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Chapter 2515 Rescue

Seeing that, Kai quickly retracted his murderous intent and said to the boy, "Kid, what's your name? Bring me there at once so we can rescue Emily and the others."

"My name is Percy. Just the two of us won't suffice. I'm going to find the old village chief." Percy ran toward a house as he spoke.

Kai had no choice but to trail after Percy since he was the only one who knew about Emily and the others' whereabouts.

Soon, Kai followed the boy into a house and saw an emaciated old man seated on a chair and smoking a pipe inside.

That man was the former chief of Rock Village, Antonio. Due to his advanced age, he handed over his position as village chief to the younger Ali. Nevertheless, Antonio still held considerable prestige in Rock Village. If Ali wasn't around, any affairs of Rock Village still had to be discussed with Antonio before a decision could be made.

Antonio glanced at Kai but wasn't surprised. It appeared he knew all about Kai staying in Rock Village for the past few days.

"Percy, what happened? I heard you screaming outside," Antonio asked Percy.

"Mr. Antonio, Ali and Emily killed a demon tiger on their hunt, but the loot was robbed by people from Cyan Village. They also injured Ali and Emily and have taken them captive," Percy recounted anxiously.

"What?" A cold glint flashed across Antonio's eyes as he tossed the pipe in his hand on the table. "Those b*stards from Cyan Village have always opposed us. Now, they even openly rob and hurt our people. Hurry up and gather everyone in Rock Village. We're going to confront them!"

With that, Antonio bent down and pulled out a rusty broadsword from under the table.

"Hold on." Kai stopped Percy.

Then, he turned to Antonio and asked, "Mr. Antonio, how do we fare against Cyan Village?"

Before Antonio could reply, Percy spoke first. "How else do you think? Their population is double ours, and they're also stronger. Those people from Cyan Village often bully our villagers, but we could only endure."

"Shut up, Percy!" Antonio snapped at the boy before turning to look at Kai.

"Although we are weaker than Cyan Village, that doesn't mean we're a group of pushovers. Even if it costs us our lives today, we must rescue Ali and the others from the hands of those people from Cyan Village."

Antonio seemed genuinely enraged, befitting the saying of how a rabbit driven to the brink of desperation would bite.

"Mr. Antonio, since we aren't a match for Cyan Village, if you confront them with all our men recklessly, we'll undoubtedly suffer a great loss. There's a good chance that the people of Rock Village could be severely injured or even killed," Kai hastily persuaded Antonio, hoping to change the latter's approach.

"What should we do then? Are we supposed to just stand by and watch as those from Cyan Village bully us and let them capture our people without attempting to rescue them?" Antonio bellowed while glaring at Kai.

"Mr. Antonio, that's not what I meant. You don't have to lead the entire village there. Just let Percy take me to where Emily and the others were detained. I can save them myself," Kai explained to Antonio.

"Just you?" Antonio sized him up. "I know you used to be formidable, but you're no different from a cripple now. How do you plan on saving them?"

When Kai was rescued and brought back to Rock Village, his meridians were utterly ruined, his blood essence was depleted, and even his aura was extremely weak.

Antonio considered Kai fortunate to still be alive, yet the latter was volunteering to save Emily and the others.

Evidently, Antonio was unconvinced.

"Mr. Antonio, do you really want to watch your villagers suffer horrible deaths? I hope you can trust me. I'll certainly help you rescue them!" Kai made a promise to Antonio.

Even though Kai had only recovered a small part of his strength, he was already more than capable of dealing with those neighboring villagers.

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Chapter 2516 Bandit

The fight would be no different from adults facing off against children.

Kai noticed that even the most powerful cultivator in Rock Village, Ali, was just a newly advanced Manifestor, a level that was at most equivalent to a Greater Martial Arts Marquis in the mundane world's martial artist cultivation level.

Kai could easily defeat a Greater Martial Arts Marquis even if he regained just a little bit of his strength.

"Can you really rescue them?" Antonio gazed at Kai skeptically.

