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"I'm here to look for a medicinal ingredient, not to look for a spiritual herb. What exactly is this herb you are looking for?" Fade asked.

"He doesn't know of this, Heidey, there's nothing to tell him about!" Gorvyn reminded her.

She frowned and repeated, "There's nothing to hide from Fade."

She then turned to Fade and explained, "During this period of time, the martial arts world is going through major shifts. Each clan will start to engage with the secular world, appearing before the public, instead of living in seclusion and hiding or being devoted to spiritual developments."

"After entering the secular world, many clans will start to accept disciples. As of now, many people will start going crazy in order to enter a clan whenever one is spotted," she continued.

"Of course, the better the clan, the higher the requirements for disciple acceptance as well. There is an Earth Level clan on our side who's accepting disciples. Gorvyn and I wanted to enter, but our strength and aptitudes were not up to the standards of their requirement."

"We heard that there is a type of spiritual herb here at Namuchia Lake and it can improve our natural aptitudes as well as our strengths. We can enter the clan and possibly become one of their great disciples if we succeed in getting this herb," she explained.

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"This is why we came to Namuchia."

Heidey finished her words in one breath and soon looked at Fade.

Upon hearing what she had said, he was momentarily silent. He remembered the moment before he left Capital City when Jaguar Xu mentioned that something big would happen. Judging from the looks of it now, it seemed that this big thing was probably the news of the clans entering the secular society.

Clans entering the society, acceptance of disciples, martial arts being opened to the public. All of these happenings would bring great shifts to social formation.

Of course, this wasn't the time to think about these things. He looked up and saw another ordinarily-dressed young man and woman. Then, he turned to Heidey and asked, "Are those people here for the same reason as well?"

She nodded and said, "I figured that at least 90% of them are here for the spiritual herb's function of improving one's natural aptitude. Aren't you here for that too, Fade?"

He shook his head and said, "I didn't know of this happening before coming here. I only heard that there's a medical herb that I need here. Therefore, I chose to come."

"I see." Heidey nodded. Then, she looked at him and said, "Fade, I think you'd better come with us. Schultz has acquaintances here. Since you're looking for some herbs as well, we might be going to the same place. Let's go together!"

He pondered for a moment. Then, he nodded and said, "Alright, let's go together!"

Upon hearing those words, a smile immediately lit up on her face. However, Gorvyn's eyebrows knitted as if he wasn't pleased with the idea.

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"Let's go, Schultz!" Heidey said as she rushed towards him with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Schultz gave a slight frown and spoke with an awkward face. "Heidey, we can't bring him along with us," he said.

"Why? Schultz, Fade saved us." She was puzzled as she rebutted.

Schultz looked at her and explained, "Heidey, let me explain. It's not about me not wanting to bring Fade in. It's because we only have three spots for the entry quota. With one more person, there's no way we can enter."

She refuted and said, "It's just an entry spot, isn't it? I'll just buy one for Fade with the same amount of money that my father gave me. Wouldn't that be alright, then?"

Upon hearing this, he spoke with a bitter face, "Miss Lin, money isn't the problem. The money that your father used was to get someone to obtain a spot on the entrance list. Therefore, it's not something you can directly buy with money."

"Furthermore, the number of people coming from Namuchia has already exceeded the limits, and this can't be helped even with the power of money," he added.

"How could this be? Then..." She instantly frowned and had a troubled look on her face.

Upon seeing this situation, Fade reassured her and said, "It's okay, Heidey. I'll just continue with what was planned before and move along alone. You don't have to worry about me."

"But..." She was still worried about him. However, there was nothing more she could do.

He smiled and said, "Don't worry. I'll find a way to get in."

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"I'll be waiting for you inside then, Fade," she spoke with a firm tone.

Gorvyn's lips curled up and was obviously disdain towards Fade's comments.

They immediately followed Schultz and reached the side of Namuchia Lake.

There was a small valley by the lake. At the entrance of the valley, a city wall was built with wood and stones, leaving a two-meter-wide door open for people to enter and exit.

People would occasionally bring different-sized entry cards for verification at the gate before entering.

Of course, there were many people wandering around outside. They were obviously finding a way to get in since they didn't have an entry card.

Some couldn't even make it to the gate as they were blocked by two strong Zambustan men who were guarding the gate. "Stop right there. Do not continue forward or we won't be polite about it," they warned.

Upon seeing this situation, Heidey and Gorvyn frowned slightly.

Schultz immediately gave a fawning look and handed over three entry cards. "This is our entry pass," he said.

As soon as they verified their cards, he opened the gate and let Heidey and the others in.

Gorvyn and Schultz immediately walked in while Heidey was a little hesitant. She turned to look at Fade and said, "Fade, you..."

Upon seeing this, he smiled and gave a slight wave. "Go ahead. I'll go in," he said.

Heidy went in and followed the others. The gate closed and their figures quickly disappeared.

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Fade stood at the gate and looked at his surroundings.

Just as Fade was looking around, several men and women came over and questioned him. "Hey, why didn't you go in with your friends?" They asked.

He turned around and said, "I don't have an entry pass."

"You don't have an entry pass? Weren't you going together with them?" They curiously asked.

He shook his head and said, "We just coincidentally met along the way. How about you guys? You don't have an entry pass as well?"

They sighed and helplessly said, "Yes, it's been getting harder to get an entry pass. In the beginning, five hundred yuan was all it needed. Now, you can't even get it with one thousand yuan."

"That's right. The news comes slowly to people from small towns like us. As soon as the news had reached us, the entry passes had all been given out," one of them explained.

"Who's fault is it to blame then? We had no choice but to come here and try our luck. Who would've thought that we don't even have a chance at all!" Another grumbled.

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Upon listening to their discussion, Fade paused for a while and continued to ask, "Is there really a medicine that can improve one's talent in the valley? Has anyone ever seen it? What kind of medicine is it?"

Upon hearing his question, the people started to get excited and pumped up.

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"Brother, you have to believe it. There's something special in this valley," one of them said.

"I didn't believe it either when my father first told me about this. However, when I saw the son of the richest family in my town taking the medicine and becoming dramatically powerful and talented, I immediately let go of my doubts. This is definitely something great," another commented.

"There's no need to listen to this story. When I came two days ago, I saw someone who had previously entered, come out of the valley with an upgraded skill level. He didn't even go in for a day," a third said.

"It's really amazing. Otherwise, it wouldn't attract so many people."

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Fade's curiosity towards the valley sparked as soon as he heard what they said. At the same time, he thought about the news of the Nine-star Root. Perhaps it could be in the valley as well.

As he thought about this, he couldn't help but glance over to the entrance.

The wall of the entrance that was made of stones and wood wasn't really tall. Additionally, the surrounding mountains were not as steep either; the lowest point was probably around ten meters.

With this in mind, he couldn't help but ask, "These walls aren't very tall and it seems that everyone here is a practitioner of the martial arts. It probably wouldn't be a hassle to enter right?"

Upon hearing this, the expression on everyone's face changed. Then, they began to speak in a lower voice.

"Brother, don't say such things. Do you want to get into trouble?"

"It was fortunate that you only said this to us. The others wouldn't be as kind to you if they heard about this," someone explained.

"Do you think no one has tried this before? There was this incident where someone had forcefully entered. However, he was beaten up and escorted out," a third commented.

"I've also heard that there's a master as well with some sort of Dharma-rajā mastery rank! He's extremely powerful."

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"A Dharma-raja?" Fade was confused again as soon as he heard their explanation.

One of them promptly explained and said, "This is how the local Zambustans classify the different rankings of monks. From the lowest to the highest, there are Datsan, Tsochin, Normanhan, and Hotogtu."

"What is all this about?" Someone asked as they stood by the side.

The person then continued to explain, "These are titles. You can think of it as something similar to military titles and ranks. Anyways, the Dharma-raja's rank is called Normanhan, while Hotogtu's is called Tulku. Each monastery rank is worshipped and enshrined. This could be counted as the highest rank that ever existed."

