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Chapter 831 - Triggering The Divine Tribulation

When he was talking with the system, Rose and Letizia had arrived, waiting for him, who seemed to be busy with a new thing.

Alex finished all his talk first before he glanced over them. "I am sorry for making you wait."

Rose shook her head and smiled. "No problem. I am happy to see Master smiling earlier, so I am glad that Master got a good thing."

Alex was slightly surprised to hear her saying that and immediately hugged her before patting her head. "Haha... You little girl. You have your way with your mouth now."

"Hehe..."

"Anyway, I call you here to see whether you want something from me. To be honest, you two don't need me anymore because you have everything to grow up..."

"Master wants to abandon Rose?" Rose turned around with a sad expression.

"There is no way I am going to abandon you. I just want you to grow up and become independent."

"Can't I be like this forever?" Rose pouted. "Just kidding."

Alex smiled over her cute expression and said, "I won't be able to shelter you forever, so it's necessary for you to grow independent. Besides, you are not planning to live with me forever, right? You will have your own family in the future, so..."

"Eh?! I just want to live with Master... That's right, I can be Master's—gya!"

Alex chopped her head and looked at her with a serious expression. "Rose... There is a line that shouldn't be crossed."

"Tch." Rose clicked her tongue before shrugging. "I know about it. I was just joking. Besides, I can choose if I want to stay alone or have a family, right?"

Alex widened his eyes and nodded. "At the very least, I wouldn't be like those people who marry someone off just for the sake of something greater. You can choose your own path, and I won't stop you unless it's forbidden."

"Hehe..." Rose grinned. "Since Master wants to grant me my request, I shall be shameless a little bit." Rose paused for a moment, making everyone wonder what kind of wish she would ask. And yet, the moment she opened her mouth, they were stunned. Rose simply said, "I wish that Master can live forever. Master is like an older brother and father figure to me, so I am satisfied if I can live like this forever... No, I will also work hard to ensure this can last forever."

Alex looked at this innocent and sincere little girl. He had been fostering her since she was a small child, but to think she had grown up to even say something like that. "You need to work hard then."

"Of course. Just you wait, I am going to surpass Sister Letizia and become a God Rank Expert before her." Rose grinned.

Alex patted her head gently and turned to Letizia. "You have been challenged, what are you going to do?"

"If Young Lady Rose wants to surpass me, I can let her—"

"Letizia..." Alex stopped her before she finished her words and squinted his eyes. "Are you saying you want to delay your cultivation? I don't know what is in your mind, but I don't really like it when someone thinks so lowly of themselves.

"Besides, you are like an elder sister figure for her... Are you going to distance yourself?" Alex's voice sounded like he was angry, but his expression looked so sad. These two somehow stabbed Letizia's heart, making it very painful. "I have said it myself in the past. Don't call yourself a slave nor treat yourself as one. You are one of my people that is closer than my friend. So, don't distance yourself..."

Anna furrowed her eyebrows and nodded. She had been troubled with this for a while because she felt like Rose seemed to slowly lower herself even further. And that somehow made them uncomfortable. After all, only Rose, his disciple, could follow him. Neither his friends nor allies can follow her or join as part of Spirit Nest, so her being like this made it awkward for everyone.

Alex only cultivated this whole time, so he didn't know it yet. She planned to tell Alex about this, but it seemed Alex had realized before he left this world.

Letizia's body was shaking as she looked down. She closed her eyes for two minutes before a smile appeared on her face, looking at Alex and Rose. "It's my pleasure. I won't lose."

'This... This is a family.' Letizia thought and smiled. 'Since she calls me Elder Sister, I will be one then. There is no way that this elder sister will leave her alone in this world... Although I can't lose in terms of cultivating, I can slow down my pace a bit... At the very least, I won't ascend too fast, so I can watch over her a bit longer. Maybe, I can ascend when she is 8-Star or 9-Star Martial Saint. This way, no one can threaten her in this world. Not that I can say to Master or everyone else though...'

Alex stared at her and smiled. "Take your time... You are a part of my Spirit Nest now, not my Spirit Nest's slave."

"Yes, Master. I was wrong." Letizia nodded.

"Then, do you happen to need anything?"

"No. I don't need anything. We have enough resources right now, so we should have no problem for the time being. Although there are a few missions to hone our skills, most of our time will be spent on cultivation, so I don't think I need anything." Letizia shook her head.

"Is that so? Well, if you need anything, just inform me through the system."

"Yes." Letizia nodded.

"Then, I think it's time for me to challenge the lightning tribulation." Alex rose from his seat.

"Master, I wish to watch you."-----+

"What will you do to go back? It's quite a long journey, you know." Alex tilted his head before looking down as if he had thought of something. "That's right. I have many Teleportation Array Plates in my Inventory, so you can use them to return. Judging from the distance, I can say that you need three Array Plates. Remember, if I don't see the number of my Teleportation Array Plates decrease by three, I will..."

Rose and Letizia gulped down as they immediately reassured this doting person.

"Don't worry. Although I was poor in the past, I know how to squander now."

"I will protect Rose, so the safest route is Teleportation Array Plate. Even if she doesn't want to use it, I will force her." Letizia nodded her head.

"Yes, I am leaving her to you, Letizia."

"Yes, Master." Letizia smiled and bowed her head.

"Eh?! Master is not going to trust Rose?" She pouted.

Alex smirked and teased her. "If you can go independent that is... You need to grow up first, little girl."

"What..." Rose smiled, and the group decided to talk for a few more minutes. After that, Alex teleported all of them to the same coast they saw Firia off.

Alex looked around and sighed. "It's been three years since the last war, I have truly spent a long time in this world. Though, I don't regret it because I could get stronger, meet many people, and become mature. I have many things that I want to say, but for now, I shall focus on the last challenge in this world."

Alex's expression turned serious as he crossed the gate and stood in front of the array. Looking back at his group, he waved his hands.

Suddenly, the spirits returned to the cards, leaving only Letizia and Rose there.

Alex smiled and closed his eyes as the array teleported him to an unknown area.

He looked at this weird area and muttered to himself. "Where is this?"

There were many trees in his surroundings, but many of them bent in a weird way to the point he was wondering if these three were alive. Yet, the green leaves proved to him they still had strong vitality.

"The trees are tilting more than fifty degrees with some weird curves here and there, but they have no problem from what I see." Alex furrowed his eyebrows and looked down, finding a sand path that led him to somewhere.

It looked very artificial as if it was inviting him to go there. Hence, Alex started walking forward, following the path.

After a long one hour walk, he finally came out of the woods and found a huge lake right in front of it.

The lake looked weird as well. Although the size itself was only a few kilometers, there seemed to be an island in the center.

"That must be the place where I can cultivate to trigger my Divine Tribulation." Alex furrowed his eyebrows and stopped his step, noticing something weird with his surroundings. "There are a few cliffs around the area, but it looks like it has been broken artificially. Not many reports about this, so I don't know why there are so many cliffs. Besides, Firia didn't want to talk about it because every person's Divine Tribulation was different from others.

"And there are a few records saying the more you know, the more unpredictable the Divine Tribulation is... Hence, it's better to proceed as long as I know the route." Alex nodded and flew to the center of the island.

He contemplated for a moment and sighed. "I can't use arrays in this tribulation. Not only does the World's will not allow it, but I also don't know if I will have Lightning Tribulation except from the last one."

Alex shook his head and took a deep breath.

"From what I know about the clue, there are connections between all elements to this Divine Tribulation. In other words, I might be facing many things that I might not be aware of. Luckily, I should be immune to illusion due to my Spirit Eyes.

"As for the other elements, I believe my Pure Fire is enough to burn them down. Since this is unknown, both of you... Can you protect me while I am cultivating?" Alex didn't know whether this Divine Tribulation understood sneak attack or not, so he asked his two weapons to create a shield for him.

Seeing this sturdy shield, Alex finally calmed himself and sat on the ground.

'You, who wants to defy this world's common sense and challenge me to become a God, are going to face a challenge. I am this world's will, and I shall be the one testing you if you are qualified enough for the entire world lending its energy for you to reform your body and energy. If you succeed, you shall be granted strength that you won't ever know. If you failed, there is no road other than perish.'

Alex got this message while cultivating and somehow understood the concern. Even so, he wasn't distracted and continued his cultivation.

Three days later, Alex finally felt awfully full of Spirit Energy. Even though he wanted to breakthrough, there was a weird feeling that he experienced that was different from the usual feeling he got to trigger his Lightning Tribulation. It was as if he somehow got struck continuously by immense Spiritual Energy.

Rumble Rumble

The moment the rumbling sounds echoed in his ears, Alex opened his eyes and activated his Spirit Eyes. The Spiritual Energy seemed to be working weirdly since the rumbling sound, allowing him to understand what was going on.

"I see. So, this is what it means to be the Divine Tribulation... No, I should say the World Tribulation because the world is the one challenging me. The previous cliffs earlier and probably this lake came from the previous Divine Tribulation.

"In other words, the world changed the landscape of this island to fight Firia. In that case, I should get ready too." Alex nodded and raised his weapons. "Let's do this."

The moment he uttered those words, the world responded in kind. The lake water suddenly rose, forming into thousands of needles. This was like what happened when the sand on the beach got lifted up and formed into needles. They were basically uncountable.

And those needles suddenly flew toward Alex.

"!!!"

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And those needles flew toward Alex.

"!!!" Alex stepped forward, summoned the two dragons and controlled them to cover him with their body.

The water needles only hit the dragons to find themselves becoming vapor because of the Pure Fire coating the dragon.

At the same time, Alex activated his Spirit Eyes and looked at his current condition, wondering what would be the restriction of this Divine Tribulation.

"For the time being, I am sure that escaping to the Space World is not a thing. At the same time, it's impossible to direct any attacks with my Spatial Gates. Still, I can use my other Space Elements ability, except the Spatial Gate and Space Mark.

"I will focus on my main weapons then. Meanwhile, I should see what kind of problem I am facing currently..." Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "It seems the first stage is related to the water element. In that case, I shall be careful... Seriously?"

When he was about to look around the lake because he was afraid there was another thing coming toward him. And it was big... very big.

He almost forgot the fact that this was a small island. The moment he stepped upon this island, he could already smell the scent of salt coming into his nose, so he knew he was near the sea. On the other hand, he found nothing around this island, except the fact that this weird landscape could be changed if needed.

Hence, the moment he saw a huge wave coming toward the coast, he was utterly shocked.

"Seriously? Fifty percent of the lake's water has been vaporized due to the last attack, and they are going to fight me with a bigger wave? And I bet that huge tsunami will replenish the water in the lake before attacking me again. Hence, I need a solution." Alex thought for a moment and sighed.

"I can't destroy it with my power if I want to conserve my energy, so I should be fine if I fly and let the wave pass." Alex nodded and looked up, finding nothing that would stop him from going upward.

He leaped to the air, floating at the height that the wave could never reach and trained himself.

The tsunami seemed to be coming from his right alone as it swept the entire island just like that. While he was at it, he took another glance at the island and the horizon. Although it was nothing special, the lake had been refilled because of that tsunami.

He saw the water turned into needles again, aiming at him. At the same time, he found another wave building up on the horizon.

"If my prediction is correct, the Potential Tower seems to have understood the meaning behind the tribulation. That's why I need to do something against this water. The problem will be, how?" Alex fell into silence as he thought something ridiculous. "I wonder if I can just evaporate all the water here?"

