

## The Mans Decree Chapter 2531 -

### Chapter 2531 Off We Go

“Dr. Weiss, is it really as simple as accompanying you to pick a single herb?” Ali asked incredulously.

Why would he ask such a trivial request of us?

“Of course. Do you think I’ll deceive you?” Brutus’ face darkened.

“No, not at all. I just think this task seems too simple. We agree to your condition. Tomorrow, we will accompany you to get the herb,” Ali said without hesitation.

“Very well. You guys may stay in Quakersville tonight. We shall depart at dawn,” Brutus said.

Ali nodded, then left Vibrant Health Clinic with the others. As soon as they were out the door, Emily leaped with joy. “Grandma can finally see again!”

“Who would have thought that Dr. Weiss would propose such a simple condition?” Percy simply found it hard to believe.

“Perhaps he was moved by Emily’s filial devotion. Now, she can finally rest easy. She doesn’t have to worry about her grandma’s eyes anymore.” Ali chuckled.

Kai, however, was not as optimistic as the rest of them. He did not believe that Brutus was offering help out of kindness. This trip to gather the medicinal herb would surely be fraught with peril.

Yet, he did not voice his concern, not wanting to dampen the spirits of Emily and the others. With his current strength, he reckoned that none in the nearby villages could match him.

After finding a small inn, they began to rest, silently awaiting the next day. Meanwhile, deep within the mountains, in the territory of the Demon Wolf pack, the leading wolf lay at the feet of a man covered in fur. The man resembled a wild creature.

The Demon Wolf emitted low, throaty sounds. The man would furrow his brows and relax them as he listened. It was evident that he could understand the Demon Wolf.

The man was half a man having transformed from a Demon Wolf. His cultivation level had led to his partial transformation.

“A human with the aura of a celestial beast? Could he be one of our kind?”

The man was lost in thought.

The next day, Kai and the others arrived early at Vibrant Health Clinic, only to discover that Brutus had arranged for others to accompany them in gathering

the herb.

Outside Vibrant Health Clinic, over a dozen people had gathered, and Kai's group took their place among the crowd.

Soon, Brutus showed up, accompanied by his senior, Francois Wurstel. "Francois, how do you find the people I've gathered here today?" Brutus asked carefully.

Francois merely cast a cold glance at the crowd. Suddenly, his gaze landed on Kai, and their eyes met.

Francois looked away, but Kai kept watching him. Although his strength hadn't fully recovered and he couldn't discern how strong Francois actually was, he knew the latter was a force to be reckoned with.

Francois' unexpected appearance in this remote town made Kai feel threatened.

"Let's go," Francois said to Brutus after sweeping his gaze over the crowd. Brutus nodded and said aloud, "As long as the lot of you obey my command and get the herb, I will fulfill all promises made. Off we go."

With Brutus' command, they headed toward the mountain.

"What's happening? Why do we need so many people to pick an herb?" Emily asked uneasily, finally sensing that something was amiss.

"It seems that this trip is not as simple as we thought. We must all be careful," Ali said.

The complexity of the situation had also dawned upon him.

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Chapter 2532 Unpredictable Intentions

"Ali, there's nothing to fear with Kai around!"

Percy wasn't afraid at all, for he was now blindly worshipping Kai.

"It still pays to be cautious. The journey ahead of us remains a perilous one," Kai reminded.

For some strange reason, Kai's first impression of Francois was that he was extremely ruthless.

It wasn't until they had traveled for a few hours that the group entered the mountain range where the sunlight was blocked out by the dense forest.

Even though they were now inside the mountains, everyone remained unfazed. As they were only moving along its borders, any demon beast that appeared wouldn't be particularly strong. The danger didn't concern them at

all.

Along the way, Brutus constantly tried to talk to Francois, but the latter didn't seem interested in having a conversation.

"Who in the world is that guy? Dr. Weiss seems to be afraid of him. He's not showing the doctor any respect despite the latter being someone renowned in Quakersville," Percy said when he saw how obsequiously Brutus was behaving toward Francois.