"Of course, there is also the legendary Tulku, a superior ranking to Hotogtu, being the Dalailama and Panchenlama, with Dalai and Panchen in short. However, these are just merely legends with Tulku being just a title of a rank. Hence, it's said that Hotogtu is the highest existing ranking."

"The Dharma-raja Normanhan is the second, existing to the Tulku as well as the Hotogtu. With this being said, how could we afford to offend such a powerful person!" He concluded.

Upon hearing this, Fade couldn't help but nod his head as he remembered the rankings and titles.

Soon after, he moved to other places and wandered around as he gathered more information. There were generally not many new findings. However, one thing was for sure, and that was that there were definitely medical herbs in the valley and a Dharma-raja ranked master.

Just as he was figuring out a method to enter the valley, a loud noise suddenly rang throughout the air.

He immediately turned his head towards the noise and saw crowds of people moving out the way for a group of monks in red



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clothing as they carried a sedan chair. Surrounding the sedan chair were monks playing different kinds of instruments. It wasn't exciting at all.

Sitting on top of the Sedan chair was a young bald man dressed in monk's clothing.

The man seemed arrogant and haughty with a face full of self-pride. He scanned the crowd below him with a condescending look, all without an ounce of how a monk should act.

Looking at how people were reacting, Fade couldn't help but ask out of curiosity. "Who is that? Why is he so famous?" He asked.

Someone whispered to him and said, "That man is Lobsang Jii, a native. His father is a prestigious Tsochin which is only a rank below Dharma-raja."

"That's why Lobsang is such an arrogant person. He's been here several times. He even previously had a few conflicts with others. There was once a wealthy man who refused to obey his commands. They eventually fought and even got his people beaten up."

"However, he's a tyrant as he immediately called upon his men to beat up the wealthy man. The man's leg was broken and he got kicked out. As such, no one dares to provoke him at all."

Fade eyebrows knitted together upon hearing the story. "He's a native with power and would probably already have an entry pass to enter the valley. Why would he come here?" He asked.

The crowd immediately sighed. "Of course he has an entry pass. However, he wouldn't enter as he wants to stay outside and find pleasure," the crowd explained.

"To find pleasure?" Fade's face was full of doubts.

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The onlookers replied, "You'll know it when you see it."

Soon after, amidst the crowded area, the sedan chair was placed down, and Lobsang descended from it. He seized up the crowds of people with an arrogant face. "I wasn't present for a couple of days and there are plenty of new faces I see. Introduce yourselves!" He demanded.

As soon as Lobsang finished his sentence, his subordinates walked towards the new faces with a large golden bowl.

"Newcomers, a hundred thousand yuan for donations to the temple." He was immediately asking for money! What an arrogant move indeed.

This behaviour immediately caused an uproar from some people in the crowd. "What's the reason behind this? Why should we give you money?" The crowd roared.

"Why?" Lobsang's face darkened. His subordinates behind him immediately began to gather with a fierce and fiendish look.

Bystanders immediately explained to the wealthy man about the situation. Upon listening to their explanation, the man's face sank as he promptly brought out a hundred thousand yuan.

As Lobsang saw this incident, his lips curled up into a chilling smile. He looked at the man and spoke in a cold voice, "You dare question me? A hundred thousand yuan is not enough. Add another hundred thousand yuan!"

"You..." The rich man couldn't help but wish to speak up. However, his mouth was tightly shut and proceeded to give another hundred thousand yuan.

Just like that, Lobsang's subordinates collected money from everyone. In an instant, he collected more than a million yuan.

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The people there were probably from wealthy families as well, hence losing a few hundred thousand yuan probably didn't matter. They were usually respected individuals in their own town along with the ones wearing silk and carried arrogant looks. However, the tables were flipped and they're the ones being pushed around here. They couldn't help but feel sullen. As they thought about the medical herbs, they had no other choice but to swallow their anger and humiliation.

Apart from collecting money, Lobsang was purely unoccupied. Upon seeing beautiful women, he would personally go up and seduce them and even directly get handsy with them. The crowd was immediately filled with screams as the people's eyes popped out upon seeing the scenes unfold.

In the end, no one stood up against them.

At that moment, Lobsang's subordinates came up to Fade. They turned to him and patted the bowl with an obvious reason for collecting money.

He didn't buy into his trick and directly ignored their actions.

"Hand in the money, a hundred thousand yuan!" The subordinate's eyebrows were pinched together as they yelled even more.

Fade snorted and said, "I don't have money. I wouldn't give it to you even if I had it."

"You..." The subordinate's face showed immense anger and was getting ready to take action.

Some bystanders lightly pulled Fade's arms and said in a whisper.

"Brother, don't provoke them. This can't be helped. Just hand them the money," they advised.

"Yes. It's only a hundred thousand yuan. It's not a lot, so just pay up," another commented.

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"Brother, if you're short on cash, I can always lend some of it to you now," a third whispered.

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Fade shook his head and politely declined their generous offers. He turned back and spoke in a cold tone, "I'll say this one more time. You can't make me pay up."



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Lobsang's attention was pulled towards the commotion that happened around there.

He walked towards Fade and sized him up and down. The corner of his lips curled up as he spoke in an icy tone, "You don't want to pay up?"

Fade looked at him and sneered, "You have no right to take my money."

"I have no rights? You'll soon know of my rights." As he spoke, Lobsang waved his hand and eight of his subordinates rushed to surround Fade. "Now, do I have the rights, yet?" He threatened.

Fade seized up the subordinates. Their skill strengths were very mediocre and they seem to be in the early stages of the Black Level. It really wasn't worth mentioning. "Is that all you've got?" Fade rebutted.

"You... You're literally asking for death!" Lobsang's expression darkened as he ordered, "Attack and teach him a lesson."

In the blink of an eye, all eight monks at the early stage of the Black Level charged towards Fade.

Upon seeing this, the surrounding crowds immediately stepped back from the scene. Each of them gasped and watched in fear as they shook their heads and constantly retreated.

"You fool, I've seen plenty of disobeying people. Fret not, in just a while, you'll definitely learn how to obey." Lobsang smiled with plenty of pride.

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As he spoke, eight of his subordinates surrounded Fade and attacked him without hesitation.

Fade shot them a cold glance and attacked with both hands without moving from his initial spot.

Soon after a few crackles and rattles, all eight of the subordinates were on the ground, wailing in pain and anguish. All of them had swollen faces and bloody noses, and none of them were able to stand back up.

Upon seeing this scene, everyone was shocked. It was hard to believe that Fade was this powerful.

Lobsang's face stiffened as he stared blankly for a few seconds. Then, in an instant, his vision turned cold and his gaze towards Fade turned ruthless. "How dare you raise a finger against my men..." He said as he trembled in fear,

Fade ignored him and slapped him across the face. With that being said, Lobsang's face turned swollen and his cheeks became red.

He was shocked. He never expected that Fade would raise a finger at him. He was furious and gritted his teeth as he pounced on Fade. "If you dare to hit me, I'll kill you. I'll kill you..." He cursed.

Fade remained emotionless towards the likes of this person. With that being said, he slapped Lobsang across the face twice again, causing his cheeks to become redder and his face to swell up.

"You..." Lobsang was trying to say something. However, Fade directly kicked him to the ground and stepped on his leg.

At that moment, a card fell from Lobsang's body.

Fade's eyes lit up as his right hand lightly moved. Soon, the entry card was in his possession.

Then, Fade kicked him aside. He then turned and took big strides towards the entrance of the valley.

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He immediately took out the entry card from his hand. Soon after the entry card was examined, the gate opened and Fade walked into the valley.

The surrounding bystanders were all dumbstruck and couldn't believe their eyes.

"He was able to take someone else's entry card and just managed to walk in!"

"That brother is too powerful!"

"If I had known this would happen, I would've..." A third said.

