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Chapter 731 - People Behind the Scene

The blinding light forced them to close their eyes. However, Alex still kept being vigilant as he knew whatever could happen in a situation like this. Firia also raised her Fire Element to see whether there was someone around her or not.

A few seconds later, the light dimmed down and got replaced by darkness.

"Where is this?" Firia furrowed her eyebrows, scanning their current position. There was no door behind them despite going through one earlier. There was only a hard stone blocking the path to go back.

Surrounded by the wall, Alex tried to look further and noticed something different.

"I have found something, but I don't know whether this is what we are searching for or not..."

"What is it?"

"If we follow the only path we can, which is the front, we will meet staircases to go up. I can see a violent Spiritual Energy there." Alex informed her with a calm expression.

"Do we have any other choice?" Firia asked.

"Let me look around first." Alex didn't answer and kept looking with his Spirit Eyes, wondering if he had missed something.

Firia also looked around, not letting Alex do all the work. The wall behind them surprisingly held a few words, ingrained on it. "Alex... Look behind you."

"!!!" Alex thought it was an enemy attack and immediately turned around, only to find a few words.

'Shall you want to obtain what the Gods and Goddesses had in the past, go to the center tower where they resided... Your time limit is two weeks for the whole trial: The first week is to go to the checkpoint and the other week is to pass the second one before you arrive at the Tower of God. Go forth and show your strength! The timer will start as soon as you finish reading this.'

"!!!" Alex read it out loud, so Firia could hear it as well, but because of what he did, the words shone.

A red blood-colored number appeared within the wall.

168:00:00.

167:59:59.

"Let's go. There is no doubt that we need to climb the staircases." Alex warned. "I have checked everything around the area, including on the top and bottom."

"I understand." Firia nodded and followed Alex upstairs.

The staircases weren't that long and high, so they managed to climb it within a minute, of course, without flying. A new world appeared in their vision after coming out. The staircases suddenly closed itself as if it was alive.

Knowing that they couldn't go back, Alex checked their surroundings once again, noticing many energy signs around them. They had a similar posture as monsters, so Alex classified them as dangerous, considering most of them were 7-Star Martial Monarch or above.

"That must be the center tower." Firia pointed her finger toward the tall tower far on the horizon before realizing the change in Alex's expression.

"This place is surrounded by monsters. We need to sneak around to pass them before finishing this one... As much as I want to kill them, I want to see what kind of trial this is."

"I understand. I will cooperate with you." Firia nodded.

Alex then summoned Nelson without hesitation.

"You see the tower over there?" Alex asked while pointing at the tower.

"Yes."

"Your task is to lead us there without the monsters around noticing us. Can you do that?"

"It's easy." Nelson smiled with confidence. "I can see that the monsters are quite powerful around the area, so I think I need around one hour before I can reach that place. I hope Young Master lets me go first to check the entire place."

"Sure. Do what you think is right. Firia and I will stay here." Alex nodded, and Nelson disappeared into thin air.

"What are we going to do now? Wait?"

"Of course not. I want to kill some monsters around to see whether they are real or not. If they are, I can summon the other spirits and kill all of them before we go to the second one near the time limit."

"What if the others know about our situation? It will be troublesome, you know..."

"True enough." Alex nodded, falling into deep thought. "How about if I go ask someone to keep a close eye on the surface to see if there is anyone coming in? We might leave this area first and just go straight to the tower after that."

Firia agreed this time. "Sure."

Alex then leads Firia to the weakest monster around here. It was a 7-Star Martial Monarch White Serpent. Alex killed it without trouble.

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Both of them immediately had an idea as soon as they saw this notification. They said at the same time. "If there is no problem with the trial, we can summon everyone except one person here and kill these monsters until the other influences intrude this place."

"We will wait for an hour then." Firia nodded.

"Yes." Alex nodded.

After another hour, Alex waited for Nelson to give him the signal before summoning him again.

"Young Master. I have checked everything in your way... This place doesn't possess that much danger, considering there is no trap or whatsoever, only monsters. In other words, we can eliminate them as much as possible before going to the second stage." Nelson confirmed their next course.

"I want to check the end first, is that alright?" Alex asked.

"I understand. I will lead the way." Nelson nodded and guided him along with Firia toward the end of the place. It turned out that the place was a swamp covered with fog. When he turned around and checked what filled the place, he found many swamp monsters like crocodiles.

Nelson skillfully guided them, knowing when to fly and when to run. An hour later, they arrived right in front of a tall wall, circling around the tower.

Alex couldn't help but comment. "Why does the trial have the same appearance as the one outside? A tower and a wall like this?"

"I don't know." Nelson shrugged while Firia looked away.

"Still... This entrance is so strange? Although I can't see what is inside yet, I can watch the movement of Spiritual Energy. I bet there are some words again around here. We can read it later." Alex nodded before summoning every single spirit except Anya.

He took Anya's card and apologized. "I am sorry, Anya. You need to watch our progress there... Do I need to send Nelson to you?"

"No need to apologize. I am fine here. My mission is only to see whether another person has entered the pillar, right? It's easy to watch them from afar." Anya said softly, understanding the situation.

"Yeah. I have blocked the connection of my Spatial Gate for the time being, so there won't be monsters coming out of that place."

"You don't need to worry about me. By the looks of it, they need around two or three days before they can break through these monsters. I have taken a look at their tactic and realize this... So, you only have around this much. Unfortunately, you can't use the True Spirit Body as well, so..."

"Even if there is no True Spirit Body, the benefit alone is far better than the one we have been doing. This place is surrounded by 7-Star Martial Monarch monsters, so we need to use it to our advantage."

"Oh!" Anya's expression brightened. "Make sure to kill many of them, alright?"

"Sure." Alex smiled and looked at his spirits. "Because Anya is there, we will separate the group again like before when we only have two groups. In other words, each group will have seven members. Although our objective is to kill as many as possible, make sure you act cautiously because this is by no means land that we have information about."

"Understood." They shouted in unison as they split up.

Unbeknownst to them, their actions were actually watched by a few people. The one that was the most excited was an old man with purple hair. He looked like someone who just passed their middle-aged, so he wasn't that old. "This is..."

"Oi! Who is the one that arranges the trial this time? Look at this? There are supposed to be two of them, and now it becomes fourteen..." Another guy shouted.

"Still, I can't see how they can bring people... I mean, the entire trial this time has been coated by Space Element Array, right? I mean, Divine Array. It should not be possible to bring someone even with a Teleportation Array."

"That's right. But the fact that they... No, he can bring them in is still apparent."

"Yeah. Does he have a weird technique or something?"

"How about the Space Element? He must have a Space Element, right?"

"I watched the situation outside the tower not long ago and only found that this guy had only Fire Element. Besides, I can sense three beings inside his body..."

"Don't focus on him! Can't you see that the woman has a trace of Divine Aura? From the power alone, I feel it's coming from a high ranked God..."

"But we have closed the entrance to this world. They shouldn't come from the outside!"

"You need to be clear about that one. We only close the entrance for God Rank Expert. As for those below that stage... I don't think I need to say it."

"I know that, but we have no news about another race coming from another planet... The only thing we know was the one from a few thousand years ago. Three races came here with their ship."

"True enough. That person informed us about it when he underwent this trial and met us..."

"What should we do now?"

"We should observe them first. Seeing their movement, I know they are going to fight the monsters around here for a week. I am wondering what kind of secret they hold."

"Yes. I do think we should observe them."

"I have confirmed his power. It's indeed a Space Element... It means he has two elements. It was like that guy a few thousand years ago... Who was his name again?"

"Maxwell."

"Yeah, Maxwell. He was a talented one that had undergone a reincarnated cycle, and to our surprise, he even retained his previous memory."

"Anyway, we shouldn't talk about him for the time being. Our problem is this guy... Actually, I am sure that whatever he did, it was through the Space Element." The purple-haired old man nodded with confidence.

"You are the one who put the Divine Space Element Array, right? No one should be able to break through that array, especially those who are not a God Rank Expert, let alone he who has yet to reach Martial Saint Stage."

"As much as I hate this situation, I remember an old tale... There was once a guy, having a weird Space Element. That power was otherworldly. Despite having ranked lower than a normal Space Element, that guy can go toe to toe against a Pure Space Element. From what I heard, that guy's name was Smett, one of the highest-ranking Gods, a God King. People knew him as Dungeon God."

"What? Do you mean that this guy has the same power? Or does he his inheritor?" These souls of Gods and Goddesses roared, not believing such a thing.

"Even at our peak, we only have rank 5 God. Are you saying that he is the successor of a Rank 1 God, AKA, a God King?"

"I don't believe it as well, but the power fits the description..." The purple-haired guy nodded. "Hey, I am thinking about taking this child with me... Will that be alright?"

"What are you planning?"

"I want to make a transaction with him. You should know about the Space Monsters inside my realm, right? I am thinking about having him to defeat them and kill their mother. We are planning to annihilate them, so I think this plan is good."

"I see... That is indeed a good idea. Our plan in erecting this place is to hold them until they died... But there is no one qualified to kill them. I think this guy is the right choice... Haiz, I wonder if there is someone who can destroy my realm too..."

"I hope too..."

"If they die, we can release our descendants and let them experience the outside world..."

Chapter 732 - The Power of Quenching

Without knowing what happened behind the scene, Alex's group started killing the monsters like crazy for about three days before Anya warned that the people started coming inside the pillar, and Nelson confirmed not long after.

Alex decided to return to the end of the first stage and headed toward the second one.

"Thank you everyone." Alex smiled.

The Spirits cupped their hands and bowed before Anya summoned them back to the outside.

They then walked toward the words planted on the wall, reading it.

"Danger! Outside World's Nature." Alex and Firia tilted their heads in confusion.

Alex glanced at Firia and asked, "I know there is a danger, but what does this Outside World's nature?"

"Something related to the outside world? I can see that there is nothing wrong with nature here... I mean, they are completely the same as the outside world despite being artificial itself." Firia looked down before she realized something. "Don't tell me..."

"What? Did you realize something?"

"I think?" Firia hesitated for a second and asked. "Can you look down and see whether there is something there?"

Alex didn't understand her intention but still scanned the underground with his Spirit Eyes.

"!!!" He gasped as he saw a path underground. It was a bit far ahead, so he needed to advance first before going down. The tunnel seemed to lead him right below the tower, bewildering Alex. "This is..."

"I can see a tunnel there."

"I know it." Firia's eyes turned sharp. "This might be the reason why these four words don't make sense... Well, I am a perfectionist, so I just felt weird when reading these words. Then I read the first letters of each word, and 'Down' became a word. Don't you feel it's weird?"

Alex scratched his head, embarrassed. He didn't think it was weird, especially since he had many experiences with this. The most memorable one for him was the Potential Tower since he only needed to understand the meaning instead of the words, so he thought this was normal. "I apologize..."

"Never mind." Firia stopped him and shrugged. "We should go through this place."

Alex nodded and walked to the entrance with Firia and noticed the interior. He could see many paths inside with mud walls separating each path. "This looks like a maze?"

"Indeed. Since we know about the real entrance, should we search around this area until we reach the goal? We have a week anyway."

"Sure." Alex nodded and walked inside the maze.

Suddenly, a storm of Spiritual Energy appeared before him and entered his body.

"Kh!" The sudden influx of Spiritual Energy was a bit hurt for Alex as he instinctively gritted his teeth.

"Alex?" Firia furrowed her eyebrows, not knowing what Alex experienced since she had yet to enter the maze.

"Wait a minute. This maze is weird..." Alex stopped her while checking his body.

[Host, this is the power of quenching... Ask Firia about it.]

"!!!" Alex frowned and asked. "Firia. Do you know the power of quenching?"

"Power of quenching?" Firia opened her mouth in surprise. "I know it. Why are you asking me this question? Don't tell me..."

