

Leaf Village: Kensei's Home.

Daichi was meditating in his room when he felt his chakra fluctuating. He instantly got the chakra and memories of his clones and a big smile grew on his face.

'This trip yielded far more results than I anticipated. So many jutsu, genetic materials and information on the whole world. This will certainly help me in accelerating my plans.'

Just then the quest completion notification popped up.

[Quest 'Raid Orochimaru's Lab' completed.]

'So even though there is a clone posing as Kimimaro in the base the system deemed that I completed the quest huh. That's good.'

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[Rewards:]

[10000 Exp for successful infiltration of the main base.

+1500 Exp.]

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[105000 Exp each for collecting items of great value.

+15750 Exp.]

'If it's 5000 exp for each item of Great value then the system deems that I have 21 such in my possession. I can pretty much guess what they are. The Genetic samples of the Kages, Reanimation jutsu and maybe a couple other forbidden jutsu, the horn of 8 tails, Shin and Zetsu sample along with the Akatsuki ring.'

Daichi looked inside his inventory list and saw the ring on a bony palm inside a small jar. *'I'll have to study that thing when I get some time.'*

The gamer ninja continued down the completed quest rewards.

[15000 Exp for each additional hideout infiltrated.

+2250 Exp.]

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[257000 Exp for items collected.

+38550 Exp.]

'So many things in his labs had traps and seals that I prioritized the most important and valuable ones. Well it doesn't matter. This is a pretty good reward.'

[Increase in reputation to people who know your deeds.]

[Increased chances of Completing the quest 'Seek the Hidden Truth of the Necklace'.]

[Increased chances of rescuing Tsunade Senju and Shizune Kato.]

Immediately after the system granted him the rewards notifications started piling up. Daichi felt his strength increase as he looked at one particular blue box message.

[You have leveled up.]

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‘Three level ups in one quest. Been a long while since I got such a good reward.’

Daichi kept looking through the numerous notifications stacked in the corner of his vision.

[+5 Chakra]

[+6 Intelligence]

[+5 Wisdom]

[+6 Sense]

[+3 Luck]

‘The chakra, intelligence and wisdom must be due to Kimimaro and solving the trap seals. I must have gotten Luck stat points when I found that third and 6th hidden lab. Sense must be due to me finding and avoiding all the traps in that place.’

[MiniMap Updated. Land of Rice Paddies added.]

The map update came with all the areas that Daichi explored and some of its surroundings. All the hidden labs Daichi found were marked along with several new routes in and out of the land that he didn't know previously.

‘These routes will certainly come in handy if I need to go in there again.’

The next notifications were something Daichi was looking forward to.

[You have found a Key Dungeon. Retrieving the key to the dungeon... Key to this dungeon has been placed in the inventory.] x2

During the infiltration Daichi's clones found two instant dungeons and immediately got the keys. Daichi took out the two keys from his inventory and stared at them.

One was a yellow key while the other was a red key.

[The Serpent Catacombs dungeon key]

This key was yellow which indicated that it held opponents of 5 to 15 levels.

[The Echoing Chambers dungeon key]

The Echoing Chambers key was red in color. Daichi knew the enemies waiting in that dungeon would at least be 15 levels higher than him at a minimum. An extremely difficult dungeon.

'Two instant Dungeon keys.'

Daichi sighed and closed his eyes. A few moments later he opened them and stored the keys back in his inventory. *'It will make me stronger but right now I'm not in the mood for this.'*

[Skill Stealth has leveled up.] x4

[Skill Jutsu Creation has leveled up.] x3

[Skill Sealing Art has leveled up.] x12

'My sealing jutsu skill must have increased thanks to the jutsus I learned from Orochimaru's lab.'

[Skill Mind Drain has leveled up.]

[Skill Mana Manipulation has leveled up.] x3

[Skill Mana Affinity has leveled up.] x2

[Skill Mana Scout has leveled up.] x5

[Skill Mana Cloak has leveled up.] x2

Daichi smiled as he looked through the list of skill level ups. He finally came to the one blue system box he was looking for.