"Forget about it. Do you think this is just some kind too good to be true! With Lobsang being such a tyrant, do you think he'll survive after beating him up?" One of the bystanders rebutted.

"That man may be confident now. As soon as Lobsang enters the valley, he'll definitely regret it."

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Upon saying this, the crowd couldn't help but sigh with emotions. They were only worried for Fade.

However, Fade, who had already entered the valley, had already put the incident with Lobsang at the back of his mind. He couldn't care less about him.

The entrance of the valley wasn't wide. Soon after walking for a while, a wide panoramic view bestowed itself before him while a thick and lush valley unveiled itself.

The valley was in the shape of a basin with the lowest point being the middle. A round plaza was built inside while the centre was a lush flower bed. However, it wasn't made up of flowers, but all types of medical herbs, with a strong and fragrant smell. It

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was obvious that this ground held much value.

Around the flowerbeds was a practice ground where people were meditating while a few monks in red clothing were pointing towards several places.

As they glanced towards the higher spots, they noticed that the surrounding mountains had caves within them. They were each a room that was brightly lit. It seemed as if workers came in and out of them. That must've meant that those who had previously come in must be living here.

The entire valley had a peaceful atmosphere. It was like a whole different world where it really put a person at ease.

As Fade was still in a daze, a monk appeared beside him and gave a huge smile. "Sir, this way. I'll take you to your stay," he said.

Fade immediately followed in the monk's footsteps. They went along a smooth, levelled stone road and arrived at one of the cave rooms. The monk opened the room door and said, "This will be your stay for the next few days. All the necessities are here and you may take your rest here."

Soon after that, the monk turned to leave.

Fade quickly stopped him and asked, "Master, may I know when I can obtain the medical herb? Or what do I need to do to get it?"

Upon hearing this, the monk smiled and said, "Don't worry, sir. When the time is right, you'll naturally get what you want."

Soon after that, he left with a smile.

Fade instantly felt a weird sense of unease falling upon him after this encounter. He then entered the cave room and closed the door.



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The room wasn't big but everything was needed here. A bed, study table, and even a lavatory.

At that moment, there was a small pouch made with sackcloth on the bed. He opened the pouch and a wooden number plate and piece of yellow paper were inside it. There were some words on the yellow paper.

He began to read what was written on the paper and realized that it mostly contained some words of appreciation and wisdom. Then, he realized that there was a small dark green pill right at the bottom of the pouch.

He immediately picked up the pill and sniffed it. He noticed that the pill was made of medical herbs, with the function of stimulating workmanship and replenishing one's true essence. Although this wasn't something expensive, it wasn't common either. If it was sold at market price, one could be worth around a hundred thousand yuan.

"Who built this valley? What is the purpose of this? Moreover, whoever came in would be given a pill. Why are they so generous?" A lot of questions arose in Fade's mind.

With plenty of doubts in mind, he crushed the pill with his hands and sprinkled it on the ground.

A few hours later, several sounds of bells could be heard from outside.

Upon hearing the commotion, he walked out of the room and saw that people started to leave the cave rooms. All of them were bald as they walked towards the plaza.

Upon seeing this, he couldn't help but feel curious and followed suit.

Upon reaching the plaza, a monk was handing out sets of meals to the people one after another. Soon after that, everyone began to eat.

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He tasted the food and figured that the taste wasn't as bad.

As soon as the meal was finished, the monks cleaned and kept the tableware. Fade initially thought that they were supposed to head back to the cave rooms right after. However, he decided to stay when nobody made a move.

Just as he was looking around, he suddenly heard a voice of a surprised girl. "Fade, how did you get in?" The voice sounded.

He turned his head and noticed a bald woman appear in front of him. He was surprised and said, "You are..."

"Brother Chen, it's me, Heidey!" The girl spoke again.

Fade fixed his eyes to the girl in front of him. Only then did he realize that this girl really was Heidey. It was just because she was previously very delicate and beautiful. Instead, she was now without make-up and was completely bald. No wonder he could hardly recognize her.

At this moment, Goryn, who was bald, came over as well. Only then did Fade finally confirm that it really was them.

"Heidey, Goryn, what are you guys..." He looked at the two in surprise.

She was a little embarrassed. Goryn touched his head and said with a proud look, "We've chosen to worship Normanhan Dahnbar as our master. Now, we're the disciples of Normanhan."

Upon hearing this, Fade couldn't help but ask out of curiosity. "You've become disciples? What's going on here? Could

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Normanhan Dahnbar be the Dharma-rajā? This..."

Gorvyn curled his lips and said, "The Dharma-rajā is a layman term. We're now the disciples of the Dharma-rajā. We should call this place 'Nuon Han'."

Heidey explained to Fade and said, "Brother Chen, when we first came in, we initially thought of just asking for the herbs. However, the conditions and circumstances here were more than what we expected."

"When we first entered, each of us got a body-refining pill. As soon as we ate it, our bodies became much stronger. Furthermore, they said that if we agree to worship Dharma Dahnbar as our master and become the disciples of Dharma-rajā, we could get baptised and even get accepted as Tulku Kahmul's disciples. As soon as we became Tulku's disciples, they gave us plenty of precious herbs," she added.

Gorvyn stood by the side and spoke with excitement, "We initially wanted to refine our physique when we first came to seek for herbs and get accepted as the disciple of an Earth level clan. However, Hotogtu Kahmul is of the Heaven Level. Being able to get accepted as a disciple of a master of the Heaven Level is way higher than our initial goal!"

"This..." Fade felt a little surprised and even more in doubt.

Normahan, also known as Dharma-rajā, should be at least a Earth Level martial artist, and as for Hotogtu, according to the explanation by the people outside, the two legendary Tulkus were the two highest level Tulku who ever existed.

One was a high levelled Tulku while the other was a Heaven Level martial artist. Being accepted as a disciple just by agreeing to worship the master and getting baptised just seemed too strange!

Moreover, these types of Martial Arts Masters were generally more strict when it came to accepting disciples than any other

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religious masters. There was always a standard requirement when it came to the aspects of belief and moral behavior.

As of now, Heidey and Gorvyn had easily become the disciples of Tulku just by shaving their heads and receiving a baptism from Dharma Dahnbar, or whatever his name was. It couldn't be this simple.

"Could this Tulku Kahmul have some sort of other purpose?" Fade immediately felt some sort of suspicion towards this situation as he thought to himself.

At that moment, he thought of something and asked, "Where's Schultz? Didn't he come in with you?"

Upon hearing this, Heidey and Gorvyn's eyebrows furrowed. "Schultz went on his separate way after coming in with us, so we don't really know where he went either," they explained.

Just as Fade was thinking about what had happened, the scene suddenly became quiet while the sounds of chanting sutras slowly rang in.

He looked around and realized that a monk dressed in a red robe was sitting cross legged on top of a stone. The monk started to mouth the chanting of sutras.

The others followed suit with their legs crossed, and they began to recite as well. Everyone rushed to recite the chant as well in all sincerity, especially those with shaved heads.

"What are they doing?" Fade was puzzled and asked Heidey and Gorvyn.

"This is a chant from the master. We need to learn these things," Heidey said.

Fade continued to ask, "Is this the Dharma Dahnbar?"

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"How is that possible? Dharma-raja is a high leveled Normanhan. It's not possible for him to appear voluntarily and recite the sutras. This is a Tsochin called Malbian. Tsochin Malbian is Normanhan Dahnbar's disciple. He's the one who leads the chanting of the sutras," Gorvyn interrupted and said. 3

"As soon as this recital is completed, Tsochin Malbian will probably inquire newcomers and help Dharma Dahnbar accept disciples. Brother Chen, you..." Heidey added from the side.

"Be quiet. Tsochin Malbian is here. How dare you still whisper in secret?" Another nearby disciple reminded them unhappily.

Heidey and Gorvyn immediately tightly shut their mouths and gave Fade a glance. Then, they continued to recite the sutras as well.

