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Chapter 841 - The Wonders Of The World

"Ha!" All people in the room fell on their butts, excluding Liliana. Alex didn't bother her with killing intent because she was a good-natured one. However, the other two had their break taken away as they somehow leaked themselves.

The other ministers were placing their hands on their necks as if they couldn't breathe while the soldiers fell on their knees, exhausted. The prince also had the same state as the two girls. Not only his clothes, but his pants now had drenched in something.

"What is that?!"

"Your Majesty... That person... That person must have killed more than a hundred thousand people. Since he has left this place, I suggest you don't do anything against him. I am afraid no one can handle him." Bright immediately informed him while stuttering before finding Lilian was alright. "Take a look at her, she didn't receive that killing intent earlier and was perfectly fine because she talked to him earlier.

"I believe he is a person that knows boundaries. If we don't do anything, he won't do anything as well. And the fact that he can control his killing intent to whom he wants to receive, I am not his match. I believe not even the general of the north can take him."

"You... You..." The king was speechless. He also had fought many battles in the past, so he could somehow understand what Bright was saying, but they still had their pride.

Liliana gulped down as she had mixed feelings from earlier. She couldn't understand how such a warm person actually did this? Killing more than a hundred thousand people? If he were on Earth, he would already become the most notorious killer, and all countries might have put a bounty on his head.

She couldn't help but mutter. "Who are you really?"

She glanced at the hero, who was still trembling in fear and shook her head.

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Meanwhile, the person who caused all the ruckus stopped in the middle of the plaza and looked at the maid.

"Uhm... Can I know your name?" Mithra politely asked because she understood how powerful Alex was to make the entire hall tremble.

"Well, I will ask you again. Are you sure you want to follow me? I only saved you earlier because I find you amusing." Alex asked. He couldn't say he helped her because her previous life helped him, couldn't he?

Mithra looked down and remembered Alex's words back in the castle. She realized that if she tried to go alone after this, the kingdom might pursue her and put her in the trial. In that case, it would be safer to follow him no matter how dangerous he is. At the very least, she might be able to get stronger under him even if she needed to go alone in the future.

After contemplating for two minutes, Mithra's expression turned serious as she looked at Alex's eyes without flinching. She gritted her teeth and bowed her head. "Please let me follow you."

"Follow huh..." Alex patted her head. "Anyway, I am Alexander. Since you have decided to come with me, I will try to train you a little bit. I am not someone who does something half-way."

"Sir Alexander..." Mithra politely greeted him even though her hands were shaking. She knew Alex just saved her, but to calm herself in front of a great person was easier said than done. Even so, she still tried to act like nothing happened as she didn't want to displease Alex.

"Now that we are here, do you know about the currency and any jobs to get any coins? Possibly an instant one?" Alex asked.

"Coins are divided into four: copper coins, silver coins, gold coins, and platinum coins. The latter will always be one hundred times the former. As for the job..." Mithra contemplated hard.

Alex pinched the bridge of his nose, realizing that the coins system was similar to the previous one, so he didn't need to adapt anymore.

"As for the job, I have a perfect one. There is an Adventurer Guild. My father was an adventurer, and he told me about the system there. Unfortunately, Sir can't become an adventurer because you need time to get missions that bring more money. However, there are two more jobs that you can consider... Albeit they are a bit dangerous."

"Oh! Tell me. No one in this world can kill me anyway, so feel free." Alex said nonchalantly.

If this word came from others, she would certainly not believe him. However, Alex just defeated all the people in the throne room with a single glance, nobody could do something like that.

That was why she decided to tell Alex. "The first job is a butcher. They are the ones processing meats for this entire kingdom to go to restaurants. Some meats are delicious, and adventurers sometimes receive a bonus income through this."

"Hmm... A butcher..." Alex thought for a moment. "When was the last time I ate anyway? Never mind, I wonder if there is a dragon in this world? And are they delicious?"

"A dragon?" Mithra opened her mouth in surprise. "They are like a mythical being to us, the one that stood on the pinnacle of this world. The ones that are actually holding up the devil invasion because the portal is said to be opened in the Dragon Valley. I heard it when many people in the castle talked about it."

