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## 436 Refinement and the Anticlimactic Even

From the record in the book, it would be more painful than the first one, so he was a bit hesitant. Even so, he had to swallow the blazing seed.

His Pure Fire immediately came out of his Fire Phoenix Seed and suppressed the fire on the Blaze Tree Seed. The fire energy within the seed melted and spread throughout his body before fusing with his veins. It was then his Pure Fire flared up and burned all of his veins. This was to help the assimilation process.

The pain had yet to start, but Alex had made a Sound Insulation Room. This way, no one could hear him screaming like the first refinement.

The fire started becoming bigger and bigger before it slowly seeped through the pores, dancing around his body like having a ritual. When the fire finally covered his body, it was at this time Alex finally started feeling the pain.

He already knew the pain from the first refinement and was prepared for twice or thrice the pain. Still, it seemed he had been underestimating this refinement so much. He, at least, experienced five times the pain than the first refinement.

"Aaaaahhhh!!!" Alex started screaming before rolling around on his bed because of the pain. He did not have anything to do since all he needed was to endure the pain, and his Pure Fire would do the rest.

It was another torture for him hat would end only after a week of pain. Luckily, he only needed to endure half the amount of time he needed for his heart. From his knowledge, it was because his heart was acting as the foundation of everything, the process took slower than the others. At the very least, even if, in the future, he needed to endure this pain again, it would not be for too long.

After refining his meridians, he checked his body. It seemed he could change his meridians into fire like his heart, but Alex found this not useful. He also checked his strength, and he felt he could exert thirty dragon strength this time. It was not with the Immovable Step too.

From the information he received, if Martial Lord could get one dragon strength from each star, Martial King could receive ten dragon strength from each star with the lowest one would be ten dragon strength.

However, as expected, the best result for this refinement was his cultivation speed. It evolved once again.

Since he already told his spirits he would have close door cultivation until he could have breakthrough, he immediately adjusted the Cultivation Speed. He believed he only needed around two weeks before he could reach the peak Martial Lord stage. In fact, he felt that his body was hungry for Spiritual Energy.

At this time, the system finally answered his question.

[This is also one of the reasons why the cultivators from the Northern Continent would not come here and rule this place. Your body feels that the energy around you is not enough. This is also the same for those cultivators. After the body becomes accustomed to a denser Energy in the Northern Continent, they need to take time to adjust to this place.

[However, the adjustment is like someone full of nutrition suddenly needs to live in a place he can only barely get nutrition. His body will slowly become weaker and weaker. The stronger he is, the stronger the rebound.]

"Then, I will also become like that now?"

[Not really. Host's body has been accustomed to this place's density of Spiritual Energy, so you just need to limit your cultivation speed for the time being or use Spirit Stones. However, if you stay for a few years in the Northern Continent, it will become such a case.]

"I see. Well, I don't have anything to do. I will get used to the cultivation speed before using my Spirit Stones to boost my power." Alex nodded.

It took him one week to become accustomed to his new cultivation speed and another two weeks to advance to 10-Star Martial Lord.

He then started consolidating his cultivation. Even though he had a new cultivation speed, he needed to limit his absorption a bit since the Spiritual Energy beside him would be emptied before he knew it. His cultivation speed was just that great.

At the very least, the consolidation did not take longer than a month, so Alex was ready to go to the Nilis Continent after this.

He checked his preparation first for his tribulation. He could make rank 5 Gathering Array and rank 5 Lightning Rod Array. With the knowledge about Array Master that he got from the previous tribulation, he was confident his Array could block the 9th strike.

He just needed to be wary of the tenth strike, AKA, his golden lightning. This would be the hardest challenge since it would be the strongest. But, he was confident this time since he was already a Sword King and Spear King, so it should be fine.

Alex then came out of his room. He was surprised to see his spirits were already gathered out of his room. It seemed they had sensed his aura inside the room and knew he would come out today.

"Our preparation is complete," Anna said as she handed a card to him. The card was a green card with a bit of decoration on it. "This is a ticket for the ship that will go to the Nilis Continent next week."

Alex nodded.

Anna then said, "I have acquired information concerning Letizia La Scola. It seems Honda Sana brought her to the Northern Continent with her."

Alex frowned. "Why?"

"I don't know, but from Nelson's investigation, the request comes from her." Anna shook her head.

"..." Alex pondered for a moment. "Alright. We can forget about her for the time being."

"Understood." Anna nodded.

"We are going to the Nilis Continent right now. What about Nelson?"

Nelson had gone to the Nilis Continent earlier so he could investigate the Brynhildr Kingdom as well as searching a perfect place for him.

