

Gacha 741

Chapter 741 - The Second Place

After killing the leader, all Dark Elves suddenly panicked as if they couldn't do anything more. Alex and the others seized this chance and defeated them.

A few minutes later, Alex killed the last Dark Elf and let out a long sigh. "We are finally done."

"Yeah. Although the battle was not that hard, the sudden appearance of this monster surprised us." Nelson nodded and glanced at the leader, trying to find anything inside her body. Unfortunately, there wasn't a single trace of belonging in her body, so Nelson thought it must be in her house. "Master. I need your permission to search her house. I believe that Martial Art is inside her house."

"Sure. We will recover our Spiritual Energy first." Alex nodded.

As soon as Nelson disappeared, Alex raised his two weapons, checking their Spiritual Energy. "You two have worked hard. Try to recover your energy first."

The weapons released their energy again to respond to Alex as they began absorbing the energy nearby. At the same time, all of them sat down and tried to recover their energy.

A few minutes later, Nelson returned with a scroll. "Master. I have found this inside her house."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and took the red scroll from him before opening it.

"Lightning God Eyes... A Divine Technique that allows one to control Lightning with your eyes." Alex widened his eyes. "This is a Divine Technique! To think there is something like this inside this place."

"Yeah. I assume it came from the fallen God a few thousand years ago." Nelson nodded before adding. "The way she handles the technique might not reach that level yet, but it can be considered as one of the most powerful techniques in the current world. If not because of the limitation in this world, she might be able to unleash the real might of this technique."

"Now that you say it, no wonder she could blow me away. It really hurt despite our difference in strength." Leoz came to him and sighed.

"This must be someone's possession... Most likely one of the Gods and Goddesses outside. Should I give it back to them? Nah, we should keep it. They won't know anyway." Alex shrugged. They had taken the trouble in killing the Dark Elf, so why would he give it back?

"I agree. It's better to give Rose instead." Anna joined the conversation.

"Yeah. I plan to do that. Maybe one of the Jackpot for her Gacha." Alex thought for a moment and said.

"That's a good idea. She will have one rank 8 weapon and this Divine Technique. Although she could only unleash a portion of its power, it should be enough to protect her in this world." Anna nodded in agreement.

"We will rest for another two hours before we head to the second Spatial Gate. Unlike this time, we can't use our True Spirit Body anymore, so take your time and kill the enemies one by one." Alex ordered before closing his eyes, returning to his cultivation.

The others stared at him for a few seconds before going back to what they had been doing before. They didn't want to let Alex be the only one to recover all of his Spiritual Energy.

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After that, they went toward the second Spatial Gate, finding a vast sand area. Alex furrowed his eyebrow, wondering what kind of monsters living here.

"Hmm... From my speculation, the Spatial Gate is adjusting to their living environment. Like how the Dark Elf will freely roam the grassland at night and stay in their house during the day, this place must also be connected to the next monsters. Still, it's already night, and I can't predict what kind of monsters will appear here." Alex thought for a moment and checked what below the sand.

"Are you going to check whether there are scorpions or not?" Anya walked toward him, asking the obvious question.

"Yes. That's the only one I can think of. Unfortunately, I don't find a single one in this area, so I think we should explore the area together, so I can keep watching the underground."

"Maybe something like a mummy or a minotaur? I don't know if they are living here, but I just can't put away the image."

Alex looked up and nodded. "Whatever it is, we shall check it first. Let's move out in a single direction. Artur! Choose!"

"Ye-yes!" Artur roared and pointed in a single direction. He pointed at where his instinct told him to go, so Alex knew that there must be something around there.

After flying for half an hour, Alex finally saw huge tents with an oasis, full of water, in the middle of them.

Alex halted his steps after finding this settlement because he was dumbstruck upon watching the Spiritual Energy around this place. "This... This is not a Dark Elf, but it is close to that monster."

"What monster?"

"From their energy shape and such, they are most likely minotaurs." Alex took a deep breath. "To think we will meet them in the second Spatial Gate, this will be a big fight." Alex narrowed his eyes.

The spirits didn't say anything, knowing fully well how hard to fight a minotaur. Alex alone fought a single of them with difficulty. Even if their cultivation gap was like this, it might be hard to bring them down like those Dark Elves.

"We need a strategy for this." Anya nodded, recalling the fight he had in the Potential Tower.

"Yeah. First of all, we don't have the True Spirit Body right now, so we are mainly fighting them with ranged attacks. I, Firia, Sherry, Kyle, and Stina will be the support, wearing them down with our fire. Nelson, Jeanne, Artur will be the assassins, killing them one by one without taking a risk. Leoz will be our vanguard, luring them from one place to another. You are the strongest here, so I don't think they will match your strength, but be careful.

"As for Jean, Fabio, Vera, and Anna, they will attack them from afar. I don't know if they have great control of their mind, so Anna will try to use her butterflies to control one of them. Having an army like this is good too, especially in a situation like this. We might even use it to fight the next Spatial Gate. Greg will be our buffer. Make sure that no one is hurt." Alex commanded, giving all of them a role.

"I will be supporting you guys from behind like usual and check if we need a change of strategy," Anya added with a smile.

"Yeah." Alex smiled back.

"Understood."

"Nelson. Check their number, and we will have Leoz grab their attention."

Nelson nodded and disappeared.

Alex thought about something ridiculous. "Say, their body is strong right... What if we level up Leoz to 10-Star Martial Saint?"

"It's not the time yet." Anya instantly rejected the idea. "After this, we need to start pressuring the Ancient Blue Family to stay away from the war. However, Blackwade Clan, Drunken Pavilion, and Freedom Sect will also know our hand if we bring Leoz there."

"Why so? I am not planning to bring him anyway since he will be my trump card. I will only let him show his strength when we fight against the Fire God Clan." Alex shook his head.

"I know that, but there is another thing you need to consider."

"What?"

"The unknown." Anya narrowed her eyes. "We know that Leoz's strength will be restrained as soon as he reaches 10-Star Martial Saint, and he can only advance to God Rank only after you advance as well. This is the problem. Having Leoz too long in this world with that kind of strength where he is supposed to breakthrough but chooses not to, there is bound to be some problem, including the one coming from the world itself."

Alex widened his eyes and fell into deep thought. 'True enough. Once he reaches the pinnacle should know that they must carry on as soon as possible. If the world recognizes Leoz and forces him to advance to God Rank Expert, we don't know what kind of conclusion will it reach. Will Leoz be expelled from the world as a God Rank Expert? Will the world itself erase Leoz as a heresy? Or is there another kind of scenario? There is too much uncertainty.'

Seeing that Alex understood their problem, Anya smiled and added, "That's why it's fine to have him as a 7-Star or 8-Star only. Judging from his leveling speed and your cultivation speed, I assume we will be able to reach that stage together with you."

"No. He is currently a 6-Star Martial Saint, but it's far from being a 7-Star. I think I will stop this plan for the time being. Although I can remove Leoz from the party, so the EXP won't be shared, there are too many cons."

"Indeed." Anya nodded before suggesting, "How about you make us 3-Star Martial Saint right now? All of us have reached 2-Star Martial Saint not long ago, so the EXP Cards should be able to do the rest. From what I see on the first Spatial Gate, we might only feel half of our EXPs even after killing all of them. That's why I think it's good to raise our level now."

"No." Alex shook his head. "I will only use the EXP Cards when we need them the most. For the time being, we only need to be careful, and they will crumble. No matter how strong their body is, our strength is far stronger."

"If that's what you want..." Anya sighed, looking at Alex mysteriously. "I just want to remind you that convincing the Ancient Blue Family will require strength and wealth."

"I know. You have seen my memory, right? Do you have an objection to my strategy?"

Anya shook her head. "Nah. Sorry for this idle talk. I simply want to make sure of your intention first because we know your memory but don't know your heart. Now that I know how you think about each approach, I have formulated the plan after we finish our business here."

"That's good then." Alex nodded before noticing a sign of energy in front of him. "Nelson. How is it?"

Just like how the previous Alex said, Nelson appeared right in front of him, scaring the others away. On the other hand, the guy in question had no change of expression. "Unlike the Dark Elves, there are only fifty or so minotaurs. It took me a while because I found another one not far from here, and they also have fifty minotaurs. I believe this is the average number of their settlement."

Alex nodded and glanced at Leoz. "We don't need to play anymore. You have one task. Go bring them here."

Leoz smirked and flew toward the settlement. He looked at these many silk tents. It was sloppy craftsmanship, but Leoz had no time to care about this. He searched for a guy in the settlement and waved his sword toward him. "Thunder Spirit Slash!"

The lightning sword wave flew toward the guy, who didn't bring his weapon.

"Moo!" The Minotaur was a 3-Star Martial Monarch, so that sword wave sliced him into two, despite being able to notice it before it struck him. Because of the roar, the other minotaurs also came out of their tents or stood up from their positions. They took out their weapons, which seemed to be a war hammer.

Leoz took a glimpse of their conditions and frowned. There were many weapons scattered around the area, thinking it must be coming from the Gods and Goddesses era because they had been rusty. Yet, the minotaurs seemed to love this war hammer so much since everyone chose it despite having so many weapons.

"Roar Roar Roar!"

A series of roars echoed across the settlement, knowing that it was the sign of chase.

Leoz took a deep breath and sent another Thunder Spirit Slash again. This time, they could react, but their strength was still too low, so Leoz killed another of them. After that, he snorted and flew away with a smug on his face.

Chapter 742 - The Minotaur

"Roar roar roar!" The roars from the minotaurs echoed from the horizon as Leoz led them toward Alex and the others.

"Get ready." Alex furrowed his eyebrows, not releasing his Spiritual Energy yet.

They waited until they were fifty meters in front of them before Alex and Firia made their appearance. They flew to the sky and held hands, connecting their Pure Fire and Sacrificial Element.

Firia created a ball and inserted her Sacrificial Fire inside, releasing them in a single burst.

"Flame of Dawn!"

The torrential fire rained toward the minotaurs.

"Moo!" One of them roared, alarming the entire group. They suddenly raised their hands in unison, trying to protect themselves with their strong body.

Alex already saw this and asked Firia. "Aim at their stomach or legs. I don't mind if they don't die because the damage will be far lesser if you aim at their arms."

Firia nodded and controlled all the torrential flames, lowering their targets a few centimeters.

Boom Boom Boom!

A series of explosions shook the entire desert, causing the ground to vibrate. Alex activated his Spirit Eyes to check their condition because he knew that the minotaurs should be stronger than those Dark Elves.

"Some of them are injured, some of them somehow react to that attack and block it with their hands. Kill the injured first. We are going to rain them down again with Fire." Alex commanded as he summoned his firebirds instead of his fire swords. Sherry, Stina, and Kyle summoned theirs as well, totaling one thousand and five hundred firebirds.

As soon as Alex rained them down, he only targeted those who were not injured by his attack previously, bringing down their physical abilities as much as possible. On the other hand, the assassination squad appeared from the left of the battlefield, killing every single injured minotaur they found. It was pretty effective because most of them couldn't react to the new attacks, so the squad killed them either in one or a few rounds.

Alex then continued raining them down until a few of them decided to leap toward him. At this time, Fabio, Vera, and Anna attack them as the second wave, killing those that got hurt by the firebirds.

It was very effective because they couldn't do a single thing. Every time they wanted to break through this formation, the firebirds would go their way and explode. On the other hand, the fire attacks kept raining them down from above.

Until they finally killed all minotaurs within twenty minutes. It was pretty fast, right? Unless Alex and the others needed to recover after this due to using an extraordinary amount of Spiritual Energy.

Alex sat down and took a deep breath. "This will be hard because there is a possibility that the leader of this place will be very powerful."

"I am afraid we won't be able to finish them in a single day, especially if we need to do this over and over again. One and a half days if we fight the same number as yesterday." Firia nodded, picturing how they conquered this place.

Alex shook his head and looked at Anna. "How is it?"

"They don't really have a strong mind, so I guess I can control them. However, I can only use it on seven Martial Saint monsters." Anna nodded, giving a thumb up to him.