"I've never seen him in Quakersville either. He looks unfamiliar to me," Ali said as he stared at Francois.

While Ali spoke, a middle-aged man with a beard approached them and said, "He's Dr. Weiss' senior. That's why he's so afraid of him."

Ali responded by giving the man a suspicious glance. One could never be too careful when dealing with strangers in Ethereal Realm.

Noticing the wary look in Ali's eyes, the middle-aged man introduced himself, "I'm Hefe Granger from Bliss Village."

"You're from Bliss Village?" Percy came forward. "How did you get here? Wasn't everyone in Bliss Village massacred by those from Cyan Village a long time ago?"

Upon hearing Percy's question, Hefe said in a sorrowful tone, "They were, but I managed to escape. That's why I came back seeking vengeance."

Seeing that Hefe didn't seem to be lying, Ali felt a sense of sympathy welling up in him. "How are you going to take revenge alone? You probably can't even break into Cyan Village."

"I'll definitely have my revenge even if it costs me my life. Dr. Weiss promised to make me a power burst pill if I were to help him secure his herb."

The mere mention of the power burst pill piqued everyone's interest, including Kai's.

The power burst pill was capable of dramatically enhancing one's power but could only do so for ten minutes. Thereafter, its user would explode like a bomb and be blown up into smithereens.

Hefe was prepared to sacrifice his own life for revenge.

"Did you just say that man is Dr. Weiss' senior? Tell me more," Kai asked Hefe.

"That's right. I've never heard of Dr. Weiss having any seniors, let alone him belonging to a sect."

Ali had interacted with Brutus a few times, and he had come to Quakersville on more than one occasion. Yet he had never heard anyone mention such a thing.

After scanning his surroundings, Hefe said softly, "His name is Francois Wurstel, a member of Emerald Cauldron Sect. Dr. Weiss, too, is a member of the same sect. Francois was the one who ordered Dr. Weiss to search for the mystical herb."

Kai stared at Hefe with a grim look on his face. "How do you know so much? Why are you telling us this?"

Such matters were secret and shouldn't be easily shared. Moreover, it was hard to predict one's intentions in Ethereal Realm. Given everyone's competing interests, no one would do something for free.

Everyone's gaze was fixed on Hefe, and they all had him surrounded.

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### Chapter 2533 Alliance

They couldn't help but be wary when Hefe tried to get close to them by revealing such information.

Sensing the growing hostility among Kai and his companions, Hefe frantically explained, "I couldn't afford to buy medicine. I overheard everything when I was trying to steal them from Vibrant Health Clinic. I'm sharing this because I'm looking to form an alliance with you guys. The mystical herb grows deep in the mountains and is likely protected by spirit beasts. Without a doubt, obtaining it is going to be extremely risky. I'm alone in the group. I don't have anyone to help me if I'm in danger."

Although Hefe's explanation made sense, Kai remained unconvinced and probed further, "Why did you choose to ally with us? We're not the strongest ones here."

Within the traveling party, Kai and his companions were the least conspicuous. Two men and a woman alongside a child didn't exactly inspire confidence. If one were looking to form an alliance, one would naturally do so with the strongest in the party.

Hefe let out a wry chuckle. "That's because you're the safest choice. I know that you come from Rock Village and hold a grudge against Cyan Village. I don't deny wanting to form an alliance with the strongest group, but would they even accept me? In fact, they might even sell me out to Cyan Village. Unlike them, you won't betray me even if you don't take me in."

His words caused the hostile aura Kai exuded to gradually dissipate. The latter no longer harbored any doubt that Hefe was telling the truth.

It was obvious that the circumstances had left Hefe no choice. The information he shared about Brutus was evidently not a lie.

Kai's concerns about Hefe might have eased, but his worries for what lay ahead of them began to swell.

He had no idea what sort of mystical herb Francois and the others were looking for. Nevertheless, it was a certainty that a spirit beast was guarding something as precious as that.

