

Gacha 45

45 Lesson

"I want to try" She grabbed Alex's hand.

"But.. I still don't know what will happ..." Alex want to warn her again. Before he finished, she interrupt him.

"I still want to try. It is hurting me, when I see you try too hard to get stronger. While I can't do anything" She said, she was determined.

"Alicia..." his heart moved, He unconsciously said her name.

Alicia hearing this, her eyes brightened. "You call me Alicia just now" She smiled happily.

"I... you must heard it wrong princess" Alex embarrassed.

"Hehe, I will make you admit it and call me Alicia. For sure" She smiled, her smile was full of joy.

"We...better start practice now" Alex said. He tried to change the topic.

"Fine... What I need to do for this?"

"Try sit first on the sofa." Alex said. Alicia follow his word, she sit on the sofa. Alex continue his explanation "Princess, try to feel the mana around you"

"Yes. I'm feeling them now" She feel the mana in air easily.

"Then try your mana to forced the mana in air to go inside your body."

"Alex, this is the practice? People have tried this before but to no avail" She said.

Alex ignored her, he continued "Try to refine them to become your own mana. Starting from the head, to your heart. From your heart to the whole body. Like blood flow from heart to your whole body. Continue refining them while moving them through your body."

She follow Alex word. She tried to do what he said. After a few minutes she was succeed.

"It's a success" Joy surge in her heart. But she was a bit disappointed "But, the amount can be refined was too little. If I do this a few hours a day for one years, I can have a mana reserve like a rank 1 mage, two years more for rank 2 mage. 4 years for rank 3 mage mana reserve. As for the rest I don't know. I only have rank 3 mana reserve now. So I can't speculate the higher rank"

"It's still useful princess." Alex said.

"But this is too little. I can't catch your back if it like this" She sighed.

"It's alright" Alex assured her.

"But..." she recalled, if this techniques really like that. This was very useful for other. She become a bit guilty because of her greediness. She disregard Alex's effort. She tried to explain "It's okay..I'm satis.."

"Princess" Alex put his finger on her mouth, he continued "Do you forget what is my occupation?" He take out Qi Gathering Pill and body foundation pill.

Alicia eyes brightened. Alex then continue to explain his pill "This pill called, Qi Gathering Pill. It can improve your absorption rate. And this is Body Foundation Pill, it can help your body, it also increase your absorption rate.

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You should take this body foundation pill first. It will improve your body qualities, then take this Qi Gathering pill. As for how they used, this body foundation pill limit are ten times, each time you use them, you mix it with bath water and bathing in it. As for this Qi gathering pill, the effect is 2 hours after you eat this pill"

"Thank you" Alicia heart was warm, she sincerely thanks Alex.

"What is this thank you about princess" Alex smiled gently to her.

Alicia didn't say anything more, she just smiled back to him.

They practice together for a few hours. But suddenly he noticed something. She doze off. Alex realized the time was almost midnight, and Alicia already sleep at this time usually.

He shook his head, he carried her to the bed. And continue to cultivate again.

In the morning,

Alicia was embarrassed. She didn't know when she fall asleep. Alex just pretend that didn't happened. As Firia already purge them impurities in her body. She transform just like Alicia.

Today is the day for Alex learn about harmonizing. After classes he go to his teacher.

"Alex, today I'm going to teach you about Harmonizing. When a normal forging mix a few metal. They will achieve harmony if the composition is right. If not, they will become unbalanced and the product become weaker than a normal one. But when we forge magic weapon. We need metal that contain or can contain mana.

The mana in each metal will have it's own characteristic. So we need to make the mana in each metal harmonize with each other. As for how to do it, we will use our flame. The process was almost the same with alchemy, we melt each energy from the metals to fuse them together like when we melt each herbs to liquid and fuse them together.

Since you are already familiar with this process, this won't take you too long. As long as you take the characteristic with the metal, you can easily fuse them. many call this affinity with metal and the one who have a natural affinity like this is a demi-human, dwarf race. Alright, let have you try it. Try to fuse the energy of this two metal.

This two called Zingi Metal and Lore Metal, this Zingi Metal have a torrential energy while the latter have hard energy. Use the gentle approach to them, first try to control the torrential energy and smooth it, then softening the hard energy of this Lore Metal and try to fuse them"

"..." Alex still didn't do anything, he just stared at the metal solemnly.

"You are not trying?" The dean asked.

