

Gacha 601

Chapter 601 Operation Begin

Alex calculated the number of Array Plates he needed to trap everyone from Black Devil Sect. He could somehow trap a thousand people with a single Rank 7 Barrier, but the problem was how they split their group into five with four five-hundred squadrons and one thousand people in the headquarters.

He needed five barrier arrays to trap one group or three thousand people in total, and he fought with five groups. In other words, he needed to make twenty-five Array Plates for this operation. Of course, he couldn't forget about the Gathering Array to power up this Array Plates so they could stay for at least an hour.

Alex made a total of fifty Array Plates in a single day. It was quite an achievement, only for those with a strong soul like him.

Although it was a bit costly either for the monster blood or Spirit Gems, they needed to speed up this process.

After finishing his last preparation, Alex recalled everyone back to their cards and used his teleportation array.

He stopped not far away from those disciples. He summoned every single spirit. "It seems they are too scattered at this moment. A group of ten, if I'm not wrong."

"Yes. They are not too far from each other, though." Nelson nodded.

Alex narrowed his eyebrows, feeling there was a hidden meaning in Nelson's words. He thought for a moment and opened his eyes wide, saying. "You want me to be bait?"

"As much as I hate this plan, this is the only way to gather their attention." Nelson closed his eyes in regret.

"I don't really mind about it as long as it's effective." Alex shrugged. He thought for a minute before saying, "I will appear right above them and attack with some sort of flashy attack to garner their attention. Considering their number and positioning... You are going to activate the array, Nelson."

"Yes. I will activate it at the best time." Nelson nodded.

"On the other hand, I want all of you to spread around... Anya can support us while Greg protects her. As for the other eight, including Nelson, will spread toward eight directions. I will be the center, so when I start attacking them, you guys can wreak havoc from their back before making your way toward me." Alex said.

"Understood." The spirits nodded. Anna looked down for ten seconds and asked Alex, "How about the True Spirit Body? Are all of us going to use it at the same time?"

"I believe we can destroy four groups before one day passes with their number and positioning. That's why I want Vera, Fabio, and Jeanne to hold until we eradicate the second group. These three will surely last until we wipe them out. As for the other spirits, I will see what I can do with the EXP Cards." Alex explained.

"Are you worried about your instinct taking over? If you think that way, you can undo your True Spirit Body and attack them normally. There might be a time I will use your Thunder God Cannon. Killing a hundred people with that should be fine, and if I raise your level once, it will be perfect." Alex nodded with a gentle smile, ensuring Leoz.

"Understood. I will hold as long as possible... Assuming my fighting style, I will be out after killing six thousand people. Still, I will surely kill as many people as possible." Leoz nodded with a serious expression.

Everyone knew that Leoz would surely do that, especially with his 6-Star Martial Monarch strength.

"Alright. Go to your position." Alex ordered.

"True Spirit Body!" Seven of them quickly used their True Spirit Body.

"Life Blessing." Anya tapped the ground twice with her wand as light glowed from her staff and flowed inside their body.

Alex and the others felt the power-up in this skill. For Alex, he could somehow feel that his power had reached the 10-Star Martial Emperor. He took a deep breath before saying, "Go!"

They had finished their preparation, so they disappeared right after hearing that signal. Alex waited for one minute before he snapped his finger, creating a magic circle beneath his feet.

He blinked his eyes for a split second, and he was already above the sky. Alex looked upon them, and even some of them had noticed him in the sky. They frowned, not knowing Alex's identity. However, they remembered a certain explanation from their elders.

The attacker wore a mask to hide his face, and somehow they could relate it with this person. Alex smiled and took advantage of this 0.1-second confusion to create a huge phoenix and hundreds of firebirds in the sky.

He sent all those firebirds toward the ground, scattering them around to hit as many as possible. On the other hand, the phoenix went to a group of three, blasting them into smithereens.

"Boom Boom Boom!"

"That is the attacker!"

"Attack him, but make sure you don't kill him. We need to extract information from them. A few of you go to the Headquarters to inform them about this." The person that seemed to be the commander roared.

"Attack!"

Alex smirked as it was according to the plan. He waited for another few seconds, gathering more and more attention. The people, who saw him first, managed to react and jump toward him.

Alex took a glimpse of their faces before raising his right hand and snapping his finger.

They were confused about such an action that didn't do anything. However, the moment they saw a barrier suddenly erected to the sky, trapping all of them in a single space, they realized they had been tricked.

Of course, Alex was just bluffing. The flick actually didn't do anything other than bait. He wanted to make them think it was his doing so they would focus on him.

As for the person in question, Nelson, already disappeared and took his own position.

"Attack him!"

"If we defeat him, the barrier won't last."

"Uoh!"

Many of them charged at him while a few others stayed behind and released their Martial or Element Arts.

Nonetheless, they would be shocked again because the barrier was also another signal for another phase to begin.

"Boom Boom Boom!"

A series of explosions occurred in eight directions. Alex could see that Anya was in the west, Leoz was in the north, and Artur in the south. He could only realize these three because they made a huge commotion in a single attack.

"What?" The commander was startled upon listening to those explosions on their rears. It only took him a few seconds before realizing that the masked man in front of him was just a bait. "Not good. The one in the sky is just a bait. We need to regroup!"

Alex already saw this guy commanding the people two times, so he was convinced that this was the commander.

He flicked his finger once again and created an array to teleport him in front of this commander.

"!!!" As expected, he somehow managed to react, considering he was a 5-Star Martial Emperor. Unfortunately, Alex was a 10-Star Martial Emperor at the moment after getting power up from Anya.

"Triple Draws."

"Heaven Light Slash."

Alex released the two techniques with both sword and spear.

"Blood Strike!" The Martial Emperor gritted his teeth and struck at the two incoming strikes. Unfortunately, the ones he struck were yet another baits because the real attacks were coming from the below.

"Uoh!" The Martial Emperor twisted his handle to block the other attacks, but he was too late. The four strikes blew his weapon away before slashing his body into a few pieces.

"What?"

"A Martial Emperor has died?"

"But he is the only Martial Emperor in our group. What should we do!"

The people began realizing Alex's strength and falling into despair.

By listening to these words alone, Alex somehow grasped their entire rank. He wouldn't let them recover, so he summoned another wave of firebirds and attacked them again.

On the west side, Anna raised her scythe before a flock of butterflies flew and filled the region. They perched on the body parts of the disciples before exploding. The dark energy seeped inside their body and controlled their brains. Anna made them commit suicide immediately before moving onto the second target.

"Hmmm..." Anna furrowed her eyebrows. "It seems I can only control one hundred Martial Kings at the moment. Lady luck is really smiling upon us, considering this number is perfect for making a speedy assassination. We might only need less than thirty minutes before sweeping these people off... And Alex's original estimate was an hour... Is he overestimating too much?"

The answer remained unanswered because she didn't ask Alex about it and considered it as her personal rant.

In another direction, Nelson also finished assassinating ten Martial Kings. These three people were close to the barrier because they were going to report about this matter to their headquarters. His job was to assassinate first so they couldn't react with a big group and chipped away their number bit by bit. He thought this tactic would cost less time and praised Alex once again in his heart.

The same as these two spirits, Fabio and Vera, also did their best in killing as many as possible. They were unstoppable because their gap was too far. After all, they were 10-Star Martial Emperors, while their enemies were only Martial Kings.

The spirits did all their best to wipe the enemy out. If someone actually witnessed this, they would only describe it as a one-sided slaughter. It wasn't even a fight despite their numbers.

It took them precisely twenty-five minutes to wipe them out. Including the bait and the barrier, it was safe to say this took them thirty minutes. As soon as they wiped them out, Nelson took off the barrier and turned into a stream of light like the other.

Alex used teleportation again to appear in front of another group. They used the same tactic, and though they couldn't say it was the same, their reaction and decision were similar to the first group.

In two hours, Alex and his group finished his task with only the headquarters left. He had another meeting with the spirits to discuss this.

"So, this headquarters is more organized because there are many high-level people in this place. However, there is one thing that we can take advantage of, it's how they are not too separated." Alex smirked evilly.

"Oh, you are going to assassinate them?" Anya agreed with his plan.

"It's correct but not the full answer. We are going to assassinate them." Alex said mysteriously.

Anya instantly recognized his plan. "We... I see. You are going to use your Spatial Gate to infiltrate their ranks. We are going to assassinate them at the same time and kill all those Martial Monarchs. After that, we will wipe them out."

"Yeah. They are not scattered like the first four groups, so we only need a single barrier in the center to trap them." Alex shrugged. "Besides, I'm happy with how we are ahead of our schedule. We might be able to finish all of them before one day passes. Of course, there is no change of plan considering the timing to use your True Spirit Body."

"Indeed. But how about who deals with who?" Anya asked.

"Nelson and Leoz will kill three Martial Monarchs each. I'm sure this is the limit before they find us. If they are using their Berserk Pills, I'm going to teleport us outside. Then I want Anna to use her dark butterflies to kill as many as possible. Don't worry, since we are outside, I will open the gate." Alex smiled.

"Only after the effect wears off will we attack them again. At that time, they will most likely fall into despair after seeing ten Martial Monarchs die just like that." Anya grinned.

Chapter 602 Trickery

As soon as they decided their plan, Alex opened his Spatial Gate, leading all spirits inside his Blue Layered Realm. The spirits followed him without hesitation, and before long, Alex stopped in front of something.

They didn't have a space element, so they couldn't see it. But Alex could clearly watch four Martial Monarchs gathering inside one tent, talking about something. Alex halted his footsteps before saying, "Change of plan. All of us are going to attack four Martial Monarchs at the same time. We will kill as many as possible to make them use their Berserk Pill. Other than that, we don't have a change of plan."

"Understood." Although the spirits didn't know what lies beyond the Blue Layered Realm, they knew there were four Martial Monarchs there. As long as they killed these four before anyone noticed, their situation would be improved even further.

Before opening the gate, Alex observed them with his Spirit Eyes first. It turned out their enemies were only two 1-Star Martial Monarchs and two 2-Star Martial Monarchs. In terms of prowess, they were like 10-Star Martial Emperors and 1-Star Martial Monarchs. Of course, it wasn't that easy to kill four of them simultaneously, even with that kind of prowess.

Alex pondered for a moment and said, "Nelson, me, Anna, and Artur will handle the two 1-Star Martial Monarchs. The rest will handle the other two."

He activated his Pure Fire this time because he could see one of them had Fire Element. "Nelson, I can suppress one of them with my Pure Fire. Within that split second confusion, I want you to kill him. Is that a hard task?"

"You have sent the invitation to hell, how can he not go there instantly?" Nelson shrugged, saying he would let that person alive even for one second more.

"Anna and Artur will wait for a few seconds before Nelson and I join the fight." Alex smiled.

"Understood." They nodded furiously before glancing at the other group who had their own discussion on how they killed the Martial Monarchs.

As expected, with how powerful Leoz was, they decided they would do anything in their power to restrict their movement before Leoz finished them off.

"Are you ready?"

As soon as they nodded, Alex created a single portal capable of letting eleven people out at once.

"!!!"

"Who are you!"

The Martial Monarchs were confused as they couldn't understand the Spatial Gate for a few seconds. However, before those few seconds, they were already engaged in combat.

A blazing red fire gushed out from Alex's body, revealing its mighty prestige. Alex locked his eyes onto one of them and used everything on his power to suppress this person.

"Elemental Suppression."

Nelson released his powerful Dark Energy and slashed that person into two. Confirming he was dead, Alex and Nelson exchanged looks and nodded at each other before going toward Anna and Artur.