Even if there were none, the powerful demon beasts that roamed the mountains were enough to turn their journey into a one-way trip.

"I knew it. There's more to the matter than meets the eye. I didn't expect Dr. Weiss to be searching for a mystical herb. We're in for a whole lot of trouble," Ali said, his brows tightly furrowed.

"Ali, why don't we slip away instead of following them?"

Talk of hunting for the mystical herb deep in the mountains filled Percy with fear. The mountain range was a forbidden area for his people after all.

"There's no escaping. We're no match for Dr. Weiss. If we were to attempt it, we would be killed before getting far."

Hefe got Percy to drop the idea immediately.

Percy's face turned pale. "What should we do? Once we go deeper into the forest, we'll end up being eaten by the demon beasts!"

Silence was the only response Ali could offer.

Emily was overwhelmed with guilt. "Ali, Kai, I'm really sorry. Your lives wouldn't be at risk if not for me."

"Emily, this isn't your fault. We may be searching for the mystical herb, but it's not necessarily dangerous at all. You should be more optimistic. I'm sure we'll all be fine," Kai comforted her with a smile.

Contrary to his relaxed demeanor, Kai wasn't as upbeat inside. Deep down, he knew that Francois was really powerful and Brutus was stronger than all of them. He couldn't figure out why those two wanted weaker warriors like them to tag along.

The villagers who live nearby are clearly no match against high-level demon beasts due to their low cultivation levels. Yet Francois still took them with him. It is clear that his real goal goes beyond just needing them as security escorts.

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Chapter 2534 Agreement

In order not to alarm the others, Kai kept his thoughts to himself.

“Can I join you? If I can’t, I hope that you will keep my identity a secret still.” Hefe gave Kai a look of anticipation because it was obvious to him that Kai was the leader among the four.

“All right, I’ll let you join us. In the event of danger, I hope that we’ll be able to help each other out,” Kai said to Hefe.

Kai’s agreement made Hefe smile. His eyes began to fill with determination and trust for the group.

Everyone else seemed oblivious to the newly formed alliance as they continued deeper into the mountains.

As the aura exuded by demon beasts grew in intensity, everyone drew their weapons and gave their surroundings a vigilant look.

Some of those who were lacking in courage already had cold sweat breaking out on their foreheads.

Nonetheless, Francois and Brutus remained unfazed despite venturing deeper into the mountains.

From their relaxed expressions, Kai could tell how formidable both of them were.

“Awoo!”

All of a sudden, the cry of a demon beast caused everyone to stop in their tracks. A Demon Wolf with a body that looked like a yak threw itself at them.

It was obvious from its appearance that the Demon Wolf was menacingly strong. Otherwise, it wouldn’t have dared to attack the group all by itself. Seeing that, Ali and the rest brandished their weapons anxiously.

However, just as the Demon Wolf reached them, Francois fired a flash of white light with a wave of his right hand.

The Demon Wolf howled in agony before rolling on the ground and breathing its last.

The sight of Francois killing a Demon Wolf with a single wave of his hand shocked everyone.

When Kai looked in the direction of the Demon Wolf’s corpse, he noticed a shining dart stuck on the Demon Wolf’s head.

The ability to kill such a massive Demon Wolf with a single dart told Kai that Francois was at least as powerful as a Spirit Divider.

“All right, there’s nothing more to see. Let’s continue walking,” Brutus shouted. The group followed behind Francois and Brutus, but many of them couldn’t

help turning around to look at the Demon Wolf's corpse which was worth a lot of money. Unfortunately, none of them had the means of bringing it along with them.

"Kai, such a huge Demon Wolf corpse can be sold for a high price. Why don't you put it in your Storage Ring?" Percy suggested.

He felt that leaving the corpse behind was a huge waste.

Shaking his head, Kai whispered, "Percy, keep the Storage Ring a secret. Otherwise, we might attract unwanted attention. Just think about it. If the others were to learn about my Storage Ring, wouldn't they covet it for its value?"

