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Chapter 2356 A Transparent Skull

Even if Great Diviner stayed back with Divination Sect, they would never be a match for Wrey and his men. The gap in strength was just too huge.

The moment Kai finished, he snapped off a random branch and began drawing all sorts of signs on the ground.

As the signs began to glow, it became obvious that Kai was carving arcane arrays.

The sight of how easily Kai did so gave Great Diviner a shock. He didn't expect Kai to be so skilled in casting arcane arrays.

Once the arcane array had been set up, Kai left quickly together with everyone else.

Soon, Wrey and his men arrived and saw traces of a group resting there.

"There's no escape for them." Wrey smirked, then led his men in hot pursuit.

No sooner had they made their move than the ground suddenly shook. As if the trees around them had come alive, they began to spin around Wrey's group, preventing them from leaving.

"Hmph, a lousy arcane array like this isn't going to stop us. This is nothing but a joke."

Wrey unleashed a tidal wave of martial energy with a wave of his hand, razing everything in front of him to the ground.

The arcane array was quickly dispelled as the boulders and trees blocking their way were turned to dust.

Nonetheless, Kai did not expect his arcane array to trap Wrey and his men. All he hoped to do was buy some time for their escape.

After traveling through the night, Kai led Matthew and the others to the place marked on the treasure map.

Greeted by the sight of a bottomless ravine, Kai couldn't help but furrow his brows, for he could clearly sense a dangerous aura emitted from within it.

The ravine stretched for miles and one couldn't see the end. Moreover, it was so dark that it looks exactly like a tunnel to hell.

The stone walls on both sides of the ravine were unbelievably smooth and didn't seem to have been formed naturally. In fact, it looked as if someone had cut it in half with a sword.

"Mr. Chance, who on earth is this person? Why am I getting this creepy feeling?" Skyler asked Kai.

"I have no idea." Kai was clueless as to what kind of place this was. The only thing he remembered was that this place was marked on the map.

All of a sudden, a light flashed right in front of Kai, heralding the gradual appearance of a transparent skull floating in mid-air.

The sight of it gave everyone a fright and caused them to be on their toes.

"Hahaha, you're finally here. This is the place. This is the place..."

The skull suddenly spoke.

"Who is that, Mr. Chance?" Matthew asked as he stared at the transparent skull.

Kai shook his head. "Beats me..."

Both Matthew and Great Diviner were rendered speechless. It turns out that Kai brought us here without knowing who we were looking for. Wouldn't we be in trouble if this was a trap?

As if it could read their minds, the skull said with a smile, "The abyss is filled with countless treasures. Now, let's see if you have the guts to go down there."

The moment it finished, the skull flew into the abyss and quickly disappeared into the darkness.

Kai and Matthew simply stared at each other and had no idea what to do.

Even though Kai could feel the dangerous aura down below, he also knew that with great risks come great rewards.

Now, it was a matter of whether they had the courage to do it. As the saying goes, fortune favors the bold.

"Master Diviner, Mr. Campbell, what do we do?"

Kai was cognizant that the abyss was filled with countless dangers and they could easily lose their lives in it. He wanted to get Great Diviner's and Matthew's opinions on the matter.

"Mr. Chance, we'll go with whatever you decide. If you want to enter, we'll not hesitate to follow you."

"That's right, Mr. Chance. We'll do whatever you say."

Matthew and Great Diviner left the decision in Kai's hands.

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Kai walked to the edge of the abyss and looked down, only to be greeted by nothing but darkness. Despite that, the sinister aura still sent a chill down their spines. A golden light flashed in front of Kai's.

forehead as he attempted to explore the abyss below with his spiritual sense. Unfortunately, it was instantly dispelled the moment it entered, preventing Kai from discovering anything. "Mr. Chance, Wrey and his men are catching up," Great Diviner whispered after walking up to Kai's side.

Kai turned around to take a look before replying to Great Diviner, "Master Diviner, do you. have any runestones or jade pendants on you?" "What do you need them for, Mr. Chance?" Great Diviner asked quizzically.