"That's enough. With seven Martial Saints, we can make the war more convenient."

"Yeah. We will proceed like this then?"

"I don't have a better plan at the moment, so yeah. We will have Anna to control seven Martial Saint. I don't mind having 1-Star Martial Saint, but you need to have perfect control of them." Alex stared at Anna's eyes for a few seconds before turning his head away.

"If that is your desire, I can only control three more. You don't want something like soldiers, right? Instead, you must want to have some minotaur leaders."

"You know me well." Alex smirked. "If possible, don't do anything reckless. I don't know whether they have the intelligence or not, but there is something different than the one I faced in the Potential Tower."

"They seem a bit weaker though, but I am not sure. I need to observe them a bit more before drawing a conclusion. On the other hand, I will check whether they are qualified to help us through this journey." Anna nodded. "If you want to do this, we should bring one of the Dark Elves with us."

"No. I want someone who can struggle in front, so we will have an easier time." Alex shook his head.

"Sure. I will do it." She nodded. "I will search for the monsters myself."

Alex smiled and waited for another few minutes, recovering his Spiritual Energy as much as possible. After that, they headed toward the next settlement not far from this place and destroyed them in one hour or so.

They continued their way toward and killed every single minotaur in their way, except a few that Anna found exceptional. It turned out that it wasn't that hard to capture a minotaur because they had lower intelligence levels than dark elves.

Now that it came to this, Alex finally got a few minotaurs to sacrifice in the front line to help Leoz.

It was until the last settlement where they needed to fight one hundred fifty minotaurs at once that Alex finally changed his strategy.

"So, are we going to keep using this strategy or change it like when we fought against those Dark Elves?" Anya asked.

"Using the same as Dark Elves... I, Nelson, and Leoz will be the one to fight the boss. I want to separate him from the pack, but I don't think I can..." Alex sighed.

"How about using your Spatial Gate? If he doesn't go in, we can push him inside," Anya suggested while thinking about the rest of the minotaurs. It would be hard for them to fight against the one hundred and fifty minotaurs with only twelve of them.

"Come out." Alex summoned Sherry and the others as they flew out of his body. "We will do the same thing. However, I will try to kill it faster. I didn't use my energy before, so this time, I will go all out."

No one complained about this and nodded. They then stayed as Alex looked at Nelson. "I won't go there. I will wait for you patiently and lay an ambush with Leoz. When the time comes, we will try to kidnap him."

Nelson looked up, forming the battle situation in his mind before he realized Alex's plan. "I understand."

He disappeared from the ground and headed toward the settlement, luring every single minotaur in there. Meanwhile, Alex and Leoz moved a few meters forward and hid under the sand as Alex made a protective sphere there.

Nelson did his job right as he returned with all the minotaurs inside the next settlement, especially with their leader behind them. The timing and positioning were perfect for Alex as he kept looking at the position of their leader.

Anna and the others showed themselves as they were the main offense. However, Nelson instantly disappeared from the front, going around them and heading to their back.

Alex saw everything and snapped his finger, creating a teleportation array right behind the boss. He summoned the Spatial Gate in front of him, so the monster would run through it, albeit he was smarter than he thought.

The moment he saw Alex's Spatial Gate, he immediately stomped his right foot on the sand, forcefully stopping his momentum.

Nelson had regrouped with Alex and Leoz, slashing his sword together with them.

"Heaven Light Slash."

"Shadow Slash."

"Thunder Spirit Slash."

"Moo!" The minotaur clenched his war hammer and swung it backward, clashing with their attacks. Unfortunately, he lost in momentum and power, resulting in him getting blown away by this attack.

Alex smiled when he saw the minotaur enter the Spatial Gate as he set it a few hundred meters away from the location since he might interfere with their battles. Alex and the others followed the minotaur through the gate, trying to kill it as quickly as possible.

"Go attack him from two different directions. As soon as you see an opening, kill it." Alex said with a solemn expression as he summoned fifteen Fire Swords, sending them flying toward the minotaur.

"Moo!" The latter seemed to be angry because it couldn't see his kin. He charged toward Alex before swinging his hammer to his left and tilted his head to the right, attacking a shadow with his horn.

Leoz and Nelson appeared at the same time as they couldn't advance due to this movement.

Alex didn't say anything and flew together with his Fire Swords.

The minotaur struck most of the Fire Swords with his hammer, but when he wanted to hit Alex, the latter had disappeared.

Nelson and Leoz attacked him once more, forcing him to stop moving. Alex then made his appearance on the minotaur's back, swinging his weapons three times.

"Mythical Fire Slash."

"Space Cut."

Just like he said previously, Alex was planning to use everything he got from the beginning. He watched the twelve Sword Waves flying toward the minotaur before Nelson was blown away by the sheer strength of the minotaur.

"No, you don't!" Leoz gritted his teeth and released all of his strength, including his lightning, to ensure that the minotaur couldn't use its hammer. However, the minotaur could still move since Nelson failed his task.

"!!!" Alex furrowed his eyebrows as he watched how the minotaur suddenly used Leoz as the center, going around him to avoid Alex's attack. He narrowed his eyes and summoned a Spatial Gate, sending his attack to the other battlefield and killing some monsters.

Nelson then gritted his teeth and jumped toward the minotaur, slashing his sword at his eyes.

"Shadow Slash!"

Alex glanced at Leoz, asking him to attack the minotaur as well. Leoz nodded and retreated a few steps back before slashing his sword. "Thunder Spirit Slash."

"Mythical Fire Slash." Alex used the same technique without the Space Cut, slashing toward the minotaur's right foot.

With this, there were three attacks heading toward his eyes, body, and foot.

The minotaur bent down, raised his foot, and swung his hammer. Alex watched this and smiled, knowing that the minotaur would survive this way. Unfortunately, Alex had his Space Element. He snapped his finger, creating four Spatial Gates in which three of them were used to capture the three attacks and the last one was used to release all of them toward a single spot, and that is his neck.

"Leoz, Nelson!" Alex suddenly shouted and leaped toward the minotaur.

"!!!" Realizing that the minotaur was still able to dodge this, they immediately synchronized their movement with Alex and struck the minotaur to keep him in one place.

"Moo!" The minotaur roared and utilized every ounce of his strength to blast them away. And he even succeeded in this, only to find himself couldn't dodge the combined attack.

The three attacks sliced its neck, killing in the spot.

Alex breathed out of relief. "Luckily, the movement of this minotaur was simple and predictable. And with his body not as flexible as the Dark Elf, we could kill this one pretty fast."

"Yeah. I am sorry that I am not strong enough to hold him back." Nelson felt guilty since Alex should kill it with his first attack if he held him in place.

"It's fine. I used it as a diversion anyway to make the Minotaur think I don't have a plan to kill him with Spatial Gate, albeit he seemed to have far lower intelligence than the Dark Elf. It is really hard to fight against an intelligent being." Alex sighed.

"Yes. That's why we need a plan after plan in dealing with a single Fire God Clan. Besides, I hope that the parent monster of this realm doesn't have any bodyguards or else, it will be the hardest fight for us." Nelson nodded.

"Yeah. We also need to make sure that he couldn't escape with Spatial Gate." Alex thought for a moment and shook his head. "Anyway, I can think about this later. We will help the others first."

"Yes."

Chapter 743 - Space Destroyer Wolf

Alex and the others finally moved toward the group, killing the minotaurs one by one until they finally finished within two hours. Alex fell on his butt and relaxed for a bit.

"The leader didn't seem that powerful since his intelligence was very low, and he didn't have any Divine Technique like the previous one. We were just unlucky to meet such an opponent first." Alex mumbled while looking at the sky.

"Indeed. Still, we have another thirty-one Spatial Gates before fighting the last boss." Firia nodded and sat beside him.

"I know. We should be able to wrap it up within three months as the latest." Alex nodded. "For now, recover your Spiritual Energy first before moving to the next one."

"I want to ask a question first." Firia hesitated for a second. "Can we close the Spatial Gates after killing every monster inside?"

"Hmm?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows and looked down, falling into deep thought. "That's a good idea. I will try it later."

"Sure. We can make sure that we don't leave a single monster or some monsters sneak inside that place." Firia nodded with a smile.

"Yeah. We need to be extra careful since we need to conquer all Spatial Gates before the last gate opens... Now that I think about it, it seems the catalyst to open the gates is the fifty thousand monsters

inside. If we close the Spatial Gate, there won't be any monsters sneaking inside, and we don't need to search all over again."

"Yeah. That's what I mean. So, that is possible, right?"

"I don't know. According to the theory, yes. But I need to know the level of Spatial Gate to forcefully close it." Alex nodded.

"Alright. I will leave everything to you." Firia rose from the ground and walked away, recovering her Spiritual Energy.

The same applied to everyone since they used quite a huge amount of Spiritual Energy. The minotaurs just refused to die, so it was hard. On the other hand, Alex flew toward the gate before he fully recovered.

Looking at this gate, a thought crossed his mind. He stretched his hand and tried to manipulate the Space Element from within to check whether he could control it or not. He focused his entire being just for this moment, and suddenly, the portal shrunk slightly.

"It seems I can close the gate. Although it will be hard to close even a single gate, the safety is worth the effort." Alex then flew back and started recovering his lost energy.

Only after three hours the group finally went outside the Spatial Gate, and Alex closed the gate. He then went toward the first portal and closed it as well before heading toward the third gate.

Just like that, Alex's journey in defeating the entire fifty thousand Space Monsters began.

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Two months and two weeks later.

"Leoz!" Alex shouted as he swung his sword, blowing away the centaur's sword to create a single opportunity for Leoz.

Without wasting a single second, Leoz appeared before him and split the centaur into two.

"We will go back now and finish this one as soon as possible," Alex ordered as he created a Spatial Gate toward the others before killing the rest of the centaurs.

He had been killing so many types of monsters in this place, starting from moving trees as the third type to this centaur as the last creatures in this realm.

Alex and the others began getting used to fighting the absurd strength from the Space Monsters, including their special characteristics. They somehow managed to speed up the process by two weeks from their initial guess.

Unfortunately, only some of them managed to reach the next level. Alex sighed and opened the status.

[Anna (Dark)

Level: 73/80 (3-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 456118/640000]

[Leoz (Thunder)

Level: 76/80 (6-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 487925/670000]

[Nelson (Dark)

Level: 72/80 (2-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 546776/630000]

[Fabio Fabotelli(Fire)

Level: 72/80 (2-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 233446/630000]

[Greg (Earth)

Level: 72/80 (2-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 252775/630000]

[Vera Fabotelli (Water)

Level: 72/80 (2-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 110021/630000]

[Jeanne (Thunder)

Level: 73/80 (3-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 472423/640000]

[Anya (Light)

Level: 72/80 (2-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 15467/630000]

[Artur (Light)

Level: 72/80 (2-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 45547/630000]

[Jean (Water)

Level: 72/80 (2-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: 96554/630000]

As much as he was disappointed with the result, he was pretty satisfied when he saw the spirits had reached, at least, 2-Star Martial Saint. This was an easy task for him to use the Gacha Tickets.

[Gacha Ticket x760]

[Premium Ticket x0]

[Dart x0]

[Gacha Card x1]

[Gacha Coin x0]

[Gacha Hammer x0]

[Summoning Ticket x0]

[Summoning Coin x0]

"Well, it's lower than my expectation, but that's not the problem. With my EXP Cards, I can raise their level by one. And if I stretch it myself, I can somehow level them up another one and set their lowest level at 4-Star Martial Saint. Now that I think about it, if I only increase Anna's and Jeanne's level by one while I don't do anything with Leoz, I think I can level the rest up to 4-Star Martial Saints.

"Even though the UC EXP Cards only give ten thousand EXPs, I can still level up two people with my current amount, let alone after I use my current Gacha Tickets." Alex pondered for a moment before he glanced at Leoz.

"Master?" Leoz tilted his head in confusion.

"Leoz... What do you think if I don't increase your level and use them for the others?" Alex asked.