"Mr. Antonio, Emily is my savior, and when she asked me to stay in Rock Village, all the other villagers didn't make things difficult for her or chase me away. Therefore, Rock Village has done me a favor, so how could I possibly deceive you?" Kai uttered with utmost sincerity.

Taking in Kai's demeanor, Antonio paused briefly before nodding. "Fine. In

that case, let Percy show you the way, then. However, if you encounter any danger, you must return at once!"

"I got it. Thank you, Mr. Antonio," Kai expressed his gratitude.

In fact, Antonio also knew that even if all the people of Rock Village tagged along, it would only result in more casualties. Perhaps Rock Village might even be annihilated from then on.

Since Kai was so confident, Antonio decided to let him try.

"Percy, we don't have time to lose. Let's go," Kai urged the young boy.

Percy glanced at Antonio and saw the latter waving his hand, saying, "Go. Be careful."

The young boy nodded in acknowledgment. Then, he led Kai out of the room. When Percy passed by his house, he entered his room and retrieved a long knife the same length as him and a bow and arrows.

"If I see those people from Cyan Village, I'll shoot them dead!" Percy gritted his teeth, seemingly harboring intense hatred toward the people of the neighboring village.

"Percy, do the people from Cyan Village always bully you all?" Kai asked.

"That's right. Cyan Village, with its larger population and greater strength, had been encroaching upon Rock Village's hunting ground. Originally, we each have our own hunting grounds in the mountain, but Cyan Village had been expanding their territory annually, gradually reducing our access to resources until we were only able to hunt at the edges of the forest. Whenever we do go out to hunt, we return with very little loot. As a result, the people in our village are getting poorer," Percy elaborated, shedding light on the ongoing struggle between the two villages.

Hearing that, Kai fathomed Rock Village and Cyan Village were sworn enemies, and their feud stemmed from the snatching of resources.

"It's one thing to rob, but why are they hurting others? Why did they capture Emily and the others?" Kai was baffled.

Since their goal was to acquire resources, and there weren't any other grudges, those people from Cyan Village could've just taken the items instead of holding Ali and his party captive. Why didn't they do just that?

"You have no idea, Kai. People from Cyan Village are rotten to their cores. They capture our people for ransom, and they infiltrate our villages to steal our things. We built the village watchtower for the precise reason of preventing ambushes from Cyan Village." Percy's emotions overflowed as he spoke, expressing his deep frustration and anguish caused by the actions of the people from Cyan Village.

Noticing that, Kai hastily stepped forward to pat Percy's head. "Why are these people from Cyan Village so terrible? They're no different from a group of

bandits."

"They were bandits, to begin with. In the past, Cyan Village was a bandit stronghold. Afterward, because of Cyan Village's strategic geographical location and wide hunting area, many people were gradually attracted to settle down there, forming the present Cyan Village," Percy explained.

Clarity washed over Kai after listening to that. No wonder these people from Cyan Village are so ruthless. So, they are a bunch of wicked bandits!

Kai and Percy soon arrived at the foot of the mountain as they chatted.

From time to time, demon beasts appeared at the foot of the mountain, but they were generally low-level small beasts that weren't very valuable. Therefore, Ali and the others would go deeper into the jungle to capture larger beasts.

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Chapter 2517 The Strongest

"The place we were robbed at is straight ahead, Kai! I'm not sure if Ali and the others are still there, though. Regardless, we shouldn't go deep into the mountains because there are many powerful demon beasts there. They are terrifyingly powerful, but that makes them all the more valuable. Their flesh and beast cores are worth a lot of money. Once I cultivate and get stronger, I'm going to hunt those demon beasts deep within the mountain for money and show the people of Cyan Village who's boss!" said Percy with a determined look in his eyes.

He had always dreamed of getting stronger and becoming a powerful individual someday.

"I'll take you demon beast hunting once I'm fully healed," Kai said while patting Percy on the head.

"I heard the villagers say you are an incredibly powerful person. Even our stone house was unable to keep you trapped. Is that true?" the young boy asked.

To which Kai nodded and affirmed, "Yes, that's true."

