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Kai was stunned. Dragonslayer Sword had accompanied him through countless battles, but this had never happened before.

He never expected cracks to appear on a spirit weapon like Dragonslayer Sword. In his shock, Kai hurriedly kept the sword. He was worried that it would snap in half if he continued to use it.

Without the Dragonslayer Sword, there was nothing to stop the hell deity's swords from hitting Kai.

Thud! Kai was sent flying away and flipping several times in the air before crashing heavily onto the ground. Thankfully, Kai had the protection of Golem. Body, on top of his sturdy physique.

"Kai!"

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Josephine and the others rushed over to Kai and helped him up. Seeing their worried faces, Kai smiled faintly. "I'm fine. That wasn't enough to hurt me."

After confirming that Kai was indeed.

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"Hahah! Kai, do you understand how powerful my Inferno Devil's Form is now?" Skylar's voice sounded from the hell deity's mouth.

Evidently, Skylar was extremely excited about being able to beat Kai. His dejection from earlier had vanished completely. Staring at the smug Skylar, Kai smirked.

"Even if you activate that special physique of yours, you're still no match for me."

Next, Kai took out Divine Bow. Since the Dragonslayer Sword was unusable in the meantime, he could only use the bow.

The moment Divine Bow entered their sights, the six purple-robed emissaries' attention was drawn to it. As Kai pulled the bowstring, the spiritual energy within a radius of several hundred meters surged toward him.

The spiritual energy consolidated into an arrow on the bow, brimming with formidable energy that was poised to be unleashed.

Skylar blanked out when he saw the Divine Bow in Kai's hands. He could clearly feel the dangerous aura coming from the bow, and it was forcefully suppressing the lethal intent emanating from his body.

As he watched Kai aim the arrow at him, he began to panic.

Swoosh!

Kai released the bowstring, and the arrow flew toward Skylar, leaving behind a long trail of white flames like a meteor.

Immediately, Skylar crossed the two swords to form shields before him. In the blink of an eye, more than a dozen layers of shield enveloped in a black fog surrounded Skylar. Despite that, the arrow rushed toward Skylar at sonic speed and broke through the shields. effortlessly.

Skylar's shields were as fragile as paper in the face of Kai's arrow. The arrow sped through the layers of shields before embedding itself in the hell deity's body.

In an instant, silence befell the place. The hell. deity's face contorted with pain, and with a loud bang, it was reduced to ashes and faded without a trace. Skylar managed to separate himself from the hell deity at the last moment, but he was injured by the explosion..

As he spat out mouthfuls of blood, his expression turned stormy. He thought he'd be able to defeat Kai as long as he activated his Inferno Devil's Form, but he was still vanquished by the latter.

This was a huge blow to his pride. "Do you believe me now?" Tanner's voice sounded again just then. Skylar kept his head lowered without a word. Indeed, there was still a gap in strength between him and Kai.

Soon, a flash of light flew by, and Skylar disappeared. Tanner then ordered the six purple-robed emissaries, "Make Kai stay. Do not let him leave Divine Quest Sect."

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The six purple-robed emissaries surrounded Kai. With a slight pucker between his brows, Kai questioned the six purple-robed emissaries, "You're all cultivators of the Eight Major Secret Realms, but you're willing to devalue yourselves to become a lapdog to a Demonic Cultivator. Don't you find this humiliating?"

Quindon stepped forward and said to Kai, "Cut it out, Kai. Stay right here, and I'll be able to keep you safe. All we want is to activate the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation. We don't wish to hurt anyone. Although the Eight Major Secret Realms are rich with spiritual energy, limitations still exist. Besides, the collapse of the Eight Major Secret Realms comes closer as time ticks away. Where will people like us go when that day comes?"

"None of you can stop me if I want to leave, not unless you kill me," Kai hissed. "Don't force us to attack you," Quindon warned, his expression turning grim. "Then do it. I have to leave this place."

As soon as those words fell from Kai's lips, the aura within his body began pulsating. At that sight, Quindon gestured with his hand and declared, "Charge! Don't let him leave!" Having witnessed Kai's capabilities earlier, the six purple-robed emissaries decided to attack in unison.

Several rays of light shot out from the purple-robed emissaries' hands. When the rays converged in the air, they formed a powerful beam of light that charged toward Kai.