Upon seeing this, Fade felt frustrated and helpless. He could only complain in his heart, "Is this how you study Dharma? Like elementary school kids, reciting and chanting texts? What can you actually learn from this?"

Although he complained within his heart, he still continued to read it.

After approximately an hour of reading, Tsochin Malbian stood up and glanced at the crowd. "A while ago, we gained a few new companions. Now, I would like you to come up and step forward," he said in a loud voice.

Upon hearing this, several people stood up.

A monk nudged Fade, causing him to stand up and proceed to the front.

Upon seeing this, Tsochin Malbian smiled and nodded his head. "I would like to ask the newcomers, do you wish to become a disciple of Dharma Dahnbar, accept the baptism, and become a base for Tulku Kahmul?"

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"Yes, we wish to!" Some of the rookies hurriedly said.

They had obviously already heard about Dharma Dahnbar accepting disciples and the benefits of becoming one. Therefore, each and every one of them agreed without hesitation.

Fade was the only one who didn't say anything.

Thus, Tsochin Malbian's gaze fell on him from the stage. "You don't want to?" He asked.

As soon as those words left his mouth, rustling and whispers towards Fade filled the air, all of which attracted astonishing and questioning eyes.

Heidey and Gorvyn became even more anxious.

"Brother Chen, why are you still hesitating? Hurry up and agree!" She said.

"That's Dharma Dahnbar we're talking about. Being accepted as a disciple of the Dharma-rajā is an extremely rare opportunity."

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Even if that was true, Fade looked at Tsochin Malbian and faintly said, "My apologies, I haven't thought this through yet. I'll need some time to think about this and decide later on."

Tsochin Malbian looked at him for a few seconds and retracted his gaze. Then, he gave a light smile and said, "It's alright to give this some thought. Just inform me about your decision when it's made. However, of course, time is restrained, so three days are given."

"I will." Fade nodded.

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Soon after, the crowd dispersed and everyone proceeded to do their own activities.

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Heidey and Gorvyn came over to Fade's side.

"What happened, Fade? Why didn't you say yes! Being Dharma Dahnbar's disciple is such a great opportunity, and you..." Gorvyn said with an angry expression.

Heidey was also confused and asked, "Brother Chen, do you have any concerns?"

Fade looked around and said in a low voice, "I think there's something strange about this place. Think about it, a Dharma-raja, an Earth Level master, and above him there's still a Heaven Level Tulku. A person of such a high level can easily accept disciples, and even give people free medical herbs. Don't you think it's weird?"

"This..." Heidey's expression instantly turned a little strange.

Fade continued and said, "What's more is that the moment Schultz entered, he's gone, aren't you all suspicious? Could there be any other reason?"

"In short, I feel that this is all a little strange. I'd advise you not to believe them so easily. It's better to be cautious," he concluded.

"I... I think..." She seemed to struggle with her answer.

Gorvyn looked resentfully towards him and said, "Fade, this is the Dharma-raja and Tulku, genuine masters, and you dare to doubt them? I think you're the strange one here. Heidey, don't listen to his rumors and suspicions. This is such a rare



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opportunity. We can't miss this!"

Upon seeing this, Fade's expression turned cold. "I've already said what I wanted to say. What you guys plan to do next is entirely your own decision. I'm fine with any of it."

Soon after that, Fade turned around and left to return to his room.

He and Heidey weren't very close friends. However, his warning came from a good place. He didn't think that he needed to go the extra mile to persuade them any further if they refused to listen.

Just like that, he had already spent his first night in the valley.

The next morning, the sun rose and a loud ringing sound came about again. It was then followed by the voices of the monks waking everyone up.

Fade followed the crowd to the washrooms for a shower, then to have their meal at the same plaza ground. Soon after that, a monk yet again went up on stage and started to recite the sutras while the crowd followed suit.

As soon as they had completed reciting the sutras, someone once again came to Fade and asked about formally being the disciple of Dharma Dahnbar.

His reason was still the same. He was still thinking about it and was blocking off any further discussion on the topic.

Not long later, there was free time for enjoyment. Heidey dragged Gorvyn to Fade and asked again, "Fade, you really don't want to become the disciple of Dharma Dahnbar?"

He didn't want to explain any further. "I'm still thinking about it," he responded.

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Upon hearing this, Gorvyn frowned and voiced out, "Heidey, just like I said, there's no need to talk to him about this. He was given a rare chance and didn't know how to appreciate it. There's no need to persuade any further."

"But..." She uttered as she still wanted to persuade Fade.

At that moment, a loud and clear voice rang throughout the valley. "That's him. Arrest him now."

Then, a series of fast-paced footsteps charged towards Fade.

Fade, Heidey, and Gorvyn immediately turned their heads towards the sound. Only then did they see a young man with swollen cheeks angrily charging in with men.

Heidey and Gorvyn didn't know him at all.

As soon as Fade looked up, he instantly recognized the person. It was none other than Lobsang, who was previously beaten up by him the day before.

Seeing that these people were rushing towards Fade, Heidey hurriedly stood in front of him, blocking the people from him. "What are you trying to do? This is the territory of Dharma Dahnbar, do you all wish to cause trouble?" She said.

"Who are you to stop me? Move aside," Lobsang said in a displeased tone.

She didn't move but rather became more firm in her stand. "I'll call the guards if you move another finger. If Dharma Dahnbar finds out about this, you definitely won't have a chance to worship. You'd better think clearly before acting up. This is a chance for you to do so," Heidy added.

Upon hearing this, Lobsang smiled coldly and looked at her. "You probably should know my place and identity first before

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threatening me, right?" He said.

"Tell her. Who am I?" He commanded his subordinates.

One of them came forward and introduced him, "This is Lobsang Jii. His father is Tsochin Tulku, and he also has good relations with Tsochin Malbian. They provide our monastery's biggest offerings."

Upon hearing his introduction, Heidey could not help but look surprised.

Gorvyn was shocked as well as he stood by the side. "This person knows Tsochin Malbian. Heidey, quickly get over here. You shouldn't mess with these types of people," he warned.

Despite Heidey recovering from her surprise, she remained firm in her stand and said, "So what if you knew Tsochin Malbian? I believe that Dharma Dahnbar still won't let you do whatever you want. How could you charge against someone without any reason?"

"Without any reason?" Lobsang sneered. He gritted his teeth and said in a low voice, "Why don't you ask him what he'd done to me yesterday?"

"Brother Chen, you.." Upon hearing Lobsang's words, Heidey and Gorvyn turned to Fade with an inquiring expression.

He didn't hide anything and said directly, "Yesterday, this guy was outside illegally collecting money and even assaulted others. Therefore, I gave him a beating as a lesson and then took his entry pass."

Upon hearing this, Gorvyn's face suddenly changed. "Fade, you hit a person. How could you..." He muttered in shock.

Heidey clearly had a different opinion. "Gorvyn, what are you trying to say? Didn't you hear what Brother Chen said? This guy was

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clearly in the wrong first, so Brother Chen was just fighting against his actions," she said.

"Heidey, why are you so naive! Lobsang is obviously a local tyrant. He has connections in the valley. We can't defeat him!" Gorvyn spoke up as he looked anxious.

"I don't believe Tsochin Malbian will allow this guy to do whatever he wants," Heidey insisted.

Fade also confidently said, "Don't worry, I'm here. There won't be any problem even if they all start to fight."

"How can you stay so proud when you're put into this situation!" Gorvyn spoke to him in a resentful tone. "If you really want us to stop worrying, then apologize to Lobsang first. Stop troubling us."

"Gorvyn, how can you say that?" Heidey said in a frustrated tone as she glared at him.

Lobsang raised both his hands and interrupted their argument. "Enough, stop talking. I have no interest in your arguments. Now, I'll give you three seconds to leave this a\*shole alone. After that, I'll ignore whatever just happened. If you don't leave, you'll automatically become an enemy to me," he threatened.

Upon hearing this, Gorvyn's expression darkened even more. He clenched his teeth and looked towards her. "Heidey," he whispered.

