

Gacha 661

Chapter 661 - Training

Six months after Alex began his training.

"Master. How is this one?"

Sherry's voice echoed inside the cave as she summoned fire swords using her Fire Authority.

"Yeah. It's very good!" Alex nodded, looking at one hundred swords floating around the cave.

"Indeed. You can summon more firebirds with Fire Authority, but the quality is still subpar with these fire swords." Firia nodded in agreement. "The firebirds are focusing on numbers and flame ability, but you convert it into swords that emphasize speed and penetrating power. If your soul is strong enough, you can summon a few more and imbue your soul into all of them. Unfortunately, one hundred is your limit right now."

"That's right. I'm thinking of making an attack that can go in two different scenarios. I can use their sharpness to pierce them, but if it's not effective, I can make these swords explode using my soul. It can also be used to suppress a person due to its speed." Sherry nodded proudly. She then glanced at Alex and said in a low voice. "Besides, if Master can use this, his power will be even stronger because he has intent."

Alex couldn't help but smile and patted this girl's head. "Thank you for thinking of me, Sherry."

He managed to break through to 5-Star Martial Saint within one month. He almost broke through to 5-Star anyway after taking the Star Fruit. Yet, the cultivation process and consolidation process took more than three months.

In a total of four months, Sherry managed to evolve her Pure Fire. In other words, Spirit Nest had two fires at the same level of fire to that of the Previous Fire God. This was truly frightening, as one of them alone was a threat, let alone two.

Their luck didn't stop here. Alex, Sherry, and Firia had practiced dual cultivation techniques but with three people. Luckily, Firia's fire was Alex's Sacrificial Fire, so the technique itself considered her as one. The effect was also no joke as Firia reached 9-Star Martial Monarch within this little time.

Sherry had a similar effect and somehow became a 4-Star Martial Monarch, almost 5-Star. Her cultivation was slightly behind Alex due to him having Star Fruit to increase his cultivation.

After going through all of this process, they were waiting for Alex to break through to 6-Star Martial Monarch before going to Heavenly Continent. Unfortunately, the consolidation took very long, and before long, they had trained for six months before Alex finally broke through.

On the other hand, Sherry used this time to focus on her cultivation as well as creating this Fire Technique. Her effort was truly praiseworthy as she managed to break through to 6-Star and successfully created a technique.

Although it used the concept of firebirds, Sherry indeed incorporated a new idea and used it to suit her style. It could be said that this technique was her first original Fire Art.

Alex told her to give a name for her technique, yet she asked back for a name, fully knowing he had a bad naming sense. In the end, Firia gave her technique a name. It was called Fire Sword Formation.

Of course, Firia could also use the technique since she accompanied her this whole time while Alex focused on his cultivation.

Firia looked at Sherry and hugged her from behind.

She smiled from ear to ear. "This is good. Elder Sister Firia has been helping me this whole time, or else I won't be able to create this."

"Haha... You need to give yourself credit. This is your effort and strength, so get proud of yourself a little bit." Firia gently said.

"By the way, where are Stina and Kyle?" Alex asked.

"They are still training. Stina is an 8-Star Martial Monarch while Kyle is a 7-Star Martial Monarch. Unlike you two, they only spend time to cultivate while practicing that Fire Core Technique. So, their cultivation is still higher than you two," Firia answered with a smile.

"That fast?!" Alex was surprised.

"Of course. You can't compare their talent after they get the blessing of your Pure Fire." Firia nodded.

"There were several cases that my cultivation suddenly increased by leaps and bounds due to your Fire kept getting stronger. Master also confirmed it was the case."

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "It's good then. I don't want to restrict their movement by forcing them to cultivate."

"Ah..." Firia scratched her head and said, "Actually, Stina is going for full cultivation to extend her lifespan as quickly as possible by increasing her cultivation. She is fighting for Kyle and you. On the other hand, Kyle believed he would also transform like Sherry and reached a.d.u.l.thood to take responsibility for Stina. They can only be this hard-working because they have each other."

Alex shook his head helplessly, smiling. "This couple really needs to get a room."

"Haha... Kyle might make her remember her daughter, so she only wants to eat him after he becomes mature enough." Firia laughed.

"Haha... I can imagine it." Alex nodded in agreement.

"By the way, is Master going to learn my technique? I'm pretty confident with this technique." Sherry pumped her fist.

"Why not? I will practice it from time to time on the Heavenly Continent. If needed, I can also ask you to enter my body and control my flame and your flame. I will cover them with my Absolute Blade Intent."

"Hehe..." Sherry was too excited for her first original Fire Art.

"Anyway, wake the couple up, and we will go to Heavenly Continent today since I have finally reached 6-Star Martial Monarch."

"I will wake them up." Sherry took the initiative and walked toward their room.

Alex glanced at Firia with a smile. "Firia... Thank you for the past few months."

"I didn't do anything."

"You have done everything." Alex shook his head. Not only did she support all the people here while establishing the report and information with Anna, but she also amassed a total of forty million Spirit Gems by making so many rank 7 and rank 8 pills.

However, there was also another thing that sped up their progress. Alex had known this existence for a long time when he first knew the existence was on the Northern Continent. It was something higher from Spirit Stone and Spirit Gem. The stone was called Spirit Crystal.

Like the name suggested, its texture was that of a hexagonal prism with two pointed cones on both top and bottom. Each Spirit Crystal was equal to one thousand Spirit Gems, and it turned out to be the normal currency outside this world.

Naturally, Anna exchanged the pills with Spirit Crystals and poured everything on the Gathering Array, boosting their cultivation and letting them reach this stage so soon.

"Let's stop talking about this. Thank you is not needed between families. We do everything because we want it. Of course, don't compare our family with those influences. They have grown so much by taking in too many outsiders, so they need to keep their image and gradually become cruel.

"I want our family to not take any outsiders as to prevent everything going that way. Other than that... No, I won't say anything past this point because I don't want you to take responsibility yet." Firia shook her head and sighed.

"Don't worry. I won't let that happen." Alex grabbed her hands and nodded with a solemn expression.

"I will trust you." Firia nodded. "By the way, what is our plan?"

"I need information from Anna first before deciding anything." Alex shook his head.

"Since we are waiting for Sherry, I will explain the current situation on the Heavenly Continent. Firstly, there are seven top influences on this continent. Fire God Clan, Blackwade Clan, Drunken Pavilion, Ancient Blue Family, Snow White Family, Divine Kingdom, and Phantasm Sect.

"We have some business, whether it is directly or indirectly, with five influences at the moment. As we predicted, the Fire God Clan can't do anything to us due to the lack of alliance to protect their family when they leave the continent."

"Wait, isn't the Ancient Blue Family having an alliance with them?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"They have... even revealed your power except for your Space Element. Unfortunately, the Ancient Blue Family won't have the time to deal with you since their Family Head will abdicate his position in a few years. There will be many internal conflicts from the families... Looking at how ruthless they are toward their branch on this continent, you could say that the battle for this position is very brutal. That's why they can't do anything for a few years."

"I see. We can use this to our advantage and increase our strength. After that, we can break the alliance off."

"They are not an alliance though. According to the spy, they are still waiting for you to arrive on their doorsteps to see whether you have a better offer for them than the Fire God Clan." Firia shook her head.

"I see. They are pretty ruthless. After talking about alliance matters with the Fire God Clan, they are still waiting for us and might break off the alliance at any time."

"That's why if we are going to convince them from breaking off the alliance, I'm sure they might betray us as well, depending on the situation. If we are going to proceed with this, we will need several layers of preparations."

"Alright. I will take that into account." Alex nodded.

"On the other hand, there are also Seven Influences Banquet and a mysterious place. I will let Anna explain this after they arrive." Firia nodded.

"Sure."

"One more thing. What will you do after reaching 8-Star Martial Monarch Stage?"

'Ah, she must mean about my Array and Alchemy.' Alex smiled. "I said it before. I will train both even if I don't need it. After all, who knows it will be useful to me in the future."

Firia didn't say anything about his choice. It was as she said, there might be another accident like coming to Stina's world again in the future and needed to use every single skill in his repertoire to survive.

"Besides, I also need to practice my Space Element later since I am lacking in this aspect. I remember that you say I can seal other people's cultivation, but the fact that I can't right now..." Alex clenched his hands and sighed.

"Don't worry. I have the technique name, and there should be the technique in your mind. You can train according to that manual." Firia suggested.

"Alright." Alex nodded and waited for Sherry, and the others arrived before using his Teleportation Technique. The cost of two people using Teleportation Array at the same time was almost non-existent to him. It used to burden him, but the effect was gradually decreasing until this point.

Of course, if he brought a few more, he would feel the burden. And finally, after the long six months, Alex and his group disappeared from the Sacred Continent.

Chapter 662 - Two Matters

"Alex!" Anya was the first one to spot him.

Alex didn't directly teleport to Heavenly Continent. Instead, he just teleported to the Rune Stone located inside the base. Firia was confused about why they would use the Teleportation Array just to go here, and Alex said he forgot. She wanted to laugh, but couldn't as she also forgot.

In the end, the two teleported using the Rune Stone, directly sending them to Heavenly Continent with single teleportation.

"Anya. How is everyone, and where are we?" Alex turned around and looked at Anya. He was slightly surprised to see Anya here.

"Everyone is fine. They are killing monsters nearby. As for our place, we are not far from the coast. A very dangerous coast because there is a high possibility for sea monsters to come. In fact, we have encountered two monster hordes... not that we mind. We can raise our level in this way." Anya nodded.

Alex crossed his arms and looked at his surroundings. It seemed they were inside a building or something, judging by the rectangle-shaped room and structured bricks. "What is this room? No, we should be inside a building, but I can't sense anyone."

"Our specific location is inside an abandoned village. Due to the strong monsters roaming around and monster hordes from the sea, no one actually lives here anymore. We then use this building as our base. At the same time, I want to ask you to create a special realm for this house alone just to hide this house." Anya explained.

"I see." Alex nodded. "Then should I assemble everyone, or we can discuss the plan among the three of us?"

"I will only recall Anna back here while the others can continue their jobs." Anya nodded, took out Anna's card, and summoned her.

Anna appeared right in front of him and their eyes intertwined. She looked left and right first before smiling awkwardly to Alex. Yet, the latter patted her head and smiled gently before hugging her. "I miss you, Anna."

"Uhm... Yes." Anna took a deep breath to ignore the awkwardness and hugged him back.

"Master, I also want to hear the plan. It's study time for me." Sherry suddenly came out of his body, raised her hand, and grinned.

"Sure. Stina and Kyle will follow us as well. You two are free to give any input later." Alex said as two lights came out of his body, turning into two people.

"We understand, Master."

"Then, we should talk in a more comfortable place." Anya clapped her hand to take their attention before bringing them to another room.

Unlike the previous room, this new room had a lot of furniture, albeit mostly chairs and tables. Anya must want to use this as a meeting room.

He looked at the big round table in the middle of the room and sat on one of the chairs. "I have many things that I wish to ask, but I want to know everyone's situation first."

"I have compiled all the information about this continent. Firia should have brought it to you." Anna said while glancing at Firia.

Alex nodded. "I have read them. However, it's mostly either Ancient Blue Family or Fire God Clan. How about the other influences?"

"They didn't make a major movement that needs to be concerned. Blackwade Clan continued their investigation on you to check whether your card is real or fake. Drunken Pavilion announced Evelyn as their successor to the world, bringing her to everyone's attention. However, there is nothing major about this announcement as they are trying to figure her out first.