Alex didn't know why but he remembered the scene where he drained all the water inside that water place in the Potential Tower, so he thought the problem would be solved if there was no more water. As for the sea, it was impossible to drain them all, so he immediately set his focus on the lake itself.

"Nonetheless, if it doesn't work, I can search for another solution." Alex pointed his palm toward the lake as the two dragons entered the lake, draining it like crazy. At the same time, he summoned many firebirds that would help him to clean the entire spot.

The dragons drained the water as if it was the hole inside a bathtub. Alex consumed a bit of his power, but it wouldn't lead to a problem for him.

"Two minutes before the tsunami refills the water, so I can't fail." Alex gritted his teeth before he started seeing the water level go down.

The moment he could see the bottom of the lake, he immediately sent thousands of his Firebirds toward the lake, covering the whole lake with explosions.

And the purpose was to speed up the process of drying the lake and ensure everything is drained.

Rumble!

Suddenly, another rumbling sound echoed in his ears as he turned to the sea. The Tsunami lost its power to continue and got destroyed, becoming a normal wave that wouldn't reach this island.

He narrowed his eyes and nodded. "It seems my speculation was right. With this, the first stage should have been cleared."

Rumble Rumble

And yet, the moment he tried to relax, he heard another rumbling sound. He looked around the island, only to find nothing.

Bam!

A loud sound of an explosion echoed across the island and alarmed Alex. He looked down and found the bottom of the lake crumbled. Whether it was due to his explosions or the world, he immediately searched if that would result in anything with his Spirit Eyes.

Burning red-colored energy was leaking through the ground and burst out.

"!!!" Alex immediately leaped to another side. He looked to the side and found magma beside him.
"That was close. Although magma can't hurt me, there might be something inside there that can ruin everything for me."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and searched through the magma, wondering if there was a solution for this.

"What should I do?" Alex couldn't see anything that might be the source of trouble.

At the same time, sulfuric gas started filling his lung as he immediately blocked it by surrounding himself with a barrier.

"What did I do in the Potential Tower..." Alex tried to recall the scene, but he was already greeted by the fire coming from the burning magma. The fire turned into serpents surrounding him. Even though Alex could suppress the snake a little bit, it would require a huge amount of Spiritual Energy. Hence, he leaped around to see whether there was some useful information in his head.

Meanwhile, the serpents were trying to bite him. They couldn't injure him with fire alone, so the world wanted to destroy him by shredding him into pieces.

Alex didn't pay attention to this and checked his surroundings instead. The test might be the same as the Water Stage. It was something that could be easily found, and it was powerful. "There is nothing under the magma. In fact, the magma looks like it is artificially created because I can see the ground under the magma.

"Do I need to jump inside the lava?" Alex tilted his head. Even he found this trial ridiculous, but Alex didn't hesitate. He jumped inside the lava and activated his Pure Fire. This kind of degree of heat wouldn't harm him anyway.

"If the serpents return to the magma, they will be assimilated, so I should be fine inside the magma," Alex muttered while using his Spirit Eyes to see the condition on the surface. As he predicted, the serpents melted, and its energy vanished as if there was nothing since the beginning.

Coming to the conclusion that the key to solving the second stage was inside the magma, he tried to reach the deepest part, only to find the bottom was only a few meters below the lake's bottom.

He thought it would be like a mountain that had thousands of meters deep hole, but Alex noticed it wasn't the case to the point he found it very fishy.

"This magma should have a connection somewhere unless it's artificially created. If that is the case, I need to find the one that produces this magma." Alex nodded and walked around the magma. "How I wish I can use my Spatial Gate here to drain all this magma away."

Alex sighed and kept walking inside the magma. As soon as he came inside the it, nothing happened anymore, so he could leisurely walk around without bothering to watch out.

"Lightning Tribulation is easier than this since I only need to destroy the lightning." Alex sighed. "What if I can blast this magma away and spread it around the island? If it's reproduced, it is not the answer then. If not, I might be able to beat this stage."

Alex nodded and thought for the perfect ability to solve the issue.

As much as he wanted to use his Hell Inferno, the technique used too much power. And this was still the second stage. There was no way he would risk it from the get-go, especially with the fact that he would die if he failed here.

"Which skill can cause a huge explosion to blast all this magma away?" Alex thought for a moment and found a perfect one.

He raised his hand and started creating symbols after symbols on his Space Plate, releasing it as soon as it was completed.

"Saint Explosion Array!"

Boom!

That array appeared near him and blasted all the magma away for a split second. However, it didn't create a tall flame pillar this time because the magma contained its power. Yet, it was enough for Alex to understand the source of the problem.

There was a palm-sized red crystal on the ground. He didn't see it when the water dried, so it must be related to his current predicament.

"That stone... The energy is camouflage within the magma, so I won't be able to see it this whole time. At the same time, it's hard to see inside the magma because everything is red. I have stumbled upon many rocks when walking blindly around this area, so I might have stepped on these crystals without noticing it."

Alex said crystals because he believed more was planted on the ground, so he didn't wait and created an array that could blast half of the lake.

To ensure that he didn't use all of his strength, he toned the explosion down.

"It is enough to lift it up one or two meters because I can scan and roughly remember the positions. I only need to use my domain to double-check later. In the worst case, I can ask the system to make a copy of their position." Alex shrugged and activated the array.

Boom!

Another explosion occurred, and he could see the ground filled with air but surrounded by magma for a second before the magma closed it again.

"There are two more." Alex furrowed his eyebrows and muttered to himself. "Is this the one responsible for the serpents? There were six serpents if I am not wrong..."

"With these three, I will beat the trial as soon as I find the other three." Alex nodded with determination as he immediately moved and took the jades.

After getting the two crystals, Alex did the same to the other side and collected the other three crystals.

As if it was responding to Alex, the magma slowly disappeared along with the stones in his hand. Alex took a deep breath and prepared himself by looking down for a few seconds.

And yet, the ground turned out to be the most shocking thing he got today as a spike rose from the ground, trying to impale Alex's head.

"!!!"

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"!!!" Alex was shocked by the sudden movement from the ground that tried to impale him. However, he managed to react by parrying it with his strength, albeit the force coming from the ground itself still managed to launch himself to the sky.

The ground, at the same time, rose again, creating a few mountains in all directions.

"Tch." Alex clicked his tongue and waved his weapons.

"Mythical Fire Slash."

He used the Triple Draws as well to launch six Sword Waves, cutting the mountains on its body. The peak soon crumbled due to the inclination of the cut and fell to the ground.

"What is it this time?" Alex muttered to himself while observing the ground with his Spiritual Energy.
"Now I feel like I understand why this place is weirdly shaped together with the terrain."

Alex noticed this while watching how the six cliffs formed because he cut six mountains that suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

"I see. The Divine Tribulation itself is not coming from the sky... At least, not in this stage like the usual Lightning Tribulation. Instead, this is the challenge from the world itself as if I am fighting against it. And because of that, the world can weirdly shape itself, so it will transform the island as it wants to. In other words, this place is specifically created to let the world manifest according to everyone's Divine Tribulation.

"The island and the environment were created by all those people who had undergone their Divine Tribulation in the past," Alex muttered to himself.

The energy coming from the ground was far more bountiful than he expected, and it flowed intensely to the six mountains.

After cutting the tops of these six mountains, the energy had accumulated enough to launch something, and Alex noticed this.

"Swallowing Heaven!"

He summoned two dragons from his weapons, making them fly toward the mountains and swallowing the earth. The moment it reached their stomach, the ground and the Spiritual Energy powering it was burned altogether.

Unfortunately, Alex could only swallow two of the tops of the mountains before the others shot out powerful energy at him. The Spiritual Energy turned into a spike that rose to the sky at fast speed.

"!!!" He was a bit shocked by the speed itself and barely dodged it by shifting his body.

"Are you serious? What is that speed? It's like the ground is strengthened by that Time Element guy with his Acceleration!" Alex sweatdropped as he remembered what Anna said and doubted. "Is the difficulty really as low as my previous Lightning Tribulation? That anticlimactic Lightning Tribulation?"

From the way he saw this matter, it didn't look like it. Instead, it might be the hardest one he had ever seen.

Still twisting his body to dodge these four spikes, he waved his hand to cut them, breaking free from the restrain.

He summoned a thousand firebirds, coloring the sky with red, and rammed them on the mountains.

Boom Boom Boom!

A series of explosions filled the atmosphere with a burnt crisp smell lingering in the air. Alex didn't find anything in the ground, so he thought he should clear the area first with his firebirds, so he could find something.

And yet, it was just his wishful thinking because the moment the smoke disappeared, the only thing he could see was the same mountains with only a bit rougher surface due to the small explosions.

"It doesn't do much..." Alex let out a long sigh. "I don't have that much expectation since this is the weakest attack I have ever had that is relying on my control alone. Still, I thought I could find a clue with this."

He wondered what he could do at this point. Since he was in the sky at the moment, he took another look at the surrounding of the island.

"The sea has nothing special. The forest around the coast also has nothing. Only the main area turns into six mountains from a lake. From how the Divine Tribulation appeared for the last three stages, it only affected the lake area alone. Is the range of Divine Tribulation only reached that far?" Alex thought for a moment. "If that were the case, I can focus my investigation on this area."

"For now, I should assume my speculation is right." Alex nodded and took another look at the mountains with his Spirit Eyes. "Since that is the case, should I cut all these mountains? It will take a bit more Spiritual Energy than I have expected, but it should be fine."

Even though he said it was a mountain, its shape was relatively close to a hill instead. And it had a few hundred meters in diameter with the height only reached one hundred meters. Of course, the height stopped increasing because Alex cut the tip, so that was the reason he called them mountains. He believed the mountain could go a bit higher if he didn't do it.

Thinking about this, he suddenly recalled what he did earlier.

"That's right. I should cut these mountains instead of destroying them. After cutting them, I can teleport them to the sky, so it can destroy themselves with the momentum... Wait, I can't use any Teleportation thingy during this period." Alex gritted his teeth, realizing how versatile his Teleportation ability was and how he relied on it this whole time.

He took a deep breath and raised his hand. Since the first plan couldn't be used, he still had another plan.

Symbols after symbols appeared on the sky as Alex prepared his array. At the same time, the mountains were preparing to strike again.

Alex found that Spiritual Energy was concentrated in twenty areas instead of six like the previous one. And with the same concentration, Alex was assured that they were making the same attack as before but with more numbers.

"I am not that easy to beat!" Alex smiled as a blue spear formed above the array. He waved his hand down, and the spear moved down as if it was going to penetrate the Earth itself.

Suddenly, those energy spots vanished without a trace, and a new energy spot appeared.

"That... That energy is the accumulation of those twenty spots. This is going to be bad." Alex clicked his tongue, seeing the concentrated energy that was in the middle of the six mountains. He coated the spear with his Absolute Blade Intent and Pure Fire.

"Sky Spear Array! Destroy!"

As if it responded to his attack, the ground rose again, creating the seventh mountain. The mountain might not be huge, but it contained the most power, especially when it also started absorbing the energy from the other six monsters.

"Since you want a frontal confrontation, I will destroy you!" Alex's expression turned serious as the spear struck the new mountain.

Bang!

A huge shockwave shook the entire island. Many plants in the forest got blown away by the sheer pressure while the other six mountains were crushed. Without the Spiritual Energy from before, the mountains lost their ability to withstand this kind of attack, so it started crumbling and turned into piles of rubbles.