Upon seeing this, she glared at him and said, "Gorvyn, Brother Chen saved us. How can you betray him just like that?"

"Heidey, you need to analyze the current situation. This is not a case based on loyalty. With that being said, I hope you don't forget what we truly came here for." As soon as he said those words, Gorvyn was already moving further away from Fade, drawing a dividing attitude between them.

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Heidey was instantly filled with anger. "Gorvyn, how could you..."

Fade gently patted her shoulder and said with a chuckle, "There's nothing much to say. Everyone has different values and there's no need to forcefully demand something when that's not there."

"Brother Chen, I'll definitely support you," she said as she looked at him with an unyielding expression.

At that moment, Lobsang gave a cold sneer. "Some of you just don't know how to admit defeat. Don't blame me for being rude then. Get them!" He commanded his subordinates.

With the blink of an eye, Fade and Heidey were instantly surrounded.

She suddenly became nervous as her body began to tense up.

On the other hand, Fade was completely relaxed. He pulled her behind him and attacked the men who were charging towards him.

All of a sudden, with the sound of some crackling and rattling, the aggressive men fell to the floor. Each of them wailed and cried in pain at Fade's feet.

Lobsang's expression drastically changed at such a sight. A look of shock and fear emerged on his face.

After the previous day's encounter, he'd learned his lesson and had brought even stronger men with him that day. However, he

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didn't expect them to have easily fallen at Fade's hands. It was completely out of his expectation.

"Now, it's your turn," Fade said. His cold words startled Lobsang from his stunned stance.

As Fade began to step towards him, Lobsang had fear written all over his face. He subconsciously stepped back. "Don't... Don't you dare come near me. This is Dharma Dahnbar's territory. If you cause any trouble, you'll get on his bad side," he said as he trembled in fear.

"Really? I don't think that's what you meant before you decided to attack me!" Fade laughed as his palm went for him.

Lobsang tried to dodge but he wasn't quick enough. His eyes were wide open as he saw Fade's palm charging towards his chest. At that moment, he frantically tried to revolve the positive energy to avert Fade's force from his palm.

Nonetheless, he realized that he had underestimated Fade's strength as soon as he received his palm strike. It had an unexpectedly accumulated immense force, sending Lobsang flying towards the sky.

His entire body flew as fresh blood dripped from his mouth. His body formed an arc in the air. He even nearly passed out as he descended and landed heavily on the ground.

At that moment, Fade refused to stop. He continued to step forward and was prepared to teach Lobsang a lesson with another palm strike.

However, a cold yet resonant voice sounded as soon as Fade was about to strike. "Stop now," the voice rang.

Upon hearing the voice, Fade looked up and saw Tsochin Malbian approaching the scene with a dark and gloomy face.

Upon seeing his presence, Lobsang immediately crawled over to Tsochin Malbian's side. "Master Malbian, please save me. This

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b\*stard was trying to kill me. Please, you need to hurry and kill him," he said as he sobbed.

Upon hearing this, Tsochin Malbian glared coldly at Fade. "Do you have anything to explain?" He spoke with a harsh tone.

Fade's heart thumped aloud upon seeing his expression. He knew that he hadn't left a good impression on him. Instead, he would probably take this opportunity as revenge for previously declining the offer of becoming a disciple.

With that in mind, he faintly explained, "Lobsang tried to kill me. Therefore, I fought back in self-defense and taught him a lesson. This is my explanation."

"Self-defense?" Tsochin Malbian raised his voice as he furiously looked at Fade. "You call this self-defense when you've badly injured everyone and even tried to kill Lobsang?"

Fade's face immediately darkened as he heard his argument.

The meaning behind his words was apparent. He was clearly standing by Lobsang's side and wanted to help him out.

As such, Fade was disinclined to speak any further. "If this wasn't self-defense, then how would you think about this?" He asked him in a frigid tone.

As soon as those words were spoken, Heidey and Gorvyn immediately turned nervous.

"Do you want to die? How could you say those words to Tsochin Malbian?" Gorvyn shouted out in frustration.

Even Heidey was worried for Fade. "Brother Chen, Tsochin Malbian is Dharma Dahnbar's disciple, if you act this way..." She uttered.

As for Lobsang, he was filled with revenge. "Tsochin Malbian, this b\*stard is too arrogant. You have to teach him a lesson and

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make him see the light of day," he said with resentment as he clenched his teeth.

Tsochin Malbian briefly eyed Fade and snorted coldly, "You seem to possess the skills of martial arts; that's where your arrogance is rooted in. Nonetheless, you need to understand that there's always someone better and bolder than you."

"As of today, I'll teach you what a true Martial Arts Master holds," he confidently added. 

With that said, he withdrew his right hand in the air and formed a circular arc. His red robes followed his movements and a red curtain was formed before Fade.

All of a sudden, Fade felt a strange wave of energy ascending towards him.

"That's interesting!" He thought to himself. He sensed a certain odor and somewhat felt its novelty. Hence, he took some time to appreciate its presence.

As Fade was appreciating its presence, Tsochin Malbian and Lobsang looked on with shocked and alarmed expressions. They were completely stunned by his attack.

At that moment, Heidey was filled with worry as Lobsang had revenge written all over his face.

"Now!" Tsochin Malbian yelled. After some brief actions were completed, he threw the final punch towards Fade's chest as the corner of his lips curled up into a confident and proud smile.

However, just as he was feeling proud, Fade shook his head as the corner of his lips curled up into a chilling smile. "It may look strange, but in reality, this is just some positive energy in mutation. It's just something flashy," Fade said.

"You arrogant fellow!" Tsochin Malbian yelled with fury. His eyebrows were furrowed and his hand movements became even



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more frantic.

Without making a single move, Fade stood his ground and welcomed his attack. As he attacked with his right hand, Tsochin Malbian and Fade's hands collided.

"Band!" Both their hands hit each other.

Contrary to what everyone believed, Fade didn't fly like he was expected to. Instead, both their hands were briefly against each other. As soon as Fade lightly pushed his hand forward, Tsochin Malbian's expression completely changed. A line of fresh blood came trickling down from his mouth. His body flew and hit against the rock wall in the valley as he slowly descended with a pale face.

This was completely unexpected. The entire scene was left dead silent.

After a brief moment of silence, a burst of murmurs and incomparable noise erupted from the crowd.

"Look, this fellow is too powerful. He unexpectedly made Tsochin Malbian fly with just a punch," one of the bystanders said.

"Tsochin Malbian is a high rank monk with a martial arts strength between the Black Level and the Earth Level. If he is an Earth Level master and was easily defeated, then that fellow must be an Earth Level master too, right?"

"If he truly was an Earth Level master, why would he even be here? With that kind of aptitude, he would've had all the powerful clans fighting over him!"

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Heidey and Gorvyn looked at Fade with utter shock.

They had previously spent time together, so they knew that Fade was a skilled martial artist. However, they had always thought that his skills were on par with Schultz's, who was a martial artist at the middle stage of the Black Level.

It was already quite impressive to be a Black Level martial artist, especially for Heidey and Gorvyn who were in the Yellow Level. However, being at the Earth Level was an amazement.

That was the reason behind their respect for the monks in the valley. Tsochin Malbian and his master, Dharma Dahnbar, were truly the masters of all.

However, Tsochin Malbian was sent flying with just one punch. It was only then that Fade showed his true strength.

It was the moment Heidey and Gorvyn realized that he was more powerful than they had expected.

Heidey became excited and said while clapping her hands, "Brother Chen, you're truly impressive. I've never seen it before. You're actually an Earth Level master!"

Gorvyn, on the other hand, wasn't as excited. His face was full of worry as he pulled her aside. "Don't be so happy. You'll get involved in this trouble," he whispered in her ear.

"Gorvyn, you..."