"I see. That will be my final destination. Still, since they are the ones keeping the balance in this world, I won't kill them." Alex shrugged. "Anyway, what is the other job?"

"It's killing demons of course. It's just like a commissioned adventurer..."

"A mercenary?"

"What is that?" Mithra tilted her head in confusion.

"Never mind." Alex shook his head. "I have no plan in meeting the devils yet. Anyway, we can search for food later while I have water that can flood this entire world, so we are not in dire need of money. I want to ask another thing then. Do you know anything mysterious in this world?"

"I don't know really much about it, but my father often told me stories about the four wonders of this world."

"What are they?"

"The first is the sea that can't be mixed. In the east of this kingdom, there is a two-colored sea that stretches to the horizon as if there is a thin line that is separating them."

"Hmm... Is it the same case as that one?" Alex muttered as he recalled there was a sea like that on Earth. It was in the Gulf of Alaska. The sea can't mix because of the difference in salinity and density. "Still, one of the seas is formed by melting glaciers... In that case, is there any cold island past that?"

"Eh? How do you know? It's rude for me to ask, but Sir came from another world, right? I couldn't realize it earlier because many things were going on at the same time, but now, I can see that Sir is not from here."

"I just know a few basic things." Alex shrugged.

She contemplated for a moment and nodded. "Yes. There is an island made of ice, and it's said to be very cold."

Alex nodded as he had expected earlier. "Still, I don't think there is anything I need in that sea because it's scientific. For a Divine Grade Item, it should cause something magical even if it doesn't have Divine Energy around it... So, what are the other three?"

"There is a boiling lake... The lake never became cold, and the legend said it has the healing ability. Unfortunately, if they are staying too long, they might die as well. And there is a smell lingering around that area. People said it's the smell of rotten egg."

"This time is the Geothermal System, huh..." Alex shook his head in disappointment. "There is a chance for it to be something, but I will go to this place if I am stuck."

Before Mithra could continue, Alex suddenly thought something as he asked his system, 'That's right. Can I call my spirits here?'

[You can try, Host. But the world should be feeling repulsive to the spirits because of their power. If you can't do it fast enough, I am afraid they will be expelled first.]

"That is not good... I was planning to have Jeanne torture the Devil. I wonder if I should go to those devils, bring them to the other world, and question them there?"

[Even though only Foundation Rank or Martial Master can enter this place, I believe they have a Martial Saint if not God Rank Expert standing by, so it's risky.]

"True enough. After getting the Divine Item, they will certainly not let a Martial Master carry it around. They will send God Rank Expert so he/she can protect it until the final destination." Alex pondered the matter and decided. "I will try to solve this myself then."

Seeing Alex glance at her again, she continued, "The third place is the Phoenix Spring. The legend said that phoenix tears could be used as a healing item to the point it can restore limbs. And there is a place where the phoenixes usually bathe. This place is called the Phoenix Spring.

"It contains the fluid of the phoenixes themselves. Legend said that it could heal every wound as long as the person is not dead."

"Hmm, that is certainly interesting. Although I doubt it is the one I am searching for, it doesn't hurt coming to that place. Where is that?"

"Far on the west, there is a nest of phoenixes. The place is hard to reach that even one of the peak warriors in this world failed to reach that place. At the same time, it's heavily guarded by the phoenixes."

Alex smiled. The phoenixes would bow their head the moment he showed his flame, so he didn't need to be scared. "We can go there, but I want to know about the fourth place."

"The last place is the Immortal Cave."

"Immortal Cave?"

"Yes. The legend said that this Immortal Cave could turn someone into an immortal. Of course, it is related to age. If one severs their head, they will still die."

"Alright. Then where is that cave?"

"No one knows."

"What do you mean?"

"Many have been trying to find this place, but none of them succeed in finding it. People believe it's only an urban legend spread by rumor in the past, but some people believe that. My Father believed that as well before he died in his search."

"Ehm... I am sorry for your loss." Alex scratched his head.

"It's fine." Mithra fell silent for a few minutes before opening her mouth again. "My father once said to me that there are two places that might know the answer. The first is the unending desert, while the other one is the phoenix nest."

"Phoenix nest? As in the one on the west?"

"Yes. Though, it's only a rumor."

