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Chapter 1565 A Misunderstanding

Meanwhile, Terrell was resting in the palace. Yet, suddenly, the Grand Elder was seen rushing over in a hurry.

"Bad news, King Duncan! We received a report. The crown prince was taken away!"

The Grand Elder could barely conceal his anxiety.

The second Terrell heard those words, he rose to his feet.

"Who did that? Some nerve they have to lay a finger on my son!" he fumed, his visage livid.

"I heard that it was a bunch of foreigners who stepped in Encanta Island not too long ago."

"Quick! Gather our men. How dare they touch my son when they're on my territory! They must be tired of living!"

An overwhelming murderous intent was emanating from Terrell as he passed the order down.

After all, the Duncan family had always reigned supremacy in Encanta Island. So far, there hadn't been a single soul who had had the audacity to challenge them. In a flash, Terrell assembled several hundred guards and departed from the palace altogether.

Concurrently, Norm arrived at the palace with Kai and the gang.

The group could be seen chatting joyfully, seemingly to have grown acquainted with one another already.

"This is where I stay," said Norm as he pointed at the palace right before their eyes.

As soon as Colin clapped eyes on it, he couldn't help but exclaim, "Goodness gracious. What a magnificent building..."

All the while, Colin had always thought that his house in Shadow Estate was already impressive enough. Nevertheless, the moment he caught sight of the palace, his own residence became like a pauper's home in his eyes.

At first glance, one could easily deduce that the palace had a structure that was put together with a one-of-a-kind technique. Obviously, it must have a long history. Even each and every brick used looked like it had been polished by hand.

Kai quickly activated his spiritual sense to envelope the walls of the palace. He wanted to find out whether the majestic construction was protected by an arcane array.

After scouting high and low, he couldn't detect any reaction coming from the palace. In other words, the palace wasn't safeguarded by an arcane array of any sort. That alone smelled like a suspicion to him.

Logically speaking, such a primal location in Encanta Island which was born for spiritual energy cultivation should be shielded by at least some kind of defensive arcane array. "How long has the palace been built, Norm?" asked Kai as he shifted his line of sight to Norm.

Norm shook his head in return. "That I have no clue. I heard it from my dad that this palace has already existed before we, the Duncans, even set foot on Encanta Island."

"Huh? Aren't your family the ones who constructed this building?" queried Colin. His voice was laced with surprise.

Norm shook his head once again. "Nope. Based on the Duncan family's genealogy, we've only been here for about four hundred years, but this palace has been on this ground for more than a millennium. So, there's no way we could've built it ourselves!"

"All right, now. Let's head in and take a look." With that said, Kai spearheaded the initiative to march toward the palace.

Since the Duncan family wasn't the original owner of the palace, there had to be an abundance of hidden secrets in that place.

Just as Kai and the rest took a couple of steps forward, they stumbled upon a horde of hundreds of people stepping out of the palace flamboyantly. Each one of them was decked in sturdy armor, looking ever so menacing.

In particular, the leader of the troop was even clad in a golden suit of armor, coupled with a spear in his hand. That man portrayed a demeanor as imposing as he could get.

"Why is Dad heading out of the palace?" muttered Norm to himself unwittingly as he saw the man in the golden armor.

Before Norm could part his lips to utter a word, Terrell was already storming toward Kai and his squad in a huff.

"Scoundrel! You must have the guts to hold my son captive. Free him now, or I'll make sure you suffer a horrible fate!" roared Terrell.

A surge of domineering aura burst forth from him blatantly then and there.

At that point in time, the Grand Elder beside Terrell caught a glimpse of Kai, and immediately, the Grand Elder's countenance took a drastic change. "It's you guys?"

"Hmm? Do you know them?" questioned Terrell as he gazed at the Grand Elder.

"King Duncan, this lad here is the guy I mentioned to you. He's the one who has achieved the phase of Nascent Soul at a tender age."

The Grand Elder lifted a finger in Kai's direction as he spoke.

Right after Terrell heard the statement, his mien turned as grim as death.

That would be logical, for being only at the Top Level of Golden Core, he could never hold a candle to someone who was already in the Nascent Soul phase.

In an instant, Norm elucidated the matter to his father, "You've been mistaken, Dad. They didn't imprison me or anything. I do look perfectly fine, don't I? It was all a misunderstanding. Why don't we talk about it inside?"

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Seeing his son safe and sound, Terrell then lowered his guard. With a wave of his hand, he prompted, "Let's talk inside, then!"

Deep down, Terrell didn't want to make himself an enemy of a Nascent Soul expert.

From his perspective, it would be ideal if he could be on good terms with Kai. Soon after, the crowd entered the palace, and Terrell ordered someone to serve Kai and the others a sumptuous meal.

That being said, there was a hint of wariness in those courteous acts of his.

After all, he wasn't informed of the reason why Kai and his team would visit Encanta Island all of a sudden.

Moreover, Terrell still had zero knowledge of Kai's true identity. If the former were to find out that Kai was none other than the murderer of his elder brother, Diego, there was no telling whether Terrell would still be as nice to Kai as he was then.