"Snow White Mountain doesn't have much to do. They are preparing something recently, but we haven't found anything... Everything should be clear within a year since many Martial Saints are guarding it, so the N squad couldn't really infiltrate the place. Of course, there are many arrays that protect it as well. In any case, we can ignore them for the time being.

"We don't really have any connection with the Divine Kingdom and Phantasm Sect; I suggest leaving them alone for now." Anya finished her report."

"How about their power level? I need to be careful since these two can change our plan." Alex asked.

"Divine Kingdom has one 10-Star, two 9-Star, and two 8-Star Martial Saints. They are the strongest of their peers because they are the closest one to this coast. Despite having too many people die, the Divine Kingdom can quickly increase its strength due to these monsters. They can kill monsters and use the money to buy pills. That's why this Kingdom is the biggest customer for the Blackwade Clan.

"On the other hand, we don't really have much information about Phantasm Sect. The only thing that stands out from them is their Martial Saints. They are learning how to build powerful weapons and armors from their own Spiritual Energy. You need to see it with you to know more about it." Anna finally took her job again and explained everything to him.

"Alright, then. Do they have any stances regarding the matter between us and the Fire God Clan?"

"Not at the moment. Like the Blackwade Clan, they remain silent and neutral." Anna shook her head.

"Then I am going to ask about the Seven Influences Banquet and mysterious places. What are they?" Alex asked with a solemn expression.

"I will start with the Seven Influences Banquet. You already know about this one. It's simply the gathering between Seven Influences genius. I assume the Blackwade Clan's successor will be there. We can use this opportunity to reveal our identity to him and gain his support by showing the Supreme VIP Card if you think it's too dangerous to reveal it inside the Blackwade Clan. However, you might need to enter there in the end.

"On the other hand, you can also meet Evelyn in this place since she has become the Drunken Pavilion's successor. And we can show them that we, Spirit Nest, exist." Anna explained the benefit.

"Since Anna said the benefits, I will explain the risk. If we are participating, our... No, you will be exposed. We need to be very careful and check whether they have Martial Saints stand by around the area. It will be troublesome to handle them after all. At first, we are thinking about using this opportunity to kill the Fire God Clan representative, right? The current representative is a 10-Star Martial Monarch. Do you think you can handle him?"

"If it's only 10-Star, I can." Alex nodded. "But I will expose my Pure Fire at that time since I don't have confidence in defeating a 10-Star Martial Monarch with my weapons alone. Due to the fact he is one of the prodigies, I am sure his actual prowess is stronger than reported."

"According to Fire God Clan, the current successor is cunning. If you remember the Fire God Clan on the Northern Continent, he will remind you of Grimes."

"That smartass?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "It seems I need to kill him as soon as possible before bringing me trouble. I will need to see whether they have Martial Saints nearby since it will be bad if they know we can't kill Martial Saints again."

"Yeah. There will be another problem, though." Anya paused for a moment. "We don't have the invitation to go in?"

"By the way, where will the banquet be held?" Firia broke her silence.

"It's in the Divine Kingdom. So, we are very close." Anna answered.

"Then we can simply ask Evelyn or that successor guy... what is his name again?"

"Song Jiaoren."

"Yeah, this one. I'm sure he is curious about the Supreme VIP Card, so he will surely give me one. This is just give and take." Alex narrowed his eyes.

"Sure. We can have one of the N Squad to show the VIP Card and retrieve the invitation for you."

"Thank you. I want an official one because I don't wish to enter by simply saying I'm invited." Alex paused for a moment and sighed. "At that time, I feel like someone will call out to me and mock me before I slap their face..."

Anna and Anya shook their heads and laughed. The contracted beasts couldn't understand what he meant though.

"Anyway, get the invitation so I can enter legally." Alex shrugged. "And move to the second matter."

"Now, onto the second matter, the mysterious place." Anna took a deep breath. "After searching around this place and killing two hordes, we have found a very mysterious place, specifically a mysterious underwater cave. The entrance is on the land, but most of the body is inside the water. We have sent Nelson and Jean to investigate, but they have yet to come back.

"Many Martial Saints monsters reside in this cave and sometimes come out to roam on the land. We are cleaning up the nearby area until Nelson finishes investigating the cave. We have no clue what kind of place is this..."

Alex pondered for a moment and asked. "How long have these two been investigating the area?"

"One month. They should have finished the task pretty soon."

"I can afford to wait that long." Alex nodded. "Though I can simply teleport us back to the surface in case anything happens."

"That can be our solution later. Jean is with us anyway."

Alex nodded. Jean was a Water Spirit, so controlling water should be no problem for him. Suddenly, Anna took out Nelson's card and asked. "What happened? Have you finished the investigation? Alex is with me right now."

Anna didn't say anything more and simply summoned Jean and Nelson.

Nelson greeted Alex before asking. "May I proceed with my report, Young Master?"

"Sure."

"The Underwater Cave is full of treasures. I assume the monsters have been pillaging the area and storing them inside the cave. They already have intelligence anyway, so this is very possible. I don't know how many treasures are buried in this cave, but it should be able to empty one pocket. If I am not wrong, they might even take the belongings of humans that come here.

"It has a very complicated inside. Even with Jean, I still have trouble finding all the passages. We can also safely assume there are many monsters inside this cave, including those who are strong enough to protect their treasures. If we proceed, we might even meet 3-Star if not 4-Star Martial Saint. At that time, I am not sure we can win, considering they are mostly sea monsters."

"Alright. The risk is too much." Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "Still, we can escape from the magical beasts if needed. We will proceed with clearing the cave."

"I want to inform you of another thing first before coming into a conclusion." Nelson stopped him. "We have found another thing inside this cave."

"Oh? What is it?"

"We found a kingdom... A living one. Although it was covered with Illusion Array, Jean managed to sniff it out." Nelson answered. "It should be a living one."

"Still, the water pressure there was insane. If the barrier wasn't there, the humans might only be able to stay there for a couple of hours." Jean added.

"Are you confident they are humans?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

"I'm pretty sure." Jean nodded. "I felt the same aura as your array, Young Master. I believed it was a Special Realm. Only then could they survive."

"This is... intriguing. Underwater Kingdom? Is this another world Atlantis? Wait, I have seen one in Stina's home."

"Unfortunately, it's deeper than the one we encountered previously." Jean paused for a moment. "Far far deeper. Young Master might be able to find another passage, but this is my best ability. I'm sorry."

"It's fine. This is very valuable information. No one knows about this Underwater Kingdom... Considering there is no record about it and none of the N squad find it." Alex crossed his arms. "I will try to see what happens inside this cave. But we should clear the cave first and get as many treasures as we want."

"Understood." Nelson and Jean bowed. "We will lead you the way."

"It seems we need to summon everyone." Anna smiled.

"We will see whether my Pure Fire can withstand the water." Alex smiled, excited.

Chapter 663 - Exploring the Underwater Cave

All spirits appeared simultaneously by Anna's summon.

The spirits had little information about what they were going to do next, so they looked at Alex mysteriously.

Suddenly, Anna stepped forward. "I will explain our current plan!"

Anna began explaining the plan until she reached where Alex wanted to discover the Underwater Cave. No one objected to this plan because they also wanted to know about this Underwater Cave. However, there were three spirits that would be greatly restricted by this setting: Fabio, Leoz and Jeanne. These three were the strongest combatants, and having this restriction truly hindered their progress.

Besides, Alex and his contracted beast had all fire elements. The same applied to Firia. Alex wanted to test how his Pure Fire fended this disadvantage and decided on the second plan.

"For the time being, I will also add plan B for this. I am not confident that everyone could fight underwater, so I want to make a separate team for those who can't join this Underwater Cave exploration."

"What do you want us to do?" Leoz seemed to know he would be one of the people in this group.

"Just clear the area around us. There are many high-level monsters around us, right? It's good to have another source of EXPs." Alex nodded.

"My Lightning is restricted to water. I am afraid it will also attack Young Master and the others, so I will probably stay." Leoz said while glancing at Jeanne.

"Fire Element is restricted, but I don't know how powerful the restriction is. That's why our Fire Element users will test it first."

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "Where is the cave? Should I use my Teleportation Array?"

"It's not far from us. Only around three hours fly, it should be fine." Anna rejected the idea. "Sure. We can fly there. I am also curious about our surroundings." Alex nodded. "But I need time to build a special realm to hide our temporary base."

"We understand."

Alex then proceeded with his job while the others waited for him. Considering the size of the house, he only needed a couple of minutes before coming back inside. He only added a Special Realm, an Illusion Array, and a Gathering Array since this place itself was quite hidden.

As soon as he finished his jobs, Firia and the others came out. They flew to the sky according to Nelson's direction.

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Three hours later,

Alex looked at the entrance. It was a bit unexpected for him because he could see quite a big hole, leading to the underground pool. The hole itself was quite deep while the water surface was fifteen meters below the ground.

Right above the water level, a hole that seemed to be the entrance came into his vision.

"That is the entrance, Young Master. Previously, I and Jean walked around two hundred meters before we needed to submerge. Jean could use a water bubble for us to stay. And If I am not wrong, Young Master's Pure Fire can do the same due to how powerful your Pure Fire is." Nelson came to him and advised.

Alex thought for a moment and activated his Spirit Eyes to see the bottom of this pond. It seemed to not have anything underneath, so he quickly jumped inside the hole and landed on the water surface. He looked up and shouted. "Come here. We are going to test our strength."

Hearing his orders, everyone jumped into the hole before looking at him. Alex knew he needed to go first, so he quickly summoned his Pure Fire beneath his feet.

The fire slowly turned into a sphere that enveloped him alone. He looked at the others and nodded before descending the water.

It was at this moment, something crazy started. The water level suddenly lowered to the point it revealed Alex, who just descended into the water.

"..." Alex was speechless and quickly got off the water as soon as the water level was below his head. His clothes weren't wet from all of this. "So... I indeed feel my energy draining because of this. From my little observation, it seems that my fire is too hot and instantly evaporated the water around. If I need to maintain that sphere without attacking, three hours will be my limit before my Spiritual Energy runs out."

"Sherry has the same cultivation as Master, so she must have a similar case," Sherry added with a nod.

"Indeed. We will also need to fight inside this cave and possibly fight 4-Star Martial Saint monsters. If we are on the surface, I have some confidence... But it seems we will avoid any Martial Saint magical beasts this time around." Alex nodded.

"I agree. We can go back here later since our purpose this time is to explore and figure the sphere out to see if it's really a kingdom or not." Firia crossed her arms and said her piece.

"I also agree with this scenario. We still have one and a half years before the Seven Alliance Banquet. In other words, we have time to increase our strength. Besides, we won't have to attack the Fire God Clan before that unless they make a big movement." Anya was also in favor.

"Anyway, all of you can try the water first... Starting from Leoz."

Leoz nodded and released his lightning. He placed his finger inside the water and closed his eyes in disappointment.

"Unfortunately, it will really spread around and... might strike us. I'm afraid you need to be on the Surface Team." Alex shook his head in disappointment. Their overall strength would go down because Leoz was their strongest fighter.

Jeanne also did the same, and the lightning spread like Leoz. Although she had expected this, she still couldn't accept it. Yet, the only thing she could do was to wait beside Leoz.

Those who had problems went first. After these two lightning people, Firia proceeded with her Sacrificial Fire. Surprisingly, the effect was also the same as Alex, and the water level started decreasing. But the moment Firia came up, she took a deep breath and sighed.

"I can produce the same effect as Alex... But I'm afraid I can only stay around one to two hours only without fighting. It's taking too much toll on my body."

Fabio, Kyle, and Stina descended into the water at the same time. The water quickly went down to the point they could see the bottom of this hole.