They occupied him decently by using Anna's Tri Xeta and Artur's sword. With some desperate movement, the 1-Star Martial Monarch somehow managed to reach the Berserk Pill and swallowed him.

Unfortunately for him, his comrade had already died, and Nelson already appeared right beside him. Nelson cut the Monarch's hand, preventing him from eating the pill.

"!!!" The monarch gritted his teeth and took a glimpse of his other friends' conditions. Unfortunately, their two friends were not much better. One of them was restricted by four people, while the other one almost died. However, the one that got restricted were somehow able to swallow the pill.

"You Bastard, I will kill you!"

Alex and Nelson furrowed their eyebrows upon sensing the energy. The Martial Monarch in front of them took this as his advantage by roaring out loud. "AAAAHHHH!!!"

He shouted as loud as possible to make sure everyone could hear it. Of course, he couldn't say something like "Help me" or "Enemy Attack!" because he didn't have time to produce so many syllables in his condition. The only thing he could shout was that roar that didn't contain a single message.

The other Martial Monarchs were confused with this shout, so they decided to check. They banded with one another. Before they knew it, six of them got together, along with some Martial Emperors and Martial Kings.

At the moment they entered the tent, they widened their eyes, didn't believe that four of the Martial Monarchs had died. The one that had Berserk Pill still died under the constant attacks of Alex and his ten spirits.

"Attack them!" The one in the front shouted before taking out his Berserk Pill. Seeing how these four people died without anyone noticing, these enemies were not ordinary.

"Use your Berserk pill. These enemies are very dangerous. You don't need to care about their lives, as long as one of them is still alive, everything is good." The other Martial Monarch shouted while swallowing a Berserk Pill.

Alex frowned his eyebrows. He didn't teleport them right away, so more people would notice their presence, which meant more people would use their Blood Pills. In an instant, he ordered, "Attack them. Kill as many as you can."

His order was like a wake-up call for the spirits. Anna quickly released her butterflies, and the others followed with their respective attacks.

"The one that shouted earlier should be their leader. As long as we can capture him, we will win this battle." The Martial Monarch shouted.

"Fire Phoenix Art, First Stage. Summon Phoenix."

Alex sent his phoenix together with his firebirds to create a commotion.

"Boom Boom Boom!"

In the first wave of attacks, they somehow managed to kill one hundred Martial Kings but no Emperor or Monarch. More so, the other disciples had already arrived and waited for the order.

"Attack them. Just spare one of them so we can get information." The Martial Monarch's roar finalized their action.

"Nelson!" Alex shouted before snapping his finger, creating a pink array on the ground. At the same time, Nelson took out an Array Plate that Alex prepared earlier. "Activate."

The barrier was erected to the sky, trapping this group who had taken their Berserk Pill. Alex teleported to the sky outside the barrier.

"Haha... now you have used your Berserk Pill, and we are outside here, we can just watch you die!" Looking down on them, Alex roared. His words filled with mockery, and their purpose was none other than to taunt them.

"You Bastard!" The Martial Monarchs realized their situations. They wanted to say 'Attack this barrier!' but couldn't. In that instant, they knew Alex had Space Element, and if they attacked them... the consequences would be big.

"After your elders died, I will kill all of you!" Alex released his killing intent. The spirits also followed suits and combined their killing intent with him. Surprisingly, their killing intents were much more than Alex and created tension on the people from Black Devil Sect.

"No, no. If we are trapped here without the elders, we will die!"

"Destroy the barrier!"

"As long as we can destroy the barrier, the elders will surely kill them."

The situation turned worse for Black Devil Sect. Their elders might be able to keep their calm because of their experiences, but most of the disciples, especially the Martial King stage disciples, couldn't control their impulse.

"Wind Storm!"

"Blood Blade!"

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They used many attacks at once and released it toward the barrier, specifically right in front of Alex.

"You fool! Do no-!" The elders were too late to stop them because many of the attacks had released their attacks. The elders gritted their teeth before shouting, "Scatter. Don't gather in one place!"

The disciples were confused with the sudden order and calmed their hearts down a little bit before their face turned pale.

"Too late!" Alex smirked evilly and created a huge portal, sucking every single attack that flew toward the barrier. He made another portal right above them and rained them down with their own attacks.

"Boom Boom Boom!"

Explosions' sounds kept echoing across the region because of the number of their attacks. Alex activated his Spirit Eyes again to check how many people had died by those explosions, and the result didn't disappoint him.

"We have killed three hundred... Coupled with the first one hundred and fifty people, we are almost half done." Alex muttered to himself. "Still, they are calmer than I expected???"

"Alex, I believe we should go in again. Seeing those numbers, we can have Leoz and Nelson to take care of the Martial Monarchs while the others kill the Martial kings. As for the Martial Emperor, you and Jeanne should be enough." Anya advised him.

"I know." Alex nodded. "Wait for a bit more."

He wanted to make them panic, to get an advantage in the mind battle.

On the other side, the elders were racking their brains to see a way to escape from this situation. Seeing Alex's group prowess, if they spread out, the disciples and elders would most likely die. However, if they don't do anything, they will also die.

"Spread out but not too much. We are going to attack the barrier again together. Make sure you position yourself in front of the barrier so they couldn't use that Space Art again." One of the elders shouted.

The others could only nod because they thought it was the only thing they could do.

"!!!" Alex widened his eyes when he saw this. Not because he was surprised by the strategy, but because the moment he had been waiting for finally came. He created another portal right in front of him to confuse the enemy.

"Watch out! Make sure you don't shoot the portal with your attack!" The elders warned them after seeing the portal.

Alex smirked and snapped his finger. The portal disappeared before a pink array emerged from within the Blue Colored Realm. It was yet another Teleportation Array, and their destination was the enemy's rear.

Alex purposely chose the furthest spot after looking at how they were spread out. "Attack!"

Even though it was only for a few seconds, it was enough to kill another one hundred people with a sneak attack.

As Anya advised, they took care of the Martial Monarchs and Martial Emperors first before cleaning up the Martial Kings. All of them were unwilling to die in this place, but Alex's group was just too strong. It was like an army of plebians fighting against eleven powerful assassins. Only their leaders could somehow fight them while the rest had no chance. At best, they could only buy a few seconds before dying.

And with almost an hour, they annihilated the bigger group.

Knowing how their tactic worked, Alex repeated it for the other groups. Unfortunately, it was a bit harder when Leoz couldn't hold his True Spirit Body. He apologized to Alex once again and said he could still fight until the end.

Alex let him do whatever he wanted because Leoz's power was truly needed in this fight. After destroying the second three-thousand men group, they went toward the third group. The battle went smoothly, and Anna leveled up in this battle.

It was only after the fourth group Alex asked Jeanne, Vera, and Fabio to use their True Spirit Body. At the same time, the night finally came, and Nelson powered up like crazy. If Leoz could still use his True Spirit Body, this would be the most powerful line-up in Alex's history.

With how the battle of each group finished within three hours, Alex finished the battle in less than a day. Of course, suppose they didn't split their group and fight Alex's group using those fifteen thousand people altogether. In that case, it might take more than a day, and Alex would need more planning about this.

After finishing the battle, Alex took a breather first around the area. He knew after this; he would go toward the Cursed Forest and trained for a while.

Chapter 603 Training

In the middle of the night, the sound of cricket filled the entire Cursed Forest. Nonetheless, no matter how hard they investigated the forest, there was not even a single cricket around, let alone monsters.

This was the first time Alex visited the Cursed Forest at night and it could be said it was creepier than during the day. He stopped not far from the portal, gathered his spirits around, and sat on a stone.

He pointed his palm to the front and released a fireball to brighten the space.

"Assuming that the Black Devil Sect will be angry and people know they are weakened, how do you think they will cope up with the situation?" Alex asked lightly, but there was a hidden meaning behind his words.

"They? Are you asking about how Black Devil Sect will do or other influences?" Anya asked.

Alex smiled, but his answer came in the form of a nod.

"If I am the Ancient Blue Family leader, I will end the agreement with them. After all, they have lost their purpose. It's not like there is a good relationship between us." Anna snorted. "As for whether I attack them or not? There is a high chance I will attack them to prove that Ancient Blue Family doesn't have some sort of agreement with them."

"Indeed. But you should know that their agreement is also with the Main Family of Ancient Blue Family. If that family on the Heavenly Continent interfered, what would you do?" Nelson narrowed his eyes.

"I will still attack them. Unless the main family wants to lose their face on the Heavenly Continent, they won't help a puny evil influence all the way." Anna shrugged.

"Certainly..." Anya nodded, closed her eyes, and thought for a moment. She opened her mouth after a moment of silence. "I believe it's futile to talk about it. We can ask Nelson... No, Narman should be enough to oversee this continent, specifically Black Devil Sect."

"You are right. If I'm the spy, I will just check the condition of Black Devil Sect to learn the Ancient Blue Family situation. As for the other three influences, if they are planning to act against the Black Devil Sect, their movement must be big. It shouldn't be too hard to track their movement." Nelson agreed as an expert in espionage.

"Alright. We shouldn't discuss this for now. Anna, ask Narman to observe the Black Devil Sect. We have cut their strength more than half, so they must be panicking right now. Have him search for everything and inform me if something happened." Alex ordered.

"Then, are we going to enter the Underworld? Let's ask Njomo first." Anya looked at Alex's expression for a second to get his affirmation before pulling out Njomo's Card. "Njomo. We need to have information about your situation."

"Woof Woof Woof."

"He said he is going to tell him all the way from the start. If you have time, that is." Nelson, who stood beside him, translated Njomo's words nonchalantly.

Njomo began his explanation, of course, in the form of barking. Alex was completely clueless about it, so he could only wait for someone to translate it.

On his left, Nelson listened to Njomo attentively before he even wanted to translate. He simply didn't want to misinterpret his information.

After a whole fifteen minutes' lecture' from Njomo, the sound finally died down. Anya turned around and looked at Nelson, "Who is going to translate it?"

"I will do it. You can add anything if I misinterpret or misunderstand his words." Nelson nodded at Anya.

"Sure."

Knowing Nelson would be the one to give him the explanation, Alex looked at him with great interest.

"As you know, there are three races inside this realm that stay in harmony. According to Njomo, the space inside was around half the west side of this continent or in another word, it was half the size of Black Devil Sect territory." Nelson started with the geography first.

"Alright. It's really a big place. How about their power level?" Alex asked.

"This might be a bit troublesome for us. Each race has one strongest person as their leader and all of them are 7-Star Martial Saints. As for their subjects... I am sure you can imagine. You can say that this realm is a pseudo Heavenly Continent." Nelson said.

"Still, their power level is not..." Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"Yeah. Njomo has tried to search for the reason, but it's not possible." Nelson shook his head helplessly.

"Alright. We can see what we need to do inside. Though I don't know if we can survive inside, considering they have a high-level power system..." Alex frowned, wondering if it was too risky to go.

"Njomo said they were pretty civil. If what Teodross said was right, they shouldn't attack you without reason. Of course, We need to make sure they are not hostile to humans. If they are hostile, I can somehow intrude their place and present the sword. If it's not possible, I have a way to retreat." Nelson assured him.

"That's work too... Well, I'm close to Martial Monarch anyway, and the enemy is a Martial Saint. Looking back on our past record, we needed to be aware of a Martial Lord or a King when I was merely a Martial Master. And met Martial Emperors when I was a Martial King... Nonetheless, we should be able to do it as long as we are careful." Alex nodded.

"You are indeed right... but you should add that those two occasions know about humanity. However, this place doesn't have a single human. If possible, I want you to hide yourself or maybe cover yourself with a long robe... In case we are in trouble, we can summon Wright, who has the closest appearance to an undead to talk." Anya added.