Then came Terrell's inquiry, "So, do you guys travel all the way here to Encanta Island for vacation? Or are you here to attend to other matters as well?"

"We've heard about this place, so we're curious and decided to come to explore for a bit..." was Kai's answer.

"You're curious, you say? What has piqued your interest, if I may ask?" Terrell had no idea what Kai was fascinated about.

"Since you've asked this, King Duncan, I'll be honest. The land of Encanta Island is abundant with spiritual energy, so it provides a setting that's second to none for anyone to hone their cultivation level. Everyone living on this island should have been

exceptionally powerful. I don't understand why reaching the Top Level of Golden Core is the best you guys could manage," probed Kai bluntly.

Even though he already secured some information in his hands, he still wanted to verify them with Terrell.

When the latter heard the question, a helpless sigh escaped from his lips. "We've actually long noticed the problem you pointed out. Sadly, I don't have any idea of the root cause of it. But even if we can only reach the Top Level of Golden Core, we're already contented. As you may already know, the vast majority of spiritual energy cultivators on Encanta Island are but average Joes, and to them, cultivation level carries no weight. Health and peace are all they ever yearn for."

He paused for a bit to ponder before going on, "Besides, the folks on Encanta Island could all live for over a century. That's a feat the outside world could never get to accomplish. As for the reason behind this limitation of our cultivation level, no one has really tried to get to the bottom of it. Who knows? Maybe there's some sort of power suppressing this island."

After listening to Terrell's explanation, Kai was floored on the spot.

Never in a million years would he expect Terrell to not have any desire to attain greater power. The latter gave off a vibe like he was already very satisfied with being at the Top Level of Golden Core.

Judging from Terrell's expression, Kai still couldn't tell if the former was playing games with him.

Hence, he shut his eyes and unleashed a terrifying blast of spiritual sense, engulfing the whole vicinity straightaway.

Following the improvement of his cultivation level, his spiritual sense was also strengthened tremendously.

Because of that, the coverage of his spiritual sense became so much wider as well.

With the release of the spiritual sense in every nook and cranny of the palace, Kai went all out to uncover any secrets that might be under the hood.

Terrell, in turn, saw that Kai was using his spiritual sense, yet the former had no inclination to intervene.

Kai swiftly retracted his spiritual sense, his face expressionless. It was as though he had failed to make any discovery.

At that very juncture, Norm came clean and revealed, "Actually, Dad, they accidentally broke a statue. Please do ask for forgiveness from the deity on behalf of them..."

However, he didn't say that Kai had done it on purpose. Norm was clearly covering up for Kai.

"W-What? They broke a statue?"

Terrell's face clouded over on that note.

Witnessing that change, Kai voiced out, "It was an accident, King Duncan. I'll compensate for it. Why the astonishing look, however? Is there something more to the statue than meets the eye, King Duncan?"

Terrell hurriedly regained his composure while shaking his head. "What makes you say so? The statue merely serves as an icon of faith for the people. I'll just ask our craftsman to carve another one later. It's getting late, now. You guys should stay for the night."

After dropping the sentence, he directed his gaze toward his son and instructed, "Show them to their bedrooms, Norm."

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Chapter 1567 Just A Puppet

Upon hearing that, Kai said nothing else and got up, preparing to follow Norm.

"Wait!" Just as Kai was about to leave, Terrell suddenly shouted, "Sir, may I know what's your name?"

Despite conversing for so long, Terrell still did not know Kai's name. "It's Kai," Kai calmly said his name.

The atmosphere turned awkward just as he muttered his name.

Terrell's expression changed once more. Even the way Norm was looking at Kai changed drastically.

After some time, Terrell asked, "Do you know someone named Diego?"

Kai nodded. "I do. I was the one who killed him."

Upon hearing Kai admit what he did, Terrell took a deep breath and tried to calm himself down.

Then, he broke the silence as he said, "Diego was my older brother. His desires were too strong, and they ended up costing him his life. I know a thing or two about what happened between you and my brother. He brought everything upon himself because he believed in the nonsense that Zion spewed!"

Kai was surprised to hear Terrell's words. Initially, he thought Terrell would fly into a rage on the spot and try to kill him. He did not expect Terrell to say such a thing.

Therefore, Kai was at a loss for words.

"Mr. Chance, we should go," Norm piped up, trying to ease the awkward tension in the air as he led Kai and the others out.

Although there was not much change in Norm's expression, it was evident that he had become less talkative.

"All of you should stay here. There will be someone to take care of your daily needs."

Norm left after getting a couple of rooms for Kai and the others.

After Norm walked away, Flaxseed looked at Kai. "Can't you come up with a different name just now?"

"I did it on purpose," Kai replied.

"On purpose? Don't tell me you meant to let them know that you were the one who killed Diego?"

Flaxseed was confused as to why Kai would do such a thing.

"That's right. I only wanted to see how they would react. That Terrell is too cunning. Everything he said was a lie." Kai narrowed his eyes.