"Whoa… You're unbelievably powerful, Kai! Could you teach me how to cultivate? I want to be as powerful as you are!" Percy exclaimed, only to let out a disappointed sigh seconds later. "Then again, you were almost beaten to death, which means you're not the strongest person out there. I want to be the strongest!"

Kai patted Percy on the head and said with a smile, "I believe in you, Percy. You're definitely going to become the strongest guy out there."

Percy is probably still too young to understand what it is like to be the strongest…

Percy then continued leading the way for a little while longer. Upon reaching the spot that he mentioned earlier, he glanced about and asked with a frown, "We're here, but where is everybody?"

"What's wrong, Percy?" Kai asked.

"Ali, Emily, and the others were captured here, but I don't see them anywhere. See that? I made a mark on the tree!" Percy replied while pointing at a tree trunk.

"Could it be that they have brought them over to Cyan Village?" Kai asked.

"It's possible. If that is the case, then we're in big trouble. We won't be able to rescue them, so we'll have to pay them a ransom in spirit coins!" Percy exclaimed with a frown.

"Percy, do you know where Cyan Village is?" Kai asked.

"Of course, I do! All you have to do is get through here and make your way around that hill, but the sky will probably be dark by the time we get there. Even if we get to Cyan Village before dark, there's not much the two of us can do. We might even end up getting captured as well!" Percy replied.

"Is there no shortcut to Cyan Village?" Kai couldn't help but wonder why they had to take such a long route to get there.

"There is one. We could just cut through these mountains, but the demon beasts in the mountains are ridiculously powerful. No one takes this route because it's too dangerous!"

"We'll be fine, so just take me there. Emily and the others could be in danger if we wait any longer." Kai's tone brimmed with confidence.

Percy stared at Kai for a few seconds before nodding in response. The aura of the demon beasts grew increasingly stronger as the two got deeper into the mountains, prompting Percy to tighten his grip on his sword.

He was so nervous that his forehead was drenched in cold sweat.

"Calm down, Percy! I'll protect you!" Kai reassured him.

Those words had barely left Kai's mouth when a Demon Wolf ran past them. Percy immediately raised his bow and got ready to shoot, but Kai quickly stopped him. He had a feeling that the Demon Wolf was not after them, and his guess was confirmed when he saw the blood around the Demon Wolf's mouth.

Hmm… That Demon Wolf must be really full if it ignored us completely. That's why it didn't even try to attack us!

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Chapter 2518 Scared To Death

"I smell human blood. Someone must be injured up ahead!" Kai said.

He had detected the strong smell of human blood when the Demon Wolf ran past them.

"Human blood? Could it be Ali and the others?" Percy exclaimed anxiously.

"Come on; let's go check it out!" Kai said and followed the scent of the blood.

They soon stumbled upon a corpse that had been mauled into a bloody mess.

"Oh, my goodness!"

As Percy was still a child, this was his first time seeing such a gruesome sight. He was so shocked and disgusted that he threw up on the spot.

Kai had a little furrow between his eyebrows as he bent over to inspect the corpse. However, he couldn't recognize the deceased person as the face had been too badly mutilated.

"Percy, is this person from Rock Village?" Kai asked.

Percy pinched his nose and forced himself to take a peek. "No, this person is from Cyan Village. You can recognize them based on their clothing."

"What would someone from Cyan Village be doing here? Could it be that they came to hide in the mountains after capturing Emily and the others?" Kai asked with a confused frown.

After giving it some thought, Kai stood up and took another glance at the corpse. People from the mundane world wish they could live in the Ethereal Realm, and yet, the people here are struggling every day just to survive.

"Kai, do you think the guys from Cyan Village are using Ali and the others as bait to capture high-level demon beasts?" Percy asked.

"If they're using people from Rock Village as bait, then why would this corpse belong to someone from Cyan Village? I think we should push forward and have a look!" Kai said as he grabbed Percy's arm and started running.

As he observed his surroundings along the way, he noticed that there were bloodstains on the trees. Moreover, it was human blood. It was a trail that could potentially lead Kai and Percy to the captured villagers.