On the other hand, the seventh mountain was still going strong, opposing Alex's spear with all of its might.

Crack!

"No way!" Alex watched this confrontation himself, but never expected that the cracking sound he just heard came from his own spear.

Not wanting to lose, Alex gritted his teeth and used a bit more of his Spiritual Energy. "Swallowing Heaven!"

The two dragons descended to the mountain, trying to swallow a portion of the mountain.

And yet, two spikes with the same speed of what he experienced pierced them.

"Hmph! They don't have a physical form." Alex snorted while smiling, seeing that the dragons only let the spikes enter their mouths and finding it disappeared because his Pure Fire inside the dragons had burned it.

The mountain got bitten on two sides as a portion of energy got swallowed.

Because of this, the mountain was the one starting to crack, especially on its tip.

Alex poured a bit more energy into the spear and pushed it as hard as possible.

"Crush it!"

Crack!

The moment its tip was shattered, destruction followed. The spear finally won and pierced its body, sending six giant cracks to all directions that stretched to the bottom of the mountain. After that, the body began to be shattered, and the rubbles flew away.

Alex watched solemnly as the mountain slowly turned into a crater.

Boom!

The spear ended it with a bang, turning it into another lake with no water and an island in the middle.

"Huft." Alex took a deep breath. Although he wasn't sure earlier, he realized that the seventh mountain was the key to beat this stage. That was why he could use all these attacks just to crush it.

And the movement of Spiritual Energy underground ceased, showing that Alex's speculation was right.

When he was about to descend, he suddenly got pushed from behind, blowing him away to the ground.

"Gah!" Alex never expected there was something behind him. He immediately stood up and looked at the sky, finding a huge amount of Spiritual Energy inside in the sky slowly marching toward him.

"..." Alex furrowed his eyebrows and commented. "What is this? This looks similar to the one I have experienced in the Potential Tower. But since I can't use my teleportation or Spatial Gate, the answer doesn't lie in the sky. I need to search for it right now."

He investigated his surroundings while keeping the energy on the sky in tab. Although the speed wasn't that fast, the energy generated a huge amount of wind energy that might shred him if he carelessly passed it.

"The crater is alright. Nothing is extraordinary. The forest is the same as before. As for the sea... It's too far, and the energy from... Wait." Alex stopped as soon as he found four other walls in his surroundings.

It separated him from the sea. In fact, Alex already couldn't go to the forest because it had gone past

"I am trapped inside a region. Each test should have a certain kind of solution. There must be something I can do to pass this." Alex thought for a moment before he waved his sword, trying to cut the barrier itself.

"Mythical Fire Slash."

The Sword Wave flew like normal, but when it reached the top barrier, it suddenly bounced back to forty-five degrees to the left, flying toward the barrier in his right.

Alex dropped his jaw because he noticed another thing from it.

"The wind pressure is so strong to the point it can deflect my Sword Wave? If I only send my fire there, it will only find itself deflected... No, I can certainly see that a portion of its energy was chipped away when

it bounced as if it was shredded. This... I think my flame can burn it, but because of this strong gale, not only it won't integrate with the wind, but it will also disappear before reaching it." Alex sweatdropped, wondering what he should do.

"Is there no way to destroy that wind barrier?" Alex frowned. With nothing to find from his surroundings, Alex looked at the ground, searching for something that could destroy the wind barriers that would soon rip him into pieces.

However, he suddenly came to enlightenment when he looked at the ground. Not knowing why, but he felt like the ground was the answer.

He descended on the ground after floating ten meters to the sky.

"This... Can I seriously do this?" Alex hesitated for a second. "I think I have ten minutes before the barriers reach me. I will do it."

The moment he landed, two dragons appeared around his body, staring at the ground.

"Swallowing Heaven!"

Alex called the name of his move, but he sighed when he ordered them. "But... Now can only swallow ground. Go!"

"..."

The dragons had no thought about it and swallowed the ground vertically for fifteen meters. Alex then turned its direction to the left as if he was mining horizontally.

"If I am not wrong, the wind barriers are only on the surface. I should be able to escape from the Underground. In fact, I believe this is not suitable to be faced head-on like usual. Instead, I should know when to escape."

Alex nodded as he kept drilling until it reached the wind barrier. It was supposed to be inside the range, but there was nothing in that area. A smile appeared on his face as he said, "Gotcha."

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"Gotcha!" Alex smiled upon seeing nothing stood before him. The dragons continued to make a long tunnel for him until he felt it was safe to make another hole leading to the surface.

Seeing how the dragons didn't get destroyed proved that there were not any more barriers underground.

He followed the tunnel and peeked outside, finding himself surrounded by sand.

"I am on the coast right now." Alex looked at his surroundings, ensuring that no more barriers were coming to him.

"That wind barrier is not supposed to be destroyed?" Alex tilted his head in confusion. "Anyway, now that I am out, I only need to be careful. Wait a minute, I think each test actually has a meaning behind them, just like how the Potential Tower was built. Even Teacher agreed to the explanation.

"If that were the case, then the first stage would be how I adapted to a new environment, especially the sea and the lake. If I couldn't adapt, the lake would continuously attack me until I die. After that, I need to be daring to choose my action because if I hesitate, I will just be trapped inside a dilemma.

"The third stage is to test my strength. Even if I have the determination to go forward, it will be useless without strength. While the fourth stage wants me to know when to fight and when to escape." Alex thought for a moment and nodded.

"The Divine Tribulation is like a continuous story to have me learn what I should do... Now that I think about it, I will go to outer space as soon as I ascend. It means I will face a new place and challenge... I see, it's preparing me for this." Alex frowned.

With this thought, Alex finally leaped to the surface, watching how the wind barriers destroyed themselves.

He returned to the center while thinking about the next riddle.

"What will I do after I escape?" Alex thought for a moment and smiled. The answer was obvious. "I will—"

Before he finished his words, an immeasurable pressure hit him, pinning him to the ground.

"Kh!" Alex gritted his teeth. "As expected, it will be elementless. After escaping, I will train myself! This pressure is meant to be my drive to get stronger."

Alex understood the meaning of this fifth stage but didn't know how to clear it.

He looked around only to find himself being surrounded by this pressure. Even if he went to the coast, he would be trapped inside this pressure.

"I only have one thing to do!" Alex punched the ground, trying to create another hole.

Bam!

It created a small crater instead because this pressure made him unable to control his strength.

"I can adjust it first before..." Alex suddenly fell silent as he felt something change in his body. "What is this?"

The pressure didn't come to his body alone. Instead, it was enveloping his entire body together with his soul.

And it seemed the body was trying to absorb this pressure by itself. Even if he tried to stop it, the body wouldn't listen. All this energy flowed to his heart, specifically his soul.

A thought crossed his mind, making him gulp down. However, he chose to try it because he had nothing to lose.

His soul sat on the white cloud, absorbing the energy as if he was cultivating.

"Argh!" Alex screamed out of pain. Although he felt stronger, the pain was as if someone was grasping his heart tightly. It was hard to breathe and made his limbs feel limp.

He fell on his knees, enduring this pressure. However, he suddenly got confused as to which part of him was getting stronger. On one hand, the soul was the one absorbing the energy, but it also released its energy to his body.

"If I am not wrong, the latter part of the Divine Tribulation will prepare oneself to form all those Divine Things. From what I see here, this Elementless stage wants to reform either my soul or body." Alex took a deep breath, calming himself down from this pressure.

When he was able to do that, he finally saw what was happening inside his body. The soul was refining the energy from this pressure to turn it suitable to refine his body. All he needed to do was to withstand this pain until everything was over.

"I can endure pain just like the usual," Alex muttered to himself before sitting on a lotus pose. The feeling was as if he was sitting under the waterfall. However, the pain was not comparable to what he experienced with his Undying Body Refinement.

He let his soul do the work. His scream stopped, and the pain diminished until one point he opened his eyes, feeling refreshed.

"I have gotten stronger, but this is still not a Divine Body. I need to prepare the Spiritual Energy and Soul as well while solving the riddle. To be honest, a lot of work must have been put into this Divine Tribulation. Now let's continue the story." Alex smirked. "After I get stronger, I will test my strength..."

When he said those words, he suddenly felt the temperature going down instantly.

"This must be..." Alex gritted his teeth, having no time to react. Water particles suddenly surrounded him and turned into ice, freezing both outside and inside his body. "Argh!"

The freezing ability was too powerful for Alex, and the temperature was very low to the point it was burning him instead of feeling cold. And it was only his skin feeling that. As for the air inside his lungs and other areas, it also froze to the point it almost killed him.

However, his Pure Fire started revolving and warmed his body before gushing out of his body to melt the ice.

"As expected, the story is like this. Overconfident is a no-no. The world is attacking me where I least expected... In fact, the air in my body froze first, making me unable to react." Alex gritted his teeth. Although this was the easiest stage so far, it was the one that dealt the most damage to his mental health. He sweatdropped and still let the fire cover him lest the world attacked him in another way.

But before he could do anything, the world turned dark as he couldn't see a single thing. Then a few lights came to his vision, turning into his memory in the past.

The memories about Sandra, John, Alicia, Firia, and many others. Some were sad, some were happy. Alex felt nothing when watching this because he believed in what he had experienced. It was true that his past looked dim, but he felt grateful to it because that past allowed him to reform with a stronger mental fortitude.

He watched these screens that seemed to want to bother his mind before he found a single figure appearing before him. It was another him.

"Yo! It's been a while since we last met." The other Alex waved his hand with a smile.

"It's been a while?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows and opened his mouth in surprise. "You are the previous me."

"Yes. I used a part of my power because I found the situation was quite dangerous. The Divine Tribulation will be much stronger if you have many things in your repertoire. I have predicted this and embedded a piece of my soul to warn you."

Alex nodded. "I know. From the way I experienced it, it's really like that. The one that almost killed me was the Ice Stage, but I would never fall on the same trick. That's why I am covering my body with Pure Fire... And I think I can cover all cells in my body with fire to prevent me from getting frozen like earlier. I believe those Gods and Goddesses possess this kind of ability, so I know my mistake and won't repeat it."

The previous Alex nodded with a smile. "That's good. I was a bit worried when that Ice Stage came, but couldn't do anything. Anyway, this Dark Stage will be trying to influence you. As long as you are prepared, your mental energy won't have any problem."

"Now that you mention it, this place must be trying to strengthen my Mental Energy and soul." Alex stroked his chin while looking down. "In that case, I will be careful."

"That's good. Since you know what to do, I will be going now." The previous Alex turned around, ready to disappear. However, before he realized it, a sword pierced him. "Gah!"

He turned around and saw the current Alex was the culprit. And yet, he smiled instead of feeling betrayed. "Since when?"

"From the start," Alex said with a serious expression. "My previous self has told me that I will be in charge and he won't bother me again. That's why I know he won't appear like this, especially with the current situation. If you appear when I withstand the Golden Lightning Tribulation, I might believe it, but it's not this stage.

"You said it yourself, this Dark Stage is going to influence me. Aren't you trying to do that this whole time?"

The previous Alex only smiled and closed his eyes as Alex's sword split him into half. "Excellent."

As soon as he killed the heart of this illusion, the previous him turned into a light that seeped inside his body, refining his soul.