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "Alright. We should do that."

Nelson waited for another question, but Alex signaled him to continue. "Anyway, the three races inside the realm are the same as you predicted. The First Race is the Dwarf Race, and they are the same as your knowledge, good in forging. They are highly appreciated as a strong weapon, so I assume, we can entice them with Teodross's weapon.

"The second race is beastmen. They contain many beasts such as cat tribe, dog tribe, and so on. Suppose you tone down Sherry a little bit and become a normal fox, she can be placed in the wolf tribe. They are the same as Sherry and Stina, but it is more of an animal tribe.

"The last is like Wright, Undead Race. There are living skeletons, zombies, and so on. It would seem that this race is like the truth keeper in this place. If you want to ask anything, you can ask them. Of course, you need to gain their trust first."

"..." Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "I only want to get my sword and spear done. After that, we can leave the Underworld."

"Fair enough. Young Master might need the Spiritual Weapons to fight the Fire God Clan anyway."

Nelson nodded. "I will ensure everything first before Young Master joins. However, I believe Young Master doesn't need to practice arrays or pills because you won't need it in this realm."

"What do you mean? I am practicing these two for money." Alex frowned.

"There is simply a lack of medicinal herbs in this realm. On the other hand, there isn't a single monster in this realm." Nelson shook his head.

"No materials I can use in this realm?"

"Yes. If you want to use the Gacha items, then I won't stop you... but they are not enough to make a few million Spirit Gems in total... I believe you can only get around five million Spirit Gems."

"I see..." Alex let out a sigh. "I will still practice though. After all, I doubt I will be powerful enough to produce rank 8 pills or arrays by the time I leave this realm. I will just grab some ingredients on the Heavenly Continent and sell the products."

"If that is Young Master's wish, then I have no qualms." Nelson bowed his head.

"Anyway, we are going inside in two months." Alex paused for a moment and asked, "Did Njomo tell you anything other than that information?"

"No. I believe we have covered everything up." Nelson shook his head before glancing at Anya. "Do you want to add something?"

Anya pondered for a moment and shook her head. "No."

"Alright. Since we have finished our discussion, I'm going to proceed with my training session. As for the others... I will be raising all of you to Martial Monarch because we don't really need to use EXP Cards earlier." Alex scratched his cheek because he only relied on everyone's True Spirit Body. "System, please."

[Processing.]

The system used Alex's EXP Cards on Six Spirits: Anya, Jean, Fabio, Vera, Greg, and Artur. Most of them required two EXP Cards, so Alex had no problem leveling all of them.

"You guys can stand by here for two months. As for Nelson, you might want to go inside and check our surroundings first."

"Yes. I will make sure we are safe after entering this place." Nelson nodded.

Alex quickly opened the portal and sent Nelson to the Underworld. After ensuring everything, he began his practice. For his Arrays, he learned two more arrays: rank 7 Teleportation Array and rank 7 God Sword Array. It took him almost two weeks for these two arrays.

His current rank 6 Teleportation Array could teleport him a few hundred kilometers at once. This rank 7 Teleportation Array could cover ten times that distance. In fact, he could cross the ocean by using this Teleportation Array a couple of times and arrived on the Heavenly Continent.

On the other hand, God Sword Array was an array specialized in the offense. Alex could summon a rain of swords in the middle of the enemy and combined them with his Firebirds. It could cause a huge ruckus in their ranks.

After that, Alex moved into the Alchemy Training. He only had one pill in his mind, which was Dragon Strengthened Pill. And yes, the effect was to increase his strength. By consuming this pill, Alex could gain two thousand dragon strength. His current strength was one thousand and three hundred dragons and it was already equal to 1-Star Martial Monarch. This pill would become his assurance to enter this realm.

He produced the pill with everything he had in the System, exhausting all the medicinal herbs of this pill. In the end, Alex somehow made fifty pills and swallowed one of them. As for the rest, he was planning to give Rose one and sell the rest. If there was Evelyn, he might give it to her, but he believed Manness would surely take care of her, so he proceeded with the next training.

Alex had been wasting a lot of time thinking about this and finally came to a conclusion. The last training and the one that took the longest was the creation of his Original Spear Technique.

His Original Sword Technique was Triple Draws, which was more a kind of support technique to enhance every Martial Art he used. A normal person might only master one technique in their life, but Alex still had his spear. If his Sword Technique was a support, he chose an attack technique for his spear.

The name of the spear technique was Mythical Spear Cannon. And surprisingly, he found something unbelievable in this technique. The Mythical Spear Cannon itself couldn't be used together with Triple Draws due to its power. However, when Alex used his Sword a couple of times, the strike became more refined and focused on penetration power.

As for what kind of power this technique had, Alex could only try it with an opponent in the near future.

It was only after two months, he finally finished all of his preparation. In these two months, he had been waiting for Sherry, Kyle, and Stina to finish their evolution, but they needed more time. Alex ended up going inside the realm before they finished.

Chapter 604 Entering the Underworld

As Alex headed toward the gate of Underworld, he took out Nelson's card. "Nelson, how is the situation over there? Is it safe for me to enter the realm?"

"Yes. You will appear in a forest, Young Master." Nelson informed almost instantly.

Alex looked up and watched the blue sky, remembering the creepy dark forest and how different this place could be.

The spirits had gone back to the card after Alex finished his training, knowing it was the day to go to the Underworld.

He took a deep breath and stretched his right hand to the front. A small circle appeared right in front of him before gradually growing big enough for Alex to come in. The array presented itself with a dim golden-colored glow.

On the floor of Blue Colored Realm, a complicated pattern containing a few symbols glowed in a different color. It was telling Alex, "Look at me. Here I am."

There was no need to think even for normal people because they would surely know this was the gate of this array.

Alex waved his hand and sent his Spiritual Energy to this gate. The blue light started shining brighter before releasing some kind of particles to the air. The particles also glowed in golden color and circled around the gate. It slowly raised higher and higher.

He was already inside the gate and had seen this scene from teleporting Njomo and Nelson, but never experienced it himself. "Hmm, it's certainly beautiful if you are inside this..."

Even though this looked very mysterious, Alex knew it was going to teleport him inside. The golden particles slowly formed a sphere right above the array.

Fwoosh!

A sound of blowing wind echoed in his ears even though this place shouldn't have such a thing called wind. After forming into a sphere, the array glowed brightly, blinding Alex's eyes.

He ended up closing his eyes until the light stopped glowing.

However, one second after closing his eyes, Alex felt the ground change from a smooth ground in the Blue Colored Realm into something rough and wavy ground. In the instant he recognized it, he opened his eyes only to see a sudden change of scenario.

Crack!

His feet flinched a bit because of this sudden change, and the ground let out a cracking sound of a branch.

Before looking down to confirm his footing, Alex was fascinated by the scenery... In fact, no one sane would ignore this sudden change of scenery because the sun should be up on the other side, but in this realm, there was only darkness with some creepy green light flashing out of the dark cloud.

"Am I entering a horror movie?" Alex couldn't help but remark. There wasn't a single moon in the sky despite this darkness. Considering this was a Special Realm, Alex somehow could relate to such a setting.

Alex activated his Spirit Eyes without hesitation, checking whether there was a single living being around him. Only after a minute, he could finally let out a sigh of relief, finding no sign of energy.

He moved his feet once again, and the sound of cracking branches echoed in his ears, piquing his interest. The first thing he saw was a big brown root coming out of the ground and then a dirt trail not far from him.

Other than that, there was nothing else. However, all of it changed when he turned around. It turned out he was right in front of a tree. The huge tree with ten meters in diameters had some swirly patterns in the clockwise direction, creating a huge circle on its body.

The body was actually a gate for teleportation. If he looked with his Spirit Eyes, he could see the hidden symbols embedded inside the tree. The symbols ran through from its root to the leaves.

Alex was surprised that this one hundred meters tree held around one hundred thousand symbols. The array that sealed this place was bonafide peak rank 8 Array.

After an unknown period of time, he suddenly heard the sound of someone's footsteps. More so, it was coming toward him.

Alex turned around as he abruptly took a defensive stance.

As soon as the person arrived right in front of him, Alex let his guard down and looked at the handsome young man kneeling in front of him. "Nelson."

He should expect this since Nelson said it was fine to enter this realm.

"Young Master, have you finished your training or have something made you stop your training?" Nelson asked the question he couldn't utter earlier.

"Thank you for worrying about me. I have finished my training and come here." Alex said with a gentle smile. "By the way, is this place safe? Is there any Dwarf, Undead, or Beastman around here?"

"No. You can say we are a bit far from them." Nelson calmly said and gradually stood up.

"Hmm? A bit far?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"I should reword it better." Nelson apologized and closed his eyes. "Apparently, the three races couldn't approach this place, so they made a settlement a bit farther from this place."

"I see." Alex nodded. "How about their Martial Saint?"

"No. No one could come to this area. If Young Master wants to see the reason, I can lead you to that place." Nelson nodded.

"Sure. We can go there." Alex nodded and looked up. "Still, this dark sky and the green flash... it really looks scary..."

"I can relate with Young Master. Though it appears the sky itself is the work of the three races. According to Njomo, they are more comfortable with something like this." Nelson explained. "As for how they do it, it's the Undead Race. Unfortunately, I don't know about the specific."

"It's fine. We are not going there anyway." Alex shrugged and tapped Nelson's shoulder.

"Yes." Nelson nodded. "Does Young Master have any more questions? If not, I can lead you to the barrier."

Alex thought for a moment and looked at the tree once more before turning back to Nelson. "Yeah. I don't have any more questions. We should go."

Nelson nodded and began leading him. However, as Alex took one step from his position, a red ball of light suddenly came out of his body. At first glance, it looked like Fabio came out, but the light turned into a woman figure. The wind swayed her long red hair before the person in question turned around, revealing a mature beauty.

The first time Alex and Nelson saw this person, they realized something was off. They knew this person, but her face looked younger, and her facial features looked more charming and fresher.

Alex took a breath first before asking, "Are you Stina?"

The woman tilted her head, not understanding his question as the answer was obvious. "What do you mean, Master? I am Stina, of course."

"Uhm..." Alex glanced left and right before saying, "Sorry. You should look at yourself first."

"What do you mean?" Stina frowned before Alex took out a mirror from his Inventory and pointed it to Stina.

She took the mirror from his hand and looked at herself in the mirror before dropping the mirror in shock. She glanced at Alex, Nelson, and Alex again. "Is that me?"

"Yeah."

"My look changes when I'm in my prime?" Stina exclaimed in surprise.

Alex made a confused face and raised his hand, telling her how he can know? "I don't know. You tell me."

"Still, since I am in my prime, Kyle should also love this look better." Stina seemed to be thrilled with this. "Right, if you are advancing your cultivation, you should be able to live longer."

"Well, isn't it good? Now you are with us and will have the chance to enter Martial Saint or even higher?" Alex smiled gently.

"Yes." Stina's reaction wasn't normal. She abruptly fell on her knees before a sobbing sound echoed in everyone's ears. Clenching her palms tightly, she said. "I can... I can live with Kyle for a long time... After these few thousand years waiting, finally... Finally..."

Alex and Nelson exchanged looks and smiled. Alex walked toward her and kneeled before patting her shoulder.

"Master... *sob*... Master... I... can't thank you enough." Stina let out tears of joy and it couldn't stop, showing how happy she was.

Alex smiled helplessly and said in a soft tone. "I am also happy for you."

"I'm sorry for this display, Master." Stina tried to hold back her tears before going back inside his body. She didn't want to distract Alex with this.

