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Chapter 1556 Worship

"A Nascent Soul at around twenty years old?" Tigris was stunned for a moment. "If this were during ancient times, it would have been nothing strange. But in today's world, a genius like that is extremely rare..."

After he contemplated it for a while, Tigris spoke up once more. "Don't mind him. As long as he doesn't stir up trouble, leave him be... By the way, the faith energy has been showing signs of decline lately. Is this how you do things? You're incomparable to your brother," said Tigris in an icy tone.

Upon hearing that, Terrell trembled all over. He pleaded, "I'll see to it right away. Please forgive me, Tigris..."

"Go. If you're not a good fit for this position, then let others take over." Tigris dismissed Terrell with a wave of his hand.

Terrell left hurriedly with cold sweat dripping down his face.

Meanwhile, Tigris went into a valley located behind his residence. A huge statue was placed right in the middle of the valley.

The statue looked ancient. It had been worn down over the years and begun to show signs of damage.

Even so, its dignified and majestic aura was not the slightest obscured despite its decrepit state.

A meditation cushion was placed in front of it. Respectfully, Tigris knelt down before the statue.

The moment Terrell got back to the palace, he called for a meeting with all the Great Elders.

"Make an announcement that everyone must go and worship immediately. Those who do not comply will be exiled from Encanta Island!" said Terrell coldly.

The Great Elders wasted no time in getting everything arranged upon receiving the order.

Everyone on Encanta Island set aside what they were doing at once and went to the nearest temple to worship.

Flaxseed was having his meal when he noticed everyone stop what they were doing and rush out. He was curious, so he followed them.

What he then saw was many people going into a temple. They did their worshipping and left after they were done.

After entering the temple along with the crowd, Flaxseed was surprised to find that the object of worship was not any deity in particular but an ambiguous one-meter-tall stone statue.

Why are they worshipping a stone statue? Aren't these people cultivators? Why would they worship a stone statue like this?

"Hey, you! Why aren't you worshipping? Do you want to be exiled from Encanta Island?" An old man who was over seventy years old spoke up when he noticed that Flaxseed was standing there in a daze.

Following that, Flaxseed quickly knelt and bowed his head twice as a sign of worship.

However, unbeknownst to him, a wisp of white vapor arose from his body and went into the stone statue when he bowed down!

After Flaxseed was done, he exited the temple with the elderly man.

"Mister, can you please tell me why the people here worship a stone statue but not deities? Also, why did everyone suddenly rush over to the temple like they'd just received an order?" asked Flaxseed curiously as he fished out a cigarette for the elder and lit it up for the latter.

Puffing on the cigarette, the old man glanced at Flaxseed and said, "You must be new here."

"Yes, that's right. I'm new here..." replied Flaxseed while nodding his head.

"Listen here. An order just came from the palace that everyone has to worship today. Whoever doesn't comply will be exiled from Encanta Island. That was why everyone came to worship in a hurry," explained the old man.

"Why must we worship a stone statue?" asked Flaxseed.

"Beats me. That's just how things are around here. Someone should have told you this when you first came here. Didn't anyone brief you?" inquired the old man while looking at Flaxseed in a slightly confused manner.

In response, Flaxseed shook his head. "I've been here a couple of months, but no one told me about this..."

"I see. You must have come here as a traveler. So that's why you didn't know that you were supposed to worship at the temple. Let me tell you. There are rules on this island that must be obeyed..."

As the old man informed Flaxseed about the ways of the island, the latter slowly got a better understanding of Encanta Island.

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Chapter 1557 Pressure

It turned out that none of the inhabitants of Encanta Island were natives.

They all came to this island at some point in their lives.

Many were not aware that they were cultivators. The only reason they came to the island was to prolong their lifespan.

When one decided to become an inhabitant of the island, one would be given a scripture-like text to recite and practice.

On top of that, one must worship during the specified time.

Soon, people discovered that reciting the scripture had enabled them to live over a hundred years old. This amazing finding eventually spread by word of mouth.

With that, Encanta Island went from having an initial population of several dozen to several tens of thousands. The people who were here came from all walks of life.

"Before I first came here, I suffered from many illnesses. But I'm all cured now! You should stay. This place is paradise," advised the old man.

With a smile, Flaxseed replied, "You're right. I'll think about it..."

As he excused himself from the elder, an even more pressing question arose in his heart.

Who on earth could manipulate events behind the scene to make so many ordinary people go into spiritual energy cultivation?