[You have learned a new skill]

[Reanimation Jutsu - Active(LV. 01): A forbidden and highly advanced ninjutsu that allows the user to bring the dead back to life, binding their souls to living bodies and creating reanimated corpses. This skill requires the user to have knowledge of the jutsu through reading ancient scrolls or through a teacher. These reanimated individuals retain all their abilities from when they were alive, including Kekkei Genkai and knowledge of jutsus. Mastery of this technique grants the user the ability to control multiple reanimated beings simultaneously and also grants the user the ability to partially or completely suppress the personalities of the reanimated, making them obedient tools of war. The technique's effectiveness and the strength of the summoned beings increase with the user's proficiency. The reanimated souls can

only be released by the user of the jutsu or if they(souls) know the specific seal to release themselves.]

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[Effects:]

At higher levels, the user can imbue the reanimated with specific commands and greater autonomy.

Currently the user can summon and control up to 2 reanimated beings simultaneously.

100% increase in reanimated beings' fidelity to their living abilities.

Reanimated beings can regenerate from any damage unless sealed or affected by their natural weaknesses.

CP cost: 2% of total CP for each summoning.

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[Limitations:]

Requires a certain amount of concentration to maintain, especially when controlling multiple reanimated beings.

The user must possess a sample of the DNA of the person they wish to reanimate.

A living sacrifice is needed for each reanimation, linking the reanimated being's existence to the sacrificed life.

Reanimated beings retain their consciousness and can resist the user's control if they possess a strong will.

They are susceptible to sealing jutsus and certain natural elements, depending on their original weaknesses.

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[Note:] The technique is considered taboo and could lead to the user being ostracized or targeted by other shinobi. Mastery of this jutsu is dangerous and could have unforeseen consequences on the user's morality and perception by others. It is advised to be used with caution and wisdom.

Daichi read every detail of the new skill with a serious gaze. When he reached the last part his eyes slightly narrowed. *'Unforeseen consequences on the user's morality? Advised to be used with Caution and wisdom huh.'*

Daichi thought back and recalled the words Madara had said during his fight with the five Kages.

Tell the caster... Never use forbidden jutsu so carelessly.

Daichi focused back on his new skill. *'I'll keep that in mind Madara.'*

Daichi closed the skill and soon finished through all the notifications. He then opened his status page and looked at his growth.

[Name : Daichi Hekima] (The Gamer)

[Class : Genin - ID 012559.]

[Age : 12]

[Title : Capable Child, Explorer, Prodigy, Species King, Dungeon Warrior, Executioner, Assassin, Mighty Healer, Slug Sannin's Apprentice, Master of the Elements, A Genius of the Continent, Dungeon Master.]

[Level : 65 (86175/112050)]

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[HP : 51980]

[CP : 109680]

[SP : 52960]

[MP: 46120]

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[Primary Stats]

Strength - 400

Vitality - 500

Dexterity - 300

Agility - 400

Intelligence - 507

Chakra - 628

Wisdom - 392

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[Special Stats]

Sense - 212

Stamina - 460

Indomitable - 62

Charisma - 85

Persistence - 56

Dignity - 34

Luck - 33

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[Stat Points - 80]

[Ryo - 31356705]

Daichi looked at the stats and was satisfied. He went from level 62 to 65 in one day and several stats and skills leveled up.

'I should save my remaining stat points. If I have to fight Orochimaru I'll need them.'

Satisfied with his growth, Daichi closed all the blue boxes and let out a deep breath of air. "I should get some sleep."

The Genin looked out the window in his room and his eyes held worry for his teachers. *'Please be safe sensei. Shizune. I'll come find you... I have to.'*

Daichi turned his head and got in his bed. Soon he was in a deep sleep.

Unknown location.

Somewhere in an underground cave several figures shrouded in dark rainbow light were seen standing on the fingers of a giant closed eyes statue. On the left thumb of the finger was Pain, the de facto leader, and on the right was Konan. Pain fixed his gaze on the motley assembly of rogue ninjas, his Rinnegan eyes reflecting the grave nature of the situation at hand.

