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Chapter 2881 Lure The Demon Beasts Out

He detected countless bodies that were buried beneath thick layers of ice and snow. Those were probably the people that Vasily said had died in Fatal Canyon.

After scanning the canyon with his spiritual sense, Kai thought of something and had everyone back away from the entrance of the canyon. "What's wrong, Kai? Are you giving up on the ice soul fragment?" Viola asked in confusion.

"Of course not! I just need to lure a portion of the demon beasts out of the canyon first. We'll stand a much higher chance at obtaining the ice soul fragment with lesser demon beasts guarding it," Kai replied while conjuring up hand seals.

An arcane array slowly appeared in the air before landing on the snowy ground. The arcane array seemed incredibly complex and carved a strange-looking symbol into the ground, which showed just how high its level was.

"Are you planning on trapping those demon beasts with this arcane array, Mr. Chance?" Vasily asked. Although the arcane array was huge, it would still be impossible to trap thousands of demon beasts in it.

"No, this arcane array is not for trapping the demon beasts. It's to lure them here," Kai explained while pointing at the arcane array.

A golden beam of light then shone on the arcane array, causing it to glow brightly and release a wave of concentrated spiritual energy toward the canyon. Kai then unleashed yet another magecraft technique by placing charms on Vasily and the others.

"A huge group of demon beasts will be lured out of the canyon soon. All you guys have to do is stand within the arcane array and kill them all. Remember, do not step out of this arcane array! The arcane array will move with you guys now that you all have these charms, so make sure to utilize a hit-and-run strategy when fighting those demon beasts.

Once you guys have drawn those demon beasts far away from the canyon, I will go in and retrieve the ice soul fragment. The Three Bandits will come with

me. I will need to make use of their teleportation ability to obtain the ice soul fragment as quickly as possible,” Kai said, planning everything out carefully.

He knew that combat would be inevitable. once he entered the canyon and that the ice bear would surely target him immediately.

All Kai had to do was attract the demon beasts before using the Three Bandits’ teleportation ability to quickly steal the ice soul fragment and make his escape.

In other words, Viola and Vasily would be keeping a portion of the demon beasts busy outside the canyon while Kai distracted the rest inside. Since stealing was what the Three Bandits did best, they would be the ones to steal the ice soul fragment.

“Don’t worry, Mr. Chance! We’re the best when it comes to stealing stuff!” the Three Bandits replied in unison. Kai nodded with a smile. He decided to give it a shot because the Three Bandits were able to pull off amazing stunts with their teleportation ability.

“Viola, Vasily, you two need to be careful too. All you two have to do is lure the demon beasts as far away from the canyon as possible. They shouldn’t be able to hurt you two with the arcane array protecting you. Besides, the arcane array will only attract the weaker demon beasts, so you two have nothing to worry about,” Kai reassured them.

Viola and Vasily nodded in response, “Be careful, Kai. Forget about the ice soul fragment if you can’t get it. It’s more important to stay alive. You know I can’t live without you...” Viola said while staring worriedly at Kai.

She couldn’t bear to be separated from Kai, especially at night.

“Don’t worry. I’ll be fine!” Kai replied with a faint smile. As soon as he said that, thunderous roars rang out in the distance. The ground began to shake as countless demon beasts came stampeding out of the canyon.

The demon beasts came charging toward the arcane array, which they perceived as a magical item they could use as a resource for their cultivation.

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Chapter 2882 Entering The Canyon

Kai shot the Three Bandits a glance, prompting them to jump into the air and go into hiding. Viola and Vasily had their weapons ready as they stood inside the arcane array and stared anxiously at the demon beasts that were charging toward them.

“Attack!” Viola yelled when the demon beasts got close enough. She fired countless wind blades from her palms, instantly slaying the demon beasts that were in front of her.

Vasily, too, swung his fists at the incoming demon beasts. Like cannons, they sent two demon beasts flying upon impact.

Although the demon beasts were not powerful, they were incredibly large in numbers. Viola and Vasily were able to kill a few in an instant, but it barely did anything to reduce their numbers. The demon beasts roared as they continued charging forward.

