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James finally had a brief understanding of Mr. Gabriel's background. He was also made aware of the potential chain reaction and severe consequences of trying to get rid of Mr. Gabriel.

This plan was not something to be rushed into blindly.

After leaving Peace Mansion, James headed to the Cadens.

Maxine had already returned to the Cadens' mansion.

In the courtyard, she kneeled beside Tobias, who was in the midst of doing a martial art squat.

Maxine kneeled for quite a while, but Tobias simply ignored her presence.

20 minutes later, Tobias finally stood up and took the towel handed to him by a servant. He walked toward Maxine while wiping off his sweat.

"Get up," he addressed her coldly.

Maxine stood up.

Tobias sat down in the backyard gazebo, picked up a tea cup from the stone table, and took a sip of tea.

Then, he asked lightly, "Tell me, what happened in Mount Littleroot?" He had already seen the footage and knew about the events on Mount Littleroot, but there were many things he could not comprehend.

learned about Maxine's return,

stood at his side with her head lowered and started explaining, "I-I went to Mount Littleroot at the Western Border. There was an imposter disguised as you..." She

slammed his palms

the table did not

his hands, a deep imprint from the impact had been left on the

instinctively trembled

wrong, Maxine? Is there perhaps something you're hiding from

would never hide

voice was razor sharp and his eyes burned like

"I-I don't know."

you still unwilling to tell me the truth?" Tobias roared furiously

point that she was unable to come up with

took a deep, shaky breath and answered with her head

already

had already obtained gotten word from the Cadens'

powerhouses at Mount Litterroot were traced to the

from the God-King Palace to Mount Littleroot. Did you not think that this would show the world that the God-King Palace was affiliated with the Cadens? Didn't

with no other option,

great option

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Maxine was afraid that if it came down to it, Tobias would force an answer out of her. She was worried she'd fold under the pressure and reveal that the elderly man was, in fact, James.

If she did, it would force James to go on the defensive and limit his movements.

A serious expression crossed Tobias' face as he sat in silence.

The only time he had ever lost to anyone was 20 years ago to an elite member of the Blithe Family.

His Thirteen Heavenly Swords technique was no match for the Blithe Fist of Abomination.

This loss had haunted him ever since.

He was now worried that another person had mastered the Blithe Fist of Abomination.

If the person happened to be Thomas Caden, then he'd have another formidable enemy that could threaten his family.

"Maxine, enlighten me.

What do you think Thomas' scheme is? Why did he pretend to be an ordinary person in Cansington for the past 20 years? His family was burned to death, yet he did nothing.

Why did he hide for ten years only to suddenly kick his plans into action? What is he trying to accomplish?" Tobias dug out all the doubts that had been plaguing him and recited them as if they were items on a grocery list.

apologies." Maxine shook her head despondently. She genuinely had no idea what Thomas

established God-King Palace, only to hand it over to

trying to confuse? Maxine was

wore a sad

Fist of Abomination. He seems to have amassed many different martial art techniques in the

elderly man that fought against Donovan in Mount Little Root was really Thomas in

is here to visit you." A disciple approached the two

may let him in." Tobias

disciple

and said, "That's enough. You can

slowly got up. Her knees were slightly numb after

pointed to a stone

"Sit."

down

spoke a word to

James entered the backyard

a once over and sat

the Blithes. I can't endanger the rest of my

person he should trust in these matters was

did not fault

to the Cadens' mansion was to learn more about

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Maxine looked at James worriedly and gave him a subtle sign.

James loosened his tightly clenched fist. He took a deep breath and swallowed down his anger.

"Are you sure? Then, why did I hear that the reason my grandpa suffered an Energy Deviation was because someone ambushed him while he was cultivating? Isn't that the reason why he killed people from the family?" James asked calmly.

"Oh, is that so? I've never heard such a thing," Tobias replied puzzledly.

"Do you really not know? 30 years ago, you must've been there when my grandpa's cultivation base was destroyed, and he was expelled from the family. Did he not refute the decision or try to justify himself?" James looked into Tobias' eyes and asked.

Tobias simply replied, "I was indeed there when it happened. However, your grandfather didn't explain himself. He didn't even utter a word. Following that, he was chased out of the family and thrown out of the Cadens' gates. His entire side of the family was also expelled along with him."

realized some things and said, "If that's really what happened,

family ten years ago. Despite everything, your grandfather and his family were Cadens. I'm not that cold-blooded. The

even have plans to let you take over my position and become the head of the Cadens in the future."