Alex closed his eyes and couldn't stop smiling. He was happy from the bottom of his heart, seeing Stina get her happiness.

Nelson came to him and silently watched him from the side. This was Alex's previous nature. He would always be overjoyed when something good happened to his family and friends but would become a demon feared by thousands of worlds when they stepped on his tail.

Alex stood up and took a deep breath. "Let's go."

Nelson simply nodded and said, "Yes."

He led Alex to the outer ring of this forest before finding a monolith covered with symbols. The monolith was a ten meters tall white stone standing right in the entrance of the forest. "This is the one that creates the barrier. Njomo said he couldn't go back to this place after entering... So it also becomes our problem. Even if Young Master doesn't mention it, I will still lead you to this place."

As if he didn't hear him, Alex looked at the monolith with his Spirit Eyes. "A peak rank 8 Barrier? Is this a one-way barrier?"

One minute...

Five minutes...

One hour...

After observing the array, a flash of enlightenment appeared on his eyes. "So that is the purpose of this array..."

"Young Master?" Nelson felt relieved when Alex seemed to have understood the array.

"This is not a one-way barrier..." Alex smiled before reaching a thin layer of screen and walking through it.

"Young Ma-" Nelson widened his eyes, never expecting Alex to go out. "Young Master, you need to fix the barrier first... If you are outside there..."

Despite his rumbling, Nelson still believed that Alex had a way to fix the barrier even from the outside. However, thinking of how Alex walked past the barrier like he was possessed by something made him worry.

"Ah!"

It was when Alex suddenly let out a surprised tone and face, the worry in his heart intensified. He thought, 'As expected, Young Master didn't realize he had walked through the barrier. This is not good...'

Albeit... his worry proved to be unnecessary. The reason Alex had such a reaction was the meaning behind the array.

Before explaining what he understood from this array, he noticed the shock in Nelson's face and made a weird smile. He slowly walked back to him, passing through the barrier like nothing.

"How?" Nelson didn't understand Array, so he had trouble comprehending this action.

Alex smiled. "This is not a one-way barrier but a barrier to block every other creature other than humans. I have found the trace of Human blood as a recognition process... So, only I can enter this barrier. If you want me to reconstruct the barrier, I can though."

Even though he was surprised, Nelson still shook his head and answered with rational thinking. "No. It's better we don't do anything about it. If what Young Master said is correct, then we can use this place as our base. All those Martial Saints who might attack us won't be able to do anything if we stay inside this barrier."

"True enough. The Martial Saints are troubles..." Alex agreed. "If they want to attack us, we can retreat to this barrier and go back when we are stronger."

"Yes. I agree." Nelson nodded. "Besides, this barrier covers quite a big area because I have seen many monoliths around this area."

"Oh." Alex wasn't surprised and simply nodded.

Chapter 605 Zekhram

"Oh." Alex simply nodded, not surprised by Nelson's statement. "In any case, knowing there is a safe area here is very good for us. As for the Martial Saint, this incomplete Spiritual Weapon can block one or two attacks from them. I will use that time to create a teleportation array."

"Understood. We spirits can also block such an attack if we combine our strength." Nelson nodded, assuring him that he wouldn't be the one to fight.

Alex smiled and said, "Let's go. Our first direction will be the Dwarf. I will stay outside their settlement while you are infiltrating their rank. You will bring the sword and spear with you to see whether they would accept our request. If not, I will summon you back immediately."

"Yes. I understand my role." Nelson nodded. "Young Master can rest assured that I will complete the mission successfully."

Alex asked, "By the way, how far is the Dwarf settlement? If we are too far, we should go with teleportation."

"They are not really far, only a few hours from here. Because I'm also not too sure about the terrain because of the lack of time, it's better to fly like this." Nelson rejected his idea.

"Well, if they are not too far, it's fine." Alex nodded. They flew in low altitude so they could land or hide when they spotted someone.

Nelson even released his shadows to the surrounding, keeping lookout from nearby spots that might have some population. Luckily, it would seem there was nothing such as settlement around this area, and there were no monsters as well, like what Nelson said.

They kept flying for a few hours without any problem. Alex decided not to summon his spirits for the time being because it might bother them if they were coming in a large group and had the potential to be found out.

Nelson suddenly halted his flying while Alex followed his movement and activated his Spirit Eyes. He found not a single sign of life around the area, so he was confused with Nelson's action.

"The settlement is actually ahead. We need to fly for another fifteen minutes. However, we should get some safe distance with them, which is this place." Nelson warned Alex.

"..." Alex furrowed his eyebrows before turning around, finding a tree nearby. He was supposed to be in the grassy plain except the fact that the grass was purple, and the tree looked ominous. "I will stay around that tree."

"Yes. There is not a single person that has come to this place in the past few months, according to Njomo, so you should be safe in this." Nelson nodded.

"Alright." Alex nodded. "The sword and the spear are in the Inventory. You can take them out whenever you like."

Nelson nodded, clasped his hands, and bowed to him. "Then, please excuse me."

Without waiting for Alex's reply, Nelson disappeared from Alex's vision, flying toward the settlement.

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Around half an hour later,

On the other hand, the dwarf had a similar appearance to those Alex met in the lower world. Their short stature, long braided silver hair, and those aged but sharp eyes looked perfectly similar to the ones Alex met. The difference was this dwarf wore round glasses, making him look younger than he was supposed to.

He reached the hammer on the corner of the table and placed the sword on the anvil right behind him. However, the dwarf suddenly said without any interest. "Who are you? What is your purpose for coming here?"

"Are you the leader of this race?" A shadow appeared on the wall before two red dots that were supposed to be the eyes of this shadow flashed.

"This race?" These two words piqued the Dwarf's interest. He turned around and saw this shadow.

"Appearance-wise, Nelson looked like a creature from Undead Race, but those Undead Race should already know his identity. There would be no one ignorant enough not to know about his name, so the dwarf noticed these two words.

"I will tell you the answer if you answer a question of mine first." The dwarf played it safe to confirm the question in his head.

"Let's hear it."

"Looking at your appearance, it is similar to Undead Race, but you lack several things to be considered an Undead. I assume you are not an Undead. In contrast, you also don't have any features that symbolize a Dwarf or a beastman. We conquered this piece of the realm a long time ago, so here is my question. You are from the outside, right?"

Nelson thought for a moment and said. "Indeed."

"Good. Since you have answered a question of mine, I will also answer your question. I'm the current leader of this race, Zekhram. What purpose are you coming here? Seeing how you can infiltrate this place without anyone noticing is already impressive. If you want to assassinate me, I will only realize your present at the last minute. After all, we have been in this place for a few thousand years without a single enemy. You can't expect me to raise my guard this whole time." The elder explained.

Nelson fell into silence, having no sign to talk.

"Haiz. If you are going here from the outside world, you must want something this much. Though I believe that war should have no report about this... and you won't suddenly stumble upon this place because of various reasons... Wait-" The dwarf stopped talking, noticing something was off.

The silence filled the entire room for a few minutes before the dwarf finished his thought. "A few thousand years ago, a visitor came here, asking us my grandfather to create a weapon. Are you..."

The dwarf didn't finish his question, but Nelson understood his intention. He corrected his words, "Not one, two."

"!!!" Finally, the dwarf opened his eyes wide. He purposely said a weapon to see whether he actually knew the secret. Hearing Nelson corrected him, Zekhram nodded and let out a long sigh. "I see. You are coming here because of those two weapons. But I still need to ask you one more question to ensure credibility. What is the weapon type?"

"Sword and Spear." Nelson also corrected him again. Zekhram tested him with a single weapon type because the record said there were two types of weapons, Sword and Spear.

"I see. Thank you for answering my question. Having knowledge about such weapons would surely incite one greed, especially for a craftsman like me. However, I didn't wish for such a thing. Hence, if you don't trust me, you can leave this place. I won't tell a single soul about your presence here." Zekhram exclaimed.

"I am only a servant. This is my Master's sword." Nelson took out the rank 8 sword from the Inventory.

The dwarf observed the sword with great interest before looking at Nelson with narrowed eyes. "You are not afraid I will take this Sword from you? After all, you are only a Martial Monarch while I am a Martial Saint."

"If I don't release a tiny bit of my energy, you won't notice my presence." Nelson snorted.

"Fair enough. Although you do not look like it, you might indeed be able to run away from me. Besides, I don't really like fighting unless necessary." Zekhram fell into silence for a few minutes before saying, "Follow me."

He left the room without waiting for Nelson's replied. Although Nelson believed that Zekhram didn't have any intentions to hurt him, he still put up his guard, preparing for a sneak attack.

They walked in the corridor before reaching a room in the corner. Zekhram opened the door for Nelson and took out a book on the shelf.

The room looked like a study room with light, table and books. There wasn't a single piece of furniture other than these three.

Flipping through the book, he finally arrived at a certain page. He found two drawings, a sword and a spear, and took another look at the sword. "Yeah. It's indeed the sword. It doesn't have a name yet because it's still incomplete. I'm just warning you first. My skill isn't on par with my Grandfather."

"..." Nelson narrowed his eyes.

"Although I'm not on par with my father, the gap isn't that big. Besides, I'm the best one in this race, so you are free to leave this place if you feel I'm not worth your time." Zekhram said. "Of course, I can say I'm really intrigued by such a thing, especially since my grandfather said it was his masterpiece. There are a few records about the sword and spear, so I should be able to complete the two weapons."

"That's great." Nelson nodded.

"Though I have a few problems." Zekhram paused for a moment. "To complete these weapons, I need to go to the Abysmal Tower in the Undead Race territory because it would require a lightning strike from Heaven. And that tower is capable of pulling this kind of lightning."

Nelson widened his eyes, never expecting him to require such a thing. "I will leave this weapon to you because they might look at me with hostility."

"Well, my grandfather also wished to finish these two weapons, so I'm not going to cheat you or anything. Right, you said these two weapons are your Master's weapons, how about inviting him here? With your expertise, I'm sure you two can sneak inside this place. I can talk to him about this. Even if I attack you, the weapons can block two attacks of mine, so you can escape." He added such a thing in the end.

"Even so, the other races might not have the same view as you do." Nelson shook his head.

"I have something you can bring to the Undead King, Atlas. Seeing my item, he would surely talk with you peacefully. As for the negotiation between you and him, I can't do a single thing. Whether he gives you permission to use the altar, it will be up to you." Zekhram shook his head.

"It carries so much risk." Nelson furrowed his eyebrows.

"Actually, I also have one wish that I want you to grant. That's why I'm asking you to bring your master here." He took a deep breath before asking, "Can you show me the spear as an assurance? To make sure you get the pair..."

Nelson thought for a moment and released the spear from the Inventory. He only showed him for a few seconds before pulling it back, unlike the sword.

"It's indeed the spear." The dwarf nodded. He also understood why Nelson couldn't trust him.

"I will ask him about it." Nelson nodded, tossed the sword back to the Inventory and vanished.

Zekhram stared at the empty space, sat on the chair, and sighed. "Has our time finally moved again? The wish of the three races... Oh, our home."

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Outside, Nelson flew toward Alex, who was waiting for him under the tree. "Young Master."

"Oh, Nelson. How is it?"

"The Dwarf is rather cooperative. I can assure you with my name and experiences, he is not lying. But... we might need to pay some price for this." Nelson sighed.

"What do you mean? What kind of price?"

"There are two things actually... First, we need to go to the Undead Race and borrow their altar. The Dwarf said he could lend us something to smoothen the discussion with them. As for their price, I don't know. The second thing was about the wish of the dwarf. He refused to talk because he wanted to tell you about it, so I could only return to you."