"According to the system, this maze has the power of quenching. I want to know what it is..." Alex nodded and stepped outside once again.

"The power of quenching... It's just a common name to make it easy to understand. The real name of this technique is Yaentai Quaon. I don't know where that name comes from, but that's the name." Firia hesitated for a second. "This is a technique involving Divine Power. You can see there is a different type of energy inside me, right?"

"Yes."

"Just like your consolidation process... I also need to consolidate my foundation because the fast-paced cultivation will ruin one's foundation. However, I needed to return to your side as soon as possible, so Master used this power."

"Of course, this was not possible for her alone. She invited Uncle Maxwell and two other God Rank Experts to use their Divine Power for this technique. This one allows me to cultivate without worrying about the consolidation process because everything has been stuffed inside, or you can say they are already consolidated by this power."

"What? Really? Still, I can sense that power inside you. Wouldn't it be detrimental to you?" Alex asked, worried about her.

"Don't worry. It's not as you think. I can simply dispel this power after I reach God Stage, so it's not a problem for me. This power is only effective to mortals like us anyway." Firia shrugged.

"So... Do you think I should enter this place?"

"If there is indeed the power of quenching inside, I believe this is a good opportunity, especially since your strength is in the 10-Star Martial Monarch, where you need to consolidate your power. Considering it starts affecting you right on the moment you step in, I am sure that power is spread around the maze. If you can go around and collect that power while cultivating, I believe you might be able to fully consolidate your foundation and breakthrough." Firia nodded. "Of course, there is a risk about this technique, which is that the people who use this technique will be weakened for a period of time. That's why not many Gods would use this type of technique."

"Breakthrough to Martial Saint?" Alex raised his eyebrows. He couldn't say this didn't tempt him, but... "Doesn't it mean everyone will know about the Golden Lightning Tribulation?"

"Take a look at your current situation... Your Golden Lightning Tribulation has been known to the whole world back when you were a mere Martial Grandmaster and a Martial King. Suddenly, it disappeared without a trace. I think they have some suspicion about it already..." Firia glanced at Alex carefully.

"I know that... But it is still far dangerous because I won't know what kind of danger will befall after this, and our situation might turn out very different than our expectation..." Alex sighed. "If this is the last Lightning Tribulation, I can do it. But this is the second last since I need to undergo the Divine Tribulation later... Although I don't know whether I will have another Golden Lightning Tribulation, I need to be careful."

Firia looked down, thinking about it. "Fair enough. I was too excited and didn't think this through. If you actually released that Golden Lightning Tribulation here, your allies might even betray you just to know your secret... There is also another possibility, which is fear, but I doubt it. If they know about this, they

might even make that alliance again, and it will be Spirit Nest versus the Seven Influences... Maybe except Blackwade Clan."

"Yeah. That's what I am talking about. I don't want to risk it. After all, I have been careful this whole time." Alex sighed.

Firia nodded, understanding his thoughts. "Still, we need some solutions. Judging how you acted earlier, there is a high possibility that you will call the Tribulation Cloud..."

Alex checked his body and confirmed what she said. "I certainly feel that way... Does this mean I can't enter this place?"

"There is also another possibility. You can simply enter the maze as quickly as possible before you challenge your Lightning Tribulation inside the tower. No one can see it, right?"

"Indeed." Alex nodded with a solemn face. "I can see that there is an invisible wall above the wall, preventing us from flying. So, the only thing we can do is to complete this maze through the legitimate way... Seeing how there is an entrance, I am sure that the trial is something like you are too focused on the tower instead of the real entrance of that tower."

"I mean, what if there is no entrance to the tower... Or the one that we can see on the surface? It will lead them to despair, especially with this kind of time frame. When the time almost ends, they will start having weird thoughts and pressure." Alex explained it the way Potential Tower taught him.

"Yeah. I can feel that as well..." Firia nodded in agreement.

"Still, this is our only option, huh..." Alex stroked his chin, falling into deep thought.

"I guess."

"What if there is a soul residing in that tower? Wouldn't I be screwed if they know about my secret?"

"Not really. They are only souls and won't possess too much of a problem for us. My Shawl is a Divine Weapon, so it can destroy the soul if necessary. How about asking your system?"

[You don't need to worry, Host. There is also a certain will inside those quenching powers, but you can eliminate it with your Pure Fire. Although your strength has yet to reach God Rank, you can still kill the soul if you want, especially with your Pure Fire. They are nonetheless the Evolved Pure Fire from one of the highest rank Gods. After you reach God Rank, you can simply dispel that power.]

"I see..." Alex checked his body and found the wisp of will inside that power. He eliminated it by burning the will with his Pure Fire. "I will go then. Although it seems dangerous, I feel I will get something precious inside this place."

"Sure." Firia smiled gently.

"Let's go." Alex stepped in again and felt the power coming inside him.

Firia frowned as she experienced the same. "As expected, it's indeed the power of quenching, but the strength is not comparable to my master, so it won't do anything to me... How about you? Can you bear the power?"

"Yeah. I should be able to bear it for a few minutes..."

"A few minutes? This power seems to be stronger than I expected... Normally, you should be able to handle it for a few hours. Now I am wondering how many Gods actually used this technique."

"We have no time to think about it. Our priority is to search for a way to get to that underground tunnel." Alex brushed the matter off, feeling the sense of emergency.

Firia didn't say another word and tried to complete the maze by running with Alex.

However, no matter how hard they searched, they were nowhere near that underground tunnel. Alex's condition began worsening, making Firia worry.

"Should we go back right now? If only we can bypass this stupid wall..." Firia gritted her teeth.

"Bypass it?" Alex suddenly realized something important. Unlike the other places, he didn't see any Space Elements around the wall. "Why didn't I think about this before?"

"Alex?" Firia tilted her head, confused by his action.

Alex took out his sword and struck the wall.

"Heaven Light Slash!"

The sword shattered the mud wall, albeit it instantly regenerated as if there was no damage before.

"What are you doing?" Firia asked.

"I just noticed that there is abundant Space Energy in this place, including the invisible barrier above us and the tower itself. However, the wall doesn't have anything like this, only this regenerative ability. I can see it with my Spirit Eyes, so I am sure about it. I might not last long, so I am planning to go straight to the entrance with this..."

"But you can't use Teleportation in this area, right?"

"Who says I want to use that technique?" Alex smiled evilly. "I only want to create a Spatial Gate and use the wall to connect it... Although this can only bypass a single wall, we can still advance far quicker toward the entrance in a straight line."

"!!!" Firia's body shook, never expecting Alex to have such a plan. "I see what you want... That is indeed a good plan. Let's go with it."

Alex smirked and placed his hand on the wall, creating two Spatial Gates, on the front and the back of this wall.

"Let's go." As soon as the two Spatial Gates were connected, Alex passed it, and he just succeeded in defeating the system.

Firia followed him without hesitation as they continued toward a certain location where Alex abruptly stopped.

"Alex?" Firia gasped as she looked at Alex clutching his heart.

"Don't worry. I can still go on... I have wanted to advance as soon as possible, but this is the first time I don't want a breakthrough..." Alex let out a long sigh as he created the Spatial Gates again.

Chapter 733 - Preparing for the Lightning Tribulation

"It's right here." As soon as he reached above the entrance, he immediately struck the ground as hard as possible, destroying the ground and entering the tunnel.

Knowing that Alex was on the verge of a breakthrough, she immediately helped him floating as they descended to the ground gently. "Your foundation is rock-solid, and with the assistance of Undying Fire Body, you are getting a terrifying boost from this power... I have realized that it's not the power of quenching that is the main boost to your cultivation. Instead, it's the Spiritual Energy around. Have you noticed that the Spiritual Energy became denser as we killed more monsters?"

"Yeah." Alex gritted his teeth, answering Firia's question. He didn't forget to check around the area with his Spirit Eyes, not finding any suspicious energy around. "I think it's safe to break through here... I need to adjust that power and cultivate a little bit more before I can trigger Lightning Tribulation."

"I think the moment you adjust that power, the Spiritual Energy around you will naturally get sucked inside your body, increasing your cultivation at an alarming rate. Luckily, this is only your consolidation process... It will be dangerous if this is your normal progress because it will surely ruin your foundation, especially if it's not treated soon." Firia nodded.

"There is a bigger area ahead. We should walk there first. Considering this place is linked to the sky and filled with Illusion and Space Element, it can somehow be used as a Special Realm. If I can trigger the Tribulation before the others come in, they won't know my Golden Lightning... Still, I will add another layer of Special Realm as a precaution. That's my limit." Alex sighed.

"Looking at your condition, you are not in the condition to create a Special Realm, no? I will carry you around while you draw symbols around the area. You can then focus on two things, the array and holding back that power." Firia suggested.

Although he was a little bit embarrassed to have Firia carry him, he decided to go along with it since it was indeed the best option he got. "Understood."

Firia then carried him on her back, heading toward the bigger area.

To their surprise, the tower was far beyond their imagination. Golden pillars, a golden floor, a huge chandelier far in the ceiling. Everything looked massive and glamorous, unlike the dark stone tunnel.

Firia and Alex shook their heads as they couldn't get mesmerized by this. They began working on the array together.

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Meanwhile, the Gods and Goddesses were stupefied when watching how Alex found the entrance and entered the main tower.

"This..." The purple-haired man scratched his head, embarrassed. "I have certainly made some precaution in the test... But I have never expected to have a Space Element user to come to this place... So, embarrassing."

"Indeed. I don't know whether this is good news or bad news. On one hand, I can certainly say that they are the strongest candidates out there. On the other hand, having cheated their way here is really not a pleasant thing to see."

"How can you say that? They didn't cheat their way here. I will say they are smarter than anyone else."

A few Gods started favoring Alex's intelligence and the bond that he shared with Firia, while some had a more traditional way of thinking. Nonetheless, they still had another problem.

"Looking at the other candidates, they will only appear here in another week at the earliest, so what are we going with the two? Do any of you want to greet him?"

"Wait a minute. We shouldn't meet him first."

"Why?"

"He is currently cultivating, trying to advance to Martial Saint. By the looks of it, the outside people manage to clear the thirtieth floor before this place opens, so there is so much residual energy filling this place. In addition, just look at how these two people killed so many monsters within three days, increasing the energy even further."

"I see. I don't know whether this is a blessing in disguise or not, but I am absolutely sure it is for the other candidates. I think that the people outside will feel the increase and will have a breakthrough outside. The only problem is those who will undergo their Lightning Tribulation."

The purple-haired guy smirked. "This place has been covered by my Special Realm, so I can still channel the energy from within to let the world send its Lightning Tribulation. Besides, the tower was built by Divine Materials. He shouldn't be able to destroy it."

"Now that I think about it... It's indeed as you say. We can rest assured then. And who is going to guide him here after he finishes his Lightning Tribulation?"

"I will be the one." The purple-haired one raised his hand. "I am going to make a deal with him, so I will be the one who greets him. I will bring him here first to meet you guys, so one of you can explain a little bit about this tower. After that, I will bring him to that realm to kill those monsters."

"Alright. Since this is the case, we can only wait then."

"Yeah."

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The Gods and Goddesses kept watching Alex from behind the scene, wondering what kind of stunt Alex would make next.

On the other hand, Alex was having his peaceful time, cultivating without any care in the world. Firia observed his condition, especially concerning the power of quenching.

'Hmm? The will inside that power has gone, leaving only the pure power from that... There should be no danger to him. As soon as he controls the remaining energy, the Spiritual Energy that has been absorbed

together with that energy, he will probably trigger the Lightning Tribulation soon.' Firia squinted her eyes.

She started looking around the entire tower. There were not many decorations despite having this grand tower. She thought, 'There is no suspicious aura at the moment. Even this Divine Blazing Shawl doesn't notice anything in its surroundings, so I assume nothing is wrong with this tower. The problem is Alex's Golden Lightning Tribulation. I wonder whether someone is watching us this whole time and will make his appearance when he/she sees Alex's Tribulation.'

