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Chapter 1101 - Fight Between God Kings

On the other side of the world, where the God of Destruction and Palm God faced the God King together, Christopher furrowed his eyebrows as soon as he saw the powerful mist of poison.

"This might be a bit troublesome. I have the confidence in purifying the poison with my Light Element, but I don't know for how long I can maintain it." Holy God muttered in a low voice while watching them from afar.

Meanwhile, Raiju opened his mouth as he observed the snake that released a powerful poisonous aura. Even the ground started melting when it was in contact with the aura alone.

"Oi, Hans. What do you think about cooperating with me? I don't know why but this is going to be a difficult fight." Raiju asked while glancing over the Palm God.

"Are you scared? He is alone."

"I am not scared, but I just think that it's better for us to cooperate. If you don't want to, it's fine. I am going to make the first move." Raiju shrugged as he leaped toward the snake.

The snake opened its mouth and spat out a poison toward him. It also contained the poisonous aura inside that would melt even a God King's physical body. Of course, without their power.

The moment Raiju saw that green mucus coming out of its mouth, he raised his vision as a mixture of blue, white, purple, and black color gushed out of his hand like that of a flame.

It carried his destruction power. Raiju stretched his hand to the front as it tried to repel the poison, but the poison started decaying as soon as it had contact with the Destruction Power.

"..." Raiju furrowed his eyebrows because he noticed that the poison was more powerful than he initially thought. Even his Destruction Power melted due to the poison aura. "This is going to be a difficult fight. Now I can see why the previous generation of God Kings had trouble against them."

As Raiju contemplated on how he could penetrate the snake's barrier, Hans, the Palm God, appeared above his head, storming with two giant hands toward the snake as if they were trying to choke the snake.

"Sha!" The snake roared before releasing an even more Poisonous Aura.

The aura expanded and gradually formed a whirlpool on its surface as the snake was trying to swallow them.

"Your Poison won't be able to fight against my Pure Palm Qi," Hans shouted while doing his best to hit the snake, albeit he realized that the snake could stop his movement with its aura alone.

Suddenly, Raiju's voice echoed on the battlefield, warning Hans of what would happen. "Leave that area right now. It's coming for you."

It turned out that the whirlpool was used to create a powerful vortex that was capable of taking the Palm God's hand without any issue. It even melted the Palm God's giant hands as he had no choice other than to retreat.

The snake looked at them before laughing. "You all are foolish. I don't know why you enter my place, but this is going to be your burial place instead of mine."

"..." Obviously, Hans and Raiju took that sentence too personally, considering both of them were a muscle idiot.

"Take this." Raiju created a ball before splitting it into sixteen. The moment he released it, the surrounding began to decay, including the poisonous aura.

However, the snake simply released a powerful Divine Energy from its body, turning it into another snake that swallowed all the balls. It was then the battle between destruction and poison clashed.

"..." Raiju narrowed his eyes and glanced at Hans. "So, do you accept my invitation?"

Hans's expression turned grim as he started considering it right now. "Alright. Let's go."

"I will handle the poisonous aura while you kill the snake." Raiju nodded with a smile. Although he could defeat the snake by himself, he knew that it would cost him too much. So, it was considered a bad decision if he looked at it in the long run.

After getting into an agreement, Raiju leaped toward the snake before releasing all his power. The energy turned into a giant shadow behind him, trying to suppress the snake.

"We are going to kill you, Bastard Snake." Raiju waved his right hand as the giant shadow behind him followed his movement. The Snake Poison Aura began to disperse as the Palm God finally made his move.

"One Thousand Arm Style, Ten Kindness." Ten out of one thousand coming from his back made their way toward the snake and squeezed the snake.

However, Hans soon realized that his hands began to disappear as the green energy from the snake's body melted it.

"..." Hans furrowed his eyebrows before throwing another hand, trying to scratch the snake instead.

Unlike the previous one, the snake wasn't covered by the hand, so he could see what the snake did to free itself from his grasp.

Surprisingly, the snake only excreted liquid poison that melted his hand. If he took another look at the melted ground, he would find a few holes that seemed to be caused by the snake's poison.

"You are not the same as the previous God Kings. I will kill all you here." The snake shouted and controlled the Poison Aura. It turned the mist like aura into a tornado that could spread easier.

"You can try," said Raiju while wondering how to extinguish this tornado.

When the poisonous aura almost reached them, the sky shone, illuminating the entire area with warm light. The poisonous aura began to shrink as the Holy God appeared, holding his wooden cane.

"I am sorry, both of you. I believe I should participate in this battle to end this faster."

Although their pride wanted to push this old man away, both of them didn't say anything because they knew that this was the best option.

"To think we need to do something like this. This is too hilarious." Hans might accept it, but it didn't mean he wouldn't say anything about it.

Meanwhile, the God of Destruction shared the same sentiment. "In the past, I heard our side actually fought one to three of them by themselves while in the current situation, the situation is reversed. This is so f*cking irritated me."

"So, what do you want? Stop fighting?" The Holy God narrowed his eyes.

"No. I'm going to blast that sh*t out of here." Raiju released his killing intent and summoned the shadow that carried his power of destruction.

"Have you become too proud just because you can purify my poison?" The snake shouted before turning its poison into a giant tsunami that was going to sweep them away.

The Holy God tapped the ground with his cane twice the ground turned into light itself. That shining light began consuming the tsunami of poison bit by bit.

Not wanting to lose against the Holy God, Raiju leaped toward the tsunami before it was completely destroyed and smashed it himself.

The power of destruction flew like a shock wave, flattening everything in the way.

The snake snorted and slapped that shock wave with poison covered tail, but this was only a trick.

Behind that shock wave, Raiju had channeled his power into his fist and punched the air. He even added a little spin to his punch, creating a torrential effect to the power of destruction.

"Fist of Destruction."

The snake widened its eyes and leaped to the sky to avoid that attack.

"Don't run, you motherf*cker!" Raiju shouted and prepared another fist.

However, the Holy God already completed his move. The sky was ripped open before a flash of light struck forth.

"Holy Heaven Smite."

Noticing that the power in that strength wasn't low, the snake tried to escape. However, the Palm God was already in front of him.

"One Hundred Palms." This time, the Palm God utilized a hundred palms simultaneously, making sure that the Holy God's attack would hit the snake.

"Kh!" The snake clenched its teeth and excreted the poison again, only to find that none of the palms melted. "What?! How could it not—"

Before he finished, the light already struck his head and blew him to the ground.

Little did he know that the Palm God had his own hands covered with blood. He smiled and muttered. "One Hundred Palms, True Palm of Blood."

He sacrificed his own blood to create an unbreakable palm. People might think that it was a foolish decision, but this was the only way to end this fight as soon as possible, considering that the snake began to move.

"Since everyone has created this perfect opportunity, I shall use it to kill this snake!" The God of Destruction smirked and leaped toward the snake. His fist was covered with the power of destruction as he struck the snake's head. "True Fist of Destruction."

"!!!"

Boom.

A loud crashing sound echoed in everyone's ears as the ground began to crack. Each crack stretched over a few kilometers long in all directions, resulting in a massive crater with just one fist.

Yet, the snake was far better than he thought.

"Argh!" The one who screamed was the God of Destruction, not the snake. His hand was hurt because the snake used its poison to counter his fist.

"Come back, God of Destruction!" The Holy God shouted as he raised both hands.

A giant sword was formed in the sky and fell right above the snake.

"Holy Executioner."

"Scram!" The snake opened its mouth and bit the sword before snapping it with its teeth.

However, the Holy God's true purpose was to buy time for God of Destruction to return. His Destruction Power had suppressed the poison, but the Holy God still healed him.

After confirming that there was no big injury, the Palm God raised his right hand.

"One Thousand Hand, Second Form. Asura Hand."

Five hundred hands on the right side suddenly fused together, creating a red muscular hand that was far different from his translucent golden hands.

He smashed the blood-covered snake with that hand. "Judgment."

Another poisonous tornado emerged from the ground, hitting the red hand. It seemed to be decaying, but the Palm God didn't want to lose to the other two. They both had used their strongest strength, so it was only right for him to do the same.

"Haaa!" The Palm God shouted, enduring the excruciating pain coming from the poison as he pushed the twister with that giant hand.

His right sleeve was shredded and wounds after wounds started to appear, but the Palm God's strength hadn't weakened yet as he disregarded the risk and flattened the tornado along with the snake.

The residual force spread around the crater. The cracks were falling apart, revealing a giant hole leading to the underground.

"Did we kill it?" The Palm God panted while asking with a serious expression.

"I'm not sure. For now, I will use this time to heal your hands." The Holy God shook his head while covering the Palm God's hands with white light.

At the same time, the God of Destruction decided to check the snake before he raised his hand to create a wall of black flame. It turned out that the snake was still alive. Despite being covered with wounds, the snake still tried to attack them.

"That's a good combination attack. However, I have memorized the attacks. There won't be next time!" said the snake before leaping back to gain his distance to reset the fight.

The trio took a deep breath and wondered for how long they needed to fight this snake until they could kill it. It deserved its reputation well.

Unknown to them, someone appeared on the battlefield. He had long green spiky hair and seemed to be about making his appearance.

When he saw all the three Gods fighting against the snake alone, he suddenly leaped out of his hidden spot.

"!!!" The Holy God turned around as a shadow coming toward him at a fast speed. He quickly raised his barrier to block the attack only to find it was broken and the shadow's hand punched him right on the face, blowing him to the ground.

Boom.

"Holy God!" Raiju and Hans widened their eyes.

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"Holy God!" Both of them screamed, looking at the Holy God who got thrown to the ground. When they turned around, they found a green-haired guy.

Obviously, as a God King, it was normal for them to recognize each other.

"You... You are Wind God!" The God of Destruction exclaimed in surprise. "Why did you attack—"

When he was about to ask that question, Alex's reminder flashed in his mind.

Back then, Alex said to be careful against any other people outside the alliance. After getting some information regarding the beast from Eulja, he instantly understood the situation. "You... You have betrayed us."

"Oi, oi. Since when I was with you?" The Wind God made a mocking smile while shrugging. "I wasn't your ally, no?"

"You've betrayed this universe!" Raiju shouted while clenching his fists.

"You are ignorant! You don't know what power means!" The Wind God rebuked him before he sensed something from the sky.

The cloud was ripped open as a dense white light fell right above his head.

The Wind God snorted and waved his hand, creating a tornado that dispersed this light until nothing remained.

Christopher panted a few times as he glared at the Wind God while wiping the blood on his lips. "To think that one of the people of the alliances that I created contains a traitor. This old man admits shame.

"You two, may I request that you leave that guy to me? You two can continue fighting the snake like before." The Holy God sighed and leaped toward the Wind God.

Raiju and Hans exchanged looks as they nodded their heads. "We understand. Be careful, he might be stronger than you think. If something happens, it's better to call Lin Xingzhi to this place."

"We will see what happens later." The Holy God nodded and clapped his hand as five rings of light appeared.