Alex let out a long sigh as he saw these three might have a problem with this mission.

"I and Stina have trouble sustaining the barrier. We won't be useful enough in this battle, so we will go with the surface team." Kyle reported with a sad expression.

On the other hand, Fabio was disappointed in himself as he realized his clothes were wet. "I'm sorry, Young Master."

"It's fine. In other words, five of you will kill the monsters on the surface while we are exploring this cave. If you are going to fight with your Spiritual Energy alone, I am sure you are strong enough to withstand the sea pressure. However, it will still be too dangerous because the sea monsters will be much faster than you.

"Only if you can create a sphere like this where you can move freely like you are on the land, can I be assured." Alex sighed. "Unlike me, you guys also don't have Sky Movement. I can use Sky Step to move around the water like I am on the surface. But you... Anyway, you five can do anything you want on the surface. If Kyle and Stina want to go back to our base, you can.

"Anya will be increasing our strength in order to negate the restriction from water pressure. On the other hand, Leoz will be the leader of the surface team. Inform me if anything happens."

"Yes." The five cupped their hands and bowed.

"The problem will be how we divide our group. Can ten of us come in together?" Alex asked.

"There should be some rooms where we can take a breather by simply using Young Master's Pure Fire to evaporate the water." Nelson thought for a moment and said. "Besides, the cave itself is big since you can imagine how big the monsters are. That's why we won't have any problem entering together."

"That's right. I can create a water barrier myself. Without using my Spiritual Energy to boot." Jean nodded smugly. "I am a Water Spirit after all. Water is me; I am water. In fact, my fighting ability will be increased here."

"That's good then." Alex nodded before turning to Leoz. "Then, I will leave everyone to you."

"Don't worry, Young Master. I will surely protect them." Leoz looked back with a solemn expression. He then flew to the surface with the other four.

Alex looked at their backs and sighed. He wanted to have everyone, but it seemed to be not possible.

Jean came closer and said, "Young Master. We should go in. This is going to take a few days..."

"That's right. Can you make a very huge bubble to the point it expands and pushes all the water away?" Alex asked.

"I can... but not to the extent of the one in Young Master's mind. The one that I am planning to make is around this hole size... Around fifteen meters in diameter. More than this will require more Spiritual Energy. Of course, if we come into a room inside, I can expand it a little and fight them without water."

"Yeah. I am planning to use that one." Alex nodded. "But bigger..."

"I am sorry, I can't help Young Master about this. I also need to consider the push coming from the ocean that fills this cave with water. In the worst case, I can seal the entrance to the ocean while Young Master and Sherry turned the water into vapor. If I roughly calculate the amount in my mind, you might need seven days. This is the worst-case scenario, so it can only go faster. But it will surely take too much energy and dedication."

"!!!" Alex opened his eyes and exclaimed in astonishment. "Why can't I think of this plan..."

He recalled Leoz and the other here.

"Young Master?" They were obviously confused with this sudden action.

Alex ignored their confusion and looked straight at Nelson. "I need the map for this Underground Cave. I also need the spots that I can use to evaporate all the water inside this cave."

"I can draw you a map and mark a few spots that can be considered as the bottom of the cave, where the water will flow. If we do that, the sea monsters wouldn't have any water, and their strength will be greatly decreased. There is even a chance to kill 4-Star Martial Saint." Nelson was excited about Jean's plan. He began drawing the map as soon as he finished replying to Alex.

"I, Sherry, Firia, Kyle, and Stina will drain the water with our power. Jean will plug the hole that leads to the ocean. Considering there might be monsters that will come to this place, Anya, Fabio, Greg, and Nelson will be assigned to assist him. On the other hand, each of us will have assistance.

"Anna will go with me. Vera will go with Sherry. Artur with Kyle. Vera with Stina. And Leoz with Firia. After we drain the water, we will regroup with Jean. I might reassign the group to protect us from behind and the one who explored the cave."

"Understood."

Leoz felt relieved since he could join this exploration because there were so many dangerous monsters around. Alex even assigned him with Firia. He swore no harm would come to her.

"Let's go inside," Alex said as he entered the cave, leading the group for two hundred meters before finding a dead end where he could only submerge to go forward.

Jean stepped forward and raised his right hand as water circled around them, slowly forming a water bubble and enveloping everyone. He turned around and nodded.

"Let's go inside. Cave Exploration time." Alex nodded as they followed Jean submerged.

Chapter 664 - Learning Underwater Tactics

"Look! There are three monsters in front!" Alex warned everyone after finding the monsters with his Spirit Eyes.

Nelson covered his body with Spiritual Energy before leaping out of Jean's balloon. Darkness Energy gathered around his sword.

"Scree!"

Alex could see three sea monsters. The first one was a 5-Star Martial Emperor goldfish and the second one was another 5-Star Martial Emperor red fish. Both of them were chased by 3-Star Martial Monarch black fish. The size of the first two fishes was the same as humans, but the last one was three times their size.

Looking at the blood gushing out of their body, the two front fishes would become a meal for the big fish. And Nelson coming out wanted to precisely kill the big fish.

'I can withstand the water pressure, and my attack won't affect and won't be affected by this water.'
Nelson thought as he leaped to the front.

Alex also came out of the bubble with his two weapons, covering them with his Absolute Blade Intent. He didn't use his Pure Fire to conserve his power. His targets were the two fishes, planning to kill them in a single strike.

However, Artur didn't forget that this was the first time Alex fought a sea monster. These monsters could fight on the land with their restricted power, but inside water like this, their ability was strengthened. He came out with his sword, waiting right behind Alex.

When the two fishes passed Nelson, Alex appeared in front of them, slashing both weapons at the same time.

Fwoosh!

"!!!" Alex suddenly realized that his movement was a little bit restricted due to the water-resistance, while the fishes showed a speed that was beyond 5-Star Martial Emperors. He understood why Artur came out too and changed his stance to focus on a single fish.

"Triple Draws!"

He struck the golden fish, slicing it into seven pieces while letting Artur deal with the red fish. Alex focused on the black fish instead of the one behind him. 'It seems Nelson wants me to familiarize myself with this new warfare that I know nothing about. I can kill the red fish behind me by using my Sky Movement to jump over water, but it won't give me time to watch Nelson's fight. I would rather learn first.'

On the other hand, Nelson slashed his sword downward, sending a black sword wave flying.

The fish noticed this and head-butted this sword wave. Just like the clash between metal, it lasted for a few seconds. Nelson raised his hand as shadow erupted from below his feet, making their way toward the fish and locking it down.

"I am Shadow Spirit, the king of shadow. Obey me! Sword!"

The fish was startled by this black thread and struggled to break free from it. At this time, Nelson unleashed his second attack. His shadow spread around the wall before spiking as if blades were coming out of the wall.

"Roar!" The fish released its aura as its skin turned into pitch black. The shadows stabbed the fish on ten different spots, but surprisingly, everyone could hear a clicking sound.

"!!!" Alex furrowed his eyebrows and found out that none of the shadow blades managed to pierce the fish's skin. He realized once again that this monster was a 5-Star Martial Monarch fish.

"Are you trying to steal my technique, Nelson?" Artur's voice was heard as the real person came behind Alex after killing the fish.

"There is no way I'm going to steal a technique." Nelson was still calm and shook his head. After that, he charged toward the fish that was struggling to break free from Nelson's net. Unfortunately, Nelson already locked him as he added another few chains to keep the fish in one spot.

The dark energy gradually rose inside his body until it broke through. His energy and strength were increased due to the darkness. Nelson struck his sword to the fish's black metallic body, but this time it managed to break through its skin and open its stomach.

The water turned red, but Alex could still see them just fine because he was using his Spirit Eyes.

"Young Master... You and the others might not have experienced fighting like this. That's why Nelson is fighting against the bigger one while the others didn't come to help you with the two fishes except me." Artur swam to his place and said. "There are many methods to fight underwater, but if we are inside the cave, there is one very effective technique."

"And that is?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"Look at Nelson." Artur pointed his finger to the front. "He used the first sword wave to stop the fish movement before binding it with his shadow chains. After that, he began his true strikes until the fish died. You must know that the fish is superior in water combat. However, sea monsters can't do anything if they are not able to move..."

"I see. As long as we take away their movement, they are weaker than monsters on the surface." Alex understood the concept.

"Like Young Master's plan, we thought you already realized this, so we didn't say anything."

"No. I just realized it from your explanation." Alex shook his head, ashamed.

"Well, it's good as long as Young Master understands it." Artur nodded. "Besides, it will be another experience if you are fighting inside the sea. Considering the area, depth, and Spiritual Energy density, we will be swarmed by sea monsters as soon as we come out of this cave. Young Master can use your

Pure Fire and Sky Movement to enhance your fighting ability in the middle of the ocean, and if possible, you can drag them out of the water."

"In other words, the sea monsters actually rule the world?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

"I won't go that far. It's just we have too much disadvantage fighting inside the water. There are several problems. First, Lightning ability is very restricted because it has the potential to attack your own friend. Second, Fire Ability is also overwhelmed by the water. Young Master's flame might be able to instantly evaporate the water around you, but it will require a huge amount of energy. These two reasons cause the third reason.

"Humans don't like to hunt them inside the sea because it will be hard, and the chance of dying is high. That's why the monsters usually multiply continuously to the point the human won't be able to wipe them out. If we are talking about how many monsters in the sea right now... I believe their numbers are at least one hundred times than those on the land.

"That's why we experienced two monster hordes in this short time. Unfortunately, we might need to move our base somewhere because the people from the Divine Kingdom will notice a drop of sea monsters and send someone to investigate." Artur sighed.

Alex nodded his head. "We will wait and see first. If there is an actual need to move our base, we will leave. It's such a shame since this place has so many EXPs, but who can we blame?"

"Indeed." Artur nodded before pointing his finger forward. "Look. Nelson has killed the fish."

Alex thought for a moment while observing Nelson. He took a few minutes to kill one monster, even in this darkness that should have increased his strength. 'As expected of a Martial Monarch monster... They are hard to kill.'

He also glanced on his back and found Anya teaching Sherry and the others about underwater battles. It seemed this was their plan all along.

"Young Master." Nelson came back to him. "We should continue."

"Yeah. Thank you for the lesson. I was too confident with the sea monsters and tried to fight them with shallow strategies."

"There is no problem with Young Master's strategies, it's just Young Master doesn't calculate the water's effect." Nelson shook his head and smiled. "Young Master should be able to fight equally against them right now, and you will kill them easily before long."

Alex nodded and came back inside the bubble before continuing.

They met many monsters, from a horde of fishes to only one single fish. Luckily, none of them was Martial Saint, allowing Alex and the others to get used to the water combat.

Sherry was struggling at first because she could only use her Pure Fire, but after some time, she decided to use her original form and overpowered her enemy with her strength.

Kyle and Stina were in a pinch because they only knew Fire Element technique. If they turned back into Phoenixes, they would be suppressed by the sea water. In the end, they chose to fight with their fist, albeit it wasn't pretty effective.

Firia was also suppressed this time, but her master gave her a technique to control her shawl. The fire around her shawl disappeared, and the shawl showed its true appearance. It turned out that the shawl was formed by multiple big strings, and the fire was only there to stick them together.

Her master did this to train Firia's Fire Control and strengthened her fire since each string had a powerful Fire Energy. Firia used all these strings to kill the monsters in front of her. In fact, she looked like she had experienced a battle like this.

Alex was surprised at that time, but the joy suppressed that shock. He felt relieved that Firia was already so strong and achieved what she hoped for.