'No... What I am worried about is that will inside the power of quenching. I have never seen anything like that, and even Master said it was impossible to do it unless someone had a certain intention. I decided to stay silent since Alex could burn that will. However, there is a possibility of someone having some intentions toward the people here...

'Still, there is a possibility... Hmm, this world has closed its gate and limited its cultivation to 10-Star Martial Saint. Considering it is only a soul, its strength will have deteriorated even further, especially after the passing time. In other words, Leoz should be able to fight it with his True Spirit Body. And in the worst case, the others can join the fight, and I will destroy the soul with my Divine Blazing Shawl.'

Firia closed her eyes, wondering if she was careful enough in handling this.

'Sister Xingzhi. Is this alright?'

[I don't know. The reward in this place must be great, considering this place is where many Gods and Goddesses died. If something happens, I will try my best to help you...Or send some help there. If there is a big problem where Alex might die, I won't hesitate to send the army and enter that place even if I need to destroy this world.]

'I see... Although it's not according to the plan, I think this is necessary. After all, it's hard to get information about worlds that have many God Rank Experts.'

[Yes. Even Nelson, the number one spy in our place, has trouble with this type of world because of various reasons. That's why I want to make him learn about the danger he will face upon entering God Rank Expert. After all, the future battles are not between influences anymore, but worlds. A certain mistake might destroy our Eulja, the home for billions of Spirits.]

'I understand that part. As much as I don't want to fight, Previous Life Alex had so many enemies, and they might bite us before Alex reaches that stage. Should we hide him inside Eulja?'

[No. I don't think he will like it. Besides, I plan to travel to many worlds. Not only to search the other materials for his Undying Fire Body, but also for him to get stronger secretly. Of course, I won't be accompanying him all the time because our enemies might suspect something.]

'Fair enough. With so many worlds around us, we might stumble upon a priceless treasure there.'

[Yeah. I am planning to have you and Alicia to get stronger as soon as possible.]

'I won't—!' Before she finished her words, she noticed the fluctuation of Spiritual Energy coming from Alex.

[The Lightning Tribulation is coming. He should be fine, so your task is to watch out for any enemies sneaking around you. I will be out and watch from here and ask Zask to stand by.]

'I understand.' Firia nodded as her expression turned serious.

Meanwhile, Alex finally finished the consolidation process and couldn't help but admire how powerful the power of quenching was. Although it might be because of how dense the Spiritual Energy is, letting him cultivate at speed beyond his imagination, he still couldn't ignore the fact that these few months of tedious process reduced into one day.

Alex checked his body, finding no problem in his body and cultivation. "Although the power remains in my body, I have erased the will from earlier. I don't know whose will that is, but that person won't be able to do anything using that power. I will try to research this Yaentai Quaon. It should be somewhere inside the ridiculous amount of knowledge in my mind. This can wait since the Lightning Tribulation is my current problem. Now that I have a clear mind for this, I start thinking that this Special Realm won't be enough to mask the aura of my Golden Lightning..."

"Should I try to go around and create another layer? But I have triggered the Tribulation. The only way to do it is to make it while facing the Tribulation." Alex thought for a moment and decided to do it for his safety.

Rumble Rumble!

The rumbling sound of the lightning reverberated in his ears as he looked upward. Despite him being inside a tower, the ceiling suddenly turned into a cloud as if it was already there all along.

"This..." Alex frowned. "This is the first time I undergo my Lightning Tribulation inside a building. From the technical aspect, it's still possible to undergo Lightning Tribulation underground or underwater. The world will still send the Lightning Tribulation. However, if it's inside a building, he/she needs to go out because the Lightning Tribulation is in the sky.

"Fortunately, this tower reaches the sky here, or it's equivalent to this cave's ceiling. That's why the ceiling becomes the sky right now... The only problem is whether the tower can withstand the shock wave later." Alex looked around and sighed. "I hope I can make another layer of Special Realm after this."

Alex took his Spiritual Weapons and channeled his Spiritual Energy. "I hope you two are ready to fight with me."

As if they were responding to Alex, they released their Spiritual Energy to the surroundings and enhanced Alex's fire.

Alex smiled and nodded. He glanced at Firia, signaling he would start at any moment.

"Go do it. I will protect you," Firia said softly.

Alex nodded again and looked up. The clouds started gathering above his head. Because the space was pretty small, the cloud created another layer, just to stuff the remaining cloud. However, Alex saw no change in the Spiritual Energy, making him think it was fine.

One thing that he found odd. The energy from this cloud was higher than Firia indeed, but it was less than two times. He thought it would be like three times or higher according to his memory. It seemed the lady luck had come to him for this Lightning Tribulation.

He smiled and raised his weapon, stating. "Come!"

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"Come!"

Rumble Rumble!

The cloud released its first strike as if it responded to him.

Alex's expression turned serious as he released his Spiritual Energy before he frowned.

'What is this?' Alex was baffled by the strength of his Lightning Tribulation. He gritted his teeth and struck the Lightning with his normal strike with only his Spiritual Energy and Absolute Blade Intent.

Bang!

The loud sound echoed inside the tower, but the Lightning was obliterated with that strike alone. Alex opened his mouth in astonishment, not believing what just happened. He thought, 'Is this some sort of illusion?'

[No. It's what your Lightning Tribulation is supposed to be. Have you forgotten how you deal with your Lightning Tribulation from Martial Master to Martial King?]

He never expected that the system would talk to him in this Lightning Tribulation, so he asked. "Is there something wrong with my Lightning Tribulation?"

[I wasn't sure before this, so I never told you about it. However, looking at this Lightning Tribulation, I finally understood what was wrong with the previous two Lightning Tribulations.]

"!!!" Alex widened his eyes, surprised.

[Both places had no knowledge about Lightning Tribulation, and the fact they didn't follow the same power level made it more obvious. I speculate that due to the lack of Lightning Tribulation in the two places, the energy for it had been stored for a long time. That was why when you underwent your Lightning Tribulation, it became far stronger than it was supposed to be.]

"So, you mean because this place still follows the same cultivation rule, they have exhausted the power?"

[Yes. Even if a normal person cultivates in the previous two places, they will find the same problem as you. It's just you were the first one, so you can consider it as your bad luck... On the other hand, this place won't have any other problems, so go all out and release your anger toward this Tribulation.]

"You don't need to say it. I will... Besides, I haven't made the Lightning Rod Array." Alex paused for a moment. "It won't be a problem I guess."

With that thought in mind, Alex looked up again, watching how the second lightning was formed.

Rumble Rumble!

The second lightning was similar to the first one. Alex increased his strength by using his Spirit Step and covered his sword with fire. He struck the lightning without his Martial Art, after noticing the Lightning's strength with his Spirit Eyes. He, once again, destroyed the lightning strike.

Alex raised his hand and looked at it for a few seconds. 'As expected, it's really as the system said...'

Not knowing whether to laugh or cry, Alex found a problem with this theory. "That's right. What about my Inheritances? If I don't challenge a stronger Lightning Tribulation, won't I get something lesser than the previous Golden Lightning Tribulation?"

[That shouldn't be possible. I have checked everything about your Golden Lightning, and I think each inheritance gives you the most important things to you at that moment.]

"Is that so? I don't have anything to worry about." Alex smirked as he looked at the third lightning strike.

"Dragon Aura!"

A translucent dragon soared from his body to the sky, increasing Alex's strength greatly. The cloud then shot out its lightning, trying to destroy Alex.

Unfortunately, Alex still felt no pressure behind this Lightning and struck it with only his strength.

The lightning was completely useless and disappeared as soon as it got split into two.

Firia also noticed this sudden change of his Lightning Tribulation, but Lin Xingzhi informed her to focus on her task.

On the other hand, Alex didn't know whether to be happy with it or get disappointed because of the lack of challenge.

Seeing the third strike end, Alex watched how the yellow flash behind the cloud became blue, and he started getting serious. His Pure Fire covered his sword before the sword began glowing with red color.

Alex took a deep breath as the fourth strike came closer.

"Heaven Light Slash!"

Alex waved his sword and spear simultaneously, hitting the Lightning from two directions. If this followed the previous two Lightning Tribulation Magic, he might need something like Fire Phoenix along with this technique. Yet, this one vanished after it depleted its energy to protect itself from Alex's Heaven Light Slash.

"This is so easy..." Alex murmured to himself. He shook his head almost immediately, warning himself not to underestimate his own Lightning Tribulation no matter how easy it is. "Come!"

Hearing Alex's challenge again, the fifth lightning struck forth.

Alex took a deep breath and raised his hand, but nothing happened. Firia was bewildered by such an action and was about to warn him, except she suddenly saw the Lightning get stopped by something invisible. Although she couldn't see it, her sense still picked its presence.

After pondering for a few seconds, Firia found the answer and smiled. "I see. With his Space Element becoming more polished, Alex's strength will grow exponentially."

She just realized that Alex was using his Space Plates to block this Lightning. Although he only managed to create thirty Space Plates, everything was covered with his Flame and Absolute Blade Intent. It turned into something more special with the fact that it was invisible, AKA, hiding in the Space World.

"Fu." Alex took a deep breath as he tried to hold the Space Plates as long as possible and chipped away the Lightning's strength before it finally disappeared in the 25th Space Plate.

"It's not powerful, but if it's stacked together, I can block it... My control is still too weak to summon fifty Space Plates like Great Elder Aileen." Alex uttered these words without care anymore. Though he might be disappointed because the challenge was far subpar than the previous two Lightning Tribulations, the relief could cover everything. Alex smirked and challenged the Lightning Tribulation again. "Next!"

The cloud didn't hesitate and released another lightning.

Alex still had no change in expression as he summoned ten Fire Swords and launched them toward the lightning.

Obviously, they hit the lightning, sending another round of shock wave. This time, Alex's smile disappeared as he summoned his Space Plates again.

The Lightning destroyed all the ten swords. Alex had predicted this and chipped the lightning's strength again with his Space Plates.

Just like how Alex dealt with the previous strike, it lost all its energy when it hit the 20th Space Plates after getting hit by his Fire Swords.

This might be the easiest Lightning Tribulation he ever faced. It might be due to how extreme the previous two were, but Alex still couldn't believe that he just finished the sixth wave without a problem.

"This is good." Alex smirked as he summoned his Phoenix while waiting for the next purple lightning.

Rumble Rumble!

The sky color changed again, and the seventh wave struck forth.

Alex took a deep breath and sent his Fire Phoenix before creating Space Plates again.

The Phoenix hit the lightning from the side while the remnant fire began burning it. At the same time, the power of the Space Plate stopped the lightning for a minute, giving Alex precious time to lower its strength.

After he felt confident with the current state, he released his Space Plates and swung his weapons.

"Heaven Light Slash!"

Boom!

The lightning seemed to create an explosion this time but didn't affect him in the slightest.

"Space Plate is indeed a useful technique. Although the individual strength of each plate isn't that great, as long as I can create multiple of them, I can stop any attacks... Besides, I can let the Spiritual Weapons protect me with their barrier while focusing on my Space Plates. To think I have come this far." Alex couldn't help but smile. He remembered how he didn't know how to control his fire before his teacher taught him.

There was also a time where he didn't know a single thing about Alchemist and Array. He trained hard to master both. After that, he started learning more and more techniques and increased his strength. To think that he almost reached Martial Saint, it was something special for him because there was only one more Tribulation before reaching God Stage.

He pumped his fists and looked up. "Come!"

The eighth wave flew down. Its strength was stronger than the previous one, but it didn't have any abnormality.

Alex took a deep breath and pulled both hands back before thrusting it upward.

"Mythical Spear Cannon!"