The Wind God frowned and created another torrential wind to destroy the rings, but they all simultaneously flew toward him.

"Wind Deity." The Wind God waved his hand before the wind formed a falcon and struck the ring with its beak.

Unfortunately, everything was futile. There wasn't even a scratch in the ring, let alone a crack.

"Wisdom, Kindness, Humility, Friendly, Compassionate. Five Good Rings. Bind." The Holy God took a deep breath. "I will lock him here for thirty minutes. You two should finish it as soon as possible."

Raiju and Hans nodded at each other as they leaped toward the snake side by side, forgetting about the rivalry they had a moment ago. The situation was too dire for them to think about it.

The Palm God raised his left hand and fused all five hundred hands in the left side, turning into a blue hand instead of a red one.

"Devil Hand."

The snake soared to the sky, clashing against the left hand.

However, the God of Destruction already predicted it and flew toward the snake's side with his fist carrying the power of destruction.

As if it had prepared for another attack, the snake controlled its own poisonous aura and created another snake to clash against him.

Albeit, Raiju predicted that the snake would predict his movement.

"I know that you are going to do this." Raiju smirked as he halted his movement before releasing that powerful fist. "Heaven Destroyer."

The power of destruction flew off his hand, going toward the snake and spreading.

"!!!"

The snake gritted its teeth and surrounded its body with poison energy.

Boom.

The snake was blown away to the side before the Palm God made one step further and fused all one thousand hands into a pair of blue and red hands.

He arrived behind the snake while swiping both hands as if clapping his hands.

"Asura and Devil Union Hands."

"No!" The snake roared while using its poison power to weaken the attack, so its skin could handle it, but the power was far from enough. The snake was squashed.

"You are going to die." The Palm God snorted and prepared another attack.

During that chance, the snake shouted. "Wind God! What are you waiting for? Do you think it's a shame to show your true appearance? This appearance is granted by the most powerful being in this universe!"

"Shut up!" The Wind God berated him out loud while thinking about what he needed to do. Although it was true that his strength increased that much by using this new power, it also came with a price... Appearance.

Before the Wind God could say anything, the snake continued. "You need to do it right now. Without you here, we are going to die! Do you even understand?"

"Don't say anything!" The Palm God tried to attack the snake once more, but the latter had flown away. "You won't escape!"

The Palm God tried to chase him but to no avail. His speed was lowered a bit after summoning those two arms that took too much energy.

"You won't be able to reach him." Raiju saw the movement and hurriedly flew toward the snake to prevent him.

"Enough!" Suddenly, the Wind God roared before his hands started turning into a bear. His body, his head, his feet, everything. The brown fur spread all over his body as he waved his hands, striking the rings that got destroyed in a couple of hits.

"What?" The Holy God widened his eyes as he saw how his most powerful binding spell got destroyed by raw power. "Impossible."

"Hahaha! I have expected you to come this whole time. Since you are here and have transformed, there is no need to hold back." The snake shouted out loud while flying to the bear to escape from this entire situation.

When Raiju came into his way, he was blown away by the bear from behind, letting the snake reach the bear.

"To think that you are the bear... You... Are you actually someone from this world?!" Raiju gritted his teeth, wanting to kill them.

"This universe is just too pathetic for me." The Wind God snorted. "After destroying this universe, I shall go to a higher place where I can treat people like you like that of an ant."

The Wind God's bear body was only five meters tall, so the snake adjusted its size and circled around its belly. Instead of an ancient monster which was a combination between a turtle and a snake, this one was a bear and a snake.

As much as they wanted to laugh at them, the situation didn't allow them. Instead, the Palm God used his hand to grab the Holy God and pull him back from the front line.

It turned out that the bear was trying to the Holy God as soon as it fused with the snake. With just one swipe, there were humongous claw marks on the ground. At the same time, the claw marks carried a residual poison and melted the ground even further.

"This... His wind is carrying the poison. We need to stop him right now." The Holy God gritted his teeth.

"Hahaha! You won't be able to stop me this time." The Wind God laughed while releasing another attack that scattered them. "I'm invincible."

"Kh..." The Holy God gritted his teeth, thinking of a solution.

Meanwhile, the God of Destruction glanced while sending a thought transmission to him. "Palm God... I have an idea, but it will cost you a bit. What do you think?"

After thinking for three seconds, Hans ultimately nodded his head. "Alright."

The Palm God, on the other hand, raised his cane while releasing his full power. Since the two guys were going all out, he decided to put everything in this attack.

"I call Heaven to send its judgment."

The sky brightened. If one took another look at the clouds, they would find ten sources of light behind them, staring right at this combination beast.

"Heaven Falls!" Christopher shouted on top of his lung as the light shone even brighter and struck forth. The light suddenly fused to each other and turned into one golden light, illuminating the monster.

"Pure Poison Claw." The beast snorted and sent an attack to stop the light, albeit it was futile.

What the Holy God sent was something far more powerful than what he had ever used this whole time.

"Wha—" The bear and the snake dropped their jaws when they saw their attack disappeared after hitting the light. The light then fell upon him and forced him to scream. "Aahhhh!"

"What is this light? It's burning my body?" The monster asked out loud before clenching his teeth. "I won't be held back by this!"

As he shouted, he released a powerful black wind, trying to break free from the light.

Because of the wind, the poison began to consume the light until it disappeared. The bear panted a few times while saying, "Huft. You're good."

There was still a trace of pride in his eyes because the Holy God who maintained such an attack actually had an internal injury. He dropped on his knees and glared at the two beasts. What surprised them was his smile. Despite him losing against them, the Holy God still had the nerve to smile.

The two beasts quickly looked left and right, finding the God of Destruction and Palm God had yet to move, so they only thought that the Holy God was insane.

However, that pride was soon crushed by the appearance of five rings...The same rings that locked the bear up.

"!!!"

"Wisdom, Kindness, Humility, Friendly, Compassionate. Five Good Rings. Bind."

"Do you think you can hold us back with these rings?" Both of them shouted at the same time while using the same power to break the rings.

And once again, the moment it broke, another thing followed.

This time, the Palm God was already right before them. The thousand hands behind him had fused into two hands, the red right hand and the blue left hand.

Both hands quickly swiped them as if it was trying to crush a mosquito. "Die!"

"NO!" The bear refused to lose and used both hands and wind element to stop those hands. The Snake helped him by using the poison to weaken the two palms.

It was at this moment that the Palm God finally revealed his trump card: The only plan he agreed with the God of Destruction.

Suddenly, the wind and poison started to decay as if something was forcing them to self-destruct.

Once they took a closer look, the bear gasped as he found that the two palms carried the power of destruction.

"What? How can you use the power of destruction?"

Meanwhile, the God of Destruction smiled while panting on the ground. "I have borrowed it of course. To think there is a time where I decide to borrow my power from someone and let him be the winner... This so-called "weapon" is scary. I will let you win today, Palm God."

"Hmph!" The Palm God snorted while clenching his teeth, using every ounce of his strength to close the gap between two arms, crushing these two to death.

"No!" The bear tried its best to stop that palm, but the conclusion came in a sudden. Both of his arms broke and bent in a weird way.

"Asura and Devil True Palm of Destruction!" The Palm God bit his lips until it bled as he finally slapped and crushed them inside his palm.

"NOOO!"

The power of destruction then went out of control and caused destruction everywhere until only a few peaks remained while the others were crushed underneath.

Both palms disappeared.

"We won." The Holy God exclaimed with a smile after not seeing any beasts.

The Palm God fell from the sky and was caught by the Holy God, letting him down beside Raiju.

"Haiz. We really lacked too many things compared to the previous generation of God Kings." Raiju laid down on the ground, looking at the sky. "Ha, I wish to get even stronger. I wonder if I can do something useful in less than a hundred years."

"That's something you should say after you recover." The Holy God shook his head helplessly and began treating their wounds.

Chapter 1103 - Next Course

During this time, Lin Xingzhi had killed more than one thousand God Rank Experts after killing a Rank 2 God effortlessly.

While keeping an eye on Alex's movement, Lin Xingzhi continued at her own pace until someone came to her.

He had long purple hair and an aloof expression. He kneeled in front of her and spoke. "Milady, the situation over there is over. It turned out that there is a traitor among the alliance and he had the power of the bear.

"Just like the information, the bear and the snake were always attracted to each other. This time, the bear was a former guy from this universe, so we can safely assume there are another one or two bears hidden right now.

"At the same time, the current God King didn't have enough strength to rival them, so we really needed additional help during the war."

"..." Lin Xingzhi furrowed her eyebrows and sighed. "Well, at least, we have killed the snake and one bear. And we have confirmed that some people in this universe have become a double agent like what happened in the past.

"This way, we could start preparing for the next phase and destroy them completely this time." Lin Xingzhi's expression turned serious as she looked at Alex.

Alex had been fighting the Rank 3 God for half an hour already, but the result was far from satisfying. Nonetheless, Alex was a Rank 5 God. The result was more than enough because not only he endured all the attacks from the Rank 3 God for half an hour, he managed to injure him a couple of times.

Of course, Alex's condition wasn't that good either. He had used everything in his possession other than his new Space Element Mastery.

The biggest contribution to this battle was none other than his Pure Fire. Due to its purifying ability, he managed to render the poison useless, allowing him to keep attacking like there's no tomorrow.

At the same time, the super-fast summoning arrays couldn't be disregarded just like that. It helped Alex corner the snake from time to time.

Unfortunately, only two out of one hundred arrays he made could injure the snake. The other wounds he inflicted on the snake were from either his Pure Fire or his Seven Purities Slash.

Since the situation became even more complex, Lin Xingzhi decided to stop Alex's fight by killing the snake herself.

"!!!" Alex widened his eyes when he saw Lin Xingzhi creating a Lightning Disturbance to smite this snake until it was reduced to ashes. Dissatisfaction filled his face because he never expected Lin Xingzhi to end it this soon. "Why? I can still fight, you know."

"I know. But there is something more pressing."

"If it's related to this war, it's not pressing, no?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"I know, but you should know about this first." Lin Xingzhi briefed him on how the fight on the other side went on.

Alex fell silent when he heard that the bear appeared. Unfortunately, they couldn't find anything from the bear because there was no other choice than to kill him.

"Maybe I should ask you to help them." Alex scratched the back of his head and sighed.

"It's fine. We can search for the next clue."

"Yeah." Alex nodded. "If there were indeed a bear hidden among the people in the alliance, they would surely come to us by reinforcing the alliance. I will ask the Holy God to hide this fact first."

"What are you planning?" She narrowed her eyes.

"The Wind God was the person in the alliance. Those who knew about this would only be the bears themselves since I would be locking the information right after this." Alex smirked evilly. "In other words, we will suspect everyone that mentions the death of the Wind God.

"At the same time, they will also use his death to be the reason for our war. And I don't think I need to explain the real identity of those who incited them, right?"