James waved his hand

on my own. I find out you're not telling me the truth, I'll make
well, do what you
strange feeling she got from their conversation and
next crisis in the
priority was to kill Gabriel and eliminate the people behind him in one
time before the Mount Thunder Conference. My main priority is to kill Mr. Gabriel."
James a complicated look. He wondered where James got the courage
represented an entire faction. He also had the descendants of the
he was not a man

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"Do as you please, but don't come begging the Cadens for help if you get in trouble. We're not here to wipe your *ss for you." Tobias was firm in his stance of not helping James.

Maxine also reminded him, "James, remember to not to make any rash decisions."

"I know. I'll need to think about the long battle ahead... Which reminds me, I'll need your help strategizing a plan."

"Absolutely not."

Before Maxine could answer, Tobias shot down the idea immediately.

"Maxine won't be helping you in this I'm afraid. Her assistance could be regarded as a stance from the Cadens themselves, which will result in us getting dragged into unnecessary political conflict."

"Is that what you think?" James smirked faintly and replied, "From the moment you rescued me, the Cadens have already gotten themselves involved in this matter. Your family are no longer able to stand in the sidelines as innocent bystanders. If not, the Cadens wouldn't have gotten caught up in so many incidents. Tobias, I know that you're concerned that the Cadens won't be able to deal with the aftermath of my actions. This is the reason why you've been scrambling to form alliances that will allow you to withdraw from the Mount Thunder Conference unscathed. Since you've considered making the Blithes your allies, has it not occurred to you to throw your lot in with the King? You must be well-aware of the capabilities one needs to lead the nation as the King."

Hearing this, Tobias fell deep into thought, falling hook, line and sinker into James' trap.

actual fact, James was not as confident to deal with Mr. Gabriel
as long as he

James is right," Maxine

Tobias looked at Maxine and his eyes widened

and Mr.Lee in order to protect the Cadens and allow us to

King are also ancient martial artists within Sol." Tobias sighed and ran a wrinkled hand over his hair, "If I took a side, the other families and forces

balance we've tried so hard to preserve will be broken and Sol

for power will

years ago, The possibility had definitely come up more than

everyone was observing the general situation and were unwilling

the other forces would quickly

everyone had shown where their allegiances stood, the next step would be to fight to

peace that Sol had enjoyed for the past hundred

was the biggest reason why he was so hesitant to declare his

from the shadows.Whatever I do in the future will

toward James.He drummed his fingers on the tabletop and knit his

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"James, this is your chance.The Cadens' library contains countless martial art skills.This includes the best sword technique in the world, the Thirteen Heavenly Swords.If you master that, it'd be a stretch to call you invincible but there won't be many people who can stand against you." Maxine beamed as she chattered excitedly to James.

Tobias was optimistic about James' potential.

Despite James' thinly -veiled hostility toward him, he still allowed James to visit the family's library.

This was not the first time that James had heard about the Thirteen Heavenly Swords.

The sword technique intrigued him.

"Alright.I'll make use this opportunity to take a look."

"I'll lead you there then." Maxine stood up and made a gesture inviting him to leave with her.

James stood up and followed Maxine deeper into the vast backyard.

After they spent a long time walking, he saw a solitary wooden house.

Maxine paused and whispered, "Do you see that wooden house over there, James?" James nodded.

permission from the family

James stopped walking

heard

passed on his True Energy to
is powerful. He attained the seventh rank a few decades ago. As for what rank
"Ohoho, are you young'uns talking
a spritely laugh
appeared in front of them. He
made him seem as if he was
immediately knew
bowed deeply, "It's an honor
hand, remained standing and stared intently at the
eyes were also fixed on James as he stroked his white beard
smile, "You
of the Cadens, you
Bennett closed his eyes thoughtfully as he
for our family. I was the one who destroyed Thomas' cultivation base and exiled him
also know that my grandfather was attacked by someone,

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As expected of the Grand Patriarch of the Cadens.

Even Tobias could not sense his True Energy, but Bennett quickly caught on the moment they met.

James did not hide the truth from the Grand Patriarch. He also guessed that Bennett knew and had a good relationship with his teacher, Spencer.

"I was captured and brought to the Blithes. I met a senior martial artist in the Blithes' underground prison named Spencer. He did not have much time left so he passed on his True Energy to me after learning that I'm a descendant of the Cadens."

"I see." Bennett's eyes widened in shock when he heard this.

He let out a sad sigh.

"I never thought he'd leave ahead of me. Since he has finally passed on, do you know who's the eighth-rank grandmaster in the Blithe family?" He had no idea and chose not to dwell on it for too long. Bennett looked at James and clapped him on the back cheerily.