In the face of that massive beam of light, Kai did not panic in the slightest, for he knew that the purple-robed emissaries did not intend to kill him—they only wanted to trap him. When the beam of light shone on him, it instantly turned into a transparent barrier around Kai, encasing him within.

"Do you think an arcane array of this type will be able to trap me?" Kai scoffed in disdain, tightening his fists. "Sacred Light Fist!" he cried out..

The spiritual energy in his elixir field began rumbling, and his right fist glimmered. However, just as Kai was about to punch the barrier in front of

him, the light in his fist suddenly went out, and he could not channel the spiritual energy in his elixir field either.

It felt as if something mighty had restrained the spiritual energy within him. Because of that, Kai could not use his power to escape from the ensnarement.

“How did this happen?” Kai muttered in disbelief. He tried to unleash the spiritual energy in him again, but it remained still. Not even the Power of Dragons within the draconic essence responded to his summoning.

Seeing the state that Kai was in, Quindon laughed. “Kai, stop wasting your energy. No one is capable of breaking free from the Immortal Ensnarement Formation we’ve created. Inside there, you won’t be able to use your spiritual energy. Behave and stay right here. Once the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation has been activated and the mundane world’s spiritual energy has been restored, we can beg Tanner to spare your life. You’re a genius with a great talent for spiritual energy cultivation, so I hope you know when to stop.”

He was trying to persuade Kai to listen to them, but the latter remained quiet. At that moment, Kai was discreetly channeling the Ultimate Force within him. To his delight, he discovered that although the Immortal Ensnarement Formation suppressed his spiritual energy and the Power of Dragons, his Ultimate Force remained unaffected.

It seemed like the Immortal Ensnarement Formation targeted the spiritual energy that immortals used, as well as the Power of Dragons. However, Ultimate Force was not a power that spiritual energy cultivators utilized. It belonged to the demon spirits, so the formation could not suppress it.

Kai let out a sigh of relief under his breath when he realized he could still use his Ultimate Force. Nevertheless, he made a pretense of being furious. Glaring at Quindon, he snarled, “The lot of you are not worthy of the title of a cultivator. I’ll never join your ranks!”

“Do you really think that you still have a choice in that?” Quindon snorted contemptuously before leaving with the other purple-robed emissaries.

They were utterly confident that Kai could not escape the Immortal Ensnarement Formation.

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At that moment, Skylar was kneeling before Tanner in the Evil Heart Sect, his face as white as a sheet. The shock had dispirited Skylar so much that it seemed like he had lost his sanity.

He was once ambitious, but that demeanor of his was nowhere to be found. He had been certain that he would become undefeatable upon emerging from his hell-like training-that he could easily defeat Kai.

Yet, reality showed him otherwise. He could not even defend himself during his fight against Kai. With his head lowered, Skylar awaited punishment from Tanner. Tanner's countenance was icy as he looked at Skylar's disheartened state.

"Lord Tanner, what do we do now? Skylar still isn't a match for Kai despite undergoing hell- like training. It's almost time for the activation of the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation. If we can't restrain Kai Chance, he'll definitely take the opportunity to sabotage us," Malphas whispered to Tanner.

"It looks like I've overestimated the power of Inferno Devil's Form. Still, at this point, we can only think of how we should rapidly boost. Skylar's cultivation level," Tanner enunciated.

"Lord Tanner, even if we use all of the sect's resources, Skylar won't be able to refine them all so quickly," Malphas pointed out. "If he can't refine the resources, we'll give him the end product. We'll get him to absorb others' cultivation to boost his own..."

As Tanner spoke, he turned to look at Malphas. That frightened Malphas, who promptly went on his knees before Tanner, fearing that his lord would make him the one to have his cultivation absorbed by Skylar.

At the sight of Malphas' terror, Tanner continued, "You don't need to be afraid. What you have is far from enough. I'm going to entrust you with a task, so do complete it swiftly."

He waved his hand, then whispered something to Malphas. After listening to his instructions, Malphas nodded and hurriedly left. Glancing at Skylar, Tanner waved his hand again and said, "You're dismissed too. Without my permission, you're not allowed to look for Kai."