"I don't have any problem. In fact, you should do it. Our current situation doesn't need us to have a high-level Martial Saints, so it's better to raise the group's overall strength instead of mine." Leoz shook his head with a smile. "Albeit, I want Master to save up some EXP Cards later because there might be a need to use it."

"Are you talking about when you reach 10-Star Martial Saint?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows and asked.

"Yes. I think we might need to use the EXP Cards to fill our EXPs until they reach maximum." Leoz nodded.

"I see. I will save some... Now that I think about it, I haven't gotten the UR EXP Cards again." Alex thought for a moment. "No, I could say that I don't really get Summoning Tickets lately."

"It must be due to the increase in items. After all, a UR item alone is already rare, let alone UR EXP Cards. You need to get the Summoning Tickets first before getting the card itself."

"I know, but it still feels bad." Alex let out a long sigh. "Anyway, I will use my Gacha first and level you up."

Leoz nodded and walked away.

"System."

[Processing.]

[Sky Wine Jar (UC) x1]

[Heavenly Mud Brick (UC) x1]

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[Sky Torching Spear (R) x1]

After that, the system used every single Summoning Coins and gave Alex twenty-five rare EXP Cards.

"System. Raise their level until they reach 4-Star Martial Saint. Are the EXP Cards enough?" Alex asked.

[Yes. That is enough. You will only have 1 EXP Card left after that.]

"Sure. I don't mind. Just do it." Alex nodded without hesitation.

[Processing.]

[Complete.]

[Every spirit now has reached 4-Star Martial Saint, except Leoz.]

"Thank you." Although he wasn't happy that he couldn't kill more monsters outside, reaching 4-Star Martial Saint like this already satisfied him. At the very least, they had completed their objective.

[You are not going to utilize the EXP Cards for the last battle? I thought you were going to use it and kill the monster with a barrage of attacks.]

"No. I have calculated it. Considering the monster is only a 3-Star Martial Saint with the power of 5-Star, we won't have that much problem since our group has reached 4-Star Martial Saint. And we still can use our True Spirit Body, making each of them equal to that monster."

[I see. If you are confident in that, I think it's alright. After all, according to the statistic, you have killed 49,999 monsters in this realm. That's why you only need to fight one last monster, and you have finished your mission.]

"Yes." Alex smiled before adding. "Besides, if I do that, it will feel like dying and reviving all over again. I don't like for them to have such an experience even if they say they can endure it."

[That's good then.]

Lin Xingzhi smiled behind the screen.

Alex, on the other hand, was wondering whether there was a shift within the realm since the last monster should appear after killing all these monsters.

He shook his head and sighed. "I will recover my strength first before checking the monster."

After recovering all of his energy, he and his group then left the Spatial Gate, only to find nothing other than the gate they just went through.

Alex didn't pay attention this time as he closed the gate carefully. The answer to their question appeared as soon as Alex closed the gate.

Another gate appeared out of nowhere, releasing a dense aura of Space Element.

"This is... Who creates a place with a huge amount of Space Element like this? This is like the Space World itself, and to build it, they must be so adept at Space Element." Alex frowned as he found the Spatial Gate and checked it.

He gulped down and entered the Spatial Gate in front of him despite feeling the ominous energy from the inside. The others followed him as they took out their weapons and raised their guard up.

To everyone's surprise, there was no scenery inside the place. No, in fact, the scenery was completely blue like the Space World. It could even be said it was the exact copy.

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and thought. 'I think this monster loves the environment of this Space World. However, he needs to seal himself inside one of the Spatial Gates to give everyone a place to live. That must be why he chose to create a Space World within a Space World. Although it is only an illusion, it's still better than nothing.'

When Alex thought about this, a wolf suddenly appeared out of nowhere and looked at Alex angrily. He noticed the Space Element inside Alex, so he locked onto Alex.

The spirits immediately spread out while Greg appeared in front of him, trying to protect Alex. They were waiting for his order. Alex took a deep breath and thought, "Should I assume that I am fighting Aileen at the moment?"

Alex walked slowly toward his friends, patting their back and leaving his Space Mark on everyone. Due to this action, the wolf hadn't moved yet, trying to learn what Alex would do in this situation.

Fortunately, he already finished drawing the Space Mark and returned to his original position. 'He seems to have intelligence. Considering his action and those eyes, I wonder if he can use every single Martial Art related to Space Element... Wait, now that I carefully observe his body. He seems to be a Space Destroyer Wolf. This is a rare species that only loses to the Space Beast. The comparison is the same as Phoenixes and Sherry. One is an expert, while the other one is a master. This is going to be hard.'

Alex also found a pink ball inside his body. He didn't know what this ball was, but he saw a huge amount of Space Energy. Looking back in Zwaka's palace, he realized that this ball was the inheritance from that Space God.

"Be careful against his trick," Alex warned everyone before taking out his weapons. "I will handle all his Space Techniques, but I think I might miss some of them. That's why you all need to prepare for the worst."

"Understood." The group nodded as they released their Spiritual Energy.

The wolf howled as loud as possible before charging toward them, except this time, a Spatial Gate appeared right in front of him, swallowing him as a hole... or so he thought.

Another Spatial Gate appeared behind Alex as the wolf emerged from within, attacking Alex from behind.

"!!!"

Chapter 744 - Killing the Space Destroyer Wolf

Another Spatial Gate appeared behind Alex as the wolf emerged from within, attacking Alex from behind.

"!!!" Alex immediately turned around and slashed his sword at the emerging wolf. At the same time, Sherry, Stina, and Kyle released their fire above them and rained them down to the wolf, so Alex could retreat from this. Yet, Alex had a better way of handling this monster.

He went around the monster, forcefully closed his Spatial Gate, and summoned a few tentacles to strangle him.

"Space Bind."

Leoz and Nelson, as usual, reacted first as they were Alex's partner in fighting a boss monster like him.

"Shadow Slash."

"Thunder Spirit Slash."

Just as they were about to swing their weapons covered with their respective elements, the same tentacles suddenly appeared around them and prevented them from completing their techniques.

It turned out that the monster could also use the Space Bind. Alex gritted his teeth, noticing there were also a few ones coming toward him.

The moment the monster got the advantage, Firia and the spirits surrounded them, trying to shoot it down with their elements. Unfortunately, the wolf took one step ahead and released his Spiritual Energy before sharp waves coming from his claws. These sharp waves cut Alex's Space Bind, and the wolf decided to retreat by creating another Spatial Gate.

'To think this guy uses Space Cut with his claws, and it's not only the claws in his paws but also his legs too...' Alex gritted his teeth and summoned another Spatial Gate right in front of the wolf Spatial Gate. He saw that the wolf's Spatial Gate actually connected to another gate a few hundred meters away from here, so he prevented him from going that way by coating it with his own Spatial Gate that connected with a gate only two meters away from it.

Not only that, each of them cut all the tentacles that restricted them before Alex charged at this wolf first.

"Mythical Fire Slash."

Two fire sword waves flew out of his swords, making their way toward the wolf only to get obstructed by a giant sphere. This pink balloon caught his Mythical Fire Slash and compressed it until it was gone.

'Spatial Lock?' Alex was dumbstruck. Never did he know that the wolf could actually use so many Space Element Arts and mostly came from the Freedom Sect. Suddenly, a thought crossed his mind. 'Wait a minute. The Gods and Goddesses know the existence of the Freedom Sect, right? I mean, not the sect itself, but the people since they have fought together in the past.'

'If my speculation is true, all the techniques that this wolf has must come from the Gods and Goddesses, no it should be that Space God. In other words, the Space Element Techniques in Freedom Sect actually came from them? Or maybe they were a common Martial Arts in the past? If that is the case, I need to assume that this guy could actually use all the Space Element Arts in Freedom Sect's Martial Arts Pavilion.

'Although I only grab some of the most useful ones, I believe there might be another combination that I don't know... Hopefully, not.' Alex sorted his thoughts before instructing. "Don't use a ranged attack. I believe this guy will be able to use a Spatial Gate to make it complicated for us. Even if I try to match him with my own Space Element, I won't be able to because there is a gap between him and me in terms of understanding. After all, he has the inheritance from that Space God in his belly, and I think he has comprehended everything inside it."

"!!!" They stupefied for a second, halted their attacks, and took out their weapons. Sherry came out of his body with her original one-meter body, preparing herself to fight against this monster. Meanwhile, Kyle and Stina already flew to the sky in their phoenix form. Although they couldn't use their fire, their talons were strong enough to injure this guy.

However, one person knew that she couldn't fight in this case. It was Firia, and Alex knew this.

"Firia. Become our support like Greg, prepare to create a shield to protect us." Alex instructed her. At first, he wanted her to watch the gate or stood by on the sideline, but he thought it was too cruel. So, he decided to give her another role.

Firia also knew this and nodded without hesitation. It was a lie if she said she didn't like this, but she also didn't feel like complaining. She knew her weakness in this battle, so she retreated a few step backs and regrouped with Greg. Her master once said that she needed to experience many things to know what she lacked, and this must be it. The only thing she could do right now was to grit her teeth and search for a way to overcome her weakness, of course, after the fight.

As she thought about various things, Alex's group already closed in with their weapons.

Before they could attack this guy, he created Space Plates all over him, hindering their advance. However, the group's strength was higher than he expected. They simply smiled and released their Spiritual Energy.

"True Spirit Body."

The moment the true spirit body was out, the Spiritual Energy fluctuated strongly in the area, causing a little shock wave to their surroundings.

"Heaven Light Slash." Alex struck the barrier with his sword.

"Dark Cut." Anna made a crack with her scythe.

"Eternal Life Connection." Anya linked all of them and raised their strength.

Everyone used their own unique technique and destroyed the barrier in a single swoop, albeit the Space Destroyer Wolf was also not a pushover.

It only glanced at Alex as if he didn't do anything special despite breaking the barrier and came toward him. He needed only a split second to escape by creating a Spatial Gate under his feet.

"I won't make it." Alex clicked his tongue and stretched his hand, realizing that he couldn't close the gate fast enough. He then summoned his tentacles, trying to catch the wolf.

The wolf snorted and destroyed those tentacles again with his Space Cut before going through the gate.

Alex didn't waste a single time and created fifteen Spatial Gates in the land and the sky, giving each of them a gate to go through.

"!!!" Suddenly, he noticed something different in the gate and shouted. "Slash everything right in front of the gate."

They were confused by his instruction, but as soon as they approached the gate, they felt something was going to stop them right on the other side of the gate. It was at this moment they slashed whatever it was according to Alex's instruction. Even Anya swung her staff to destroy this.

It was when they crossed the gate, they finally saw tentacles being cut. It was the Space Bind that the wolf used to prevent them from coming.

Fortunately, Alex could sense it from afar along with the vision of his Spirit Eyes that was telling him there was another energy right in front of the gate.

They smiled and crossed the gate without much problem, finding the wolf who glared angrily at them. Alex took a deep breath and checked a path where he could keep the wolf in check. Of course, that kind of thing was hard to find since it was basically the wolf's weakness.

Alex decided to think about this as he fought against the wolf.

'Can I kill him if I am attacking recklessly?' Alex thought for a moment. It surely left a gap in his defense because the wolf must haven't thought that Alex would do such a thing, but Alex needed to make sure of everything first.

Alex observed the battle, trying to find anything that he could use. The wolf always sneakily escaped from them and pulled one trick after another just to stop them. Luckily, his group never had any problem with this type of thing and kept pressuring the wolf.

Wounds after wounds were inflicted. Despite being shallow, the number of wounds had been draining the energy from the wolf. Although it wasn't to the point he would drop dead in a matter of minutes, they could do it for a few hours until he died.

On the other hand, Alex and his group hadn't used much Spiritual Energy because they only used their weapons to fight the wolf. It might not be an effective way to attack, but they had no choice because this guy had been strengthened by the Space Element Arts.

It couldn't be said that this 3-Star Martial Saint wolf that had the power 5-Star anymore. Instead, it could be classified as more than that. Alex even doubted that a 7-Star Martial Saint could fight against this wolf before he was tricked and killed by the wolf.