Although Terrell was not powerful, Kai could tell from their conversation that Terrell had a powerful mindset.

Just from their conversation alone, no one could tell whether what he said was true or false.

"Did you find out whether this palace has any secrets from the investigation you conducted with your spiritual sense?" Flaxseed hurriedly asked.

Kai nodded as he carefully analyzed, "Yes, there is. At the end of this palace, my spiritual sense was blocked. It felt as though it was chopped off by something out of nowhere. This proves that there must be some sort of secret hidden there! I also noticed arcane array has been added to all the kneeling stone statues, allowing them to absorb spiritual energy from people. Although it's weak, it could gradually become powerful once it's accumulated. That's definitely not something Terrell has the skills to achieve. There must be someone behind him that's controlling everything here. Terrell, and possibly the whole of the Duncan family, are nothing but puppets!"

"Then let's go sneak a peek tonight." Upon hearing that, Flaxseed's interest was piqued.

Kai nodded. "I was thinking the same thing."

"I'll go too." Colin also wanted to join after hearing the two's plan.

"You shouldn't go. With that strength of yours, you won't be able to escape if we get caught!" Kai immediately rejected Colin.

Night soon came. Two figures hurriedly rushed toward the end of the palace in the darkness.

Those two figures were none other than Kai and Flaxseed.

Dodging all the guards, the two arrived at the end and found a wall blocking their way.

"Why is the passage gone?" Flaxseed asked in confusion.

"It's not a surprise that the passage is gone. This means that there must be a trap here," Kai said before carefully looking around.

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Chapter 1568 Infiltration

Flaxseed could not help but laugh when he saw Kai's posture as the latter bent down to search for the trap.

Kai stopped and turned to look at Flaxseed. "What are you laughing at, Mr. Flaxseed?"

"I'm laughing at the way you're looking for the trap. You won't find it even if the sun comes out," Flaxseed replied.

"Then how should I look for it?" Kai asked.

"Did you forget what I do for a living? Why would a mere trap mean anything to someone like me?"

As Flaxseed said that, he took out a charm and started muttering. The charm suddenly began emitting a light green glow.

The light swept through the area, and soon, a glowing dot started flickering in a hidden corner.

"There's the trap."

Flaxseed noticed the flickering dot and went forward, ready to press the trap.

However, Kai stopped him. The former shook his head before holding his breath to listen carefully.

He then glanced at Flaxseed, who immediately understood his meaning and slowly pressed the trap.

Soon, the wall in front of them moved backward, and a whole other scenery greeted them.

Just as the trap door opened, Kai and Flaxseed dashed inside and took care of the two guards by knocking them unconscious.

The two guards didn't even get to see who the intruders were before darkness engulfed them, and they passed out.

Kai and Flaxseed were excited as they looked at the oasis-like scenery in front of them. There was also a residence nearby.

It looked like this place was the heart of Encanta Island. They were sure that the person controlling the island must be living here.

The two of them cautiously made their way toward the residence.

However, their passage was soon blocked by a wall of restrictive energy.

"This restrictive energy is so strong."

Flaxseed's face was full of surprise.

On the other hand, Kai frowned. He gently reached out his hand and felt his palm touch something solid and impenetrable.

Kai slowly unleashed his spiritual energy, wanting to break through the restrictive energy in front of them.

He did not dare to unleash his aura directly, for if he did, they would be caught immediately.

However, as soon as his spiritual energy began to gather, a strong gust of rebound energy threw him backward and sent him flying.

"Are you okay?" Flaxseed asked as he looked at Kai.

Kai shook his head. "I'm fine. This arcane array of restrictive energy is quite interesting..."

As he said that, a faint flash of golden light enveloped his fist, and he forcefully punched the restrictive energy in front of him.

Rumble...

Suddenly, a thunderous boom sounded in the air, and the ground shook.

The sudden movement shocked both Kai and Flaxseed.

"F*ck. I can't believe this arcane array of restrictive energy has an alarm attached to it. It'll be triggered if someone forcefully destroys it. Let's go."

Flaxseed stepped forward and dragged Kai.

Upon seeing such a scene, Kai also knew that it was impossible to continue their investigation. He turned around to follow Flaxseed and escaped.

The thunderous boom immediately alarmed many guards.

Even Tigris, who was in the residence, had also awakened due to the shock. Terrell brought people and rushed over. The man's face darkened when they opened the trap door and noticed the two unconscious guards.

At that moment, endless waves of terrifying aura flowed from the residence.

Terrell was trembling all over as he felt this scary aura.

He plucked up his courage and slowly made his way toward the residence, as he had no idea what would happen next.

They had committed a great sin by allowing someone to infiltrate the forbidden ground.

After passing the wall of restrictive energy, Terrell fell to the ground with a thud and crawled toward the residence.

Cold sweat beaded his forehead as he regretted his decision of letting Kai and the others stay in the palace.

He did not expect that they would find the forbidden ground and even infiltrate it.

After all, Kai's expression did not change when he used his spiritual sense to investigate the area. As such, Terrell thought Kai did not find out anything.