Skylar silently stood up and left. Tanner was livid as he watched Skylar leave. If Skylar did not have Inferno Devil's Form, he would have killed him a long time ago. Not long after Skylar departed, Quindon and the other purple-robed emissaries returned.

"Didn't I ask you to restrain Kai? Why have you returned?" Tanner asked. "Lord Tanner, we've trapped Kai with the Immortal Ensnarement Formation. He won't be able to escape," Quindon stated. "Now that Kai is trapped, I hope you can let us return to the secret realms to see our family. After all, we've come in a hurry and did not have a chance to bid them goodbye."

"I've already sent men to bring your family here. In less than two days, you'll be able to meet them, so be patient. What's most important right now is the activation of the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation. As long as the spiritual energy is restored, you'll be able to go everywhere in the mundane world. There will be no secret realm to speak of," Tanner said to the purple-robed emissaries.

Upon hearing that, the purple-robed emissaries quickly expressed their gratitude toward Tanner, having never thought that he would bring their families over to them..

After the purple-robed emissaries left, Tanner waved his hand, and a black hole appeared in the air. Ripples appeared in the air before the black hole, and four masked men stepped out of the black hole.

Moreover, they were carrying a sanguine-colored coffin that looked sturdy. However, complicated runes were carved all around the coffin. There were even charms glued to it.

It was as if some demon was sealed up in the coffin. Once the four masked men placed the coffin before Tanner, one of them took out a token and passed it to him. Tanner received the token and imbued a pulse of aura into it, causing it to flash red light.

Along with the red glimmer, the coffin began to quiver, and a frightening aura emanated from it. The four masked men merely spared it a glance before returning into the black hole..

Meanwhile, Tanner looked at the token in his hand and the coffin before him with exhilaration.

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At Divine Quest Sect's secret realm, Josephine, Renee, and the others were fretting over the trapped Kai. No matter what they did, they simply could not undo the Immortal Ensnarement Formation.

"Don't waste your energy. This formation isn't something you can undo," Kai said to Josephine. "No! I have to save you! I can't just do nothing when you're trapped in there!"

As Josephine spoke, she rained punches on the Immortal Ensnarement Formation. Alas, with her capabilities, she could not damage the formation at all. "I can get out of this myself. This formation can't keep me in here." With that, Kai gathered Ultimate Force in his fist.

Boom! He had shattered the Immortal Ensnarement Formation with one punch. Josephine, Renee, and the others were stupefied by the turn of events-by how easily Kai had gotten out of the formation.

It took Renee a while before she recomposed herself enough to say, "You're mean, Kai! How could you watch us panic when you could've come out of this formation yourself all along?"

Even Josephine shot Kai a glare before pouting, evidently angry..

At that sight, he quickly approached her to coax her. "All right. You should hurry and leave this place. Otherwise, you won't be able to leave once those people return!" Josephine urged as she pushed Kai.

"Don't worry. I'll be able to get you all out of here in no time," he reassured her.

"I have faith in you. Now, hurry." At Josephine's insistence, Kai departed from the secret realm of Divine Quest Sect. Upon returning to Deragon Sect, he was reminded of his Dragonslayer Sword, and a wave of bitterness struck him.

He then took out the Dragonslayer Sword and started studying it. When he saw the cracks on the blade, melancholy swelled in his chest.

The Dragonslayer Sword had been by his side throughout various battles. He had become one with his blade, yet his sword was ruined. He was distressed.

“Is there any way for me to restore the Dragonslayer Sword?” Kai muller out loud, wondering if he could think of a method to restore the sword to its former glory. However, he could not think of anything.

Thus, he went to Flaxseed. Flaxseed’s a wise man who’s been through a lot, so he probably has an answer for me. Flaxseed was stumped after hearing Kai’s request.

“Kai, the Dragonslayer Sword in your hand is a spiritual sword with a conscience. I’m afraid a normal blacksmith will have trouble restoring your sword,” Flaxseed answered as he looked at the Dragonslayer Sword.

“Do you have no way around this at all? Mr. Flaxseed, you’re a knowledgeable man who knows many people. I’m sure you know a few blacksmith masters, right?” Kai uttered, trying to flatter Flaxseed to get his way. Sure enough, Flaxseed’s ego was stroked.