Alex shook his head, "I don't know how to do it. when I liquefied the herb, I only burn them enough with my flame. But what is this gentle approach?"

"..." the dean speechless, he forgot about this. Originally he never teach anything to Alex, they always occupied with making pills. "Gentle approach is a flame control techniques, you know when we make a flame, we can make it hotter as long as we infuse mana in it right?"

To this question Alex nodded, the dean continued

"Actually it is the same principle. But the limit how much you can make the flame temperature is directly correspond to your strength or your rank. That mean the higher your rank the higher you hotter your flame is. But this gentle approach is different, we use our flame to burn it at a low temperature, and slowly melt and refine the energy.

As for the softening approach is the same as the gentle approach, the different is how hot the flame you use, we need a higher temperature when we use softening approach. But not immediately high temperature flame, but we need to make a low temperature flame and slowly rise the temperature.

When facing a metal with torrential energy, you need to use gentle approach. But when facing hard energy metal, you use softening approach. Well since it is like this, I will teach you all the basic approach for flame in forging. There are four type treatment, they are gentle approach, softening, bursting, and scorching approach. Gentle and softening are like what I said earlier.

As for the bursting approach, is the almost the same as softening approach, the different was when we use bursting approach, we didn't slowly raise the temperature but we immediately raise the temperature. The time we raise it was when the energy start to refined, at that time we will raise the temperature suddenly and make the energy become disordered.

We use this techniques to deal with metal that have overbearing energy. And for the last, scorching approach is the simplest, we use it on metal that have a gentle energy. The energy from the metal won't fight other metal energy, so we just burned that metal along with it energy. But, if this type of metal is one of the ingredients, this type of metal would be the last to refined."

"Teacher, what is this energy about? I can vaguely recognized the energy between two of them is different. But I can't tell what is the difference" Alex pointed the two metal

The dean didn't answer him immediately, but went to his table and grabbed another two metal. He gesture to Alex to get closer. "Try touch each of them with your mana"

As Alex tried to touch the Zingi Metal with mana, he feel energy come approaching his hand, the dean explain, "This is torrential energy, when you use mana to touch it. The energy from metal will try to approach you. That's why we need a gentle approach, we slowly fuse and harmonize the energy. Try to the second one"

Alex now touch the second metal, Lore Metal, that have a hard energy, but this time he was perplexed. There are no reaction to this energy, Alex look at the dean confusedly.

Looking at Alex, he didn't hurriedly answer. "Try to disturb the energy with your mana."

Alex do what he said, but this time the energy also didn't have any reaction. But the dean continued "Try to disturb the energy from Zingi Metal"

This time Alex approach the Zingi Metal and disturb it's energy flow. This time, the energy become disrupted. The energy before seems become scared from Alex and try to move away.

"When you disturbed torrential energy, it will become scared of your mana and moved away (Paper Tiger?), so we use gentle approach for this. as for the Hard energy, even if you try to disturb it. It will only ignored you and stay still. That's why, we use this softening approach, to slowly refined the energy. Hmm... many people called this technique as retreat to advance approach..... or not. Well whatever, it's just a name"

"..." Alex pondering what he just learned.

The dean continued he give Alex the third metal "This is called Gend Metal, this metal have an overbearing energy. Try to touch it"

Alex touched the third metal with his hand. True, as soon as he touch it. Gend Metal Energy immediately fight with his mana. Alex surprised with this.

"You felt the energy fighting back right? That's why we name it overbearing energy. So we use this bursting approach. When the energy start to be refined by our flame, we burst the flame's temperature, making the energy contained in the metal become disorder. This way, refining this type of metal become easier. And this is the last metal"

He give the last metal. Alex tried to touch it, but the energy immediately went away. unlike the first metal, this metal already scared before Alex disturb the energy flow.

"Haha... Even the metal didn't like you." The dean laughed.

"...." Alex was speechless.

"Sorry sorry, haha... My teacher tease me like this when I learned it from him. I don't know any metal energy like you so I was down when he said that. Haha..." He laughed happily for a while.

After a while he calm down a bit and start to explain "This is the last type metal's energy. It is like a paranoid, so just forcefully refined them and merge with the other."

Alex nodded, he understand what his teacher said.

"What do you think with all of this approach?"

Alex pondering a bit and give an unexpected answer with a flat expression "It's like love approach"

"..." This time, He is the one who speechless.