'Ah, I should level up Leoz before...' Alex sighed inwardly. 'Never mind. Even Leoz alone needs a few hours to kill a monster this tricky. No wonder it is called a unique monster. Besides, this is a good experience to see how a Space Element Master fights. I can use this as a reference for my future fight.'

With that thought in mind, Alex smiled and advanced without much problem until he suddenly saw the wolf staggering as if he almost lost its balance.

"Leoz, Nelson, follow me," Alex said without hesitation as he leaped toward the wolf as if he was disregarding his life. However, the two didn't have any doubts in their hearts that Alex knew something.

It was at this time Greg suddenly tugged Firia's hand and asked her to move along with him, following these three.

On the other hand, Alex charged at the wolf from the front while the other two attacked him from left and right.

"Heaven Light Slash."

"Shadow Slash."

"Thunder Spirit Slash."

These three tried to strike him in three different spots.

The wolf didn't let them attack him easily. He roared, sent sharp waves from all of his claws, and summoned tentacles to stop them. Just like the trio, the wolf wanted to kill them in this chance.

Alex smiled upon seeing this as his Spiritual Weapons raised a shield in front of him, blocking the Space Cut. On the other hand, Jeanne, Fabio and Vera appeared right beside Alex, cutting every single tentacle. He ran past these techniques and struck the wolf.

The same applied to the others. On Nelson's side, Firia created a flame wall and burned the Space Cut entirely while Jean, Anna, and Artur cut the Space Bind. Nelson ran through the wall of flame that only burned the enemy and had no effect on the allies and struck the wolf.

As for Leoz, Greg formed the shield in front of him. With Stina, Kyle, and Anya destroyed the tentacles, Leoz could go through the wolf's defense and slashed his sword.

"!!!" The wolf realized what just happened and tried to jump backward, avoiding these three attacks. Alex, of course, didn't let this happen. He had been faking this last charge for this moment.

"Space Plate."

"Space Bind."

Alex smirked as he created Space Plates behind the wolf and Space Bind to lock his four legs. At this time, Leoz and Nelson arrived at the wolf's side and sliced the wolf into two, with Nelson and Leoz cut half of that giant body with their long swords. Of course, they aimed a bit higher since Alex said there was a ball inside his stomach.

"Ao!" The wolf howled in pain and disbelief because he never expected that a moment of surprise could kill him. He never expected that the three seeming reckless guys turned out to be the cunning attacks. He took another glance at Alex before finally closing his eyes.

Alex took a deep breath of relief, and stared at the wolf, undisturbed with the blood flowing out of its body. "You are the most troublesome opponent I have ever had. Still, I am thankful for this experience because now I can understand how a Space Element Master will react in a life and death battle. Next time, I will kill them quicker than this... Farewell."

Chapter 745 - Going Outside

Alex closed his eyes for a second before he ordered his spirit. "Can anyone cut its belly? There should be a round ball inside there with the size of a normal human head, so be careful when you cut it open."

Jeanne walked toward the wolf after listening to his order, opening the wolf's stomach with her short sword. Her movement was fast but precise. As expected from a master of torture, she knew exactly where she should open it. She had been training so hard this whole time to know all monsters and races anatomy, so she would be the perfect person for this job.

After cutting some parts, the wolf's flesh started glowing, signifying there was something shining behind that. Jeanne knew this was the thing and cut it carefully to avoid scratching it.

Alex watched how this pink round crystal slowly got extracted by Jeanne. Checking the ball with his Spirit Eyes, he understood the characteristic of the Space Element surrounding it. This was the culmination of what the Space God had when he was alive. The Space Destroyer Wolf couldn't swallow the entire energy due to the difference between principle and other things.

"I see... Despite not being able to absorb this crystal ball entirely, the wolf became strong enough to learn the techniques along with its understanding." He muttered to himself, walking closer to Jeanne.

"Master. This is the Space Ball... Or should I say, Memory Crystal?" Jeanne handed him the glowing crystal to him.

Alex nodded and smiled. "Thank you, Jeanne."

"Alex, what are we going to do now? Since we have used three months, if we calculate how long we need to get inside this place, I think we only have three months to do this..." Anya whispered and glanced at the spirits.

"I don't think we need to pick a fight with those Gods and Goddesses. I mean, we can cultivate there since the Spiritual Energy is denser there. As for you guys, there is no change of plan, so I think it's fine if you go to the surface."

"Yeah. I don't want to be stuck in here for three months when we can do many things." Anya nodded and added inwardly.

Firia smiled from the sideline, knowing why the spirits helped him this much. She thought, "They must want the progress goes smoothly and as quickly as possible. This way, Alex will reach God Stage and go to Eulja."

On the other hand, Alex only acknowledged her intention. "I will leave the surface's matters in your hands. Also, please make sure there are no Fire God Clan when we leave this place. You can coordinate with Neon since I have tasked him personally."

"I understand. Then we can leave all of you here." Anya nodded before thinking something. "That's right. I think it's better to go to Rose. She is already a Martial Monarch, so I think I will try teaching her a few things, including our affairs. And when you return to the base, you can ask her if she wants to learn in Freedom Sect."

Alex thought for a moment and felt it was a good idea. "Alright. I think Ngina will summon you and head to the Heavenly Continent with the Teleportation Stone?"

"That's my plan."

"I don't have anything to say to her at the moment. Maybe I will just say it to her directly after I return."

"Sure." Anya nodded, took out Ngina's card, and talked for a minute. She then signaled everyone to get ready as they bowed.

Alex also waved his hand, watching them disappear. He then looked at Firia and the others. "We are going back to the main tower and cultivate there. Seeing all of you are at the peak of 1-Star Martial Saint. I think we can use these three months to reach 3-Star Martial Saint... As for me, I will probably only reach 2-Star since I need to absorb this."

"We understand." They nodded.

Alex then made a Spatial Gate to the portal before closing all the Spatial Gate inside this Space World. He made sure that he didn't miss a single Spatial Gate.

After checking one more time, he headed back to the original portal and activated it, signaling someone outside to open the sealed gate.

Not long after, Shakdi opened the gate again with a shocked expression. He never thought that Alex really did it and looked at the glowing crystal on his hand.

"Congratulations for clearing this place, and thank you very much." Shakdi immediately bowed to him politely.

The other Gods and Goddesses also noticed their appearance and quickly came to them to give their thanks as well.

Alex smiled. "Well, everything is fine. Though I wish you can inform me that there was a Space Destroyer Wolf inside this place."

"Space Destroyer Wolf?" Shakdi and the others were dumbfounded as if they didn't know anything about this.

"Yeah. It's a 3-Star Martial Saint with the power of 5-Star and equipped with your understanding in Space Element. It was a hard fight." Alex nodded with a serious expression.

The group was stunned by his statement. Obviously, they knew about the Space Destroyer Wolf, but they didn't know it resided inside this place.

"It's the parent monster for this realm. Don't you know about it?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

Shakdi let out a sigh, disappointed in himself, and answered. "I am sorry. We didn't know anything about it. We only got help, and everything was sealed inside. We didn't know which one was their parents."

"Well, it's already ended, but you might want to warn the future generations that might solve this problem for you to be careful." Alex nodded.

"We understand and will surely inform them before going inside." Shakdi nodded furiously, not wanting to make such a mistake again.

"Since I have finished the task, I can take this, right?" Alex asked, raising the ball in his hand.

"Of course. That is a memory crystal. I have put everything I know in that crystal, so if your excellency absorbs the energy, I will be honored." Shakdi stretched his hand, letting Alex have it. "Besides, I don't think that is enough, and I am sure that the others will also give you more rewards. Please don't reject this."

Alex tilted his head in confusion as he listened to what Shakdi had to say.

"Since we can't really give you a Divine Tool, whether it's a weapon or any other things because it will disrupt the balance of this world. We should be able to give you many rank 8 items. After all, our strength is not enough to seal a portion of the Divine Tools' strength to camouflage it as a rank 8 item just like the little mistress has," Shakdi said while glancing over Firia's shawl.

Alex thought for a moment and glanced at Firia, who nodded her head. "I understand. We will gladly receive it. And if possible, we want to use this tower to cultivate. Is that fine with all of you?"

"Of course. This place has been getting richer and richer. We can even make a rank 8 Gathering Array for you to reach 2-Star if not 3-Star Martial Saint."

"I will take that offer then."

"Sure. Please follow me to where we store our weapons." He stretched his hand as if telling him to go together.

Alex and the others followed him before finding a thick wooden door. When they came inside, Alex picked a few items that he fancied. Firia, Stina, Sherry, and Kyle also took what they wanted. The Gods and Goddesses were pleased with this because Alex and his group really did a big favor for them.

"We are thankful for the items." Alex smiled.

"No, no. The pleasure is ours." Shakdi shook his hand. "Let me guide you to your room here. I am sure Rin has made five rank 8 Gathering Arrays for you."

Although Shakdi was confused when he didn't see Alex's companion, he knew they were still alive since he had heard how the Spirit God behaved. If this young man didn't even shed tears for his comrades,

there was no way the Spirit God would take him in. Seeing Alex acted normal like this, he must have teleported them somewhere.

Alex knew what he was thinking and answered. "I have sent them outside this Ancient Battlefield. Unfortunately, I can only do so with them alone, not the ones with me right now."

Shakdi's face became red. As expected from someone who got chosen by the Spirit God, his perception was something.

"That's right. I have questions for you." Alex asked while glancing at the Gods and Goddesses.

"Please ask."

"How is the situation out there? I mean, you should be able to observe whatever inside this place, right? Not the tower, but the entire trial."

"Yes. We have seen everything. There are ten challengers like usual. However, only five people managed to get inside this tower, together with their companions. They are training inside the tower right now, and some of us are there to supervise their training."

"May I know who they are?"

"They have introduced themselves as Evelyn, Angela, Elizabeth, Julius, and Song Ling'er."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "What happened to the others then?"

"They are outside the tower. Usually, they will only be able to cultivate barely for one star, but they pass that limit easily because you have killed many monsters outside and nourish this tower's Spiritual Energy. Of course, I don't think I have seen anyone that surpass 1-Star."

Alex nodded. "Is that so... How about the five inside this place?"

"They are pretty good, especially one person. If I need to rank them here, the first will be Evelyn, followed by Elizabeth, Song Ling'er, Angela, and Julius. As for their progress, only Evelyn has mastered a peak Heaven Rank Martial Art while the others are still trying to comprehend it. As much as we want to give Divine Technique, we still have our own rule."

Alex nodded. "I understand. I don't have any more questions."

"Let me guide you to your room then." Shakdi nodded and walked for a few minutes before they arrived at a spacious room filled with arrays.

Alex and the others entered the room before Shakdi left them alone.

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In the Northern Continent.

Ngina summoned the spirits after leaving Rose's side. He then cupped his hands and bowed to them.

Anna smiled and greeted him. "It's been a while, Ngina. How are you and Rose?"

"We are fine, Mistress. Rose is cultivating right now. Do you want me to wake her up?"

"Sure. We want to have a long talk with her, and I think she will be happy with this." She nodded. Before Ngina disappeared, Anna added. "I have the best news for you. Alex has gotten the Spirit Crown."

Ngina widened his eyes and dropped his jaw as he couldn't say anything.

"That is true. I know that you are shocked as we were, but can you call Rose here?" Anna smiled, patting Ngina's shoulder.

"I-I understand." Ngina repeatedly nodded as he disappeared with excitement.

Suddenly, Nelson halted his step and said, "I will leave first."

"Nelson?" Anna tilted his head in confusion. "Why are you in a hurry? Isn't it fine to talk with Rose first?"

It was at this time that Anya understood Nelson's thought as she gasped. "Are you..."

"Yes. I have several things to do. If you don't mind, can you tell Master that I can't be summoned later and don't say anything to him for the time being?"

The group was confused, not understanding what Nelson wanted to do. However, the shocked expression on Anya's face gave them a feeling it was something big. They didn't have any complaints though, since Nelson always worked to the bone in the dark for Alex, and this must be one of those things he always did.

