

## Gacha 58

### 58 Meeting

"Why don't you test them with that move?" Grand duke smiled

Alex nodded, He goes to the center of the room. He planned to use his Sanguin Sword Art's Fifth Slash again.

"First, Second, Third, Fourth" Alex uses the same move, he also uses his mana to make the mana in the air not to be disturbed.

"Fifth Slash"

"Swoosh!" The sword wave becomes a weak wind once again, this means Alex has failed.

The atmosphere becomes awkward.

"Well...You can practice all you want in here. Ah...I remembered I have an appointment after this, then I will leave first" The duke run away.

"..." Alex was speechless, he then shook his head. "The first one might be a fluke, but the chance is there, I just need to practice more"

Alex trained the sword art for another two weeks. He sometimes succeeds and sometimes failed when doing the fifth slash, it takes him two weeks to completely mastered the fifth slash. Now he wants to learn about Spear throwing art.

"Power throwing and spin throwing. Power throwing was relying on brute force while the latter was technique. Let's try the power throwing first"

Alex followed the instruction from the scroll, hand positioning, which muscle to use, etc. At first, he was unfamiliar with the process, so the throwing was weaker than his usual throw without this art. But soon, the power becomes stronger and stronger. After a week he mastered this power throwing

"Power throwing"

A spear flies toward the training wall at super-speed leaving a shockwave.

"Boom!"

The spear broke when it hit the wall. But the power was there to see.

Alex nods satisfied, "The power was really good, to boost it, this is only with a normal spear, this alone might kill a rank 4 monster. What if I throw a good spear, won't the power will be much stronger"

After mastering the power throwing, Alex learned the spin throwing. But suddenly someone came to the training room.

"Alex, The spear batch has come just now."

"Uncle, sorry to trouble you for this"

"Haha, Don't worry about it"

Actually, the grand duke was happy Alex was still in the house, that's why he likes to visit him. His eldest daughter was at the border, he worried about her. His second and third daughter was in the dungeon and he also worried about them. He was lonely, his daughter all traveled. Fortunately Alex still in the house, so talking like this with him make him happy, since from the start all he had was daughters, Talking with Alex like this, he felt like talking with his own son.

"There are still three weeks before your holiday was over, Are you going to use all three weeks to train?"

Alex pondered for a moment, then he nodded.

"I see. Oh yeah, I remembered, Yesterday, the minister of agriculture already reported to the king for your 'Four crop rotation system' the result was three times higher than usual. He suggests implementing this system to all farmland in our territory. My brother was really happy about this, he wants to give you a title"

"This..." Alex didn't really want to involved with kingdom management.

"Don't worry about it, even though he gives you the title, you won't need to do things like a noble's house nor its obligation. This title was giving you an easy pass, so when you want to travel, just know the kingdom will back you up"

Alex was surprised by this treatment, "Aren't they..."

Grand duke only smiled and patted his shoulder. "Though there is only one thing you need promise"

Alex frowned, "What is it?"

"If the kingdom was in peril, you promised to help"

Alex's eyes widened, he relieved "Yes, I will"

"That's all about it, I know you wouldn't like any formal ceremony like that, so we will give you the title in private with a few ministers present. It will take place in the castle tomorrow"

"Umm..." Alex hesitated.

"What? Are you shy with only a few people? Or do you want a grand ceremony for that?"

"No no no" Alex shook his head furiously, "It just... I don't have any formal attire, all my clothes were all like this" He pointed at his current cloth.

"A....ahahaha!" Grand duke laughed happily, he thought Alex have some kind problem with that arrangement, but he never thought the problem he had was this. "Don't worry about it, you can use my cloth for that"

Alex was embarrassed.

"Well, meet me tomorrow morning" Grand duke said that and left.

Alex go to the garden to inspect the spears, because of the incident in the dungeon, all his spear stock in the system was busted, and he now still focused on techniques gacha. So he can only get spear supply from outside for his training since he broke many spears for this training.

"What should I do now..." Alex pondered for a moment, suddenly he remembered something "I haven't finished the other five of my qi gathering pills"

Alex stops his training and decided to take qi gathering pills for the rest of the day. In his room, Alex started taking the pills.

After finishing his first pill, Alex felt so close to broke through.

He eats another pill, but still can't breakthrough.

"One more", Alex immediately fed himself another pill. This time, after an hour, "Breakthrough"

Alex smirked, "I reach rank 5". Alex leaped out of joy. He reached rank 5 now, He inspects his new prowess. "With this, I think I won't need too much time to kill rank 5 monsters. Should I go to dungeon again?"

He shook his head, "I will finish all these pills first". Alex went back to cultivate.