"You're not bad, young man. I'm heartened that the Cadens will have a wonderful successor. By the way, you're here because Tobias allowed you to enter the library, right?"

"Mhm." James nodded.

looked at Maxine and waved his hand

may take your leave for now."

"Yes, Grand Patriarch."

Bennett tilted his head at James and began

him

Bennett began to speak, "The Cadens have countless signature martial arts skills at their perusal. In terms of popularity, the Thirteen Heavenly Swords has been the most renowned since ancient times. However, for thousands of

this piece of information

you?"

his fingers through his

laughter was enough to

finished laughing, he

talent, Thomas was

pity that he went

his aptitude, it wouldn't be hard for him to master

been able to perfect it and

a

it as Thirteen Heavenly Swords because our ancestors of thousands of years ago only mastered thirteen of them. No one has ever gone

it?"

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"Have you finished looking through it?" asked Bennett.

James straightened himself and looked at Bennett who had a smile of delight on his face.

He nodded and said, 'Yes, I'm done.'

"Now, tell me what you've learned after reading it once."

James contemplated for a moment and opened his mouth.

"This swordsmanship technique is extremely profound. It's not just a simple technique and can be divided into two parts. The first is swordsmanship, and the second is about using one's energy to control the sword. The key is to be able to move at blinding speeds. One's swordsmanship has to be rapid for the

energy's speed to increase in turn. The sword acts as a medium for True Energy to become Sword Energy. The Thirteen Sword Realms represent the Thirteen Sword Energies."

James explained his understanding of the techniques recorded in the book. He was not able to articulate everything precisely, but he had a rough grasp of the concept.

"That's right."

Bennett stood up with his hands crossed behind his back and said, "

There is a prerequisite before you can practice the Second Sword Realm.

That is, you must enter the fifth rank and have potent enough True Energy that will allow you to wield your sword energy.

You also hit the nail on the head about the speed requirements and how it relates to the way you increase the speed of your Sword Energy."

sword lying on

the sword in his hand,

moment, he looked like a martial god with an aura that threatened

and swiftly swung his

Energy morphed along with the sword, causing Thirteen

watched the

Bennett was incredibly fast.

could barely follow his movements

the Sword Energy. This prevents it from dissipating. Wherever you point your sword, the Sword Energy will strike. This is the ultimate sword technique," Bennett explained as he moved as quick as

and hit an artificial

ten-meter-tall artificial hill was immediately reduced to

carefully?" James shook his head in

"I-I couldn't see clearly."

try to

pass the sword to James when he suddenly remembered

Dragon King that wields the Blade of Justice. It's a fabled weapon that's been handed down through the ages. It suits

"Oh," James replied.

for practice. If you can't master and execute the third sword at least, you won't be allowed to

tossed the sword

quickly reached out to

his expectations, the sword was heavy, and James did not manage to get a firm grip on it. It

impact kicked up the dust

with so much ease was so heavy. He tried to pick it up the sword from the ground once more, but was unable to pick it up without using his True Energy. He channeled his True Energy and barely managed to lift

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James had been single mindedly practicing the sword technique for the past ten days. His dedication intrigued Tobias. He has secretly watched him for several days and noticed James' rapid progress.

James had already mastered the First Sword Realm in a span of less than ten days.

"This boy is without a doubt talented in martial arts. It took me several years to barely master the First Sword Realm, yet it only took him ten days."

Tobias was slightly concerned about the rapid pace of James' progress. He left silently after having observed James for quite some time.

Tobias needed to meditate in seclusion in preparation for the upcoming Mount Thunder Conference.

A figure flitted through the backyard under the night sky.

James moved rapidly as he fluidly executed a number of elaborate sword techniques.

After practicing each move at least once, he sat down to take a break.

Clap! Clap! Clap! The sudden crisp applause broke the silence in the backyard.

Bennett approached him with a bemused smile.

"Very good. That's impressive. It's as if you were born to be a natural swordsman. You've only been practicing for ten days, yet have already surpassed the effort that takes most people many years to accomplish."

James put away his sword and replied with a smile of his own, "It's because you've taught me well."

intricate, and it would be difficult for James to

Bennett's expert guidance. He was able to avoid many obstacles as well as minimize his mistakes because

"mhm. Not bad."

white beard and said, "Now, you can start practicing the Second Sword Realm. This is where you'll get a real taste of the

nodded. He picked up his sword once more and raised

of a sudden, his body vanished. He appeared high in the air, around 20 meters off the ground, that had been imbued into it. It did not take over as soon as it began and Sword Energy, "Don't worry. Take your time. you've reached the summit of the fifth rank, you're but one constantly gave he had been told in mind, by in a had been immersed in refining his swordsmanship skills and had stayed in the Cadens' mansion for a month in a blink of he mastered all the sword techniques from the that followed, he uttered chants and practiced the Second Sword Realm of the Thirteen was drilled into his very being that True Energy controlled the sword twenty days, he finally backyard, James held a sword the sword burst out Energy was a long sharp sword that manifested with terrifying strength

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With Bennett's guidance, James mastered the First and Second Sword Realm of the Thirteen Heavenly Swords.