They continued marching toward the hole that connected this cave to the sea. Nelson chose the path carefully and only crossed the path where there were not many monsters available.

Alex didn't reject the idea because those monsters could easily be killed as long as they had evaporated all the water.

After a few hours, they finally saw the entrance that led to the sea. It was a very big hole with a size three times bigger than their path.

"Young Master. I will start sealing the gate and make sure no water can come inside again. In the meantime, you can drain the water around with your Fire. I will take care of all the monsters that come through the hole as well. After there is little to no water, I'm afraid I will be stuck here with the others to protect this gate." Jean crossed his arms and thought.

"In other words, I will only move around with nine other people? And most of them are Fire Element and Lightning Element users." Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "Alright. We can kill Martial Saint with these members alone since their power will be around half of their original power."

Nelson added, "Due to the size of the tunnel, we might need around a week to clear all the monsters in the area. If Young Master doesn't mind, we can start moving to our position."

"Wait a minute." Alex stopped him before slowly going toward the entrance. He was curious about what kind of sea he could see in another world.

Unfortunately, the reality didn't meet a single speck of his expectation. He could still see the light from the surface and many sea monsters swimming around, but the light barely reached his current position, and the monsters looked gross.

Even so, it didn't stop him from glancing at the bottom of the sea with his Spirit Eyes.

"This—!" Alex gasped as he observed it. "I can see a huge amount of Pink Spiritual Energy that appears to be Space Element. Inside the barrier are also many Pink Spiritual Energy but this type of sign... They are humans! Doesn't this mean there is a human influence under this sea? What kind of concept is this? Not only is there no record about this influence, but the absurd amount of people having Space Elements baffled me!"

"!!!" The others were also surprised since they had no recollection of this.

"What should we do?" Firia asked.

Alex contemplated for a few minutes. "We are going to clear the cave first before I sneak inside the place. We will see what we can do after that."

"Understood!"

Jean then released his Spiritual Energy, stood in front of the gate to maintain the barrier that blocked the water, and expanded the barrier.

"Expand!"

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"Expand!"

Alex looked at the white barrier plugging the hole and nodded his head. "Everyone already knows about your own position, right?"

"Yes. Nelson has told us the path." Firia nodded.

"Good. Disperse!" Alex commanded, and the group finally disappeared from their position. He then glanced at Anna. "Let's go."

Anna nodded, and both of them disappeared.

After a few minutes of going, Alex fought many monsters together with Anna before reaching the spot. Luckily, they didn't swarm them at the same time due to the tunnel size.

Alex observed their position and noticed they were at the lowest level of the cave, considering he could see many tunnels lead to the upper level in which one of them was the tunnel he came from.

"I'm afraid there might be monsters when I start draining... Will that be alright, Anna?" Alex asked.

"Don't worry. Leave it to me." Anna nodded. "I will make sure no one passes me."

"I will try to help you later with my sword. I might even increase the range of my fire sphere if we meet a strong fish to make sure we are not fighting it inside the water." Alex said with a grim expression as he looked around with his Spirit Eyes, finding many monsters.

"Sure. My Tri Xeta can be useful in this situation."

"Good. I shall start then!" Alex exclaimed as he released his Pure Fire and created a sphere three meters in radius. This scorching sphere instantly turned water into vapor at an alarming rate.

"Kh!" Alex was gritting his teeth, feeling no better. The speed was indeed quite good, but his Spiritual Energy had it rough.

"Are you alright? How about shrinking the size a little?" Anna asked.

"No. It's good this way. My Spiritual Energy might be used up after two hours, but I can replenish them within another two hours by using a Gathering Array. In those two hours, your job is to protect me. Can you do it?"

"I believe you should make it to one hour and leave fifty percent of your power for safety reasons."

"I know. I have learned my lesson already. I only say the rate of my Spiritual Energy." Alex chuckled. "I won't repeat the same mistake."

"It's good then." Anna nodded and stared at him for a few seconds. "Al... No, Husband. I'm sorry for that time."

"I have said it's fine." Alex shook his head, telling her he didn't mind.

"I should apologize properly because I was consumed by sadness. I'm really sorry."

"Fine. I accept your apology. Then there is no need to think about this matter anymore." Alex smiled.

"Yes." Anna nodded before raising her scythe and observing her surroundings.

"You don't need to be this concerned. They shouldn't come for a while because the water will start dropping from the highest level due to gravity. This rate is quite fast, so there might be some current for the monsters, but they shouldn't migrate easily without no apparent reason, including this current. In other words, we can relax for a while until the water level drops to half..."

"It's fine. I have nothing to do anyway." Anna smiled.

Alex nodded and proceeded with the plan.

Surprisingly, there were a few monsters coming their way, but Anna stopped them all. Alex didn't even need to do anything since the monsters were mostly Martial Emperors and some Martial Monarchs.

The first hour went without a problem, and Alex had drained quite a bit... Or at least that was what he thought.

Suddenly, Anna and Alex sensed a powerful presence coming toward them. But what shocked them the most was when the presence revealed itself, showing a man figure.

"There is a human here?" Anna exclaimed.

On the other hand, Alex opened his eyes and appeared beside Anna, furrowing his eyebrows. "Who are you?"

'A woman? She is so beautiful. That male is also handsome. Who are they?' The man raised his weapon. Although he wanted to attack them first, he was stopped by their appearance. He managed to calm down while distracting himself from beauty. "Who are you two, and what are you doing here?"

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A bit deeper inside the cave was a spacious room without single water. Two people, man and woman, stood by in front of a huge array as if they were there to protect it. Even the room was protected by a barrier array to prevent the water from coming in.

The male noticed this when he looked outside, finding the water was decreasing.

"This shouldn't be possible!" He exclaimed and pointed his finger at the entrance.

The woman furrowed her eyebrows and observed the sudden change. "What should we do?"

"This never happened before... Should we investigate it or report back to the elder?" The man thought for a moment and said. "You go report to the elder while I investigate this sudden phenomenon."

"Alright." The woman nodded and activated the array that turned out to be a Teleportation Array.

The man also took out the token and presented it in front of the barrier, allowing him to go through this barrier. He took the last glimpse of the barrier and only found a dark cave without nothing inside.

Nelson already found this barrier, but he would never think this was only an illusion. The room was also in the deepest part of this cave, so Alex's Spirit Eyes couldn't spot this place because of the distance.

After checking everything, he followed the current to see what could cause such an occurrence.

Suddenly, the current stopped, and he could only follow what he could remember before eventually arriving at a certain place where he found two people.

One was a black-haired otherworld beauty while the other one was a handsome golden-haired guy. He heard them saying two lines, but his mind was still full of shock. He raised his weapons and shouted.

"Who are you two, and what are you doing here?"

Alex looked at this brown-haired man that looked very thin. However, Alex could see behind his sword was a powerful Space Element. This might be the first time he saw someone who had Space Element alive. However, he could see this person only had 7-Star Martial Monarch strength.

"Who are you?" Alex raised his voice again.

"No. You should introduce yourself first!" The man released his Spiritual Energy.

Anna also released her Spiritual Energy while raising her scythe. Alex stopped her from making an attack and said. "I'm Alexander. My purpose here is only to explore the cave that seems to be filled with treasures."

"So, you are from the surface!" The man gritted his teeth in anger before taking a deep breath. "Then, what do you want to do with this? Depending on your answer, I will kill you!"

"That is not a nice word to be said..." Alex furrowed his eyebrows and released his Spiritual Energy as well. "I have introduced myself. Wouldn't it be fair for you to introduce yourself too?"

"I have nothing to say to you. Since you have entered this cave and created such a disturbance, then don't think about coming back alive!" The man turned hostile as he raised his other hand and spread around his Spiritual Energy.

Alex could see the difference in this Spiritual Energy before finding they had been enveloped by Space Element... the whole room, to be exact.

"Spatial Lock!"

"Alex..." Anna glanced at him, wondering what they should do. "Should we kill him? Although it's really surprising to see a Space Element user, I still find something strange about his appearance."

"I don't wish to fight if possible..." Alex thought for a moment and said.

The man could hear it as well, but he snarled. "Hmph. All those people from Surface can't be trusted!"

"Then, so be it!" Alex decided to kill this person first before investigating his origin. Or he could bring him to Jeanne to extract information from him.

"Dark Cut!" Anna decided to make the first move.

The dark wave flew toward the man, but he simply waved his hand, creating a portal to the blue layered realm. It sucked Anna's Dark Cut and the water.

Alex suddenly realized he could send all the water here inside this realm instead of drying it up. Nonetheless, Alex appeared behind Anna and swung his sword as the portal appeared behind her together with her Dark Cut.

Bam!

"What?!" The man was surprised that Alex could react to something like this first time as if he knew his Space Element the whole time.

'Should I use my Space Element instead of my Pure Fire?' Alex contemplated before thrusting his spear. "Mythical Spear Cannon!"

He shot out a powerful laser with his spear. But another portal appeared in front of the man, and Alex could see the Space Energy moving behind him.

Alex smiled as Anna already disappeared from her spot. It was a simple bait for Anna to go around and struck him from the back.

At the same time, Alex jumped to the side without looking back as if he knew there was an attack behind him.

Anna activated her Tri Xeta, trying to lower his power.

Unexpectedly, her scythe stopped mid-air as if there was an invisible wall behind his head.

"Wait!" Alex also realized that his attack was actually aimed at Anna instead of him. He clicked his tongue. 'Tch! Anna can block this attack, but she will be vulnerable to that man. I won't be fast enough to reach her too... Still, I know that the Space Plate can be used that way, but this man is really strong to trouble me like this.'

Alex faced a dilemma as the only thing that could catch up with this attack was only his Space Element. He gritted his teeth and decided to reveal his elements. 'He won't be there to tell the tale anyway.'

Raising his hand, Alex released his Space Element. A portal also appeared in front of Alex's Mythical Spear Cannon before another one materialized behind the man.

"!!!" The man realized there was a portal behind him and quickly hardened the Space behind him, blocking the attack as if it were a shield. Before he noticed it, Anna already came back. "You... You are also a Space Element User. But how can you use Spatial Gate and Space Plate?"

"You have nothing to say to me. Why should I tell you then?" Alex snorted as he raised his palm to the side, activating his Space Plate once again to disturb the space energy that enveloped this room. Alex had already mastered these two techniques since long ago but never thought about using them.

"These techniques could only be learned from my place! And the fact that you can use it... You must kill my people and gain the secret!"

Alex furrowed his eyebrows, wondering. 'I learned these two techniques from my Master... Did Master bring the techniques from this place and escape? Is this the scenario?'

Yet, before Alex could do anything, an aged voice reverberated. "Cease at once!"

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"Cease at once!"

The fight stopped the moment this voice reverberated in their ears. Alex furrowed his eyebrows and activated his Teleportation Array, planning to escape.

However, a space disturbance occurred. Like how he used his Space Plate to destroy the Spatial Blockage earlier, there was a Space Plate right beneath his array. It resurfaced and took a part of his Teleportation Array, like taking a single piece from a puzzle, breaking the array.

"Tch!"

"Young Man. You misunderstand my intention." An old man appeared together with a female.

The old man had long brown hair and an average build. He didn't look aged but also not energetic. However, Alex found a huge amount of Spiritual Energy inside and realized he also had a Space Element. On the other hand, the woman had short purple hair and eyes. Those eyes looked at Alex as if she hated him.

"I have no plan of attacking you. These two have their senior brother killed a few years ago when he went for a mission, so please forgive their hostility." The old man said before introducing himself. "I am Hao, an Elder from Freedom Sect. May I know your identity, and there is also another question that I would like to ask if you don't mind?"