Gasp—! Lin Xingzhi took a step back as she shook her head helplessly. "They are the bears. In other words, anyone who mentioned it should be eliminated first. The problem would be how to know their identities."

"I will send the Holy God back and have him pretend that there is no alliance between us. After that, the bear will surely know that he is acting as a double agent for me, resulting in them trying to force him to leave the alliance.

"The Holy God then plays dumb until he gets enough information for us before officially leaving the alliance. This is enough, no?" Alex smiled after getting this brilliant plan.

"Yes." Lin Xingzhi nodded with a smile.

"In any case, the Holy God won't be touched because they are afraid of his reputation. The moment the Holy God dies, many worlds will be angry. That's how big his reputation is. Hence, the bears don't want to destroy their ultimate plan, allowing us to reserve our strength too."

"I see. I can understand your plan. I will talk to Anya for the details..." Lin Xingzhi thought for a moment and asked playfully. "Shall we go to the other God Kings then?"

Alex looked at the battlefield situation before agreeing. "Since the situation has become one side, let's depart immediately. Agnis shall lead the army."

The N Squad that informed Lin Xingzhi bowed to Alex before disappearing, bringing his message to Agnis and any other Rank 2 Gods on their side.

Meanwhile, Alex and Lin Xingzhi went toward the three God Kings without Alex's Teleportation Array. After all, they might know that Alex was an Array Master, but no one knew he was a Space Element Master. Hence, it was better for him to hide this power for a little longer.

When he arrived, the three God Kings let out a breath of relief.

"How are you three?" Alex smiled.

"Horrible. I need to let this guy win everything." Raiju snorted while pointing his finger at Hans.

"Hmph. I'm powerful. That's why I became the winner. The loser should just shut up." Hans shrugged.

"Hoho. You two... Are you going to dismiss my contribution?"

"You are a good guy, right? Just give me your achievement." Raiju harrumphed while glaring at Hans.

"You two should donate first to the church. With your power, I'm sure that many people will have a smile on their face when you donate the Spirit Crystals."

"I take it back. This old man is not a good person. He is just a scammer."

"I'm not. I've never embezzled people's money. I have even expelled many people who are corrupted by greed, lust, or whatever. What do you want me to do next?" The Holy God looked at them with a weird face.

"Anyway, I know that you three have a good relationship, but I want you three to listen to me first." Alex sighed and stopped them from talking or else they would keep arguing for another hour.

The three surprisingly became silent in an instant as they looked at Alex's face with a serious expression.

Alex smiled and nodded before turning to the Holy God. "What do you think about this battle?"

"I know that there is a hidden danger to our universe and I shall fight to stop it for the good of this universe. Hence, I will gladly fight alongside the Spirit God to save this universe." The Holy God nodded.

"I don't want to save this universe. I'm just taking revenge for my past and protecting my subjects. That's all." Alex shrugged.

"Pfft." Raiju and Hans laughed at the Holy God. He was completely bamboozled by Alex because Alex never thought about the greater good. If Alex were to choose whether he saved the universe or helped his world, he would, without a doubt, choose the latter. Alexander Sirius would surely leave the battlefield just to return to Eulja even if it means abandoning them.

Christopher tried hard to remain calm as he said, "Anyway, whatever the reason, your action will save this universe, so I won't say anything. For now, I should do my part...

"By Heaven and Earth as the witness, I, Christopher, promise Alexander Sirius that I will fight alongside him and never betray him until the beast that threatens this universe is dead. I shall have my own retainers to swear the same oath as me."

After hearing the oath, Alex nodded with a smile. "That's good enough. For now, I want to tell you about my plan."

The three nodded and began listening to Alex's plan. They couldn't help but gasp at how Alex perceived the entire situation.

What the God of Destruction saw in the past wasn't wrong. Alex really planned to swallow the alliance as a whole instead of fighting them until he became a God King.

"You are really a devil." The God of Destruction said while smiling. "But I like it."

"What do you think, Holy God?" Alex asked.

"I am not sure if I can lie since I have vowed to never lie for the rest of my life. However, I can still choose to not say anything." The Holy God nodded. "That's why... Leave everything to me. I will see who is suspicious and who is not. I will make those traitors face their sins."

"Alright." Alex nodded with a serious expression. "I will leave this task to you. At the very least, I don't need to worry about your life."

"Ahaha... I hope that you can worry about it. This old man is going to retire already if not because of your appearance. If only my daughter can step to God King Stage, I would have handed the position to her." The Holy God sighed.

"Hmph. My daughter is better than yours. Right, son-in-law?" Hans snorted at Holy God's remark before playfully staring at Alex.

"..." Alex shrugged and stayed silent. Meanwhile, the God of Destruction didn't know what to say. Feeling a bit left of, he realized that he should get a daughter right now, so he could compare her to them, albeit he never thought of it until now, so his thinking was rather extreme.

"Anyway, I would ask the Palm God and the God of Destruction for your cooperation to investigate the other weapons. I have given you the information about the phoenix and the bat, right?"

The two nodded while narrowing their eyes. Hans said, "Leave it to me... I... No, my wife will take care of it."

"Incompetent." Raiju snorted.

"What did you say?" Hans snarled. "This is how the capable guy enjoys his life. Not only will he get a beautiful and caring wife, but he will get a capable wife of leading an army. I can just enjoy every moment while relaxing."

"My point still stands." Raiju shrugged and looked away.

"Are you picking a fight with me?"

Alex finally turned around and said, "Since we have finished our discussion, it's time for me to return to my army. Bye."

"Oi!"

Chapter 1104 - Path

After reaching an agreement, Alex and Lin Xingzhi returned to their army but stopped fighting. Alex decided to stay in the rear while looking at the sky under a tree.

"What are you thinking, Boss?"

Suddenly, a female voice resounded in his ears as a familiar feeling rose in his heart. He definitely heard this voice, but he didn't remember there was someone who actually called him boss.

Curious about the identity of this female, he turned around and found a blind young girl walking with a smile.

"!!!" Alex widened his eyes before shaking his head helplessly. "It turns out to be Aria."

"Ehehe, I have come to Eulja since a year ago, you know." Aria chuckled before bending her knees, sitting next to him. "I have overused my Sword Eyes a bit, so I'm back here to recover. Well, I have wanted to greet you since the beginning, but I know that my reputation is not enough to meet you, so I guess this is the only opportunity I have. To think that you are the Spirit God, I am speechless."

"..." Alex sighed. "That's what my past life's deed. I'm going to make my own reputation after this and will absolutely shadow my past life."

"I love your ambition."

"So, how are you doing with your current position? You are Anya's assistant, right?"

"Yes." Aria nodded with a weird smile. "Well, I've learned a lot, including the weird thing..."

"Weird thing?" Alex's stuttered as he felt something wrong with that "weird thing".

"Ehm. I think you don't need to know." Aria shook her head with a smile.

"I see. Perverted things then." Alex nodded in understanding.

"You know your wife well." Aria chuckled. "She kept teaching me all the ways to seduce your boss or whatever that is. Well, my boss is currently her, so should I seduce her? By the way, you are the big boss."

Alex let out a long sigh. "Just ignore her."

"I understand. I will tell her that you have given me permission to ignore her." Aria repeatedly nodded with a smile. "But I do say that Miss Anya has unique thinking. Although her style is not the same as you, I can see that she is really a master in terms of controlling things from the shadow."

"Yeah. Just make sure you don't eat an aphrodisiac from her." Alex smiled.

"Do you—" Aria realized something and coughed once before correcting her words. "I guess that can happen."

Alex shrugged. "Anyway, I'm sure you have already known that our situation is not in the best position, right?"

"Yes, I know. However, I don't have the intention to run away. You know...I have been thinking this until now. Back when you saved me from that rapist, I thought to myself... If he truly raped me, even if I could kill him in the end, would I stay the same? Would I be able to love others or even my own family?

"When you were gone, I realized that every experience would shape me and change my character one way or another. Hence, I knew that it was impossible to stay the same after being raped. In fact, I might have become a vengeful person whose only purpose was to destroy my enemies.

"That's why... I have wanted to say this to you." Aria lowered her head and bent her body until her forehead touched the ground. "Thank you for granting this path for me. This is the best thing I would ever have in my entire life."

Alex looked at her and made a gentle smile. He stretched his hand and patted her head. "Thank you. That means a lot to me."

"I will do my best to become another strategist of Eulja."

"Yeah, do your best. This is the perfect time for you to learn because Eulja has been passive for the past five thousand years. Make sure you learn everything." Alex nodded.

Not knowing why, Alex understood that he needed to act first before thinking about the future since it didn't really matter at this point.

After regaining his calm, he suddenly asked Lin Xingzhi about the Void Flower.

"Eh? Are you sure?" Lin Xingzhi tilted her head.

"Yeah. It will probably take half a year for me, but this half a year will smoothen my journey. I mean, I need a huge amount of Spiritual Energy to complete just a single test, so if I refine the Void Flower right now, I can train twice as much." Alex nodded with a serious expression.

"Oh..." Lin Xingzhi thought for a moment and agreed with his plan. "I understand. I haven't harvested the flower. It's in my room, you see. Do you want to go back or finish this war first?"

"I will wait for now. It's not like this war is going for too long." Alex shrugged.

"That's good. I will also go to the battlefield right now to speed up the process. Do you want to go with me?"

"Sure." Alex nodded with a smile as he rose to the sky before disappearing and sending a thought transmission to Aria. "I'm going."

Lin Xingzhi followed right behind him as they began to storm all battlefields they ever found. Lin Xingzhi's might didn't need to be questioned again as she completely annihilated the enemies without mercy.

Even the people cheered for her and him whenever they went to a new battlefield. Due to their constant effort, they managed to beat their own prediction.

Alex first thought that the subjugation required three whole days, but they managed to accomplish it within two full days, so it was enough for them to cheer for their win.

After that, Alex had a joint banquet with the other three God Kings while their subjects had their own separate party. They seemed to have a trust issue. After all, the God Kings could easily get along with each other because of their number.

However, with more than a hundred thousand people here, it was easy to get information, thus the ban for their interaction.

After that whole party, Alex returned to the camp and found so many people crying while hugging their lovers, their friends, or their rivals.

Alex knew that this was inevitable, so he halted his footsteps right before his tent and bowed to those who had fallen along the way.

Lin Xingzhi also cupped her hands and politely lowered her head, sending the spirits with respect.

At the very least, the spirits could send their acquaintances with a smile. After bowing enough, Alex turned around and entered the tent with Lin Xingzhi.

"Give me the status report," Alex asked.

"We have 10,671 deaths, 5,781 heavily injured, and 20,218 light injured. Other than the deaths, I think we can safely assume that they are safe and sound." Lin Xingzhi nodded. "We will give them pills to treat their injuries. Luckily, Eulja has never gone to war this whole time, so our stock has increased so much that we can spend as much as we need. Five thousand years of waiting has started showing its effect." Lin Xingzhi smiled.

"I'm glad." Alex nodded with a solemn expression. "Treat the deaths with care too."

