

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.