"Let's go there then." Alex nodded. "This is the most magical thing I have ever heard, so it's a waste to not go there."

"Eh?"

"How far is it from our current place?"

"It's three months by horse."

'I can do it within a few minutes with my Divine Body, but I need to lower my speed because I don't want Mithra to be shredded by the wind pressure alone. Even if I can cover her with the Spiritual Energy, the energy is too thin to handle my speed. It's going to be a week just to go there if I calculate correctly.

'In the past, I became an adventurer first before going to the forest and meeting Alicia there. Should I follow the same route again? Well, I don't think I need to go to the Adventurer Guild, but it's fine to go to a forest.

'I can start training Mithra a bit while comprehending the memory I got from the Golden Lightning. I guess this trip will take two weeks to complete.' Alex thought and glanced at Mithra. "So, are you up for an adventure?"

"Ehm, yes?" Mithra hesitated for a second.

"Let's change your clothes first. And I will train you during this trip." Alex smiled.

"There is a carriage in the west gate if we are going to that place."

"Nope. We are going on foot!"

Chapter 842 - A Naive Child

One week later.

A young girl wearing a cute white blouse and blue mini skirt walked cheerfully toward a golden-haired man. The man was sitting in a lotus pose, closing his eyes. She waited for him to finish without making a sound.

"You are not going to say anything?" The man gradually opened his eyes, looking at this young lady.

"I don't want to disturb you, Sir Alex. Besides, I only want to inform you that I have finished my practice."

"Hmm... It's faster than I expected. Good job." Alex nodded.

Alex brought Mithra to the west before finding a good mountain to train. Within these seven days, Mithra could reach the Tempering Body last stage, which was awesome. Alex took months to reach this stage after all.

Of course, she could become this strong because Alex forced her to take a medicinal bath to raise the speed of her training. At the same time, he made her run around the mountain, so she knew how to move her muscle. The uneven ground forced her to understand the balance of her body and refined her muscle naturally.

About her constitution, especially the will of this world attached to her soul, Alex erased it with his Pure Fire. He could even remove the will in Alicia's and Firia's families, but they told him they didn't want their families to ascend. Not only would it destabilize the kingdom, but they also didn't want to see their families in danger.

It was enough for them as long as they could visit them once in a while, knowing they were safe.

However, Mithra was different. Although he didn't plan to bring her with him, he only removed the will because it would hinder her qi later on.

He looked at Mithra's body that soon started producing qi. Alex wondered how much he could power up her ability within these three months. If he took out the Spirit Stone, she would reach Martial Master without a doubt, but he didn't plan to use it on her.

That was why he decided to let her the power of the peak of this world. She would stop cultivating later anyway and enjoy the world, so he would give her the power to have a slow life. It wasn't a big deal.

"That's right. What is your status?"

Name: Mithra

Job: Commoner

Rank: 1

Level: 131

STR: 399

AGI: 379

VIT: 355

DEX: 412

INT: 121

Mithra let him look without hesitation.

Since the power system was kind to his world, Alex knew that she was going to have a breakthrough soon.

He stared at her for a few seconds and said, "Since you have almost reached Qi Gathering Stage, it's time for us to go to that phoenix nest. How about we do one last test? If you can descend this mountain within three minutes, I will give you a present."

"Really?!" Mithra's eyes blinked, feeling fire up. "But Sir Alex, I want to let you see this first."

"Hmm?"

Mithra walked toward a tree near them. She closed her eyes for a few seconds before punching the tree. "Ha!"

Bang!

The tree burst as if something exploded inside.

"Hehe... I can do this too!" Mithra grinned.

Alex had no change of expression, knowing that the girl had been practicing on top of his own training menu, so he wasn't surprised by the fact that she managed to destroy that tree. However, the girl was a bit too simple. Alex pointed his finger upward, asking her to look up.

"Wawa!" The girl was surprised to see that the tree was actually falling on her and ready to attack it again.

Alex decided to do it first and flicked the air, creating a weird pressure that destroyed the tree along with the ground and everything behind it, creating a new trail on the mountain.

"What?! What is that?" The girl opened her mouth in surprise. Although she knew Alex was strong, she certainly felt something wrong with the move earlier.

