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There was a mountain of corpses and a sea of blood at the Luminous Sect campsite. Most Luminous Sect disciples were dead, and the rest had chosen to self-destruct. A few of them were so gravely injured that they couldn't move. Archer and Skyler were shielding Matthew with their bodies. They knew they were no match for Yona, but neither of them flinched.

"I'm impressed, Matthew. To think you successfully raised so many loyal disciples. Once I slaughter them all, I'll absorb your power!" Yona sneered. Black smoke surrounded his palms before he attempted to grab Skyler and Archer.

Even though the duo was aware that death was – inevitable, there was no fear on their faces. Instead, they were prepared to unleash all of their martial energy before death.

Just as Yona aimed his palms at them, a blinding light was shot through the night sky. Looking as though the sun had risen ahead of schedule.

Soon, an overpowering wave of aura crashed toward Matthew's group at an astonishing speed. It turned the trees and rocks into dust and created deep ditches in the ground. Matthew's group was dumbfounded. Then, they shifted their attention to the brilliant light in confusion.

Yona's expression changed as he redirected his palms toward the overwhelming attack. He unleashed a mighty aura toward the blinding light, causing both forces to clash against each other violently.

Boom! A mushroom cloud was formed in the area as a result. The devastating shockwave that followed sent everyone flying backward. Even Yona was pushed back by over ten meters.

When the dust settled, Kai appeared. He was holding the Dragonslayer Sword with rage burning in his eyes. That brilliant attack earlier was a light slash from him.

"You?" Yona was taken aback. I didn't expect him to be capable of unleashing this much power. "Mr. Chance!" The eyes of Matthew, Archer, and Skyler were filled with hope when they saw Kai.

“Are you all right, Mr. Campbell?” Kai crouched down and put a hand on Matthew’s shoulder, pouring spiritual energy into him. Matthew smiled. “I’m fine. I won’t die that easily.”

Moments later, Kai offered Matthew the beast core of a Blazing Tiger. “This is a demon beast core, Mr. Campbell. If you ingest it, it’ll help you recover rapidly.”

Matthew was stunned upon accepting the beast core because he could tell it once belonged to a powerful demon beast. Once he consumed the beast core, he regained his lost strength as a warm sensation traveled through his body.

“Have you regained your strength, Mr. Chance?” asked Skyler. Based on his attack earlier, I think he should be at Top Level by now. Kai nodded. “Yes. You two, take Mr. Campbell away from here immediately. I’ll hold the enemies back for you.”

While my attack earlier knocked Yona back, I don’t think I can defeat him if we fight for real. Besides, he still has the support of many disciples from Scorching Heaven Sect. If they surround me, I’m as good as dead! Skyler and Archer must take Matthew away as soon as possible so that I can flee, too. I may not be able to win, but I’m confident I can escape.

“Mr. Chance...” Matthew knew that Kai was still no match for Yona.

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“All right, stop talking and run. Once you all have escaped safely, I can, too. I can’t defeat him, but I can still slip away,” said Kai, worried that the group would keep chatting and wasting time. Matthew’s mind was put at ease when he knew Kai wouldn’t try to challenge Yona head-on.

“Be careful, Mr. Chance,” he said as Skyler and Archer lifted him, ready to escape. At that moment, they heard footsteps approaching them. Wrey and Hugh had arrived with members of the other sects.

Many were stunned to witness the horrific, bloody sight on the battlefield. Wrey was surprised to see Matthew’s group was still alive and that Kai was present. “Well, well, I certainly didn’t expect you to be here after days. Now that I’ve seen you today, you’re not getting away from me!”

With that, the Flying Star Sect disciples expeditiously surrounded Kai and Matthew's group. Consequently, the probability of their successful escape dropped dramatically.

"You're from a righteous sect, Wrey. Yet, you conspire with Demonic Cultivators to kill me! And the rest of you, aren't you afraid of being punished by the heavens for working with Demonic Cultivators? Just you all wait. What happens to me today will be your fate in the future. Sooner or later, all of you will be gobbled up as well."

As Matthew gazed at the crowd, his body trembled in fury. Never have I thought these people would collude with Scorching Heaven Sect and ask them to destroy me and my sect! His words rendered many people silent.