Alex gritted his teeth, ensuring that soul wouldn't be a part of his personality. In other words, he only accepted the energy, not the personality. His Spirit Eyes confirmed that it was only energy.

After five minutes, he opened his eyes again. However, the moment he looked up, he found himself in another place.

Why was it another place? Because the world didn't look like the one he was in a minute ago. The crater and mountains disappeared, the forest spread all over the area, and he found a hut not far from him.

"This must be an illusion." Alex was convinced in a single glance. "At first, I wanted to believe I was teleported to another place, but it wasn't the case. I couldn't use my Space Element that much during this test, so no way the world gave the Space Stage as my tribulation."

Alex nodded and looked around with his Spirit Eyes before he doubted himself. "Wait. My Spirit Eyes allow me to break any illusions... Don't tell me it's not an illusion, but a different place instead?"

Alex gulped down, beginning to believe this was a Space Stage. And yet, it became another doubt because the ground suddenly rose, creating an earth spike.

Waving his sword, he cut the spike. Feeling the cut, a strange sensation rose in his brain. "There is no Spiritual Energy coming from that spike. It shouldn't be possible!"

A few more spikes were coming, only to get chopped by Alex.

He didn't get this test at all.

"What is the element?" Alex thought for a moment. "As much as I want to believe it is a Space Element, it's not. I am sure because of that earlier attack. It has a feeling but doesn't have Spiritual Energy. In that case, there must be another trick. I need to figure it out."

Alex decided to step forward and stumbled because of the uneven ground. This confused him because it shouldn't have anything like this.

The image of the previous place appeared before him as he remembered the slope continued for a few more meters. To confirm his suspiciousness, he walked for another few meters, realizing that the terrain in his eyes slowly turned, reshaping into a brand new world.

The small house was still there, but it was in the middle of the crater. He couldn't help but continue the story in his mind. "From the Darkness Stage, I know that it's an illusion. After getting beaten to a half-dead state by the Ice Element, I will experience an illusion where I question myself, or so the legend said.

"And what if I come back alive?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows. He had a few potential answers but didn't know which one was correct. He shook his head and took a deep breath. "I will search it one by one."

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Alex started searching for the right answer, but to no avail. Despite having five answers in his mind, the three before it failed to complete the challenge.

"The fourth answer is about Light Reflection. Something like water reflection in the asphalt road or something like that, but at a far higher level... This is a magical world after all." Alex nodded and thought for a moment. "Though I said that, how do I stop something like this? I can't just create a big umbrella, right?"

Alex furrowed his eyebrows, wondering what he should do. At the very least, none of his Martial Arts could cover this entire area.

"Is there anything I can use within my inventory?" Alex asked himself while opening the Inventory. He went through the list and found silk clothes in it. "I think I need this. As long as I have a big enough cloth to cover the entire island, I should be able to stop it if the fourth answer is correct."

And yet, he stopped when he was about to start. He found that there was no barrier in the sky, so if he could get closer to the sky, even a small cloth could cover a huge area with its shadow.

Realizing it, Alex flew to the sky as high as possible. This might be the first time he flew this high because he noticed that the oxygen was thin and the pressure was low. Luckily, the body of a cultivator could handle this as long as it wasn't destroyed by the atmosphere or outer space.

In the end, Alex stopped after reaching five thousand meters above the ground. He took out a cloth the size of a king-size bed and stretched it with his Spiritual Energy, covering a quarter of the island with darkness. It was at this time he was convinced that the answer was correct because the area that was covered in darkness suddenly turned into the original landscape of the island.

Alex immediately pulled another three clothes to cover the entire island before noticing something shining on the ground.

He descended to the ground and took the shiny thing without hesitation. It was a piece of metal with green dots all over its silver body. The metal released Spiritual Energy, but it might be due to the movement of the Spiritual Energy around the island, he missed this stone.

Everything was confirmed when the projection actually got elevated.

"This..." The ground was right on his neck as if he was buried inside the ground, but the real ground was the one he was stepping on. Hence, he was a bit curious about this rock and wondered whether he needed to destroy it to complete the challenge.

'This rock is called Mirage Rock. It can reflect a shining light to anything that had been programmed into this rock. Because of this useful ability, many people wanted it, albeit the supply was too rare.' Alex thought, thinking it was a bit of waste to destroy a precious stone like this.

"Wait. My Inventory was created by a special Space Element, right? If I toss this inside my Inventory, will the Divine Tribulation acknowledge me as passing the Tribulation?" Alex thought for a moment and shook his head. "Never mind. I shouldn't get too greedy. As much as I want it, I should know when to stop."

Alex crushed the stone with his fists, unraveling the illusion. Disappointment filled his face, but he soon regained his composure while looking at his surroundings. His Pure Fire was protecting his body this whole time, so it wasn't like he let his guard down.

However, Alex felt a bit weird when he thought about the ninth tribulation. "If there is no Space Element Stage during my Divine Tribulation, there should be another thing that replaces it. The problem is... What element will replace it? I understand that there are many elements in the Universe, but I don't know about this world.

"The Potential Tower has nine elements, but I think none of them will appear in this ninth stage while Lightning will certainly appear in the last one because I am sure it's the Lightning of Baptism." Alex looked at his surroundings, watching any little change that happened.

Suddenly, a strange gust of wind surrounded his body. Alex glanced at the wind but found that unlike the normal wind. He saw a darker color with his Spirit Eyes, making him realize it wasn't a wind element.

Alex tried to burn the wind with his Pure Fire but to no avail. He channeled even more energy into it and finally scorched the wind as burnt smell lingered around the area.

On his right, the ground started moving as if it was an ocean wave.

"What? A moving ground? This shouldn't be possible." Alex exclaimed in surprise while giving another close look at it.

He didn't forget to use his Intent and Domain to search for an incoming attack, but nothing was found.

"What should I do? I don't even know about this element." Alex looked down. "The first thing was wind while the second one was earth, is there an element that can use these two?"

He sorted his memories by multiple elements to see if there was an element like that. However, he stumbled upon one element that was different from the rest. The element could manipulate many elements even though it was only one element. At the same time, it was like a jack of all trade, master of none.

It was strong, but it was hard to be the strongest unless you used many tricks by manipulating many elements at once. And he knew this was the element when he found the next description.

'Nature Energy is suitable to nurture Spiritual Energy. However, I can't see how this test will benefit me like the past few stages." His expression turned serious as he thought about the story as well. "If this is like a real storyline, after my soul gets stronger... No, I should say that the enemy or the mastermind will use a strategy where he confuses my mind, which is the eighth stage.

"After that, I realize that I don't have enough power to deal with the mastermind and gain power from the basic, which is my Spiritual Energy. In that case, how it can increase my power..." Alex looked down, finding Spiritual Energy hovering around him. "This..."

In one article, he read that the Nature Element user was not dangerous because of the manipulation of all elements in nature. Instead, it was deadly because they could manipulate the Spiritual Energy itself.

Just like air carried oxygen, carbon dioxide, and so on. The Spiritual Energy carried all elements in them, resulting in a mass disaster.

He wouldn't let it occur by burning everything away.

"Hell Inferno!" Alex gritted his teeth, infusing a huge amount of Spiritual Energy to the fire, letting them run rampant. It also burned all the Spiritual Energy and used it as fuel. When Alex felt the condition became unstable enough to maintain it, he activated the Hell Inferno to the fullest, causing a huge explosion that swallowed the entire island.

Boom!

Luckily, the island itself was too far from nearby continents. If it were not the case, they might even see the sky turned red for a few seconds.

The island that was filled with stones, broken mountains, and plants turned into a giant crater with nothing.

Alex's figure still stood in the center of the crater, but he looked up and chuckled. "I lose!"

As soon as he uttered those two words, his body started shaking uncontrollably as it was like everything in his body was sucked out and replaced by a new one.

The Spiritual Energy itself was already fused with all his body parts, organs, and even his blood. When everything was sucked out and replaced at the same time, the pain couldn't be comprehensible.

"Argh!" Alex screamed to the sky, feeling that the pain was similar to his body refining. He thought he was glad that Firia was able to beat this trial because he knew how strong of a woman she is.

The torture kept going on for one hour, replacing all Alex's Spiritual Energy with the one that suited to receive the baptism and turned to Divine Energy.

It might be the first time in a long time where Alex couldn't withstand the pain and continued screaming. And yet, if it were someone else enduring this, the foam would come out of their mouth while they would lay down on the ground like a zombie.

Little did he know that his torture was far stronger than Firia or anybody else because of his two special elements and Undying Fire Body. Someone might already fall unconscious and die if they experienced this, but Jean might love it.

At least, Alex withstood this pain excellently before he sat on a lotus pose to consolidate his new power for another hour. He then opened his mouth and checked his body.

"I do feel stronger. In fact, I feel I only need a single move to kill a 10-Star Martial Saint right now..." Alex furrowed his eyebrows when he noticed something.

Thunder reverberated in his ears as Alex lifted his vision, seeing the dark sky. Golden light flashed from here and there, signaling Alex this would be his last Golden Lightning Tribulation.

However, the lightning didn't strike immediately as if it was waiting for something.

"That is the lotus!" Alex exclaimed in amazement when he saw a giant white lotus with all petals closed in. "According to the knowledge in my brain, there is something special about this lotus. This is the measurement where it determines someone's potential. There are ten petals in total, and if one can open it all, he/she has the qualification of becoming a rank 1 God, or it's usually called God King.

"There are some occasions that those who only opened up to nine petals managed to break free from their limit and became a God King, but it was only a genius among genius. In fact, those who managed to open nine petals alone could already be considered a peerless genius...

"Well, if I want to protect my family, I need the strongest power. I don't know if I can do it, but I will do everything until I collapse." Alex pumped his fist as he swore to do his best. He didn't say he would break the lightning like the usual way because he knew that the lightning was unbreakable.

The lotus was supplying the energy from the world itself, so it was impossible for someone to exhaust the world's strength. It was also the reason why people couldn't destroy an Upper World or Divine World like cutting them into half or crushing them.

Even Gods and Goddesses didn't possess a qualification to destroy them except they ruined the world and made every single living being in that world extinct. Different from them, the Lower World contained far less energy than these two worlds. Those God Kings had the qualification to destroy the world if they used all of their power, like the tale about the strongest Sword God cutting a lower world into half he heard from his spirit.

That was why his target of this last stage of Divine Tribulation was to make the Lightning use as much energy as possible because the more it used, the more the petals bloomed.

Thinking about this made Alex tense a little bit since his future was on the line. He took a few deep breaths, preparing himself. He clenched the two weapons as two dragons hovering around him.

The Spirit Crown also floated above his hand as he instinctively activated both Dragon Aura and Spirit Step.

Symbols after symbols appeared between him and the sky as Alex finally said, "Come!"

The golden light flashed once more before a bolt of lightning turned into a dragon and descended to the ground.

Alex narrowed his eyes, watching the power behind this golden lightning. "So, this is the lightning that will transform my body into a Divine Body. Lightning of Baptism."

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Roar!

The lightning dragon descended the sky with its mighty roar.

Alex waved his hands and summoned a huge fire phoenix alongside a hundred Fire Swords coated with Absolute Blade Intent.

Cry!

The phoenix let out a loud cry before following the swords, striking the lightning from head-on.

Boom Boom Boom!

The loud explosions filled the island, but Alex's focus was somewhere else. The first petal of the lotus suddenly bloomed.