Both weapons released a beam, heading toward the Lightning.

The clash lasted for a minute before Alex's Mythical Spear Cannon got destroyed.

Alex didn't have a change of expression as if he had predicted such a result. Instead, he smiled and jumped into the air, slashing both weapons three times.

"Heaven Light Slash!"

The six strikes destroyed the lightning almost immediately.

Only when he landed on the ground once again, Alex suddenly clapped.

Firia tilted her head for a second before she smiled, realizing the meaning behind Alex's action. "Such a sneaky one... Even I almost missed it."

Alex couldn't hear her words due to the distance, but he still activated the two arrays he just drew. The first one was the Special Array, adding another layer to his defense, while the other one was a Lightning Rod Array.

If one observed him carefully, there were a few empty bottles lying on the ground. It was proof that Alex had been using them this whole time. His movement was smooth, making the clash between him and the lightning the main attraction. On the other hand, the battle went easier than usual, allowing him to direct his focus in creating these arrays.

Everything was drawn by his Spiritual Energy.

As soon as the ninth wave struck forth, the Lightning Rod Array shone brightly, attracting the Lightning. Alex simply jumped to the side, watching how the Lightning got dispersed by the array.

Alex's expression turned serious as soon as the ninth wave ended because this was the moment where he needed to be serious. The Golden Lightning usually had power far stronger than the other ones, so he needed to be careful.

Taking a deep breath, Alex planned to use his strongest attack right off the bat.

Rumble Rumble!

The thunderous roar echoed as a golden flash brightened the tower.

Alex squinted his eyes before slashing his two weapons forward when he saw the cloud release its final attack.

"Triple Draws."

"Mythical Fire Slash."

"Space Cut."

These techniques started to become his best combination attack after knowing Space Cut from Ryu. He looked at the clash between his attack and the Golden Lightning as it released a powerful shock wave, shaking his Special Realm.

However, the conclusion came in a sudden. The combination of these twelve Sword Waves slashed the Golden Lightning into many pieces, continuing its path toward the ceiling. Although the Golden Lightning's strength was not low, it was still not comparable to these combinations.

"Oh, wait! Can this tower withstand my attack?" Alex sweatdropped, noticing what he had done. He immediately teleported as soon as he succeeded in breaking the Golden Lightning.

He appeared again right under the ceiling as he created a Spatial Gate connecting to the Blue Layered Realm, sucking his own attack.

"Fu." He let out a breath of relief. "I never expect there will be a time where I need to protect my own Lightning Tribulation..."

Alex didn't know whether to laugh or cry. On one hand, he was protecting the tower itself, not his Lightning Tribulation. On the other hand, it was also in that way. All his memories about the Golden Lightning were a challenge, and he never met one this weak before or... "This might not be good. This one might not be a challenge, but there is one more of this. Now that I have used every technique in my repertoire, I need another trump card to fight the next Lightning Tribulation, or I will be doomed."

Nonetheless, he had officially finished his Martial Saint Lightning Tribulation as he looked at the cloud dispersing. He descended to the ground and looked at Firia. "I am going to get the inheritance, so I will leave everything to you."

"Don't worry. I am ready for it." Firia nodded, assuring him with a smile.

Little did he know that he miscalculated the number of people that had been watching him this whole time.

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"What?!" Exclaimed one of the Gods with a loud voice. "This is ridiculous!"

The others understood why he would have such an exaggerated expression. All eyes met, asking the same question in their mind. The room fell into silence until one of them took the lead by asking the question out loud.

"What is that Golden Lightning? Is there anyone who knows about this?"

None of them uttered a single word afterward, not knowing a single thing about the Golden Lightning. This was the first time they saw a Golden Lightning Tribulation.

"Let's just be honest. No one knows about this, right?" The purple-haired guy squinted, observing their expressions.

Everyone acknowledged without hesitation to advance the talk a bit faster.

"What are we going to do then? The fact that his tribulation is not normal than the others remains..."

"Indeed. Just looking at the strength of his tribulation, it's already close to three times more powerful than a normal person. All of you geniuses who reached God Stage in your prime couldn't even manage to trigger the Lightning Tribulation that strong. Even mine reached, at most, one and a half times stronger." The purple-haired man nodded.

"True enough. And if you look at his strength, I am sure he can fight a 3-Star Martial Saint equally. Do you remember how he destroyed the first three Lightning Strikes? He simply used his strength. If I am not wrong, his strength is most likely around thirty thousand Dragon, the standard of 3-Star Martial Saint."

"I doubted him first. I thought he was a Body Cultivator, but with the way he handled his weapons and his elements, I could say that he is both. He cultivates his body and Spiritual Energy perfectly. I also noticed that his intent is different than that of a Sword Intent or Spear Intent."

"Now that I think about it, no one in the world, even outside this world, would use two different weapons because there might be a clash between the two intents. However, I remember there was a certain person who managed to do that."

"Don't tell me..." The Gods and Goddesses remembered a certain figure in their memory.

"Impossible. Are you saying that he is his inheritor?"

"But how about the Space Element? That one is closer to the Dungeon God, right?"

"Don't ask me something I don't know. This is just mere speculation of mine. Seeing how he used his Sword and Spear just reminded me of that person who helped us sealing this world's strength."

"Are you talking about that person?"

"Who else that helped us? There was only a single person. For him, it was a mere help because he was coincidentally there, but it was a huge help for us."

If Alex or any of his group heard this, they would know that not only Alex saved Kyle and the Supreme in his previous life, he also helped this world as a whole.

On the other hand, these Gods and Goddesses had yet to believe that Alex was related to the Spirit God until one of them realized something was wrong.

"Now that I think about it, aren't the people beside him weird? I am not talking about their behaviors. I am talking about their race."

"!!!" They widened their eyes. "You are right. They don't feel like humans... I had once read everything about the Spirit God after he helped us. The Spirit God resided inside a world called Eulja, the house of Spirits. Though I never saw spirits with my own eyes, I don't have any other explanations."

"But don't the spirits have a non-human body?"

"In normal condition. But I believe there are high-ranking spirits, and all of them have a humanoid body. If he is related to the Spirit God, do you think they will let him alone with low ranking spirits?"

They couldn't say anything since the answer was obvious.

"If he is related to the Spirit God, someone should greet him... No, we all should greet him. To think that the powerful Spirit God decided to have him train in this world, this is nothing but our honor." The purple-haired man nodded with a solemn expression.

"That's right. Since he is undergoing his advancement, we can greet his wife first, so she can explain it to him."

They nodded in unison, knowing this might be the best thing to do. If one of them didn't come, the other party might consider it rude. Knowing that the person they dealt with had a connection with the powerful Spirit God, they didn't dare to treat it lightly.

"Is everyone ready?" The purple-haired man glanced at everyone's expression before he created a Spatial Gate for them. "Let's go then."

They nodded and followed him to the main tower.

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Firia was still looking out for any potential enemies while waiting for Alex to wake up. She didn't know what to do inside this tower anyway, so it was also useless to search around since Alex's Spirit Eyes would be better to handle this type of situation.

Suddenly, a Spatial Gate that Alex used to create appeared out of nowhere. Firia frowned and released her Sacrificial Fire as a few people passed through the portal, looking at her.

Her Divine Blazing Shawl immediately showed a reaction. Firia gritted her teeth, knowing that all of them were a divine being. Even though they were only souls, their power was still far stronger than she could imagine.

'Sister Xingzhi!' Firia screamed inwardly. She looked at these twenty people with anxiety. If there were only less than ten of them, Firia was sure they could do something about it. And yet twenty people emerged from the Spatial Gate.

There was no way Firia knew about their conversations before, and the sudden appearance made her feel the worse. It was normal for her to call for help instantly.

[I am working on it. Buy time for me. I will also summon the spirits.]

As soon as she said so, the ten spirits suddenly appeared around Alex while Firia regrouped with them.

"True Spirit Body!" The spirits used their ultimate technique without hesitation, raising their weapons while glaring at these people.

"Who are you?!" Anna shouted, trying to buy time.

"They are really spirits!" One of them exclaimed in surprise, looking at the un-human features that suddenly appeared on their bodies.

"!!!" Anna and the others were alarmed by the fact they knew about Spirits. There was no doubt anymore. In front of them were the Gods and Goddesses that knew something about the worlds around them.

Anya shouted. "Be ready to fight. We are leaving here. Our priority is Alex."

"Understood." They roared, releasing their Spiritual Energy.

Anya also summoned the Light and enhanced their power.

Suddenly, the purple-haired man scratched his cheek and said, "This is simply a misunderstanding. We don't have any intention to fight. Please don't leave."

The Gods and Goddesses circled them because they wanted to have them stay, so they could talk about their connection with the Spirit God.

However, Anna and the others couldn't see anything other than a threat upon this action. Just like what the purple-haired man said, they misunderstood them. Due to the lack of information about this place, this type of misunderstanding was very normal.

"Ehm. This is really a misunderstanding. We only want to talk about something with you." The purple-haired man sighed, wondering how to convince them. Due to the lack of time, he couldn't make a better plan to greet Alex. This was why many big influences preferred to have the opposite party send a notice if they wanted to come.

Unbeknownst to them, an object appeared above his head. It was a half-circle metallic made of pure gold. There was a single blue gemstone in the center of this metal, glowing in blue ocean color. Although it wasn't on Alex's head, this object looked like a majestic crown nonetheless.

On the other hand, Alex suddenly opened his eyes only to find himself trapped inside complete darkness. He looked left and right and realized that his feet didn't even touch the ground. There was simply nothing here.

Suddenly, a white wisp appeared right in front of him before gradually turning into another him.

"Eh?!" Alex furrowed his eyebrows, wondering whether this person in front of him was really him.

His surprise didn't stop there. The body in front of him suddenly opened its mouth and said, "Hi. Future me."

Alex widened his eyes and checked whether he heard it wrong or not. "Future me?"

"Haha... It really feels weird to see my own future self. As much as I want to talk with you, our time is limited. I myself also couldn't stay like this for long because I don't want to affect you. Before you ask anything, I will introduce myself first. I am Alexander Sirius, your previous life. That's right. People know me as the Spirit God."

Astonishment filled his heart, never expecting to hear something like this. "This must be an illusion."

"It's normal to be confused. However, believe me first because there is not much time. The guys outside misunderstand something, and a battle might break out any moment." The past Alex raised his hand, creating a screen that let him see the outside situation where the spirits activated their True Spirit Body.

"This..."

"I am here just to tell you that I am going to borrow your body for a minute or two. After that, I will disappear. I don't want to affect your judgment or anything because of me since I am supposed to be dead. There is something I want to convey to the others for one last time.

"And I can appear here because I have sealed myself inside this technique called Spirit Crown. It's basically the ultimate technique that symbolizes you as the ruler of the spirits. I won't talk much about it, since you should also get the knowledge about it from this time Golden Lightning Tribulation.

"If you want to talk more with me, you will know how to do it when you receive the knowledge from the Divine Tribulation. Whether you are going to meet me or not, it will be up to your choice. If my mission is completed, I will soon disperse and have no connection with you anymore.

"However, I would like to request one thing. I believe they have overcome my death and fall in love with you... Well, it's from your memory though. I want you to love them and care about them without me influencing you.

"They have said it to you before. You are you. No matter how big I was in the past, you should choose what you want to do. I will only provide you with knowledge, along with other things. Whether you want to do it or not, it's up to you.

"Of course, this is different from them. They are the most amazing women in this universe and will always be for me. I think you also feel the same way, right? Even more so with Firia, Alicia, and Sherry. That's why if you truly fall in love with them, please don't differentiate them just because they were my wife in the past. That's my only request."

Alex was stupefied with this sudden speech. He never thought that the previous him was a bit chatty like this. However, he also felt the concern in his eyes and expression. Hence, he replied to him with his sincerest answer. "You have said it yourself. I am not you, and I live in the present. The past won't matter. I will only strive for a better future."