"I..." Alex thought for a moment and glanced at Anna, wondering if he should escape or not. Unfortunately, he realized that as long as the old man prevented him, he would stand no chance. He sighed and answered him. "Alexander Sirius."

He tried to assess the three people in front of him and checked whether he should bring all his spirits here to kill them and escape. On the other hand, he was also speechless on the outside while screaming inwardly, 'Three Space Element Users? Since when did Space Element become so common?'

"A good name. Alexander Sirius. Then if I may ask, where did you get your Spatial Gate and Space Plate? The disciples from my sect shouldn't go out with manuals. At the same time, they had an oath not to tell

anyone about these two techniques. Hence, there should be someone giving this technique. And that person should have ascended long ago... Now, I'm wondering what is your relationship with the Great Elder of Fire Temple, Maxwell?"

'Great Elder of Fire Temple? What is that?' Alex was dumbstruck. He never heard Maxwell talking about this, so he was wondering what would be the right answer. Upon listening to the great title upon his teacher, he decided to tell the truth. "Master and Disciple."

"!!!" The young ones dropped their jaws as if they just heard something unbelievable, forgetting about the hostility. On the other hand, the old man looked at Alex in an interesting way. "I see. To think such a person has a disciple... I'm sure you have a token from him. Can you show me?"

Alex thought for a moment and took out Maxwell's token.

The elder also took out a golden token with 'Space' written on it. Suddenly, the two tokens shone. Maxwell's token projected a golden word while the elder's token projected a silver word. They were 'Fire' and 'Space' respectively.

"It's real," Hao confirmed with a nod before he said respectfully. "Please forgive these two youngsters from having a hostility against you."

Alex looked at Anna, wondering if she had an answer, but the latter could only shake her head.

Looking at their confusion, Hao coughed and said. "Since you are a Great Elder's disciple, I am wondering if you want to visit our place? Or you can leave this place if you promise us to not say anything about this cave?"

Suddenly, enlightenment struck his brain. "This cave? Or do you mean the place in the bottom of the sea?"

"I see. It seems your master has informed you about this place. So, do you want to come inside?" The elder nodded as if Maxwell's name bore a great prestige.

Alex furrowed his eyebrows after seeing how the elder misunderstood him. He contemplated before choosing to act along with this. "I'm sorry, but Master only told me about the location. He said to seek this place. Unfortunately, he didn't tell me anything afterward."

"I presume it was Grand Elder's soul, not his real body?"

"Yes."

"Seeing how you still have confusion, I will clarify a little bit." The elder nodded.

'System!' Alex screamed inwardly. 'Can you help me with this?'

[I am asking your master about this. Please wait a little bit.]

Hao didn't know about their secret conversation and proceeded with the story. "Ten thousand years ago, the Heavenly Continent hosted all elements. Of course, Space Element was revered there... Until the purge began. So many Space Element users died, and the remaining ones decided to band together.

"Of course, everyone had some relationship and managed to pull in a few other Martial Artists. At that time, the Great Elder was also a part of this. He helped us and established the platform. There were also others and decided to make a sect called Freedom Sect.

"The reason for this battle was our Space Element, but we could see that there were many other element users who decided to help us instead of massacring us. Hence, we built each element a temple, and the first owner of the Fire Temple was the Great Elder of Fire Temple, Maxwell. There was no sect master in the sect since we usually used a voting system if we had a problem. And the system is running well until today.

"Anyway, the elder decided to take on the Lightning Tribulation and became God. We were filled with grief when we found out that he failed... Fast forward to five thousand years ago, he came back to this place, surprising everyone. Of course, it was a joyous occasion for us.

"He told us that he wanted to challenge the Lightning Tribulation again and succeeded. We didn't know whether to laugh or cry because the hole left by Senior was big. However, he left us a message, telling us that someone would come to this place sooner or later. So, it must be you." Hao finally finished his story.

Alex thought for a moment. 'Master really came from here, and the person they have been waiting for is me? No, no. Master still had Mithra and Skewes at that time... Did they actually know about their existence and wanted them to come here since they had his token? If that's the case, old Manness should also come here... In other words, it's really me.'

Suddenly, the system came back.

[I have dragged him with me. So, you can ask anything from him now.]

[It's me, Maxwell. The answer to your question is Mithra. I knew she wanted to chase me to the Northern Continent and even to the Heavenly Continent. However, I wanted to see my wife as soon as possible at that time, so I didn't wait for her. I told her if she wanted to follow me, she could come to the Heavenly Continent and sought this place. Unfortunately, the calamity fell on her before that...]

Alex closed his eyes, fully knowing her sad past. "I see. I can also understand why you and she didn't tell me anything about this."

[Yes. Skewes didn't want to and settled down there, so he obviously didn't know about this place. On the other hand, you didn't relate in any way to this place, so I didn't tell you.]

'Why did Master give her Space Technique?'

[I hoped she could settle down on the Willow Continent and give the book to you... On the other hand, if she decided to follow me, she needed to give the book to Skewes. From my assumptions, she already lost her book before even going to the Northern Continent and troubled Skewes to recover the lost book.]

'The only problem is... Should I follow them, Master?'

[It's a good place to train your elements. Seeing your current ability, you should learn more about Space Ability, and this place will be the best place. I suggest you enter it since you already discovered it.]

Alex thought for a moment and decided. 'Alright. I will be going with them... Can I go there alone, by the way? Or should I come together with the others? And what is the origin of this place and how they end up at the bottom of the ocean?'

[It's better to go alone. If you are inside, go to the current Great Elder of Fire Temple. He/she should arrange you a place... And you can request him/her to arrange training in Space Temple. I'm sure they will accept you. As for their history, I will tell you later while moving.]

'I understand.' Alex then looked at Anna. "Go and tell the others I'm going alone."

"Young man. I assume you want to explore this cave and take the treasures, right?" The old man interjected before Anna left.

"Not exactly, but yeah." Alex nodded.

"Can you do this old man a favor and abandon this idea?"

"May I know why?"

"It's simple. Those treasures are baits. This is the only entrance for our sect. If people from the land come to this place, they will only search for these treasures and get fixated on it. We can hide our entrance easily."

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "Alright. Tell others to go back and don't tell anyone about my current situation. Just tell them I need to leave for a while. Anything else, do as you see fit."

Anna also got the information from the system and nodded. "I understand. Leave it to me, Master."

"Will that be alright, Elder?" Alex narrowed his eyes. He had emphasized not to tell anyone to assure the elder, and Anna also acted along by calling him 'Master' as in Master and Slave. It made him uncomfortable, but he had no choice.

"Alright. I agree with it as long as the woman swears a Heavenly Oath. Although you are Great Elder's disciple, I still have no knowledge about you and your companion."

Anna nodded and swore the Heavenly Oath before leaving the place.

"Then, follow me!" The elder was satisfied and led Alex to the entrance.

Alex followed him along with the two disciples.

[I will just add the detail from that person's story. At that time, we were surrounded from all directions and decided to escape from the continent, albeit found no path. The last thing and the most ridiculous thing we did was choosing to escape to the bottom of the sea. We were numbered a few thousand back then and had many elements among us.

[We took a relatively big island. The Earth Element users moved the island to the sea while the water users sank the island. Space Element Practitioners created a powerful Special Realm to protect the island from the water, creating a bubble that enveloped the entire island. Fire users like me built a heating system as you know how cold the seafloor is.

[And so on, it continued until we created a place suitable for living. Of course, we still went to the surface from time to time, but the disciples or elders needed to go through many processes to make sure they were eligible. I actually never informed you because I wasn't sure whether you would get Space Element while you would keep sharpening your Fire Element. That was why I couldn't see the point. I chose to come back to that place to get my Space Element, so if you got your Space Element in that world, it must come from that place... So, yeah. There was no need to inform you. Sorry.]

Alex sighed and nodded. 'I get the gist of it. I will simply train myself here for a while before leaving. Is that alright, Master?'

[It's fine. There will be a test to leave that place, but I am sure you can. As for other details, you can ask anyone inside that place.]

'Understood.' After that, the system returned to Lin Xingzhi's hand. She had asked Zark to bring Maxwell here as soon as possible, and luckily, he met him with his wife without any trouble. Hence, Zark would bring him back home again after this.

On the other hand, Alex arrived at a certain dark room, filled with a Teleportation Array. He followed the elders inside while the two disciples continued guarding the array.

Chapter 667 - Great Elder of Fire Temple

Inside the Freedom Sect, specifically in the portal, connecting both cave and realm, appeared two men, Hao and Alex.

Alex was startled upon seeing this place. First, the sun shouldn't exist here, but it was very bright inside as if the sun was there. When he looked up, he actually saw a sun and even clouds. Not knowing why Alex decided to activate his Spirit Eyes and realized it was only an illusion.

Besides him, he could see many plants staying alive and grass spread around the area, making the scenery look beautiful. Unfortunately, they were surrounded by water, so when he looked around the sky, behind him was only the sea horizon, filled with clouds, looking very imperfect.

'So this is what Master means by suitable for living... If they don't look at this human-made scenery, it's perfect since most plants and herbs live from Spiritual Energy. I don't know if there is any monster around, though.' Alex observed his surroundings and sighed.

"This is where we live. We often hunt monsters on the surface to get their meat, but they are usually done by senior disciples to gather many monsters to last us a year or so." The elder sighed. "It's not perfect, but bearable. We are just afraid to see another purge."

"I can relate that somehow." Alex nodded.

"I am an elder managing the daily affairs for this teleportation thing. So, I will be leading you to the Fire Temple's Great Elder."

Alex agreed before asking something he found confusing. "Elder, why does my Master's token release a different color than yours? Is it simply because of the difference of elements?"

"No. Follow me, I will explain it to you on the way." The elder flew to the sky since the island they took was quite large. "It's based on hierarchy. Normal Disciple, Senior Disciple, Elder, and Great Elder. This

token is used for identification. Normal Disciple will have white color, Senior Disciple has a bronze color, Elder like me has a silver color while Great Elder rank has a golden color."

"I see." Alex thought for a moment and asked. "Do I need to become a disciple of the sect? I don't really want to be bound by the sect since I have another thing to do."

"You can discuss it with the Great Elder. Maybe she will grant you a special one due to your current status, but who knows." Hao shrugged.

Alex wanted to ask another question, but he was dumbfounded when he found a mountain far away. 'A mountain? Does that mountain originate from this island?'

Seeing Alex's confusion, the elder laughed. "I almost forgot you have no knowledge about this place. This place is actually a sunken island. However, we, the generations afterward, don't mean we are pushovers. We are currently expanding our place by slowly opening up the place and creating a special realm. Although we can sell monster parts on the surface, we still need to find Spirit Stone mine for our own consumption."

"I see..." Alex nodded before thinking, 'Mining underwater? I only know drilling in a deep-sea in the Oil and Gas industry... If you are looking at the purpose alone, it's basically the same. Still, I am wondering whether this place or the previous Naga race's Underwater Kingdom can be considered closer to Atlantis...'

"Anyway, this place has become quite big, you know. Although it is not as big as the Heavenly Continent, it has five percent of the size... I guess. And the Fire Temple has moved to this place because this mountain is actually an underwater volcano."

"What?" Alex was startled. The number was small, but compared to the enormous size of the Heavenly Continent, five percent might require him a few days to fly from one edge to another. This was simply ridiculous. Besides... 'An underwater volcano. No, it should be Undersea Volcano, huh... It's truly a wonder of the world. I might never visit a place like this if we don't go to that cave.'

