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### 77 Wake Up

Back to the Acacia Kingdom.

"Where is he? What is the situation" The king rushed in toward the medical barrack.

"Our military doctor said he was exhausted. Especially his mana was basically empty. For now, His condition was stable and there is no other solution than waiting for him to wake up"

After hearing that the king was relieved.

"What should we do with the fox, your majesty?"

"Fox? What fox?"

"The fox that brought Sir Alexander back here. The fox was exhausted and collapsed when it got here carrying Sir Alexander. We assume that the fox carried Sir Alexander from far away and it never stops walking or rests"

The king contemplated a bit, "Whatever the reason, the fox was saving him by bringing him here. Judging with the fox action, most likely they have some relationship in this journey. That's why the fox bringing him. Treat the fox first, we can do what we want after Alexander woke up"

"Ha!"

Not long after, the dean, Grand duke, Alicia, etc. came. All of them had many reactions, but Alicia was the most unstable. She refused to left Alex's side. Many tried to persuade her but to no avail. At first, she doesn't even want to eat, after continuous persuasion, she finally eats. But she won't leave Alexander Side.

Day after day, night after night. The dean, grand duke, Firia, etc. come to visit Alexander. The final exam for first-year come to end and the ranking competition for the second-grade student will be held. The requirement to advance to second-grade was for the student to reach rank 2. The dean personally registered Alex and Alicia as second-grade students. Normally they need to register themselves, but the current situation not allowed them to do so.

The ranking competition comes. Alex and Alicia didn't participate in it, Firia also didn't participate, she didn't have the mood to do so. Because of that, Joshua becomes the number one ranking for this year's new second-grade students ranking.

A week passed after the ranking competition, in the morning.

Alex slowly opened his eyes, he looked toward the unfamiliar ceiling. He tried to get up but no avail. He then checked his body condition. There are no physical wounds in his body, but there is no mana in his body. His mana reserve was empty. He tried to revolve his cultivation technique, there is no change.

"System, what happened to my body?" He asked the system in his mind.

[Host mana was exhausted. Because of it, the mana reserve can't produce the mana at this moment.]

"How do I fix this?"

[Host can revolve your cultivation technique slowly and it will be back to normal after a week. Or Host can use some Qi Replenishing Pill to induce the mana reserve to produce mana.]

"Hmm... I will leave it at that for a moment, I want to learn my current situation first"

"Wuu"

Alex heard this familiar sound, he turned to the side and saw Sherry in his bed. Sherry seems to notice that Alex has woken up so she wakes up.

He stroke Sherry, "Sherry"

Sherry licked his cheeks. She was happy now that Alex has woke up. "Wuu"

The door was opened, Firia came in. She was surprised that Alex had woken up, she let out a bit tears "Alex, you finally wake up"

"Firia" Alex was astonished to see Firia come in. "Where is this?"

"You are in the medical barrack in the Acacia Kingdom. The soldiers found you unconscious outside the gate"

"What?" Alex recalled that he seemed to fall unconscious in the cave at Sagur Forest.

Firia sighed, "You have been unconscious for more than a week. You need to thank this Fox. This fox brings you here. The doctor said that this Fox collapse as soon as he reached the gate while bringing you on his back."

"What?!" Alex was astonished. The turned to Sherry, "Wuu"

Alex hugged Sherry tightly. "Thank you Sherry"

"Wuu"

"Sherry?" Firia was surprised with this girly name.

"Yes, This is a female fox, her name is Sherry"

"Oh...So we are wrong all this time." Firia shook her head and continued, "When This fo- Sherry wakes up after exhaustion, she immediately wanted to go to your side. They said the soldiers took a great deal to stop her you know. After the dean come, he was very shocked by Sherry's race. Then he let her go to your side."

"Sherry" Alex was moved by Sherry's action.

"Well, you also need to thank one more person."

"One more person? Who?"

"..." Firia giggled "You didn't notice?"

After she said that, she looked down toward Alex's side. Alex followed her gaze and found the quilt on his side bulging abnormally. He then opened the quilt. He was shocked to see Alicia inside of it.

"Alicia?!"

"mmm..." After the quilt opened, Alicia shows a sign of wake up. She slowly opened her eyes while rubbing it. She looked toward her front and found Alex already woke up.

"Ya...Alicia..." Alex didn't know what to say, that's all the words he managed to think at this moment.

"aaa..." Alicia started tearing up when she saw Alex.

"Wait wait wait... why are you crying" Alex was startled seeing Alicia suddenly crying.

"Idiot idiot idiot" She beat Alex's head and chest. Then suddenly she hugged him. "You finally wake up...waaa!"

Alex was shocked by her action, he then turned to Firia for an explanation.

"She never left your side this past week."

With just that sentence Alex knows. He felt guilty. Then he started to hug her back "I'm sorry to make you worried"

"No...that's not what I want to hear" Alicia hugged him tighter while crying.