The past Alex smiled. "Ah, I really want to talk more with you, albeit this is the limit. I am going to borrow your body for a while before disappearing. It can also be the last farewell for all of them because

I will hide this memory so that the system won't be able to record this conversation. Thank you in advance."

Without waiting for Alex to reply, the previous Alex had occupied Alex's body as he said.

"All of you can stop now. They are not our enemies. Little Leoz! When are you going to become a scholar?"

"!!!"

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"All of you can stop now. They are not our enemies. Little Leoz! When are you going to become a scholar?"

"!!!" The spirits turned around, noticing that Alex had woken up. "Alex. We need to leave this place!"

Anna must have said those words out of desperation since she didn't notice the change in Alex's word and soon realized there was a crown above his head.

"That crown... And that phrase..." Leoz was the first one to notice. He never thought he could hear that annoying phrase again. It was the phrase that Alex used to say to him. Though it annoyed him most of the time, when Alex fell in battle, he couldn't help but miss that teasing of his.

Tears streamed out of his eyes, falling down uncontrollably. It wasn't his character to be this weak. He had promised him to get stronger, but meeting him again like this just made it unbearable.

"Master! I am glad to see you again." Leoz fell on his knees, kept crying like a baby.

"Look at you, how can you become a snotty brat again? Previously, you were a beast before becoming a brat like this. I have told you to become strong, or have you forgotten our promise?" Alex shook his head before glancing at the other spirits.

He didn't forget to whisper something in his mind. 'Xingzhi. You are always worried about me but fret not. The situation is under control, so don't bring those guys here, especially that Korzan. He will nag everything.'

[Is that really you?]

'Just for a while. I haven't said goodbye to all of you yet because last time was very troublesome. Besides, you are already charmed by the future me. Hehe, I am proud of myself. Anyway, I can't talk much. I am just happy that all of you can move on.'

Without waiting for Lin Xingzhi to reply, Alex smiled. "Anna, Anya. Has Xingzhi corrupted you? Nah, it is a foolish question since the answer is obvious.

"Fabio, Vera. Have you got over that annoying act? Jeanne, Jean... You two can just do what you love. Don't mind other people's opinions. Greg! You should open your armor sometime! I know that you are stuffed inside.

"Artur. Are you still bothering the others with that justice of yours? Not that I hate it though. And Nelson! Just make sure you don't appear so suddenly in front of me, alright? It's scary you know!" Alex

paused a bit. His greeting was unique but hit the bottom of their heart. Even so, there was still one thing that he needed to convey. "Nonetheless. All of you are unique, and I am not asking you to change because that's what you are. And I am happy to see you all well like this."

This time, all spirits fell down on their knees. Just like Leoz, they couldn't hold their tears and cried. "Master!"

Alex closed his eyes. As much as he wanted to shed tears, he still had another thing to do. He looked at the Gods and Goddesses who were clueless about this situation.

"It's been a few thousand years since we last met." Alex smiled before he sensed the trouble in this tower. "I see. It seems the damage to this world is still there. However, the Space Monsters don't seem to be connected with the others. Who is the one in charge of the Space Monsters again?"

The Gods and Goddesses trembled upon hearing that and couldn't answer Alex immediately.

Alex only sighed and knew something like this bound to happen. The blue gem on the crown suddenly shone, illuminating the entire tower. An overbearing pressure enveloped the tower and woke up all of them.

"This is Divine Pressure!"

"Anyway, just answer my question. I can't maintain this for long."

"Ye-yes." The purple-haired man stepped forward. "I am the one who maintains the Space Monsters."

"What about the other elements? How many elements are there?"

"There are seven excluding my Space Element."

"It's not possible then. As much as I want to liberate this world, the other seven are connected. If we can't kill them at the same time, they are bound to know and rampage. This is not good progress. I guess I can only let this continue." Alex sighed.

"No, no! Your Majesty, Spirit God, had helped us when we needed it the most. We should take care of our own problem."

"Well, your Space Realm is different, right? I will help you to destroy that monster, lessening the burden of this tower. Just give your Space Knowledge to this body as the payment. I will leave the detail to you since I only have a little energy left." Alex shrugged.

"Ye-yes." The purple-haired man nodded.

Alex then whispered to Lin Xingzhi again. 'There is a reason for me to appear. Although I have promised myself that I won't appear again, I still have one important thing to do. That beast can't sit still anymore... Although we still have some time, the seal is going to be broken soon.'

'The future me will take the task to destroy that beast. I hope you can guide him to the peak again. I know he will fight that beast because it will ruin our home. That's why please help the future me as his system and his wife.'

[You...]

Alex ignored her and sighed. "I think it's time for me to go. I have said everything and have fulfilled my last objective. So, this is my last goodbye to you guys. I hope you take care of yourself and don't forget to not say anything to the present me."

"Alex!" Anna shouted, stretching her hands as if she was trying to grab him.

"Haha... You have already moved on, so don't lament on me anymore. Goodbye, all of you." Alex's body began to shine as his will started to dissipate.

Alex suddenly fell unconscious. Anna and Anya immediately caught him, not letting him touch the ground. His crown also vanished into thin air.

"You were always like this. Come and go as you please..." Anna smiled despite the tears that kept falling down.

Anya closed her eyes and sighed. "Don't worry about us. You have become our number two now!"

Despite being filled with sadness, her voice carried her resolve. She had truly moved on.

The present Alex finally took over his body again as he gradually opened his eyes. 'Hmm?'

"Alex! You have woken up!" Anya smiled and kissed him on the lips. "You made us worry, you know. To think we almost fought against so many Gods and Goddesses."

"I am sorry." Alex smiled gently.

"It's our honor to greet you, Sir Alexander." The purple-haired man led the others to greet Alex.

"Looking at this greeting, it seems the past me has controlled everything." Alex sighed.

"Please think nothing of it. He only said goodbye and a present for the last meeting." Anna shrugged while wiping her tears.

"Uoh!" Jeanne also leaped toward him and clung on his neck. "Master! I love both masters!"

Alex didn't know how to react to this matter. On one hand, he knew that the previous him must appear because he needed to do something important. On the other hand, he was afraid that the others might have a different opinion after seeing him again.

He took a deep breath and asked. "What are we going to do now? I know that the people in front of us are not enemies, right?"

"Yes. We have been trying to say it's only a misunderstanding. However, it can't be blamed because our number and appearance alone are enough to invite a misunderstanding. Nonetheless, everything has been resolved." The purple-haired man nodded, giving his best smile.

"Is that so?" Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "I am sorry, but I think I will need a bit more time to solve my problem."

"We know. If you have finished the problem, you can activate the array beneath the floor. It will send you to the top floor, or you can say it's a floor above the ceiling." He nodded and pointed upward.

Alex nodded with a smile. "Thank you."

The Gods and Goddesses then returned with the Spatial Gate.

Alex then looked at his companions before glancing at Firia's figure on the side. She knew about Alex's previous life a long time ago, but when she saw the person in question, she had a weird feeling in her chest.

She suddenly knelt on her knees, hugging Alex from behind. "No matter what happened to you, I will always be with you."

Alex took a deep breath and smiled. "Thank you."

"Anyway, can any of you give me some space a little bit?" Alex asked.

"Yes, Master." Leoz and the others retreated a few steps. Anna and Anya also released him, waiting for him to say anything.

"Master?" Alex was startled to hear everyone calling him Master as if they forgot about the way they called him. He thought this was because the previous Alex's appearance made the situation not the same anymore.

Leoz smiled and shook his head as if he knew what Alex was thinking. "It's not what you think, Master. We didn't call you Master because of him."

"Then what?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"It's your Spirit Crown. I don't know if you notice it, but you just wore a Spirit Crown. That is the symbol of our ruler, the Spirit King. Only after you reach God Stage do we call you Spirit God."

Alex narrowed his eyes. "I am a Human though. And there is no guarantee that I will accept this title."

"We know." Nelson nodded. "Even so, it's our obligation to call you Master as long as you wear a Spirit Crown. That's the one thing that we can't compromise."

"What? Still, Young Master isn't that bad. Besides, I just got the crown from the Golden Lightning Tribulation..."

"Well, there are several ways to call you like My King, Your Majesty, or Milord."

"..." Alex was speechless. "Even if I order you to call me Young Master?"

"According to our rules, it's considered a capital crime. And the only punishment is death. We will be very happy to offer our lives at that time." Leoz simply smiled.

Alex sighed. "I knew it. Everything won't be the same anymore. Well, it's only a title, so no big deal, I guess. I also have reached the Martial Saint Stage, so I am ready for this. Even so, I hope that none of you force me to become the Spirit King."

"Of course." Leoz nodded. "It's your choice. However, I believe Master will love Eulja."

The others also nodded in agreement. "Since Firia visited there in the past, and Alicia is still living there, I will try to look at it first."

"It's our honor."

"Anyway, drop this formality stuff. I feel that you all become too formal." Alex sighed.

"We understand. We are just too shocked to see him, so we might need some time to adjust ourselves." Leoz nodded while the others agreed.

"Fine then."

Chapter 737 - Information

After calming the others down for a few minutes, Alex suddenly came to a realization.

'Wait a minute. From the Supreme, Kyle, and this one, did my previous self actually have a connection with this world?'

[He sometimes wandered alone, so this world must be one of those that he helped on a whim.]

'I see. Considering everything has been going smoothly, I don't have any complaints about it. It truly helped me from time to time, like how Stina became my ally and such to how we didn't need to fight against many Gods and Goddesses.' Alex let out a sigh of relief.

[Well, I need to do a few things, so I won't be able to help you for the time being. Want me to call Alicia for you?]

'She must be training right now, so I don't want to bother her. I will be fine in this tower, and I don't think I will need much help for now, except with the Gacha later, but that can wait.'

After finishing the matter with his system, he then stood up, looking at his spirits. "Anyway, I am who I am. I won't impersonate someone even if that someone is my previous self. I just want all of you to know it, and if you are fine with it, please continue to support me."

All spirits dropped on their knees, cupped their hands politely and shouted in unison. "We will follow Master to death."

Firia took a few minutes to process everything, but she couldn't contain her smile any longer after seeing the unquestionable loyalty that his spirits have. She remembered how Anna and Anya reacted to the previous Alex and knew that these people supported him because it was him, not anyone else or because of his title. Even if the Spirits from Eulja didn't acknowledge him, these ten people here would still follow him.

Alex then took a deep breath and asked. "Now that we have finished our business, I am going to activate the array. Since no one is outside right now, how about following me? I think those people won't mind."

Anna and Anya looked at each other, nodding in agreement. "We understand. It's better to finish this as soon as possible and join the battle again. We only need a few ten thousand more to gain another level. And with your Gacha Ticket, all of us should reach 3-Star Martial Saint. If we are lucky, we might even reach 4-Star Martial Saint."

"Yes." Alex nodded in agreement as he looked down with his Spirit Eyes, finding the huge array that covered the tower. He couldn't see this array before because it was covered with the maze. Even when he entered the tunnel, he was too busy handling his Lightning Tribulation. Now that he had prepared everything, he channeled his Spiritual Energy as the floor started glowing.

"Teleportation."

The array engulfed everyone in the tower with light, sending them to the floor above the ceiling.

Alex gradually opened his eyes from the blinding light and noticed that they arrived in a black room covered with bricks. Brick floor, brick wall, and brick ceiling. There wasn't a single decoration in the room, so Alex didn't need to pay a single detail to his surroundings.

Just like how they promised to leave first, the God Rank Experts left one of their friends inside the room, and it turned out that he was the one in charge of Space Element. He looked at this purple-haired man and nodded.

"Welcome to our humble palace. My name is Shakdi, a Rank 5 God." The purple-haired man introduced himself.