"You see that huge tower over there?" When Alex lost in thought, Hao pulled him back by pointing his finger toward a red pagoda, not far away from them. "That is Fire Temple."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows. It looked like a pagoda in Japan, filled with red colors from the wall to the railing. He wanted to observe more, but the elder already descended to the ground.

There were disciples guarding the door, but the elder simply presented his token and showed his status.

"Elder!" The two disciples bowed.

Hao nodded with a smile and asked. "Can I trouble you two to inform your Great Elder? I know it's an absurd request, but if you tell her that Fire Authority has come, she will understand."

The disciples were surprised at first because they didn't know the meaning behind his words. Nonetheless, one of them decided to bring the news to an elder inside, and that elder informed the great elder.

Suddenly, a woman jumped off the building from the highest floor. She had long red hair like Firia, but that was all. Unlike her, she had a stern face as if she hated everything. Her chest... was quite pitiful and

couldn't be compared to Firia. The other things looked normal though, and he felt this person would actually care for someone despite that look.

Unexpectedly, the woman jumped toward Alex and grabbed his shoulders tightly, acting the exact opposite of what he predicted. "Fire Authority? Is this the boy?"

Alex was startled, looking at this woman who was observing him up and down.

"Space Temple, Hao, greet Fire Great Elder, Viola." Hao bowed to her respectfully. "And yes, he is the one."

Stars suddenly appeared on her eyes as she looked at Alex as if he was prey. He then grabbed Alex before jumping to the top floor. "Good Elder. I will talk to you and that woman after I have a talk with this young man."

Hao could only shake his head and left.

Meanwhile, Alex was thrown to a chair as the woman prepared tea for him, looking very cheerful.

"Ehm?" Alex scratched his cheek, not knowing what to do.

"You are the disciple of Great Elder Maxwell, right?"

"Yes. Though I just learned about this place not long ago." Alex nodded.

"He picked me up from the lowest place and became my mentor. I studied under him before becoming a Great Elder two thousand years ago, succeeding the previous Great Elder. He is my benefactor, so I should take care of you well in this place." Viola explained why she behaved this way.

"I never know about it. It seems Master didn't want me to enter this place previously before I accidentally stumbled upon the cave and the entrance."

"So, why do you come here? I will train you to the best of my ability. You are already a 6-Star Martial Monarch, so I need to know what I should teach you..."

"I want to learn about Space Ability," Alex answered her honestly.

"Huh?" She suddenly looked at him with a disgusted face. "Why would you bother going to that place? Your Master was corrupted and learned from there as well, even though he was an Alchemist. Besides, I can sniff a powerful fire inside you... In fact, it's stronger than Mentor. You are a Pure Fire as well, so you should learn more about Fire with me. I can repay Mentor this way."

Alex shook his head. "I'm good with Fire Element, so I want to focus on my Space Element."

"No, No! Little brother, you can't get corrupted!" She shook his body repeatedly, trying to wake him up.

Alex sighed and uttered. "Fire!"

His Pure Fire appeared above his head and sent pressure to Viola, startling her. She stopped and tensed up. "What is this fire? This kind of suppression... is ridiculous. Even Pure Fire shouldn't be this much, more so with my 10-Star Martial Saint cultivation!"

She released his shoulder before taking a few steps back, looking at Alex with a shocked face. "What are you... No, should I say as expected of my Mentor to get an absurd disciple like this?"

"Now you know it, right? I also have a Space Element, but this one is not developed yet. Hearing the information earlier, I want to train my Space Element for future purposes. How about you say that I have neglected my Space Element because it's not important and only want to learn it recently?" Alex smiled.

"That..." She looked doubtful before letting out a long sigh. "Fine. We will go to that woman's tower later. Firstly, I will explain anything you want to know about this place."

Alex thought it was good for him, so he agreed. "I need to know about hierarchy here so as to avoid offending someone... Then, I need to get my own token, right? Besides... I might leave this place, so I don't really want to be bound here."

"Not staying here?" She looked a bit sad when he heard he would leave. "Considering your master's personality, I know that you are one that won't stay here for long. I assume you also want to break through this world's barrier and reach God Stage?"

"Yes." Alex nodded.

"You are like your Teacher. Even though I am a 10-Star Martial Saint, I have no confidence to reach God Stage. Do you know why?"

Alex shook his head.

"It's simple. Before looking up, you need to look down." She paused for a moment. "There is a thin line that is impossible to cross... At least, for me."

"What is it?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"This last tribulation is called Divine Tribulation. Its purpose is to judge whether you are qualified to be a God or not. Hence, it's going to test you from your affinity, mentality, heart, willpower, talent, and many others. The Divine Tribulation doesn't actually come to you in the form of lightning. But it's more a kind of test coming from the world itself.

"According to Mentor, it comes like an illusion, but it is far higher and more realistic than a normal illusion because you will die for real in case you fail. At the same time, it might even shape the world as if it's alive. I can't really explain it, but your master created a lake when he underwent his Divine Tribulation. I have tested myself in numerous illusion arrays, but still can't pass them despite trying for a few hundred years... That's why I'm stuck here." She sighed.

"Maybe your thought itself is hindering you from achieving a breakthrough."

"Maybe... But an elder from this place once tried despite having the same condition as me... He also couldn't pass all tests inside an illusion array and died on the third strike."

Alex looked at her and closed his eyes, not knowing what to say. He was a simple Martial Monarch at the moment and would probably think about it later. In fact, he might even try this illusion test... Or not. After all, knowing too little can also be a bliss rather than knowing too much. It might shake your confidence.

"Anyway, this is your token. It's a special Elder title, or you can say it, Honorary Elder. This title is on name only, so you have no responsibility or whatsoever in this place. If you want to ask someone to teach you, you shall pay an equal amount of it. Your Teacher also had this token back then and paid the Space Temple to learn Space Abilities." Viola threw a golden token to him with fire written on it.

Alex nodded. He had more than forty million Spirit Gems or forty thousand Spirit Crystals at the moment, so he was sure he could pay the education fee.

"Onto the second matter, the hierarchy isn't that much from normal disciple to my position. Normal Disciples are for those below Martial Emperor Stage, while Senior Disciples are those in Martial Emperor and Monarch. Martial Saints are Elders, while me the strongest is the Great Elder.

"As for your position, you are the same rank as an Elder... So, you can issue a trade between elders or with their Great Elder. Have any questions?"

"No. Thank you very much."

Chapter 668 - Aileen

"Then, do you want to go to the Space Temple now?" Viola asked.

"Do I need to know anything else?" Alex asked, planning to be as careful as he could. After all, he might need to face a Space Element Martial Saint. He couldn't even do anything to escape because of Hao, let alone their Great Elder. He would be screwed if he didn't know anything.

"Nothing. As long as you are respectful, I don't think you will get into trouble. The Great Elder should also protect you on my behalf. Besides, I will be checking you regularly." Viola nodded with a smile, assuring him it would be fine.

"Thank you." Alex nodded.

Viola thought for a moment before taking out a token and activating it. She then looked at Alex. "Let's go."

Alex nodded and followed her.

They were going toward the portal that he and Hao entered earlier. Alex pondered for a moment and thought they were going back inside the water. Yet, before she activated the portal, Viola placed the token she activated earlier.

Alex lost in thought before realizing they teleported to another place, not the water cave entrance. He looked at his surroundings and found a similar scenery except for some spots. It seemed they had arrived.

"Great Elder, earlier was..." Alex hesitated to say it. 'Is that something like a rune stone? A Teleportation Array that has been adjusted to teleport according to the token. No, the token, in fact, changed the array composition a little bit, and it was the direction. In other words, there should be a few more tokens that she could use to go to another temple.

Alex never used this type of Teleportation Array before, despite having it in his memory. He just never had an opportunity to use it due to the distance he needed to cover.

"It's a Teleportation Array. I'm sure you know this already."

"I know... But the distance between the Fire Temple and Space Temple doesn't seem to be that far."
Alex nodded.

"As much as I hate it, we are neighbors," Viola explained in annoyance. "The farthest one from my Fire Temple is Water Temple. So, I need to teleport two times before arriving there."

They flew together for a few minutes before finding a similar temple. Unlike Hao, she didn't need much formality. By simply making her appearance, everyone instantly recognized her and bowed their heads, letting her go to the top floor where their Great Elder stayed normally.

Bang! She slammed open the door and entered with Alex.

"Great Elder Viola, can't you be more gentle with the door? It's almost broken, you know."

Alex narrowed his eyes upon seeing this woman. The woman had long braided silver hair. And everything was different than Viola. This woman appeared calm and gentle, while her body was pretty hot.

She glanced at Alex before sipping her tea. "May I know what is the reason you come here, dear gentlemen?"

"Oi! Are you considering me as a gentleman too?" Viola slammed the table, creating a small crack.

"Look at you; it's easy to make you angry. You should be more gentle. Besides, you even sacrificed your b.r.e.a.s.t to prolong your lifespan..."

"Aileen!" Viola fumed in anger. She calmed her heart down and attacked back. "Do you think I am afraid of you? You are still an 8-Star Martial Saint... It must be because you need to take care of so many men that your progress is this slow."

"I'm still young and v.i.r.g.i.n! Ah!" Aileen forgot that Alex was here. This was their usual exchange between both of them, so she was distracted for a moment. "Aren't you too? You are far older than me. You must be a v.i.r.g.i.n for life... No, it should be because of your chest that no one finds you beautiful."

"Are you going to challenge me, Kid?" Viola released her Spiritual Energy.

"I don't mind, old hag!" Aileen also released her aura.

Alex stepped back and leaned on the wall, waiting for them to finish their business while thinking, 'Sacrificing b.o.o.b.s to prolong lifespan? Is that even possible?'

Suddenly, they glanced at Alex and asked. "You! Who do you find more attractive?"

Alex was startled at first and somehow got annoyed. He let out a long sigh to make him not look pressured. "Both. If a man only comes closer because of your body, you need to worry about yourself since he might only be after your body, not your heart. In that case, the relationship might not last. On the other hand, your body might give you confidence over others. Still, I can't think anything about your body. Besides, you might have a harder time searching for a genuine man.

"It's pleasing to see a woman, but only one we know and enjoy having in their company will be a great woman in our lives. That's why it's better to know and build relationships first before asking this question. I'm sure if both of you have a man, then they will answer you genuinely."

"..." Alex's answer left these two speechless. Viola couldn't help but ask, "How old are you, by the way?"

"Me? Too much cultivation and other things, so I forget my real age... but it shouldn't reach thirty yet. Around twenty-eight years old, I guess."

"Twenty-eight years old Martial Monarch?" Viola and Aileen were dumbstruck. Viola asked. "Without the full help of influence, it would be hard to climb to the peak... And you are saying you are only twenty-eight years old? What is the influence behind you?! I don't think Mentor has created an influence out there."

"I am from an influence that I created for myself." Alex shook his head

"What?!" Viola grabbed his shoulders. She wanted to say something, but the words stuck on her throat.

"Mentor?" Aileen realized another thing, before furrowing her eyebrows. "Your mentor was the first Great Elder of Fire Temple, right? What is his relationship between him and that person? And what is the purpose of bringing him?"

"Tch!" Viola clicked her tongue. "Mentor is his Master, and I am bringing him here because he wants to learn about Space Ability."

"Heh!" Smug appeared on her face, looking down on Viola. "This guy's vision is as good as his Master... The Space Element reigns supreme!"

"Idiot. He is coming here because there is no need to teach him Fire Ability. He has mastered all and doesn't care about Space Element until today. In other words, your Space Temple is useless in his eyes this whole time." Viola snorted.

