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Chapter 2491 Chief Elder

Kai reached out and pushed the bronze door. It was surprisingly light and had no arcane arrays on it. Thus, it opened with ease.

As the door creaked open, an enormous prison appeared before them.

On both flanks of the corridor were relatively small cells that contained people. More importantly, the cells had arcane arrays flickering around them.

The people in the cells, chained to thick metal chains, looked unbelievably haggard, with their hair in a disheveled state. Clearly, they had been locked up for a long time.

Upon hearing the bronze door pushed open, several prisoners looked over to reveal their gazes that gleamed with viciousness. One could tell they were not ordinary people.

Besides, it was Evil Heart Sect's dungeon. Naturally, it would not contain ordinary people.

Kai could not imagine what happened between those prisoners and Evil Heart Sect that caused the prisoners to be locked up there.

At first, Kai thought of freeing them. After all, it was a common belief that the enemy's enemy was a friend. However, the moment Kai saw the look in their eyes, he hesitated. He feared he would bring trouble upon himself by freeing those prisoners.

Therefore, Kai quickly walked past the first level and headed to the second. Let's just leave these people locked up here.

Kai was no savior, and neither could he save everyone. What he needed to do urgently at that moment was to get the family members of Quindon and the others out as soon as possible.

Next, they arrived at the second level; it was different compared to the first. It was a huge prison that had four prisoners, each of them chained to one corner with thick, heavy chains.

They, too, were in a mess, making it hard for Kai and the others to see their faces. What was worth noting was the prisoners were still alive despite having chains that passed through their bodies. Clearly, they were powerful beings too.

Kai merely swept a glance at them and headed for the third level. When he was about to arrive at the entrance, a hoarse voice rang out.

“Why is a sword spirit from the sword-cleansing lake here? Is it here to save us?”

The voice belonged to a disheveled elderly man in the corner.

Hearing that, Kai turned in the voice’s direction to find himself staring at a scrawny old man whose face was slightly burned. The latter looked as if he was on the verge of death.

“Who are you? How do you know about the sword-cleansing lake?” interrogated Kai.

“I’m the chief elder of Divine Smithing Sect. How can I not know about the sword-cleansing lake?”

Once the elderly man finished his sentence, the other three prisoners lifted their heads.

That was when Kai realized all four of the prisoners looked alike. Surprise gripped him instantly.

Chief elder of Divine Smithing Sect? I never knew a person like that existed. Then again, if he’s the chief elder, why is he locked up here? Master Hammerhead said Divine Smithing Sect was eliminated by Fire Incineration Sect. What’s this chief elder doing here, then? Could Evil Heart Sect have something to do with Fire Incineration Sect?

Kai was utterly confused.

“You’re the chief elder of Divine Smithing Sect? Why are you here?” Kai asked.

However, the elderly man did not answer. He kept his gaze fixed on Kai and asked, “This sword spirit was bathed in the sword-cleansing lake. Who are you? How did you get to the lake?”

Kai eyed the elderly man for some time before saying, "It was Master Hammerhead who brought us there. Swoorder was the one who shaped Dragonslayer Sword's sword spirit into her current form."

"Dragonslayer Sword?" The elderly man's eyes went wide as he stared fixedly at Zelda. "You're saying she's the sword spirit of Dragonslayer Sword? My sect created that magic sword, but it was damaged and went missing."

The elderly man's face flushed with excitement.

Judging by the elderly man's reaction, Kai instantly knew the former was not lying. Thus, the latter gave Zelda a look. Understanding what Kai was implying, she transformed into Dragonslayer Sword with a flash and rested in Kai's hand.

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Chapter 2492 The Rescue

"Dragonslayer Sword... It is the Dragonslayer Sword... Guys, look!" shouted the elderly man. Immediately, the other three similar-looking elders glanced over in surprise.

"Misters, if you guys are the elders of Divine Smithing Sect, why are you locked up here? What happened?" Kai asked.

"Did Hammerhead not tell you our sect was ambushed and eliminated by Fire Incineration Sect? They captured our leader, including us, the higher-ups. Our leader is locked up in a different cell. We've been here for over ten years," explained the elderly man.

"How did you guys get locked up here? This is the mundane world, after all, not the Ethereal Realm. You're in the secret realm of Evil Heart Sect."

Kai was confounded. They should be locked up in Fire Incineration Sect. Why are they here in the secret realm of Evil Heart Sect in the mundane world? This is ridiculous.

"What? This is the mundane world? What's Evil Heart Sect, anyway? We've never heard of it," said the elderly man in puzzlement.

That threw Kai off even more. It looks like these elders of Divine Smithing Sect have no idea where they are.

“Let’s talk about that later. Since you guys are the elders of Divine Smithing Sect, I believe we have some kind of destiny with each other. Let me help you out first,” informed Kai while he approached the elderly man.

“Stop. Don’t move. We’re restrained by arcane arrays here. You could get injured,” said the elderly man in a hurry.