Alex narrowed his eyes. "These weapons might be necessary for our battle against the Fire God Clan. As long as they are not asking for ridiculous prices, I think it's fine. Our original plan is to stay here until I reach the 5-Star Martial Monarch stage anyway."

"Understood. I shall lead the way." Nelson nodded.

Chapter 606 A Deal

Alex and Nelson sneaked inside the place.

Alex was utterly shocked because the settlement he found wasn't like any other he had seen. In fact, the place itself was already unusual. It was a mine.

They needed to enter from a cave entrance reinforced by wooden logs. Luckily, this place was so peaceful that no one would ever bother to guard it. The mine itself didn't originate from a mountain area. Instead, it came from a huge crater.

By the looks of it, the crater itself was, in fact, the result of the dwarf mining.

Alex went through the tunnel and slowly descended underground.

"!!!" Alex covered his mouth, activated his Spirit Eyes, and checked his surrounding after smelling a suffocating odor.

There was no trace of poison inside the air, so Alex quickly released his hand and endured the smell.

After walking for a few minutes, a light appeared at the end of the tunnel. Alex and Nelson sneakily walked toward it.

"Wow..." Alex looked at this in amazement. Inside the mine was a huge underground city with some factories, some smithing places and so on. He looked at the dwarves and found them to be similar to those in the lower world.

However, his attention was taken away by the smog in this place. The air was gray with a yellowish tint as though it was floating dust. Occasionally a pungent, suffocating odor that he smelled earlier, came to his nose.

Alex turned to Nelson, who appeared to be fine with this kind of smell.

"You are fine with this smell? I know this is bearable, but my nose still needs to adjust."

"Don't worry, Young Master. I have seen worse." Nelson shrugged. "Besides, the people here also have grown accustomed to such a place. If I'm not wrong, they are comfortable with this kind of place."

Alex couldn't comprehend that, but he remembered that this was a dwarf from another world. Just like those Phoenix from the previous world that loved to bath in the volcano, these dwarves might be similar.

"Alright. We can go to this person to discuss the terms."

"Understood. I shall guide you." Nelson nodded and led him to Zekhram's house without alarming any single dwarf they passed. He knew that Zekhram had an open-minded perspective about someone from the outside, but he wasn't clear with the others.

When Nelson abruptly revealed his presence once again, it was only after he entered Zekhram's house.

"You have come..." Zekhram, who was busy in his study room reading a few books that contained the information about Sword and Spear, turned to Alex, who was supposed to be a human, and said, "So you are the master... I'm the third generation of the ruler, Zekhram. I heard you want to complete those weapons, correct?"

"You are correct." Alex nodded. "I heard you want to discuss a few things with me..."

"That's right. How about following me upstairs, we can talk more comfortably."

Zekhram rose from his seat and led him to the upstairs, where he usually greeted people. It was a nice room with some chairs and a table. Although the chair was hard like sitting on a stone, Alex sat like nothing. "So, what do you want to discuss with me?"

"First of all, it will be about Sword and Spear. You will need to negotiate with the Undead King, Atlas, by yourself, as you might already know. I don't know what kind of thing he wants you to do, but it shouldn't be ridiculous as I know him myself."

"Hmm..." Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "I heard that it needs Heavenly Lightning... Are there no other alternatives?"

"Unfortunately not. The Altar brings special lightning, not certainly a Heavenly Lightning, as in your usual Lightning Tribulation. I can't describe it well enough, so you might want to ask Atlas for the lightning."

"It seems I have no other option." Alex sighed.

"I'm sorry." Zekhram apologized before saying. "Anyway, let's talk about your weapons first. The only reason it is incomplete is because of the lack of Elemental Gem, right?"

"Yes. I have a Fire Element, so I wish to fuse the Fire Gem to both of my weapons. I have brought the Fire Gem with me." Alex nodded.

"Fire Element!" Zekhram opened his mouth wide. "If... If you are a Fire Element, I have exactly something that can be used as a replacement. In fact, it will bring a greater effect on the weapons."

"Why do you suddenly get so excited like this?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"I actually have a request for you in exchange for that item and this fusing process. It's not a big deal, so you can rest assured."

"Let me hear it first." Alex narrowed his eyes.

"I will talk about the items I have in my possession first. You might have noticed the smell in this place, but let me tell you if you are not. We are right above a volcano... A Natural Volcano that was active for thousands of years." Zerkham paused for a moment. "This volcano condensed a crystal called Magma Crystal. Just like how fire normally couldn't win against magma, this crystal can be used as a more powerful ingredient for your sword.

"In fact, you might feel double if not triple the power that you will get from a Fire Gem. Unfortunately, this crystal can only be used as a material in forging. If not, many people might want to use it as a cultivation resource."

"Hm..." Alex narrowed his eyes. "I still need to know your request first before I can agree."

"I only have one wish. To open the Barrier and return home. We have been stuck in this place for a few thousand years, so we don't really have anything to do anymore other than living in harmony. I am not saying it is bad, but it's making us like a frog in the well."

"Home?"

"How about this... You can go to the Undead Race first and seek the Undead King. If you get his cooperation, you might as well ask him about us in general. I believe he also has the same wish as me. He is the Undead King... No, he is more well known as Undying King. Out of the three races, only he was the first generation of rulers. That's why if you want to know anything, it will be from him." Zerkham said.

"This is starting to be suspicious. What are you hiding?" Alex narrowed his eyes. Although the man in front of him was a 7-Star Martial Saint, Alex wasn't his gofer to do everything according to his wish. Besides, he didn't know whether it would be a good choice to open the barrier and let these people roam the world. After all, they have been sealed in this place for a few thousand years."

"I know what you are thinking. However, you may need to ask about it from the Undying King as he holds every answer to your question. Just like how your subordinate hides his presence, I'm sure you can escape unscathed if something goes wrong."

"I'm not the person who likes the unknown..." Alex uttered his careful side. After all, he had gotten used to knowing everything before doing something. If he had no information about Black Devil Sect, he might halt his plan in eliminating them.

"Of course, if you don't feel it's enough. I can give you more." Zerkham persuaded Alex with more weapons. "I build many things in my life, and many of them are Rank 8 weapons. Whether you want a sword, spear, bow, I have all of them and good quality as well."

"I'm sorry, but I am not a person who will be swayed by greed." Alex shook his head, declining his offer again.

"Ugh..." Zekhram had no way to convince Alex. Even if he wanted to explain it to him, only Atlas could tell the whole point without any misunderstanding. That was why he asked Alex to go to him first. "I really can't persuade you in that case. Even so, I still ask you to seek the Undying King for information. If you still hold such a belief, I will still finish your weapons with Fire Gems."

Alex looked at his serious expression and furrowed his eyebrows. He glanced at Nelson, asking whether Zekhram was telling the truth or not.

Nelson thought for a moment before suddenly sending a thought transmission to Zekhram.

A trace of surprise appeared on Zekhram's face before he nodded profusely. He clenched his fists tightly and communicated with Nelson secretly.

After getting his answer, Nelson looked at Alex with a nod. He also sent a thought transmission to him. "I believe we can try it first, Young Master."

Alex narrowed his eyes. 'Why are you suddenly so supportive about it?'

'I have some knowledge about them, but I can't say anything to you at the moment. If you want to know the reason, you can ask about it from the Undying King or whatsoever. There is only a benefit for us in this deal. I promise you.' Nelson assured him and bowed to him.

Alex wanted to reject it, but seeing how Nelson actually asked him like this, he hesitated. 'I have several questions about it, but I want to clarify first, is this related to my past life?'

Nelson thought for a moment and shook his head. 'No. I believe you have no contact with them.'

'Then, the second question... Can I believe you in this?'

This second question took a deep blow in Nelson's heart. Even so, he still had a reason to continue. He nodded with great difficulty. 'Yes. If something is wrong in this decision, I will bear full responsibility.'

Nelson didn't say anything more to Alex. Instead, he looked at Zekhram. 'There are two things I want you to promise with your Great Mother of Earth. First, you shall assist us in something before you can go. Second, you will give anything that my Master wants.'

'I promise in the name of the Great Mother of Earth, Gaia.' Zekhram swore without hesitation.

'Good. Then, I shall promise you in the name of Eulja.'

Nelson nodded.

The dwarf needed to change the topic out of this depressing topic. "If the Undying King has agreed with you, please notify me immediately because I will also show you something... In fact, the Undying King will also ask you to see it."

Alex thought for a while and said. "Alright. I will get the cooperation of the Undying King."

The dwarf took out a hammer. The hammer had this red-colored metal with the golden aura surrounding it. Its size alone was similar to the hammer for forging.

"This is my grandfather's Absolute Hammer. He and Atlas have exchanged vow that whoever brings this hammer, one shall treat them as equal. Atlas has a similar item, but that's not important." Zekhram shook his head. "Bring this Hammer to Atlas, and he will listen to what you want to talk. As for whether you can have him lend the altar, it will be up to you."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows, walked toward Zekhram, and took the red hammer with him.

"I apologize. I want to talk with Atlas to ask for the altar, but I'm bound with a contract. It's said that only those who possess that weapon should be the one to go." Zekhram said helplessly.

"Contract? If I may ask, is it coming from your Grandfather?"

"Yes and no."

"What do you mean?"

"It was indeed coming from my grandfather, but this was not the rule or contract that my grandfather made. Instead, it came from the one that asked for these weapons."

"Teodross?" Alex was astonished upon hearing it, thinking he should punch that guy in the face once for all this trouble. "I understand. I will go toward the Undead Race right now."

"Many thanks." The Dwarf acted like it wasn't the discussion between 7-Star Martial Saint and 10-Star Martial Emperor. It might be because of his personality or another thing. Nonetheless, it was a peaceful talk for Alex.

After promising him, Alex looked at Nelson and left the room.

Chapter 607 Undead Race

"Nelson. How far are we from the Undead Race?" Alex asked.

"If we are flying, we need a few days and another few days if we want to reach the beastman tribe," Nelson answered him while looking down. He took a deep breath before saying, "I'm sorry, Young Master. To make you agree with this request even though it's reckless."

"It's fine. I know that you, spirits, won't betray me." Alex shook his head. "Even so, I wish you could open to me more because I don't know about anything here."

Those words he uttered were the reflection of Nelson, who acted a bit familiar with Zekhram. He felt there was something behind that knowledge.

"Ultimately, I need to reach God Stage, so I can leave this planet and seek the answer." Alex thought for a moment and said.

Nelson only looked down and closed his eyes. "I will always be supporting you, Young Master."

In the midst of his frustration, Alex smiled and said. "I'm just thinking about my future."

"So, which direction is the Undead Race, and how far is it to get there?" Alex asked while creating his rank 7 Teleportation Array. He didn't activate it yet because Nelson hadn't answered his question.

"According to Njomo, we need around five days to reach their settlement. And considering your rank 7 Teleportation, fifteen teleportation arrays should be enough. Hence, we won't do the fifteenth one as to avoid directly teleporting there." Nelson answered.

"Alright. Then, the direction." Alex nodded.

"This way." Nelson pointed his hand in the Northeast direction.

Without wasting a single second, Alex activated his Array, and both disappeared right after.

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One hour later,

In the middle of a desert appeared a single pink-colored array and two people emerged from within.

"This is the fourteenth. Where is Njomo, by the way?"

"He is in the Beastman territory at the moment," Nelson answered.

Alex nodded and looked at his surroundings. The desert and blazing sun were a complete couple back on Earth, especially if he searched for it on the Internet. Unfortunately, the latter was missing and replaced by this dark and green sky. The sun that looked bright suddenly turned into a horror movie in his eyes.