"Stop resisting, Matthew. What do you think we're cultivating for, huh? Do you think we're doing it to protect the country and root out evil? No. We're all cultivators because we want to ascend to a higher plane of existence, to become immortal! That's why you should spare us your theatrics. As long as benefits are involved, even enemies will become friends. You should've seen this coming when you sided with Kai," spat Wrey icily.

"Let's stop wasting time talking with them and kill them. I rather get this over with as soon as possible to avoid any unexpected complications," said Hugh.

Wrey nodded before turning to Yona. "Take your men from Scorching Heaven Sect and kill them. Then, the position Luminous Sect once occupied will be yours."

At that point, Yona had no choice but to do as Wrey asked. With how the situation had developed, his only option was to slay Matthew and his group.

Murderous intent swirled in his eyes as he led the members of Scorching Heaven Sect toward Matthew's gang. Meanwhile, hundreds of members from other sects watched intently at the side.

"Fate is a cruel mistress. You shouldn't have come, Mr. Chance." Seeing that there was no hope of escape, Matthew sighed. "Don't worry. There's still time to turn things around." Kai smiled.

"To think you can still smile even at death's door, punk. You're a talented man, but it's a shame that you picked the wrong path." Yona narrowed his

eyes at Kai. "If you all kill yourselves, you won't have to suffer for long. But if I have to make the move, I'll make your lives a living hell."

Suddenly, Yona didn't want to kill them anymore. It was mostly because he felt pressured by the many stares from members of other sects.

If he fought and sustained injuries, he wouldn't be able to do anything if the other sects suddenly attacked him and Scorching Heaven Sect. They would be lambs to the slaughter.

Naturally, Yona didn't fully trust Wrey. The fact that he could devise the plan to eradicate Luminous Sect was enough indication to him. How cruel and ruthless he was.

He hoped Kai and the others would take their own lives because he was certain the only path ahead of them was death. If they committed suicide, they wouldn't need to suffer as much.

"Why are you so certain we'll die?" Kai sneered.

"Is there a possibility that all of you can survive?" asked Yona.

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Wrey stepped forward and urged Yona, "Stop wasting your breath on him. Leave that brat to me. I'll kill him myself." Kai looked at Wrey and sneered, "Ignorant fool. Since you firmly believe I killed your son, there's nothing more I can say. Still, you're quite accomplished to have raised such an effeminate son."

Kai's remark instantly hit Wrey's sore spot. His son's personality was his lifelong regret and the subject of much ridicule, discussed by others behind his back.

Wrey was about to explode from anger as he listened to Kai humiliating him in public at that moment. "I'll tear you to pieces today!" Wrey's terrifying aura burst forth as his eyes turned red from his rage.

"Why don't you give it a try?" Kai suddenly let out a strange growl from his mouth. The noise was similar to an animal's, but, at the same time, not quite. The deep reverberation was carried far into the night.

Kai's abrupt and peculiar behavior caused everyone to fall into a daze. They were baffled by what he was doing. Wrey frowned at Kai. "Why are you making that noise?"

Kai ignored him. The noise he emitted grew louder, and as the sound echoed, a ball of golden light rose from his forehead. The night was lit up as if it were day, and that ball of golden light gave off an intense demon beast aura.

The aura rapidly spread outward, covering a distance of dozens of miles in an instant. Everyone was stunned as they watched the golden light rising slowly atop Kai.

Just then, the ground began to tremble violently as if an earthquake had erupted. The shaking caused some to stagger. Immediately afterward, a thunderous rumble rang out, seemingly originating from the horizon and moving closer in the group's direction.

Only when the commotion arrived before them. did everyone see a dense group of demon. beasts roaring and charging at them. All kinds of demon beasts were rushing forward frantically. Everyone was scared out of their wits at that sight. They had never witnessed such a scene before.

Roar! A giant lion roared, and all the other demon beasts followed suit. At that moment, some of the more timid people began to turn and run. In the face of so many demon beasts, there were those who caved ultimately.

"Everyone, don't panic. Let's gather together. These beast cores are valuable resources!" Wrey shouted. The wage of avarice was death. When Wrey mentioned the beast cores, those planning to flee changed their minds. With their numbers, in addition to the members of the sects, they might stand a chance fighting those demon – beasts.

