, is there a reason you’re looking out for James?” asked Tapio.

Others may not have been aware of that, but Tapio knew everything.

The reason James could always turn the tide in dangerous situations while fighting in the Southern Plains for ten years was not that he was lucky, nor was it due to divine will.

Instead, it was because a powerful person had always secretly been helping him. For the past ten years, Tyrus had been watching out for James from the dark. He watched him grow every single step of the way, from an insignificant soldier to an army commander.

Tapio was puzzled by why Tyrus was treating an outsider so well.

“That’s not a question you should be asking.”

“Understood.”

Tapio refrained from asking any more questions.

Meanwhile, James was still treating his injuries.

This time, Tapio taught him a valuable lesson he would never forget.

James would remember it for the rest of his life. He used his True Heavenly Energy to suppress the Cold Energy and force it out of his body.

Although the Cold Energy from the Spiritual Palm was expelled, he was still injured. So, he took out Crucifier to further treat his injuries.

After inserting a few needles into his body, he managed to almost completely heal his injuries.

“Tsk, tsk. Impressive. Your True Heavenly Yang Energy and Crucifier really are amazing.”

As a burst of laughter rang loudly in the stone chamber, a man pushed open the stone door and walked over. It was Tapio who had previously left him.

“You *sshole!”

James’ heart growled furiously upon seeing Tapio again. Swoosh!!! He pulled out the Primordial Dragon Blade.

Immediately, a Sword Energy materialized and flew out from the blade.

The Sword Energy dashed toward Tapio.

“F*ck? Is he seriously trying to kill me?”

Tapio’s expression darkened, and he quickly dodged away.

Then, he opened another stone door and escaped from the stone chamber that James was in.

Clank!!! The Sword Energy cut into the stone door, leaving a mark on it.

James gripped the Primordial Dragon Blade firmly and chased after Tapio. He opened the door but lost track of him. He stared at the three stone doors before him.

After briefly analyzing his choices, he chose the nearest stone door.

After opening several stone doors in a row, he still could not find Tapio.

That was when James finally realized he was lost. He was stuck in the labyrinth. He took out the floor plan and tried to decipher a way out.

However, he was unsure of which stone chamber he was in at the moment.

James decided to try his luck and see if he could find the way out by chance.

He put away the floor plan and began advancing in a straight line.

After walking for more than half an hour, he had passed through at least 300 stone chambers but could not get out of the underground labyrinth.

“Damn it! What the hell is this place? Why can’t I get out of here?” James spewed a litany of curses.

He had never been so frustrated since he became a martial artist.

Although he was strong, he could not use that strength to escape the current situation. This deeply vexed him.

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“Is that all you’re capable of?”

While James was upset about the situation, a voice spoke out, and the stone door behind him was pushed open.

Tapio walked over.

While walking over, he stopped and said, “Don’t attack me, James. I have no ill intentions. I was simply using it as an opportunity to teach you not to trust others. If I was really set on killing you, I’d have done it while you were still injured. Why would I leave you there? Don’t you agree?” He explained with a smile.

However, he was greeted with another lash of powerful Sword Energy.

Tapio quickly clung to the stone wall to dodge James’ attacks.

The stone walls were robust.

James’ current strength was not enough to break the walls and could only leave deep cuts on it at most.

“James, calm down! I can lead you out of this underground labyrinth. Stop attacking and listen to me first,”

Tapio tried to reason with him while dodging the attacks.

After James let off some steam, he felt much of his anger subside. He stopped attacking and sheathed the Primordial Dragon Blade.

Then, he looked at Tapio, who had stopped moving, and asked, "Why did you do such a thing? Who ordered you to do it? Was it Tyrus?"

Although James trusted people easily, he relied on his judgment and intuition before doing so.

Tapio did not seem like a bad person to him.

At the very least, he did not have a wicked nature.

Thus, James chose to believe him.

"Yeah." Tapio said with a smile, "My master, Tyrus, has actually been looking out for you for a very long time. It started ever since you fled from Cansington to the Southern Plains. How do you think you were able to survive on the battlefield for the past ten years? Perhaps you thought you survived simply because you're lucky?"

James looked at Tapio with a questioning expression.

"Sigh. Let's leave this talk for later. Follow me. I'll lead you through the labyrinth and to where the First Sword Art is located." Tapio stayed silent.

He put his hands behind his back, turned around, and walked off.

James followed behind him.

This time, it only took them ten minutes to exit the labyrinth with Tapio leading the way.

Afterward, Tapio solved many mechanisms and led James to the crypt of the mausoleum.

Another mechanism was located on one side of the crypt's wall.

Tapio immediately activated the mechanism.

Suddenly, the ground split open, and a passage opened up on the ground.

"You better study it carefully!" Tapio called out loudly.

James fell through the passage and plummeted to the floor below him.

When he finally realized the situation, the passage above his head was already shut tight.

He used his True Energy and flew up to the closed passage. He exerted all his strength but could not push it open again.

“What the hell is that guy doing?”

James was puzzled.

After that, he let his body fall along the passageway.

After descending a hundred meters, he reached a stone chamber.

The stone chamber was relatively small and was only about 300 square meters in width and height.

The whole place was empty.