"Haiz." Alex sighed, shook his head, and closed his eyes. "Anyway, I shouldn't think about this."

"Young Master, I'm not sure how far we are from the Undead... But it should be around three hours from there. Of course, I'm just speculating from Njomo's information." said Nelson while observing his surroundings to see if there was a hidden creature.

"Sure. We can fly from here." Alex nodded and flew to the sky. However, he stopped as soon as he entered the sky, shocked by what he saw.

Nelson wasn't shocked like Alex. Instead, he smiled, knowing he was right all along.

"This is Undead Race?" He muttered to himself.

A few kilometers from them was still another side of the desert. However, the sand there was different from the white sand from this place. The sand there had black color and reflected the green flash from the sky, making them look eerie.

Luckily, there was no dead bush or tree, so it looked less scary. Alex flew closer and asked Nelson. "It's fine to cross this place, right? Our souls won't get attacked or anything?"

"Yeah. It's only the appearance." Nelson nodded.

Alex activated his Spirit Eyes to recheck it. Although he could see some dark energy inside the sand that turned them into black sand, he realized that the sand wasn't dangerous.

Even so, he couldn't just go like that without trying it. The best way to check it was to cross it using their feet that had direct contact with them.

Alex landed on the ground right before the black sand. He looked left and right in amazement because the two colored sand didn't mix with each other.

Alex knelt on one knee and scooped a handful of black sand.

The black energy that fused with the sand stayed dormant even though it got a contact with Alex's life energy, showing Alex it was just ordinary sand. Feeling no resistance from the sand even after channeling his Spiritual Energy inside, Alex stepped on the black sand.

"Hmm... Nothing." Alex muttered to himself while looking down with his Spirit Eyes. Alex punched the black sand and created a little clamor, but it was completely normal. "Yeah. It's nothing."

"Haha..." Nelson smiled, knowing he would do the same if he didn't have information about them.

"Sorry for making you wait. Let's go."

"Yes." Nelson nodded with a smile and the two proceeded together.

The more they entered this place, the creepier the place. This was a fresh experience for Alex because he never met a race that had this much influence on its surroundings. Dead bushes and trees started appearing along the way and after two hours of flying, a huge building was sighted.

The building itself pierced the sky, showing its great high. On the other hand, Alex could see that the building was made of bone. Alex was wondering how the bone would actually stick with each other and created this tall tower.

The tower had a cone's shape, and the top had a kind of hat like a lighthouse. Alex activated his Spirit Eyes and found no one in the tower. However, he could see blue lines with his Spirit Eyes and felt something wrong from it.

He didn't know why, but it reminded him of the array when he saw these blue lines. Luckily, it didn't look like it was active or something, so Alex shook his head and continued onward.

After another hour, Alex saw a massive wall. Its height might not be comparable to the tower he saw earlier, but it was already close to half of it.

"Stop!" Alex warned Nelson and halted his movement as his Spirit Eyes told him something. "This might be bad..."

"What happened, Young Master?" Nelson narrowed his eyes before spreading a certain black powder.

As soon as it spread, it touched a certain barrier in front of the wall. A blue barrier came into sight and only around the area that had been touched by the black powder.

"I see... An invisible barrier." Nelson furrowed his eyebrows.

Alex ascended his altitude as he saw the two pointed tips behind this wall. He was wondering what these two tips were.

He opened his eyes wide as soon as two buildings became visible.

The first one was another tower, similar to the one he saw earlier. There was one single difference, which was the top of the building.

Instead of a hat like a lighthouse, it was replaced by a huge green crystal surrounded by fire. Even now, the fire still jumped around the crystal, like it was dancing.

Right beside this tower was another tall building. It had a flat top but a complex terrace. On the surface of this building planted a few green crystals that shone to brighten the building. He furrowed his eyebrows and felt pressure coming into his eyes.

It felt like the building was protected by something.

Alex descended again and hid himself.

"Young Master..." Nelson looked at him with a worried expression.

As if he didn't hear him, Alex used his Spirit Eyes to see the invisible barrier that covered the entire place.

The wall itself covered a great space inside them. It looked like the city in Martial Arts Pavilion territory. It should also host many lives inside, so Alex needed to be more careful about this.

It contained a huge amount of blue and dark energy while there was a trace of pink energy around. Alex could understand the pink energy was coming from a Space Element, and the black energy came from the same energy as the one that changed the sand color. Yet, he couldn't see through this blue energy even with his Spirit Eyes and knowledge about arrays.

"What is this barrier? I have never seen it before." Alex muttered to himself, looking up and down, left and right to find a single clue. Unfortunately, only a single thing he could find. It was the blue lines like those in the towers. It was planted within the wall.

"Young Master..." Nelson called him with a low voice.

"Hmm... Is this an array or something? But it's actually nothing like an array." Alex fell into deep thought. "There wasn't a symbol here and just those blue lines..."

"Young Master." Nelson finally tapped his shoulder to wake him up.

"What?" Alex's body shook as he was a bit startled. "What is it?"

"I might know something about this," Nelson said.

"Do you think you can bypass this barrier?" Alex asked. The most obvious question was this since Nelson was a master of espionage.

Nelson shook his head. "I can't bypass the barrier. It's already reinforced by Space Element as well... But I actually know that the barrier originated from the flat top building inside."

"Yeah. I can see that." Alex nodded. "There is a line of energy from this barrier to that building. Still, you can't ask me to bypass this array since I don't even have a single clue about this."

"Actually, this is not an array, Young Master." Nelson scratched his cheek embarrassedly. "If I remember correctly, Rune should be the appropriate name."

"Rune? Rune... Rune!" Alex muttered the word three times. The first was in confusion, the second one was like he fell into deep thought, and the last one was when he realized something. "So, this is rune... It's a special form of Array, but one that can't be related to Array. If a person can use an array, he couldn't use rune and vice versa."

Nelson watched Alex's reaction. Although he knew about the name, he still didn't have a single clue about what to do.

"I see... According to the knowledge I receive, this rune is something special, and there is not much information to begin with..." Alex fell into deep thought, remembering every knowledge about rune. "These blue lines had the same functioned as symbols in Array, but they were from one different concept. I wouldn't be able to break this barrier..."

"I'm sorry, I only know that much, Young Master. I can't provide you with a solution." Nelson apologized.

"It's fine. Let me recall all the knowledge first. Maybe I can find something."

"I understand. I shall patrol around here to see if there was any gap to exploit or any Undead nearby." Nelson nodded and disappeared.

Alex continued recalling everything.

One minute...

Five minutes...

An hour...

Two hours...

Alex began clutching his head, asking for inspiration. He looked stressed because there was no clue about this rune that he could use. If he actually used this from the beginning, he might find a way to break through this rune.

Nelson came back after patrolling and investigating the structure, but he still found nothing. "I'm sorry, Young Master."

"It's fine." Alex stopped him and continued thinking.

Nelson waited beside him, trying to recall every piece of his memory. It was only after another two hours where he recalled a recent memory. "Young Master, didn't the dwarf give you something?"

"The hammer!" Alex opened his mouth in surprise and immediately took out the hammer. He was surprised to see another rune inside the hammer. "Is this like the array and its key?"

Thinking like that, Alex touched the barrier with this hammer. Surprisingly, the blue lines in the hammer channeled some energy, and a hole appeared in the barrier.

"!!!" Alex exchanged looks with Nelson, who nodded his head.

After taking a few deep breaths, Alex and Nelson entered the barrier and thought for a way to bypass the city and entered the building.

Suddenly, a few blue lines appeared right in front of them, and a deep and pacifying voice resounded from within.

"O' dwarf that brings the promised hammer, please come in. I have been waiting for you."

Chapter 608 The Origin of the Three Races

"O' dwarf that brings the promised hammer, please come in. I have been waiting for you."

Alex and Nelson were startled to hear and see something like this, so they exchanged looks.

"What are we going to do?" Alex asked through thought transmission.

"I believe we should come in with this portal. After all, we are going to talk about the one who brought the hammer. According to the dwarf, he will treat us as an equal no matter if we are from the outside." Nelson informed him.

Although it sounded the most reasonable choice, Alex still pondered it over. "Alright. We should."

Nelson nodded and went through the portal first to check whether it was alright. Normally, Nelson would react with only a second after entering because he would know the original place would be safe or not.

Unfortunately, he never received any single word from Nelson, so he entered the portal himself.

Surprisingly, he entered into a huge room... looking like a royal palace hall. With some white pillars supporting the room, the red carpet that stretched from the door into a throne. The only difference was how big the throne and the ruler was.

The ruler was a skeleton shrouded by black energy that covered his face and entire body. Alex could see behind the black energy was a skull with some blue lights forming into its eyes and other things. He was fully covered with a long red robe, so Alex couldn't see the other bones.

And in front of him, Nelson stood in front of this ruler and looked very tiny. Alex needed to look up to see this six-meter skeleton even though he was a bit far from them, showing how tall the skeleton was.

The Undying King glanced at Nelson for a second before turning to Alex. "Welcome to my humble palace, O's promised one."

The pacifying tone from the Undying King echoed through the hall.

Alex looked left and right before glancing at Nelson, who later nodded his head. He slowly stepped forward, walking through the red carpet.

"I know you are confused, but I will surely explain everything clearly." The Undying King raised his hand first before placing it on his... heart... and bowing to Alex like a gentleman. "I am Atlas, the Undying King, as well as the first ruler of the Undead Race in this place."

Alex glanced at Nelson once again, knowing he must say something to make Atlas act like this.

"I believe you don't have much information regarding this place, especially since the ruler of Dwarf refused to talk. It is an ancient pact between our two... no, three races that if one wishes to seek

information, they shall come to me." The Undying King's deep voice resounded on Alex's ears. "What do you want to know?"

"First of all, I want to know something. Are you my enemy?"

"I want to borrow the altar to create a weapon." Alex thought for a moment and said.

"Weapons? Ah, You must be acquainted with that half-dragon and half-phoenix person from back then." Atlas didn't know about his purpose but recalled Teodross as soon as Alex mentioned weapons. "The weapons should be a sword and a spear. Yes, I can lend you an altar... though I have a wish that I hope you can consider."

Alex activated his Spirit Eyes to see through this person. It turned out his energy was far stronger than Zekhram. Although he didn't know his exact cultivation, it should be higher than 7-Star Martial Saint. Inside his body were also two colors, which were black and pink. Alex realized that this person also possessed a space element and somehow related to that rune earlier.

"A wish? What is your wish?" Alex asked.

"It's something simple for you who possesses a Space Element. I... No, we just want you to open the array for us."

"What for? I am sure you know that I can't do that without reason, right? After all, I still have friends outside this place... And if something happens to them by bringing you out, I-"

"I know." Atlas stopped him and explained the reason, but in the form of a story. "The reason might be ridiculous for you, but it will make sense if I explain it from the start. Would you have time for this little story?"

Alex nodded.

"First of all, you must be wondering why we are different from outside people? We are not humans, but beastmen, undeads, and dwarfs." The Undying King paused for a moment, inciting Alex's curiosity. "The answer is simple. We are not from this world."

"!!!" Alex's eyes widened. He had expected something like this, but there was still a problem with the idea. Stina came from another world, but there was a portal that connected this world to that world. If they were also from another world, where would their portal be?

"You want me to open the barrier so you can cross the barrier and go home, right?" Just as he asked that question, another thought flashed in his mind. 'Wait, if they want to go back, why don't they just go back since they know the portal location... unless the teleportation array is not in this barrier.'

"Yes. We want to go back to our world, and the first thing we need to do is to cross this barrier that traps us for a few thousand years." Atlas nodded.