He then recalled his spirits, except Anya who would take care of Sherry and Kyle, to the card, and went to the port city. He also got a report from Anna about what happened this month.

The biggest news about this was about Mount Hua Sect. After their several failures, the Mount Hua Sect was starting to decline as they were pressured by the other influences. And without Martial King, even other kingdoms could harass them as there was only one 10-Star Martial Lord in the Mount Hua Sect, Su Hua.

And because of their past deeds, the other influences were trying to destroy them to curry favor from Alexander Sirius and his Martial King friends. Because of the situation, Mount Hua Sect chose to become a vassal of Heavenly Sword Sect.

Sect Master Xiang Bai also agreed to this and changed the name of Mount Hua Sect to Mount Hua Pavilion, the branch of Heavenly Sword Sect. The Exchange Pavilion was also changed to Mount Hua Pavilion to show their sincerity. Well, that Pavilion was not that good, so the Sect Master did not need a long time to decide it.

Alex did not really care about it though, since he was only staying here for a little bit longer. He did not know whether he would come back or not in the future.

After several days of flying, he finally arrived at Port City. As expected from a Port, it had many huge ships on the shore. Alex could also see a huge amount of energy inside the ship. It looked like a Steam engine but with the Spiritual Energy element. From the information, the speed could reach the speed of early Martial Lord flying, so it was pretty fast.

He entered the town and arrived at the dock. He just asked some random people for directions and arrived at his ship. It was a gigantic ship that was close to one of the biggest cruises on Earth.

He then asked one of the sailors and asked about the ship.

"How may I help you?" The sailor asked casually.

"I have got the ticket for this ship," Alex said while taking out the green ticket from his pocket. He made sure to take a look at his surroundings, making sure there was no potential trouble. According to his research back on Earth, there was always a ship arc where he met a troublesome person. Luckily, he did not find anyone this time.

"Ah! VIP passenger. Respectable Sir, I am Shary. I apologize for not greeting you first." He suddenly became polite.

Alex shrugged his shoulders. He remembered that Anna said the ticket was pretty expensive. Nelson bought this ticket and sent it through one of his subordinates. Well, half of his wealth was in Anna's hand, since she usually took care of Sherry and Kyle, especially filling their Spirit Stones part. So, Nelson must use those Spirit Stones too.

"So, can I board the ship now?"

"Of course, you can." He nodded furiously.

However, when he was about to take another step, he sensed trouble. He immediately turned his head but did not find a person. Suddenly, he felt the ground was shaking and felt a bit of nausea.

Before he knew it, the sailor was already in the air, looking at him with surprise. "Ah, I am sorry. Please come to the air first."

Alex then leaped to the air and watched the event unfold. He realized this was an Earthquake, and this was the first time he felt an otherworldly Earthquake.

He had experienced earthquakes on Earth but not as strong as this. This might even be more than 9.0 SR. Because of that, he immediately looked at the building around the shore. They were swaying left and right but not destroyed.

"This must be your first time to Port City. This is a normal occurrence for the fort city. The Sea God is angry and sends this shockwave to us, and with the power of this shockwave, there will be a very tall wave... maybe a few waves. That's why the building around this place has been reinforced by Hard Rock to make sure we don't need to rebuild again and again. Ah, you don't need to worry about the waves since a few Martial Lords are enough to destroy the waves and not let them approach this city." The sailor explained the phenomenon to him.

Alex facepalmed. He wanted to complain, "Sea God my ass. This is an Earthquake, and there will be a Tsunami soon. If this was on Earth, the people were already running to the higher ground.

"Ah, this is another world. You just need to fly to escape from an Earthquake and send a few Martial Lords to destroy a tsunami. Yep, I should expect something like this." Alex sighed, holding this in his heart.

"Take me to my room," Alex said.

"Understood. But it might shake again, so I need to suggest you stay outside for a while." The sailor explained.

"No need. I can handle that." Alex shook his head.

The sailor nodded and led him to his room. Since he was one of the VIP passengers, the room was big and comfy. At the very least, he would feel comfortable since the ship needed two weeks to travel there.

After guiding Alex to his room, the sailor said, "If you need any services, you can activate the crystal over there. And our staff will immediately come to your room. Of course, we also have that 'Service.' You have the list on the table over there. The ship will sail in two days. Then I will leave you for now."

Alex nodded. He did not need any service, so he immediately threw the list to the trash can. He looked at the window. He felt a few aftershocks and saw a few tsunamis that were literally destroyed by Martial Lord Cultivators. He just felt an Earthquake in another world was pretty anticlimactic.