"Don't worry. This is not an individual fight but a war. We will obviously take care of everything." Lin Xingzhi assured him with a calm face.

"That's right. How about the whole situation? How many people on the other sides died?"

"In total, we have around forty thousand casualties. As expected, the snake poison is too powerful for us. In the past, there are millions of God Rank Experts who died daily, so I know that this is the best result we can hope for."

Lin Xingzhi recalled that nightmare where wars happened from one place to another, causing millions of deaths every day. Their side had a lower chance to protect the universe, but they didn't give up and throw their lives just to protect it.

Even the past Alex was grateful for their sacrifices.

Alex looked at her expression before nodding with closed eyes. "Anyway, do you have any other report?"

"Ehm..." Lin Xingzhi contemplated for five minutes, checking everything that needed to be confirmed before saying, "No. We have dealt with everything, including those annoying God Kings."

"I guess everything is over." Alex smiled.

"Yeah. We can go home now." Lin Xingzhi nodded with a relieved expression. "With this, we don't need one of the dangers because I can be sure that this is the only snake left."

"I agree with you. I am not entirely sure, but I have a theory. According to my observation, they can only influence one person for the rest of their lives. I don't know, this is only a speculation." Alex thought for a moment. "In any case, everything will be revealed when the Holy God returns."

"Indeed. You also need to return to that inheritance palace, no? Just remember that you only have three years before the first tournament starts. In that case, you need to attend that tournament for future generations."

"That's right. I haven't thought about it." Alex closed his eyes for a few seconds before opening his mouth. "This is going to be a fighting competition. Every spirit can participate, but I guess it's only for the humanoid one.

"I don't need something complicated. Just use battle royale to chip down their number and fight one on one after that. As long as they don't kill or cripple someone, I won't say anything. However, I would like to add one more rule.

"Everyone who participates in the second stage of the competition will need to seal their cultivation to match their opponent's cultivation. Also, no True Spirit Body, okay?" Alex smiled.

"Hmm?" Lin Xingzhi frowned and tilted her head in confusion. This was a new rule that she never saw before. Even in all competitions, Alex had experienced, there was no record of this ridiculous rule. This rule was meant to restrict talented people.

Before Lin Xingzhi comprehended the real meaning behind Alex's rule, he had stood up and smiled. "Let's go home, shall we?"

Chapter 1105 - Discord

As soon as he returned to the Spirit World, Alex entered the bedroom with Lin Xingzhi. They used the door in the room to go to Lin Xingzhi's personal room, finding that her room was divided into two sides. The first side contained a bed, dress table, and wardrobe while the rest consisted of the plants she cultivated, including his Void Flower.

"You planted all this in your room?"

"Yep. You should have noticed that my room is smaller, no?" Lin Xingzhil tilted her head.

"Yeah. You only go to either the computer or your bed."

"Hahaha! You are right. That's why I separate my room into two while building a moving wall." Lin Xingzhi pointed at the railing in the ceiling and floor where she usually closed it during the unimportant time. "Besides, I can work just fine in a small room since I only have eyes for the system or any other form of work that Korzan gave me."

Alex nodded and saw that the plants on the other side of her room were rare Divine Plants. "These plants..."

"Ah! As expected of an alchemist, I'm sure you have noticed it. Yes, the plants here are my most treasured plant." Lin Xingzhi looked at her plants as if they brought her joy. She couldn't contain her smile this whole time. She turned around with a big smile. "Of course. The most important one is your Void Flower. It's my most precious treasure."

"..." Alex froze and realized his wrongdoing. For the others, he had been giving them anything, whether it was as normal as clothes or as important as cultivation. Yet, Lin Xingzhi hadn't gotten anything other than the wedding ring.

This struck him hard as he quickly thought of something. There was always a thought in his mind, telling him that Lin Xingzhi already had it all, so he never thought of giving something to her. However, it was wrong.

Even if she had the whole universe in her hand, it was different when her loved one actually gave her a present.

'I'm a failure...' Alex sighed inwardly before getting a jade necklace. The chains were golden like his Spirit Crown, while the jade had a sun symbol on it. Although this was just an ornament, he believed this was the most sincere thing he could ever give.

"Hm?" Lin Xingzhi tilted her head in confusion, not understanding Alex's gesture.

"Ehm..." Alex looked down for a few seconds before opening his mouth. "I know that you don't need anything... And what you have given to me couldn't be compared to this, but I wish you can accept this."

"!!!" Lin Xingzhi was surprised to see the necklace on his hand. It took her a whole minute to realize what he meant by giving her a necklace made of Rank 7 Materials. It wasn't for use but appearance. This was the only thing he thought would suit her. Something that couldn't be measured by value but far surpassed the value itself.

Lin Xingzhi smiled and lifted her hair before turning around. "Can you help me put it on?"

Alex nodded with a gentle expression as he put the necklace on her neck.

At the same time, Lin Xingzhi slightly leaned to the back and kissed his cheek. "Thank you, Husband."

There was a feeling of happiness and relief in his heart... One which couldn't be described. He was glad he realized this.

Lin Xingzhi took a few steps forward while showing him the necklace. "How does it look, Husband?"

"It's perfect."

"Hehe..." Lin Xingzhi made a big grin before she leaped toward him and hugged Alex for two minutes. Unfortunately, this happiness needed to stop. Lin Xingzhi reluctantly released him and said, "Alright. This should end now. Let me harvest the void flower first."

He wanted to say something, but the words stuck on his throat as he stretched his hand forward as if wanting to stop her.

However, Lin Xingzhi just turned around with a gentle smile. "Let's finish everything first, Husband. It's only a few decades...I can wait that long. After that, I will ask you to spoil me every day, okay?"

Alex closed his eyes, knowing that he was no match against her. "Yeah. I promise."

Lin Xingzhi then walked toward the Void Flower and carefully harvested it before presenting it to Alex with two hands. "This is your Void Flower."

Alex looked at this black flower which looked like a rose, but black. There was also a slight gimmick that could be seen from this flower. Along with the Space Element that it naturally released to the air, Alex made sure that it was really a Void Flower.

"Thank you."

"With this flower, your Divine Energy reserve will become twice as big as the current one. However, if you use it, you need to recover twice as long as other people. You can't get all the benefits, okay? There is always a downside accompanying it. Either way, the downside is too small compared to the benefit."

Alex nodded as he took the Void Flower.

"Now, let's go to your room. I will protect you while you refine this flower. After that, you can return to the Dungeon God's inheritance palace."

"Yeah. I'm sorry that I can't be with all of you during this period."

"Don't mind. In fact, I'm planning to send you to three worlds after you complete the inheritance." Lin Xingzhi smirked. "Two for the systems and one for the last body refinement."

"I understand. Let's follow that schedule." Alex nodded. "By that time, I might be able to get near Rank 3 God stage."

"Sure." Lin Xingzhi pushed open the door, leading Alex to his room as she sat on the chair, watching him from the side.

Alex, on the other hand, looked at the Void Flower before using his Divine Energy to separate the stem from its body as Alex began pulling the petals one by one and swallowed them in one go.

As if reacting to the Divine Energy, the Void Flower instantly released all the Space Energy stored inside its petals.

"!!!" Alex felt the influx of energy and used his own Space Element to trap all the energy within his body. In other words, he turned his own body like a Special Realm that could trap anything inside. At the same time, the Pure Fire began refining the petals one by one, quenching all the Space Energy from the petals, making Alex feel a bit pressured as he needed to maintain his Space Element continuously.

Other than the constant pressure, Alex had no trouble in refining all the energy. He even got used to this state within a week.

Feeling that Alex would be fine, Lin Xingzhi often came out to deal with her own tasks, including maintaining the system.

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Meanwhile, in another place, the situation wasn't as peaceful as in Eulja.

Inside a room, ten God Kings were present. Each of them gave a powerful pressure to their surroundings while glaring at each other.

For this alliance, they chose a round table, showing that everyone was equal, including the one creating this alliance.

"I would like to ask one question to the Holy God. Where have you gone this whole time?" Suddenly, a brown-haired man asked while narrowing his eyes.

"Where? I thought you all had heard it from me before? My first objective was to pressure the Spirit God to prevent him from committing the mass murder once again. If my first objective failed, I would choose the war option." The Holy God smiled. "What? Did you suspect me, o Metal God?"

"..." The Metal God clenched his fists before rebuking him. "Is that so? Then, I would like your explanation about you joining hands with the Spirit God. You couldn't blame me if I spied on you, right? After all, you literally wanted to talk with the enemy."

"Ho?" The Holy God narrowed his eyes as both of them increased their pressure while staring at each other. "Are you suspecting me?"

"It's not suspecting anymore. It's a fact." The Metal God shook his head.

"What is the meaning of this, Holy God? You've created this alliance by using your reputation at stake, yet, you chose to side with the enemy?" Suddenly, another God King roared. He had a muscular body and tattoo all over his body.

Ding.

Suddenly, a high-pitched but calming sound echoed in the room as the Song Goddess stopped them with her zither. "Well, well. You three. How about calming down a little? I'm sure that the Holy God has his reason, right? Of course, I demand a full explanation from him. Will that be okay, Holy God?"

Christopher narrowed his eyes and contemplated for a few seconds before opening his mouth. "Do you happen to know what actually had happened during the Dark Period?"

"..." The group fell silent as he managed to pique their interest.

"I created a temporary alliance with them because there was a threat from that era. And now... They are gone." The Holy God explained. He didn't tell a lie in this because he really made a temporary alliance with Alex. The promise he swore after that was a separate thing.

At the same time, he emphasized the word "Temporary" to make them think that there wasn't anything like that between the Spirit God and him. The Holy God then added, "Of course. I don't have a plan to fight him anymore because I can see that he is also fighting to protect us. Hence, as long as the threat hasn't been removed yet, I have no plan in fighting him even if this means I let him get stronger."

"..." All the God Kings were shocked as they stared at him in complete disbelief.

Even the Song Goddess didn't expect that Alex's reincarnation was for something like this. She looked down and fell into deep thought.

"If you are not planning to attack him, then I would like to ask you to step out of the alliance." The Metal God narrowed his eyes. "You are not planning to snitch on us, right?"

"Hmph! Fine by me. You all can't even look at the bigger picture here." He snorted.

"You are the one who can't see the bigger picture. The Spirit God is only a mere Rank 5 God right now. This is the right time to destroy him. Besides... What's the threat of the Dark Period? The previous generation of God Kings couldn't handle it because they didn't have enough strength. But look at us now? We have thirty-two God Kings across the universe. We have grown stronger."

"Y-you!" The Holy God slammed the table. The frustrated expression was clearly present.

"You are too arrogant!" The Holy God gritted his teeth. "Then, why don't you let him grow and have him fight for us?? When he is at the top, isn't it easy to rally more God Kings into the plan and eliminate him? You are insane."

The room fell silent before the Metal God said, "Then, can you guarantee that the Spirit God tries to deal with the threats from the Dark Era? Why would the chance appear right after you came? You didn't think it was suspicious?"