"I understand. The N Squad has been covering the whole Heavenly Continent anyway, so it's fine to do your own things." Anya gave confirmation.

"Thank you." Nelson clasped his hand and disappeared, heading somewhere else.

Anya then let out a long sigh before saying. "Let's go inside first."

Chapter 746 - Rose's Mission

As soon as he entered the room with Firia and the others, Alex asked them to go ahead as he had another thing to do.

They nodded with a smile, walking toward their own Gathering Array. Alex didn't forget to check it with his Spirit Eyes to confirm that everything is safe.

Watching how they sat down and activated the array before cultivating, he then turned serious. "I will go to Gacha Palace. I have gotten the reward from beating the trial, right?"

[Mission: Beat the pillar (Complete)]

Reward: Gacha Hammer x5

Description: Show them who's the boss.]

[Although you haven't gotten out of this tower yet, you have indeed beaten the tower.]

Alex smiled, having the same logic with the system. "Can you open the gate?"

[Of course.]

The white gate appeared, gradually opening itself. Alex took another glance at the others before stepping inside the Gacha Palace. Little did he know Firia raised her lips as if she was happy to see Alex went there.

Meanwhile, Lin Xingzhi had been waiting for him inside, smiling and bowing her head gently. "Welcome. It's been a while since you've visited this place."

"Indeed. It's been a while." Alex nodded with a smile. "I think I don't need to say what I am going to do, right?"

"Of course. First of all, I want to congratulate you on reaching Martial Saint. The same goes for the others." Lin Xingzhi thought for a moment and said, "There is one thing I want you to hear."

"What is it?"

"Even if I need to choose, I will choose the present you." Lin Xingzhi said with a serious expression, telling him that she had come to terms with the death of her late husband. She wanted to say this for a long time, but she felt it wasn't sincere enough if she said it through the system. Hence, she took this chance to express her feelings.

These words stunned Alex. He took a deep breath and smiled. "Thank you. However, I also know how big the hole he left behind. That's why... Can you please wait until I come to Eulja? I will settle this once for all."

Lin Xingzhi closed her eyes and waved her hands, calling the Gacha Crystal for him before summoning the Gacha Hammer and handing it to him.

Alex gently grabbed the hammer and nodded as they slowly walked toward the Gacha Machine. He shattered the crystal with the hammer, revealing the ball that was trapped inside. The ball was opened automatically as soon as the ice shattered and summoned an orb.

[Elemental Orb (SR) x1]

Alex then kept shattering the crystals one by one.

[Water Tank (R) x1]

[Rank 8 Monster Blood (SR) x1]

[Sovereign Slayer Sword (SR) x1]

[Heavenly Golden Mushroom (UR) x1]

The moment he saw a UR item on the list, he was dumbstruck. He knew that he would get a UR item, but he didn't expect it to be this medicinal herb.

"This..."

"It seems you are satisfied with the reward this time." Lin Xingzhi smiled, watching his excitement.

"Of course. This Heavenly Golden Mushroom is the last ingredient I need for that heaven-defying pill! I can give the ingredients to Firia, so she could make a pill." Alex nodded furiously before he glanced at Lin Xingzhi and asked. "Are you the one controlling the reward?"

"I have said I don't have the authority. Everything is random." Lin Xingzhi shook her head.

"No. What I mean is the reward for the Gacha itself. I am also the host for Rose, so I am wondering if you can control what kind of item you can give..." Alex narrowed his eyes.

Lin Xingzhi thought for a moment and let out a long sigh. It seemed she had decided. "You can say that I am controlling the item, but I am also not at the same time."

"What do you mean?" Alex tilted his head.

"Other than the things that directly connected to the system such as the Summoning Tickets and so on, they are coming from your own warehouse. I just split them according to your cultivation base. In other words, I am simply giving what you have in your previous life."

"..." Alex didn't know what to say that all of this was what he had in the previous life. Now that he knew about it, he was wondering whether he was fine to receive it or not. In the end, Lin Xingzhi added, "Don't worry. This is also the will of your previous life. He must have told you that he can only provide you with your needs, but you need to choose whatever do you want with them, right?"

Alex nodded and sighed. "It seems I can't win against that guy. To think he has thought this far..."

"Fufu... Even if you have the same items, I know you will have two different choices. I assure you it is true since I have been watching you from the beginning." Lin Xingzhi smiled gently like a maiden in love.

Alex didn't know why but this smile really cheered him up. "Yeah. You are right."

"Anyway... You need to be careful in your Divine Tribulation. You need to think about everything and choose what you want to do. Whatever the choice is, I will always stay beside you even if it means my doom."

"Please don't say that. I promise I will get stronger so it won't happen." Alex gently smiled, placing his hand on her cheek.

She also held her hand gently before saying. "I think I shouldn't occupy you any longer. I will wait patiently here."

Alex nodded. "Yeah. Wait for me."

They then walked as slowly as possible, savoring the few seconds they had before reaching the gate.

Lin Xingzhi suddenly grabbed Alex's hand as she kissed him on the lips.

Alex was surprised at first, and before he realized it, their lips were already apart as she took a step back.

"This much is fine, right?" Lin Xingzhi smiled.

Alex smiled back, turned around, and walked toward the gate while waving his hand. "I will be visiting you if I get more Gacha to open."

"I am looking forward to it." She nodded before waving her hand to close the gate.

Alex watched how the gate disappears and went to his gathering array.

Meanwhile, the spirits and Rose also had a good talk with Rose. They were sitting in the main room, facing each other.

"It's been a while, Rose."

"Yes, Elder Sister Anna, Elder Sister Anya." Rose nodded repeatedly. She had been calling them with Elder Sister, of course, according to their instruction even though their status as her master's wives didn't allow her to disrespect them like that.

"How are you? Is there anyone making trouble for you?" Anna asked.

"No. I have gone outside more than ten times as soon as Elder Sisters removed the ban to go outside. Other than some pests that I can solve, I don't have any problems. Even other influences won't touch me as long as they know my status... Not that I flaunt about it."

"Good. You have been completing the missions too, so I am happy to see your improvement. After all, to think that the weak little girl from back then can reach 3-Star Martial Monarch this fast..." Anya smiled.

"No, no. It's only because of Master. In fact, if I didn't have this equipment, I wouldn't be able to have this type of prowess. If I didn't have the resources from Master and a safe place to live, I wouldn't be able to train this fast. And if I didn't have his guidance and help, I wouldn't become the person I am now." Rose shook her head, fully knowing that Alex was the key to her success.

Anya could see that she was neither arrogant nor humble. She was simply sincere with her feelings.

"I would like to give you one last mission... If you can finish this mission, I will allow you to join us and help your Master in the Heavenly Continent. How about it?"

Rose's eyes widened as she suddenly dropped on her knees, kneeling in front of Anya. "Please give me that mission."

Anna and Anya looked at each other and smiled. Anna helped her up and sighed. "You little girl... You are overreacting."

"I... I am just happy that I can help Master. Hehe..." Rose scratched her cheek.

"It's not like you are going directly to help him in the fight you know."

"I am ready for anything. Even if I can't do it now, I can learn how to do it." Rose said with determination.

"Since you are like this, I won't beat around the bush." Anya paused for a moment as Rose gulped down. "You are going to the Freedom Sect to train yourself for two years and beat the potential tower there. If you can do that, we will let you participate in the meeting and help Alex."

"I will try my best." Rose repeatedly nodded as she swore she would succeed in this mission without fail.

"In that place, you are going to get a second element. Your mission is to master the technique and learn how to fight with both elements. Alex has arranged it all for you, so I don't think you will have a problem there. Just focus on training this time."

"Master did?" Rose opened her mouth in surprise.

"Fufu... I will be teaching you all our affairs if you succeed. And there will probably be a big war after this, if I am satisfied with your performance, you may participate in that war and defeat your master's enemies. So, try your best, alright?"

"Yes. Rose won't disappoint Elder Sisters."

"Good. We are going to wait for Alex in our base on the Heavenly Continent. However, you may not go out during this time and wait for Alex to come back. Are we clear?"

"Yes."

"Then shall we go?" Anna smiled and led the ground to the teleportation crystal. They placed their hands and took care of the Spirit Crystals needed to teleport all of them.

In an instant, they arrived in a small dark cave, barely suitable for living. Rose was surprised at first. Alex's base in the Heavenly Continent was far worse than the one he had in the Northern Continent. She thought this must be the work of his enemies, forcing him to live in this place.

Hatred grew in her hearts as she swore to pay them what they had done to her master that had been taking care of her since she was a small girl that wanted to commit suicide.

"Don't take it seriously. This is only our temporary base since our last place is ruined by one million monsters." Anya shrugged. "Besides, Alex doesn't really return to this base, so this is enough for the time being."

"Uh..." Rose looked down as she wanted to shed her tears now. "I have been living in luxury this whole time, not knowing that Master has this kind of life... I am sorry."

"Well, if you measure Alex with wealth, we have several million Spirit Crystals, so we are not exactly poor. Don't be sad, alright?" Anna patted her head while smiling.

"Un..." She nodded, albeit still looked sad.

"Alex will be coming back to this place in three months. For the time being, I think I can train you with all your techniques, or the others will also help me with it. However, I want to warn you. You know that your talent is not the best, right?"

"I am aware of it. I know my talent is low if Master didn't impart something in our first meeting. My lightning was also the same had I not refined the Lightning Gem."

"I will be searching for that rank 8 pill to solve this problem. On the other hand, you are going to use these three months to raise your combat experiences."

"I understand... And can I..." Rose wanted to request something, but she decided to shake her head. She wanted to learn about Alex's affairs since she had three months, but she realized her mind might get fixated about it for the next two years. It might also cause her to not reach the expectation, so she decided to focus on what she could do.

Noticing this expression, Anya smiled. "Let's go then."

Chapter 747 - Leaving

Three months later, two days before Alex returned to the surface, Alex woke up from his cultivation.

"These three months were beneficial." He opened his eyes before standing up, finding Firia also waking up.

"Alex. How is your progress?"

"I have absorbed the memory crystal completely, but it seems I have underestimated it since I needed to use it for around two months." Alex sighed.

"I see. Your cultivation hasn't advanced to 2-Star Martial Saint because of this." Firia observed his cultivation and sighed.

"Anyway, I am happy that you have reached 3-Star Martial Saint this time. As for me, I will slowly catch up to you... Maybe after mastering my Spirit Crown..."

"Indeed. Don't worry. We still have two years before we need to create a ruckus in the Snow White Mountain. Maybe another year to fight both influences."

Alex nodded. "Yeah. That's my plan."

"We will wait for another two days then."

"Before that, I want to ask something from you."

"Sure. What do you want me to do?"

"Can you refine the Revolving Heart Pill?"

Firia slightly opened her mouth before her expression turned serious. She closed her eyes, falling into deep thought. "I have practice with my Master, but I don't know if I can get the highest possible result."

"How about trying to use my Simulation Room to test it?"

"Sure. I have seen what your Simulation Room can do, and I think I am not that far to reach perfection. However, I don't have the ingredients with me."

"Don't worry. I just got the last ingredient three months ago. I wanted to say this to you but decided to wait until we left here. Well, since you have woken up, I think this is a good idea." Alex smiled.

"That's great. I will try to recall everything about it now while you create the array." Firia nodded.

Alex then walked a bit further and started drawing symbol after symbol.

It didn't take him long before he finished, and Firia had been waiting for him. Alex took out the ingredients and placed it inside the Simulation Room together with the Spirit Crystals.

Firia walked inside, sat down, and activated the array.

Alex didn't say anything and watched how she woke up several times during this time. From her expression alone, he knew she succeeded, but the result wasn't like what she hoped for. Only after going through trials and errors, Firia's mood gradually improved. She even made a big smile for the last five times.

"I have mastered it. I am confident I can bring three Perfect Purity Revolving Heart Pill."

"Sorry for troubling you."

"It's fine." Firia took a deep breath. "I will recover my Spiritual Energy and calm my heart first before proceeding with this."

"Sure. Take your time."

