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"Kai, the treasures within the ancient ruins of Narcissus Palace don't even belong to you. What right do you have to distribute them to others? Besides, you should know that Stormwind Sect played the biggest part in winning the earlier battle. You guys would have been dead now if not for us fighting against the black shadows." Emiliano looked at Kai with a dissatisfied expression.

"What do you want?" Kai asked. "Not much. You have to give me one of these gemstones," the overbearing Emiliano threatened Kai. Kai sneered coldly upon seeing the look on Emiliano's face.

Skyler scrunched up her brows. "Have you no shame, Emiliano? You were the one who said no when Mr. Chance wanted to ally with you earlier. Oh, the audacity of you asking for the gemstone after we broke the core and got these treasures! How did your parents educate you? Did they teach you to be shameless?" she snapped. Emiliano took offense at her words, fury filling his face. "What did you say?"

"What? Was I mistaken? You wouldn't have had to ask for the gemstone brazenly if you had agreed to help us earlier! Mr. Chance saved our lives because he broke the core. Not only did you not thank him for his work, but you threatened him to give you the gemstone. You shameless prick!" Skyler's anger rose to a boiling point as she shouted at Emiliano fearlessly.

"I'll kill you..." Emiliano raised his arm at Skyler. Even though the woman was no match for Emiliano, she faced his attack without panicking.

Just then, Avery moved. He grabbed Emiliano's wrist and said indifferently, "Emiliano, Skyler is merely stating a fact. We allowed you to ally with us, but you rejected us. And now you want to take away the things we spent so much effort to get. Haven't you heard of the saying that there's no such thing as a free lunch? If you think you're at an advantage because you have many of your men around you and your chances of winning are greater than all of us, then go on. Let's fight it out. Worse comes to worst, we'll just die here."

Fear rose within Emiliano after he listened to Avery's remarks. He retracted his arm. unwillingly without speaking further. I will definitely fight them if there is only Kai and the other three. But with Avery around, I don't have the confidence to walk out of this fight unharmed. What's more, I do not want to get into a conflict with Flying Star Sect. Otherwise, it's hard for me to settle this incident in the future.

After a brief rest, the group traveled through the tunnel to get to the inner part of the place. As they ventured deeper, Kai felt the aura of the Spring of Regeneration again. The Spring of Regeneration seems to flow out of these ancient ruins.

A naturally-formed arched stone door appeared before the group after they walked for a while. The door was thick and heavy with many gouges, showing that it was repaired later. The name of Narcissus Palace was written clearly atop the stone door. No deterioration was found at the place even though many years had passed.

"That's weird. Why did they build a door here? Did we walk into the wrong place? Maybe this is not Narcissus Palace?" Skyler stated curiously as she stared at the stone door.

"The main hall belongs to Narcissus Palace too. It's just that we're not really in Narcissus Palace yet when we pass through the front entrance. Many sects set up front halls in the past to teach and battle others while serving their guests there. At the same time, they can prevent unauthorized personnel from getting into their sect and finding out about their secrets. I think many sects have this design in place too now, so I don't think it's bizarre," Avery explained to Skyler.

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Realization dawned on Skyler immediately after she listened to Avery's explanation. She recognized the rooms on both sides of the tunnel as guestrooms for the visitors of the sects in the past.

It's true. Not letting these people into the internal part of the sect is an excellent precaution to prevent others from harboring any ill intention toward their sect.

Staring at the heavy stone door, Luol sighed. "This is the real Narcissus Palace. The dangers. we encountered earlier are insignificant. The true challenge starts now!"

Kai was aware of that too. The real dangers lay in the actual Narcissus Palace, and the arcane array they had run into earlier was just a slight deterrence on Narcissus Palace's part.

"Open the door!" Emiliano waved his hand, ordering his men to push open the door. "Something is amiss! Don't push the door," Kai stopped them.

"Hmph! It's just a stone door. What's so weird about it? Wait, do you want to be the one to open it so that you can distribute the treasures again when you find them? Drop the act. I can see through your tricks..." Emiliano sneered. He then said to two of his Stormwind Sect disciples, "Ignore him. Open the door now."

His men did as they were told. They looked at the bulky stone door before pushing it with all their might. These men should have it easy to move the stone door because they were Martial Arts God, but surprisingly, the door refused to budge even after they

exerted all their forces to open it. Seeing this, Emiliano grumbled, "Losers! How is it so difficult to get it open?"

Amused, Avery asked Emiliano, "Emiliano, what's wrong with your disciples? Do they not have enough to eat? Should I ask my men to help out?"

Humiliation crept into Emiliano. He shouted at his disciples, "What an embarrassing bunch! You guys should pay with your life if you can't open the door."

The disciples gathered their martial energy and focused them on the stone door. Multiple light patterns appeared moments after they injected their energy into the stone door. The lights flickered, a sign that confirmed someone had set an arcane array on the stone door, which made it dense and hard to move.

Buzz! Suddenly, two blue-colored flames erupted, engulfing the two disciples trying their hardest to open the stone door.

"Argh!"

"Ahh!" The two men wailed in pain when they saw the fire spreading over their bodies. They slapped on the flames, trying to stop it from spreading, but the fire burned brighter the more they wanted to stop it.

Emiliano rushed over and asked his men to put out the fire. A few mages from Stormwind Sect gestured hand seals, then countless pillars of water came crashing down from the sky, spraying water over the two disciples who were on fire.

The water did not help, nevertheless. The blue flames burned strong until the two disciples became ashes before disappearing. As he glanced at the burn marks on the ground, anger burned in Emiliano's eyes. He had already lost a few men before they got into Narcissus Palace.

"Mr. Chance has already reminded us that it's dangerous. Yet, some people just wouldn't listen. Well, well. Now someone has been burned to death..." Skyler said.

Emiliano became even more frustrated upon hearing Skyler's words. He didn't retaliate, however, because if he had listened to Kai's advice earlier, his people wouldn't have died.

Avery gazed at the arcane array on the stone door as he exclaimed, "Wow! They even set up an arcane array on the stone door. Narcissus Palace is not a place to be taken lightly."

"You, you, and you! Find a way to break this arcane array!" Emiliano instructed the mages of Stormwind Sect. After all, Kai was the one who broke the arcane array prior to this, causing shame to Stormwind Sect. Breaking the current arcane array could restore

some honor to their name, and Emiliano would have a say in the distribution of the treasures found within.