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"Don't retort and think about this. Even if Fade's impressive and had beaten Tsochin Malbian, he is still Dharma Dahnbar's disciple. As for Dharma Dahnbar himself, he went from the bottom of the Earth Level and now, he's at the peak of it. He's clearly the one true master of all and now, Fade is his opponent," Gorvyn stated.

"If Dharma Dahnbar intervenes, Fade is already done for. If you stay by his side now, you'll definitely get implicated as well."

Upon hearing this, Heidey couldn't help but worry. "What will happen to Brother Chen then?"

"We're only at the Yellow Level; what can we do? We can only wait and see!" He curled his lips and said.

Lobsang's gaze turned sinister as he recovered from the shock. He looked over to Fade as he clenched his teeth, "Fade, how dare you hurt Tsochin Malbian? Dharma Dahnbar won't let you get away with it. "

Fade took no interest in his words. Instead, he walked towards him and said in a cold tone, "You won't be sure if I'll die or not, but let me tell you this, I'm very sure that you'll be dead meat."

As soon as he finished speaking, he raised his right hand and gave Lobsang a hard punch.

This particular punch was terrifying as it brought not only his positive energy, but also immense strength. If it really was to fall onto Lobsang, he would instantly minced meat.

In the face of a death threat, Lobsang wasn't able to dodge as his body was locked by Fade's immense strength. Thus, he could only look at the fist coming down on him from the air.

At that critical moment, a thick and clear voice rang out, "Sir, please show mercy."

A golden monk seemed to float down from the deep valley amidst the sound. A gigantic golden palm came towards Fade

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and saved Lobsang's life in the process.

Upon seeing this, the crowds of people couldn't help but feel overjoyed as they began to cheer.

"This... This is the Dharma-raja."

"This must be the Dharma-raja. Otherwise, his force wouldn't be this powerful and strong."

"It must be the Dharma-raja Dahnbar. The Dharma-raja is making a move."

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Lobsang was stirred up amidst the screams and shouts. He immediately began to shout, "Dharma Dahnbar, this b\*stard is trying to kill me. You have to kill him first!"

This golden hand continued to descend amidst the sound. However, Fade's hand movements didn't stop, and his punches continued to rumble.

All of a sudden, both their palms collided with a loud bang.

Contrary to what everyone expected, Dharma Dahnbar's golden palm was shattered to pieces by Fade's single punch followed by a loud clash.

With a great and immense force, Fade's palm continued to descend and ended up on Lobsang's head.

A crisp sound was heard as Lobsang's neck was broken. It was clear from his eyes that his soul had left his body. His entire being fell to the ground and was completely lifeless.

Lobsang, the infamous and wealthy local tyrant, had died just like that within the valley. He was even under the divine

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intervention of Dharma Dahnbar.

At that moment, the entire valley fell silent. Everyone was speechless as all eyes fell on Fade.

The silence carried plenty of emotions. Some were shocked while others were speechless. Some were frustrated while others rejoiced amidst the tragedy.

At that moment, a cold voice was heard amidst the crowd. An elderly monk, either in his fifties or sixties and who was dressed in a bright red robe, walked out of the crowd.

As soon as he stepped out, this elderly monk radiated an aura of immense dignity and power. He was a person whom you couldn't help but bow down to.

This was obviously Dharma Dahnbar.

He walked towards Fade as his gaze fell upon him. Upon staring at him for a few seconds, he began to speak, "You killed Lobsang?"

"Yes, I did!" Fade spoke, without any expression on his face.

"I've previously tried to stop you. Why did you continue to make your move?" Dharma Dahnbar asked.

Fade raised his eyebrows and said, "Lobsang tried to kill me twice. I had to kill him, no matter who gets in the way!"

"No matter who gets in the way!" Dharma Dahnbar thought about these words as he gazed at him. "I'll give you one more chance, do you want to be my disciple?" He asked.

"I don't..." Fade replied in a low voice.

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Just as he was about to finish his sentence, Dharma Dahnbar continued, "If you still have doubts about my strengths, I can introduce you to my master, Hotogtu Kahmul."

Upon hearing this, Fade couldn't help but feel moved by this as he secretly thought about this. Hotogtu was a Tulku, and he was the existing top-notch high master.

The doings of retrieving medical herbs and the accepting of disciples were just the surface of Dharma management. The real leader must be Tulku Kahmul.

As he thought about this, Fade didn't reject but said, "If it's Tulku Kahmul, I'll think deeply about it."

Dharma Dahnbar nodded his head and said, "You'll need to provide an answer in the next two days. As soon as two days have passed, there won't be any chances at all. Being Tulku's disciple is an extremely rare opportunity, so you need to think clearly about this."

Fade nodded and said, "I will."

Dharma Dahnbar didn't say much. Instead, he waved his hands and immediately brought men to dispose of Lobsang's body. They even helped Tsochin Malbian return to the cave rooms for rest and recovery.

Upon seeing this, Fade didn't stay as well. He simply returned to his room, shut the door, and got some rest.

Everyone else only came to their senses as soon as both of them had left. Following that were sounds of murmurs, discussions, and talks erupting like boiling water as the people started to discuss what had just happened.

"I never expected that after that he'll still be alive after he killed Lobsang," one of the bystanders said.



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"That kid is quite powerful. He has unexpectedly beaten Tsochin Malbian. That was definitely something great," another praised.

"Dharma Dahnbar said that he'll recommend him to Tulku Kahmul. That kid is extremely lucky," a third applauded.

"That's right. I don't know what kind of luck he has. The Dharma-rajā not only didn't condemn him, he even gave him a rare opportunity!" Another shouted.

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Fade ignored the discussions around him and returned to his room.

During the night, he performed his usual routine. He meditated while sitting on the bed.

It was late at night and the entire valley was silent. Almost all the rooms were dark, and there weren't any movements.

The young boys and girls who were used to living in big cities soon lived a simple and unadorned life after living in the valley for a few days.

All of a sudden, Fade's ears moved and his eyes opened wide. He immediately got up and went over to the door. He quietly opened the door until there was a slight opening. A ray of light slipped through it.

There was hardly any light in the valley at night. However, the night sky was as bright as day. With the moonlight shining down onto the ground of the valley, the entire area looked as if it was covered with a silver blanket.

Under the silver moonlight, Fade's gaze swept across the valley and finally locked onto a black shadow.

That black shadow moved agilely before the rooms. Then, it opened the doors without making a sound.

As soon as it opened the door, it quickly went into a room. Not long after, it exited with a person on its back. At that moment, it went to the flattest part of the mountains, pulled down a rope, and immediately left the valley.

"That black shadow came to the valley and kidnapped a person? Who was it? Why do they want to kidnap people?" Fade's mind



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was instantly filled with questions.

As he was still puzzled about the scenario, that black shadow returned and continued to fumble about the rooms. It entered a room and exited with a person on its back while it was preparing to leave.

However, that black shadow was kidnapping someone he knew. Fade squinted his eyes to look closer. It was Heidey.

Upon seeing this, Fade's body quickly and quietly moved out of his room. He followed the black shadow and leaped out of the valley.

Upon leaving the valley, the black shadow picked up its speed and flew through the mountains with Heidey on its back. After ten minutes or so, the black shadow stopped by a big tree and gently placed her down.

Soon after, a few other black shadows appeared and altogether left with her.

The black shadow turned around and went back the same route. It seemed that it was going to kidnap someone else in the valley.

Upon seeing this, Fade came out of hiding and shouted coldly. "Leave her alone," he yelled.

Fade's appearance gave the dark shadows a scare. However, each of them harnessed their positive energy and got into an attacking stance.

Upon feeling their energy, Fade was taken aback. The skills of these people weren't average; they were all at the late stage of the Black Level.

The leader seemed to be the one standing at the back. He possessed skills of another level, which was probably at the middle

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stage of the Earth Level.

"Get him!" The leader shouted. As soon as the order was dropped, all the dark shadows charged towards Fade and attacked him.

"You want to catch me? Try it!" Fade snorted and continued to attack the dark shadows, causing them to rumble as they collided with one other.