"Y-you! Do you think I'm easily fooled by his words?" The Holy God rose from his seat and turned around. "Fine by me. If you want to continue the alliance, I won't care. As I said, until the threat is removed, I won't hurt the Spirit God."

Bang.

They didn't say anything as they watched how the Holy God left the room. Of course, no one was fool enough to attack him. Not only would it look bad for them, but it also reinforced the Holy God's claim.

After thinking for a while, someone suddenly rose from his seat as if he had made the decision. "I believe the Holy God is right. I choose his reputation over this alliance that basically has no trust between each other. I'm sorry, but I will be leaving and remain neutral. What I have against the Spirit God is fear, not hatred."

"..." When they saw another God actually left, two more stood up and followed him, leaving the room.

In other words, there were only six God Kings remaining in this room.

Chapter 1106 - Retreat To Attack

With three God Kings following the Holy God to leave the alliance, only six God Kings remained in this room, including the Song Goddess, the Metal God, and the God King that rebuked the Holy God before.

They stared at each other. The room atmosphere turned worse as cracks began to appear in the room as they released a bit more pressure.

The Metal God narrowed his eyes and asked, "And I presume, all of you are planning to strike the Spirit God, right?"

"Of course. The Spirit God is too arrogant. He will kill us without mercy with the slightest grievance. Back when I was a kid, my planet almost became his target, so I'm not going to spare him. This is the only chance to kill him, preventing him from causing another terror to this universe."

The Metal God turned to the God King that rebuked the Holy God and asked. "I see. Then you are with me, right, Earth God?"

"Yes. He ended up destroying the other planet next to me and you might haven't felt it, but if you were there, you would have realized what kind of nightmare he put on us." The Earth God nodded with a grim expression.

"Revenge, huh..." The Song Goddess closed her eyes. Her voice was calm and there was no expression that could translate her emotion right now. Yet, everyone somehow sympathized with her with that tone alone. "When I was a kid, my planet was destroyed and I was the lone survivor..."

Gasp! The people widened their eyes and understood why the Song Goddess took part in this matter. To be a lone survivor, it must be hard for her. The Spirit God was known to be ruthless to his enemies even if they were innocent. They usually killed all people inside that world like what he did to the Array God.

It required talent and tremendous luck to become the lone survivor, especially with the Spirit God on your tail. Not only would she need to hide for a long time, but she also needed to get into the place that outsmarted everyone on that planet.

At that time, she must have suffered so much, but she turned that hatred to determination and became a God King.

The other God Kings also told them the reason why they wanted to kill the Spirit God.

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After a long conversation, they reached an agreement.

"In that case, we will attack the Spirit God three years later. I want all of you to get everything ready and start pressuring Eulja from all sides. We can learn from his allies this way since they will surely not abandon him just like that." The Metal God smirked.

"You misunderstand something, Metal God." The Song Goddess narrowed her eyes. She explained with a serious expression. "You are indeed the one that instigated this alliance to be shaped like this, but by

no means are you our leader. What right do you have to lead us? Nothing. Despite having this alliance, we all are equal."

The Metal God frowned before sighing and raising both hands. "It wasn't my intention to offend you with my speech. This is just how I speak, I hope you can understand that. At the same time, I apologize if I offended you in any way, Song Goddess."

Song Goddess paused for a few seconds, creating tension between them. Knowing she needed to stop, she harrumphed and looked away.

"In that case, I hope all of you can start pressuring Eulja for three years to lower their morale before we attack him. That's all." The Metal God smiled and cupped his hands politely.

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Meanwhile, Alex's condition was far from what they could imagine. He simply had stabilized his position in this refining as the petals slowly formed a certain special place that could act as his second "heart" that allowed him to store the same amount of energy his heart currently had.

But to utilize this energy, he needed to direct it to his own heart first.

Alex tried to go around it by transferring the same amount of energy from this special place inside his body to his heart as soon as he used a single technique. This way, he would be able to keep fighting on the battlefield.

Still, Alex took a long six months just to complete this process. Inside his body now had a kind of black heart that acted as his energy supply.

Since he had spent a long time in this room, he quickly went out of his room and visited Lin Xingzhi to know about their current situation.

"Alex? You're done?" Lin Xingzhi narrowed her eyes, trying to check his current power.

"Yeah. It took me a while, but I have the confidence to kill a Rank 3 God with my current strength. Although we will fight for a long time and the energy that I can utilize is still within my current cultivation, I can last long enough until they are exhausted."

"That's good." Lin Xingzhi smiled. "To think that you have reached this step this soon. I'm happy."

"Hahaha. I need to thank everyone here. The Dungeon God and the Fire God have given me the opportunity... My past self and Fathers-in-law have sacrificed themselves. I can't thank them enough." Alex shook his head in defeat. "They are the ones who are amazing."

"Right? By the way, if you are here, I think you want to know about our situation, no?"

"Yeah." Alex nodded as his expression turned serious.

"The situation is not too bad to be honest. First of all, we have confirmed all six enemies that we need to face... They are Metal God, Earth God, Song Goddess, Goddess of Destiny, God of Wrath, and Battle God. These six."

"Hmm." Alex narrowed his eyes and looked down. "How can our situation be not bad? Well, if you add two or three more God Kings from our side by the use of the system, you can say it's not bad. But if you don't add it up, then it will be four versus six. Do you think you can handle them?"

"You might not know this, but we have a past ally inside their union. Although I don't understand why she is doing this, I think she has a different meaning."

"Who?"

"Song Goddess. From what I know, she was once a musician in our castle. One day, you asked her to leave and never told us anything about it. The matter had been long forgotten too. Well, I did forget it. If not because Korzan reminded me about her, I would have panicked as well." Lin Xingzhi let out a long sigh.

"Korzan, eh. Such a reliable guy."

"Indeed. There was a saying. If you forgot, asked Korzan to help you. He noted every single thing, including the smallest things like when did you take a bath or what did you do at a particular time."

"Ehm... Are you sure he is not a stalker?" Alex suddenly had a change of opinion and joked about it.

"Ahaha. I can understand your concern, but if it's not because of his meticulous efforts, the situation will become far more serious."

"Fair enough. How about the other things? Like our allies..."

"You don't need to worry about them. The Holy God may not help us during this period, but he has agreed to come when the time for the battle comes. The God of Destruction is trying to lift the pressure from us, but he is more directed to the investigation since it's better to look at the future.

"The Palm God is the most protective. He is trying to lift up the pressure while claiming that his daughter is your wife. Of course, the War Goddess has been sending me apologies about his behavior that can't be changed.

"As for the situation on our side, the enemies have been blocking our trading route, resulting in us losing our current revenue. But no need to worry. We can use our reserve first while getting our compensation after destroying their worlds.

"The disciples also can't go to another planet because they will be ambushed. Luckily, the ten Commandants and Five Guardians are protecting our rear while the Six Elemental Gods are preparing the competition to distract people's attention.

"This will allow us to keep our morale for the time being." Lin Xingzhi explained their situation with a calm expression.

Alex agreed to her initial impression. The situation wasn't really that bad if you assumed that the God Kings were even. However, if the Song Goddess were actually an enemy, it would become dire pretty soon and Alex might need to forcefully level up Anna and Leoz to become a God King.

After contemplating for a moment, Alex opened his mouth. "Keep the situation in order for now. It's not like we haven't experienced this in the past. I assume the people also understand it and stay strong in this dangerous situation.

"As for the trade, it's fine to compensate them by using our cash reserve. We will get it back after conquering their worlds. Unfortunately, I can't tell what their strategy is to handle us, so I will leave it to Anya for the details.

"For now, make sure to preserve our current condition. We will stay silent for a while." Alex explained while contemplating their chance of success without using his trump card.

"I understand. I will tell Anya about it."

It seemed Alex had no confidence in keeping it a secret anymore. "Hmm... I believe I don't need to hide my Space Element anymore. I have the confidence to reach Rank 4 God during this training. Rank 3 God won't be a problem for me anymore, but it doesn't mean I can fight a Rank 2 God. I can escape from them though."

"Yep. I think that's fine. Unless a God King is coming for you, your situation won't be that bad. But I think it's better for me to accompany every trip you will have in the future, such as getting the last refinement material for your Undying Fire Body or any others."

"I know. I will be relying on you at that time. For now, I need to go to the inheritance palace alone."

"I will handle the other process. I am sure that with your Teleportation Array, you won't be spotted, but you need to be careful, alright? Just leave the investigation to the N Squad." Lin Xingzhi warned him to not act like Nelson and tried to figure out something alone.

Alex smiled. "Don't worry. I won't be rash. Besides, I will make them regret picking a fight with me."

"I will be looking forward to it." Lin Xingzhi nodded.

"Alright then." Alex snapped his finger as he summoned his Teleportation Array. After giving his goodbye to her, Alex disappeared from the room.

Chapter 1107 - Test? Reincarnator?

Alex had returned to the inheritance palace, where he planned to challenge the third test.

As expected, AI had been waiting for him.

"I'm going to take the third test."

Al nodded and began to explain. "The third test is about Trap."

"Where do the third test—" Alex turned around and seemed to have realized something. "Is it on the cone-shaped building?"

"Yes." AI nodded without an expression and led Alex to the tower.

As soon as he reached the cone-shaped building, the door opened by itself, presenting him with nothing but a blank dark space.

However, Alex noticed there was something underneath the floor as this time, AI was the one giving him the paper.

"This is the instruction for the third test."

Alex grabbed the paper and read it.

'You are required to kill the enemies inside with only Spatial Gate technique. This means you can only solve the problem with your Space Element and Spatial Gate technique. Good luck.'

"..." Alex narrowed his eyes and sighed as he entered the room without hesitation. He wasn't sure before, but the array underneath this place turned out to be an illusion array.

When he saw that the door closed, he focused his attention on the array. Although he didn't know what kind of illusion this test was going to be, he activated the illusion array and allowed himself to be trapped inside it.

The illusion array began to create the world. As one would expect from a Divine Rank Illusion Array, even the feeling was real.

He slowly enjoyed the breeze that gently brushed his skin before opening his eyes.

He was in the middle of the prairie without anyone close to him. The sky was blue, there was only one sun, and no moon was visible. It looked like a normal world for him.

Suddenly, an influx of information came into his head, telling him the current identity and mission.

"What the heck..." Alex couldn't help but shout when he read the information. "I was a peerless expert in the past and was betrayed by my only friend. I was reincarnated into the body of a useless young master from the Qin Family, named Qin Hua.

"My mission is to become the first expert in Yang City with my fiancee is about to cancel the engagement. Ugh. Why does it look like I'm inside this ridiculous story? Don't tell me... The Dungeon God had this kind of preference?" Alex made a weird expression. "Still, if the time limit is only six months, I don't know if I am going to succeed. Whatever. Six months are good. I don't need to suffer for a long time if I can finish this test as soon as possible."