“Of course I do. There was a sect that specialized in forging weapons centuries ago, but it disappeared later on, and no one knows why. A few years ago, I encountered a wandering old priest. While we chatted, I found out that he was originally a blacksmith and was a disciple of that disappeared sect.

I thought he was only bluffing back then, but I was soon proven wrong. I started believing his words when I saw how he forged an extremely sharp dagger with just a piece of scrap metal,” Flaxseed revealed.

“So where is this old priest? Let’s look for him right away!” Kai said quickly after listening to Flaxseed’s words.

“It’s been so many years since then. How am I supposed to know where he is? But he did say that he started off as a priest at Spiritus Occultus Monastery,” Flaxseed replied. “Very well. We’ll go to Spiritus Occultus Monastery tomorrow, then.”

Kai had made up his mind. He was going to find the blacksmith master that Flaxseed talked about. It would be wonderful if that elderly man could restore his Dragonslayer Sword. Something felt missing if he did not have the Dragonslayer Sword with him.

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The next day, Kai and Flaxseed headed straight for Spiritus Occultus Monastery. It was only several hundred kilometers away from Jadeborough, so they were able to arrive at Spiritus Occultus Monastery in a few hours with their enhanced speed..

Spiritus Occultus Monastery used to be a vibrant place, with many people going there to meditate. However, the place was deserted then. On their way to the monastery, Kai and Flaxseed did not even come across a single soul.

As a matter of fact, when they arrived at Spiritus Occultus Monastery, they were shocked to see that the monastery was dilapidated. Dust covered every inch of the area as if the people had been gone for a long, long time:

That sight made Kai's heart drop. Upon stepping onto the grounds of Spiritus Occultus Monastery, they were greeted by overgrown weeds. There were no priests to be seen at all.

"It looks like the blacksmith master | encountered back then isn't around anymore," Flaxseed commented when he noticed how bleak the place was. It was apparent that no one had been staying at the monastery for years. Kai sighed. Disappointed, he muttered, "Let's go..."

Right as the two of them were about to leave, a gust of aura rushed toward them. In the next second, a figure stood in their way. When Kai focused his eyes on the figure, he realized that the person standing before them was a grubby-faced old priest dressed in tattered priest attire.

"Misters, since you're at Spiritus Occultus Monastery, why don't you sit down and meditate a little before leaving?" the old priest said to Kai and Flaxseed. Flaxseed gave the old priest a look over before he quickly piped up, "Do you remember me? We met once several years ago."

The old priest glanced at Flaxseed before shaking his head regretfully. "I have wandered. many places and seen many people. How am I to remember every single face I've come across?"

"It's okay even if you don't remember me. We're here to ask a favor of you." Flaxseed was not at all angry at the old priest for not remembering who he was.

“A favor?” The old priest was stunned. “Look at me. What can I possibly help you with?” “I know that you’re a blacksmith master. My friend here has a chipped sword, and he would like to ask for your help restoring it,” Flaxseed truthfully answered.

“I see,” the old priest said, inclining his head. “It’s just restoring a sword, so that’s something I can do. However, what good will I get from. doing this for you?”

“You can have anything you want if you fix my sword for me. I won’t say no even if you ask to restore the entire Spiritus Occultus Monastery,” Kai swiftly offered.

“A generous young man, I see. But this monastery isn’t mine, so why would I want to restore it?” the old priest muttered with another shake of his head. “If I restore your sword, you’ll need to rescue someone for me.”

“Who is it?” Kai and Flaxseed asked in unison. “You don’t need to care about their identity; all you need to do is know that this person is imprisoned in Fire Incineration Sect’s dungeon. If you agree to this, I can even forge a sword for you, let alone the mere request of restoring your blade,” the old priest uttered.

“Fire Incineration Sect?” Kai blurted out. Both he and Flaxseed were flabbergasted. They had never heard of a sect with that name. “Where is this Fire Incineration Sect? I’ve never heard of it before.”

Kai was a man who knew the mundane world, the hidden realm, and the secret realms well. Yet, he had never heard of Fire Incineration Sect.

“You don’t even know Fire Incineration Sect? It’s located on the side of Greenoxen Peak. How could you not have heard of this major sect before?” the old priest blurted out, astounded. His response only befuddled Kai and Flaxseed further, for they did not even know where Greenoxen Peak was located.