"That's right. Who do you want to give these pills to? From what I know, it will be Evelyn and Rose. But how about the last one?"

"Evelyn has a high talent in the sword to begin with, so I am sure that this pill will benefit her. As for Rose, she is already strengthened by the Bow Mastery Card and Lightning Crystal. If I don't support her with numerous resources, I am afraid she will lose against Evelyn in terms of cultivation speed. However, this should fix Rose's problem. And for the third one..." Alex paused for a moment, piquing Firia's interest.

"Who is it?"

"I don't know yet. There are three candidates that I can give or sell. First will be Song Jiaoren. Seeing his actions toward me, I think I can reward him with this. Unfortunately, he won't be that loyal to me since it is only for benefit.

"The third one will be Song Ling'er. The principle is basically the same. If I give this, I will gain the complete support of the Blackwade Clan in this world. However, I don't think I need more than our current situation, since everything is under control.

"Then it will leave for the third one, Astennu," Alex said mysteriously as if he was telling it wasn't for him.

Firia also realized this and thought who would possibly receive the pill. "Ah! Is it for your Senior Sister?"

"Yeah. You can say this is the last present from me as well as my congratulation gift for their marriage that will happen sooner or later."

"Now that I think about this... If I calculate everything from benefits, she doesn't necessarily deserve this super rare pill. However, if I put your feeling and relationship in the calculation, well..." Firia sighed.

"How about we see the other candidates first? For example, that Elizabeth?"

"It's true that I might buy her cooperation if I give this to her. Let's say that she might become the fifth influence that will fight with us. However, I am afraid I don't need to do this since it's enough if she can stay silent in her territory since four influences are enough since we can count Freedom Sect as two influences." Alex answered from his point of view.

"What about the Ancient Blue Family and Snow White Mountain? Never mind about the Snow White Mountain. Letizia doesn't need one because of her pure ice, while no one is qualified to receive this kind of pill from you." Firia narrowed her eyes, releasing her killing intent.

"If you are thinking about buying Snow White Mountain's loyalty, it's highly possible. Due to the fact that they couldn't sacrifice Letizia, they ended up with the second choice. If we give this to her, it might be able to close the gap a little. However, I don't have a plan to do that and will never have." Alex also leaked his killing intent.

"It's fine. As for the Ancient Blue Family, I don't think it's required to buy their cooperation with this. We have enough Spirit Crystals and cards to play anyway." Firia shrugged before she found herself in a dilemma, not knowing what to do with the pill.

"I thought about auctioning it, but it will just invite chaos. As for our group, you don't really need it since your Sacrificial Element is upgraded when I evolved my Pure Fire. As for Alicia, she is already close to Pure Element anyway, so there is no point in doing this.

"As for Sherry, Kyle, and Stina, they have the same condition as yours. Hence, I don't really have anyone to give." Alex sighed.

"True enough. I don't want to be rude, but I think it will be a waste if you give it to Putri." Firia thought for a moment as a thought crossed her mind. "How about storing it first? We won't know if you end up giving it to someone in the future? I know that you won't think this as precious anymore, but maybe you can trade it with some resources and trick some people for it in the future?"

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and thought for a few minutes before deciding his choice. "I guess I don't really have that much choice. I will follow your arrangement. Rather than spending it all in the present, it's better to store it for now. Who knows what I will get in the future."

Firia nodded with a smile before walking away. "I will prepare myself then."

Without waiting for him, she already sat in her Gathering Array and summoned her cauldron. She summoned all six rank 8 medicinal ingredients, starting from Violet Blue Ganoderma, Bluedrasil Berry to this Heavenly Golden Mushroom.

She tossed all ingredients at the same time and used her fire to refine it.

Alex was amazed by watching her. When they were in the lower world, he still remembered how she asked him to teach him about Alchemy. To think that her Alchemy Skill had surpassed him, Alex felt happy. He felt proud instead of jealous. In fact, he wanted the others to know that his wife could do something like this.

He kept staring at her, observing her expression and how she handled the ingredients. From gentle fire to fierce fire, Firia controlled everything completely, and before long, she had moved to the impurities process.

At this point, the fire completely overpowered them. Normally, they needed to squeeze the impurities out of the herb, but Firia used her Sacrificial Element to burn it completely. Although the effect wasn't as powerful as Alex, it was enough for Firia to speed up the process by a large margin.

Not long after, three light blue pills flew out of the furnace as Firia caught and threw them into their Inventory.

After finishing their business, including the Revolving Heart Pill, Alex and Firia went out of the room and headed toward the Gods and Goddesses. Sherry, Stina, and Kyle, of course, hid inside Alex's body.

"It seems you have absorbed the memory crystal completely. Congratulations." Shakdi smiled and cupped his hands.

"It's thanks to Senior. I feel I can utilize my Space Technique better than ever."

"No need to be humble. I thought you might need to bring it home because you couldn't absorb it in one go, but it turned out I was wrong. I could feel you have finished in two months."

"I am just lucky," Alex humbly said.

"Luck is the most powerful weapon in this world. If someone has absolute luck, he will be invincible." Shakdi laughed. "Albeit, there is no such thing called Absolute Luck."

Alex didn't say anything. His luck wasn't good, but also wasn't bad when he recalled how he got his Gacha Items. Average might be the best word.

"That's right. I am wondering if I will be transported to the same area as the challengers later." Alex asked Shakdi, who was supposed to know this type of matter.

"Now that I think about it, there are indeed eleven challengers this time, even though ten are the limit."

"I am sneaking inside the array. Although I am not capable of drawing a Divine Array, I can still somehow manipulate it so I can enter."

"Oh! No wonder." Shakdi realized and felt it was pretty normal for Alex. The Spirit God must have taught him about this. "If that is the case, you won't be counted as one of the challengers. Instead, you will be considered as a citizen of this world."

"What will happen when the time limit has arrived?"

"You will be teleported outside the pillar like how the citizens in this place. In other words, you need to make your way back alone. I can't leave this place, so I can't really help you with that."

"It's fine. If I am teleported outside, I can go back alone by going through the gap I created a year ago." Alex nodded.

"If that is the case, I can only wish you luck in your journey." Shakdi cupped his hand.

Alex then glanced at Firia before he sensed the Spiritual Energy gradually becoming turbulent.

"It seems it is going to start. The teleportation process will be one hour later, so be careful." Shakdi nodded.

Alex then thought for a moment. "Now that I have this strength, I have forgotten by the fact that I haven't killed that Tiger Mercenary... Should I kill them before leaving this place?"

He couldn't say yes because he might need to call Leoz for this. He ended up sighing. "I think I will let this one slide... They are not capable of coming to the surface anyway. Unlike the previous case with Shelka, I am sure that nothing can help them this time, so I will just spare their lives once. It's not that bad to have your hand clean instead of covered with blood."

After deciding their fate, Alex sighed and waited until the tower shone in golden light. Firia's body gradually turned into golden particles as the body created by the array had reached its limit.

"I will be waiting for you at the gate. As for the pill, I will give it to Evelyn for you." Firia shouted before disappearing.

Alex also disappeared. He didn't forget to cup his hands to the Gods and Goddesses, showing his gratitude.

As soon as he returned to the outside world, he found many monster corpses that hadn't been disposed of. He didn't want to create a commotion, so he immediately slipped away using the Spatial Gate.

He also wanted to test how precise he could utilize the Spatial Gate, and to his surprise, he reached almost perfectly at the bottom of the hole he created without using the Space Mark.

He waited for a moment, so the others wouldn't find him before going upward.

Chapter 748 - Evelyn

Outside the Ancient Ruin, every single of the challengers appeared on top of the stone platform, looking at each other with observant eyes. There were two people that became the center of attention.

First was a woman that was supposed to be the most favored one by the most mysterious person on the continent, Firia Sirius. Yet, the same person didn't appear in the tower, leaving the other perplexed. There was no way Alex would have such an ordinary woman. Even her appearance was something that could be described as Divine. That was why they couldn't understand why Firia would actually fail in this tower.

The most shocked one was Song Ling'er. Considering her brother had been cooperating with Alex since a year ago, she might need to rethink their decision. She might not know the reason why Alex gave this chance to her, but the proof she couldn't enter this could be said as Alex's mistake as he couldn't make a logical judgment. It was better for Alex himself to go there because he would have a high probability of entering the tower.

Song Ling'er observed Firia's expression with a complicated mood.

'Anyway, I will need to tell my family about this. If that Alexander Sirius can throw away such a precious chance, we might need to think twice before accepting his request.' Song Ling'er thought before sighing. 'A pity.'

Elizabeth had the exact same thought with Song Ling'er. However, she was more lunatic. She furrowed her eyebrows and thought, 'Why would someone like him marry her? Although I can indeed say she is a beauty that surpasses me or Song Ling'er or Evelyn, it's not that much. If we bring our talents into the

picture, I am more worthy than her. Unfortunately, that person has chosen her and the way he talked back then... He won't change it. Haiz, a pity. If only I can get him, I will have the entire Heavenly Continent in my hand.'

As for the second person who gathered their attention, she simply baffled by the whole situation. She was none other than Evelyn. She had become the most favored one in that tower, and even a few Gods and Goddesses were asking her to practice their skills and give their items away. Yet, Evelyn just chose whatever suited her even though she could take it all.

And the same Evelyn had the same thought as Song Ling'er, albeit more to worry. She was worried Firia might feel bad about this and did something that made Alex unhappy.

'Maybe I shouldn't tell this to big brother Alex? I think it's fine to lie that Big Sister Firia entered the tower and received some kind of inheritance? This will certainly please big brother Alex. I should also talk about this with her, so she knows I will help her resolve this situation.' Evelyn swore in her heart before nodding her head.

She completely ignored others' opinions about herself and chose to think about what Alex would do.

In the end, everyone could only shake their heads and rise from the stone platform. They began walking together to the outside while observing what kind of change they had after training for a half year.

At the same time, Evelyn stopped Firia with a serious expression and told her senior sister to go ahead.

Firia tilted her head in confusion. "What do you want?"

Evelyn gulped down and sent a thought transmission. 'Big sister. I am afraid big brother Alex will be angry about this... I will help you if you want.'

'Lying? What do I need to lie?' Firia was clueless about their misunderstanding because Alex had been on her side this whole year, so there was no type of misunderstanding in her head. She furrowed her eyebrows and replied, 'Little girl... Have Alex told you about lying? If not, it seems the little girl has become a bad girl...'

'No, no. That's not what I mean.' Evelyn hurriedly shook her head and explained. 'I didn't see big sister anywhere in the tower, so I thought I should also tell big brother Alex that you had passed. This way, big brother won't be mad at you.'

'Ah! Are you talking about me failing?' Firia realized and widened her eyes in surprise.

Evelyn nodded and looked down. Although it didn't feel nice to lie to Alex, she needed to do this and consider it a white lie.

Firia was amused when watching her reaction. To think that the little girl misunderstood this kind of thing, but when she thought about it, she thought it was normal to get confused. She ended up patting her head and smiled. 'It's fine. You don't need to worry about it. Since you are thinking about Alex, this big sister will give you a reward.'

She took out the light blue colored pill and handed it to Evelyn. 'This is for you. Eat this, and I am sure you will soar in the sky.'

Evelyn furrowed her eyebrows and stared at the pill. The moment she smelled the aroma, she gasped and dropped her jaw to the ground. Her hand started shaking as she wanted to return the pill to Firia. 'This is too precious. There is no way I can accept a Revolving Heart Pill. Not only the ingredients are super rare, the one who can make perfect purity pill level is even more scarce.

'I have heard that one pill can fetch for more than a few million Spirit Crystals. It's better for big sister Firia to consume it.' Evelyn's face was pale, and she was stuttering.

'This big sister is an Alchemist. I don't want to brag, but this elder sister's skill is even better than your big brother. That's why you should accept it. This big sister doesn't have a need for this pill because it won't increase my talent. On the other hand, your talent is a bit low. Even though Alex had opened all your potential and somehow reached the same talent as the other successors, you need more than that.' Firia shook her head.