"The negative energy in the abyss is extremely strong, and I'm worried that our men might not be able to withstand it. I want to create something that will help protect them."

"I have some copper coins, Mr. Chance. Will they do?" Great Diviner brought out a handful of copper coins as he spoke.

"Yes!" Kai threw the coins a glance before taking them in his hand. He then proceeded to seal the coins one by one with the Power of Dragons. When he was done, he distributed the coins to everyone.

"Keep the coins on you. If you don't, your body might not be able to withstand the corrosion caused by the negative energy," Kai reminded everyone.

As they took the coins, they were surprised to feel the warmth from the supposedly cold metal coin. It felt like a miniature stove that warmed their hands as they held it.

"Be careful, everyone. We don't know what dangers lie in the abyss, so don't lose your way down there. Follow me closely. Ideally, we should get a rope to tie all of us together. I'm worried we might not be able to find each other in the event any of us is separated from the group," Kai said.

The moment he finished, he turned around and jumped into the abyss. Everyone followed him. with no one showing any fear. As his body continued to fall, Kai could hear the eerie wind echoing in his ears.

After an indeterminate amount of time, he knew he had reached the bottom when his feet finally touched the ground. Just as Kai ignited a spiritual fire on his palm to illuminate their dark surroundings, its flame danced momentarily before going out.

Kai tried a few more times but to no avail. The spiritual fire just won't light up in here! "This place is filled with negative energy. There's no way you can get the spiritual fire to ignite."

No sooner had the old voice sounded than the surroundings suddenly brightened up. Kai could see the crystal skull illuminating the darkness with a blistering white light. His surroundings were now as clear as day.

"I thought you left." Kai was surprised. Why is it still here? I clearly saw it fall into the abyss just now. "I was waiting to see if you had the guts to jump down here," the skull continued in a raspy voice.

Soon, Great Diviner, Matthew, and the others. landed one by one. Even though the abyss was really deep, everyone arrived unscathed. Since they were Martial Arts God warriors, jumping down from such heights wasn't a problem for them.

Nonetheless, many of them could not withstand the thick negative energy. Their bodies were trembling uncontrollably. If not for the copper coins Kai had given them, they would have turned into rotting corpses.

Meanwhile, Matthew and the others were puzzled to see that the crystal skull was still around. It was bathing the area with a bright white light.

"Now that you're here, your fate will determine the outcome of your journey. Shining a light on the path ahead is all I can do. The rest is up to you," the skull drawled

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"That's more than enough. We will handle the rest ourselves." Kai then turned to Matthew and the others. "Mr. Campbell, the dangerous. aura is especially intense down here. All of you have to be on your toes and don't wander off from the group."

Matthew nodded in response before the group kicked off their journey. After walking for a long time, they couldn't see any other routes other than the straight tunnel in front of them that seem to descend deeper underground.

At that moment, Kai and his entourage had no idea how deep underground they were. All they could feel was the negative energy growing more intense. Despite holding onto the copper coin Kai had made earlier, many in the group had begun to succumb to the corrosive effects of the negative energy.

Kai took back the copper coins and carved charms onto them with the Power of Dragons. Everyone felt invigorated when the copper coins were returned to them, and Great Diviner was further awed by the power Kai had demonstrated.

"Mr. Chance, we have lost track of how long we have traveled and how far we have walked, yet there doesn't seem to be anything here, let alone anything dangerous. I'm just wondering how much longer we should keep this up," Great Diviner asked Kai.

It was a just matter of time before everyone was driven crazy by the pressures of the dark and sinister environment. "Let's just walk a little bit more before we decide." Kai, too, had no idea how long more. they had to go on before encountering something.

Right when Kai had spoken, the supposedly bright skull dimmed abruptly. "What's wrong?" The sudden darkness gave everyone a fright. Unlike the others, Kai was a sea of calm. "On your toes, everyone."

A breeze filled with negative energy blew past them. It was quickly followed by a chaotic screech as if a flock of birds was flying toward them.

Due to the darkness, all they could feel was the turbulent flow of aura around them. It felt as if the negative energy in their surroundings had come alive.