"Why don't you break out of this place using your Space Element or Arr- I mean, Rune?" Alex asked.

Atlas was surprised that Alex knew the existence of Rune. He thought for a moment and said. "Rune is actually a unique thing that only our world possesses. This is especially true that we, undead, are the only one that can use it. Not dwarf, not beastman."

"First of all, I shall tell you about our world first. Our world consists of three races which are Dwarf, Beastman, and Undead. The Dwarfs will create weapons and machinery, the Beastmen will fight in the front, while we, the Undeads, will support them.

"Rune is something similar to Array, but it's more suited to be planted on weapons and buildings. Just like the portal from earlier, I used the rune that I planted to connect this place and that wall. We even can enhance someone's body using a rune, which we usually use to strengthen the beastmen.

"However, Rune can't learn Array and vice versa. You must have understood this earlier, considering you know the existence of Rune. I can't break the array and you can't break my rune. This is why we are stuck in this place for a few thousand years." The Undying King finished his explanation.

"I haven't understood why you would come here and why you can't come back and get sealed in this place?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

"After getting some breakthrough in the machinery, we build a plan that is capable of crossing the vacuum outside our world. It's the combination of the craft and rune. Back then, we are so happy and decide to explore the worlds around us.

"Unfortunately, we are attacked by someone and our ship is ruined. To save all of our lives, we decide to come to the nearest world, which is this place." Atlas said with a pained voice.

"But because this world is filled with humans, they have treated you with hostility and sealed you in this place." Alex continued Atlas's story.

"Yes. We fought back but still couldn't win against them. Luckily, the other two leaders and I still managed to push the enemies and ended up sealed in this place instead of destruction."

"But how will you go home if the ship is broken?" Alex asked.

"Of course. We still have the ship and fixed it three thousand years ago with limited resources. Only, we lack one thing."

"Which is?"

"A Blood Gem! This blood gem is the source of energy for us. The undeads wished to have a mortal body by creating them and while researching about the blood, we stumbled and created this Blood Gem." The Undying King explained.

Alex frowned on this topic. He didn't know why but felt this topic would lead to one of his problems.

"Our Blood Gem could create a rune in one body to possess a certain control of blood... And it's only the blood of the dead like us. It will combine the blood, genetics, soul, and many other things into a pill that theoretically would give us a mortal body. We stored the blood from the dying dwarfs and beastmen under their permission, and it contained a huge amount of energy that was capable of running the ship. Even if we broke this barrier, we wouldn't be able to get away without Blood Gem and might lead to another war between them and us."

Alex's eyebrows twitched as he could relate this to a certain influence. It was Black Devil Sect. 'Don't tell me, the Black Devil Sect actually got this one and stored it inside their sect?'

Nelson looked at Alex and nodded his head. "I have seen that in their base. According to them, it's a sacred ritual or something, but this might be the actual case."

"..." Alex was speechless before letting out a long sigh. "To think this is the case..."

"Do you happen to know something about it?"

"Yeah. In fact, they are our enemy right now." Alex nodded. "So it seems your wish and my objective is aligned."

"That's great. If the dwarf wish is to open the barrier, my wish is to recover the Blood Gem. As for the payment, I can lend you the Soul Altar as well as reinforcing your weapons with Runes. I believe it will also benefit you." The Undying King nodded.

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. He wanted to destroy Black Devil Sect all along, so there was no change of plan. He wondered about the Black Devil Sect imitation from Nilis Continent but thought it must be some disciples that created an imitation. If he could get something double with the same target, he had no choice other than to accept.

"How about showing me the weapons? It won't take too long."

Alex took out the two weapons and presented it to the Undying King.

A bone staff with a shining green jade inside the skull appeared in Atlas's hand. He slowly floated toward the two weapons and raised his other hand, revealing his hand.

His index finger bone touched the weapon first and created a few complex blue lines in his sword. The process only took fifteen minutes for the sword and another fifteen minutes for the spear.

On the surface, there were only a few natural blue lines that wouldn't make the enemy suspicious, so Alex felt relieved, knowing he wouldn't attract something dangerous with these blue lines.

"I have increased this weapon sharpness. If Zekhram can finish these weapons, you might be able to destroy rank 7 weapons in an instant. As for the rank 8 weapons, nothing will match these weapons strength."

Unlike Zekhram, it looked like the Undying King wasn't that cheapskate by giving him an advance payment.

"How about trying to test the two weapons first?" The Undying King asked while creating another portal. The blue lines connected with each other before turning into a swirling blue whirlpool. In the middle of the portal reflected the scene where they would actually head. It was a forest filled with dying trees and mountains.

Alex took a look at his weapon and spear first to check their energy. Luckily, the energy itself seemed to be in harmony with the original energy. He wanted to channel his Spiritual Energy here out of curiosity, but it would bring him into some unpleasant situations.

He ended up accepting Atlas's invitation. "Sure."

They walked together to the portal with Nelson following right behind Alex.

Chapter 609 Testing the Weapons

Fwoosh!

The wind blew Alex's hair the moment he entered the portal. Kai looked at Nelson, who was right behind him and winked at him.

'Don't worry, Young Master. There should be no monsters around this area, and you can trust this person. At the very least, he wouldn't attack you without reason.' Nelson didn't know what Alex wanted to ask, so he answered with everything that Alex might worry about.

Alex shook his head and sighed. Without giving his reason, Alex just clenched his sword and spear.

"This is Netro Forest... The forest that was filled with monsters had long gone." Atlas introduced the forest. "In fact, the monsters in this realm are mostly from this forest. That's why we are using our Rune Tower to fend them off."

"!!!" Nelson was the one who got shocked by his words. Hearing the Rune Tower, Nelson instinctively turned around and saw the tower he had seen earlier. He realized that Alex was asking him to look behind.

"The Rune Tower has one purpose when it's activated. It's to relay energy and use the Runes that have been stored inside it. Just like earlier, I used the Teleportation Rune to create a gate from my palace here."

Alex nodded, knowing the concept. What shocked him was actually the knowledge in his brain and the golden lightning tribulation. He remembered where he used some knowledge about forging to understand that the weapons that Teodross gave him were a weapon that shouldn't exist in this world.

Yet, his knowledge still stored that information. The same with Rune. Alex was utterly speechless when he thought about it, wondering what the real reason for the Lightning Tribulation was.

Alex asked inwardly, "System, do you know anything about the Lightning Tribulation."

[I know to a certain extent, but not everything, including the real reason for your Lightning Tribulation. Besides, knowing the real reason might kill the purpose, so you should just enjoy the privilege, Host.]

"True enough. Maybe I will know the reason in the future. But I need to get stronger and stronger for the time being." Alex nodded.

"Now, how about going inside the forest and testing the weapons? Or you can even use it from here..." Atlas stretched his hand, giving the opportunity to Alex.

"..." Alex fell into silence for a minute before nodding his head. "Since the Undying King has given me permission, I shall test the weapons."

"Please."

Alex raised his sword first, feeling the weight of the sword. It was slightly heavy for him unless he carried it with his Spiritual Energy. However, being heavy would also mean it carried a deadly weight that could be turned into power.

Alex slashed downwards and struck the ground with only his sword and strength.

Bam!

The dust kicked up, and the loud sound resounded across the forest.

In front of him, a fifty meters deep hole appeared as soon as Alex struck the ground. The hole continued to a hundred meters away to the front.

"As expected from a rank 8 weapon from Yuda. He is indeed a master of forging." Atlas acted like he always believed in his former friend.

Alex waited for a minute and thought. 'This sword is powerful... According to my memory, a rank 8 sword would only be able to create half of this. However, this sword has become something like this before it's even completed. There are two more enhancements left, which was the fusion and recognition ceremony. This might be my main weapon if it's complete.'

Alex thought for a moment and looked at Atlas's expression first before pulling the second weapon.

He also struck the ground right beside the hole, and it also created the same cut hole, unless a bit smaller. It was normal, considering he used it as a spear, not a sword. Its main purpose was to thrust, not cut or shatter."

"Hmm... the runes are perfect, and this weapon should be indestructible." Atlas nodded in confidence. "How about cutting some trees or shattering a mountain over there?"

Atlas pointed his finger toward the trees in front of him and the mountain behind it.

Alex accepted and raised his sword. Spiritual Energy slowly enveloped it as the Sword shone in red-colored light like his fire color. However, Alex had yet to infuse his fire element, so the sword only contained his Spiritual Energy and Domain.

Wanting to see what kind of power would this sword show him, Alex slashed it downwards.

"Blade of Conquest."

The shockwave flew from the sword and moved through the ground. It continued moving while slashing every tree that the shockwave encountered.

Although there was nothing that could be a challenge for this sword strike, Alex could still observe it through his Spirit Eyes, and the sight shocked him.

There wasn't a single difference in terms of energy. Yet the power was far stronger than his usual Blade of Conquest. At the very least, he should be able to fight 3-Star or 4-Star Martial Monarch with this sword alone.

Alex felt his confidence in dealing with the Fire God Clan raising. 'If only the Blackwade Clan doesn't help them, I might be able to make war with them when I reach Martial Saint.'

"Judging from your domain earlier, it seems you have become a weapon emperor. Whether it is Sword Emperor or Spear Emperor, I am sure you have made your Original Skill. Why don't you test it to see whether the rune can complement your original skill?" Atlas asked.

"Hmm?" Alex tilted his head, unsure if he should actually do it in front of Atlas or not. After glancing at Nelson one more time, he agreed to it.

Alex raised his sword first and waved it simply. But just like how it broke the rule of physics, his normal swing suddenly turned into three. A trace of surprise even appeared on Atlas's face.

Although he saw that the movement only had a simple three swings that could be easily blocked, he felt there was something behind those three slashes that he couldn't shake away. In fact, he would be super careful if he met Alex's attack.

Yet, another surprise when Alex pulled his spear to the back like pulling a bow. The intense Spiritual Energy began gathering on the tip of his spear.

"Fu." Alex took a deep breath before thrusting onward.

Like releasing an arrow, the spear charged forth and released a shockwave. The shockwave charged forth similar to a laser, but it blew everything in front of it away instead of melting it.

The trees cut and flew to the sky, with most of them having a circle round mark, showing that Alex just blasted that spot to smithereens.

And the effect wasn't finished yet. It showed clearer when the trees had fallen to the ground, but Alex and Atlas weren't someone who would leave such a detail. They saw a huge bowl-shaped trail on the ground.

"I think it's better to stop here." Alex already used both of his Original Skill. Although it wasn't everything he got, Atlas should have seen more than enough. Doing more would be making him at a disadvantage.

Atlas also understood Alex's intention. "Indeed. We shall stop here."

He fell into silence, pondering something over. "Actually, bring this to Zekhram. He might even let you see our ship."

Alex tilted his head in confusion. It looked like a normal key from Earth. A round head and some serration in its body. However, there were still a few blue lines in this key.

"This is a key that I wish you to bring to Zekhram. If you have this key, he should let you enter that place and learn from his story." Atlas said, handing him the key.

Although the key had a shape similar to the key on Earth, its size was different. The size alone was slightly bigger than his body.

Alex stored the key in his Space Ring but was rejected by the array from his ring. It seemed to have a certain incompatibility with his space ring... specifically with the array. He muttered to himself. 'I see. The rune on the key and the array on the Space Ring is rejecting each other.'

He didn't say a single thing about this and stored the key inside his Inventory.

Atlas already knew that the rune would clash with the space ring, preventing it from being stored inside. He also believed that Alex's Space attainment wouldn't be so low that he couldn't store this key. Hence, he only watched his movement and nodded.

"Tell him that he can come over and use the Soul Tower to fuse the gem and birth the soul to this Spiritual Weapon." Atlas nodded.