Amidst the collision, wails and moans of pain rang out amongst them. Five to six of the dark shadows fell to the ground after just a single hit from Fade.

In a brief moment, the rest of the dark shadows were all on the ground apart from the leader.

As the scene unfolded, the leader was clearly surprised to see this.

By this point, Fade was already walking towards them and was prepared to attack them with great vigor.

As the leader saw this, he quickly dodged and immediately shouted, "Wait!"

Fade had no intention of stopping. Channeling his positive energy, he attacked the leader with all his might.

The leader felt the horror of Fade's attack. As he continued to dodge Fade's attacks, he hurriedly shouted, "Mr. Chen, please spare me. We bring no harm."

As the person called out his name, Fade was indeed taken aback. However, he continued to attack despite being shocked.

As the person realized that Fade wasn't stopping and was ready to attack one more time, he removed his mask and showed his face. "Mr. Chen, please stop. It's me," the leader said.

Fade looked at the leader's face. He was utterly shocked and incredulously asked, "Why are you here?"

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Just as he was surprised, one of the people whom Fade previously attacked slowly stood up and removed his masks too. "Mr. Chen, it's me too," another spoke.

Upon seeing this person, Fade was shocked once again. He frowned and asked, "What the hell is going on? Who are you people? Why are..."

It turned out that the leader was the boss of the strange motel that Fade and the others were staying at just a few days ago. However, the boss used to be hunch-backed but was now standing upright. He didn't seem to be the weak man whom he once saw.

The familiar-looking middle-aged man beside the once hunch-backed boss was the Zambustan herdsman whom Fade and the others had met when they were at the yurt. He had previously rejected their stay, causing them to go to the weird motel.

At that moment, the middle-aged man took the initiative to introduce himself to Fade, "Mr. Chen, this is Normanhan Motkha. We are the Tsochin subordinates under him."

Upon hearing this, Fade's heart skipped a beat and his face was full of surprise.

Normanhan was also another common term for Dharma-rajā. This person in front of him was a Dharma-rajā, a high-ranked monk, and was the same rank as Dharma Dahnbar from the valley.

As he thought of this, Fade became more and more curious. He looked at Dharma Motkha and asked, "If you're the Dharma-rajā, then why would you previously..."

Upon hearing this, Dharma Motkha's face was filled with bitterness and a long sigh was heard. Before Fade could finish his sentence, he explained, "Mr. Chen, we had no choice, as that was the last resort!"

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"Why did you do it?" Fade asked as he looked into Dharma Motkha's eyes.

Dharma Motkha looked at him and lightly sighed again. He said, "That's because we needed to stop tourists from entering Namuchia Lake."

"Why are you stopping people from coming to Namuchia?" Fade continued to ask, as his gaze never left him.

Dharma Motkha's expression turned dark and became more solemn. "Dharma Dahnbar and his master, Tulku Kahmul, have ill intentions towards the people in Namuchia that will ultimately cost them their lives," he explained.

Upon hearing this, Fade couldn't help but raise his eyebrows and look at Dharma Motkha.

Dharma Motkha continued to explain, "The actual truth behind Dharma Dahnbar's pursuit in accepting more disciples is to present Tulku Kahmul with live offerings. This is to open the secret area below Namuchia Lake."

"There is a secret area below Namuchia Lake?" Fade asked as he was completely shocked.

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Dharma Motkha briefly explained, "It was old folklore that was taught in our clan. In short, Tulku Kahmul wishes to use the disciples as live offerings in order to open up the secret area."

"In order to open it up, a total of ninety-nine people are needed. Dharma Dahnbar has already gathered the people and has even set the time, which is two days from now. We really had no choice as time was running out. Therefore, we had to take risks and venture into the valley and secretly kidnap people to bring them out. If the total number of people decreases, then the sacrificial ceremony will be delayed as well," he continued.

Upon hearing this, Fade couldn't help but have this thought come to mind, and he exclaimed "When you previously declined our stay in the yurt and even pretended to have ghosts in the motel, it was to prevent people from entering, and preventing Dharma Dahnbar from gathering more people!"

Dharma Motkha nodded and said, "That's true, but the effects of their propaganda were too great while the effects of our operations were too limited. In the end, they still managed to gather the required number of disciples."

"Since you want to stop Tulku Kahmul and Dharma Dahnbar from doing such a bad thing, why don't you expose them to the public instead of handling it in such a secretive yet complicated way?" Fade curiously asked.

Dharma Motkha was stunned for a moment and explained, "That's because we've lost in the war. We don't have enough resources, and we're worried that they'll take revenge on us. Therefore, we chose to not publicize it."

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"Lost in the war?" Fade had a puzzled look on his face.

Dharma Motkha explained with a sigh, "My master is Hotogtu Daebul, who is the Tulku Daebul that you mentioned."

"For decades, my master, Tulku Daebul and Tulku Kahmul had disagreements on clan teachings and other opinions as well. Therefore they had an open fight for ten years. Unfortunately, my master was injured amidst the fight between him and Tulku Kahmul five years ago."

"In the end, our clan was invaded and suppressed by Tulku Kahmul. Our skills and power have become significantly weaker. Hence, we need to keep a low profile," he concluded.

Upon hearing his story, Fade was deep in thought. It turned out that this entire fiasco was a fight between the two living Tulkus.

All of a sudden, he thought of something and turned to Dharma Motkha. "There's one more reason as to why you chose not to publicize this, and that is, you're afraid that your master, Tulku Daebul, will also be interested in the secret area of Namuchia Lake, right?" Fade asked.

Upon hearing this, Dharma Motkha's expression changed and became even more serious. He said to Fade, "Mr. Chen, you're one smart person. As to that, I won't hide this any longer. My master is old and due to the injuries, he does wish to open up the secret area and retrieve the treasure that is buried there in order to regain his strength."

"However, my master has never thought of using live sacrifices. He has always been thinking of other methods. This time..." He explained.

"I understand. There's no need for you to explain further, Dharma Motkha." Fade said, "There's a saying, there is no perfect man in this world, but all of it comes from the heart. It doesn't matter how Tulku Daebul or Tulku Kahmul think as both of them equally

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desire whatever is in the secret area. Their behaviour remains to be the most important," Fade said.

"Since Tulku Kahmul is going to use living people as sacrifices, but Tulku Daebul doesn't, I'll naturally stand on the side of Tulku Daebul."

Upon hearing this, Dharma Motkha gratefully thanked him, "Thank you for your help, Mr. Chen."

Fade nodded and said, "So what are you planning to do next? Are you going to continue to secretly take people away?"

"This..." Dharma Motkha's face stiffened while his expression dropped. Indeed, he had no way to stop the actions of Tulku Kahmul and Dharma Dahnbar.

Upon seeing his reaction, Fade immediately understood the situation. "Since there's no plan, let's talk about my suggestion!"

"Please do, Mr. Chen." Dharma Motkha respectfully asked him.

"First of all, return all of the people that you've kidnapped," Fade said.

"Mr. Chen, this..." A stir of confusion arose as soon as everyone heard his suggestion.

Fade waved his hand and said, "Don't worry and listen to me. You're only slowing down the process by taking people away. You're not entirely solving the problem."

"Therefore, my idea is to return everyone to their rooms. Let them carry out all their plans, and when it's time for the sacrifice, I'll sneak into it. Hence, I'll just put a stop to it when Tulku Kahmul is prepared for the sacrificial ceremony," he added.

Upon hearing this plan, Dharma Motkha and the rest couldn't help but look at each other with strange expressions on their faces.

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Dharma Motkha organized his thoughts and said to Fade, "Mr. Chen, your plan is indeed straightforward and simple. However, when you're faced with Tulku Kahmul as the biggest threat, how are you planning to stop it?"

"As far as I know, Tulku Kahmul is at the early stage of the Heaven Level, while Dharma Dahnbar is an Earth Level martial artist. Apart from that, there are also at least six other Earth Level martial artists," Dharma Motkha began to explain.