And yet, the explosions didn't stop only to hit it. The residual fire scorched the entire lightning, chipping its energy away bit by bit.

His Spirit Eyes were telling him that the dragon's head was pushed back a bit, but the flow of the Spiritual Energy into that dragon looked weird. The head should have flowed differently, but this time the Spiritual Energy flowed like it was on its body.

The doubt quickly got answered when the Spiritual Energy underwent some changes, creating a new head.

"I see..." Alex narrowed his eyes. "I have blown away the head, leaving only its body. If the dragon has flown a few hundred meters, I can make it reset by burning or blasting its head and entire body. This way, I can restart it all over again while making the lotus bloom."

"Still, there is another saying that I can't use the same technique twice because it will be less effective." Alex thought for a second and took a deep breath. "I will do everything in order. Since I know the lightning dragon wants to hit me, I don't need to be careful and release all my attacks."

Alex nodded and leaped to the sky, striking his sword on the dragon's head.

"Ignition Break!"

Boom!

He might have stopped using this move for a long time, but it was indeed one of his Heaven Tier Techniques. He didn't hesitate in using this and glanced at the lotus, finding another petal bloom.

"Well, the more the petal is, the harder to make it bloom... I should use a low level technique first to use it."

Alex narrowed his eyes and found that the dragon had recovered.

"Phantom Thrust!" He thrust his spear to the incoming dragon and pierced through the dragon, blowing the head as if it burst like a balloon.

Alex glanced at the lotus and found out that it was not enough to bloom it, so he added his sword in the mix. "Blade of Conquest."

A Sword Wave flew toward the dragon, pushing the lightning blade even further. And finally, the third petal bloomed.

Alex nodded and looked at his weapons, wondering what he should do next. However, he suddenly had a crazy doubt in his mind. "I have used Blade of Conquest with my Sword, but can I try another one with my spear? Will that be counted as a new one or the same one?"

After thinking for three seconds, he decided to test it again. He swung his spear, sending a Sword Wave toward the Lightning, but the disappointment was the only one coming.

At first, it managed to blow away the lightning for a few meters, but this time, it only lasted for a meter. He realized that the world didn't allow him to repeat himself.

"In that case..." Alex suddenly stepped on the air and leaped again toward the dragon as he threw one hundred thrusts within a few seconds. "Hundred Spears!"

As a result, the dragon's face got disfigured. He didn't stop there. Since it was already disfigured, it was better to destroy it with his Weapon Consuming Spear.

His thrust was precise and deadly. If he used this as a weapon instead, he would have broken it already.

However, the dragon only got pushed back for a few meters while still having a fifty-meter body. Alex didn't pay attention to it as he only focused on the lotus. The fourth petal finally opened up, leaving only six more to go.

Alex thought for a moment and realized that if he couldn't use it twice, it shouldn't be a problem if he used two at the same time, right?

He squinted his eyes, looking at the dragon and thrust both sword and spear at the same time.

"Mythical Spear Cannon!"

The two weapons released laser-like attacks, hitting the dragon.

Alex observed carefully with his Spirit Eyes to see whether this attack proved to be effective or not, but when he noticed that the fifth petal finally bloomed, he smiled.

"Let's go!" He poured a bit more energy before the lightning dragon destroyed it.

The head soon recovered its form and continued its way toward Alex. However, Alex didn't immediately use another technique. Instead, he let it descend for a bit further before an array appeared on its track.

Alex smiled as this was one of the arrays he prepared earlier.

"Saint Explosion Array!"

Boom!

The huge explosion formed a fire pillar and clashed with the dragon. Alex narrowed his eyes when he noticed that the sixth petal didn't open.

"It is close to opening... I am sure of it." Alex leaped to the sky, emerging within the fire, and struck the dragon with both weapons. "Heaven Light Slash!"

As much as he wanted to use his Triple Draws here, he didn't dare to risk it because he might not be able to use it anymore, even though it was only a supporting technique.

The clash created a shockwave that someone flared the fire even more from the wind pressure emanating from it.

Without wasting any time, he used this momentum to test another technique. It was not an attack technique, so he wanted to use this momentum that kept the dragon at bay to test it.

"Space Bind."

A few space tentacles emerged from the Space World, circling around the dragon. Alex added another twist on this technique and poured more Spiritual Energy into it along with his Pure Fire.

The tentacles began emanating Pure Fire while clenching the tightness even further. He looked at the lotus and saw the increase of the energy, meaning that this strategy was a success.

Because of that, he chose to add another one.

"Swallowing Heaven!"

Alex summoned the two dragons and made them bite the dragon, refining the energy in their body. Alex looked at this scene as if watching cannibalism, but he still kept doing it.

It was at this time he noticed that the dragon released certain energy that also chipped away the energy from his Swallowing Heaven. And before long, they were gone.

Alex was a bit disappointed to see it, but he was consoled by the fact that he managed to open the seventh petal.

The Space Bind immediately lost its effectiveness, but it had served its purpose as Alex's guinea pig. He activated another array.

"Sphere Chain Array."

The arrays appeared along with the chains, chaining the dragon with those hot chains. However, he suddenly noticed another thing. It might be nice to wait for this, but he was afraid that the progress was too slow.

If he kept this up, his Spiritual Energy would lose too much energy, so he only planned to use this array like how he used the Space Bind—Only to stop the dragon for a few seconds.

The moment he had enough distance, Alex raised both hands, creating a giant fireball above his head. After fighting with all those nine stages, Alex had spent around forty percent of his energy, especially with that Hell Inferno earlier.

And now, he used another Hell Inferno with only twenty percent of energy because he needed the rest of forty percent to prepare for the worse.

He threw the hell inferno to the dragon as it exploded, sending a powerful shockwave through the area. There was already no plant or anything on this island, so it didn't blow many things except the surrounding seawater.

Alex narrowed his eyes and gritted his teeth. "Come on! Open that eighth petal!"

The remaining fire kept burning the dragon while the chain slowly disappeared, but the petal finally opened.

"I have been waiting for it!" Alex grinned and summoned his one trump card.

"Sky Spear Array!"

The array summoned the spear, but it was a red spear instead of a blue spear. Alex infused his Pure Fire Energy here by using his Fire Authority and coated the entire giant spear with his Absolute Blade Intent.

He just learned it when he used it on the Earth Stage, so he chose to use it at this time because he had experienced how powerful it was.

Alex made a gripping motion before swinging his fist upward as if he was pushing the spear with all his strength.

And as expected, the power of this red spear was extraordinary. The tip of it was able to melt the dragon because of Alex's Pure Fire while spurting fire on its butt as if it was a boost.

Even so, Alex had poured a huge amount of Spiritual Energy here, and he unconsciously utilized the power within the new energy that resided in his body.

"Haaa!!" He roared while doing his best to hold on until the ninth petal opened.

Alex immediately waved both his sword and spear at the same time, releasing twelve Sword Waves at the same time.

He had been waiting for this. This was his strongest attack that contained his everything. The Triple Draws that he reserved was also for this moment. The twelve Sword Waves released its strongest might with the last strength he had left.

It was fine even if he used it all in this as long as he was able to open the last one.

"I need to become a God King if I want to protect my family! Don't you dare to stop me!" Alex shouted out loud, staring at the dragon with his fierce eyes. "Breeaaakk!"

The Sword Wave cut through the dragon, pushing it a few hundred meters back.

Pant... Pant...

Alex looked at the sky and found that the lotus had finally bloomed to its fullest.

He stared at the sky with a smile, but he somehow didn't feel satisfied as a doubt crept inside his heart, making him feel empty. He might have made the lotus bloom, but...

"Will this be enough?"

The scene where he met his previous self flashed before him. At that time, he noticed the change in Lin Xingzhi. Even though it was only for a brief moment, she seemed to be anxious over something. And the sudden appearance and how she refused to answer his question about the time element guy, he knew she must have been hiding something.

He didn't know about it, but he knew the way to know. He only needed to get stronger, strong enough for everyone to trust him that he could do it. And due to that desire, Alex gritted his teeth and looked at the dragon and waved his weapons.

"Mythical Fire Slash!"

He summoned all the twelve Sword Waves, stopping the dragon with the little energy he had left.

He noticed that the lotus could still increase its energy. That was why he had another resolve in his mind.

"I have said it before, I will continue as long as I can stand. If I don't have energy, I will use my body and strength to push it back!" Alex roared and charged toward the dragon, striking at the same spot where the twelve Sword Waves hit.

It looked like the twelve Sword Waves fused together with his sword, but it was not the case.

"Gah!" Alex felt the power of the dragon and spat blood, but he still channeled the little bit of his power to his sword. His eyes blurred, and his consciousness became fuzzy.

It might be his instinct, but the Spirit Crown suddenly revolved like crazy, pouring a bit more Spiritual Energy to Alex, but this energy wasn't really a Spiritual Energy. It was a kind of transition energy from Spiritual Energy to Divine Energy.

Alex let his instinct take over and pushed back the dragon. The new energy gradually fused the Pure Fire Sword Wave and the Space Cut into his sword before it coated the blade as if they were one.

Alex muttered and completed his swing.

"Three... Purities... Slash."

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"Three... Purities... Slash."

Alex's slash was nothing like the other he had in the past. He was like ten percent of rationality and ninety percent of instinct. It might be his desperate will or the potential that had been suppressed this whole time, Alex somehow managed to create an original technique that was far above anyone could comprehend.

It combined his Pure Fire, a Special Space Element, and his Absolute Blade Intent. Each of them contained immeasurable strength.

His Pure Fire had awakened and evolved to the point it reached the former Fire God level. His Special Space Element was the same element that the previous Dungeon God possessed. And last but not least, his Absolute Blade Intent reflected the power behind the Spirit God, the only one who managed to combine Sword Intent and Spear Intent.

Looking at this, each of them was the quality of the former God Kings. But the current Alex managed to combine it into a single Martial Art.... In fact, this couldn't be called Martial Art anymore. Instead, this was a Divine Art.

Alex just couldn't utilize it properly because of the lack of Divine Body to wield it, Divine Soul to fully fuse them, and Divine Energy to fuel the strength.

Even so, this was clearly the strength close to that of a God.

When he swung that blade, space distorted the Spiritual Energy, creating an immeasurable pressure that cut the dragon into two. The Intent coated every single thing, adding the sharpness of that blade. And when the cut struck, it left a trace of Pure Fire, burning the residual energy of the dragon.

The sword strike continued toward the sky, trying to cut the sky itself, but still untouchable.

Alex looked up and smiled helplessly. "It still can't reach huh... Even though it was only twenty meters left..."

If his eyes were not blurry and his consciousness was not fuzzy, Alex might notice that the lotus was cracked. Unfortunately, Alex couldn't catch that tiny detail as his eyes focused on the lightning that soon recovered.

The lightning struck forth as nothing hindered him again, hitting Alex with its overbearing power.

"Aaahhh!" Alex screamed as hard as possible. The pain started from inside his body. It was like a hundred sharks chewing his heart and other organs, but he noticed that they immediately got reconstructed in the instant the other disappeared. And it was brimming with power.

"This is Divine Body!" Alex clenched his fists before finding that he couldn't do it anymore. It wasn't because he didn't have strength left. Instead, he caught a glimpse of his hand missing as if it had been cut cleanly by a sword, but the next second it appeared again as if it was new.