"Wha!..." Alex was surprised, he then thought a bit "Um...I'm sorry for becoming like this"

"No...!"

"Ugh...Sorry, I will make you some pills for compensation"

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Alex didn't know what to say anymore, he looked toward Firia who shakes her head. But suddenly he was enlightened. He then bitterly smiled "I'm back Alicia"

"Welcome Back" She smiled. Even though her face still full of tears. She smiled beautifully- no, because of her tears, this smile of her brighten the world.

After a while hugging Alex. she released him.

"You finally finished." Firia teased.

"Fi-firia, since when you are here?" Alicia startled.

"I'm here this whole time you know, do you really not realize my existence here?" Firia pouted.

"Wha!" She looked toward her then to Alex who smiled weirdly as he nods giving her a confirmation. She was embarrassed "Fi-firia, this..."

She wanted to explain but Firia continued to tease her, "Then, are you finished?"

She nodded with her red face. After she nodded, she was shocked. Firia suddenly hug Alex. "Welcome Back"

Alex also surprised with her action but soon he smiled gently, "I'm back"

"Wuu...Wuu" Sherry suddenly come in. She seems to be angry because everyone ignored her.

Alex then said apologetically as he hugs her too "Thank you Sherry"

"Wuu"

The door opened again. They saw the dean coming in.

"Teacher" Alex greeted him.

"Oh, you finally wake up" The dean laughed. Alex then said "I'm sorry for making you worry, teacher"

"It is fine, as long as you are fine now" The dean was relieved. "How is your body condition?"

"I am fine, I can recover in a week. Though it will be faster if I use Qi Replenishing Pill"

"What! Why don't you say earlier? I might let you eat those pills in your sleep... no, I will force you to eat those pills. Maybe it can let you wake up faster that way"

Alex giggled, "Teacher, don't ask for the impossible. How can I even talk in that state"

"Well, you are fine now so it's fine. I will bring you the pills later" The dean shrugged "Well, where did you go last month that makes you like this?"

"This...I..." Alex felt guilty, eventually, he decided to tell him the stories. At first, he really went to the Celestial Forest. He found the herb and Sherry and somehow Sherry wanted to follow him. After that, he decided to go toward the Sagur Forest because he was curious about the war.

Upon reaching this point, the dean was very angry. Alex didn't heed his warning and all of this happened. He reprimands Alex for an hour, but it didn't stop there because Alicia and Firia joined in and the lecture becomes two hours. Alex apologized and promised not to that again and they reluctantly let him go for now.

Alex then continued, He got information about the reason for Zircodina to start this war, it was practically for resources. Of course, he excluded the part of what kind of resources that thing. He thought it will be better to keep the truth for himself as to not let this kind of thing incite greed.

The dean nodded, he seems already know about this information so Alex didn't continue. He then said that he fought with a rank 7 monster and he didn't know why he can be alive now.

Everyone immediately assured him, so he didn't continue. The dean suddenly asked this question.

"Alex, do you know this fox's race?"

"Sherry's?" Alex shook his head.

"This is Celestial Fox. Do you know why the forest called Celestial Forest? it was basically a few decades ago. That this celestial Fox was spotted there. At that time, the celestial Fox was at rank 8. The fox was specialized in Fire, especially their sensitivity in Fire. But at that time, there is a rank 8 wyvern flying above the forest.

The celestial Fox didn't like that and attack the wyvern. With the fight of two rank 8 monsters, of course, many people know of it. We dispatch a few rank 8 to control the situation, including the monster outbreak because of this fight. The outcome was the two monsters killed each other in that battle.

That's why the forest now didn't have any high-rank monsters anymore. Some of them killed by us and the others were died because of the fight."

"I see..." Alex nodded, then he turned to Sherry who seems to be a bit down when she heard about her parents but Alex felt something wrong with it.

"But teacher, I think Sherry was only a few years old"

After hearing this point from Alex, he then contemplated. "True, the celestial fox usually has a bigger body. And also the age didn't match. The fight happened a few decades ago and the celestial fox died. Even this fox was that fox descendant, their age didn't match"

"Well, doesn't matter. The fox seemed to be very attached to you"

"Oh right, before I forgot. You are already a second-grade student. You have your first classes in two weeks. Well, the number one for second-grade students was Joshua. Since you, Young Alicia, and Young Firia didn't participate in it. Especially, this lass, she refused to leave your side this whole time" The dean said and teased Alicia.

Alicia blushed. "Uncle!"

"Haha! Since you are alright, its time for me to leave. I will bring you the pills later" The dean prepared to leave, but before he leaves the room he added, "Take the top in the ranking tournament, Alex"

Alex was astonished, then soon he giggled "Yes Teacher"

The dean left the room leaving Alex, Alicia, and Firia in the room. Of course, don't forget about Sherry.