"Hmm... This is huge. I'd better wait till Kai finishes his cultivation..." mumbled Flaxseed to himself.

He dared not continue with his investigation. Therefore, he found a place to stay put for the time being until Kai was back.

Time flew by quickly, and three months passed just like that.

Kai had been cultivating for the past three months. Since the people from the palace of Encanta Island did not come looking for trouble with him, everything was calm and peaceful.

However, in the Jadeborough martial arts world thousands of kilometers away, the black-robed man struck once more, killing people and absorbing their powers.

Everyone was scared out of their wits. Some even speculated that Kai had secretly come back!

"D*mn Edgar! He doesn't have an inch of restraint. I won't be able to cover up for him if he keeps this up…"

In the hall of the Warriors Alliance, Zion paced back and forth angrily.

He knew that the murders this time around were not Kai's act of revenge. Instead, it was Edgar who had done it to raise his level of cultivation rapidly. He needed to get stronger fast, so he made a move against those from sects or prestigious families in the martial arts world.

Besides Jadeborough, people started disappearing without reason in other places as well.

Zion felt immensely pressured as the series of murders and disappearances got increasingly out of hand.

He had already sent someone to go look for Ryker, hoping that the latter could restrain Edgar.

All this while, Zion had been constantly on edge and anxious.

It had been so long, yet he had not heard anything as to Kai's whereabouts. Strangely, it was as if he had disappeared from the face of the earth.

Nevertheless, Zion felt relieved that Kai was not here to stir up trouble for him at the moment.

Despite that, he had no way of knowing exactly when Kai would come back to Jadeborough and go against the Warriors Alliance.

He could only comfort himself by fantasizing that Kai had become incapacitated and unable to fight, so he could only hide away.

"President Zeigler, why have you summoned me in such a hurry?" asked Ryker as he walked into the hall with quick steps.

"Hmph! You still have the audacity to ask me that? Take a look at these!" shouted Zion.

He grabbed the documents on the table and threw them at Ryker's face.

Then, he continued scathingly, "You guys have been doing as you please without a care in the world! I've received reports continuously from the Jadeborough martial arts world about the black-robed man's attacks. Even the sects and prestigious families who are part of the alliance were targeted! Warriors Alliances of other places have reported the same too! Are you trying to mess up the whole martial arts world? I've been covering up for you guys. But if the officials catch wind of this and start investigating, all of you from the Deragon family will not be spared."

Zion had been frustrated beyond belief, so he vented his anger on Ryker.

As the head of the Deragon family, Ryker felt utterly humiliated to be rebuked by Zion in such a way.

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Chapter 1558 Stop

Ryker did not even bother to look at those documents. With a slightly displeased expression, he said, "President Zeigler, I will advise Edgar to tone it down, but he's not the only one responsible, what with such frequent appearances of the black-robed man. If you want to blame someone, you should go look for Skylar and those Black Copper Robes..."

He turned to leave after finishing his words without waiting for Zion's response.

Looking at Ryker's retreating back, Zion stood rooted to the spot for quite some time before he started heaving in outrage.

"Insolent! How insolent! How dare he speak to me like that?" exclaimed Zion as he slammed the table furiously.

In his heart, he knew that he was only the president of the Warriors Alliance in name and held no real power.

Hence, there was no way he would dare to seek out Skylar and those Black Copper Robes himself.

In a very secluded secret room at the Deragon residence, dried-out corpses lay all around Edgar. Cold light emanated from his body. The corpses were people who died after having their powers absorbed.

Ryker had ordered his men to abduct people for Edgar's cultivation!

Previously, he thought that doing this was beneath him, yet he was now very supportive of Edgar using this method.

Edgar had put in much effort in those three months. He had currently reached Top Level Martial Arts Marquis!

Such ascension speed was exceptionally rare in the martial arts world.

It was all thanks to the spirit in his body. Otherwise, no matter how talented Edgar was, he would not have been able to progress so quickly.

It's time for me to seek the chance to get to the level of Greater Martial Arts Marquis. If I reach that level, I doubt anyone will be able to face off against me in the whole martial arts world...

Edgar had a cold smirk on his face.

Breaking through to Greater Martial Arts Marquis took more than mere cultivation. Even Gilbert was stuck at Martial Arts Marquis for more than a decade and could not get to the level of Greater Martial Arts Marquis.

Such a breakthrough in cultivation level was dependent on luck and circumstances. It would be a leap into a wholly different realm.