The bones, the blood, the muscles, everything disappeared and was replaced by the new one. However, Alex noticed that the moment his hand appeared again, it was formed by fire instead of Spiritual Energy.

'Is it my Undying Fire Body?' Alex was surprised as well, but it seemed to be the case. He didn't know what kind of effect it would bring to the body, but he hoped it would be good.

The reconstruction process continued in the order of Divine Body, Divine Soul, and Divine Energy. The most torturing part was his soul and energy.

Unlike the Divine Body that got replaced one by one, the other two were replaced as a single entity.

The process continued for four hours before the Golden Lightning dispersed to the whole world, startling all the people in this world until Alex got a notification.

[Mission: Reach Rank 10 God (Complete)

Reward: Divine Gacha System & Gacha God Title

Description: It's time for you to be the provider of this amazing system. You are going to be promoted to be the master of this Gacha System from a host. You can grant this wonderful ability to people who are worthy, and let the love of Gacha spread all over the world.]

[System will undergo maintenance to upgrade itself to become the Divine Gacha System.]

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Right in front of the gate, Rose was holding hand with Letizia, witnessing how their master became a God.

It was breathtaking but also felt painful. In front of them was the immeasurable wall that they might not be able to surmount, but at the same time, they were proud to have such a person as their master.

"Big Sister... We need to get stronger... Far far far stronger than this."

"Yes. This is not our limit. We should let him know that when we meet again. Shall we return and start training right away?"

"Un!" Rose nodded and took another glance at the golden sky. "But before that..."

Letizia understood what she wanted to do and straightened her back while looking at the source of the light. They bowed and shouted in unison. "Bon Voyage, Master!"

In the Blackwade Clan, Song Jiaoren and his father immediately looked at the golden sky in silence. The sky was shining like this for a few minutes already as if Heaven felt joy because the king had ascended.

Song Ping glanced at his son and said with a serious tone. "Son. I think you are the best gambler in this world."

"I am just very lucky, Father. Still, to think the real identity of the genius who created a golden sky in the past was actually him... Should I say as expected?" Song Jiaoren smiled helplessly.

"I believe in his morality, so I am sure he will keep his promise. When you reach the main clan, I hope you can study and become our pride."

"Don't worry, Father. I will... Even if I become the main clan's people, my home will always be here." Song Jiaoren patted his father's back with a smile.

However, for Song Ping, it was the warmest pat on the back he ever had. He smiled and couldn't help but cry. "I am blessed to have such a good son and daughter. If only your mother is still with us..."

Song Jiaoren's eyes became watery as well. He said, "I am also thankful to Mother for giving birth to me with this wonderful family."

"Shall we visit your mother's grave next time?"

"Sure. I will accompany you... No, Ling'er should come too."

Aside from his status as the patriarch, Song Ping was just a normal father like any other. Song Hun decided to trust him because he knew where to point his sword and where he should become a shield.

Song Jiaoren had been living under him, so of course, he understood and took pride as his son.

While the two were sharing their joy and tears about the good news Alex brought, the Divine Kingdom was having a mixed feeling, especially Elizabeth.

An old advisor accompanied her watching the golden sky on the castle's balcony.

"He is a unique guy with extraordinary strength. I don't know if I was too attached or not, but I didn't regret choosing this kingdom over him..." Elizabeth smiled helplessly.

"The Divine Kingdom is lucky to have a person like you, Queen Elizabeth."

"Haha..." She chuckled and looked at the sky, raising the wine in her hand. "Although it's a brief moment, I indeed had an interest in you. That's why... Goodbye... and Bon Voyage."

The advisor could only close his eyes and decided to watch silently.

The same applied to Song Yu, who watched this phenomenon with Astennu.

"That is my Junior Brother."

"Alexander Sirius, huh... I think he is the only one that can create such a sight when he is becoming a God." Astennu smiled, pulling Song Yu into his embrace.

Song Yu smiled and rested her head on his body as she said with pride and joy. "I have gotten the approval from half of the elders, so I am going to work hard after this, Junior Brother... That's why you should do the same."

And last but not least, the one who got the most impact from this was none other than Evelyn.

"There is no way I can do something like that when I ascend... Even if brother Alex accepts someone as his woman, he won't look at their power, it doesn't mean that they will allow themselves to be protected the whole time... Just wait for me, big brother Alex, I will keep chasing you, and we will see what kind of future I will have."

Evelyn said her pieces and returned to her courtyard, finding Angela. She walked again, training her like how Alex trained her to make Angela stronger in mentality.

Everyone in the world also had their own thoughts about this, but no matter what everyone said, this won't disappear from their memory and history.

Alex, on the other hand, finally opened his eyes. His breathing was also stable.

Raising both hands, he checked his strength and was astonished. "This power..."

He stretched his hand to the front, and the Spiritual Energy around him started to move as if they were overjoyed and wanted him to control them. He suddenly remembered the fact that becoming a God was the same as fusing his power to the universe.

God Rank Expert could only use the Divine Energy from their body because no place could supply Divine Energy. Whether cultivating or recovering, they needed to convert the Spiritual Energy first to Divine Energy with their body. This was a setback for a God such as himself, but it also came with a benefit.

They could control the Spiritual Energy in the air as if it was a part of their body. Although Alex couldn't control it precisely, he understood the principle. As long as he trained his control, he should be able to fight using it.

He then tried to release his Divine Energy to the air, and the ground started cracking from the sheer pressure alone.

"..." Alex narrowed his eyes and thought. "So, this is Divine Energy. The power itself is far stronger than I could have imagined, but the problem is..."

Alex wanted to know whether he could hide such power with his technique. Although he was able to do it with his Spiritual Energy, he wondered if he was able to do it with his Divine Energy.

He channeled his Space Energy to his heart, creating a gate that sucked his soul inside. To his surprise, the Divine Energy was also sealed inside along with his soul.

"Hmm? The Divine Energy is following my soul, and now I am a person with only a Divine Body?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "This might be a bit dangerous if I am inside a Divine World because God Stage Expert might be able to kill me. However, I should have enough time to release this power again.

"At the same time, if I go to the Upper World like this one or the Lower World, I can manipulate the energy in the air to fight. Besides, none of them should be a match of my Divine Body because I can see the strength is beyond belief."

Alex gulped down as he punched the air in front of him with all his strength. And the result was shocking.

If his Divine Energy could crack the ground by just covering his body with it, his punch created a huge trail on the ground as the shock wave continued running on the ground and swiped the sea.

"Oh! Wow!" Alex didn't know what to say. He was wondering what kind of power his soul had, but he decided to wait for it because he didn't have anything with him at the moment where he could utilize his soul prowess.

However, he was curious about a certain thing. It was his Absolute Blade Divine Intent. After upgrading into a higher rank and assimilated with nature itself, he was wondering what kind of power it had.

"I have too many things to experience after this." Alex scratched his head.

Suddenly, the Spiritual Energy covered him as if the world asked him to leave immediately.

Alex understood this and showed no resistance, waiting for the world to transfer himself to outer space, especially with the Space Energy lingering around him.

But there was something he realized right when he was about to get teleported.

"The Space Energy suddenly gets too thick? Wai—"

Chapter 838 - Isekai-ed Again?

Outside the planet, Zark was supposed to bring Alex to Eulja, but he suddenly found a Space Disturbance passing the planet.

"This is..." Zark opened his mouth in surprise. He then lifted his head and looked at the horizon. "If I am not wrong, there is a Black Hole in this direction, but I believe it's very far from here, so how can there be a Space Disturbance, especially when Master is ascending? I think Master was swallowed as that thing is bringing him somewhere... I will check it first then."

As much as he wanted to figure this problem out, he tried to follow the Space Disturbance and found it arriving at a certain planet. He took another look at it and noticed Space Element coming from another direction that seemed to lead him to another one.

"There are two planets connecting with each other? But this planet is a Lower World while the other one is an Upper... No, Divine World." Zark furrowed his eyebrows. "I can't go inside to the world where Master is, but I can infiltrate the Divine World. Should I go or should I retreat and report?"

However, he found another problem with the Divine World and decided to retreat to Eulja.

Inside the castle, specifically Lin Xingzhi's room, where she used to control the system, two women were talking happily as they met again but ended up stopping when they realized Alex's condition.

Zark pushed open the door while sweating as he looked at the two women. "There is a problem."

"I can see it." Lin Xingzhi nodded but laughed in the end as she said, "To think he will experience the same thing again. Pfft!"

"Milady, I believe the situation not as you think." Zark shook his head with a serious expression.

"What do you mean?" Firia asked, starting to get a bit concerned with Alex.

"Master is going to another world due to the Space Disturbance, but I believe this Space Disturbance is caused by the connection it has to another world."

"Another world? Does this Lower World have a connection to another world?"

"Yes. And it's the Divine World."

"Oh?!" Lin Xinghzhi's cheerful smile disappeared as she narrowed her eyes.

"And if it's only a normal Divine World, I can simply brush it off. Then I remember another thing."

"And that is..."

"The Divine World is where Lady Alicia trains."

"Devil World?" Lin Xingzhi and Firia exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes. I have rechecked the connection, and it's indeed strong enough to cross outer space and arrive at that world."

Firia looked at Lin Xingzhi. "Sister Xingzhi, I think you sent Alicia to that Devil World, so she could take her own revenge, right?"

"Yes. I have gotten the source of that Green Devil Poison and realized it came from that world, specifically the Green Devil Tribe. Seeing how this world opened another gate toward another Lower World, I am sure that the poison came from that place.

"Alicia asked me about this and requested me to send her to that place. She wanted to train while taking her own revenge. Of course, I have sent a fighter from the Ice Phoenix Tribe along with her, so she can help her if anything happens, but how coincidence it is..." Lin Xingzhi looked down, falling into deep thought.

"Shall we go to that place as well?" Firia asked.

Lin Xingzhi wanted to go to that place immediately but remembered about the appearance of that time element guy. She hesitated and bit her lips. "It's better to wait for him here."

"Why? If I am not wrong, the strongest devil there is rank 7 God. Although the Green Devil only has one rank 9 God, they will be in trouble if they face that rank 7."

"That's why I sent a helper to Alicia. Things are going to get messy soon, not because of this world, but another thing. The only way is to have him grow as quickly as possible."

"But do you not want to see him? You said it yourself that you want to go around in another world."

"I might say it that way, but do you think I chose the world without any consideration?" Lin Xingzhi smiled helplessly.

"What do you mean?"

"That world has Fire Sun Grass."

"Fire Sun Grass..." Firia heard it somewhere and recalled what it truly was. "That medicinal herb is for the fifth refinement of his Undying Fire Body!"

"Yeah, that's right. Of course, I want to spend some time with him, but I still know my priority." Lin Xingzhi gritted her teeth.

Firia looked down before asking in a low tone. "Then what is the trouble you are talking about?"

Lin Xingzhi didn't answer her. Instead, she decided to go around it by saying, "I am sure that with all the information he has right now, he will arrive in similar speculation. And if he goes to that place, he will have his answer, so I want to wait until he arrives at his own conclusion before explaining everything."

Firia furrowed her eyebrows. "Fine. I won't say anything more. Besides, he can spend some time with Alicia there since I took my own time in that world."

Lin Xingzhi was a bit sad, but she nodded. "Thank you."

"Then, we need to provide information to Alex about that world and lead him to the Devil World. After going there, they can return to this place." Firia nodded and looked at Zark, "That's right. You were supposed to bring back Alicia too, right?"