Alex shrugged and rose from the ground as he looked toward the west. "Yang City is in that direction. To be honest, now that I have become a God Rank Expert, I have a different point of view from those protagonists in the story. Anyway, I will need to go to the Qin Family first, so I can get a good grasp of this test before concentrating my attention on cultivation."

"Still, to think that the Dungeon God loves this kind of story. I'm shocked." Alex shook his head in disappointment and saw a big stone wall standing tall in the middle of this prairie. "I can only use the control of my Space Element and Spatial Gate, so I need to rely on trickery. I guess that's good enough to see if I can come up with something amazing. It may even benefit me in the long run."

Alex walked normally in the bustling city, ignoring what the others thought of him. His expression was flat and nothing piqued his interest, so he walked straight to the Qin Family and saw two people greet him.

In his heart, he wanted to scream already. 'Yeah. The setting is perfect too. A bullied mother and a loyal maid that looked like a little sister.'

"Darling!" The mother leaped and hugged him tightly.

"Young Master." The maid, on the other hand, politely bowed to him.

Although he had no attachment, he thought he needed to play along in this part. "Yeah, I'm home, Mother."

"Good, good. Let's go back and eat." The mother smiled and dragged him inside their house, heading straight to a small pavilion where they lived.

However, when he was about to enter, he sensed a few people coming. Halting his step, Alex turned around, finding a young beautiful pink-haired woman, a middle-aged man, and a few others.

"Qin Hua. Bring out the engagement agreement. I want to cancel our engagement right now!" The young woman shouted with her arrogant look.

"..." Alex stopped for a second.

His mother instinctively stepped forward and shouted in frustration. "What have we done to you? This is the agreement between my husband and your grandfather!"

"Hmph! Trash like him is not qualified to be by my side." The young woman snorted.

The middle-aged man laughed. "The Young City Lord, who is said to be the peerless genius of the city, has taken an interest in our Young Lady. You are just a useless person. You have no right to stay with the young lady. I give you one warning, hand over the agreement right now or you will suffer."

Alex tried to recall the mission again and realized that he only needed to worry about two cultivation stages. The first one was his current cultivation stage, Qi Gathering Stage. The second stage was the Foundation Establishment Stage. The others were the same such as ten small realms in between.

Alex then turned around and asked, "Mother. Where is the engagement agreement?"

"Hua, you..." The mother was dumbfounded while the young woman made a smug smile.

"Why? Being a parent must be hard, right? Instead of deciding your child's future before they even live, I think it's just reckless thinking. If I were to become a parent, I would have let my child do whatever he wants. If he has a talent in music and doesn't want to cultivate, I will support him as long as it can earn him a living." Alex shrugged.

"Y-you!" His mother froze as she simply didn't know what to do. Ultimately, she returned to the pavilion and grabbed a scroll before handing it to him.

The moment Alex had it, he tossed it to the young woman as if throwing garbage. "Here you go."

"Hmph! Look at you. You shameless threw this. Don't you have any pride?"

Alex made a weird face this time. "It's wrong to not give it. It's wrong to give it. I don't understand you people."

Right now, he felt that the people he met in the past were more reasonable than her. When he embarked on his journey to many worlds, he realized that instead of protecting pride, they thought about who got the last laugh more. That was why he didn't hesitate to order a retreat and waited until the right time to destroy the alliance.

"Anyway, you have it, right? Have a nice day then." Alex turned around and had a plan in his mind of how to increase his power quickly.

"Hmph! I don't like your attitude. Taishan! Beat him for me." She shouted righteously.

"..." Alex let out a long sigh before he let out a bit of killing intent. It was normal for a cultivator to have a killing intent, whether it came from killing humans or beasts. Although Alex couldn't use his Sword or Spear Technique, or even his Pure Fire, he could still use his killing intent as it was a part of reincarnation.

In fact, he wondered where the killing intent those reincarnators had when they lived. After all, killing intent was more related to the soul instead of the body.

The moment Alex leaked a bit of his killing intent, the middle-aged man froze as sweat began covering his whole body. His hands were shaking as he looked at his own hands, finding it was fine. In that instant, he felt that his hands were slashed by something.

"Just be grateful that my master didn't kill you." Alex snorted while looking at the middle-aged man and lying about his master. He just wanted them to think he had a backer since it would smoothen everything for him. After all, this was better than exposing his strength too early and made those people send even more people to kill him.

Suddenly, Alex released another bit of his killing intent and forced the middle-aged to kneel. He turned to the left and cupped his hand. "Master. They are irrelevant. Please wait for me... In another six months, I will leave this small town."

"Wha—What just happened? Taishan!" The young miss was bewildered. Luckily, the middle-aged man recognized and quickly kneeled in the direction Alex faced and said, "Immortal Master. I apologize for our behavior. We will quickly leave this place so as to not bother Young Master Qin. Young Miss Qian Yu, what are you doing? Hurry up and give back the agreement!"

"What did you say? Taishan? Have you gone insane?"

While they were still arguing, Alex lifted his finger and controlled a bit of his Space Element to knock the agreement off Qian Yu's hands and let it fall into the Spatial Gate.

When the middle-aged man saw it, his face became pale. This meant that Alex's hidden master didn't like Qian Yu's behavior.

At the same time, Alex smiled and cupped his hand again. "Master. I have decided to follow you. This agreement... It's better not in my hand."

The moment those words were uttered, another pair of Spatial Gates appeared as Alex threw it inside, so it would fall right on Qian Yu's hand.

Alex thought of this trick when he was in the Heavenly Sword Sect. By creating an "imaginary" master, he could protect himself with his own power.

He wondered if they knew Alex had been tricking them since the beginning, what kind of face they would make.

Either way, Alex looked at them and shook his head in disappointment. "Since the matter has been resolved, I think it's better for you two to leave. My Master doesn't like killing, but when he kills, a million die... Please leave so we don't need to see a bloodbath.

"I might be foolish in the past, but now I know that my life is not just about the worldly affair. I simply want to amend my wrongdoings. Please don't hinder me from doing so."

Alex had been humble this whole time, but it, in fact, was more intimidating. Alex was acting like a peerless master that didn't have any more attachment to a mortal world.

Because he previously was arrogant and looked like a fool, this transformation made the master even more realistic. After all, only an immortal could actually transform a fool like him into someone with a good bearing.

"Y-yes." The middle-aged man grabbed Qian Yu and ran away without hesitation. The killing intent he felt earlier indeed looked like it was coming from someone who had killed millions. He needed to report this to the family head and tried to amend the relationship.

After all, the reason they wanted to break the engagement was due to a new backer. But it turned out that something they wanted to break had something even more amazing behind him. Every act was perfect and the killing intent forced any misaligned gears to fit.

Alex suddenly got a thought. 'Wait a minute. Maybe I can use this in the future. Instead of a master, I can use Fire God's God Beasts to help me terrorize the enemies... Oh wait, I have an even better idea. Maybe I should be thankful that the Dungeon God gave me this opportunity to see my own trick from a different perspective and reapplied it in the future. Still, everything is going according to the plan.'

He then turned around, smiling at the two dumbfounded ladies and said, "Since everything has been resolved, let's go inside. I will explain this matter to you two after we eat."

His mother didn't know how to react and just let him drag her inside.

Chapter 1108 - Fooled

Meanwhile, in Qian Yu's family, she had been kneeling for over an hour, facing ridicule from the elders.

Alex did a great job pulling that believable act in front of Taishan. After explaining everything to the family head, they began to discuss it in a serious manner since Taishan was the trusted man of the family head to watch over Qian Yu.

Yet to think the waste Qin Hua (Alex) gained another backer. They didn't even know what to do since the latter literally handed over the document. It was close to impossible to mend their relationship again.

Taishan wasn't someone who told a lie, so they just couldn't comprehend where this man actually came from and why he would choose a waste called Qin Hua.

"Patriarch, what should we do? If we offend Qin Hua right now, our family might be doomed because we don't know who is behind him. At the same time, if we end the relationship with the city lord, we couldn't be sure if we could gain that Qin Hua back. If only Qian Yu didn't act rashly..."

The elders began flaming Qian Yu despite them supporting her to get closer to the city lord's son.

As much as she wanted to scream "hypocrite", she couldn't because it would just make the situation worse.

After contemplating this matter, the family head finally opened his mouth. "For now, we will try to act nicely with that Qin Hua while trying to figure out his master. If he truly has a powerful master, there would be a visible change that could be observed in a short period. We can act depending on what we find."

The elders fell silent and seemed to agree to his plan.

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Meanwhile, Alex had another plan for this. His cultivation was the lowest, 1-Star Qi Gathering Stage. He then cupped his hand to his mother and said, "Mother. I would like to apologize for making you worry this whole time. I don't know if this is too big of a request, but I wonder if Mother wants to leave the family with me.

"I mean, this family tramples us by allowing people from other families to bully us inside our own home. I respect my ancestors, but I have a question. Did the ancestor have a family back then when he built our Qin Family?" Alex asked from the very fundamental aspect.

When they heard that question, his mother drew a gasp while the little maid tilted her head in confusion.

The answer was obvious. The ancestor built the family because he had enough strength and prestige. Hence, the ancestors didn't have a family previously.

"You... You want..."

Alex smiled and nodded. "Yes. I would like to become the so-called ancestor. Even without this family, I will create my own family, becoming the so-called ancestor. I don't have the strength right now, but I promise to train hard.

"I once heard that in a distant place, even the ancestors of this family were not qualified to be a guard. I want to aim high... Even if I can't, we should be able to get stronger than the people here. At that time, I will build my own family, unrelated to the people in this house. I will do my best to not make the same ruthless family like this and take care of each family member." Alex smiled and explained, so the mother actually agreed to him.

After all, he had no doubt that his mother would reject his idea since it was her husband's family. But when she heard that ambition, something inside her began to change, understanding where Alex came from.

The bullying they had suffered this whole time gave her new insight and closed her eyes for a few seconds. "You said you were going to leave after six months, right?"

"Yes." Alex nodded while adding, 'Well, I will be out of this world after six months, so I can get a bit reckless in my plan. Besides, I need to become stronger without leaving this area, so my method is limited.'

"Can I think about it for the last six months and give you the answer?"

"But Mother needs to promise me that you answer my question logically without someone influencing your heart. Will that be alright?" Alex smiled.

"I understand. It seems that my little darling has grown up." The mother smiled.

"Alright then. Although I will be here for another six months, I shouldn't waste my time. I shall cultivate right now."

"Right? You have a powerful master right now. You shouldn't disappoint him."

"Yes." Alex nodded before looking at the little maid. "Follow me."

The little maid didn't know anything and followed him. The moment she saw his action, she thought that Alex wanted to relieve himself with his own maid, but he had changed, so she tried to trust him more.

Alex, on the other hand, had no interest in doing that. He simply wanted the little maid to get stronger to trick more and more people since the rumor would start after Qian Yu's family knows about this matter.

"I'm going to teach you how to get stronger. I will also become stronger alongside you, but my path is far from dangerous. I want to ask you to take care of my mother when I'm away. Can you do that, Ke'er?" Alex asked with a smile.