Even so, Kai did not do as told; he continued making his way toward the elderly man. Immediately, a light barrier formed around the latter, encasing him in it.

At that, Kai tapped the barrier lightly, creating halo-like ripples on the barrier that spread from the tip of his finger.

A dazzling golden beam shot out of the tip of his finger. Simultaneously, the arcane array tore apart like a piece of cloth, revealing a hole before it disappeared for good.

The elderly man gaped at Kai in shock. Never did the former expect a young man like Kai to destroy an arcane array like it was a piece of cake. Likewise, the other elders were so shocked that their jaws dropped.

“Sir, will cutting off these chains free all of you?” asked Kai.

The elderly man nodded. “Yes. We’ll be free once you cut them off. Don’t be fooled by their appearance, though. They’re made of tungsten carbide, which is an incredibly strong material. Besides—”

Before the elderly man could finish, Kai swung his weapon and cut the chain into two sections.

As the chains fell away from the elderly man’s body, blood began flowing out of the wound. The man was not the slightest bit bothered by it. Instead, he was excited. “I’m free. Hahaha! I’m free!”

Meanwhile, Kai proceeded to free the other three in the same way. “Young man, we’re actually quadruplets, and I’m the eldest among them. We’re really grateful to you. If not for you, we might never see the sun anymore. Please accept our gratitude.”

With that, all four elders got to their knees, but they were stopped by Kai.

“Misters, I have a close relationship with Divine Smithing Sect. In fact, Master Hammerhead is currently recruiting men for the sect to rebuild it. If you go back now, Divine Smithing Sect will definitely return to its former glory,” said Kai.

“What was that thing you said about the mundane world and Evil Heart Sect? We don’t recall leaving Ethereal Realm. Is this not Fire Incineration Sect’s dungeon?” asked the elderly man.

“It’s a long story. I’ll tell you all about it when we get out. I need to free someone at the third level now. We can talk more when I’ve done that.”

Kai had no time to explain everything in detail.

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Chapter 2493 No Way Back

“Very well. We’ll go with you on this rescue mission,” said the elders.

Kai did not refuse. He then proceeded to bring the four elders with him to the third level of the dungeon.

This time, Malphas did not have the guts to follow them all down because he was quite terrified of the four elders. He had never thought that this dungeon held this many peerless experts.

On top of that, they were also people of the Ethereal Realm. Malphas was truly baffled. They had always dreamed of entering Ethereal Realm. Even Tanner had mentioned his desire to access Ethereal Realm himself.

Yet, why is everyone in this dungeon from the Ethereal Realm? What on earth is going on?

Without giving Malphas an explanation, Kai brought the four elders with him to the third level of the dungeon.

Although the third level was also the deepest part of the dungeon, it was still not the worst area. One could see all manner of people detained in the cells, ranging from men, women, and even children.

“Kai? W-What are you doing here?”

Kai had barely entered the third level when he heard someone call out to him.

The voice belonged to Quindon’s daughter, Aislin. She recognized Kai since they had met at the Secret Realm Conference before.

“Ms. Yuchamore!” said Kai. When he saw Aislin, he hurried over and added, “I’m here to rescue all of you. Your father sought my help and asked me to set you free.”

“What on earth is happening? Where is my father? Someone brought us over and claimed they were bringing me to him, only to lock us up in here!” replied Aislin.

“It’s a long story. I’ll save it for after I’ve rescued you all.”

Having said that, Kai used a great surge of strength to destroy the holding cell.

Very quickly, Kai rescued the family members of the purple-robed emissaries. When they reached the cells on the first level, the four elders of Divine Smithing Sect had already released all the prisoners.

Kai did not stop them. After all, these were enemies of Evil Heart Sect. If anything, they were only going to pose trouble for Evil Heart Sect alone.

A mighty-looking then Kai exited the dungeon with the crowd of people. When the Grand Elder of Divine Smithing Sect felt the atmosphere around him, he furrowed his brows and said, “We have not reached the Ethereal Realm yet. What on earth is happening? How did we end up in the mundane world?”

Kai did not answer him. Instead, he took out Thousands of Miles Away and looked at Aislin before saying, “Ms. Yuchamore, I’m going to use Teleportation Array and send you back to your respective secret realms. Regardless of what happens, you’re not to leave your own secret realms so easily.”

After Kai spoke, Thousands of Miles Away began to shimmer as the painting gradually started shifting its appearance.

“I’m not leaving until I find my father! I need to know exactly what’s going on!”

Aislin refused to leave.

Kai glanced at Aislin, who was still being stubborn. He also did not argue since he could not be bothered to.

After he sent the family of the purple-robed emissaries back to their respective secret realms, Kai turned to the Grand Elder of Divine Smithing Sect and said. "Sir, you should rip the fabric of space and time and return to Ethereal Realm. I still have some important business to attend to, so I can't send you off." "We've been imprisoned for over ten years and chained in iron," said the Grand Elder, looking quite uncomfortable. "Given that we've just been released, where am I going to find the energy to rip the space-time fabric and summon a portal to link both Ethereal Realm and the mundane world?"

