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As the vines mercilessly sapped his life force, Liam felt his energy fading away.

The usually vibrant green glow from the Heart of Life shard nestled in his heart seemed to dim.

His face darkened as he grasped the severity of his predicament.

His core energy from the Heart of Life shard had even been drained a lot!

He couldn't simply watch this happen; he writhed and twisted in an attempt to escape.

But the vines gripped him firmly, particularly around his wrists, thwarting any effort of him to grab his Shadow Sword.

In his frantic struggle, Liam took a deep, hurried breath and inadvertently inhaled a cloud of floating powder.

This caused a numbing sensation to surge through him, severely hampering his attempts to break free.

Liam's expression hardened; he understood that if this continued, he would be utterly devoured by this sinister force.

However, no amount of fear or realization of his peril could save him now.

Moreover, the white light within his heart, which might have been his salvation, was still dormant and showed no

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signs of awakening. Clearly, it was still recovering.

With his thoughts racing, Liam sought desperately for an escape.

But he was bound tightly by the vines and paralyzed by the numbing powder; moving was impossible.

A bitter smile eventually appeared on Liam's face.

Being drained of his life force by the encroaching vines seemed unavoidable.

Liam's consciousness began to blur.

But at that moment, the energy within the Heart of Life shard was depleted by half.

The sinister green glow in the demon's eyes dimmed as if it had been full.

But even with its energy restored, the demon showed no signs of releasing Liam.

The vines loosened slightly, maintaining just enough grip to keep Liam captive. And then, with sudden force, they slammed him down onto the ground.

Hidden beneath the foliage on the ground was a vast pit.

The vines hurled Liam into this deep pit.

Once he was inside, the vines retracted.

Surveying the pit, Liam saw it was strewn with numerous skeletons.

Evidently, these beings had also been drained of life by the demon and its vines, their skeletal remains discarded here as nourishment for the malevolent plants.

The sight struck terror into Liam's heart. To deny his fear of death would be dishonest.

The thought of ending up as just another skeleton in here was horrifying.

Liam's fear stemmed not from the prospect of dying, but from the unfinished business that weighed on him.

If he were to die here, Julie and Asher would be doomed. Laura and Shayla would be left forgotten, with no one to search for them.

And his nemesis, Adamson, would continue to live in this world.

Liam couldn't accept such an ending.

He gathered his resolve, whispering words of encouragement to himself.

"Liam, you can't surrender now! You've made it this far. You're still breathing. As long as you're alive, there's hope!"

As he uttered these words, he surveyed his surroundings.

Then, he suddenly paused.

Amidst the scattered bones, he spotted two figures.

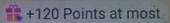
They were Shayla and Laura, the ones he had been desperately searching for!

They seemed to have been captured only recently.

Unlike Liam, they lacked strong life force; the vines had drained their life force, leaving them both in a deep coma.

Their pale faces bore the harsh marks of their suffering.

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The sight tore at Liam's heart. He knew Shayla and Laura were running out of time.

His arrival might offer them a glimmer of hope.

Yet...

Liam's expression turned somber.

Considering his own weakened condition, he doubted whether he could safely lead them out of the Demon Forest.