Due to his young age, Percy was still naive to the ways of the world.

"Percy, Kai is right. One shouldn't reveal one's strength or trump card easily. If the others learned of Kai's Storage Ring, they might very well attack our group. On top of that, Brutus and Francois might want it too and attack us for it. Do you think the few of us stand a chance against them?"

Ali used the opportunity to teach Percy some life lessons.

Upon listening to Ali's words, Percy nodded. "I understand."

Right after the group was gone, a man that was covered in fur sauntered up to the corpse of the Demon Wolf that had just been killed.

He kneeled down beside it and pulled the dart out of its head.

"Awoo!"

Hundreds of Demon Wolves gathered around him from every direction. He then led the huge pack in pursuit of Kai and his companions.

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Chapter 2535 Who Are You

"We're now in the Demon Wolf pack's territory. Be careful, everyone," Francois reminded loudly.

The entire party dared not breathe too loudly as they followed behind Brutus and Francois. Even the two appeared nervous at that moment.

As the sky gradually darkened, Brutus ordered the men to set up camp. He chose a few men to take turns keeping watch, and Kai was among one of them.

Once Francois had determined the compound for their camp, he took out a bag made of fabric and littered the ground with the white powder it contained.

“Kai, I’ll keep watch on your behalf at night. You should get more rest,” Percy offered.

He was certain Kai was exhausted after a long day’s journey.

Kai responded with a slight smile and tousled Percy’s hair. “It’s fine. You should go ahead and rest.”

Ali and Emily volunteered to help as well but their offers were also declined by Kai.

Kai wanted to use the opportunity to study the surrounding area.

Even though he hadn’t recovered his powers and his spiritual sense wasn’t as strong as before, it was enough for him to sense the aura of demon beasts following them.

As the Power of Dragons and Phoenixes within Kai’s body came from celestial beasts, it was particularly sensitive to the aura of other beasts.

Deep in the night, everyone was sleeping soundly, exhausted from the long journey during the day. Kai stood quietly by the side and peered into the darkness.

A Demon Wolf gradually approached. Despite sensing its presence, Kai didn’t make a sound nor attempt to stop it.

When the Demon Wolf finally reached the campsite, it stopped in its tracks abruptly. As if it had discovered something frightening, it turned around and fled in a panic.

Staring at the white powder on the ground, Kai was certain that the substance was responsible for repelling the Demon Wolf. It was now clear to him that Francois was also highly skilled in alchemy.

A short while after the Demon Wolf’s departure, a figure emerged behind a huge tree, a sight that caused Kai to furrow his brows.

Without a moment’s hesitation, Kai ran after it, causing the figure to flee.

However, the figure finally came to a halt after a short pursuit. From some distance away, Kai asked him, “Who are you? Why do you exude the aura of a demon beast?”

When the figure slowly turned around to reveal his fur-covered body, Kai instantly knew that it was a demon beast who had transformed into a man.

The ability to do so indicated that he was a formidable opponent, one that was beyond Kai’s capabilities to handle. Yet Kai remained unfazed.

The Power of Dragons and Phoenixes was his trump card against demon beasts. Even if he couldn’t defeat his opponent, it would be difficult for the enemy to deal him any harm.



“And who are you? Why do you possess the aura of a celestial beast and a man at the same time?”

When the figure threw the question back at him, Kai didn't answer. He wasn't going to reveal his identity until he could discern the intentions of the mysterious figure.

Both parties simply stared each other down without saying another word, their eyes brimming with distrust.

All of a sudden, a loud sound rang out as the figure disappeared into the darkness of the night.

However, right before he left, the figure spoke to Kai through a mysterious echo. “I'm Leifr, and I'll be seeing you again.”

Just as Kai was about to probe further, Brutus' voice rang out from behind him. “What are you doing here? Aren't you supposed to be guarding the camp? Are you planning to escape?”

Throwing Brutus a glance, Kai flatly replied, “I just came out to relieve myself.”