Alex didn't use any energy or whatsoever. He created a shockwave just by his strength alone, and it could create an effect as ridiculous as that, she wondered how many years she needed to catch up with Alex.

"Can I have that as my present?" Mithra's eyes brightened.

"No." Alex shrugged. "Your body is not strong enough."

Mithra pouted. "Well, since this is coming from Sir Alex, I am sure that the present is very big. I am going to give it my all."

"Alright. Your three minutes start now!"

The moment she heard the signal from Alex, she ran as fast as possible. She had been running around this mountain for about a week, so she had gotten familiar with the terrain. Running this fast was nothing to be proud of.

However, there was a steep cliff as her biggest obstacle. If she went around, she might be able to barely make it, but Mithra exceeded his expectation by jumping off the cliff.

The reason she dared to do this was due to a few trees around this cliff that she could use as a stepping, allowing her to descend the cliff as quickly as possible. After that, she went around the wood, treating the trees as an obstacle course. She avoided everything like how she did in training and kept running toward the bottom of the mountain.

The moment she arrived, she found Alex was sitting on the ground as if he had been waiting for her this whole time.

"Master... When did you actually come down?"

"Just now. It only took me a single step anyway." Alex smirked, teasing Mithra.

"I..." When she was about to say anything, she noticed a loud sound coming from outside the forest and looked at Alex with a worried expression. "Sir Alex..."

"As you expect, there is a battle right outside the forest. And I am looking at it now." Alex glanced to the left, finding a luxurious carriage fighting a horde of goblins. "Ah, how nostalgic. The first time I went out of a forest, I met my wife fighting the orcs, precisely like this."

"Eh?" Mithra widened her eyes. "Are you going to save them then?"

"Not really. Judging from the direction, they are most likely going toward the kingdom. Their objective must be to meet those four heroes. Well, I met her two months after leaving the castle, so the timing was slightly earlier than I expected." Alex then looked at her. "I will let you choose whether to save them or not."

Mithra looked down, pondering the matter. From what she knew, Alex never wanted to become a hero that saved people just because they got into trouble. However, she was a bit different since she was just a humble commoner. Her parents often helped people before they died, so she nodded. "I want to save them."

"Then you can save them if you want. I am not going to do anything."

"Me?"

"Yeah. You have hunted many monsters during the training in the mountain, so it's time for you to put that training into practice." Alex nodded before taking out a red sword. This was a Rank 1 Sword that might be a bit over the top for this world, but nonetheless, it was one of the weakest swords he had with him.

Mithra was a bit surprised and took the sword from Alex's hand carefully.

"This is your gift." Alex smiled and patted her head. He wondered what kind of people were the ones in the carriage and the knights surrounding it. He also made sure that the sword was flashy that people could take fancy off in a single glance.

If they actually thought about getting it, it would be a perfect occasion for Mithra to work on her mental fortitude, so she didn't try to help people blindly. After all, Mithra would still think a bit lowly of herself due to her humble personality.

Mithra was moved by Alex's generosity and nodded her head to Alex. "I will be helping them."

"Yeah. Be careful." Alex smiled before lifting his finger once. He controlled the Spiritual Energy around Mithra to restrict her movement a little bit. She must be thinking that it was because she hadn't gotten accustomed to the sword that she moved a bit differently.

She would be injured because of this, but the knights and whoever inside the carriage would realize it was the best time to get the sword. Mithra would also be too exhausted to even wield her sword after fighting that many goblins.

"Ha!" She finally made her appearance in the battle, starting to cut the goblins one by one. "I will help!"

The scenario was like how Alex had experienced. Mithra had an important position in taking down the monsters. They fought for about thirty minutes, and as expected, Mithra was worn out. Her hand was a bit numb at this point.

It turned out that the one coming from the carriage was a male with long blue hair. His appearance was handsome, and his movement was elegant. He finally turned to Mithra and thanked her.

"Thank you very much for your help."

Mithra gently smiled. "It's fine. I just came out of the forest before finding this situation, so I thought it would be nice if I help."

"Haha... I apologize that I can't really fight due to my weak constitution." The guy smiled. "I am envious of you. I really want to have a strong body too."