Most importantly, they would be able to extract plenty of beast cores from that horde of demon beasts. If they ran away, they wouldn't gain anything. Wrey and the others began to huddle together and adopted a battle stance.

No one was paying attention to Kai and Matthew any longer. After all, with that many demon beasts, they could easily trample Kai and his party to death.

Colors drained from Matthew's, Archer's, and Skyler's faces when they saw the sea of demon beasts charging at them. Archer and Skyler shielded Matthew, desperately hoping the demon beasts wouldn't step on their master.

“Mr. Campbell, don’t worry. These demon beasts are my subordinates. They won’t harm you,” Kai said.

“Your subordinates?” Matthew and his disciples stared at Kai in astonishment. Kai smiled and didn’t explain further. Instead, he waved his hand. “Attack! Bite those b*stards to death!”

Wrey and the others looked at Kai as if the – latter had lost his mind. How is he still in the mood to make jokes when facing the demon beasts’ assault?

However, soon, a scene that shocked them occurred. Upon reaching where Kai and his party stood, the demon beasts suddenly parted, forming a path instead of attacking them. The beasts roared and rushed straight toward Wrey and his group, rendering them too astounded to speak.

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Soon, pandemonium reigned at the scene. The demon beasts engaged in a chaotic brawl with Wrey and his party. Those demon beasts were incredibly ferocious and didn’t seem to fear death.

Matthew watched the scene unfolding before him, then shifted his gaze onto Kai and gulped. “Mr. Chance, these demon beasts are. really your subordinates?”

“Of course. Otherwise, why would they listen to me?” Kai stood at an elevated spot and took . in the disastrous scene before him. He then waved his hand at Wrey. “You all keep fighting. I’m taking my leave now.”

“You can’t escape, you b*stard!” Wrey was enraged. He thrust his palm at a demon beast, sending it flying away, then leaped toward Kai. He couldn’t allow Kai to get away. Otherwise, it would be difficult to track him down again.

Unfortunately, just as Wrey jumped, a massive figure suddenly appeared. The giant lion opened its bloody maw and pounced at Wrey. Wrey could only defend himself against the giant lion and was unable to stop Kai.

Kai, Matthew, and the others rapidly took flight. After Kai left, the giant lion let out a roar, signaling for all the demon beasts to retreat.

A myriad of corpses was strewn across the battlefield. Some belonged to members of the nine sects, while others were the demon beasts’ carcasses.

Although they managed to slay many demon beasts in that fight, every sect suffered quite a significant loss too. “D*mn it! Kai escaped. Just who the hell is – that guy? Why can he control so many demon beasts?” Wrey bellowed.

“Wrey, although Kai got away, we managed to kill so many demon beasts and acquire a lot of beast cores. We didn’t lose out,” Hugh consoled Wrey. Wrey nodded and waved his hand. “Go and take out the beast cores from those dead demon beasts.”

Everyone swiftly got moving to extract the beast cores from the demon beasts’ carcasses. However, they soon discovered that the extracted beast cores were a dull gray color and devoid of any luster. Wrey held a beast core and gazed at it in puzzlement. “W-What’s going on?”

Hugh retrieved the beast core and examined it with tightly knitted brows. “Someone absorbed these beast cores not long ago, so the cores are showing this color. They’re practically worthless now.”

“Who did that? Who could’ve possibly absorbed so many demon beasts’ beast cores?” Wrey was taken aback. The dozens of demon beasts all had their beast cores absorbed by someone.

“I think Kai is the most likely culprit. No one else could’ve achieved this. Haven’t you noticed that Kai’s strength has clearly received a significant boost? That brat must possess some kind of magical item or secret,” Hugh analyzed.

“D*mn it! I’ll capture him sooner or later and flay him alive to see what secret he’s hiding,” Wrey said through gritted teeth. “We should order a halt to demon beasts hunting for now. These beast cores are worthless. We need to wait for some time to let the demon beast recover before slaying them. Only then will the beast cores be valuable,” Hugh said.