The little maid was confused because the change was just too much but ultimately nodded her head because of Alex's noble reason. "I understand, Young Master. I shall obey your order."

Alex smiled and taught her a cultivation technique inside his mind. It should be able to improve her cultivation rapidly.

When the little maid began to cultivate, Alex turned around and fell into deep thought. 'Hmm, I think each test has a meaning. The first stage wanted to increase my speed of controlling Array and Element. After all, I noticed that I became more dexterous after completing the test.

'The second test, the Space Element Mastery Test, was to teach me about control. To do everything, I needed a perfect degree of control. With the first two tests, I would be able to become stronger.

'Unfortunately, it's not enough to become an expert. To become an expert, you should know when to use your power, so this test is to see my wisdom. I need to keep practicing my wisdom to finish this challenge. That's why I haven't killed anyone so far.

'The fourth stage must want to teach me about fighting style. With me knowing when to use a certain technique at a certain timing because of the third test, I will be able to make a good judgment in the battle, allowing me to not make any mistakes.

'Last but not least, the Space Element Arts. It's obvious... Since I know when and how to use my power, I better learn something that can help me in a real fight.' Alex thought as if he understood the real challenge.

"Alright then. I need to leave right now." Alex stepped outside the pavilion and walked toward the market in his memory. He noticed people's presence following him but pretended he never sensed them.

At the very least, he still had a little money to buy a mask and a coat. Without hesitation, Alex went straight to the Array Master Guild, making them confused.

After arguing whether they needed to follow him in the closed space like it or not, they finally entered the guild and acted like normal people. Unfortunately, Alex had been taken away by an elder from the pavilion.

His expression was warm even though the elders here were very arrogant.

Another question appeared in their head, wondering what they were going to talk about. Unfortunately, they couldn't follow him and overhear their conversation.

But the answer came in another form as both of them came out of the room. The elder politely handed him a Space Ring with a warm smile.

"There are a thousand Spirit Stones inside this ring along with the Rank 2 Gathering Array that Young Master requests." He then took a token from his space ring and handed it to him. "This is the token of our pavilion. If you have trouble, please contact our place as we will do our best to help you. There is no need for the grand person to make his appearance himself."

"!!!" They shuddered, thinking what the family head said earlier.

If there were indeed someone powerful behind him, Alex would soon change. The normal change might be easier to be classified as him getting an inheritance of someone and could be seized easily. However, everything changed its meaning when Alex showed his killing intent and Space Element that made the entire situation look magical.

Little did they know Alex was smiling this whole time as he was satisfied with his acting.

On the contrary, the two who tailed him exchanged looks.

"What are we going to do? This is big news. Only our family knows the masked man is Qin Hua. Even the elder is so good to him without knowing his background... No, maybe his master actually gave him something good.

"There is a possibility of him staying in this city, so we can't be reckless. And—" Before he finished his words, a pair of Spatial Gates appeared right beneath their feet and swallowed them as a whole, leading to a dark alley next to the guild.

A sign was hung on the wall.

"Don't test my patience. If you don't leave my disciple alone, I will punish you seriously next time."

The two's bodies shook as they hugged each other, feeling scared. "What's this? Did we provoke someone we couldn't provoke? Ugh, what should we do? We need to inform our patriarch and let him decide. From what I see, he is really like that."

The two argued for a while, but they decided to leave as soon as possible, giving the news that Alex had done something weird. To extract information from the elder, only the patriarch could do it.

And once again, Alex had stirred Qian Yu's family, making the person in question even more miserable.

When Alex arrived at home, he suddenly contemplated. 'I don't know why, but I think my conscience has changed. In the past, I thought that torturing the enemies is the best way to get back at them, but right now, I feel like when they act arrogant and regret it, one smile is all needed to make their life miserable.

"Right, I heard a saying back on Earth. When you are at your lowest point, people around you will ridicule you. When you reach the top, the best revenge to them is a simple smile without saying a single word. I think I understand what that means." Alex chuckled before entering the house.

He saw that his maid was still in the middle of cultivation while his mother pondered the question that Alex asked earlier, staring at the wall with empty eyes.

Alex ignored it and went into his room, planning to use the Gathering Array to increase his cultivation as quickly as possible.

"I don't fear trouble, but I don't like it either. That's why I have a mask and a coat. However, my mission remains the same. I need to reach Rank 10 Foundation Establishment Stage. I will increase my cultivation with Gathering Array first before relying on pills. I don't think it will be too much of a problem since I can train even crazier than what I did in the past, allowing me to cultivate even faster.

"I think that woman's family is in chaos right now, so I only need to deliver the finishing blow for them to regret it. I don't know how crazy the people in this world are, so I will play a trick on them if they indeed are crazier.

"Well, I couldn't use any other techniques other than my Space Element and Spatial Gate, but it didn't mean I couldn't rely on my killing intent and knowledge. My knowledge is perfect for getting money, while the killing intent was perfect for a bluff. In any case, I will finish this mission as soon as possible." Alex shook his head and sat on top of the Gathering Array.

Chapter 1109 - Safest Route

Soon four days passed and Alex heard a commotion outside his house. Due to the Rank 2 Gathering Array, he managed to reach 3-Star Qi Gathering Stage within four days. This should be enough to show the change to Qian Yu's family, so they wouldn't bother him anymore.

This wouldn't be possible in a normal way, so they should believe that there was an immortal master that backed Alex up in the shadow.

After hearing the commotion, Alex came out of the pavilion, finding that his maid had increased one level, reaching 5-Star Qi Gathering Stage. Meanwhile, there were three people in front of his pavilion. Two of them were Qian Yu and Tiashan, while the other seemed to be a member of the Qin Family.

His cultivation was merely a 5-Star Qi Gathering Stage like Qin Ke'er, so he didn't even put him in his eyes.

"Qin Hua! How dare you to let Young Lady Qian Yu wait for you!" The man shouted, trying to act cool by fighting the injustice.

However, Qian Yu and Tiashan saw through Alex and his maid's cultivation. It was obvious that compared to yesterday, one of them had increased one level and the other one reached 3-Star Qi Gathering Stage.

From this alone, they concluded that someone powerful was indeed behind Alex. After all, not a single person could increase his cultivation by two stars in just one night even with pills.

Tiashan could only sigh inwardly, wondering what he should do to fix this broken relationship.

On the other hand, Qian Yu walked forward before taking out the document, politely handing it to him. It was humiliating for her, but what could she do in this situation?

"Young Master Qin... This is the engagement document. Qian Yu doesn't dare to hold it and ask Young Master Qin to keep it."

"Wha—" The young man beside her gasped and took one step back, not believing what happened.

"Young Lady. This Qin... This Lan Hua is just a commoner. I don't deserve the young lady. As such, I don't dare to hold this marriage document." Alex stated with a calm expression.

"!!!" This created another wave of confusion for all people in the area. For his mother, it was as if recognizing her family name, which meant that Qin Hua or Lan Hua had decided to separate himself from the Qin Family.

For Qian Yu and Taishan, this could also become an opportunity to mend the relationship and have him marry into the family. At that time, their family would rise.

On the contrary, someone from the same family member as him laughed and ridiculed him. "Lan Hua? Haha, to think you recognize your own talent and decide to go this way. I will report this to the family head and elders to erase your name from the family register."

When she heard that, his mother could only close her eyes as if she had decided. "I'm sorry, Hua."

"There is nothing to worry, Mother. Hua will prove that the Qin Family is not worthy of being even your pet in the future." Alex smiled and scared Qian Yu and Tianshang again since the other guy already departed to inform the elders.

"This...Young Master Qi... Young Master Lan. How about coming to my Qian Family? Qian Yu would like to apologize for her wrongdoing to Young Master Lan." Qian Yu was quick-witted and took advantage of the situation after a tug from Tianshan.

Unfortunately, Alex politely rejected her, saying that he had accommodation ready. It wasn't like they were going to stay here forever.

Of course, to ensure that nothing went wrong.

This was Alex's plan to force the City Lord, the Qian Family, the Qin Family to remain silent. The Qin Family thought that Qin Hua leaving meant they didn't need to worry about him anymore since he was useless. The Qian Family could only regret that they couldn't mend the relationship and realized that they couldn't touch him no matter the case.

If they let their pride take over their rationality, they would be done by Alex's mysterious master, so their patriarch decided to stop meddling with Alex because no matter what they did, his master would find out.

Rather than getting their family destroyed, the patriarch chose to survive by continuing the relationship between the Qian Family and the City Lord.

As for the City Lord, they heard from the Qin Family that Alex was too embarrassed to get back his certificate and became the focus of ridicule in this city.

However, only the Qian Family understood that Alex was the biggest winner. He became the target of ridicule and did nothing was due to him not caring about the worldly affair anymore.

Of course, Alex did the same. He was inside the Illusion Array this whole time, so he didn't have a desire to kill the enemies, knowing that they were just fake people.

Instead of going to search for trouble, he became himself and avoided all of them by simply hiding inside his room all the time. He only went out to exchange for Spirit Stones or something.

Thus, Alex completed his task within six months. Although he cheated his way a bit with his special way of cultivating that defied Heaven even though he was supposed to venture to the mountain and kill those people, the Illusion Array seemed to recognize it as completed.

Alex gradually opened his eyes and looked around the empty room. "I'm back! Ha, that was tiring and boring. Well, I chose the safest route in that place, so I guess there were not many actions.

"Still, I learned a few things inside there which might become useful in the near future." Alex smirked before he searched for the vault key. However, Alex stored it instead of using it since he planned to go to another tower.

He opened the door and came out of the room, meeting AI again.

"Congratulations for conquering the third test."

"I'm going straight to the fourth test."

"Confirming... You are going to challenge the fighting test?"

"Yes. I have no time to delay." Alex nodded. Considering he spent six months refining the flower and another six months in the peaceful world, he still had two whole years to spend, so if he could do this one within a year, there was a chance he could finish this inheritance before he even needed to go back.

"Please proceed to the next building," said AI while walking toward the giant cube. "In the fourth stage, there will be a doll that shows you how to control your Space Element in offensive and defensive ways.

"There are only four basic moves: Forming, Transforming, Solidifying, Covering. You will understand it after you go in."

Alex listened to him with curiosity as he entered a white cube with enough lighting. Just like what Al said, there was a doll inside that seemed to be similar to Al himself and acted as his guide today.

When the door was closed, the puppet emitted Divine Energy as it looked around, finding Alex. After looking upside down a few times, the puppet spoke. "Only Space Element is allowed here. Any other kinds of power will be considered as breaking the rule and disqualified."

Alex narrowed his eyes and expected an explanation, but the puppet suddenly leaped toward him and threw a fist.

"..." Alex widened his eyes and felt the fluctuation of Space Energy. He leaped back to avoid the charge before raising his vision.

The fluctuation of Space Energy made it look like there was a big hammer above his head that suddenly struck his head and pinned him to the ground.