'I... But I am not his disciple... In fact, I don't even know what kind of relationship I have with big brother Alex right now. It's better for Rose to have this since she is the official disciple.' Evelyn still tried to reject, thinking it was better to give it to those who were close to Alex. She just felt she wasn't worthy of getting this kind of pill.

Firia was amazed by her character. She gently smiled and placed her hand on top of Evelyn's hand, covering the pill.

Just as Evelyn thought Firia finally took the pill back, Firia pushed her hand to her mouth, shoving the pill inside her mouth. 'Now you have swallowed it... Even if you are trying to hold the effect back, you can only do it for one hour. It's better for you to go back with your senior sister and return. I am sure you will finish refining the pill in your return journey. Just like Alex, I also have a high expectation from you.'

Firia smiled and patted her head a few times.

Evelyn didn't know whether to be thrilled or scared. On one hand, she was happy to get such an expectation from Firia and Alex. On the other hand, she still thought it was best for Firia or Rose to swallow it instead.

To force her to leave, Firia sent her last transmission. 'I didn't fail. There were a total of twenty Gods and Goddesses. Why do you think only a few of them greeted you?'

Upon uttering this question that shocked Evelyn, Firia walked toward the exit and brought her together. As soon as she went outside, Firia's expression turned serious as she leaned on the wall, looking at the heirs and heiresses from other influences going away.

Evelyn and Angela were the last ones to leave, except Firia. As expected, Evelyn still looked at Firia with a dumbfounded expression. She just realized what happened inside that tower and why Firia was nowhere to be seen.

Firia shook her head and said with a thought transmission. 'Don't tell anyone, including your Master, alright?'

Evelyn took a deep breath and nodded furiously.

Firia waited and checked to see if everyone had left, only to find Alex make his appearance first.

"Alex!"

"I have checked our surroundings, and there shouldn't be anyone around this place. We are good to go." Alex nodded, thinking it was better to talk in the base instead of this place.

"How about the hole?"

"Don't worry. It didn't take too long to patch it, so there won't be anyone coming out of this place like Shelka's case. Unfortunately, I can't kill that guy..."

Firia chuckled. "Do you think she can touch me? His hand will burn before he can touch me." Firia shrugged. "Anyway, let's go back first. Rose must be in there, and you are going to be busy this time."

"Yes. I still need to cooperate with Manness and meet with Rose. If possible, I want Rose to get her Space Element." Alex nodded in agreement.

"Good. Let's talk in the base."

Alex agreed and snapped his finger, creating a teleportation array.

A few minutes later, Alex had arrived at their base, walking through the dark cave maze before reaching it a few seconds later, of course, with his Space Element.

As expected, the first one who greeted him was none other than Anya.

"It's nice to see you back."

Alex nodded. There was one question that he wanted to ask this whole time. "How is the situation in Fire God Clan? Their strength and their allies."

"Their situation isn't really good. However, you can expect something from one of the top influences that have been standing tall for a few thousand years. They are still retaining most of their power with the power of money."

"They must have searched for allies." Alex narrowed his eyes.

"Yes. They have approached all influences for this. The Drunken Pavilion and Blackwade Clan declined instantly while Phantasm Sect remained neutral. As for the Divine Kingdom, they are still waiting for Elizabeth and Julius to return, especially Elizabeth, since she held the highest power in the kingdom.

"The only ones that have favorable thoughts about this are Snow White Mountain and Ancient Blue Family. The only problem is they are playing wait and see for the moment. Snow White Mountain will join if the Ancient Blue Family joins this alliance and vice versa. In the end, they are waiting for Rio since they are sure Rio will become the new patriarch. In other words, if we want to act, we will act as soon as Rio becomes one since he would have less power at that time."

Alex nodded in agreement. "I have the same thought. I will visit Old Manness first and get his cooperation before going to the Freedom Sect. We will go there in two to three months."

"I understand."

"That's right. Have they sent someone to ambush us during this Ancient Ruin period?" Alex asked with a serious expression.

"They had tried to assemble the people for that, but our N squad spread fake news to make their force in disorder. That's why the plan got canceled."

"Nice." Alex was elated with the news. Either they sent their forces or not would impact the Blackwade Clan in a bad way. If they sent the force but returned empty-handed, the disciples would create a ruckus inside. On the other hand, if they didn't send someone, their force wouldn't be organized because there was no huge plan like this.

"True enough."

"One more thing. How about Letizia?"

"She is quite good. Her cultivation has increased by leaps and bounds. Since no one visited her, she could cultivate peacefully. We could attack them according to our schedule."

Alex nodded. "Let's do it. For now, I want to talk with Rose. It's about time she gets her second element."

"I have told Rose about that matter. You can just say hi to her ins—!" Before she finished her words, the aforementioned person had come. This light-blue wavy hair girl ran across the cave after noticing the figure she missed so much. Without much thought, she leaped toward him while screaming. "Master!"

Chapter 749 - Rose

"Oh! Rose! It's been a while." Alex opened his arms, catching Rose. Although he was a bit surprised that Rose showed this much happiness in one go, she is nonetheless his cute disciple. He still treated her like a little girl even after these few years.

"To think that your strength has increased even further from the last time I visited you." Alex stroked her hair gently.

"Hehe..." Rose felt pleased when Alex praised her. It was hard-earned praise since Alex didn't praise her so often unless she got a big achievement.

"How are you?"

"I am fine. Elder Sister Anna and Anya have helped me this whole time, and the others also have taught me from time to time. I feel like I can do more if I try." Rose grinned.

Alex shook his head with a smile. With his Spirit Eyes, how could he didn't know that her Spiritual Energy was exhausted? She must have trained hard in this period. "Well, I want to discuss something with you. Maybe after you recover your energy."

"Don't worry. I can recover my energy even when I am talking." Rose pumped her fist.

Alex looked at her expression for a few seconds before agreeing to her request. "Sure. Let's go inside first and make ourselves comfortable."

Rose nodded and led Alex inside while humming.

When they arrived, everyone took a seat. It was at this time that Rose finally noticed an unfamiliar person beside Alex.

Noticing this gaze, Alex introduced her. "She is Firia, my wife."

"Ah!" Rose immediately stood up, walked to her, and bowed her head. "I am Rose Skewes. Master picked me up on the Willow Continent."

"Fufu... Pick her up eh?" Firia glanced at him, planning to tease him, but Rose misunderstood her intention as her face became pale.

"This... Master is—!"

Firia chuckled as she stopped her. "I know. Since you are Alex's disciple, here is a gift for you. The ingredients came from him though."

Rose furrowed her eyebrows, looking at the unfamiliar pill that had the same color as her hair. "This is..."

Unlike Evelyn, Rose had been cultivating this whole time, so her knowledge was limited. This was also the reason why Alex sent her for a mission. She would know what knowledge she was lacking and learned according to it. Unfortunately, it didn't cover rank 8 pills.

"This is a Revolving Heart Pill. It can stimulate your heart and increase your talent," Firia explained in a simple way.

"Ah!" Rose blinked a few times, not believing what she heard.

"Alex has been pouring many resources for you, but you must feel something is clogging inside your body, right? Even though your foundation is rock solid, your talent is hindering you from increasing your cultivation even further. If you are overly relying on resources like this, I am afraid there will be a time where your cultivation halts."

"I..." Rose couldn't say anything. Everything Firia said was true, and she had already known it as she currently faced such a situation. She had been enduring all of this until now because of Alex, but she knew that she might reach a bottleneck at one point. That was why she was so happy to know that she could help Alex before reaching that bottleneck. And suddenly, one thing that could overturn her fate appeared before her; moreover, it came from Alex's wife.

"Take it. You should be able to refine it within a month."

Rose took the pill with her shaking hands. No words of gratitude could express her feelings right now. She was just a daughter of commoners that almost became a s.e.x toy, but everything changed after Alex appeared. Her words were filled with light and love once again, not only from her master but also from the people around him.

When she was about to kneel to express her gratitude, Alex and Firia already appeared beside her, stopping her from bending her knees. They smiled. "No need to do such a thing. I am your master. It is my duty to take care of you. Besides, you have endured so much because of my problem. This is something you deserve."

"That's right. You should think about yourself more. If not, I shall teach you basic common sense. Don't forget. You are the first official disciple of Alexander Sirius." Firia smiled. She intentionally said official disciple because it wouldn't include Evelyn and Putri. This showed Rose's true status. As for whether Rose would become too prideful or not rely on their teaching.

"Rose... Is glad that she met Master back then." Rose couldn't help but shed tears from all this warmth.

"You little girl." Alex sighed with a smile, patting her head until she calmed down.

In the end, Alex brought Rose to her room alone, so they could talk privately.

"Master..." Rose thought for a moment before taking out a cup and a tea she specifically brewed for Alex. She had prepared for something like this. "I am sorry for being too emotional earlier."

"It's fine. I still remember how you endured all my hellish training and didn't express your thoughts freely... Looking at you now, I am really proud of you." Alex smiled.

"No, no. Rose could only reach this step because there were enough resources and didn't need to do anything like Master." Rose shook her head.

"Well... I want you to go somewhere for me." Alex scratched his cheek, not knowing whether it was a good idea to send Rose alone.

"Do you mean Freedom Sect?"

"How do you know?" Alex was amazed before realizing that the spirits must have told her about it.

"Elder Sisters told me a few months ago. I have been preparing myself for this." Rose nodded while pumping her fist.

"That's right. I want you to go to Freedom Sect to get a Space Element. After that, you are going to train until you beat the Potential Tower. This is my upper limit since the continent will change completely at that time." Alex nodded with a gentle smile.

"I am ready, Master. I will complete this in a way that I won't disappoint Master."

"Good. Now you should absorb the pill first."

"Master... Can we talk more after this?" Rose looked at him with a serious expression. "It's been a while since I last talked with Master, so..."

"Sure." Alex smiled. "You should be able to finish this within a month. We can talk for one or two days before we go to the Freedom Sect. Is that fine with you?"

"Un!" Rose nodded repeatedly.

"Then I will leave you here first since I still have something to do."

"Yes, Master. Please be careful." Rose cupped her hands while smiling from ear to ear.

Alex waved his hand and left the room before going to Anya and the others. "I am going to the Drunken Pavilion now before Evelyn returns from her journey."

"Sure." Anya nodded. "Come back soon."

Alex nodded and summoned Sherry, Stina, and Kyle. "The three of you can stay in the base."

"Do you need Leoz to accompany you?"

"I don't think so. I will just convince him with my words and be done with it." Alex shrugged. "I will summon all of you if the situation is not in my favor."

"Alright then."

Alex then snapped his finger, teleporting to their headquarters where Manness lived. Although it was easy for him to meet Manness if he went to the Drunken Pavilion, he didn't want to create a commotion. Hence, he summoned Ngina, who lost his job recently since Rose started staying in their base.

"Master."

"I want you to inform that Old Manness that I have come. I want to meet him, so he needs to search for a way that I won't gather any attention." Alex asked.

Ngina nodded and disappeared.

Alex chose this particular timing to show that he didn't enter the Ancient Ruin. There was supposed to be no suspicion about his Space Element, so he should be clear with this meeting.

He stared at the city from the outside, waiting for Ngina to return. There was nothing to see in the city anyway.

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Meanwhile, Ngina sneaked inside the city, passing through house after house until he arrived in front of a grand building. This building couldn't be considered a restaurant because it had the size of a football stadium on Earth.

Ngina entered the place without hesitation, camouflaging as a lizard that ran on the wall while observing the current situation inside. It turned out that the people who were eating and drinking in the Pavilion were in a lotus pose. They were cultivating because the wine and the meal helped them in their cultivation.

It was at this time Ngina realized that these people were the students from Drunken Pavilion, whereas the real restaurant must be elsewhere. Unfortunately, he ignored these people and headed deeper inside the building.

Although it wasn't as big as the Blackwade Clan mansion, it still had half the size. Ngina found many people with stronger cultivation bases inside.

He kept going until he sensed a powerful Spiritual Energy coming from inside a certain pavilion inside. There was no doubt this was Manness's home.