"With such a powerful martial arts troop formation, I'm afraid it won't be so easy to stop their operations," he continued.

Fade understood where Dharma Motkha was coming from. It was evident that they didn't believe that he had the ability to stop them.

Without much explanation, he lightly snorted as his positive aura was exuded, directly shrouding Dharma Motkha and the others.

Dharma Motkha and the others were shocked and immediately went into attacking stances as if they were prepared to fight.

However, Dharma Motkha stopped his men during that crucial moment. "Stop," he yelled.

Soon after that, he carefully felt Fade's energy as he was surprised. "This... This is the strength of a Heaven Level martial artist," he uttered.

"Mr. Chen, you're a Martial Arts Master, this..." Dharma exclaimed, shocked. He spoke with a tone of formality and respect.

Upon seeing this, Fade faintly smiled and said, "It's alright, just watch."

Soon after that, his energy continued to rise while immense pressure enveloped Dharma Motkha and the others.

They felt a specific type of heavy, oppressive energy as if it was a lofty mountain. However, there were no ill intentions behind



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the pressure that Fade exerted. If there was, they would've all been killed with just a single blow.

At that moment, Dharma Motkha had a serious expression as he looked towards Fade respectfully.

"Mr. Chen, are you, are you a martial artist at the middle stage of the Heaven Level?" Dharma Motkha asked.

Fade withdrew his imposing energy and said faintly, "You can think that. In short, it's enough for me to deal with Tulku Kahmul and the others."

"With you on our side, Mr. Chen, I'm sure we'll succeed," Dharma Motkha said with excitement.

Fade waved his hand and said, "Well, since that's the case, then let's start with the plan and bring these people back!"

"Yes!" Dharma Motkha quickly nodded and ordered his men to take immediate action.

Soon after that, Fade and Dharma Motkha discussed the details of the plan and eventually returned to the valley.

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As he sat cross-legged on the bed, Fade recalled what had just happened. He generally believed everything but not the entirety of it as well.

He wouldn't simply treat Tulku Daebul and Dharma Motkha as saints while treating Tulku Kahmul and Dharma Dahnbar as sinners and immediately annihilate them just because of a few words.

He would make his own judgments based on what he thought fits best. That was also the major reason as to why he came up with the plan in the first place.

He would voluntarily participate in the event, and if Tulku Kahmul and Dharma Dahnbar were really going to sacrifice live people, then he would personally move and put a stop to it.

After a good night's rest, everyone left their rooms after the ring of the bell early the next morning.

However, unlike before, there were several people, including Heidey, who had overslept that morning.

Fade instantly knew the reason. Dharma Motkha and his subordinates must've given them some knockout drugs before taking them away.

The process was the same as before where they would have their breakfast and proceeded to recite sutras. As soon as the process was completed, Fade then went up to the Tsochin and requested to see Dharma Dahnbar.

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The Tsochin quickly notified Dharma Dahnbar and came up to Fade.

He explained his intentions in a straightforward manner, "Dharma Dahnbar, I've made up my mind regarding your suggestion yesterday. I'm willing to accept Tulku Kahmul as my master. Can I perhaps know when I could meet him?"

Upon hearing this, Dharma Dahnbar's lips curled up. He looked at Fade and said, "This is the right choice, but my master, Tulku Kahmul, is one that holds a sacred status. You can't just meet him whenever you wish."

"How about this. You can take the baptism with everyone else, and the day after tomorrow, I'll bring you along with everyone else to the ceremony. By then, my master will be present, and you can formally become a disciple as well," he suggested.

Fade thought for a few seconds and proceeded to nod and say, "Okay."

"Alright, let's get prepared then. I'll bring you and everyone else for the baptism tomorrow. Soon, we'll all participate in the ceremony the day after tomorrow," Dharma Dahnbar instructed before leaving.

Soon after that, Fade became the focus of the general public. Everyone gathered while countless discussions went around. Many of them came by and gave their congratulations as well.

"Brother Chen, you truly are impressive. You can actually have Tulku as your master," one of them said.

"Brother Chen, I came here on the same day as you and saw you outside. At that moment, I knew that you were a very extraordinary person!" Another said.

"We're all apprenticed to Dharma Dahnbar while you're apprenticed to Tulku Kahmul. In terms of seniority, we should call you Master as well," a third exclaimed.

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Heidey was extremely cheerful as she watched the surrounding crowd. "This is great! Brother Chen has completely thought it through. With Tulku Kahmul as his master, he'll definitely have a boundless future. He might even become a master in the future!" She exclaimed with a bright smile on her face.

Gorvyn, on the other hand, had his lips curled up with a sour expression on his face. "That fellow initially told us that the Dharmaraja wasn't reliable and even tried to convince us that we shouldn't accept the apprenticeship. Now, he's suddenly changed his mind, haha!"

"Stop saying that, Gorvyn!" Heidey glared at him and shouted.

"I'm telling the truth. There were plenty of people at the scene when he rejected the offer to become a disciple, he..." He didn't finish complaining about his discontented feelings towards Fade. He instantly silenced himself as soon as he saw him walking towards them.

After all, no matter his strength or seniority, Fade had now surpassed him. Therefore, he dared not say anything else.

Heidey went up to him with a big smile on her face, "Congratulations, Brother Chen."

Fade faintly smiled. Soon after that, he thought of something and said to her, "Heidey, let's go for the baptism tomorrow."

He suggested this according to Dharma Motkha's instructions. He was worried that Dharma Dahnbar would do something bad. As long as she and the others were by his side, they could be easily protected.

She obviously didn't put much thought into it. She nodded and immediately agreed, "Okay, Brother Chen, we'll follow you."

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Gorvyn rolled his eyes by the side. He wanted to say something but chose not to open his mouth.

A day had passed and the day of their baptism finally came. Everyone from the valley was personally led by Dharma Dahnbar himself, and they arrived at a deep cave within the valley.

The cave wasn't large while a small pool sat in the innermost part of the cave. Baptism was basically taking water from the pool and lightly pouring it onto one's head. It was as simple as that.

As the pool was very small, the baptism could only be performed one by one. However, the whole process was simple and the speed of the baptism was relatively fast.

As to follow the promise from the day before, Heidey and Gorvyn lined up right behind Fade with excited expressions on their faces.

As soon as it was Fade's turn, he walked to the side of the pool and a monk in a red robe smiled at him. "Close your eyes and enjoy the process of the cleansing," he said.

Fade complied and immediately closed his eyes. Soon after that, he felt a burst of cold liquid dripping on his forehead as it slid down his cheeks.

Other than that, he felt that the water used in his baptism process was relatively more in volume than the others.

Just as he became suspicious, he suddenly felt the spring water that was dripping on his forehead had a slight trace of energy, which entered into his head and caused him to feel rather dizzy.

Although the dizziness only lasted for a brief moment, he quickly regained his consciousness and put himself on guard. After all, spiritually related things were ten times more valuable.

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When he was at Mokao Temple in Jopeno, he had unintentionally received two peach cores that seemingly attacked his mind.

As of now, the water was still out of the ordinary even if the effect on his mind was weak.

At the same time, he also understood the real reason behind this baptism. It was to use this pool of water to influence one's mind. This caused them to surrender, and allowed them to take control for the following day's sacrificial ceremony to be held.

As to why his amount was slightly more than usual, it was probably to equate it with his strength. They must've increased the amount as they were worried that they wouldn't be able to take control of him.

As he thought about this, Fade became more and more cautious towards the behavior of Dharma Dahnbar and Tulku Kahmul.

However, he pretended that nothing had happened and returned to the group after thanking the monk.

Soon after that, Heidey and Gary were also quickly baptized. 

Even though everyone apparently seemed fine, Fade attentively observed them. He realized that both their spirits were affected. Heidey became less bubbly as she became more still and her eyes became more dull.

At that moment, he quietly blew a few breaths. This shattered the influence of the water on their spirits and relieved them from its control.