"Forming is the basic skill to form an object within the Space World. This can only be achieved by mastering the control of Space Element." The puppet said after cracking the ground with that attack along with Alex himself.

"Kh." Alex never thought that he would be hit by a puppet, yet, he couldn't say anything since the puppet had the same strength as him.

If this were a real fight, he wouldn't have trouble killing it, but other than bursting the space energy in a certain place, Alex didn't have any other skill to put into use. Hence, he felt happy even though he was beaten by a puppet, knowing that there would be an improvement.

He widened his eyes to make sure there wasn't a single thing he missed.

After rising from the ground, the puppet showed him the second move by concentrating the Space Energy above his hand and launched it like a tornado.

However, what Alex saw was nothing but a black hole. That tornado sucked the surrounding energy and created a chaotic atmosphere, so Alex jumped to the side as fast as he could, avoiding the powerful energy.

Without giving any chance, the puppet waved its hand as a claw formed out of nowhere. It had a pink translucent color and extraordinary energy that seemed to be similar to that of the earlier attack.

He felt there was going to be something big happening if this attack hit him, so Alex dodged it again, albeit barely.

As if predicting Alex's movement, the puppet suddenly appeared next to Alex, trying to punch him in the chest.

Alex raised both hands to protect his body but soon noticed something different from any punches he had ever faced.

"What? It doesn't hit me?" He widened his eyes when he felt the impact despite the puppet's hand not touching him. He then realized that this was the last move, covering.

The puppet controlled Space Energy to enveloped its body so the fist wouldn't touch Alex despite the power being transmitted.

"This is the last move, Covering. You can use it to attack your opponent or defend your body. You are required to learn all these four basic moves and defeat me with four basic techniques to complete this test."

"..." Alex narrowed his eyes and smiled. "Huft. Was there a need to attack me like this, though?"

Chapter 1110 - Fight The Puppet

Five months later, Alex had finished his gruesome training. To speed up the process, he created a Simulation Room Array inside the test building as he went back and forth between reality and this array to practice. The latter allowed him to continuously supply his Spiritual Energy while the former let him test whether what he practiced was right or not.

Meanwhile, the puppet didn't move a single time during his training, waiting for him to challenge the puppet.

Alex also didn't want to bother it either, so he continued his practice while ignoring this puppet.

Finally, after a long five months of training, Alex was currently standing in front of the puppet, raising his fighting stance. The puppet also did the same and prepared for Alex's attack. "The test will start when you attack me once."

Alex contemplated for a moment to check whether he was prepared enough or not. After getting his resolve, Alex leaped toward the puppet while waving his hand from the side.

A torrential wave of Space Energy enveloped his hand as it flew toward the puppet.

Boom.

An explosion occurred as the dust kicked up, hiding the puppet. It should be able to blow away the puppet if he hit him, but it seemed to have no effect against that puppet.

When the smoke dispersed, he could see that the puppet erected a barrier with the Space Element. It was a pink translucent barrier that was only visible for a Space Element user.

After this attack, the puppet finally made its move by punching Alex's face.

Since Alex had mastered all the four techniques, he solidified the Space Energy in front of him to create the same barrier as the one the puppet used earlier, albeit it had no effect.

The puppet's fist turned out to be covered with concentrated Space Energy, bending the Space Shield he created earlier and punched him. That punch managed to blow him away, despite not touching him like how the puppet showed it for the first time.

Alex was blown away and rolled a few times on the ground before he used his hand to stop the momentum and rise from the floor.

The puppet didn't allow him to have time to recover, so it leaped forward and created a dragon above his head, flying faster than him and hitting Alex.

But Alex resisted that attack by creating a giant translucent palm. It grasped the dragon's neck and snapped it until the dragon disappeared. He then returned the same attack to him.

Alex's dragon flew toward the puppet from the front instead of above and tried to swallow the puppet. As if it was out of spite, the puppet used the same giant palm to grab the dragon.

Suddenly, Alex made another move that seemed to be a special thing that he had never done before. No, he never thought of it until he learned it on the third test.

He realized that when two people with the same cultivation level fight, the possibility of one of them winning were low unless someone used a trick or two to overturn the situation. Hence, the third test opened the door of another possibility for Alex.

Another palm appeared as it tried to stop that palm from the puppet. However, the latter managed to react and created another hand to stop Alex, resulting in two hands clashing each other while the other hand grasped the dragon's neck.

It was at this moment, Alex showed his growth in the third test as another dragon emerged from the dragon body, flying toward the puppet.

The latter had no choice other than to create another barrier to stop the smaller dragon's advance but to no avail. The dragon was too powerful and shattered the barrier with its sharp teeth, resulting in the puppet releasing the first dragon to slap the smaller one.

It turned out that Alex just faked a fake. The real attack was the first dragon all along. And without any defense, the dragon tried to swallow the puppet before it abandoned the palm and created a series of barriers to block the dragon's advance.

Alex secretly sneaked up on it and waited until the dragon destroyed the barriers before he emerged from the shadow and ripped the puppet's arm.

"Huft." Alex took a deep breath and muttered, "One arm. I'm thankful for the third test since I can understand the flow of battle better. It seems I really need to rely on tricks this time since obviously, the puppet is stronger than me in terms of controlling the element."

After getting enough time to think, Alex turned around as the puppet decided to attack him again.

"..." Alex looked left and right to see whether he could take advantage of something but ended up fighting the puppet in hand to hand combat.

The fight became a brawl in an instant as Alex gradually got the upper hand due to his insane amount of fighting experience. Unfortunately, he didn't want to rely too much on this since the main purpose of this test was Space Element. Even though their hands were covered in Space Element, Alex thought it wasn't enough.

He summoned a dragon again, heading straight to the puppet.

The same as the previous move, the puppet used the giant palm to grasp the dragon.

Alex took that chance to slip past the barrier and threw a punch to which the puppet dodged it.

Suddenly, the puppet's hand was flying to the air as if it were cut by something.

Alex smiled and raised his hand. It turned out that Alex solidified the Space Element into a scythe and extended his fist to the side, allowing him to cut the puppet's hand.

This was Alex's second trick. Obviously, the puppet wasn't that easy to deal with, so he prepared a few more tricks in advance on how to destroy the puppet.

"!!!" When he was about to move, he was shocked when he saw the puppet solidified the space element and turned it into the same hands that Alex destroyed. It put those hands and raised its fighting stance again.

"Seriously?" Alex muttered. The Space Element the puppet had was a little bit stronger, so Alex wasn't confident in destroying that hand unless he hit the puppet's body instead.

The puppet charged at him before Alex thought of something, but this was the trick. Alex summoned a sword and a spear made of Space Element and swung them at the same time.

"Sorry, but I don't have a choice." Alex sighed and decided to break that rule. He knew that it wasn't satisfying, but his main ability relied on this, so as long as he didn't Sword Intent and the likes, he should be fine.

The puppet grabbed both weapons simultaneously.

Alex smirked as he played another trick. He let go of the sword and clenched his fist as another torrential wave of Space Element formed above the puppet.

It hit the puppet's head and pinned him on the ground.

Feeling it wasn't enough, Alex stomped the puppet's head and created a crater.

As if it felt disrespect from Alex, it grabbed Alex's foot and threw him to the wall.

Bang.

Alex hurriedly came out of the wall and raised his fighting stance. The puppet went crazy as it suddenly stomped the ground, turning the whole floor into a crater.

"Oi, oi. Is this really a puppet?" Alex's curiosity grew. He wondered what kind of fight he would have against a puppet master. He also never met a necromancer, making him think whether they could create an army by themselves.

If they could, he might ask them to join and create an additional army to fight against that beast, but it was for later.

He needed to destroy this puppet first before he had the time to worry about another thing.

The puppet leaped toward Alex and punched him. Alex blocked the punch with his sword before counterattacking with his spear. The puppet stopped it too and planned to summon a dragon above its head.

Alex went one step ahead and kicked the puppet's foot. This shouldn't be enough to destroy it, but it turned out that Alex's created a blade on his foot, slicing through the puppet's barrier and cutting its foot.

Losing its balance, the puppet tripped to the side, giving a big opportunity to exploit.

Alex sent another kick without hesitation to knock it to the ground before he used the same strength as the puppet to stomp his head, resulting in him destroying that puppet.

"Huft." Alex let out a sigh of relief. "To think fighting is this taxing. Although it's nice to see that trick can play a big part in a fight, it's really taxing mentally since I need to come up with something new every time. Maybe I can do it once in a while to turn around the situation, but that's it.

"Nonetheless, I'm glad to face all the tests here." Alex smiled and saw the door was opened.

Al suddenly entered the building and handed Alex the key. "This is the fourth key. You just need one more to open the greatest vault in the world."

"..." Alex didn't know why the Dungeon God was so confident, but considering this was a vault inside a black hole, he could somehow understand the arrogance. "It's indeed a one of a kind vault."

"Anyway, I have used less than one year to pass the two stages. It's significant, but I have prepared enough for it since the mind test is my specialty while controlling the Space Element has been taught in the second test. This one is just a slightly advanced one.

"Adding the six months I've spent refining the Void Flower, I think I still have one and half years in this place before the competition starts." Alex thought for a moment and decided. "I'm going to leave first."

He was scared that something happened to Eulja, so he wanted to check it by calling Lin Xingzhi.

Alex used the key he just got and left the black hole.

"Xingzhi."

[Yes? You're done?]

"Yep. I have finished four tests. I'm going to the last one, so I want to check the condition first, considering we are in a bad situation."

[Don't worry. Eulja is still safe for the time being. Although they have been suppressing us, we can hold on and continue with our original plan. In fact, I'm planning to use the competition to trigger them.]

"Hmm. That's a good time. We can tell our allies too, so they are prepared to move at that time."

[Exactly.]

"Alright. How about the investigation?"

[Still no lead.]

"I see." Alex contemplated for a moment. "At least, we have confirmed the existence of the snake which has gone extinct, the bear, and the bat. There is a rumor about the phoenix from the God Beasts, but we don't know where they are."

[Yes. I'm working on what we can find first, so our main priority is the bear and the bat.]

"Sure. I don't want to bite more than I can chew, so we should focus on one rather than wasting our time with five." Alex nodded with a serious expression. "That's right. How about the competition?"

[There are already tens of thousands of participants. Korzan is trying to see how they can chip down this number to a thousand before fighting one on one.]

"Ah, you can handle that yourself."

[Though he doesn't understand why you want them to limit their strength to match their opponent.]

"Pfft. Really? He doesn't understand? How about you?"

[Somehow. It's related to talent.]

"Nah, I'm just searching for someone like me." Alex shrugged.

[Now I understand.]

"Right." Alex laughed. "Tell him the reason and he will understand why I'm doing this."

[Yep, will do. Are you going back now?]

"Yes. I shouldn't waste more time since I can go back faster the sooner I start."

[Good luck. I will be waiting for you.]

"Alright." Alex then turned around and leaped toward the black hole. "See you later."