Thereafter countless eagles with sharp beaks flew out from the thick fog of negative energy and began attacking Kai's group. Without a moment's hesitation, Kai activated Golem Body, covering himself with thick golden.

scales that prevented the eagles from hurting. him.

However, the rest weren't so lucky. Even though they defended themselves with all their might, the powerful wind had essentially transformed into a wall made of air.

Due to the eagles' overwhelming numbers, their group was bitten incessantly by the swarm. One bite might not be enough to kill, but the rapid attacks by the eagles caused weaker members of Divination Sect to cry out in agony while being covered in blood.

"They're such annoying beasts!"

As Matthew and Great Diviner unleashed their attacks, the eagles fell to the ground like flies. Unfortunately, their efforts seemed futile against the overwhelming swarm.

Meanwhile, Kai was swinging Dragonslayer Sword in every direction he could. Faced with the eagles' small size but huge numbers, everyone was helpless against them..

As the painful cries grew louder, an increasing amount of Divination Sect disciples collapsed. onto the ground. The deteriorating situation caused Kai to sheath Dragonslayer Sword as the phoenix mark on his forehead began to glow. Thereafter, rays of blistering golden light gradually ascended into the air and transformed into a giant phoenix that was flapping its wings.

Kai knew that the phoenix was the king of demon beasts. Its appearance would strike fear into the demon beasts and force them into submission.

However, when the phoenix was soaring above everyone's heads and illuminating the entire area, they realized the eagles attacking them were nowhere to be seen, and so were the supposed corpses of dead eagles.

There was nothing in their surroundings other than the disciples of Divination Sect who were lying on the ground in their own blood, a fact that proved that the attack was real.

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"W-What's going on?" Matthew and Great Diviner were brimming with confusion. Furrowing his brows tightly, Kai, too, had no idea what was happening.

Did my summoning of the phoenix scare the eagles away? Even then, it would be impossible for them to instantaneously disappear without a trace.

Kai had wanted to ask the old man, but when he looked at the crystal skull, it had fallen onto the ground. With its light no longer shining, it looked as if it had somehow lost its power. Even after picking the skull up, Kai just couldn't get it to speak again. Left without a choice, Kai kept the skull and deliberated on the events that had unfolded.

"What we just encountered probably aren't real demon beasts. Instead, they are demon beasts formed from negative energy who then reverted to their original form. The reason we didn't notice it before was because it was floating everywhere around us," Kai said after analyzing the situation.

This is the only logical explanation. Otherwise, where would the entire swarm of eagles have gone? Also, what about their corpses? "Mr. Chance's analysis makes sense. Demon beasts can't live in such conditions."

Matthew nodded to indicate his agreement with Kai's perspective. Meanwhile, the sight of his disciples wailing on the ground broke Great Diviner's heart. What pained him further was that he had no way of giving them any medical treatment.

"My disciples, I hope you won't blame me for giving you a quick death to end your suffering." Great Diviner said. He planned to kill those who were grievously injured.

Considering their dangerous location, he knew that it wasn't feasible to bring the heavily. injured along with them, and leaving them. behind was even crueler.

However, right before Great Diviner struck, Kai came forward to stop him. "Mr. Chance, look at the pain they're in. I just want to end their suffering," Great Diviner lamented.

"Master Diviner, they may be badly injured, but their injuries are not fatal. We can easily treat them still! Is anyone carrying any medicinal herbs? Give them to me." Great Diviner gave Kai a look of surprise. "Mr. Chance, do you know how to cure the sick? Are you an alchemist too?"

"Master Diviner, Mr. Chance is not just any alchemist but a high-ranking alchemy master. Even Isaac Bachman of the Alchemical Sect pales in comparison to him!" Matthew revealed to Great Diviner.

Shocked by the revelation, Great Diviner couldn't help but give Kai another look. Despite Kai's young age, he had never ceased to surprise Great Diviner.

Soon, everyone managed to bring out so many herbs that they formed a pile. It wasn't difficult to gather them as secret realms were filled with herbs. With no time to waste, Kai retrieved the Divine Cauldron from his Storage Ring and began mixing the herbs together.