Knowing that he was still clueless about God Rank Expert, he searched around his memory about all the things related to God Stage.

'God Stage or Martial God Stage is the same as Martial Saint Stage or the other stages below. There are only some slight differences between them. First, God Stage Experts don't call themselves a 1-Star God Stage. Instead, they use rank, starting from rank 10 as the lowest.

'Just like the 10-Star Martial Saint, Rank 1 God, the peak of God Stage Expert, is often called as a God King.

'At the same time, God Stage is a realm where they finally transcend their mortal body and build their divine body. This body won't age and will follow the mortal body's current appearance when they finish their Divine Tribulation.

'Nonetheless, there is nothing much that can differentiate the God Stage from other stages, excluding the fact that everything about you is Divine. Just like a soul becomes a divine soul, and so on... I can search for more information later.'

After recollecting the information in his mind, Alex then looked at Shakdi and greeted him back. "Nice to meet you. I am Alexander Sirius."

Because of the previous action, Alex stayed as humble as possible but didn't lower themselves as a junior. Instead, he acted as an equal business partner.

"As much as we want to greet you, it seems we have created a misunderstanding earlier, and I apologize for that."

"It's fine. It is also our fault to arrive at that conclusion. Anyway, should we get to business? If possible, I would like to finish everything as soon as possible."

"I understand." Shakdi nodded and stretched his hand, asking Alex to follow him. "This way. I will explain everything in that place to make it easier."

Alex nodded and followed him together with his group.

"As you might already know, our world once got invaded by many powerful beings, including many gods. That place was filled with God Stage Beasts and mostly filled with monsters, causing no one born in that place other than monsters.

"Just like how this world connected with a few other worlds, we somehow got connected with that world as well, resulting in a great invasion. A few million monsters were coming to us, and which five hundred thousand of them were Martial Saints.

"We tried our best to maintain the order and fought back. Unfortunately, their number and strength were too high, causing our strength to decrease at a certain period. In the end, we decided to seal our world to prevent these monsters from coming, especially their God Stage monsters.

"Fortunately, we met the Spirit God and had his help in severing the connection and sealing our world. Of course, the price was also high for this. Around one hundred God Rank Experts back then, including us, sacrificed their lives to seal the world.

"Twenty of us here were picked by the majority to watch over the seal inside this tower and guide the future children. Yeah. Spirit God granted us this opportunity as well since we would also not be here if he didn't help us.

"As you might already know, the Spirit God had six... No, seven elements from fire to elementless. However, there was one that didn't fall under the category, the most unique monster in the universe, a Space Monster.

"For this, the Spirit God decided to make a separate seal for them. As for why we had something like this. After severing the connection back then, there were still too many monsters roaming around the world, and this created the seal.

"To prevent it even further, the Spirit God decided to seal them in Underground Place like this, so when they succeeded in breaking through the tower, they wouldn't know that they were inside a cave." Shakdi let out a long sigh.

"Hmm... I get the gist of it." Alex nodded and fell into deep thought.

"There is one thing that I almost forgot to mention. We lost not because of our number and strength alone. There was another reason for how monsters could rule the entire world. It was the fact that they had parent monsters.

"They controlled every single monster with a single roar, giving us trouble from time to time. You can say that they were the leaders. And the original seven had a connection between each of them as they could send a signal to each other and acted together.

"That's why I would like if there is a future where seven geniuses come here and obliterate them at the same time, so the other monsters couldn't rampage and destroy the seal inside the tower. Unfortunately, the opportunity had yet to arrive." Shakdi paused for a moment.

"Judging from your tone, do you want me to do something about it?"

"To be blunt. Yes. As I said before, the Space Monsters are not connected with the other seven monsters. That's why we can kill them right now." Shakdi admitted without hesitation.

"Seeing how long you have been waiting, why don't you ask someone in the past?"

"We tried to ask geniuses in the past, but not a single of them succeeded." Shakdi shook his head in disappointment. Every time a peerless genius appeared, they would fall in battle against the Space Monsters. "They are simply not strong enough. I don't know if you have encountered a Space Monster or not, but I could say that the Space Monsters are far stronger than normal monsters."

"I have fought them once inside an illusion. And I can confirm what you say." Alex confirmed along with a nod.

"There are fifty thousand monsters inside the Space Realm roaming around there with a single leader, a 3-Star Martial Saint. Luckily, their strength has been decreasing because of getting trapped for a long time. However, this one should still be able to fight a 5-Star Martial Saint easily." Shakdi warned, glancing upon Leoz.

"Don't worry. If it's only that strong, we should be fine. The problem is how we will fight the rest. They are still fifty thousand monsters, and killing them will take time. Is there any terrain, or is it just a plain blue-colored realm?" Alex asked.

"I will show the realm itself for you later together with the other realms." Shakdi nodded.

"Sure. I can get more pictures of it."

"That's right. How long will this take, and what kind of reward will I get? You don't expect me to work for free, right?"

"Of course. I will offer you my knowledge and understanding of the Space Element. I don't know if you have realized it or not, but your Space Element is different from a normal Space Element. However, I can't say much about it due to my lack of understanding. I don't want to mislead you anyway, so I can't talk more than this. Meanwhile, my knowledge is full of basic understandings, so you can work your way with that knowledge."

"It's enough for me. Space Element is my worst subject, so this reward is tempting for me." Alex nodded.

"I offer this deal because I know that you are going to enter with fourteen friends, including the three presences inside your body. Together with your innate strength, I can say that your chance of killing the Space Monster is the highest." Shakdi nodded. "As for how long it will take, it will purely depend on you."

"I understand." Alex nodded.

"By the way, I would like to inquire something from you if you don't mind."

"Sure. Just ask me."

"How do you know the Space Monster? They are very rare that not many know. Even on the surface, they only know about invisible monsters, instead of space monsters." At first, he thought it was due to the knowledge of Spirit God. But everything changed after looking at how clueless Alex was, so he couldn't help but ask.

Alex thought for a moment and answered with another question. "Do you know about the Freedom Sect?"

"No." How could he know? There was no one know about it on the surface, so no one actually gave him the information about them.

"I learned their existences there. They used to live on the surface before the great purge of Space Element users."

"Ah! That accident. Now that I think about it, someone once told me that there were survivors among the Space Element Masters, but they didn't know where they disappeared. Calculating the amount of time and other things, I believed the first people who joined that sect must have fought against the Space Monsters alongside us." Shakdi nodded.

"I have the same thought."

"Anyway, we have arrived."

Chapter 738 - Their Plan

"Anyway, we have arrived." Shakdi showed Alex a thick wooden gate in front of them. "Behind this door is where we usually reside."

Alex looked at the door with his Spirit Eyes, finding the rest nineteen people inside. However, he also found an additional eight energy signs inside.

'If my speculation is right, the additional eight come from the gates for each realm.' Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "Since this is the case, should we go in?"

"Sure." Shakdi smiled and opened the gate.

All the previous figures stood side by side as if they had sensed them behind the gate. They cupped their hands politely and greeted them. "Welcome."

"The Spirit God truly saved this world, including the billions of people inside, so I hope you can understand our action," Shakdi whispered to him. How could they act rude to someone related to the Spirit God himself? Although they didn't know whether Alex was the Spirit God himself or not, it was still apparent that the one possessing Alex earlier was the Spirit God.

That alone was enough to respect Alex as they respected their benefactor. In addition, the reactions from the spirits signified his status.

Alex didn't answer Shakdi, not knowing what to say in this situation.

"Do you mind if they stay in our talk?" Shakdi asked.

"It's fine. I am with the others as well." Alex smiled, glancing at his group.

"That's good. Well, I will be the one to talk most of the time, so..." Shakdi shrugged and pointed at the whole room.

Alex finally took his eyes away from these nineteen people and observed the room. The room was similar to the one before, full of bricks. However, there were eight doors inside this room. Red, blue, green, yellow, white, black, transparent, and pink. Each door signified the elements behind them.

His target must be the one behind the pink door. He looked at the door with two stone pillars attached to it as a support of the gate.

Noticing this action, Shakdi smiled and began his explanation. "As you might already know, the red door is full of fire monsters, the blue door is full of water monsters, and so on. And the one I am talking about is the pink door. This door sends you to another location, a bit far from here, but also underground."

"If I may ask, where is the location? You said the monsters were trapped underground, right? They must still be somewhere in this world, right?" Alex asked.

"Yes. I want to confirm something first. You come here through that pillar, right?"

Alex nodded.

"Actually, the gate itself transferred you to another underground cave, which is this place. You can say it's a kind of neighboring cave. The same principle applied to these eight gates. Each of them is located around us, but considering their size, you can say it's pretty far from us."

"And every place is linked with each other," Alex added.

"Yes."

"I see. Just like you said, if we kill a beast from one of the seven elements, the others will notice and breakthrough this gate. Although I can see how much illusion and space element to hide this gate, they must be able to feel each other through the gate, which they will use to locate the gate." Alex thought for a moment and said.

"Correct." Shakdi nodded. "If all the monsters gather in one place and breakthrough from this place, there is a possibility they will find the main entrance and kill millions of people from the four kingdoms. After that, they might resurface and bring a catastrophe to the world. That's what we don't want to see."

"I understand. I won't do anything foolish. That's right. Knowing that it is space monsters, how long can we stay inside the Blue-Colored Realm?"

"Blue-Colored Realm huh? The general term for it is Space World, so I think it's better to use that terminology, so the people will understand you easily." Shakdi paused before answering his question.

"As for how long you can stay, normal people can't stay for long, but Space Element masters can stay there as long as he has enough Spiritual Energy. However, since the request is coming from me, I will envelop you with the special energy of mine and let your team stay there without worrying about the time limit."

"Special Energy?" Alex tilted his head in confusion, wondering if there is such a technique in his knowledge.

"This is my Original Skill, coupled with my Divine Soul. I can create a layer of energy that can protect you inside there."

"Ah!" Alex scratched his head, realizing he couldn't copy that technique.

"I will draw the energy from the tower to maintain the suit for as long as possible, so you don't need to worry. If you kill the monsters like how you did in the swamp, I believe you can finish all of them within four months."

"Four months? That's a lot of time, considering it's only fifty thousand monsters..." Alex thought for a moment and looked at Anna.

"We can kill up to five thousand monsters per day without using the True Spirit Body. However, we are facing space monsters here, and in unknown terrain, so two thousand a day is a maximum." Anna nodded. "Well, they should also have a stronger cultivation base, so around one thousand a day, I guess."

"It's around two months to three months since we need to be careful." After reaching an agreement with Anna, he looked back at Shakdi.

"Ahaha... I have decreased that number after seeing your strength, and to think it's still not fast enough... Anyway, I won't mind if you can do it at that speed, but please be careful since they are strong. Meanwhile, I believe you need one month to absorb my knowledge and understanding."

"I understand. We will just do our best in this matter and don't need to care about the time." Alex nodded. "That's right. Can you teleport us back after we finish everything?"

"I am afraid not." Shakdi shook his head. "After you enter here, you can only return six months from now since the tower will do the rest. As much as I want to help you, it's impossible for us."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows, noticing that he couldn't raise his spirits' level.

"But don't be disappointed first. The Spiritual Energy here is so dense, so you should be able to gain another star within that time."

Unfortunately, Shakdi didn't know that the spirits couldn't raise their strength with Spiritual Energy.

At this time, Anna sent a thought transmission to him. 'We should be able to ask someone on the surface to summon us. Although it's a shame that we can't fight here anymore, we can start working with our grand plan.'

'Indeed. Our target is the Ancient Blue Family this time.'

'I understand. That Rio must have reached 2-Star Martial Saint inside this place, and he will soon become the Patriarch. At that time, the situation in their family won't be stable, and we can use that chance to threat... Ahem, negotiate with them.'