Awoooo!

While Kai and Percy were busy tracking the blood trail down, a Demon Wolf howled and came running toward them. Its mouth was covered in blood as it glared viciously at them.

The Demon Wolf was probably still hungry as it had set its sights on them.

Kai's expression slid into a frown when he detected the terrifying aura coming from the Demon Wolf.

"Looks like I haven't recovered enough. I can't believe I failed to notice this Demon Wolf in advance!" Kai mumbled to himself.

Under normal circumstances, he would have detected this Demon Wolf's powerful aura from a few miles away.

The fact that this Demon Wolf was able to get this close without him noticing

showed he had yet to recover his spiritual sense.

Percy's hands were trembling uncontrollably as he held his sword up and stared the Demon Wolf down. The poor boy was scared to death.

Since it was just the two of them going against that Demon Wolf, Percy figured they would not stand a chance at survival.

Kai instinctively reached his right arm out and tried to summon his Dragonslayer Sword, only to realize he couldn't do so.

Oh, that's right! The sword spirit, Zelda, is still recovering from her injuries! How could I forget that?

When Percy saw Kai grabbing at the air with his right hand, he assumed Kai was asking him for a weapon and handed Kai his sword.

Kai simply flashed him a faint smile in response. Oh, well... This isn't Dragonslayer Sword, but it's better than fighting that Demon Wolf empty-handed!

The Demon Wolf let out a fierce roar and charged at Kai with lightning speed. Percy was so scared that he instinctively took a few steps back.

As Kai had no idea how much he had recovered, he had no choice but to take the Demon Wolf very seriously.

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Chapter 2519 Good Stuff

The damage he sustained from combusting his blood essence was far too great, so it was even possible that he could never regain his full strength.

Even so, Kai's physical body was so tough that the Demon Wolf would not be able to bite through his skin, let alone eat him up.

As the Demon Wolf drew close, Kai channeled all of his spiritual energy into the sword. He then stepped aside and slashed at the Demon Wolf with all of his might.

Blood came spraying out of the Demon Wolf's abdomen as it jumped over Kai's head.

Kai's attack had cut the Demon Wolf's stomach wide open, causing its intestines to spill out a few seconds later.

Although Kai had only recovered a portion of his strength, killing a Demon Wolf was still a piece of cake for him.

The Demon Wolf howled in agony after crashing into the ground. It then stared at Kai in fear before turning around.

Swoosh!

The Demon Wolf was just about to run off when an arrow pierced its head.

It was Percy who fired that arrow. He wasn't so scared anymore when he saw Kai slice the Demon Wolf's stomach open so easily.

Having been shot in the head, the Demon Wolf collapsed and died without even making a sound.

"Whoa! Nice shot, Percy!" Kai complimented him.

"You're the real hero here. I wouldn't even have the courage to reach for my bow if it weren't for you!" Percy exclaimed with a look of admiration in his eyes.

He then walked up to the Demon Wolf and carved out its beast core with a dagger.

Percy also skinned the Demon Wolf while he was at it, but he had to leave the meat behind. Demon Wolf flesh was worth a lot of money, so Percy was a little reluctant to leave it behind, but there was nothing much he could do.

As they were deep within the mountains, they had no means to take the Demon Wolf's carcass with them.

Noticing the reluctant look in Percy's eyes, Kai said with a faint smile, "We'll take this Demon Wolf's flesh with us too!"

He then placed the Demon Wolf into his Storage Ring, much to Percy's surprise.

"What kind of sorcery is that, Kai? How did you make the Demon Wolf vanish into thin air?" he asked.

"I just put it into my Storage Ring, that's all. I'll retrieve it when we return to Rock Village, so you can sell it for some cash later!" Kai replied with a chuckle.

"Storage Ring, huh? That's some good stuff you got there!" the young boy exclaimed.

A whole Demon Wolf carcass was worth a ton of money, so it was understandable why Percy would get so excited.

As the two of them continued pushing forward, they saw a guy lying under a tree. He was barely breathing, and his lower body had been completely devoured by the Demon Wolf. There was blood all over the ground.