"Yes. I will tell him that and might bring him here because it will take a few days if we travel by flying."

"Yes. I shall wait for you to return to my palace." Atlas nodded with a smile, but only Undead would know that he was actually smiling. As for Alex, he could only see him as normal without having any expression. Even his tone was still the pacifying tone that made him a bit more mysterious.

Atlas bowed his head once more and waved his hand, creating a portal to his palace. He crossed the portal and closed it.

Alex looked at Nelson. "So, what are we going to do? Go to Zekhram?"

"Yes. We should finish this matter as soon as possible." Nelson nodded. "Besides, we still need to check Rose's condition and the situation on Heavenly Continent, from the general situation, Blackwade Clan and Fire God Clan alliance, and Letizia's whereabouts."

"You are right. We need Nicole to update us on whether the successor of Blackwade Clan actually stops the alliance or not. It will be very important to Rose and us since they might attack Rose, thinking I am still on that continent. If we know about their status, we can ask Ngina to inform Rose to hide in our base." Alex nodded and thought for a moment.

"As for Letizia's whereabouts... I don't know to be honest. At a time, I am thinking about releasing her, and at another, I feel that she might become our sword..." Alex let out a long sigh. "I am not treating her like a chess piece or an object... I am just... how do you say it? Pity?"

Falling into silence for a few seconds, Alex shook his head. "Whatever. I will check her condition together with Evelyn."

Nelson nodded. "Should I actually summon Anna and the others?"

"Hmm... I don't think we need to have a fight in this realm, so I don't think we shouldn't. After all, we are mostly moving back and forth." Nelson said their experience since coming here. In fact, they had yet to pass a single day in this realm, and they already met the two rulers of the races and learned much information at once.

"Yeah. I should use the time to make some array instead. It might not be much, but we can get a nice amount of money later. Then, I will prepare for a breakthrough. I should be able to reach the 10-Star Martial Emperor in a month while using two months for consolidation. I will then create a small Special Realm and breakthrough in this place." Alex nodded.

"The huge barrier itself should be able to hide the tribulation from outside people while your Special Realm will hide from these three races. Although I know their races, it's still better to draw some line with them." Nelson added.

"That's the point. I don't know about forging, but it will surely take time. The knowledge tells me so." Alex shrugged, planning to use that time to advance.

"Yes. We need to finish this first." Nelson nodded.

Alex didn't say anything more and snapped his finger, creating a pink array beneath their feet. The two then disappeared.

Chapter 610 'Spaceship'

An hour later, Alex arrived at Zekhram's house once again. Although Alex wanted to hide his space ability from Zekhram, he decided not to after knowing their background. If they wanted to leave this place, Alex would actually need to reconstruct the barrier.

For Atlas, who knew about the Space Element, it was easy to see that Alex had a Space Element. He already knew about it the moment he saw Alex. On the other hand, Zekhram would eventually know it.

Rather than hiding and making this process longer, might as well show it. Besides, Nelson said that these races didn't really have such importance toward Space Element.

"I see... So you are the same as Atlas, a Space Element user." Zekhram let out a long sigh, wondering if this was a good thing or not. "You must have learned many things from here, right?"

"Yes." Alex nodded calmly.

They were sitting in the previous room where Zekhram met him. It was a bit weird to see someone who was tasked with a meeting that would need a few weeks, returned after only a few hours.

"I guess I should ask you first." Zekhram paused for a moment and took a deep breath. "What do you want to know?"

"First of all... I need to inform you first that the Undying King embedded a rune on my weapons." Alex took out his sword from his Inventory, placing it on the table. "This is the result."

"Rune?!" This single word jolted his mind, making him straighten his body. He looked at Alex's eyes with a weird face before observing the sword. "This..."

Alex narrowed his eyes when he watched Zekhram having a troubled look. "Is there anything wrong about the sword?"

At first, he thought that the rune wasn't compatible with the sword, but with Atlas's knowledge, he shouldn't be so clueless about such common sense.

"A trouble... Well, I don't know if it's a problem or not, but considering you have a rune in your sword and spear, I need to recast some parts and fuse another metal." Zekhram explained.

"Hmm? You have the metal, right?" Alex sensed trouble was coming. "Don't worry. I have the metal, but it will take a bit longer than I expect to. Seeing that I need to do it for both weapons, I will need two weeks."

"Two weeks?" Alex pondered for a moment and nodded. "I don't have a problem with time. Do I need to pay more about this?"

"No, no. I will handle the cost. Besides, I am already planning to give some of my weapons to you, let alone metal. The problem would be the blood inside the weapons." Zekhram shook his head helplessly.

"Blood?" The moment he mentioned it, Alex recalled what Teodross said to him. According to Teodross, he used his own blood to power up these two weapons. Alex wondered if he was talking the same blood.

"But I don't have any blood with me." Alex shook his head helplessly.

"There is actually one place where you can get it," Zekhram said.

His eyebrows twitched upon hearing this. Alex couldn't help but think, 'Am I inside a game world right now? I only get quest after quest...'

"Are you expecting me to bring the blood too?" Alex asked.

"I wish to ask you for it, but I know I have nothing that can move you." Zekhram paused before saying, "Actually, the Undying King, Atlas, did this, so you can ask him to do an account."

"Bringing the Undying King?" Alex was confused.

"Yes. Just say that I need Ancient Blood for the two weapons. Don't forget to ask him to bring you to the Beastman Tribe, of course." Zekhram let out a hollow laugh before returning to his poker face. "In any case, he will surely take responsibility for it and accompany you to the beastman tribe to demand the blood."

"So, the blood is in the Beastman tribe?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows, couldn't see the connection at all. First of all, Teodross should have no reason to give his blood to them. Secondly, since when did he become their goffer?"

Alex pondered for a moment and predicted what would happen if he accepted this. He would most probably get another task from the beast king and a reward. However, Alex had no good reason to reject him.

After pondering for a moment, Alex nodded but added a condition. "I want to finish the matter in this place first since I want to know a few things."

"Sure." Zekhram nodded. "You can ask me anything."

"I want to know about the ship," Alex said.

"Oh, you are cutting to the chase already?" He shook his head helplessly. "Sure. I can lead you to the ship."

"Secondly, I need to recover my Spiritual Energy. Going back and forth has exhausted a big portion of my energy." Alex added another condition.

"Yeah. I have no problem with your condition. There is a certain place where there is no pungent smell like this. I believe you will also feel comfortable in that place." Zekhram nodded.

Alex nodded, agreeing with him. He might summon the other spirits and decide their course of action. After all, the spirits might be more active outside of this place than in his card.

"Is that all of your condition?"

Alex thought for a moment and said. "Probably."

"If you have any other condition, just tell me about it." Zekhram nodded before rising from his seat. He stretched his hand and asked Alex to follow him.

Alex and Nelson walked right behind him, observing his every movement. They returned to his study room.

Zekhram waved his hand, sending a Spiritual Energy to a certain bookshelf. Alex realized it as well and activated his Spirit Eyes immediately. He followed the movement of Spiritual Energy from going inside the bookshelf into a certain mechanism.

This certain mechanism opened the secret entrance hidden behind the bookshelf.

"This way." Zekhram nodded and walked inside the secret entrance.

The pathway made of moss stone and its size wasn't too big either, probably would only fit a few people. At the end of the path were stairs leading to Underground. In fact, they were inside an underground mine already with Zekhram's house being at the lowest level.

When he learned there was actually another level below this, he was amazed at the same time amused. He had seen the entire city with his Spirit Eyes, but couldn't find anything under this city. Yet, if the ship was actually in this place, there must be an array or rune that was capable of preventing his Spirit Eyes from seeing through.

His answer came right after they descended the lower level and met a giant metal door. The door itself contained a few blue lines, allowing Alex to understand why he saw nothing. Even without using the knowledge in his brain, he knew that this rune was similar to a concealment array.

Alex let out a long sigh and waited for Zekhram to open the door.

Surprisingly, it was easy to open the door because Zekhram simply channeled his Spiritual Energy on the door and...

Creak!

The door slowly opened, revealing a huge room and ship inside.

"Welcome to Dwarf workshop... Though, this was already abandoned a thousand years ago after the repair was completed." Zekhram shrugged. "If we truly can go home, then I will need many people to clean this ship up and check the ship."

Alex opened his eyes wide upon the sight of this ship. It looked like a spaceship. Alex observed it from the front to the back.

This gigantic ship had a length around two kilometers and two hundred meters wide. It should be enough to carry a few hundred thousand inside.

The ship was made of metal that contained a huge amount of energy and blue lines that reinforced the ship. The shape itself was similar to a box with some kind of terrace pattern on its shape.

"A spaceship of another world..." Alex muttered in a volume only he could hear. "I wonder if I can bring this home, what kind of reaction the people on Earth will have..."

This big ship was supported by a few pillars below it. A powerful black pillar that should have supported this ship for a few thousand years.

"This ship is powered by Blood Gem, and I assume Atlas has informed you about it. The metal in the outer part only functioned as a shield for the room inside. In fact, there are three spaces inside the ship for our three races to have a comfortable place. It doesn't have much different from my house right now for Dwarf Place." Zekhram explained it briefly after looking at the astonishment in Alex's eyes.

In the depth of his heart, Alex actually wanted to see this flying.

"Come with me," Zekhram said before going to the back of the ship. They climbed the stairs to get up around half of the ship's body size, and there was actually a small door where a person could enter. "We can enter the ship from here."

Alex nodded before turning to Nelson. "I'm wondering if there are actually many of these ships outside this world..."

"Many ships yes, but not like this." Nelson shook his head. "First of all, the ship itself is to carry people and intrude on the other world's barrier. Some God rank cultivators usually protected this ship and ensured its safety.

"Normally, there are some worlds that have some technological advancement and make smaller ships or something like robots in your memory. Albeit, none of them are actually strong enough to even stand in front of a God Rank cultivator. In the end, they are blasted to smithereens before they even fight."

"Heh..." Alex was quite astonished that there were actually many spaceships in the universe. Nevertheless, he was quite disappointed that there was no galactic war revolving around these spaceships.

Since he was already a Martial Emperor, he was suddenly reminded about the missile and nuclear weapons on Earth. Thinking about it, he didn't think he would actually die because of them. In fact, they might not even be able to penetrate his Barrier Array. As for all those laser guns or whatever in the movie, they were made of heat while he was the absolute king, they would only die if they brought that kind of weapon in front of him.

Alex shook his head and focused back on this ship alone. Even though they were in a spaceship, he actually didn't see a single technology or electricity here. The corridor itself was only made of some metal with a kind of monster core to light the lamp.

His image of modern spaceships was shattered upon observing his surroundings. There wasn't even a single 'modern' on this ship except for the name. In fact, if they actually had a wood stronger than this metal, they might replace it with that.

"This is the Dwarf Corridor. We like the metallic thing, so we make a place that we are comfortable with. If you go through this corridor or beyond that, you will find an environment suited to each respective race." Zekhram informed.

Alex nodded.

"Actually, the ship itself doesn't really matter. The strength of God rank, enhancement and Array are what matter. If a ship like this actually gets destroyed in outer space, the people inside might actually die from the sheer pressure." Nelson added.

"I see. If I am a Martial Saint, I might be able to destroy a ship like this. However, if there is actually a God rank expert and a Divine rank array protecting it, I'm not sure..." Alex fell into deep thought

When he thought about it, they arrived at a certain room. Zekhram halted his footsteps and turned around, stretching his hands toward the room. "This is the main control room where we can control the course of our ship."

Alex, Nelson, and Zekhram finally entered the room.