Without further ado, Ngina sneaked inside the room and released his Spiritual Energy while saying. "I am bringing the word of my master, Alexander Sirius."

"!!!" Manness sensed and heard him as he rose with his wine gourd in his hand. "Who are you? To think there is someone who dares to intrude this place! Still, Alexander Sirius huh..."

Manness was angry at first because his drinking time was interrupted, but Alex's name calmed his heart down.

Seeing this reaction, Ngina finally returned to his original body, revealing his lizard skin. "Pleasure to meet you. I am Ngina. I am here to tell you that my Master is waiting for you. Although it's easy to enter this place, Master doesn't want to gather attention here."

"What does he want?"

Ngina thought for a moment. "I think it's fine to say this. My master wants to talk about the cooperation between Spirit Nest and Drunken Pavilion."

"Hmm...?" Manness thought for a moment, noticing that the situation seemed to be decided. He had been following the news about Spirit Nest, so he could somehow know that the Blackwade Clan had agreed to this. If he wanted to reap the benefit from this war, he needed to enter one of the sides.

His only problem was whether to adhere to what he promised to Maxwell or not. He closed his eyes for a few minutes, looking at the pros and cons. In the end, Manness sighed and answered, "Good. Where is he?"

"Outside the city."

"There is a forest north here, I will go there in five minutes. Tell him we can talk there."

Ngina nodded with a solemn expression and disappeared.

'Old friend huh...' Manness let out a long sigh. 'That old friend has left me for a few thousand years, and he wants me to take care of his disciple after that long? Anyway, I should meet him first.'

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With Manness's instruction, Alex already arrived at the entrance of the forest with Ngina. He found someone flying toward him and cupped his hand politely. "Elder Manness."

He ignored the greeting and walked inside the forest. "It's better to talk inside this forest, lest someone spot us."

Alex nodded and followed him inside the forest.

After walking for a few minutes, Manness suddenly sat down on the ground, summoning his table and his wine.

Alex then greeted himself once again, albeit got stopped by Manness.

"Just cut to the chase." Manness narrowed his eyes. "You and I don't have time for pleasantries, so tell me what you need and why I should help you? Don't say it's because I have the token. I already know that, and despite that, I am still asking this. You should be able to understand what I mean, right?"

Alex furrowed his eyebrows. It seemed this old man wanted to reap benefit from him. He took a deep breath and decided to use magical words from his master with a serious expression. "Elder Manness. Have you changed your wet pants?"

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"Elder Manness. Have you changed your wet pants?"

The moment Alex uttered that magic line, Manness's expression was distorted as it filled with anger. His Spiritual Energy started leaking as his face became red. He put down the wine and slammed the table, splitting it in half. "What did you say?"

Alex didn't have a change of expression and faced Manness calmly. There was only one thing that kept him confident. It was the fact that Manness didn't let out a single killing intent during this period. In other words, Alex knew Manness was embarrassed, and the magic line was pretty effective.

"I only need to say it once before Elder Manness skin me alive." Alex shook his head with a slight smile.

"The only one who always said that line was your master..." Manness took a few deep breaths, calming his heart down before saying with a deep tone. "I will help you this time. I have several conditions."

"Please do tell."

"First. I want to listen to your strategy about this."

"Certainly." Alex nodded. It was completely normal to know about the strategy first before helping him. He helped Alex with his influence after all, so he needed to see the cost and whether this was a suicide mission or not. Alex began telling his plan from how he wanted to convince the Ancient Blue Family, cause a ruckus in the Snow White Mountain, and deal with the Fire God Clan. Of course, the Freedom Sect was still known as an unknown fourth influence.

Manness closed his eyes for a few seconds, calculating the plan and their losses. "The plan is feasible, and it's where I won't lose many people."

"Good." Alex nodded and smiled inwardly. "What is your second condition?"

"I want a share. Nonetheless, this war is the biggest so far, comprising several big influences. The losses will be immense, so it's hard to convince the mass and might even make our influence unstable."

"I understand," Alex answered as if he already had a thought about this. "I will give you twenty percent."

"!!!" Manness clenched his fists and roared. "Are you kidding me? Do you think I can stabilize my clan after that?"

"You listen to me first." Alex raised his hand with a stop sign. "First of all. I am the one who starts everything. Even if you are not going, I can still defeat them. Secondly, my Spirit Nest might only have a small group, but they are elites capable of killing thousands of enemies. This is a fact and the reason why I could kill many people in the past.

"Besides, you can choose to watch from the sideline like the Divine Kingdom. I only give this number because you are my master's old friend. If not, the least I can give you is ten percent." Alex paused for a

moment, staring at Manness, who wanted to blow a fuse. He then said his last piece. "Last but not least, this twenty percent is coming from a total of Fire God Clan and Snow White Mountain."

"What?!" Manness dropped his jaw. He thought this twenty percent was coming from the Fire God clan alone. Although the money from them would be huge since it was coming from thousands of years influence, it wasn't enough to appease the entire influence. However, it was different if he would get twenty percent of share from two influences of the same level. It was more than enough to get him by and stopped the entire influence with absolute control.

"I have stated my best offer. It is futile to negotiate." Alex stated with a stern voice.

"You come to this place alone and negotiate with me like this... Do you think you can get away with just like this? I can kill you here and now before giving your head to the Fire God Clan. I believe I don't need this type of high-risk plan... Don't you say?" Manness smirked as he released his Spiritual Energy.

On the contrary, Alex remained unfazed. In fact, he even smiled at him and said playfully. "That's a good idea. To reap more benefit from the Fire God Clan and weaken them even further. By presenting my head and having my Spirit Nest act like I am dead, they will trust you. The only problem is that if you dare to pull the real head of mine? You can see what will happen to you and your influence."

Alex's last sentence sent a chill down to his spine as his body shook once. Manness closed his eyes and sighed. "You are really that bastard's disciple. Fine. I am in."

Alex smiled as he finally got his objective. "Then please come to the Ancient Blue Family three months from now. It will be a perfect time for the Blackwade Clan to move as well."

"Fine." Manness drank his wine until it was empty before flying away, leaving Alex alone in the forest.

Ngina appeared not far from him, cupping his hand toward Alex. "What are we going to do now, Young Master?"

"At the very least, Elder Manness has joined our side. For the time being, I will send a note to Song Jiaoren to convince his father to participate in this. Then I will send Rose to Freedom Sect and request some Elders from there. And we can negotiate with the Ancient Blue Family." Alex thought for a moment and answered.

"I shall stay here to make sure that old man doesn't stab you from behind."

Alex nodded. Even though he was his Master's friend, he couldn't trust his back on this person completely after knowing his personality. He agreed with Ngina as a precaution.

"I will leave it to you."

Ngina cupped his hands again before vanishing into thin air.

Alex then took out Nicole's card and said, "Proceed with the plan tonight."

"Understood."

After Nicole replied, he decided to return to the base.

On the other hand, Nicole stayed silent until night came, where she infiltrated Song Jiaoren's courtyard once again.

Noticing this type of presence and knowing it was almost the time, Song Jiaoren recognized this presence and said, "If you are going to talk about this, come inside."

Nicole smiled and opened his room.

"What does Sir Alexander want?"

"The time has come to pressure the Ancient Blue Family. We are planning to go there in three months. We hope that the Patriarch or Grand Elder himself can come." Nicole smiled.

Song Jiaoren thought for a moment. "I know. It is not easy for us to have our Patriarch just go like that and these three months seems to be satisfactory for us. I understand. I will talk with my fath... the Patriarch about this."

"The place will be the Ancient Blue Family. We will meet you there." Nicole nodded.

"Do you want me to do anything special?"

"No. As long as you attend this negotiation, we will take care of the rest." Nicole nodded gently.

"Then I will convince them after this." Song Jiaoren nodded, waving his hand as if telling him to leave.

Nicole smiled and slightly bowed to him before flying away. Meanwhile, Song Jiaoren fell into deep thought. "This is the turning point. If we stop the Ancient Blue Family right away, our chance to kill Fire God Clan is better. As for whether the Snow White Mountain wants to join the fray or not is completely insignificant."

Song Jiaoren stood up and prepared to head to his father's room, discussing this matter with his father and grandfather.

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The situation became peaceful for them, while the Fire God Clan was completely exhausted dealing with the bad rumor surrounding them. To stop the Fire God Clan from ambushing Alex, the N squad had released many bad rumors about the Fire God Clan, making the unstable family even more unstable. Even with their money, the disciples kept leaving one by one.

On the contrary, the Phantasm Sect got an influx of new disciples, mostly from the Fire God Clan. Knowing that the Phantasm Sect was the most neutral sect, they would surely have no chance of being swallowed in this storm.

However, the Phantasm Sect didn't necessarily accept them. They did several tests and only accepted the best of the best. They were deserters anyway, so when Phantasm Sect experienced the same thing, they would surely escape again. That was why they kept the best and planned to utilize them for as long as they could.

Of course, Song Yu played a big part in this because she would know whether the opposite party was lying or not. The moment they lied, the sect would not accept them. This accident increased the favorable impression for her, and Astennu was happy with it.

Finally, one week passed, Song Ling'er had returned to the Blackwade Clan Mansion and immediately headed toward her brother, only to find him being together with her father and grandfather. Song Ling'er didn't know whether to say this in front of these three, but since they had assembled, she chose to settle it once for all.

"Big brother! Father! Grandfather! We need to rethink our decision to ally with Spirit Nest." Song Ling'er screamed as she walked inside.

"Ling'er?" Song Jiaoren and the others tilted their heads as they couldn't understand why she suddenly said so.

Song Jiaoren stood up and greeted her. "You have come back. Why don't you rest first?"

"No! This is more important." She shook her head. "Let me tell you my story..."

Song Ling'er didn't give them time to react and told her story, including Firia's sudden appearance and the result.

"To think that Ling'er can get the inheritance from those Gods and Goddesses, I am happy," Her father said while humming.

"True enough. It seems she will be able to lead the clan just fine." Her grandfather nodded in agreement.

Song Jiaoren smiled and nodded. "It seems I don't need to worry about this clan anymore and can go to the main clan peacefully."

Song Ling'er was baffled by their reactions. She had told them Firia's failure and the fact that Alex made a mistake. Yet, their nonchalant expression frustrated her as if they didn't believe her.

"Why don't you believe me?" Song Ling'er screamed while clenching her hands. "This is a huge matter."

"It's indeed surprising, but you are wrong in one part." Song Jiaoren sighed and decided to explain.

"I have mistaken?"

"Yeah. Let me say this from the start. First of all, Sir Alex's wife was able to enter the pillar before anyone else, right?"

"Yes."

"Then, the trial has a time limit of two weeks?"

"Yes. The total is two weeks."

"How about you think like this? What if she managed to enter the last tower before anyone else? Just like how she appears in the midst of monsters and enters the pillar a few days before you." Song Jiaoren smirked as he glanced at the two old men. "I am sure Father and Grandfather had noticed this, right?"

"Indeed." They nodded with a smile.

Song Jiaoren then looked at the confused younger sister and patted her head. "This is why you need to be more observant. You shouldn't come to a conclusion this easily and think it through. It seems Grandfather needs a long time to teach you..."

"What do you mean, Brother? Am I wrong?"

"Yes. Let's talk about this from another perspective. Father. How many Gods and Goddesses there, and how many of them visited you back then?"

"A total of twenty, and all of them visited us at the same time."

"Grandfather?"

"It was the same for me."

"Can you see Ling'er?" Song Jiaoren smiled.

Song Ling'er fell into silence as if she grasped something but couldn't put it into words. Song Jiaoren decided to blurt it out. "If we go with my scenario. There should be twenty of them visiting you, but the fact that there were only several of them, there was only one thing."

"She had entered and met the Gods and Goddesses. Most of them were handling her as we couldn't be compared to her." Song Ling'er gasped as she realized what happened in that place.

Song Jiaoren patted her head again. "That's right. This is why we will follow his words. Do you have any objection?"

Song Ling'er could only look down and shook her head.