'Yeah. Just search for the spies from Freedom Sect about the details. Tell them that I will go two months after we return. After that, tell Song Jiaoren to meet me. I will handle Elder Manness. Of course, tell the Ancient Blue Family that I will come to them and have a secret talk. Knowing their disposition, they wouldn't leak this news.' Alex nodded.

'I will consult the rest with Anya and you later.'

Alex agreed and looked back at Shakdi. "If you don't mind, I want to know why there are so many monsters coming out of that pillar? From what I can see, there are around five million monsters..."

Shakdi let out a long sigh. "This is one of their special characteristics. The monsters can breed a new monster, creating an infinite number of monsters. Each realm can only hold fifty thousand monsters while the rest are teleported to the pillar and let the humans there kill it every five hundred years."

"Now I can see why monsters rule that planet." Alex nodded with an understanding look.

"Yeah. You can say this is our way of birth control. Imagine if that five million monsters and four hundred thousand from here breakthrough and reach the surface..." Shakdi's expression turned grim.

Alex closed his eyes and sighed. "The world might be ruined. The people might stand up against these monsters, but if I take the birth of new monsters to the picture, everything will be for naught."

"That's right. Unlike this world system where the world expends its extra energy to create monsters, these monsters are far different."

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "I will try to help as much as possible. I don't want that to happen after all."

"Thank you."

"And one last thing that I need to know is the terrain inside the Space World."

Shakdi thought for a moment and asked him to follow him to the pink gate.

"I will open this gate for a few seconds, so please take a look carefully." Shakdi gulped down and clapped his hand, activating the array of the gate.

This pink wooden gate suddenly became translucent as the wood vanished into thin air. Shakdi then channeled more Spiritual Energy to create a small hole in the middle of the gate.

"This..." Alex peeked inside, astonished with what he saw. Inside the blue-colored realm were a few Spatial Gates, leading to a different space. However, if he looks closely, there is grassland in the closest Spatial Gates and a rocky mountain in the next one.

Shakdi felt the leaking Space Element and immediately closed the hole again. "The Space Monsters don't have a uniform species. For example, the water element will mostly be fish and so on. However, the Space Monsters are closer to a human form."

"There are monsters that have pointed ears. Or there are bulls with human bodies or half-human half-horse creatures. Each of them has different living environments, so it's hard to say the terrain itself. I can only say that each Spatial Gates contains one thousand to two thousand monsters each. If I remember correctly, there are thirty-three gates inside."

Alex lowered his eyebrows, frowned. Just like how the illusion portrayed them, they were most likely the Dark Elves, Minotaurs, and Centaurs. "This is going to be a troublesome one since we need to adapt to each characteristic. Luckily, they don't have a high number."

"Indeed." Anya joined the conversation. As usual, where there is planning, Anya will be there. "Are they living together all the time?"

"No. From my observation, they only had tribal groups with one hundred to two hundred monsters each." Shakdi shook his head.

"How about the parent? Where is it? I think I can kill him first before dealing with the rest." Alex said, knowing that the day had yet to end, so he didn't want to waste the True Spirit Body.

"Only by closing all the Spatial Gates that the Spatial Gate leading to their leader would open."

"That's a shame." Alex sighed. "Nonetheless, it's not that different. I will try to close each Spatial Gates within one or two days and move to the other ones. From what I can see and sense, the Spiritual Energy is quite rich inside. I believe I can recover our strength much faster."

"Yeah. We are harvesting the Spiritual Energy released by the monsters outside to power up the entire system, so the Spiritual Energy is distributed to this place as well."

"I get the gist of the condition. I don't think I have a problem with entering the portal." Alex nodded and looked at his group. "Is everyone ready to enter?"

"We are ready."

"Then let me help you." Shakdi clapped his hand again and summoned a few spheres. These pink spheres swallowed Alex and the others, coating them like slime before it vanished into thin air. "This is my Space Suit that can withstand the energy inside the Space World. Even if you can't do it, you just need to come back here, and I will open the gate immediately."

Alex nodded with a smile, assuring him once again before standing in front of the gate.

"Then, may fortune be with you." Shakdi opened the gate again, and the other God Rank Experts cupped their hands, wishing him luck.

Alex and the others finally entered the Space World.

Chapter 739 - Dark Elves

As soon as he entered the Space World, he wasted no time to head to the closest Spatial Gate from him and arrived in a grass plain.

The scorching orange sunlight warmed their body, the breeze swayed their hair, and the tall grasses hid half of their body. Alex and Nelson immediately bent down their body instinctively. The group instantly realized and fell to their knees, using the tall grass as their cover.

Nelson appeared beside him and asked. "Master. I am going first."

"Wait a minute. I will check our surroundings with my Spirit Eyes." Alex activated his Spirit Eyes, scanning all four directions. "We are safe for the time being. You go and search for a settlement nearby and check their number. After killing them, we might use their place as our base."

"Understood. It shouldn't take too long if the world isn't that big." Nelson nodded and disappeared.

Alex then waited with the other spirits until Nelson came back.

Ten minutes later, Nelson returned with a serious expression. "The situation is not too good. There are around one hundred and twenty people inside the first settlement I have found. All of them are Dark Elves in your memory. Now that I think about it, Space Monster doesn't necessarily categorize as a Space Element user, right?"

Alex shook his head. "They are just like normal monsters, having their own respective elements. However, they are comfortable living inside the Space World and feel like living in hell when they stay in the real world. This difference classifies them as a Space Monster. Assuming that they couldn't use Spatial Gates like this, the parent monster is the one who has created these Spatial Gates. That's why I even offer to fight it first."

Nelson thought for a moment. "In this case, our situation might not be as bad as I thought. I was worried at first since there were fifty thousand Space Element monsters that we needed to fight. If it's like this, they won't stand a chance. After all, we are fighting on equal terms here."

"That's why I am confident that we can finish this one as soon as possible. Just make sure you remember their characteristics. If everything is aligned with the information from the illusion I saw in the Potential Tower, we will proceed with caution." Alex added.

"Yes. The only problem is they are staying in a forest with giant trees, making the place a bit dark. Considering their elements and attack patterns from your memory, I believe we should lure them to this place where they have nowhere to hide." Nelson suggested after careful consideration.

"That's a good idea. I will leave it to you." Alex nodded.

"Yes." Nelson then disappeared again.

He went toward the first settlement inside the forest, searching for a route that he could exploit. "I still have my True Spirit Body, and with this dark environment, my strength increases. I should be able to kill a few of them before luring them to Master."

Taking a deep breath, Nelson arrived at a certain house with two 5-Star Martial Monarchs inside. Nelson took another look at their appearance. Purple skin, white hair, daggers on the waist and bows hung on their wall.

'I should test their strength first and see how good is their assassination skill.'

"&%(!" The female dark elf let out a voice.

The male became confused and answered her with a gesture.

Nelson furrowed his eyebrows as he couldn't understand what they said. 'As expected from a monster. Despite having a colony, they can't seem to talk.'

He summoned his sword and emerged right below them, waving his sword toward their throats.

The two Dark Elves managed to react and pulled out the dagger, blocking Nelson's sword. Albeit, this was the time where Nelson showed his prowess. The dark energy gushed out of his body and enveloped his sword as he revealed his real strength.

"!!!" Shock ran through their heart and face. Unfortunately, they couldn't do anything like the moment they realized, their head already turned around, flying in the air.

Nelson slashed his sword again, blowing away the blood that stuck in his sword.

'Their reaction is good even though it's the perfect ambush. Unfortunately, they are coming from a planet full of monsters to the point they are classified as monsters themselves instead of a race. I heard there are worlds that have a race like them... They can't stay inside the Space World though. Anyway, I will simply lure them and confront them head-on since their strength isn't that great in a direct confrontation.' Nelson thought and disappeared again.

He realized all of that in that single exchange. Although they managed to block his sword, they didn't have the strength to back it up. At most they used that chance to retreat, thus the reason why Nelson killed them instantly. On the other hand, he noticed that the group seemed weaker than he expected, with strength mostly in 3-Star Martial Monarch.

Taking another deep breath, he continued his path and killed another ten Dark Elves, severing their heads for his use.

After that, Nelson brought all those heads and roared, alarming every single Dark Elf inside this settlement. Their villages consisted of many tree houses, not connected with each other, even though they should have lived here for a few thousand years.

Hearing the sudden roar, all of them came out, finding Nelson on top of the building. He threw the heads to the air and slashed them into pieces before pointing at the strongest person in this settlement.

"&\$&*(!\$" The leader seemed to give them an instruction and glared at Nelson as if he wanted to kill her. He pulled his bow and aimed at Nelson.

On the other hand, Nelson simply shrugged and left the city.

The leader, obviously, pursued him like crazy with their entire population. "Master! I am bringing them here."

Alex widened his eyes and stood up. His group knew what to do and followed him, looking at Nelson, who appeared from the horizon and bringing more than a hundred Dark Elves.

"This is our great opportunity. Use this chance and deal with a strike they wouldn't ever be able to recover. After that, I will lead the group." Alex ordered Anya while taking his sword out. He made sure that no one escaped with his Spirit Eyes.

The moment they entered the attack range, Nelson immediately turned around and raised his hand, creating a black fog. The people thought it was going to be used as a smokescreen to escape, but four shadows emerged from within the smoke, slashing their weapons.

"Heaven Light Slash."

"Thunder Spirit Slash."

"Cross Lightning Slash."

"Heroic Slash."

Alex, Leoz, Jeanne, and Artur released their attacks, killing ten people at the same time. Greg raised his shield and created a spherical barrier, trapping them inside.

Jean then made his move. Torrential water circled around the barrier, rising higher and higher until it enveloped the entire barrier. Spikes started coming out of the water. With this combination, there was no way that the Dark Elves could escape.

Meanwhile, Anya was smiling behind everyone as she had done everything she could, including increasing the group's strength.

After that, Anna summoned her butterflies, Nelson turned around and began assassinating them one by one, Fabio and Vera also began their combination attack while Sherry, Stina, and Kyle began their omnidirectional attack, creating chaos so the group could take advantage of it.

Seeing this, Firia didn't want to lose and flew to Alex, requesting his Pure Fire.

"Flames of Dawn!"

The fireball shot out many flames, raining around ten of them for each enemy, burning them into ashes.

Within those attacks, Alex realized that none of the Dark Elves were still alive. It was true that the combination attacks were successful, killing them in a minute. However, he couldn't say he was happy about it. First, there wasn't a single strong enemy. Their strongest person was only a 7-Star Martial Monarch.

At the same time, he and his group consumed a considerable amount of Spiritual Energy.

Alex let out a long sigh. "I know that you guys are excited... But you shouldn't waste Spiritual Energy like that. From what I see, only me, Sherry, Stina, Kyle, Anya, and Nelson didn't use too much energy..."

"!!!" The group suddenly realized after Alex told them. They felt thrilled with Alex's condition, so they subconsciously wanted to make sure the first battle together went very well, albeit it seemed the battle was a bit unsatisfactory for him.

Anya walked toward him and smiled gently. "They were too excited because of you. Well, I will be reprimanding them, so we can continue our progress now."

Alex stared at her eyes and sighed. "Nelson."

"Yes. I will search for another one." Nelson nodded and disappeared.

He looked at the corpses on the ground with complicated emotions. These Dark Elves were killed before they could say anything. Although it was also the fact that his strength was far above them and there weren't that many Dark Elves at once, he still felt that these one hundred monsters should be able to fight them for a few minutes.

He was wondering whether he overestimated them or not. Alex didn't know the answer yet, so his guard remained up, not wanting to let the enemies catch him off guard. With that resolve in mind, he began his killing spree.

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A few fights later, Alex realized that the first group was composed of weaklings. They lived in the border that had less Spiritual Energy. When he ventured deeper and deeper inside their territory, he realized that their average cultivation base got stronger and stronger until their weakest one became a 6-Star Martial Saint, with the strongest reached as high as 1-Star Martial Saint.