"I am sure you can."

"Really? I can't even swing a sword, you know..." The guy weakly smiled, grabbing a sword before letting it fall down. "Aiya, I really don't have the strength."

"Your sword looks like it's heavier than you... How can you even lift it?"

"It's because I have been training!"

"Really... Can I try to hold your sword too? I might fall together with the sword this time."

"No way. This sword is lighter than you think."

"Really? Can I try it?"

"Sure." Mithra gently handed her sword, trying to support the gentleman in front of her as to not let both him and the sword fall.

At this point, Alex already facepalmed while shaking his head. Handing your weapon? That is the last thing you want to do with a stranger. Such a naive child, he thought.

"Oh!" The guy managed to hold it even though his hand was shaking. "I can truly hold it. I wonder what kind of training you have? Even in my family, no one let me hold a sword. That's right. You must have an extraordinary job!"

"No-no. I was just a commoner working as a normal maid not too long ago. I am sure you can." Mithra smiled from ear to ear, trying to encourage him.

"I see... You were a maid before..." The man nodded and took another glance at her condition. Her body was covered with wounds, and her body was covered with sweat. Judging from the looks alone, he could understand that Mithra had exhausted a huge portion of her strength.

Meanwhile, Mithra didn't think much about her body condition because Alex would be able to heal her just like when they were training. At the same time, the knights had been helping her fight the goblins, so they thought it would be fine to lend the sword for a while.

Suddenly, the knight captain, the one that was a bit stronger than her, slowly walked behind her before hitting the back of her head as hard as possible.

Bang!

"What just happ—" Mithra was in shock as her consciousness suddenly became fuzzy. Red-colored blood suddenly flowed down her head, reaching her eyes and dying her vision. She fell on her stomach.

"Prince... Are you sure about this?" The captain asked.

"She is just a maid, and her strength is too low. She must be a normal maid that got lucky when she became an adventurer. It was an honor to protect this prince earlier and gave this treasured sword. Looking at the quality of this sword, it can be classified as a National Treasure."

"No... That is my sword..." Mithra stretched her hand, trying to shake his right foot.

Alex facepalmed and shook his head as he muttered.

"Oh boy. Here it comes."

Chapter 843 - Lecturing Mithra

"Oh, boy. Here it comes," said Alex while shaking his head. He had been following his own footsteps from the beginning, such as coming out of the castle alone, going to the forest, and meeting a group in distress.

However, it seemed this world had its own way. Like when he was in the castle, there was actually a drama with the prince coming inside the room, dragging a maid, and wanting to execute her. It turned out that the girl was Mithra's reincarnation.

And then, in the forest, he only stopped for a week to raise Mithra's skill. At the same time, her body resilience was also going up. This was a necessary stop because Alex could go faster this way because she should be able to handle a faster speed. From the journey that might take him a week, he might only need five days to reach that place.

After that, this carriage didn't carry a princess. Instead, it looked like it carried a prince and a cunning one at that. Well, he could somehow understand because the one helping them was Mithra. Unfortunate to Mithra, the prince wasn't grateful for the fact that he was helped.

He saw Mithra covered with wounds and exhausted. Her status was also nothing great. Although her strength was a bit powerful, she was too naive to think it was a trap.

In fact, he had been watching her this whole time, especially the sword. And as someone like him, he obviously understood the sharpness of the sword. When the chance finally appeared before him, he decided to use it.

She was a maid anyway, a normal one at that. No one would be coming to save her because she must have separated herself from the current household. If not, there was no way the noble would give a national treasure level sword like this to a mere weakling.

The only answer was the sword coming from a lucky encounter. That was why he seized this sword from her by using this trick. He was ungrateful, yes. But who knows this? No one other than the knights. As long as he forbade them to say anything, he could get away with this.

"I think it's time for me to come out..." Alex wanted to leap but stopped when he saw Mithra stretching her hand to grab the prince's foot.

"Please don't. That is my sword..." Mithra's consciousness was already fuzzy, but she couldn't lose the sword the day Alex gifted her. Rather than thinking about her life, she was focusing on the sword. "Take... my life... or anything. But not that sword..."

The prince looked down and stepped on her hand.

"Argh!"