Treating serious incised wounds was a walk in the park for Kai. Within a short time, he managed to produce an ointment that Great Diviner applied on the wounds of his disciples.

The very next moment, the wounds began to heal right in front of Great Diviner's eyes. It was a sight that blew his mind. "Now that we have some time, let me teach you an incantation that prevents the negative. energy from mentally crushing all of you."

Kai went on to teach them the calming incantation. As he was uncertain about the dangers that awaited them ahead, he felt it necessary to teach them the incantation in the event the copper coins were not enough to protect their mental state.

While chanting the calming incantation, Great Diviner stood frozen on the spot with his mouth agape, for only he knew how powerful the incantation was and Kai had just readily taught it to everyone.

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While Kai and the others were taking a break, Wrey and his party arrived at the location above the abyss. Looking at the bottomless chasm, Wrey grimaced.

"Did you say that Kai and the others are here?" Wrey asked Great Diviner's eldest disciple, Chandler. "Mr. Lindt, my calculations indicate they should be here. If they're not around, they must've gone down there," Chandler replied.

Hugh peered into the abyss and unleashed a trace of spiritual sense into it, only to find his spiritual sense cut off instantly. He was unable to probe the situation within the chasm at all.

Then, he picked up a stone and threw it into the chasm, but there was no sound of the rock hitting the bottom of the pit. "This abyss is filled with negative energy, and it's bottomless. Kai and his party wouldn't be so foolish as to jump in, right?" Hugh was unconvinced.

"I think so too. They wouldn't jump into such a deep, unpredictable chasm to evade us. Besides, I feel an intense, dangerous aura within this abyss." Wrey also didn't believe Kai and his group would jump in.

Hearing that, Chandler hastily uttered, "Mr. Lindt, Kai and his party must be here. Besides, there's no place to hide in this area, and since they're nowhere to be seen, they must've jumped into the abyss. I can assure you that!"

Chandler was worried that Wrey and the others wouldn't trust him. In that case, he would lose his value. If that happened, Chandler knew full well what consequences he would face.

"Relax. I have faith in your divination skills. Since you're Great Diviner's eldest disciple, you must've mastered his teachings." Wrey stepped forward and patted Chandler's shoulder. Chandler secretly let out a sigh of relief after hearing that. However, before he could lower his guard, Wrey pushed him into the abyss.

"Since you said they jumped down, why don't you go down and take a look for me?" Wrey sneered while gazing at Chandler's falling figure.

"Ahh!" Chandler shrieked hysterically with a terrified expression spread across his countenance. At that moment, Kai and the others had finished resting. The injured disciples of Divination Sect had also recovered. They were about to set off again when they heard a series of agonized screams coming from atop them.

Immediately afterward, a person hit the ground. in front of them. Matthew and Great Diviner immediately leaped forward and apprehended. the newcomer.

After Chandler landed, he rejoiced in his survival when he saw two figures charging at him. When he saw the person approaching him, he instantaneously broke out in a cold sweat and knelt on the floor with a thud.

"Master! Master!" Chandler groveled before Great Diviner.

Great Diviner was enraged when he saw Chandler. "You traitor! How dare you address me as your master. I will eliminate a dishonorable man like. you from Divination Sect today!" With that, he thrust his palm at Chandler.

However, Kai strode forward and grasped Great Diviner's wrist. "Master Diviner, let's clarify matters with him first." Hearing that, Great Diviner questioned Chandler frostily, "Tell me, you b*stard, where are Wrey and the others? Did they jump down too?"

"No. They didn't dare to jump down, so they pushed me down to scout the area. Master, I was wrong, I realize I made a mistake now. Please forgive me this time," Chandler desperately begged for mercy.

"We need to leave at once. If those guys jump down, it'll be troublesome if we encounter them." Kai wasn't inclined to confront Wrey and his party for the time being.

He wanted to devote all his energy to exploring the abyss, figuring there might be an opportunity within it. "All right. Let's go." After saying that, Great Diviner struck Chandler's head without hesitation, killing him instantly. No one spared Chandler a second glance and hurriedly left the scene.