As soon as the Grand Elder spoke, the others looked at each other in dismay. They did not wield power to rip the space-time fabric and summon a portal either.

This time, even Kai felt slightly embarrassed. Despite possessing the Divine Bow, which could open a portal for them, it was going to exhaust all his energy. He would have needed to recuperate from this if he had summoned a portal.

However, Kai did not have the time for recuperation. Now that the Spiritual Energy Restoration Formation was about to start, he needed to rush over there, stop it, and save his girlfriend in the process.

"Sir, why don't you all wait here for now? I have a very important matter to attend to. If I can come back alive, I will help you summon that portal from the mundane world to the Ethereal Realm," said Kai.

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Chapter 2494 Here You Are

"I think you've gotten yourself into quite the muddle. Since you've saved us, we can't just sit here idly. We will follow you there," said the Grand Elder of Divine Smithing Sect.

After all, they were still strangers in a foreign realm. If trouble befell them, they could not handle things so easily since they were not back in Ethereal Realm.

All we have to do is follow Kai there and help him sort out his affairs. Kai can then open the portal and send us back to the Ethereal Realm. It's not a bad idea!

The rescued prisoners nodded in agreement. They were also willing to accompany Kai there since they did not have the capabilities to open a portal to Ethereal Realm either.

"Well, that's not a bad idea. When I've sorted out my affairs, I'll send you all back."

Kai nodded. Right now, he was in dire need of help. Kai was concerned about how hard it was going to be to deal with Evil Heart Sect. Even with Quindon and some others offering assistance from the inside, Kai had no confidence in a confrontation with someone as powerful as Tanner.

Now that the elder of Divine Smithing Sect and some others had chosen to help him, Kai had thus gained a few allies.

However, there was something Kai did not understand. This was a dungeon belonging to Evil Heart Sect. Why was it chock-full of people from Ethereal Realm? How did they even end up here? This was a mystery to Kai.

However, he did not have the time to go deeper in thought. Kai led the elders of Divine Smithing Sect and the other people from Ethereal Realm out of Evil Heart Sect's secret realm and hurried over to Divine Quest Sect's secret realm.

Just as they departed from the secret realm, the people from Ethereal Realm could immediately feel the suppression from the laws of nature. Every one of them had a frown on their face, with some looking quite pained.

Fortunately, after leaving the secret realm of Evil Heart Sect, they quickly arrived at the entrance to Divine Quest Sect's secret realm. As Kai brought his party into the secret realm, Malphas followed closely behind. Given that Kai had yet to remove the imprint from Malphas' mind, the latter could only follow them.

Meanwhile, Skylar had gotten quite impatient from waiting in the Divine Quest Sect's secret realm. "Lord Tanner, is Kai going to show up?" asked Skylar irritably. "We've been waiting for ages now."

“Don’t worry. He’ll definitely show up. He has to show up after sorting out his affairs,” replied Tanner mildly.

When Tanner said this, Quindon and the others broke into a cold sweat. Just judging from the way Tanner spoke, he seemed to be familiar with Kai’s every move.

Cold sweat also beaded and dripped from the purple-robed emissaries’ foreheads. Tanner suddenly turned to look at all six of them and said, “Is it that warm in here?”

“It’s not warm...”

Quindon immediately shook his head.

Tanner said nothing, but his lips were curved up in a faint smirk. This only served to make Quindon and the others even more terrified.

Very soon, Kai and his entourage arrived in a frenzy. However, when Kai saw the scene before him, his expression turned grave.

Kai had been wondering why he never encountered many members of Evil Heart Sect in their secret realm earlier. It turned out that they were all whisked away to the secret realm of Divine Quest Sect. There had to be a few hundred of them all neatly lined up in rows.

Standing at the forefront was none other than Tanner, dressed in all black. His very figure seemed to be looming over everyone.

Behind Tanner were the six purple-robed emissaries. Kai stole a glance at them but immediately retracted his gaze after that.

Quindon, who also stood among the Evil Heart Sect members, saw that his daughter was with Kai. He then knew that Kai had saved his family.

However, Kai had brought Aislin, which made Quindon quite upset. Quindon assumed that Kai was using Aislin to threaten him in case he chose not to stand with Kai later when the time came.

“You’ve finally arrived, Kai. I’ve been waiting for ages now,” said Skylar icily.

His eyes were slightly narrowed as he looked at Kai.

Kai only glanced at Skylar but chose to ignore him. His gaze, however, was

pinned squarely on Tanner.

To Kai, Tanner was his true adversary. Skylar, on the other hand, was nothing but an ant.

“Where is my girlfriend? What about the others?” asked Kai icily.

Tanner did not respond. He merely stood still with an unfathomable expression on his face.