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Kai brought Josephine and the others back to Summerbank. His expectation of spiritual energy had increased as he was entering the Foundation Phase. Nonetheless, he was thrilled that his abilities had drastically improved.

He could finish a few Grandmasters off today. He would not have achieved it if he were still stuck in the Energy Refining Phase. It also took him some time and effort to battle against Zachariah.

Kai could have easily vanquished him had he continued with the attack.

"Mr. Chance, should we send someone to monitor Herb Palace's operation? I believe they won't give us the herb without putting up a fight!" Phoenix came over to meet Kai when she knew he had returned.

She was stunned when Tommy told her about the incident in Tayhaven Town. After all, everyone could tell that Kai's power was growing rapidly by the day!

"That won't be necessary. If they refused to give it to us, I would have all the more reason to take over the entire Herb Palace!" Kai responded with a smug smirk.

If he wanted to advance to the next level, he needed a lot more spiritual medicine. The batch of medicine the Herb Palace had might have been of great help to him, but the quantity was somewhat limited. That was why he was fixated on claiming the ownership of Herb Palace so that he would have exclusive access to that spiritual medicine.

But this century-old herb had limited quantity and would one day be depleted completely. The more powerful Kai became, the more dependent he would be on the medicine. Hence, he would also need to source other substitutes too!

It's time to make a trip to Mount Hickoria to look for the spiritual stones. I could cultivate my power there right away using those stones!

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Kai contacted Dominic and told him about the trip to Mount Hickoria. Kai was relieved that Josephine had a jade pendant that could protect her. It must be a powerful magical item as it could even keep two Grandmasters away from her!

Night fell, and everyone was asleep. Tayhaven Town had also turned into a ghost town due to the upheaval at the Martial Arts Gathering.

Yet, four elderly men with white beards were seen wandering on the quiet street. Clad in black robes, they were able to stride across the street from one end to another in a short time even though they walked very slowly. These men were none other than the four elders from the Crescent Sect!

They then headed in the arena's direction and started performing their respective duties as if they were carrying out a private investigation.

Besides monitoring the footprints, they also studied the man-shaped hole that Derek had caused when he smashed into the arena.

One of the elders took out a cloth and covered his hand to retrieve the silvery powder from the hole.

The moment he flung the powder into the air, moving human figures emerged in the sky. The image was so realistic that one might easily mistake it for a character in a 3D movie.

The moving images displayed the fight between Kai and a few Grandmasters, but they disappeared seconds later. Once again, Tayhaven Town plunged into total darkness.

"What do you think of the boy?" The elder, who flung the powder into the sky, asked.

The head of the elders shook his head. "I can't tell much from these images. To defeat the other Grandmasters of internal energy, he must have been a full-fledged Grandmaster of internal energy or have at least obtained similar power. Yet, I don't feel the aura of a Grandmaster from him at all!"

"Based on the man-shaped hole caused by Derek, the boy must have attained the power of a Grandmaster. Otherwise, Derek wouldn't have suffered a miserable death." Another elder, who was studying the arena, analyzed.

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The elder, who flung the powder in the air, chose to believe the head of the elders. "He has the sharpest nose of us all. I'm sure he would have detected the presence of a Grandmaster if there was one!"

All four elders fell into deep thoughts.

"What if he's not a martial artist? What if he's a mage like us?" The same elder's eyes brightened.

"It's impossible. Mages could not combat like that young man no matter how powerful they are. We rely on magecraft. Do you think we can fight against Grandmasters of internal energy and physically take them down?" The head of the elders dismissed his analysis.

Once again, the elders knitted their brows and kept mum, as they did not know what to do next.

The head of the elders raised his hand in the air and said, "Let's report what we saw to Mr. Quillen. Kai is not an easy person to deal with, so we have to start planning!"

The other three elders nodded and vanished into thin air. No one knew they had visited the town on that night.

Dominic arrived early the following day and waited for Kai. After reminding Josephine about a few matters, Kai began his journey with Dominic.

The trip to Mount Hickoria would only be a short one, as they merely wanted to explore the area for a couple of days. Hence, they traveled light.

But when they were about to depart, Kai's phone rang.

Upon realizing it was a call from his mother, he immediately answered, "Yes, Mom?"

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He was pleased to hear her voice. In fact, he felt bad for not calling his parents in the last few days.

Hannah, too, was delighted to speak to Kai. "Are you busy? Ingrid is getting married in a couple of days. Do you have time to come home?"

"Ingrid's getting married?" Kai was taken by surprise. "But she's still so young!"

"Ingrid is not young anymore! She's already nineteen and has quit school!" Hannah said.

Her response rendered Kai speechless. That was the typical example of life in the village. Children, especially girls, who stopped schooling would be arranged to get married.

"Mom, I..." Kai did not know how to tell Hannah that he had no time to go home as he was about to leave for Mount Hickoria.

Upon noticing his hesitation, she sighed. "It's all right. I'll tell Sarah you're busy. Don't worry..."

Hannah's voice faded out. She eventually remained silent but did not end the call.

Kai could feel the disappointment in his mother's voice. Ever since he went behind bars, his father had lost his job, and his family had to eke out a living. Villagers had also started talking badly about their family members behind their back.

Hannah was a strong-headed person, who used to have a wide connection. However, things fell apart. Even their relatives shunned her.

The reason she called Kai was to ask him to attend Ingrid's wedding so that she could show off his achievement to all the guests.

Though Hannah had no idea what he was doing, she knew he must be a capable man ever since he humiliated Benedict at the hotel and fired an officer.

"I'm fine, Mom. I'll be back by tonight, so don't worry," Kai promised.

Hannah was thrilled to hear that. "All right! I'll make you your favorite dish when you get back. Oh, bring Josephine back too. I want to introduce her to the other relatives as well!"

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Kai grinned. He knew she wanted to show off Josephine to other relatives in the village too. He nodded and replied, "All right. I'll talk to her right now."

"Okay! I'll see you tonight!" Hannah then ended the call.

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