No one could foresee when and what it would take for an individual to reach Greater Martial Arts Marquis.

One might even be able to achieve it in one's sleep. After undergoing the breakthrough, one's physical body would be remolded and significantly strengthened. Not only that, one's spiritual sense and control over the things in the world would reach new heights!

Because of that, the higher the cultivation level, the harder it would be to break through.

There was a possibility of failure if one were to do it forcefully. In the event that this happened, the cultivator would lose all their cultivation and become an ordinary person.

It was not uncommon for a martial artist to take his own life due to not being able to stand living a life as an unremarkable human being after failing to break through.

"I wonder where Kai is. He may be my ticket to breaking through..."

As Edgar's eyes focused on a spot, waves of murderous intent rolled off his body. He yearned to kill Kai with his own hands. After being thwarted by Kai again and again, Edgar hated the latter to the core.

Right at that moment, Ryker entered the room. He could not help but shiver at the murderous intent that Edgar was emanating.

Ever since Edgar became possessed by the spirit, Ryker felt that he was no longer like the son he had once known.

"Edgar, Zion asked us to stop what we are doing," said Ryker.

"Stop?" Edgar snickered. "I'm reaching the level of Greater Martial Arts Marquis. In the future, I will become a Martial Arts Saint. The Deragon family will become the most powerful family in the martial arts world. It's impossible for me to stop!"

Ryker was moved by Edgar's resolution.

He had a look of excitement and anticipation as he gushed, "That's right. The Deragon family will rise once more and become the most powerful family!"

"I need to find Kai. I can't be at ease until he ceases to exist."

After he said that, he exited the secret room.

Edgar knew that he had to find Kai and kill him to resolve his inner turmoil. Only then could he focus on breaking through without any hindrance.

Ryker did not stop him. Instead, he went to the dungeons. It seemed like Beatrice was about to suffer another round of merciless beating.

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Chapter 1559 Stunted

On Encanta Island, Kai felt very comfortable, like he was immersed in a hot spring. He had never experienced such a high concentration of spiritual energy in his surroundings, nor had he taken in spiritual energy so lavishly!

The Focus Technique that Kai practiced was a superior method. The speed at which it absorbed spiritual energy was way faster than the rate of those in the same cultivation level.

Furthermore, the spiritual energy conversion of Kai's elixir field was super fast. If his elixir field did not convert the external spiritual energy into his own spiritual energy fast enough, his body would reach a saturated state and stop taking in spiritual energy. "When is he going to wake up?"

Out in the courtyard, Flaxseed was waiting for Kai anxiously.

He had dropped by for many days, waiting for Kai to wake up from his cultivation.

As he did not want to disrupt Kai and risk harming the latter's body, he did not dare to disturb Kai's cultivation.

Suddenly, Flaxseed noticed two streaks of light shoot up into the sky, followed by a terrifying aura that seeped out from inside the room.

"This is the aura of Seventh Level Nascent Soul. Did he seriously reach Seventh Level Nascent Soul in three months?"

As Flaxseed felt the terrifying aura, his eyes widened, and he showed an expression of disbelief.

It was common knowledge that the higher the level, the harder it was to cultivate. Even with the support of a huge reserve of spiritual energy, one would still need some time to absorb all that spiritual energy.

However, when it came to Kai, issues like these did not seem to matter. He was many times faster than others when it came to leveling up.

Flaxseed rushed in and kicked open the door to Kai's room.

"You're outrageous! I can't believe you got to Seventh Level Nascent Soul in just three months!" exclaimed Flaxseed in disbelief.

Kai, however, did not seem excited or pleased at all. Rather, he was frowning.

"I thought I would be able to reach Top Level Nascent Soul. But I'm still far from that..."

Flaxseed nearly fainted from anger upon hearing Kai's words.

He had been on Encanta Island for a few months, yet he did not improve in terms of power at all. Kai had made so much progress, and he was still dissatisfied. "Your cultivation speed is already very impressive, yet you're still unhappy with it. Oh, woe is me..." lamented Flaxseed.

"If it hadn't been for the resistance, I would have reached Top Level Nascent Soul. When I was cultivating, I was met with a resisting force and could not take a step further. Could it be that Encanta Island can only help one to reach Nascent Soul and nothing beyond that?" said Kai.

His expression was grim, and his brows were furrowed as he tried to figure it out. Kai's cultivation progressed very quickly initially. However, when he approached the later stages, the resisting force became increasingly bigger. Upon reaching Seventh Level Nascent Soul, Kai's cultivation became stunted. That was why he woke up!