"Yes. I was about to go there after meeting with Master, but because of this, I returned here first."

"Alicia also hasn't finished her revenge..." Firia looked down, feeling troubled.

"Yes. The Green Devil Tribe is a bit sneaky, and our spies are limited on that planet, so we can't do a full world's check because the other worlds might be watching our move if we mobilize that many people." Zark nodded.

"Then, we are going to let Alex and Alicia solve this. Alex should have the others, so I am not worried about him."

"Indeed. If it's them, they should be able to protect Master well."

Lin Xingzhi, who was in deep thought, finally opened her mouth. "For now, I want all the information about this world. I will be giving it to Alex after this... Well, I don't know if he has this information in his past knowledge, so just in case."

"I understand. I shall prepare it for you." Zark then left the room.

Before long, he appeared again with a few documents and Korzan.

"Korzan?"

"Milady, I would like to ask Zark to investigate the Space Tunnel that connects the two worlds."

"Ho?"

"I don't know why, but the Devil World wouldn't open a Space Tunnel that easily. Because Master was in the lower world that seemed to have experienced that world's invasion in the past, I checked a few things regarding that world." Korzan put on a serious expression.

"What is it?"

"They searched for a Sun Moon Seed in that world."

"Sun Moon Seed!" Firia opened her mouth in amazement. As expected from an Alchemist, she immediately recognized what it was. "It's a Divine Rank seed. The Sun Moon Seed would become a Sun Moon Tree where it would only produce two fruits. The Sun Fruit and Moon Fruit. Just like Yin and Yang, these two fruits were suited for a couple to advance their cultivation."

"Yes. That was why I believe they were searching for something important." Korzan nodded.

"So, do you want Alex to grab it?"

"If possible. On one hand, I can understand that Master wants to rush to Lady Alicia. On the other hand, this mysterious thing that made the Devil World move must be extraordinary." Korzan paused. "The Red Devil and Purple Devil ate those two fruits in the past, allowing them to immediately enter rank 8 God without the need of cultivating. So, I think there is a chance that this thing will benefit master as well... And the fact that we can't mobilize too many people at once, Master is the best person."

"A Rank 9 Ingredient is called a Divine Ingredient for a reason. The Sun Moon Seed was one of the rarest, so I could understand why a whole world moved in the past..." Lin Xingzhi stroked her chin gently as she tried to come up with an idea. "I will convey this matter to Alex and see whether he wants to do it or not. The decision is in his hand. What do you think?"

"It's enough." Korzan nodded. "Though I believe Master will ask about Lady Alicia's condition first before deciding. If he knows that she is alright, he will surely set up a time limit and search for it. Nelson and the other N squad might help as well."

"Nah. They can't be bothered. They will simply torture the devils for the answer." Lin Xingzhi shrugged. "Anyway, I shall convey the information to Alex."

"Yes. Thank you very much."

"Then I think it's time for me to go to investigate the Space Tunnel. I will see whether I should sever the connection by myself or not after seeing the actual fact." Zark added before leaving the room with Korzan.

Firia and Lin Xingzhi exchanged looks as the former said, "We should see what happened to Alex first." She nodded and looked at the screen.

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In the meantime, as Lin Xingzhi said, Alex finally arrived at the exact same scene.

He was teleported into a very familiar place. It was inside a grand room with a red carpet stretching from the door to the stairs leading to the majestic seat covered in golden decoration. A man sat on the chair, looking at the people in front of him.

However, Alex couldn't observe even more as he was clutching his chest because of unbearable pain. He immediately used his Space Element to seal his cultivation.

Martial Saint...

Martial Monarch...

Martial Lord...

Martial Master...

Foundation Stage...

When he reached the foundation stage, the pain finally disappeared. He finally could see his surroundings, finding four people beside him.

One of them was male, while the other three were females. They wore some sort of school uniform, but it was close to that from the Earth.

He was dumbstruck, recalling all things that happened when he was coming to a different world. When his vision lingered around the room, he found many soldiers and old men whispering to each other. Out of five of them, only him had different clothes, so they must think it weird.

He didn't know why, but this nostalgic scene truly made all the past memories resurface.

The group finally recovered from the dizziness after the travel as they glanced left and right, finding what just happened.

At this time, the person who sat before them rose and said in a pacifying tone.

"Welcome, Heroes. I have summoned you to this world because the devils want to eliminate humanity."

Alex smirked and thought. 'It has the same setting too!'

Chapter 839 - Starting From Zero?

"What is this?"

"Where are we?"

The group started panicking because of this unfamiliar scene, but Alex could only laugh inside. He had gotten teleported like this twice. The first was when he was at his lowest point, while the second time when he just reached God Stage.

This was hilarious because he could see things from two perspectives. The former him would not be panicking like this but thought many things about his surroundings. And yet, the current him couldn't think anything but enjoyable.

Still, he was perplexed about the earlier situation. He didn't understand why there would be a sudden influx of Space Energy right when he was about to ascend.

'Is it because of this summoning?' Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

Meanwhile, the king noticed Alex's different style of clothing but ignored it as he greeted the four and explained. "I know you are confused, but we really need your power to save humanity. That's why we have summoned you from another world."

"No! We don't want this!"

"Send us back!"

They started screaming in denial, but there was one person that seemed to be confident. It was a man. Just like John, he appeared to be eager about this new world, treating himself like a hero.

He walked forward and said, "I understand your point, but we don't have even the slightest bit of information about this world. We don't know what to say or how to act... Besides, can you even send us home?"

The king widened his eyes in surprise before answering him. "I am afraid we cannot. The teleportation is only for one-way teleportation."

"What?!"

"How can you be so irresponsible?!"

The girls were angry while the ministers stared at them with scorn. They only restrained themselves because they thought they were the heroes. If not, they might even rebuke them.

"I understand. I will first explain everything about this world so you can accept it." The king nodded.

The king started talking, but Alex ignored him because the system sent him a notification.

[Divine Gacha System Activated!]

[I can finally reach you again, Host.]

'Oh! Do you know anything about this? I noticed the influx of Space Element earlier and realized it was a Space Disturbance that somehow sucked me inside. Well, it only happened because the world was going to teleport me.' Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

[I have been investigating it, and this is something that might interest you.]

'Oh? What is it?'

[The world that is connected to that world is a Divine World called Devil World. Because of the constraints placed by the world, they will most likely send only a Foundation Rank. And at most a Martial Master to that world. But what is more shocking is their identity and their objective.]

Alex lifted his eyebrows as the matter slightly piqued his interest.

[The Devil World is the world that has the Green Devil Tribe. This tribe was the one responsible for the poison that almost killed Alicia.]

Alex squinted his eyes. As to not let the others notice, he restrained his killing intent for a moment and asked. 'Tell me more about it.'

[Because of their distance, the Devil World seemed to have made a connection in the past to get a Sun Moon Seed. I am sure you know about this seed.]

'I know about that seed. Anyway, assuming that they indeed made a connection with that world, are you saying that they somehow dropped the poison there and preserved it for a few thousand years. Then, it got into the hand of the bad guy and almost killed Alicia because of it?'

[Basically.]

'Well, I don't really mind helping this world then. Though I don't really want to kill that much because I will only target the Green Devil Tribe.'

[Alicia is currently in that world, trying to take her own revenge. I have sent an aide to help her and will send you the report about her progress. Well, it is supposed to end before you are coming, but they were too slippery according to Alicia, and she might need another two years to complete.]

'So, you want me to go there and help her? I will though, but why didn't you tell me about this earlier?'

[Alicia wanted to train to get experience. At the same time, she also wanted to take her own revenge. She said You, her, Firia, and everyone had been saddened by that experience, so she wanted to finish this matter with her own hand because she was the main victim.]

'I see... But how about the world itself? Do you have any information about it?'

[I am compiling the information, but I will tell you the basic one first. The world has a rank 7 God as the strongest, while the Green Devil Tribe has a Rank 9 God as their leader. Alicia will solve the Green Devil Tribe alone, but her aide will help her in case trouble happens because the aide is rank 6 God.]

'I see. At the very least, you are sending a higher one.' Alex's worry lessened.

[Yes. That's why I let her go.]

'Alright. I will be going there and helping Alicia. This coincidence wants me to help her, so I will go there immediately. Well, I will just close the gate that connects the two worlds while I am at it since this is the only reason why I got this coincidence.'

[Yes. I will fill you the information about the Space Disturbance after some investigation. In any case, there is another thing that I need to tell you.]

'Right. You said you were going to tell me about their identity and their objective. You have told me the former, so... What is their objective?'

[I believe just like the previous time, they want something similar to Sun Moon Seed. In other words, there is a Divine Grade Item that could move the entire world in your current world. It will be just a mystical item in this world, but in their hands, it will be far higher.]

'They move because of a Divine Grade Item... It seems this item is extraordinary. Just like the Sun Moon Seed, they won't be able to grow unless you feed them with Divine Energy, which is lacking in that world... Still, it's considered as one of the peak Divine Grade Items. So, can I assume that it is also one?'

[I believe so. That's why I want to ask you to stay in that world to search for it. As you might already know, our movement will be monitored if we send a few people there. However, you are not on everyone's radar, so you are free to explore.]

'Well, I can spare some time... Maybe three months in this world. After that, I will go to the Devil World and help Alicia. After we complete all this, we are going to return to Eulja, so we can meet parents-in-law."

[Yes.]

'It's going to take a little longer, but I guess it can't be helped.'

[Firia is also fine here, so you don't need to worry.]

'Alright then. I will leave everything to you later. Besides, this is a perfect time to get used to my Divine Body, Soul, and Energy. After that, I can learn a few Divine Arrays and Pills, consolidating my position as Rank 10 God.'

[Indeed. Good luck, Host.]

'That's right. I almost forgot the fact that you have 'Good Luck' in your name... Is it still there?'

[No. This is not the Good Luck Gacha System anymore, but the Divine Gacha System. You don't need that good luck anymore because you will have the authority to control the storage of this Gacha System as a Master of this system. The others are the ones who need that luck.]

'This is really amusing in a sense. Never mind, I will play along with this charade first before leaving this place and search for that Divine Item.'

[Yes.]

Alex blinked a few times before turning his focus on the king that had been talking for a while. After another few minutes, the king finally asked the soldiers to bring the crystal in.

'Ah, this must be the crystal that will give us the ability to see the status. Still, I am now curious about my current status. Unlike my former self, I have become a God, literally.' Alex chuckled inwardly.

At this time, the boy placed his hand on the crystal, signifying him to be a hero. The status was also similar to that of John's, but the template itself was a bit different than the one he had long ago.

Suddenly, a voice echoed in his right ears as it contained a slight worry. "Hello, my name is Liliana. May I know your name? Since we can't escape this, we might as well know each other, right?"

Alex took a glimpse of her appearance. She looked like a cute girl, at least prettier than the other two girls. Her blonde hair reached her hips, and judging from her body, she looked like a high school student.

Since Alex had decided to play around for a while, he smiled. "Hello, my name is Alexander."

"Oh! Are you a foreigner too?"

"What do you mean?"

"I am currently studying in Japan due to my parents' work. Well, I see your hair looks like it's dyed, but I can't really say it like that. My parents are a hairstylist and a fashion designer, so I know that the color is natural."

"Ah, yes. This is my natural color. And yeah, I am not from Japan as well."