“G-Greenoxen Peak isn’t a place we’ve heard of either...” Kai squeezed out helplessly. “What? How could you not have heard of Greenoxen Peak as well? Greenoxen Peak is-”

Right as the old priest was about to chide Kai and Flaxseed, he suddenly froze as if he had. thought of something. Then, the waterworks began. He started bawling. The abrupt change in his mood startled Kai and Flaxseed.

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“What’s the matter?” Kai asked cautiously. However, the old priest completely ignored him. and continued crying, which left Kai feeling. speechless.

With that, Kai and Flaxseed had no choice but to watch the old priest cry for over ten minutes before he finally ceased his tears. “Hey-” Just when Kai was about to ask what had happened, the old priest spoke, cutting him off.

“The Fire Incineration Sect I mentioned is in the Ethereal Realm, and that’s why you haven’t heard of it. It’s hard to believe that in the blink of an eye, I’ve been away from the Ethereal Realm for more than ten years...” The old priest’s voice was tinged with sadness. His utterances stupefied. Kai and Flaxseed.

“You’re... You’re from the Ethereal Realm?” Kai’s face was filled with disbelief as he struggled to comprehend the notion of someone from the Ethereal Realm descending into the mundane world.

The old priest nodded solemnly. “For all these years, I had believed I was still living in the Ethereal Realm, but little did I know that I had left the place many years ago.”

“Aren’t you subjected to the suppression by the laws of nature when you descended from the Ethereal Realm into the mundane world?” Kai was curious to know if the old priest was like him, unaffected by the suppression of the laws of nature.

“Of course, I’m affected by the laws of nature. But for the sake of survival, I had no choice. Over the past ten years or so, my strength has regressed significantly under the suppression of the laws of nature. However, my skills in refining weapons have not been affected by the suppression. So it’s effortless for me to repair weapons,” the old priest explained in a calm. voice.

“What exactly happened? What made you leave. the Ethereal Realm and willingly endure the suppression of the laws of nature to come to the mundane world?” Kai was eager to find out why the old priest left the Ethereal Realm.

After all, to cultivators in the mundane world, the Ethereal Realm was literally a paradise! The old priest sighed and replied, “It’s a long story...”

Kai and Flaxseed listened to his recount attentively and finally understood the whole situation. The old priest was not actually a priest but a blacksmith master from Divine Smithing Sect.

His name was Hammerhead. Due to Divine Smithing Sect's renowned expertise in crafting divine weapons, they caught the attention of Fire Incineration Sect.

Fire Incineration Sect demanded the assistance of Divine Smithing Sect in forging weapons. However, Divine Smithing Sect refused to comply because Fire Incineration Sect practiced Demonic Cultivation. That refusal led to the annihilation of Divine Smithing Sect, with their sect leader being captured.

Amidst the chaos, Hammerhead managed to escape with the sect's secret scrolls, causing him to become the target of relentless pursuit by members of Fire Incineration Sect.

Left with no other options, Hammerhead tore through space and time and found refuge in the mundane world, willingly subjecting himself to the suppression of the laws of nature in order to elude the grasp of Fire Incineration Sect. As members of Fire Incineration Sect were terrified of the laws of nature, they eventually abandoned their pursuit, granting Hammerhead a narrow escape.

Stranded in the mundane world, Hammerhead could only be a wanderer and later became a priest in Spiritus Occultus Monastery. However, because the monastery fell into dilapidation afterward, he lived a life of uncertainty again, with no fixed abode.

Despite his circumstances, Hammerhead remained steadfast in his determination to rescue his sect leader. That was why when Kai sought him out, he laid down a clear condition—they must first save his sect leader.

As Kai listened to Hammerhead's account, he realized the Ethereal Realm was far from being a heavenly paradise, as it was filled with deceit and constant battles.

He sympathized with Hammerhead, who had spent many lonely years wandering in the mundane world. Kai and Flaxseed remained silent for a long time after hearing the story.

Hammerhead, overcome with sorrow, took a long moment to compose himself. He then exhaled deeply and forced a smile. "Since you two listened to me so attentively, I will not impose the condition on you anymore. With your abilities, rescuing someone from Fire Incineration Sect is impossible anyway. If you have any weapons that need repairing, just take them out. After I repair them, I'll be leaving this place as well."