“Let’s fall back!” Viola shouted as she leaped into the air and sprinted in the other direction. Vasily nodded and quickly followed behind her. Thanks to the charms they had on their bodies, the arcane array moved along with them.

Like water pouring out of a floodgate, the demon beasts stampeded out of the canyon. The Three Bandits shuddered when they saw the seemingly endless wave of demon beasts that kept coming out of the canyon.

About dozens of minutes later, demon beasts finally stopped coming out of the canyon. Realizing that his chance had come, Kai led the Three Bandits straight into the canyon.

It was extremely peaceful inside with most of the demon beasts gone, but Kai knew it wasn’t completely clear. There must still be some demon beasts in here, and extremely powerful ones, too!

“You three need to be careful! Work together to steal the ice soul fragment, and get out of here the moment you get it. Do not stick around for anyone!” Kai reminded them. The three of them nodded and slowly turned invisible as they started concealing themselves.

Kai whipped out Dragonslayer Sword and activated Golem Body as well as the Power of Three. Even the draconic essence was glowing brightly. He knew that he couldn’t afford to let his guard down, or he could very well end up dead.

A furious roar echoed throughout the canyon as Kai and the Three Bandits went deeper inside. The ice bear then came charging at Kai while roaring at the top of its lungs.

Behind that ice bear were hundreds of demon beasts, each of them at least at Fifth Level Body Fusion Realm.

Kai felt a shiver down his spine when he saw the sheer amount of powerful demon beasts in front of him. Even so, he wasn't about to give up so easily.

"Burn!" Kai yelled as he raised Dragonslayer Sword, igniting it on the spot. Kai knew that demon beasts, in general, were afraid of fire, so demonic fire was probably his best bet at defeating them.

Sure enough, the ice bear's eyes were instantly filled with fear the moment it saw the flames on Dragonslayer Sword. It was as though it could sense the power of the demonic fire on Dragonslayer Sword.

Despite that, the ice bear did not back off. Instead, it let out a deafening roar, causing the icicles in the canyon to fall on Kai.

The demon beasts that it was commanding, too, swarmed toward Kai at the same time. As though to test Kai's strength, the ice bear sat back and commanded them from the rear.

Kai looked up at the incoming ice pillars. He swung Dragonslayer Sword and fired a burst of flames at them. The ice pillars instantly melted and evaporated upon coming into contact with the demonic fire.

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Chapter 2883 Do It Now

At that moment, countless demon beasts had closed the gap and reached Kai. With one swing of Dragonslayer Sword, Kai created an explosion in the air with sword energy and demonic fire.

The explosion created a sea of demonic fire that consumed the demon beasts around him, but the ice bear continued to command the others and had them charge at Kai.

Kai kept backing away, successfully luring the demon beasts toward him. Waves of terrifying aura filled the area as the demon beasts all charged at Kai.

Kai slashed at the demon beasts while running, but the ice bear stood its ground near the ice soul fragment and refused to budge.

The Three Bandits were unable to make their move at all. Kai knew that he had to lure the ice bear toward him for them to steal the ice soul fragment.

“Nine Shadows!” Kai shouted as he activated Nine Shadows, causing six of his shadow clones to appear and attack the demon beasts. He simultaneously whipped out Octo Ruler, which he had planned on giving to Josephine. Given the ridiculously huge number of demon beasts he was up against, Kai had no choice but to use it.

The gemstone on Octo Ruler glowed brightly as it released all the demon beasts within. As ferocious as those demon beasts were, their strength was still leagues behind that of the demon beasts in the canyon.

Even so, Kai needed to lure the ice bear into coming after him, so he had no choice but to use everything he had at his disposal.

Although Kai had used Nine Shadows and Octo Ruler, the ice bear still refused to leave its spot. It simply sat there and watched as the demon beasts died one after another. Kai was starting to panic when he saw that. Oh, no! My plan will fail if that ice bear doesn't budge!

“If only I had Divine Bow with me right now... I'd have shot all of you f*ckers dead!” Kai exclaimed as he continued fighting the demon beasts off.

After killing lots of them, Kai let out a helpless sigh and activated his draconic essence, causing a bright light to shine from it.