This was a surprise for Alex. Luckily, there were around two hundred left Dark Elves left inside the Spatial gate. If not, Alex might have a problem dealing with this situation, albeit it was still not good for him.

Nelson returned with a grim expression.

There wasn't an important fight before this, but looking at Nelson's expression, he suddenly felt something bad. "Nelson... How is the next settlement?"

"If I estimate the number of each Spatial Gate, I believe the next settlement is the last one." Nelson sweatdropped.

"What do you mean? Shouldn't it be the second last?" Alex frowned before realizing his meaning. "Unless..."

"Yes." Nelson nodded. "It has the size of two settlements. I have a rough estimate of their number, but it's quite high; around two hundred fifty people inside. And I have found their leader; a 2-Star Martial Saint. I believe this won't be an easy battle for us, especially since I know that this leader seems to be an intelligent one."

Alex's expression darkened as he asked Anya to come up with a plan.

"Do you think it's possible to assassinate them? We have been killing them with our True Spirit Body, making our progress go smoothly... But the moment our True Spirit Body is gone, I am afraid it won't be that easy anymore. Even those people in the first settlement might need around an hour to solve." Anya closed her eyes, falling into deep thought.

"That's a good idea. Do you think you can assassinate the leader? I also can use my Space Element as one of the assassins. As for the rest... I don't think any of them are good for assassination."

"I am afraid I can't assassinate that Dark Elf. They had a good reaction time for something like this, and I am also a 2-Star Martial Saint like her. If we want to assassinate people, it's better to go for the low-level ones. Of course, this will only be effective for a while..." Nelson shook his head in disappointment.

"I see. I and Nelson will assassinate as many people as possible until we are found out. After that, we will lure them toward the grassland nearby and kill them in one fell swoop. There might be a big battle for this, but we will do the usual."

"That's the only way I guess." Anya sighed.

"You inform the others then." Alex nodded before looking at Nelson.

Nelson nodded and led him inside the village.

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A few minutes later, Alex and Nelson sliced the throat of two Dark Elves simultaneously.

"We have killed ten of them within these few minutes." Nelson furrowed his eyebrows, checking the presence around them.

"Their number is still a problem... You said that the enemy leader seems to have intelligent, right Nelson?" Alex asked, looking around as well with his Spirit Eyes.

"Yes. I have checked her behavior and other things. She is far different than the others." Nelson nodded without hesitation.

"In that case, we might fight an organized battle against this Dark Elves." Alex frowned, thinking of a plan to fight them later.

"Still, we should have two people fight against this person while the others hold the rest," Nelson suggested.

"No. It will be three people: You, me, and Leoz. We will utilize Anya's support, Greg's barrier, Jeanne's powerful ability, and Anna's butterflies. I am sure we are capable of stopping two hundred of them, especially since you are still able to maintain your True Spirit Body." Alex nodded.

"I am afraid it won't last for another hour." Nelson's face was distorted.

"It's enough if everything goes according to the plan. They are Dark Elves that specialize in the assassination, dark element, and archery. I have seen plenty of their strategy, and I am sure the strategy in my mind is enough to end the battle quickly. They are not that strong to begin with." His voice was filled with confidence. Alex didn't think he would fail in this place because another thirty-two more Spatial Gates are awaiting him.

"I understand. I will trust Master's judgment. Let's kill a few—!" A sudden roar stopped Nelson from talking. Their eyes intertwined and nodded, peeking outside the house.

A Dark Elf suddenly came out of her house, looking at the kneeling elf in front of her. She looked majestic and scary at the same time. There was no difference from the others, such as her white hair, developed body, smooth purple skin, and so on. However, Alex saw that her eyes were completely white, and there was a spark of purple energy hiding in her eyes.

Alex frowned and scanned her body with his Spirit Eyes and didn't see anything, including her eyes. There was nothing wrong with her, creating confusion in Alex's mind.

"This is not possible. Her eyes are different than those of normal Elves. There is a chance of her having another energy inside... Looking at the color of her energy, she should have Lightning Element. I will watch out for this one first while trying to figure out those eyes. Wait... Don't tell me that the eyes are actually a Martial Art or something?" Alex fell into deep thought before they heard another roar from that elf.

"Master!" Nelson appeared in front of Alex and slashed his sword forward, deflecting a beam of lightning from below.

Without releasing his Spiritual Energy, his Spiritual Weapon had already released a barrier to protect him from the lightning.

"We have been found out." Alex clicked his tongue and looked at the leader with his Spirit Eyes. "I see. It's the latter. Those eyes are coming from a Martial Art or something. To think that they could also do use a Martial Art... I thought they could only use element manipulation."

"Master!"

"I know. Let's retreat." Alex took another glance and noticed someone in front of the queen. 'It seems she knows about us from the kneeling guy.'

Roar!

The Dark Elf released another roar as they started chasing Alex and Nelson.

"Sherry. Control my fire and create a diversion. Make sure you slow some of them down so we can ambush those in front." Alex instructed while running.

Sherry answered him with her actions as thirty swords appeared above him. Alex immediately coated them with his Absolute Blade Intent as Sherry sent them toward the Dark Elves.

Roar!

Another roar echoed through the forest as the Dark Elves picked up their bow and released their arrows at the same time. The targets were the Fire Swords.

"Tch." Alex clicked his tongue. "This might be more troublesome than I imagined."

Alex could only complain and keep running while trying to distract them.

Luckily, the Dark Elves seemed to not have that much advantage with Nelson and Alex. No matter how they tried to ambush them by attacking them from different angles, the two acted as if they knew they were coming.

After running for another minute, they arrived at the grass plain nearby. However, Alex still kept the pace to make sure they didn't have an opportunity to return and hide behind those trees.

"!!!" The leader seemed to notice a nearby presence. She roared once again, and the Dark Elves halted their advance before going into circles and looking at their surroundings.

"As expected." Alex let out a long sigh before summoning another thirty Fire Swords, albeit it got struck by another volley of arrows before the swords could reach them.

"We can't slack off..." Alex took a deep breath and sent six Sword Waves at the same time. "Mythical Fire Slash!"

Those six emerged from the smoke and cut some people that tried to block it. At this time, Anna and the others showed up. As they appeared, the Dark Elves took another step further and released their arrows as if they knew their location.

"Sherry, Stina, Kyle, come out. Take care of those arrows. The others can start killing the rest while Nelson and Leoz will follow me to handle that leader." Alex shouted.

The group immediately dispersed as the trio beasts didn't use their full strength. Instead, they used something like their firebirds to knock all those arrows.

Anna and the others used this opportunity to launch their attacks.

Alex then appeared right in front of the leader by using his Space Mark and waved his sword.

"Spirit Step and Dragon Aura!" With the two techniques, his strength was capable of rivaling 3-Star Martial Saint. For 2-Star Martial Saint like her, it should be enough.

The leader gritted her teeth and blocked the attack with her bow, albeit got blown away by his strength. Unexpectedly, she wasn't also a pushover. The moment they got a little distance, she activated her eyes again, shooting a powerful lightning beam toward Alex.

"..." Alex looked at them without a change of expression because his Spiritual Weapons released another shield. He could use this shield six times, so he didn't need to worry about this and kept advancing. At the same time, Nelson and Leoz appeared next to her.

"Shadow Slash."

"Thunder Spirit Slash."

The two attacked her from two different directions, forcing her to block one of the attacks and let the other one hit.

Roar! She roared again as her lightning started shining in blue. She raised her hand and blocked Nelson's attack with her bow before glaring at Leoz and shooting another beam attack.

Boom!

Leoz slightly widened his eyes, never expecting to get this kind of counter-attack. Even more so when she attacked him instead of the sword. In other words, she didn't need to handle Leoz's 5-Star Martial Saint strength because she had blown him away.

Alex took this chance to attack her again by using his strength.

"Heaven Light Slash."

Coupled with Triple Draws, Alex should pose a problem even for her, albeit the Dark Elf suddenly raised her left hand and formed an arrow. Using her arrow and bow, she tried to block all Alex's attack before retreating again.

Alex didn't let her escape and used Space Plate to stop her movement. Unlike the invisible Space Plates, these Space Plates appeared with their physical form. After all, they were inside the Space World.

Noticing this technique, the leader wanted to turn around, but Alex kept her with his Space Bind. Those few white wh.i.p.s appeared from his Space Plates and locked her in place for a second.

Leoz used this chance to attack her from the front. "Master. This woman is dangerous. Just now, she released an attack equal to 4-Star Martial Saint. Let me be the main attack. She got a better of me earlier, but not this time."

As he said so, Leoz tried to kill her with a single swing, but the leader immediately freed herself by cutting Alex's Space Bind with her arrow. She used her bow to block Leoz's slash and somehow shifted her stance to allow her to use the momentum.

However, neither Leoz nor Alex panicked because of this. Instead, Leoz made a complete swing, sending her flying as fast as possible.

"It's your turn." Leoz smirked.

"Hmph." Nelson had been standing by for this and appeared to kill this elf. Leoz said all those words just to mislead her because all three of them were the main attack. If they failed, they would immediately become the decoy. This would keep repeating until the enemy died.

Alex thought of this strategy for the whole group, but three of them were enough to execute it. He smiled as well and thought Nelson must get her in that position and speed.

Nelson slashed his sword forward before widening his eyes. The Dark Elf couldn't dodge the attack, but it didn't mean she couldn't do anything. Her left hand that was holding an arrow suddenly threw the arrow covered with lightning as if a bow released it. The attack was fast and deadly, heading toward Nelson's head.

"!!!" Nelson clicked his tongue and shifted his head a little bit. Even so, he still finished his swing. "Shadow Slash!"

Unfortunately, the direction was off because of the earlier arrow but still sliced her left hand.

The Dark Elf gritted her teeth and summoned an arrow with her mouth, holding it with her teeth as she drew the arrow. It was a ridiculous form, but all of them knew she would shoot another powerful arrow.

Alex didn't want to let this happen as he leaped toward her and used his Triple Draws again.

The Dark Elf only smirked and released another lightning strike again instead of her arrow.

Alex didn't flinch even at this situation and released his shield again to block everything from her.

Boom!

"To think I need to use the shield multiple times just to fight a single opponent... As expected of a Space Monster I guess. Despite having 2-Star Martial Saint strength, she could go toe to toe with Leoz." Alex exclaimed. Unbeknownst to him, a little smile appeared on his face.

"She can't handle me." Leoz corrected Alex and charged at the woman again to prove it.

Having no chance to dodge it, she parried Leoz's barrage of attacks with her bow, resulting in her hand covered with blood. The wounds were pretty deep, and Leoz was sure that she couldn't draw her arrow again.

Without anyone knowing it, a gate appeared behind her as a Sword Wave flew out of the gate, slashing her right arm. Leoz looked to the left and saw Alex summoning his Spatial Gate. Using this as another diversion, Leoz leaped toward the girl and planned to finish her with a single slash, albeit the girl's eyes shone.

"Heh... I know you will do that." Leoz smirked.

Unexpectedly, Leoz stopped from his full speed and raised his hand as he summoned a few lightning balls, restricting her movement. At the same time, Alex also summoned her Space Bind to stop her movement.

Roar! The Dark Elf roared again, creating a noise so that her subordinates could hear her. Without both of her hands, she couldn't block these three anymore and would only lead her to death. That was why it was better to create a diversion herself.

And she succeeded. A few people immediately turned around and shot an arrow toward Leoz and Alex, disregarding their lives because Anna appeared right after they shot and sent their heads flying.

Greg appeared at this moment and created a barrier between them, stopping each arrow.

Nelson also moved from behind and pierced her heart. He let out a sigh. "That's enough. You should die now and don't embarrass us even further."