The members of the Akatsuki were suddenly summoned without much warning.

Hidan had an annoyed face as he looked around. "Don't tell me we're making this a regular thing. I was in the middle of having a good night's sleep. Dreaming about spreading the word and wisdom of Jashin throughout the world."

Deidara scoffed at Hidan. "You talk as if we *don't* hate listening to you blather on about your crazy ass religion all the time."

"Why you-"

"Quiet." A simple but stern word from Pain made them close their mouths.

Itachi, who was silent till then softly spoke "What happened? Why did you summon us at this time?"

"There has been an update. Zetsu will be joining us soon with the details." It was Konan who replied.

As if responding to his name, Zetsu appeared out of the ground.P

"Lord Pain...", begins Zetsu, a being of dual nature, split between white and black halves, each speaking in turn. "I bring news from the Hidden Leaf." The white half spoke first.

The Black half continued. "Orochimaru has made a bold move by abducting Tsunade. Furthermore, his subordinate, Guren, a crystal style user, attempted to capture Tsunade's apprentice Daichi Hekima a few hours ago. The attempt failed, and Guren is now in Leaf custody."

"Was she alone when she attacked the boy?" Pain asked.

"No. She had a whole team and they ambushed the Leaf team a few kilometers outside the Fire capital. Guren had nine subordinates under her. Most of them had Orochimaru's curse seal power."

"And they still failed?" Konan was mildly surprised.

"Yes. Daichi only had Genma and Anko guarding him. Both of them are just ordinary special Jonins. But Guren still failed. That fact suggests that the boy is stronger than rumors indicate." Zetsu replied.

The room falls into a contemplative silence as the members absorb the implications of these developments. Kisame, wielding his infamous shark-skin Samehada, grinned menacingly. "Orochimaru's always had a flair for the dramatic. What's he after this time?"

"It's clear," Pain starts, his voice echoing slightly off the stone walls, "Orochimaru's actions are not just mere provocations. Abducting Tsunade serves a dual purpose: it weakens the Leaf Village by removing a powerful Shinobi and potentially allows him access to her unparalleled medical ninjutsu and access to her bloodline. What he wants Daichi for... It might be part of a larger plan."

Konan, her origami flowers rustling softly, adds, "The tension between the nations will undoubtedly escalate. With the Leaf Village on high alert and the other Great Nations tense, this could destabilize our current operations."

Hidan, ever eager for chaos, chuckles. "Maybe it's time we take advantage of the situation. A little chaos could cover our moves."

Kakuzu, eyes narrowing as he considers the financial implications, murmurs, "Hidan's right for once. Conflict is profitable. We could use this to our advantage."

"Itachi," After a few moments of silence, Pain turns to the quiet Uchiha, whose Sharingan eyes seem to pierce through the shadows. "You have insight into the Leaf. How will they respond?"

Itachi, calm and measured, replies, "The Leaf will prioritize Tsunade's rescue, but they won't act rashly. Orochimaru is too dangerous, and they'll seek to avoid open conflict. However, this incident will tighten their defenses and possibly strengthen their resolve to deal all with their enemies."

"We could orchestrate a diversion, something to draw their attention away from Orochimaru and towards us, but on our terms." Sasori spoke looking at the Rinnegan user.

Pain nods, taking in each member's input. "Our primary objective remains the collection of the tailed beasts. However, Orochimaru's actions present an opportunity and a risk. We must proceed with our plans discreetly, using the current unrest to mask our movements. Zetsu, continue monitoring the situation. If Orochimaru makes another move, we need to be informed immediately."

Pain then turned to Kakuzu and Hidan. "Where are you right now?"

"We've just entered the Land of Earth. We're keeping a low profile right now." Kakuzu replied.

Pain nodded. "Since Orochimaru and Tsunade are somewhere in the Land of Earth, there is a possibility of Daichi going there if he learns the news. That will be a good opportunity for you to capture him."