"That's great. I never thought I could meet someone from outside, especially in a situation like this. Can I ask you something?"

"Ask away."

"Are you cosplaying? And is the color of your eyes natural too?"

Alex thought for a moment. "My eyes are natural. Well, you can say that I am cosplaying."

Even though he was not. Still, the way he dressed himself looked like someone from Ancient China but with a more modern style that made him appear cool.

It was also the reason why she approached Alex. He was too different from the norm, so he might be a bit special. Besides, Alex was far too handsome than the current hero or anyone else in this room.

Alex, on the other hand, noticed the white aura coming from her body. This signified that she wasn't someone that he knew in his previous life, so he just considered her as a stranger since he would be living tonight or tomorrow morning.

However, he noticed a slight hatred coming from the so-called hero.

'Ah! This boy must be the same Hero, the one with H and Ero...' Alex laughed inwardly, wondering if every hero was like that. Even so, he never cared about him because the hero would never be able to oppose him.

After all, he realized the fact that the energy was too thin and had a fluctuation of the world's will. He could induce it now that he had reached God Stage.

'I can control the energy around me, but it's better to use my physical ability in this world. In fact, I think I can destroy this castle along with the town with a single fist now,' Alex thought.

"Lili, come here. Place your hand on this crystal." The boy, whose name is Gareth, commanded as if he was the one in charge.

Liliana furrowed her eyebrows and peeked at Alex, but the latter only smiled and stretched his hand. Little did they know that Alex thought, 'If it's going according to the book of cliches, I will break the crystal the moment I place my hand on it.'

Joy filled the room as Lili became a Light mage. Alex only nodded at her and walked toward the crystal. The hype was there as everyone gained hope when watching this so far, but like how Alex said that this experience resembled the one he had long ago, his status was very SIMILAR to the one he had as well.

Name: Alexander Sirius

Job: Commoner (A person who got dragged to another world)

Rank: 0

Level: 1

STR: 1

AGI: 1

VIT: 1

DEX: 1

INT: 1

"Pfft!"

Chapter 840 - Bye

"Pfft!"

When everyone was stunned to see Alex's status, the guy himself was laughing as if he found a very good joke.

'Do you have anything to say, System?'

[It's entirely true... You are basically dragged to this world, so it's true. And your Divine Soul and Divine Energy are completely sealed while your Divine Body is assimilating with the world, so there is no way the crystal can trace that.]

'Fair enough. Still, it's really hilarious. Back then, I accepted everything because I didn't have any self-confidence, but this time, I accepted this because this is funny. I wonder if their reaction will be the same.'

As he expected, the first one to joke was the hero. "Hahaha! What is that status? You are even weaker than a baby! What are you? A baby inside a pregnant woman that has yet to be born?"

Alex glanced at the hero with a smile. "At least, it's better than you."

"Ridiculous!"

Alex thought for a moment, wondering if he should change his plan right now. Judging from the current situation, it seemed to be the perfect time to leave this castle.

It took him a few seconds before glancing at the king. "Since I am not related to this, then I can leave this place, right?"

"Presumptuous. Watch your tone!" The ministers finally couldn't take it anymore. They wouldn't do anything to the hero and his companions, but Alex was trash. There was no point in protecting trash.

"Haha! You are a loser." The hero laughed, pointing his finger toward Alex.

"A loser huh... When was the last time I thought myself a loser... Twenty years ago or twenty-five? Haiz, I didn't keep track of my own age, let alone this." Alex let out a long sigh.

"Twenty years ago?!" Liliana opened her mouth in surprise, looking at Alex with a huge shock. Alex's appearance was that of a high schooler... Yet, he said twenty years ago? She couldn't believe it.

Alex smiled and said, "That's right, little girl. My age is far above you to the point you can call me a father instead. Never mind, I don't have any child at the moment."

He then looked back at the king and asked, "In any case, I am leaving here with or without your permission. Goodbye."

He thought of playing around with the clichés here, but he realized he could break the cliché itself by acting like this. If he followed it, it would be predictable, so he wanted to spice it up like this.

He then turned around, starting to walk toward the thick wooden gate.

"Wait! It's better for you to wait here first and see the situation. I know that you are upset about your status, but there must be a way." Liliana stopped him from going as she stood in front of him.

Alex patted her head and smiled. "Your kindness is good, but sometimes it will be used by someone. I am not saying it's bad to spread kindness, but you need to know where to be kind and where to be ruthless. Still, thank you for worrying me."

Liliana couldn't understand why but Alex's way of speaking and acting looked like her own father. The warmth and his big hand felt very comfortable and reassuring.

Unfortunately, the time was too short as Alex stopped and continued walking.

"Wait! There must be something wrong with the crystal. How about taking a rest in this place first for a day?" The king stopped him.

Whether he had another intention or not, he would be the only one who knew.

Alex ignored him and kept heading toward the door, but a middle-aged man suddenly appeared right before him. He had spiky blue hair and wore a full body armor knight, leaving only his head to be exposed.

He looked at Alex with a stern expression and warned him. "It's better to accept his majesty's invitation. You must be upset, but it's better for you to calm your head and rethink your decision."

"It's fine. I am completely calm. And I don't have any business here??? Since you want to close the gate that the devils use to come to this world, then I will close it for you." Alex smiled, patting the man's shoulder before going around smoothly.

The middle-aged man was surprised by Alex's movement. Not only was it without one waste movement, but it was also so smooth to the point he couldn't react.

He gritted his teeth and turned around, trying to grab Alex's shoulder.

Alex shifted his body to the left and stopped the man with a single finger while leaking a bit of his killing intent. "It's enough. Don't try to stop me."

Suddenly, his feet lost their strength as he fell on his knees after feeling Alex's killing intent.

'That killing intent... How many did he kill? A thousand? Ten thousand? No, it's far beyond that!' The middle-aged man sweatdropped, wondering what he should do. On one hand, this might be the best time to kill Alex because they didn't want a serial killer like him. In fact, he somehow believed that Alex might look younger than he actually is.

On the other hand, Alex said that he was going to close the portal. For a person of his caliber, Alex might have the ability to close the portal.

However, it was different from others' perspectives. They never expected the middle-aged man to be kneeling in front of him. He was the captain of the palace guard. The position was always meant for someone strong. But even for a person like him, he kneeled in front of Alex with a pale expression.

"Anyway, don't stop me again. And if your kingdom is unpleasant to my eyes, I might destroy this kingdom first before closing the portal." Alex said coldly.

"Presumptuous!"

"How dare you?!"

"General Bright, Kill him! We can't let a person like this alive!"

Alex looked down at the middle-aged man before turning around. "That's it. I have said what I need to say. It's time for me to go."

"Wait... You... You... What are you?" The middle-aged man stuttered.

The answer came in a very weird way as Alex said, "My race is still human."

"Race?"

"Knights. Surround him!" One of the ministers shouted.

Alex didn't care about it as he opened the door without hesitation, finding two people outside. The first person was a male with a white uniform while the other one was a female wearing a maid uniform. However, the female looked like she was just beaten up by the male as he was still dragging her by pulling her hair.

Alex couldn't understand the reason until he found a black mark on his clothes.

"I am sorry, Your Highness. It wasn't intentional! Please forgive me." The girl pleaded. She didn't cry or anything but only asked for forgiveness.

However, Alex was startled when he saw her appearance that reminded him of someone. And the fact that he could see the blue colored layer surrounding her, symbolizing that he knew her.

The man in front of him looked at Alex and the kneeling Bright before noticing they were surrounded by soldiers.

"I apologize, Father. I was about to enter, but this maid spilled the drink onto my clothes." The man looked at the king before squinting his eyes at Alex's figure.

Alex ignored him and looked at the girl. "Young girl... What happened?"

He decided to ask the girl. Whatever the case, he should have known this girl of her previous life, so it would be better to ask her first. After all, her appearance reminded him of Mithra, the one that helped him on the Willow Continent.

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"Who are you?!" The man walked even closer, placing his head right in front of Alex as if he was challenging him.

"Crown Prince... Don't!" The knight behind Alex was still struggling to regain his power, but Alex twitched his finger first, controlling the energy around them to free the maid and having her stand beside him.

He glanced to the side and asked, "Tell me."

"I was preparing the meal for the heroes but slipped and accidentally spilled everything I carried." The young girl explained with a pale face.

"Ah, we are in this kind of world anyway." Alex nodded. "By the way, is your name Mithra or something?"

"Ye-yes." The young girl's body shook, never expecting Alex to know her name. All the people that had gone to the audience hall would surely be a big shot. Yet, the same person knew her name. It was her being honored and immediately answered. "My name is Mithra."

'As expected, it seems the name won't change even if you reincarnate...' Alex thought.

[Yes. That's how I found you. Though a few people know about it more than I do as they are learning the meaning of Life and Death.]

'I see. Still, I have karma with her. Since her previous life helped me to achieve Sword King, I will help her in this life. The previous her liked traveling, right? I will just have her as my guide in this world. Teaching her a little so she can fend herself won't be a big deal, I guess.'

[It's your choice, Host. But I think it's not a bad choice.]

The prince seemed to have lost his patience as he snarled. "How dare you ignore me like that!"

However, the knight seemed to have recovered as he grabbed the prince and pulled him away, standing between him and Alex.

No one felt his killing intent earlier, so they didn't realize how dangerous Alex is. Luckily, Alex hadn't yet done anything to him as if he wasn't interested in it.

Alex asked the little maid, "Hey, girl. Do you like an adventure like roaming around the world?"

"Eh?!" Mithra flinched for a moment before nodding timidly. "Ye-yes. That's my dream."

"In that case, do you want to travel with me? It won't be too long, but I believe you can continue on your own after that. What do you think?" Alex asked with a smile.

"What dream? You won't be able to escape from this place! Especially after smearing all this to my clothes! Guards!" The prince shouted.

"Anyway, what is your answer?" Alex asked with a smile.

"I... I..."

"Catch him!" The prince finally ordered the guards.

The king and the heroes seemed to be watching this in shock because everything escalated so fast. And they still didn't know why Bright fell down and tried to protect the prince right now. It was like Alex's existence was something higher than himself.

When the guards stepped forward, Alex snapped his finger, controlling the Spiritual Energy around him to stop all the guards.

"What is this?"

"I can't move!"

The guards were confused as if there was a layer that stopped them from moving. This could be considered magical because it was weird to the point they thought it was Alex's attack.

However, they had witnessed themselves how Alex and the other fours just got summoned. They had a record that their previous world didn't have power like them, but the people themselves have a very high potential. That was why they were confused.

Alex, on the other hand, asked the girl again. "It's fine to say anything you want. If you want to stay, I won't force you. But if you want to follow me, let's travel around the world."

"I..." The girl looked down for a moment. "I... I am an orphan, so I will go with you... I might be executed anyway."

The girl's expression looked pitiful as she had accepted her death earlier. That was the reason she only begged mercy instead of crying.

Alex patted her head and took her hand. "Let's go then."

They started walking as if nothing mattered.

"You! Kill him! Bright!" The prince didn't know why, but Bright actually restrained him as if he was scared of Alex.

"This is where you belong now. Whatever you choose, it's your own decision. You can be the so-called heroes, and I won't care anything about it. But if you are standing in my way, there is nothing but death." Alex released a killing intent, surrounding the entire room.

He then found a balcony near the door as he took Mithra flying.