"This sword is too good for a lowly maid like yours. It's better in the hand of this prince!" He snorted.

Mithra lifted her vision and locked it at the sword, trying to grab it with her other hand.

"Since you want the sword that much, I will kill you with the sword." The prince smiled, raising his sword as if he never had any problem in carrying a sword.

However, when he was about to swing it, his sword suddenly stopped as if there was an invisible wall in front of his sword.

"What is this?"

"Haiz... This is why I hate to help people now." Alex sighed. "There are many ungrateful bastards out there."

With a single snap of his finger, the Spiritual Energy lifted the prince's foot on Mithra's hand, flipping him over while the sword fell right before his penis. On the other hand, the Spiritual Energy lifted Mithra up.

"Who are you?!" The knights turned around, noticing the incoming person and yet, the latter had arrived in front of Mithra before they realized it.

He took a pill and healed all her wounds in an instant.

"Sir Alexander... I am sorry." Mithra let out a tear as if she had done something unforgivable.

"You do what everyone should do. Unfortunately, human nature is different. I have seen the light in their heart, but I have seen more darkness in the human heart. That's why I have only a few friends but a thousand enemies.

"If you still want to help people after this, help one that knows the meaning of the word grateful. And make sure they are not exploiting you. It's fine not to live for yourself, but don't be too fixated on it.

"There were a few hints that you could understand to not let your guard down. The moment you lose your sword with so many strangers will be the time you face death. And if he said the family doesn't let him hold a sword, why the knight beside him let him hold it. If he is weak, the knight should be able to take the sword back before he even snatches them.

"Well, you won't know if they are lying or not, even I don't know in the beginning. As long as you are careful, you can catch these clues yourself. Remember this well. And I believe I am also too excessive for you to learn this in a hard way." Alex lectured her with a gentle expression.

Mithra bit her lips and cried even more as she felt very useless at this moment. She said, "I am sorry... I am sorry..."

"Never mind, let's sol—" Before he finished his words, the prince shouted while pointing his sword toward Alex. "Who are you?!"

"Right. I should take back the sword first... It's my present to her anyway." Alex glanced at him and snapped his finger again.

The sword started shaking before it slipped out of his hand and floated toward Alex. He then handed the sword again to Mithra. "This is the sword. Make sure you don't lose it anymore."

Mithra looked at the sword and nodded repeatedly.

"My Sword! Kill him!" The prince gritted his teeth.

"This is the second lesson. No matter how cunning you are, if you can't even stay composed, you are bound to make a huge mistake. That's why people train the heart first before training the mind." Alex smiled.

One of the knights charged at him, swinging his sword toward the neck. Alex didn't move an inch and let the sword hit his neck.

'Got him!' The knight thought.

Unfortunately, his expectation was destroyed the moment he heard a clicking sound and saw his sword breaking into half and pierce the carriage.

Alex then turned around and flicked the knight's forehead... Helmet.

The flick didn't look strong, but the moment it connected, the head was blown away, and the iron helmet shredded into pieces. The headless body fell to the ground while the blurt spurt out of it was contained by the Spiritual Energy.

"What?!" The shock didn't come only from their group, but also from Mithra. Although she had seen how powerful Alex's strength was, it was still a sight to behold, especially the trail on the ground that had been destroyed by the shock wave alone.

Alex didn't have much patience, so he waved his hand and controlled his Spiritual Energy to force their body to explode. Everyone, except two people, the captain and the prince.

"What just happened..." The prince fell down and pointed his finger toward Alex. "You monster!"

The knight captain gritted his teeth and ran toward the prince, looking at Alex with fear. "Your excellency. We know we're wrong, please let us go this time. This person is the third prince of the Wales Kingdom, so if your excellency kills him, the entire kingdom will chase you down."

"Sir Alexander... I think it's best to drop the matter here..." Mithra tugged his hand with a guilty expression. She didn't want Alex to get into trouble like this because of her mistake.

However, Alex only smiled. "I have destroyed many kingdoms far stronger than your kingdom. Do you think I am afraid of your kingdom? What a joke."

He grabbed a sword on the ground and said, "I will be showing you what it means to be a swordsman."