The stone chamber was pitch black.

Despite being a martial artist and a strong one at that, he was only capable of making out a small portion of his surroundings.

He could vaguely see some pictographs engraved on the stone wall.

The pictographs started with a scene of some people fighting a phoenix.

James was intrigued the moment he saw the first pictograph. He completely disregarded his situation and carefully inspected the carvings on the wall.

The stone wall recorded the event of Finnegan leading strong men into the sea.

After that, it illustrated their encounter and battle with the phoenix.

Although they were defeated, the phoenix ended up injured.

Finnegan managed to acquire and bring back some of the phoenix's blood.

After returning, King Quavon used the phoenix blood and countless medicinal herbs to refine the Novenary Golden Pills.

The carvings on the wall also recorded the forging of the Primordial Sword and the development of the First Sword Art.

The next few pictographs recorded the First Sword Art technique.

James was deeply fascinated by the First Sword Art upon seeing it.

He stood in the stone chamber for a long time before he finally finished processing it.

After going through it, he took a deep breath.

“This sword technique is one that can’t exist in our world.

“It’s too powerful for the rest of the world. It’d be a disaster if someone with bad intentions learns it.”

After James memorized the First Sword Art, he immediately pulled out the Primordial Dragon Blade. He repeatedly slashed at the stone wall and destroyed the carvings detailing everything about the First Sword Art.

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Chapter 1646 The First Sword Art was an unstoppable technique.

James was terrified of its potential.

It would spell disaster for the world if this technique was taught to someone who had evil intentions.

Therefore, he had no choice but to destroy it.

In order to learn the First Sword Art, one would have to meet a number of extremely rigorous requirements.

First, one would need to understand the intricacies of swordsmanship.

This requirement was equivalent to mastering the Fourteen Heavenly Swords and Polaris Sword Art’s singularity.

Only those who have reached such heights are qualified to practice this amazing sword technique.

James was apprehensive.

The strength of the technique alone was enough to terrify him.

Haaah! After destroying the sword technique’s records, James let out a deep sigh of relief.

He had already memorized it.

It had ingrained itself too deeply in his mind.

After destroying the records, he finally remembered the situation he was in. He was in a dangerous place and needed to find a way out.

He searched for a long time but could not find the mechanism that would open the stone wall above his head.

Just when he had begun to worry...

Click!

The sound of a mechanism snapped him out of his thoughts, and the opening above his head parted once more.

A faint light shone in, and James saw a head sticking out.

It was Tapio.

“James, how are your studies going?”

James activated his True Energy and leaped out, shooting out of the passage.

He looked at Tapio, whose playful smile never left his face, and eyed him skeptically. “There’s no indication of the First Sword Art’s location on the floor plan. How did you know where it was? Have you been here before?”

“How would I have come here before?” Tapio replied with a smile, “I’m simply following orders. I heard from my master that First Sword Art is not as invincible as the rumors make it out to be, but it’s good enough to suit your current strength.”

“Tyrus ordered you?” James was stunned.

Composing himself, he asked again, “Do you know if he’s been here before and seen the First Sword Art? Perhaps that’s how he knows about it.”

Tapio spread his hands and shrugged, saying, “I’ve no idea. Since you’ve been down there for half the day, you must’ve already memorized it by now, even if you haven’t completely grasped it, right? I’m also guessing you’ve already destroyed the traces of it?”

“How do you know?” James cast a glance at Tapio.

“Just guessing.”

Tapio smiled faintly and said, “Your comprehension of martial arts is too shallow. It’d make sense that you must’ve been terrified by such a powerful sword technique. You’re worried about the safety of the people of Sol and scared that some ambitious people

might stumble upon this sword technique to cause harm to the world. It's not hard to conclude that you would destroy it."

James stared at Tapio without saying a word. His bewilderment only increased. He could not understand Tapio or Tyrus.

"Alright. You shouldn't waste time mulling over these trivial matters. The Novenary Golden Pill is the real treasure here. You'll get the chance to reach the ninth rank if you can obtain it. Judging by the time, it seems the others should be arriving here soon. I'm afraid an intense battle is about to take place."

Tapio turned around and left.

James followed behind him. The place they were at was King Quavon's crypt. Tapio activated a mechanism in the crypt, and a passage opened up on one side.

Clank! Clang! Clank!

After walking for a while, they heard the sound of fighting. Tapio raised his guard and turned to James, saying, "We're almost at the Elixir Vault. Do be careful."

"alright." James nodded. He followed behind Tapio and advanced cautiously.

In a few moments, they saw people fighting in a stone chamber ahead of them.

There were countless people caught up in the fight. James recognized many of them. Among them was his grandfather, Sky, Donovan, Maha from the

Sylvan Sect, Tanner, Simon, and even the owner of Divine Sword Villa.

The battle was fierce.

"It should be somewhere around here."

Tapio looked at the chaotic battle in front of them. He smiled and shouted, "Hey guys, what are all of you doing? According to a reliable source, there are seven to eight Novenary Golden Pills. There's enough for everyone, so why bother fighting over it?"

"Hmph!" As soon as he spoke, Sky snorted haughtily.

"All the Novenary Golden Pills should be rightfully mine. It's not something these peons should be allowed to acquire."