“All right. Even without the beast cores, there are still other resources available here that can sustain our survival and cultivation. Still, as long as Kai hasn’t left this secret realm, I will locate him.” Wrey balled his fists with rage churning in his eyes.

“Let’s clean up the scene. We need to find a suitable place to set up a camp as soon as possible!” After Hugh finished his sentence, everyone began to clear the battlefield and bury the corpses.

Meanwhile, Kai, leading Matthew, Archer, and Skyler, was moving swiftly through the jungle. As Matthew was not fully recovered, they couldn't travel at top speed.

However, since there were no pursuers behind them, they weren't in a hurry. "Those people aren't giving chase. I think we should find a place to rest first so Mr. Campbell can fully recover," Kai suggested.

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Archer and Skyler nodded in unison. Given the way things were, they had no choice but to listen to Kai. Kai and the others found a cave that was just large enough to fit them, so they spent the night inside the cave. Kai told Matthew to focus on his cultivation so he could heal faster, but Matthew was unable to get into a cultivation state.

"It's all my fault... The disciples were wounded – and killed because of me... As a sect leader, I can't possibly bring myself to face our ancestors anymore!" Matthew cried out with a sad look on his face.

All of the Luminous Sect disciples were killed, and many of them had chosen to self-destruct in order to save Matthew. Naturally, Matthew did not feel good about that at all.

Archer had reminded him before that the other sects might attack Luminous Sect, but Matthew had been overly optimistic and believed that the other sects were too honorable to do such a thing.

Unfortunately, he was wrong about them. They were so greedy for profits that they would do anything, which made them no better than Demonic Cultivators.

Although Matthew had finally come to terms with the harsh reality, it was far too late. All the disciples of Luminous Sect, with the exception of Archer and Skyler, were already dead.

Archer and Skyler were deeply saddened when they saw the state Matthew was in. Those disciples were a tight-knit group, so losing them all so suddenly was extremely devastating.

"This isn't your fault, Mr. Campbell. Those b*stards were simply far too cunning! But don't worry! As long as they remain in this secret -realm, I will be sure to make them pay!" Kai reassured him.

"I'm sorry we got you all caught up in this mess, Mr. Chance," Matthew said with an awkward expression. "I would probably have been killed long ago if it weren't for you, Mr. Campbell. For now, all you have to do is focus on healing yourself as quickly as possible. Stop worrying about anything else," Kai said and stepped out of the cave.

He knew that Matthew, Skyler, and Archer needed some time alone to accept what had happened to them. "How much longer do you plan on resting, young man? Don't forget that you have to find the location marked on the treasure map!" Ranzoph's voice sounded all of a sudden.

"I know..." Kai replied in annoyance before lighting a cigarette and staring at the starry sky above. After taking a huge puff of it, he exhaled the smoke heavily in an attempt to calm himself down. All the running and fighting had left him physically and mentally exhausted. He was starting to miss Josephine and the others in Jadeborough, but he had to keep going..

Otherwise, he wouldn't even be able to rescue Josephine and the others, let alone see his mother as well as learn about his father's identity. Meanwhile, in the Evil Heart Sect's secret realm in Jadeborough, Tanner was seated on a chair while Malphas was kneeling before him.

"Is everyone here?" Tanner asked. "Yes, Lord Tanner. Everyone is here except for Kai, who is trapped in Divine Quest Sect's secret realm," Malphas replied.

"Very well. The spiritual energy has been restored, so the Heavenly Law will be activated soon!" Tanner was so happy that he started cackling maniacally.

"Lord Tanner, when will Skylar be released? We still need his Soul Bracelet for the statues," Malphas asked cautiously. "We'll wait till the final moment and release Skylar once we have lured Kai to come here. I've provided him with resources for a very long time, so it's about time he returns the favor," Tanner replied calmly. Malphas nodded. "Understood!"

Tanner then waved at Malphas, and the latter slowly faded away. After Malphas was gone, the eight chairs in front of him emitted a purple glow, and eight figures in purple robes appeared shortly after.

All of them had their faces obscured by their hoods, so none of them could clearly see each other's faces. "The activation of Heavenly Law draws near

now that the spiritual energy has been restored. It's time for you to get ready," Tanner said.

"Understood!" The eight purple-robed figures nodded in unison before disappearing as well.