"Say anything you want, loser." Aileen snorted before coming to him and asking gently. "So, what do you want to learn? I will teach you hand by hand if necessary. That's right. I don't even mind to be your mentor..."

Alex shook his head. "I'm an Honorary Elder, according to Great Elder Viola, and I am not planning to be bound here. That's why I will pay for all my education fees here."

Aileen narrowed her eyes before glancing at Viola, who nodded her head. "I see. It seems you have the same plan as your Master. Still, knowing that your Master is still alive after five thousand years, it's very good to know."

"That's right. I am planning to share it with the other Great Elders." Viola crossed her arms and looked at her smugly. "My Fire Temple is the only one that can create God, and even he is planning to become one."

"He is soon to be my Space Temple's member, don't think about it."

"What are you saying? He has the same elements as his Master, no, it is more outstanding than his Master. Obviously, he is a member of my Fire Temple. Even if it's only an Honorary Elder, I will still take the credit."

"Elements?" Aileen opened her eyes wide, glancing at Alex and Viola back and forth. "I'm done with this... Both Master and Disciple are monsters."

"Anyway, I'm talking to you here to make sure you don't do anything to him." Viola snorted. "Well, I don't think I need to worry about you seducing him since I know you will fail."

"Hmph!" Aileen rolled her eyes. "Fine. I shall take care of him in your stead. However, I still won't hold anything back even if you are Great Elder Maxwell's disciple. The fee is also very expensive. If you can't pay, you can sell your body, little brother. I will pay in advance even if you ask for an exorbitant price."

Alex shrugged. "I should have no money problem, as long as the Great Elder put a fair price."

"Of course, I am always just. Or are you doubting me?"

"No." Alex shook his head.

"He doesn't need to doubt you because I will be watching you!" Viola interjected.

Aileen simply shrugged before recalling earlier matters. "If I am not wrong, you were attacked by the disciple of my temple earlier? I will be punishing the disciples after they have finished their guard duty. Although it's only a misunderstanding, I am just after all. That's why they will get their own punishment. At the same time, I will compensate you."

"Hehe..." Viola grinned as if she knew this would happen.

"Anyway, revenge is fine, but they should learn not to classify everyone to be the same. After all, in the great purge a few thousand years ago, we were hunted by those from the surface, but there were still many people helping us, including your teacher. I need to teach them again not to have revenge cloud their eyes."

Alex nodded.

"I almost wanted to bring this up." Viola shrugged. "Anyway, I have finished my matter. Make sure you do not mistreat him and arrange a house for as long as he needs to..."

"It's fine. Considering you are Great Elder Maxwell's disciple, I will have a house for you and give you a Space Technique as compensation. After all, the disciple was earnestly trying to kill you." Aileen nodded with a smile.

"Then I'm leaving!" Viola patted Alex's shoulder and said, "If she bullies you, feel free to tell me. I will do you justice."

"Ahaha... There is no way I will do that. In fact, I might accidentally make him too comfortable in this place."

"Hmph." Viola snorted before leaving the room.

Aileen then looked at Alex. "What do you want to do now? Want to see your house first?"

Alex nodded, thinking he could contact Anna and the others for their next plan.

Aileen snapped her finger before a Spatial Gate appeared before them. However, this Spatial Gate didn't lead them to a Blue Layered Realm. Instead, it led them to another place.

Alex was surprised since he didn't know why the Spatial Gate could be like this.

"From my information, you have learned how to use Spatial Gate and Space Plate, right? How about using it right now? I want to see what level you have achieved for both techniques."

Alex nodded and created a Spatial Gate first, albeit only led to a Blue Layered Realm.

"Hmm... The gate and the realm inside are stable. Can you make a gate that leads to another place spontaneously?"

"No." Alex shook his head, ashamed.

"It's fine. I will teach you later about this. I will teach you until you master the Spatial Gate and give you a house to stay... it's your Master's house though. Will that be alright for the compensation?"

"Yes. Thank you, Great Elder."

"Then, try to create a Space Plate."

Alex followed her instruction and made one Space Plate inside the Blue Layered Realm.

"Make it exist in both worlds." She instructed after observing Alex's Space Plate. Alex kept following her request to the best of his ability, and this request was the one that allowed him to block someone in the real world.

"Make it exist only in the real world."

"Create two Space Plates!"

"You are an Array Master, right? Make an entire array on the Space Plate and do the previous drill."

"Then, create a hundred Space Plates."

"Make an array like a puzzle."

She kept trying every possible thing to do with the Space Plate and got quite a satisfying result from Alex. "There is nothing much I can point out for this technique. Although you are a bit slow to create the Space Plates, it will be fine after some practice. I will assess your ability after visiting your house. Let's go."

She waved at Alex, asking him to go in before closing the gate.

Chapter 669 - Space Element

Alex looked around the house with the Great Elder as his guide. The house wasn't that big. In fact, it looked like his house on Earth. Two-stories house with three bedrooms and two bathrooms, except that this house was mostly made of wood.

"This is your house, do you have anything you need?" Aileen asked.

"No. As long as it's comfortable to stay, I don't have many requirements." Alex nodded with a smile.

"Then, do you want to fight me? I can probably see your combat style and give you some pointers. After all, you only learn Space Ability this late, so it might only be a support ability for you. That's why I need to see your full combat ability to make sure I don't give wrong advice." Aileen asked.

"I think it's good to end everything today. I can talk with Anna and the others later since I might need a few months in this place. Besides, there are still one and a half years before the banquet starts... I have plenty of time." Alex nodded. "Yes. I will follow Great Elder's instruction."

"Good." Aileen nodded before using her Spatial Gate again to connect this house with her personal training area. She thought about having him call her by her name to make him more comfortable, but she felt it would only have the opposite effect. Hence, she waited until Alex became used to this new place first.

They went inside the gate and arrived in a huge dirt field. It was a huge field with its size around 1x1 kilometers. It seemed that he and the Great Elder would have a great fight here.

"This is where we fight. The whole field has been protected by Array, so you can go all out." Aileen smiled. "I actually want to have you fight against my disciple instead of me, but he is on the surface right now... Probably come back here in three days or something. He is a quite good disciple and has reached 1-Star Martial Saint, so both of you should have good sparring later on."

Her plan was to have Alex and her disciple be a rival to stimulate each other's potential. Hopefully, his disciple wouldn't be so petty to think Alex's age and somehow get jealous about it.

"Anyway, Viola said you have two elements, Fire and Space, especially that both elements are stronger than your Master's. That's why I will not limit myself in this fight, so come at me with your full power."

Alex nodded before releasing his Spiritual Energy as he made a distance from Aileen. He took out both weapons and let his Pure Fire out. This might be the first time he fought with all of his abilities in one on one fight.

Aileen took out her weapon that turned out to be a bow and nodded at him, telling him she was ready.

Alex leaped toward her while activating his Spirit Eyes. Aileen didn't do anything and only waited for him to come at her, albeit Alex suddenly felt a faint presence. Checking with his Spirit Eyes, he could see three Space Plates appeared between them, trying to trip him up.

The three plates were varied in height. One was on his foot, one was at his stomach while the last one was right in front of his head.

Alex leaped and stepped on the highest Space Plate and attacked her from above.

"Heaven Light Slash!"

"You can perceive the Space Plates with your Spiritual Energy. That's good." She misunderstood him. Alex might be able to faintly sense the Space Plates with his Spiritual Energy, but not to the point he could locate them. If he didn't have Spirit Eyes, he might need to retreat.

"An expert should be able to feel it from afar. That's why you shouldn't use Space Plates easily outside because people will know you have a Space Element." She softly started her lecture while creating another Space Plate above her head, blocking Alex's attack. Yet, she suddenly realized she had been underestimating him this whole time.

Leaping backward, she saw Alex breaking her Space Plate easily. She smiled and praised him once more. "To think you have become a Sword Saint at such a young age. I heard the tale of your master and thought he was the pinnacle of talent, yet you just proved I was wrong. Haiz, there is always a sky above the sky."

Alex ignored all her comments and slashed his sword and spear, sending two sword waves.

"Blade of Conquest."

"Anyway, Space Element is very versatile. You can use its power as if taking advantage of your Pure Fire. Like this." She raised her hands, and ten Space Plates appeared. Each of his sword waves would face five Space Plates at the same time.

His sword waves continued, breaking every single Space Plate before stopping on the Fourth Space Plate. "!!!"

'Although I didn't use my Mythical Fire Slash, I still attacked her with Absolute Blade Path, Blade of Conquest, and Spiritual Weapons. If I used Mythical Fire Slash, she might only need to add a few more Space Plates to completely block it!' Alex thought, sweating profusely. It would be bad to have his strongest attack destroyed with only Space Plates.

"Just like how a few Element Arts can be used at all stages, Space Element Arts can also be used that way. Spatial Gate and Space Plate are an example. If you can master the control of Space Element in nature and draw the line from Space World... or that Blue Layered Realm, you can create a strengthened Space Plate like earlier.

"I will ask you this, how many Space Plates do you need to block your attack?" She narrowed her eyes.

Alex was startled by the question and thought seriously. "I don't know."

"You don't know?" It was her turn to be surprised before she shook her head helplessly. To think you are that far behind... I am wondering how you used your Space Element this whole time."

"Teleportation Array, Sneaking with Spatial Gate, and Making Array with Space Plate," Alex answered honestly.

"I'm done! To think you only use it that way, such a waste of talent." She let out a long sigh. "I could feel something from you using the Spatial Gate earlier... I noticed that the intensity of the Space Element in your body was greater than mine. That's why I am saying you are wasting your talent.

"Fine, I will give you the basics of Space Element first. What do I mean by intensity earlier? Just like how you differentiate normal Fire Element to Pure Fire with the strength, Space Element has a way as well. That is to see the power to pull or suck the Space Element from nature to form your Space Ability.

"I could feel that instead of pulling the Space Element nearby, it seemed that they were attracted to your Space Element itself. In other words, you might have around 1.5x more absorption than normal

people. After all, the Space Elements naturally gather to your Space Ability in one case, and you can force your Space Ability to absorb them in another case.

"This process will be easy since the real problem is how fast you can do it. This will be your homework all the time you are staying here. Are we clear?"

"Yes. Thank you, Great Elder." Alex nodded and cupped his hand respectfully.

"No need to thank me yet. I will be charging for this additional lesson later." Aileen shrugged, following the rule to the bone. "I will tell you how to absorb the Space Element in the air after this fight since this is the basics."

"Understood."

"Then come at me again. Don't forget about using your Space Element."

Alex nodded and raised both weapons again. He charged at her with his spear, trying to thrust her neck with it.

Aileen simply created another Space Plate to block this spear charge. It was at this time, Alex smiled as he shifted his stance, and the spear started becoming blurry.

"Phantom Thrust!" The spear appeared blurry and somehow bent as if it was a snake. It continued toward Aileen's neck, hoping it would reach her.

Unfortunately, it was stopped by invisible barriers, only allowing him to break the first two layers. "That was a good move indeed. Luckily, I sensed some danger from it and prepared a countermeasure. This will be the second lesson. You already know about creating a larger Space Plate, right?"

Alex nodded as he retreated once more.

"Then do you know that a Space Plate can actually be shaped into anything you want? Don't be fixated on its name, thinking it will only be a rectangular plate. You can use this technique to create a sphere or a cube... Anything. Of course, its durability will be much lower, but you can simply create multiple of them simultaneously. You can even trap your opponent in an invisible barrier."

Alex opened his eyes wide and decided to test it by creating a sphere. He was surprised once again when he succeeded on his first try. Although the energy was unstable, he only needed to practice more.