Dragonslayer Sword hissed loudly as a golden dragon slowly appeared behind Kai. The golden dragon was stepping on demonic fire as it let out a majestic roar that echoed throughout the canyon.

The demon beasts that were busy attacking Kai just moments ago froze in shock when they felt the golden dragon's aura.

They all had fear in their eyes as they started backing away from it. The ice bear that had sat there the whole time roared as well when it saw what happened. It leaped to its feet and lunged straight at Kai.

Kai quickly backed away in response and had his shadow clones block the ice bear's path. Seeing the ice bear attack prompted the retreating demon beasts to join in as well.

"Do it now!" Kai yelled at the top of his voice and leaped backward rapidly as he sent the golden dragon toward the demon beasts.

Of course, that command was directed at the Three Bandits. While Kai was busy fighting the demon beasts, the Three Bandits made their move.

They approached the ice soul fragment from three different directions, disappearing and reappearing closer to it with each passing second.

As though it could detect them approaching the ice soul fragment, the ice bear turned around and roared when it saw the Three Bandits. It let out a furious roar and charged at them.

Kai had wanted to stop the ice bear, but he had his hands tied with the huge amount of demon beasts around him. He could only hope that the Three Bandits would be able to beat the ice bear to the ice soul fragment.

Right as the ice bear closed in on the Three Bandits, Salazar managed to snag the ice soul fragment.

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Chapter 2884 A Gruesome Death

"Crixus! Juan! Run!" Salazar yelled, and the three of them teleported away in different directions. The ice bear swiped its paw at Salazar, but he was able to go through the void in time and put some distance between them.

The ice bear roared angrily as it leaped hundreds of meters into the air and hurled itself at Salazar. Salazar did his best to escape using his teleportation ability, but he was unable to escape the ice bear's attack in time.

“Juan! Catch!” Salazar shouted as he tossed the ice soul fragment to Juan. The ice bear’s body landed on Salazar the moment the ice soul fragment left his hands, turning him into a bloody pulp instantly.

“Salazar!” Crixus and Juan exclaimed in despair when they saw that. Kai frowned in displeasure when he looked up and saw what happened as well.

Having killed Salazar, the ice bear continued chasing after Juan. It was determined to reclaim the ice soul fragment. “Run, Juan!” Crixus shouted at the top of his voice. There was no time for them to mourn the loss of their fallen brother.

Crixus and Juan quickly activated their teleportation ability in order to make their escape, but the ice bear was as fast as lightning and had caught up to Juan before he could make it out of the canyon with the ice soul fragment.

Realizing that he wouldn’t be able to escape, Juan tossed the ice soul fragment to Crixus with all his might.

“Hurry up and get out of here, Crixus!” Juan yelled before turning around to face the ice bear head-on. The next thing they knew, Juan’s body expanded and exploded with a deafening boom.

He killed himself in order to slow the ice bear down and buy Crixus some time to escape.

“Juan...”

Tears flowed down Crixus’ face as he clenched his teeth and ran out of the canyon with the ice soul fragment. The ice bear continued to chase him down even after he had made it to the entrance of the canyon.

Kai jumped into the air. He swung Dragonslayer Sword and fired a beam of light. At the same time, he made some hand signs and created charms that levitated in the air.

The charms resulted in huge explosions after Kai made it out of the canyon.

The force of the explosion caused huge chunks of rocks to fall from both walls of the canyon, sealing its entrance instantly and stirring up a huge cloud of snow and smoke.

“Let’s go!” Kai yelled as he grabbed Crixus. Without wasting another second, the two of them activated their teleportation ability and fled the scene.

It wasn’t until Kai no longer detected any danger with his spiritual sense that they stopped running and panted heavily. Kai had used up a huge amount of spiritual energy during that battle and had practically deployed every trick he had up his sleeve.

Crixus’ face was filled with sadness as he handed Kai the ice soul fragment. Kai patted him on the shoulder, causing a bodily spirit to return to Crixus’ body.

“I’m sorry.” Kai felt incredibly guilty as Salazar and Juan would probably still be alive if he didn’t insist on getting the ice soul fragment.

Crixus kept his head low and remained silent as he was still grieving. It pained Kai deeply to see Crixus so upset, but he didn’t know how to comfort him.