Percy froze when he saw the person, only to burst out crying a few seconds later. "Emilio! Emilio! What happened to you? Where are Ali and the others?" he shouted while running up to the wounded guy.

Emilio stared at Percy and opened his mouth, but he was so severely wounded that he couldn't even say a word.

Realizing that this guy was from Rock Village, Kai quickly ran up to Emilio and injected his body with spiritual energy. Feeling a little better, Emilio panted heavily as he said, "Go save Ali and the others, Percy. They're deep in the mountains…"

"Calm down and tell us what happened. Were you guys captured by people

from Cyan Village?"
Kai wanted to know what happened to Emily and the others.
Emilio licked his dry lips, prompting Kai to feed him some water from a bottle.
However, Emilio spat it out a few seconds later. He was so badly injured that
he couldn't even drink.

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Chapter 2520 Running Into Them
"Yes, we were captured by people from Cyan Village. They wanted to hunt
high-level demon beasts and were using us as bait. That's why they brought
us deep into these mountains. Then, we got attacked by a Demon Wolf. Ali
got us free, and we ran deep into the forest to escape our kidnappers. They
kept chasing after us, so we had to fight off the Demon Wolf and hide from the
kidnappers at the same time. Ali and the others must be in danger right now.
The area ahead belongs to a pack of Demon Wolves. None of them are going
to survive if they run into that pack! Go save Ali and the others! I know I'm not
going to make it, so just leave me be!" Emilio urged them.
Kai glanced at Emilio in silence for a few seconds. He knew that the latter
couldn't possibly survive his injury, especially since immediate medical
attention was not available. Even so, Kai tried to comfort him anyway. "Hang
in there. Once we rescue Ali and the others, we'll bring you back to the village
for treatment."
Kai was about to carry on walking, but Emilio grabbed him by the arm and
said with a pleading look in his eyes, "Don't lie to me, man. I know I won't
make it, but I don't want to just sit here and wait till I bleed out. Could you
please make it quick for me?"
He would rather have someone put him out of his misery than bleed out in
agonizing pain.
Kai did not want to kill Emilio, but reducing the latter's suffering was all he
could do at that point.
After hesitating for a bit, Kai slowly placed his hand on Emilio's head and fired
a beam of spiritual energy right through it.
The man had a smile on his face as he slowly closed his eyes.
"Emilio!" Percy sobbed.

Kai's eyes teared up as well. He did not know Emilio personally, so he didn't
share that same level of sentiment.
Even so, the people of Rock Village had treated him as one of their own
during his time there, so they were like family to him.

"Stop crying, Percy. Come on, let's go…" Kai urged as he quickly led Percy deeper into the mountains.

This is not the time to grieve! We need to hurry up and rescue Ali and the others!

Meanwhile, dozens of young men, who had powerful auras and weapons, stopped and stared at the forest ahead of them. None of them dared take another step further.

Those were men from Cyan Village. The group comprised mainly Nascent Soul cultivators and Manifestor cultivators, so they were much stronger than the people from Rock Village.

A man stepped up to the one leading the group and asked, "The area ahead is Demon Wolf territory. Should we continue chasing them?"

"Of course not! As powerful as we may be, we're not even going to make it out of there alive! Those guys from Rock Village went in there, so they are probably dead by now!" said the man leading the group.

They then turned around and prepared to leave, only to bump into Percy and Kai.

Percy went pale when he saw those men. "T-Those are the guys from Cyan Village, Kai! They're the ones who kidnapped Ali and the others!"

Kai's eyes were filled with a strong murderous intent as he glared at them. "So, you guys are from Cyan Village?"

The man leading the group stared at Kai, giving him a once-over. Although he didn't know who Kai was, he did recognize Percy, who was standing next to Kai. "That's right! Are you from Rock Village? I'm surprised you two were brave enough to come here!"

The guys from Cyan Village had icy-cold looks in their eyes. They saw Kai and Percy as nothing but easy prey.

As Percy was often bullied by the people from Cyan Village, he shuddered in fear when he saw their menacing gazes.