Kakuzu and Hidan, intrigued by the potential chaos stemming from Guren's failed attempt to capture Daichi, saw this situation as an opportunity for both profit and bloodshed.

Kakuzu, ever the mercenary, was calculating the bounty that might be placed on Daichi, considering the young ninja's apparent value. "A genius medic ninja and apprentice of Tsunade would fetch a high price." Kakuzu might ponder, "Not to mention the strategic advantage of capturing such an asset."

Hidan, driven by his zealotry and love for battle, was drawn to the potential for conflict. "Going after this Daichi kid could provoke a delightful clash with the Leaf," Hidan would gleefully anticipate. "And any chance to spread chaos and shed blood in the name of Jashin is an opportunity worth taking."

Suddenly Konan spoke. "You should be careful with how you approach this matter. This venture would require careful planning and discretion to avoid tipping the balance too far and drawing the full wrath of the Leaf and possibly other villages."

Meanwhile as Kakuzu and Hidan animatedly discuss the possibility of going after Daichi, seeing in it both personal gain and the chance for chaos, Itachi listened quietly, his mind racing.

He was perfectly aware of his dual roles as both an Akatsuki member and a covert protector of the Hidden Leaf. Itachi recognized the need to delicately navigate this precarious situation.

'The prospect of Kakuzu and Hidan targeting Daichi not only threatens the Leaf but also risks exposing my true allegiances if I overtly oppose their plan. Madara gave me his assurance that the Akatsuki won't attack the Leaf but Pain... He'll be trouble...'

"It might be prudent to gather more information before we act," Itachi interjects smoothly, his voice calm yet authoritative enough to command attention. "Daichi, being Tsunade's apprentice, will undoubtedly be heavily guarded, especially after the attempt by Guren. Rushing into this without a full understanding of the Leaf's current defenses could result in unnecessary complications for us."

Kisame, sensing the tension, adds his own thoughts, supporting Itachi's cautionary stance. "He's right. The Leaf is on high alert, and Tsunade's abduction has only tightened their security. We need to consider the risks involved."

Itachi continues, leveraging his reputation for strategic foresight to sway his colleagues. "Moreover, our primary focus remains the capture of the tailed beasts. Engaging the Leaf

directly at this moment could divert resources and attention from our main objective. It may be more strategic to wait, allowing the Leaf to exhaust itself in its efforts against Orochimaru."

Noticing the room's shift towards caution, Itachi subtly steers the conversation towards a longer-term perspective. "If we monitor Daichi and gather intelligence, we may find a more opportune moment to act. This delay also provides us with the advantage of assessing his abilities and potential worth to our cause. Moreover, Orochimaru should be our main focus."

Itachi's suggestion to delay does not come merely from his need to protect the Leaf but also from a strategic standpoint that benefits the Akatsuki. By proposing a plan that ostensibly serves the organization's interests, he skillfully navigated the delicate balance between his dual loyalties.

Kakuzu, ever the pragmatist, nods slowly, seeing the wisdom in avoiding a potentially costly open confrontation. Hidan, though disappointed at the prospect of delay, acquiesces to the collective decision, swayed by the promise of future conflict.

Pain had an overarching vision for the ninja world and he saw Orochimaru's actions as ultimately self-serving and potentially disruptive to his own grand designs.

"Yes, this situation with Orochimaru must be carefully monitored. He is unpredictable and his ambitions do not align with ours. His interference could become an unwelcome complication if not kept in check." Pain spoke in a grave tone.

The Rinnegan wielder turned to the zombie duo. "Try and find Orochimaru and where he's taken Tsunade if possible. But don't draw any unwanted attention. I'll task Zetsu on the matter as well."

'I'm sure Madara will pay that snake a visit if he has their location.'

"Yeah. We'll do what we can." Kakuzu and Hidan agreed.

Pain nodded and soon all figures disappeared from the fingertips of the statue.

Author's Note.