"Oh... You even can make it on the first try. This is truly a waste of talent. I'm wondering why you do not train your Space Element?" Aileen sighed. "Does your master actually not teach you?"

Alex shook his head. The first time I met Master was long ago. I had Space Element at that time, but it was too disappointing that Master thought I needed to search for another one." Alex shook his head. What he said was true, and that was why Maxwell said if he got his Space Element, it would come from this place. Of course, that was only his prior thought, and after knowing Lin Xingzhi, his system, and his progress, he didn't think like that anymore.

On the other hand, the last time they met was when Alex was chased by multiple Martial Kings. Maxwell didn't really have too much time back then, so he only cared about his current progress. Alex also sometimes wished he had more guidance from his own Master, albeit the condition didn't allow him.

If someone asked whether he regretted it or not, he would say no. Only by facing and learning all of these things alone would he progress faster.

"Such a shame." She sighed. "Well, Your Master's biggest strength is Fire Element, so seeing your Pure Fire must get him fixated on it. Anyway, I shouldn't badmouth others here and focus on teaching you the basics.

"You are doing good in your Space Plate already. At least it doesn't have as much problem as your Spatial Gate. After knowing these basic things, the Space Plate will be your strongest defense."

"I can see that." Alex nodded in agreement. In fact, Aileen didn't move this whole time due to the Space Plate technique. Not only could she generate it again and again, but she could also do it all around her body and her surroundings. The reason she chose a bow must be... "Did Great Elder use a bow because your Space Plate is your main ability?"

"Correct." Aileen nodded with a smile. "I am mastering my Bow to kill my enemy while using Space Plate to defend my body. I will be like a moving fortress at that time.

"However, there is also another step to this. Just like how you use Intent to cover your Element Arts, you can also fuse one to your Space Plate, reinforcing it even further."

She raised her hand and released a few more Space Plates.

Alex could see another energy which was supposed to be her Bow Intent. "That is really powerful. I am not confident I can break it... Maybe only two?"

"Haha... Don't forget that I'm still an 8-Star Martial Saint. It's already ridiculous to break two of my Space Plates." She laughed out loud.

Alex couldn't help but smile, not knowing whether he was happy with the praise or the knowledge about Space. If he had mastered Space Ability from the start, it would surely increase his ability even further.

Chapter 670 - End of the Fight

Alex raised his spear, pulled as if drawing an arrow, and released a mighty attack from his spear.

"Mythical Spear Cannon!"

Aileen furrowed her eyebrows and simply brushed it off by creating a few Space Plates. Alex smiled and raised his hand as a Spatial Gate appeared right in front of his attack. He opened another gate behind Aileen.

"Hmm... your summoning speed is good, but it's not enough to match an expert." Aileen assessed his technique once more. The Mythical Spear Cannon was still making its way toward her head, but she paid no heed. She simply smiled as she summoned a Spatial Gate without looking at Alex's attack.

"You need to have speed like this. Besides, what I demonstrated just now was to make a portal to the Blue Layered realm. You need more speed to make a portal that connects one gate to another instantly. And how about making many portals at the same time? Can you do that?"

Alex shook his head. "I never tried it once."

"Then, you should try it." She raised her hands as fifty Spatial Gates leading to the Blue Layered Realm appeared at once. And one of them shot out his Mythical Spear Cannon.

"!!!" Alex was taken aback and leaped backward. Unfortunately, the attack was caught by Aileen once again because she created another Spatial Gate right before the attack exploded on the ground. This would store the attack once more, and she could release it at another time.

"Those Spatial Gates could mask your attack because it would be hard to sense which gate would release your attack. However, there is another thing that can be put into consideration. That is..." She waved her hands and created another fifty Spatial Gates, but there was a big difference from the previous Spatial Gates.

Unlike the earlier Spatial Gates, these fifty gates didn't lead to the Blue Layered Realm. Instead, it looked like it was connected with each other.

One of them shot out his Mythical Spear Cannon while the other caught it, and it continued a few hundred times in a span of a few seconds. "You can also do it like this. By randomly continuing your attack, you can also confuse your enemy. This technique will be more effective if you are fighting numerous enemies because you can massacre them like there is no tomorrow.

"At the same time, you can also attack their leader in the meantime. I usually use this as a support of my arrow, killing many enemies with a single arrow. Still, if you took a close look at these two skills, you should be able to know why we were hunted a few thousand years ago. The history only recorded it because of our ability to make the Space Ring, but this was the real truth.

"Space Element is very versatile in terms of attack, defense, and support. Unfortunately, the fight was very crazy back then. It was ten thousand people against five hundred thousand. And the enemies even had two Pure Elements back then. So... Yeah, don't be blinded by history. We were strong." Aileen explained with a sad expression.

Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "I can see many strategies with this Spatial Gate...."

"It's good then. You can even create multiple layers with a set of distance to move your attack to another place, confusing your enemies even further."

Alex nodded and thought. 'I wonder if I should ask Rose to come here to get some instruction from her... Her bow is one thing, but if she can have a Space Element and combine it with Lightning Element... This will certainly be good. I will ask her later, maybe after she reaches Martial Monarch.'

When he was in deep thought, Aileen continued. "You can also cut people's arms by having them enter their hand inside and close the gate. Of course, if they are using some Martial Arts, there is still a possibility of them preventing us from closing the gate. That's why I don't do it very often.

"I can even teleport a mountain over and blast my enemies... It just... Cutting mountain is not that easy because there is a possibility of the mountain containing hard ore, preventing you from cutting them. Besides, it takes a huge amount of Spiritual Energy to create a big Space Gate. It has the same principle as Space Plates, the bigger it's the brittle Spatial Gate is and the more Spiritual Energy needed."

Alex really had much to learn after this. He thought for a moment and asked. "Great Elder, how can my Master acquire his Space Element here?"

"We have our way... But mostly it's an inheritance from our Elders and Great Elders. Our predecessors normally died in a sitting posture, leaving their inheritances behind. The reason is simple, we need to keep getting stronger, so later, we might be able to return to the surface with our banner and live there without fear anymore. If I remember correctly, your Master acquired it from his own acquaintances, so it was basically free."

"If I want to acquire a Space Element, how much will it cost?" Alex asked with a serious expression.

"You want what? You already have one and a stronger one than me. Why would you want one? I can't understand."

"It's not for me." Alex shook his head. "It's for my disciple."

"It's not really for sale though."

"Eh? Really?"

"Yeah. Your Master could get one because of his past relationship and status. As for you? Your status is not enough to get one." She let out a long sigh.

"I see... That is not possible, huh..." Alex shook his head in disappointment. "She also uses a bow... And a genius on top of that. She can practice her bow at the speed that no one has seen before (Because of my Bow Mastery), and she also has a quite strong Lightning Element. That's why I think it's good to have a Space Element."

"Unfortunately, it's impossible. Only some extraordinary disciples in this place can receive their inheritance. As for your disciple, I am sure she will also pursue the same goal as yours, so it's basically impossible. We have our rules as well, so please respect that."

Alex nodded. "It's fine. If she can't get it, it just means she is not fated with it. No big deal."

"That's good then." She nodded with a smile.

"That's right. How about this? If she can get a Space Element outside by accident, do you think she will be treated the same as me here?" Alex asked.

"If she can, then sure. I will probably issue the token for her and teach her. She will surely become another me, later on." Aileen smirked.

Alex shrugged. "As long as she can get stronger, I don't really mind."

He only wanted the best for her, and if she couldn't get it due to circumstances, then he could only let go of this matter.

"That's right. What are we going to do now?" Alex asked. "Are we going to continue this?"

"No. I have seen your techniques and can somehow make your training menu for you. Just make sure you don't exhaust your Spiritual Energy today since we are going to practice tomorrow in the morning."

"I won't."

"Then, I think it's time to end this." Aileen smiled while raising her bow and drawing her arrow.

To his surprise, Alex could see the movement of her Spiritual Energy and realized that she was planning to use her Spatial Gate the moment she released her arrow.

"Silver Arrow!"

Alex moved to the side as if he knew there would be fifty Spatial Gates around him, making him their target. And the reason he moved to the side was that he realized that the arrow energy went toward his back.

However, the arrow went inside one of the portals and attacked him again. Alex continuously dodged each attack as if he knew they were coming.

Aileen didn't say anything and released the second, third, and fourth arrows. She kept adding it more and more, making it hard for Alex to move. Suddenly, Alex created a Spatial Gate, surrounding him and released all the arrows toward Aileen.

"!!!" She could only smile upon seeing this. "You are very good. Although it's not stable, you can already achieve something like this. It also shows your comprehension. Still, it's not enough."

Another Spatial Gate appeared and caught every single arrow before releasing them separately. It was a never-ending cycle until she made another move.

"!!!" Feeling the danger coming from his surroundings, Alex activated his Spiritual Weapon and created a small barrier to protect him.

Suddenly, his Spatial Gate cracked before it was shredded to pieces as if someone ruptured it with their hands. Around a hundred arrows attacked him simultaneously, albeit stopped right in front of him.

"Hmm... I never thought you could handle these arrows... I wanted to use my Space Plates to stop them, but it seemed it was not necessary." Aileen furrowed her eyebrows, looking at Alex's barrier that managed to stop every single arrow from an 8-Star Martial Saint.

Crack! They suddenly heard a cracking sound, specifically his barrier's cracking sound. As expected of an 8-Star Martial Saint, his energy alone wasn't enough to stop this attack by calling the barrier from his Spiritual Weapons.

"My power is not enough to block an attack from 8-Star Martial Saint... At least, she doesn't have any intention to kill me. I will be too late if she decides to kill me." Alex felt relieved and thought. "It seems coming here is the right choice because I can learn many things. Mastering these two skills alone might take a few months. I also need to increase my cultivation in the meantime while learning one or two more Space Abilities."

"Firia said she and Alicia want to meet Father-in-law and Mother-in-law in the lower world, I should also polish my understanding about Space Element so I can seal their power and go to the Lower World." Alex nodded as he pumped his fist, determined to do it.

"Anyway, I have given you the basic information about Space Element..." Aileen walked toward him before stretching her hand.

"How much do I need to pay?" Alex twitched his eyebrows and asked.

"I'm not charging you that much. First of all, the house and Spatial Gate are free. You only need to pay for the Space Element Basic and Space Plates. I will teach the rest to you later, but do you want to pay it upfront or not?"

"I will pay it right now since I don't like to be disturbed with this type of matter later." Alex nodded.

"Then, the total will be three million Spirit Gems."

"Three million?" Alex blinked his eyes a few times. He only had around forty million Spirit Gems, and to think it almost asked for ten percent of his wealth... Yet, he couldn't think it was a waste of money. There was simply no one who could teach him about Space Element out there, so he nodded and handed the money.

"Hmm... You are truly wealthy." Aileen was amazed. "Anyway, I will accept the payment and teach you the basics tomorrow... I want you to settle down first for today."

Alex nodded. "Yes. I need to see the surroundings of my house and other things."

"As long as you are not saying rude things or whatever, no disciple will make trouble for you. If they are making trouble, I will punish them personally. How's that sound?"

"According to the Great Elder's arrangement."

"By the way, you might get called by the Council because of your status."

Alex thought for a moment and asked. "Is it related to Great Elder Viola and my Master?"

"Probably, I will be there as well." Aileen nodded before reassuring him. "Don't worry. It's most likely to have a meeting on how to protect you since you are his disciple."

Alex nodded and cupped his hands. "Thank you for the guidance earlier, Great Elder."

Aileen waved her hand, creating a Spatial Gate in front of him. "That is your house. I will see you tomorrow."

"Yes." Alex slightly bowed his head and entered the gate.