In other words, he had officially entered the sixth rank with this. He was one of the few people who were able to attain such strength at his age.

James thanked Bennett profusely.

Bennett waved his hand in dismissal and lightly said, "That's enough. You should go. All I ask is you come visit me whenever you're free."

James did not say anything else. He turned and left. He had been staying in the backyard of the Cadens' mansion for the past month and had not walked around the front yard at all.

Over the past month, he had absolutely no idea about what had happened in the outside world.

As soon as he left the backyard and approached the front, he heard people arguing. He looked in the direction of the commotion.

A good number of people were gathered outside a room.

"Maxine, do you know what you've done?!"

"You blatantly ignored our family's rules and broke them. The family head has been too soft on you. How could you attempt to steal martial art manuals?"

Several people were reprimanding a young woman. She was in her 20s and dressed in casual clothing. She was practically prostrating herself on the ground.

frowned and walked over

the Cadens gathered were

the past month and was personally supervised by the Grand Patriarch

Cadens burned with envy

as descendants of

opportunity to be personally taught

news going around that Tobias wanted to train James to be the future head

outsider

unfriendly voice addressed

turned to the source and saw that it was none other than Bobby Caden. It was the very same brat

to disfigure her face to force him to hand over the ancient chest from the Prince of Orchid Mountain's ancient

member of the Cadens just because grandpa is protecting you! Your family has long been exiled

courtesy and pointed to the gate as he said

the Cadens' seniors

it was plain to see from their aloof expressions that James' presence was extremely unwelcome. Some even threw

people who showed him such unrestrained hostility had their

them and looked at Maxine, kneeling on the ground

"Maxine, what's going

elder stepped forward

James and answered him coldly, "Maxine has broken our family rules by entering the family library and attempting to steal

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"This is preposterous!"

The elder Caden shouted. His booming voice was deafening. It rocked everyone present as if it were a clap of thunder.

Even Maxine was taken aback by his outburst.

James glanced at the elder and said calmly, "What do you want?"

The elder narrowed his eyes.

"In accordance with our family rules, the lightest punishment for those who enter the library without permission is the removal of their cultivation base and the subsequent expulsion from our family. The more severe punishment states that offenders are to be killed on the spot."

"Try to kill her if you dare."

James' expression darkened and he returned the elder's hateful glare.

Maxine pulled James to the side and whispered, "James, just leave me be. I've violated the family's rules by sneaking into the library. Just let them punish me."

"It's good that you acknowledge your own sins. Since we're all aware of your crime, I will be the one to abolish your cultivation and expel you from the family. The elder suddenly raised his hand, and a powerful force materialized in his palm. It forcibly pulled Maxine towards him. James had figured out that this was a ploy by Tobias and Maxine that would result in her expulsion from the family. However, Maxine's life would be over if they abolished her cultivation base. He quickly stepped over and grasped Maxine's shoulder, pulling her toward him.

Two forces pulled at Maxine causing her to lose her balance. She ended up falling directly into James' arms.

James put his arms around her and slightly stepped back.

remained glaring at

elder harshly, "It's just a martial art manual. This isn't a severe crime. There's no need for such a cruel punishment. Can't you

was Karson Caden. He was not only an elder in the family, but he was also Tobias'

of strength, he was far from being

he was still a grandmaster

able to snatch

Shock filled his eyes.

entire scene caught the other Cadens by surprise

knew James well and were

that he had his cultivation base forcefully removed by the head of

the strength to go against someone as

interfering with the Cadens' family problems, boy? Our family has rules that have been passed down for thousands of years. Absolutely no one is allowed to break them. Having knowledge of those rules and still choosing to break them is appropriately punishable by

forward, jabbed his finger in Maxine's

care about your

eager to

at James. $\mu\sigma\nu\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\nu\sigma\kappa.\zeta\sigma\mu$ He started to speak in a loud and intimidating voice, "You're a descendant of a sinner. Who are you to meddle in

watching the events unfold did not step

silence as them assenting to

it. I truly

tried to

calmly, "From today onward, Maxine is no longer part of the Cadens. This means, you don't have a