Alex appeared before the knight captain while swinging his sword from above. "If you don't want to cut something, even the thinnest leaf won't be cut."

Just like how he described it, the sword that was supposed to cut the knight captain into half suddenly smashed him like a hammer. It pounced him into minced meat.

"And if you want to cut something, then cut everything, including Heaven itself." Alex swung the sword again, creating a shock wave that cut the prince into half.

However, Mithra unintentionally looked up, finding the cloud split into two. This was the most shocking thing she had ever seen in her life, and she believed nothing would replace it pretty soon.

Alex looked at her and let out a sigh. He sorted out his thoughts first while waiting for her to recover from the shock.

'I have gotten a few pieces of important information. The first is the place where I can find all the treasures that my previous life left for me. I don't know if I will get it or not, but I think I will go there since there is another important thing that I should get there. I don't know what it's though.

'Then, there is a beast terrorizing the entire universe. The location of the seal... It seems the previous me wants me to get stronger than him without following in his footstep. That's why he only gives me knowledge, not memory.

'The seal seems to be weakening due to the passing time and my reincarnation, so I need to reach God King Stage as soon as possible to fix this problem... Now that I think about it, that guy who attacked me back then said something about lifespan, right? It's as if he can see other people's lifespans...

'Don't tell me...' Alex furrowed his eyebrows. 'The beast itself is strong, stronger than a God King. If not, my past self won't lose against it. However, the fact that the mysterious person came to me made it look like he knew how long the lifespan I have left.

'I don't know his objective, but I think he was traveling to go around the world to gather all strong people to stop the beast, and I somehow met him. Still, I think I should go to that person again to know about the full reason. Who knows, I can learn some information...

'That's it then, let me calculate my current course as soon as I go to outer space. First, I will go to the Devil World and bring back Alicia. Then return to Eulja and visit parents-in-law in the lower world. Then I can visit Stina's World. Then, I go to that place called Encore or my previous life's treasury.

'There is also my promise to Song Jiaoren. I guess the Blackwade Clan is next. Just dropping by is fine though. Only after that can I go to finish the promise with the former Fire God to get the full version of Fire Authority. This technique has been strengthening my technique since I first got it. If not, I might have a harder time defeating my opponent...

'Finally, I will have time to spare with anyone else... Haiz, it's indeed a long journey.' Alex sighed and noticed that Mithra had calmed her mind and waited for him, who seemed to have lost in thought.

"Yo... It seems you are fine now."

"Yes. Thank you for your concern, Sir Alex." She nodded before glancing at the aftermath. This would bring trouble to Alex if he left it this way.

Alex noticed it too and destroyed all evidence with his Pure Fire. Even the blood on the ground evaporated. Still, as strong as might be, he couldn't return the ground as it was, but it wasn't like others

could understand it with that alone. They would only think there was a great battle around this area and didn't know what kind of battle it was.

"Done. Let's go? We need to go to the Phoenix Nest this time." Alex smiled and grabbed Mithra's waist.

"Yes." Mithra was slightly embarrassed, but that soon got replaced by fear because the speed was far faster than when he brought her to the forest. Of course, no teleportation so she could withstand some pressure later in her training.

Chapter 844 - Luan Bird

A few days later, Mithra was kneeling on four while vomiting. They had gone too fast for the past few days, making her sick. As for the pressure coming from their speed, Mithra had grown accustomed to it, so she was able to endure it in the last two days. Still, the juggling and wobbling that Alex created while running made her sick... Of course, it was intentional since Alex could simply fly.

The purpose of this was to help Mithra adjust the change of center of gravity every time Alex stepped on the ground. Since he didn't really have much time to do this, he decided to use this kind of unconventional method.

For Mithra, it was a challenge and torture.

"Sir Alex... Although I am not in a place where I can say this, I want you to know that it was really hell..."

"Don't worry. Unlike the time you got tricked, this training wouldn't cost your life." Alex brushed it off.

"Fair enough." She struggled to get up and somehow rose while staggering. Suddenly, she lost her balance and fell down, but she instinctively took another step on the right to prevent her from falling. At the same time, she realized that the step was solid to the point she managed to stand back up with that one step alone. "I..."