Tomorrow morning Alex meets the duke in his study room.

"They are the formal attire I have in my young days. The size should be the as you so pick what you like"

There are a few clothes lined up. He looks at them one by one, though there are none that manage to catch Alex's interest. Alex just wants to choose some random clothing but suddenly someone comes in.

"Master, this is your favorite clothes back then"

Alex turned to the voice, He saw butler Ji bringing a white-colored attire.

"Oh" The duke stood up and take the white-colored clothes, he turned to Alex. "Look, How about these clothes? I think this one suits you the most?"

Alex only nodded, he grabbed the clothes and change to it. When Alex out of the room, The white-colored formal attire makes him anew. He looks more gallant and handsome in these clothes.

"Hmm, My choice was really the best. You look as handsome as me when I was young" Grand duke said.

Alex scratched his cheek.

"Haha, Let's go"

Alex nodded and followed him. At the house's entrance, a carriage was waiting there along with Butler Ji and Madam.

"Ara...Alex, you look more handsome than my husband when he was young" The madam was surprised by Alex's transformation, so she said. She secretly thought a waste that her daughter, Alicia wasn't here.

"Oi! He was 'as handsome as' me when I was young" Grand duke corrected her

Alex can only maintain his silence, and look at butler Ji

"Sir Alexander, Please" Butler Ji giggled a little looking at the couple. Then he opened the carriage door and invite Alex in.

Alex nodded, "Thank You"

The couple looks at Alex who already in the carriage, they lost motivation to quarrel. The madam looks at the duke, she smiled.

The duke nodded, "I'm going"

"Have a nice day"

The duke got into the carriage and butler Ji start to drive it. Alex looks tense in the carriage.

"Don't be nervous, you already met him before" Grand duke said.

"No no no" Alex shook his head furiously. This was the first formal meeting he had in his life.

The duke only giggled, but suddenly he dropped a bomb "Don't be misled by some old fox there alright!"

Alex froze, he confused "Old Fox?"

The duke nodded solemnly, he didn't say anything about it and just said "Just remember that"

Alex still confused about what he said but he nodded.

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They have arrived in front of the castle. The guards already knew about this carriage and they let them pass. Since the duke and the king was blood brother and their relationship was still really good, so grand duke often back and forth from the mansion to castle.

Alex followed the duke since this is only a private meeting, the duke led him to the back of the throne room. But they stopped when they heard some complain.

"What? The wheat flour still not finish being processed yet?"

"I'm Afraid, yes sir"

Alex and the grand duke turned to the voice. There are three old men and a young man busy discussing something

"Because of the war between humans and demon, we need more men to prepare for the war even though we won't participate in this war but we might get involved in this war. Especially since Zircodina and Holy kingdom have an alliance, this is why the flour still not processed. Since basically there is a shortage of human resources" An old man said.

"Haiz, why are Zircodina even start a war" another old man said.

"Well, the one that was still unprocessed was the extra yield" Another old man.

"Extra yield huh...Yes, today's event was to meet the young man who proposes that idea right? Haiz, you got this easy Rindo, I really hope I also got some idea to make a better living environment for this kingdom" The old man sigh. "You can go".

The old man dismissed the young servant.

Grand duke was going to join them. seeing the duke was approaching them, Alex followed him.

"Haha... Sir Rindo, Sir Leyfon, and Sir Gilian. How is your health"

The three old man look at the man who called them

"Oh, Young Raymond. You have come, come here" The old man called Rindo invite him in, then he notices the young man that following him. "Is this..."

"This is today star" The duke said.

Rindo's eyes brightened, "Haha, You must be Alexander, I will call you Young Alex. Is that alright?"

Alex nodded.

"Haha, Young Alex, your idea was brilliant. We got excess for our food. This way, many people won't die in hunger. Haiz, Every year, over ten thousand people die in hunger. Our population was only around a few million lives, and look! With your idea, we can minimize that" Rindo was excited.

"Glad...glad you like it" Alex was embarrassed, he looks at grand duke.

"Haha, I will introduced them to you. The old man in front of you was our agriculture minister, you can call him old Rindo or sir Rindo." The duke introduces him, then he continued "The one in my right was our War minister, Sir Leyfon. And he was our Civil Minister, Sir Gilian"

"I...I am Alexander Sirius, It was my honor to meet you ministers" Alex politely greeted them.

"Haha... We didn't really bother with that much formalities, You can rest easy around us" Rindo said.

"Haiz, Rindo. Even if your yield was better, if they are unprocessed, we can't feed our hungry citizen" Gilian sighed.

"Well, I need many men to prepare for war. Sorry for that. I really hope we won't get involved"