"So you were affected too?" said Flaxseed in shock. He had thought that Kai would be unaffected by the arcane array or the curses there.

"How's your investigation coming along?" asked Kai.

Flaxseed told Kai everything he knew. When Kai heard that Encanta Island had many temples and the fact that the temples all worshipped a stone statue, he felt that something was off.

He was of the opinion that there must be something about the stone statue. Since all of the temples worshipped that same statue, it must have been deliberate. "Let's go. I want to go and take a look."

Kai could not wait to go and examine the statue.

"What about your friend?" asked Flaxseed as he pointed at the other room.

"I'll go and wake him," replied Kai.

With that, he woke Colin from his cultivation.

After a few months, Colin's cultivation showed no progress in the slightest. All his efforts had been for naught.

" Kai, why do I feel like I've gotten nowhere at all?" asked Colin dejectedly.

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Chapter 1560 An Ominous Feeling

I've been cultivating for such a long time, but I didn't get any stronger. When can I reach Martial Arts Marquis and marry Renee?

Kai stared at Colin's abdomen. He could see that the martial energy in Colin's elixir field had undergone drastic changes. It was just that Colin's overall power did not reflect that change.

"Don't worry. I think you can reach Martial Arts Marquis very soon," consoled Kai.

Although he did not know why Colin's power showed no improvement, he was sure that once they found out the cause, the martial energy in Colin's elixir field would help him improve in leaps and bounds!

And so, Kai, Flaxseed, and Colin made their way to the nearest temple.

At the same time, in the forbidden grounds within the palace, Tigris looked up at the sky with a somber expression.

He mumbled to himself, "Such a terrifying fluctuation of spiritual energy! Are there other experts who managed to break through on Encanta Island?"

Soon, Terrell rushed over upon being summoned. He knelt on the ground as soon as he saw Tigris.

"Tigris, is there anything that you need from me?" he asked.

"That Nascent Soul youngster that you mentioned to me before... Has he left the island?" asked Tigris.

"No, he is still on the island. But he hasn't stepped foot out of his dwelling. I think he has been cultivating..." answered Terrell.

Tigris was silent for a moment before instructing, "Send someone to go and check him out. He may have had a breakthrough again and reached a substantial level. Come and look for me after you've found out about his condition."

"Understood," replied Terrell with a nod before he left.
Tigris continued looking up at the sky with worry etched on his face.

"Master, when will you come back to life? I have an ominous feeling..." muttered Tigris.

In a temple on Encanta Island, people came to pay their respects. They all seemed to be very devout as they revered the stone statue.

Kai observed the people going in and out of the temple. He found nothing weird about them. Though they were cultivators, they led their lives as if they were ordinary folk. It was as if they did not know they were cultivators. On top of that, no one was obsessed with cultivating and achieving immortality!

Having a strong body and a prolonged lifespan was enough to make these people happy beyond belief. No one thought of becoming immortal.

"Come on. Let's have a look inside," said Kai.

He proceeded to enter the temple.

The stone statue was rather normal and had nothing special about it. In addition, it seemed to have darkened due to being constantly surrounded by the smoke from the incense lit around it.

Kai activated his spiritual sense and used it to envelop the stone statue. He prodded around to see if there was anything unusual about the statue.

After a while, he found that the stone statue was made from a normal rock. There was nothing peculiar about it. Kai was stumped.

He stopped a middle-aged man who was passing by and asked, "Hi, sir. Why do you keep worshipping this stone statue? Who does the statue represent?"

The middle-aged man glanced at Kai and answered, "This is the deity of Encanta Island. It is said that this was the individual who built Encanta Island. Since we have benefitted so much from this island, we should pay our respects to the deity."

After he said that, he ignored Kai and started worshipping the statue.

Right then, a few guards wearing armor came in. They looked fierce and intimidating as they surrounded the trio.

The person who seemed to be the leader was a young man clad in silk and holding a fan. He looked young, but the aura he gave off suggested that he was in no way weak.

Kai scrutinized him and found him to look similar to those rich playboy heirs that one would see in dramas. He looked especially like those who would not survive past two episodes.

"Who are you? Why aren't you worshipping after entering? To top it off, you even dared to use spiritual sense on the statue?" scolded the young man after giving them a onceover.

It was only then Kai realized that he had attracted their attention by using spiritual sense.