After giving it some thought, Kai retrieved Octo Ruler from his Storage Ring. Although it was originally meant to be a gift for Josephine, Kai decided to let Crixus have it instead.

The demon beasts that were sealed within Octo Ruler had all died in battle, but Octo Ruler was still a divine weapon.

“The journey will only get increasingly tougher from here on. Given your strength, tagging along will only put you in even more danger. There isn’t much I can give you, so you can have Octo Ruler,” Kai said while handing it over to him.

He then proceeded to give Crixus an explanation on how to use Octo Ruler.

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Chapter 2885 Absorption

Crixus glanced at Kai before silently taking the Octo Ruler. After that, he bade Kai goodbye and slowly rose to his feet to leave.

Looking at the ice soul fragment in his hand, Kai found it impossible to be happy. Soon, Viola and Vasily came. Both looked exhausted as well. Fortunately, they were unscathed; they were just physically tired.

When Vasily saw the ice soul fragment in Kai's hand, he exclaimed, "Mr. Chance, you did get your hands on the ice soul fragment, after all! And it's huge, too! You've hit the jackpot!"

Vasily was excited, but there was no elation to be seen on Kai's face. Viola glanced at Kai and seemed to guess what had happened. "Kai, where are the Three Bandits?"

It was only when Vasily heard Viola's words did he realize that the Three Bandits were missing. "Where are they?" he wondered out loud in confusion.

With a look of desolation on his face, Kai muttered, "Crixus left. Juan and Salazar were killed by a demon beast..."

Upon hearing two of the Three Bandits were dead, Viola tensed up as sorrow appeared on her face.

"Mr. Chance, it's normal for people to die in the Ethereal Realm as it's the survival of the fittest here. There aren't any rules to speak of. I'd say you better absorb the ice soul fragment. It's such a huge piece, and it's just a ticking time bomb if you hold onto it. Others will covet it if they find out that you have this," Vasily persuaded.

Kai nodded. He then said, "Vasily, this is a huge piece of ice soul fragment, so it must contain a large amount of energy. You should absorb some first. You played a part in this success, after all."

A look of disbelief manifested on Vasily's face when he heard that. For a moment, he thought he had misheard Kai. No one would willingly let others have an ice soul fragment they possessed.

"M-Mr. Chance, please don't joke with me like that," Vasily squeezed out, his eyes wide.

"I'm not. You've reached the advanced- phase of Third Level Body Fusion Realm. With some energy from this ice soul fragment, you'll surely reach Fourth Level Body Fusion Realm. If you don't do this, I'm afraid you won't be able to reach it in another year or more because of the lack of resources," Kai said to Vasily.

Sure enough, Vasily was tempted. Who would not want to upgrade their strength, after all?

“In that case, thank you, Mr. Chance.”

Vasily gave Kai a bow. “Absorb it quickly. I’ll protect you, though you’ll have to guard me later too,” Kai prompted.

“Sure.” Vasily nodded. Kai then passed the ice soul fragment to Vasily. Vasily placed his hand on it before channeling his technique. Soon, the fragment began to slowly disappear.

Above Vasily’s head, a white whirlpool began to form. The unique spiritual energy within the ice soul fragment was making Vasily’s elixir field churn swiftly.

While Vasily was absorbing the ice soul fragment and upgrading himself, a few cultivators appeared a distance away. They were there on a hunt for the treasure and also the ice soul fragments.

In the past, no cultivators would be sighted even if a person were to linger in the barren far north for half a month. Yet, not long after Vasily began absorbing the fragment, a few cultivators were lured over.

While the ice soul fragment itself released no aura and was undetectable by people, when the fragment was getting absorbed, a strange phenomenon would take place, and an aura would form.

Therefore, the person would be most easily detected during the process of fragment absorption. If the fragment was small, they would be able to finish absorbing it in a short period of time before others noticed the phenomenon.

However, the ice soul fragment that Kai obtained this time was gigantic, so the aura would have time to spread further.

The cultivators were rushing in Kai’s group’s direction. When they were a thousand meters away from Kai’s group, Kai detected them with his spiritual sense.