"Well, it's just training. The effect is just a fluke, so you need to train a little bit more to get a good balance. At the same time, it's time for me to teach you about footwork. I never trained my footwork, but I created one after fighting so many times. However, you can't do this because you don't have enough experience to do so."

"That's why you want me to learn footwork?"

"Yes. Most strong people actually create their own footwork to prevent their enemies from noticing what kind of footwork they are using. After all, if they learn your footwork, they can move one step ahead and destroy your entire movement."

"I understand."

Alex nodded and looked at the mountain. "This mountain will be perfect for me to teach you. You need to constantly move your feet according to the footwork while climbing this mountain. Of course, I don't mean to give you something hard and unpredictable since this is just simple footwork. You can refine it later when you have gotten enough experience."

"Yes, Sir."

"Still... To think you have Darkness as your element..." Alex let out a sigh. "I don't know what kind of ability your element has though."

"Eh?!" Mithra opened her mouth in surprise before everything turned into confusion. "I have an element? That is impossible. I tested it once in the past, and it turned out I didn't have a single element in my body. That's why I can't become a Mage."

"I have looked at everyone I met in this world, and all of them have elements. It's just they have yet to awaken them like you. I can help you awaken your sword, but that will depend on your decision. There are people who attain the peak of the sword without using their element, while there are some who create a harmonization with the elements. Nevertheless, they are strong. I am the latter though, because I am utilizing my element not only for my sword but for other things as well." Alex glanced at Mithra, waiting for her decision.

"I... I want to have my element." Mithra hesitated for a second but wanted to follow in Alex's footsteps. Since the one teaching her was the latter, she wanted to be the same as him.

Alex then nodded. "I will awaken your element when you have reached the Qi Gathering Stage."

"Yes."

After confirming her desire, Alex then showed her basic footwork. It consisted of ten basic steps to refine her movement even more.

It was simple enough for Mithra to remember it after a few tries. She then replicated it while trying to reach a bit farther and succeeded after a few more minutes.

Since then, they started climbing the mountain. There was a path they could use to reach the top. According to Mithra, this path seemed to be used by the adventurers who wanted to have the Phoenix Spring. And yet, not a single one of them was able to get it because the phoenixes that protected this one were one of the strongest beings in the world.

Alex asked if Mithra was scared to do this, but the latter only shook her head. After knowing Alex for a while, she learned many things. Just like how she didn't want Alex to get into trouble with the kingdom because of her, she realized it was her looking down on him. He was far mightier than them, so if he said it was fine, Mithra immediately agreed.

They climbed the mountain steadily. If Mithra didn't practice her footstep, they might already reach the top within a few hours, and yet, they only managed to reach halfway in a day.

When they become closer to the peak, they should feel cold due to its altitude. But it was different for this Phoenix Nest. The closer they are, the hotter it is.

Alex activated his Spirit Eyes and found a few signs of energy at the top.

"There are at least five phoenixes on top of this mountain. What do you think?" Alex asked Mithra.

"Sir is not scared of them, so there is no reason for me to be scared."

"I might just be overconfident you know." Alex smirked.

"If that were the case, I have accepted everything, including my death. I have steeled my heart to follow you, Sir, so I won't regret it even if I die during this journey." Mithra smiled from ear to ear, showing she wasn't afraid of death.

"Haha..." Alex patted her head a few times. "Decision is hard to make, but once you make it, you should see it through even if it means your doom."

"I will remember your words." Mithra nodded with a serious expression.

The two continued to the top and finally felt the scorching heat coming from the top of the mountain.

"This..." Mithra watched the top of the mountain in amazement. There was grass everywhere and a huge bird nest. There were five red birds that seemed to be a family washing their body in the water pond.

However, Alex noticed this was not a phoenix. Not only was their body not made by fire, but they also had a different intensity of flame in their body.

"This is not a Phoenix... They are Luan Birds."

"Luan Birds?"

"Yeah. From my world, they are considered a mythical bird related to the phoenix. For this reason, it's also called a Phoenix at times. However, there seems to be a unique one among them."

"Do you mean the blue one?" She asked. Out of the red birds, one of them actually had blue skin, making it look eye-catching.

"Yeah. Still, let's go to check them." Alex nodded and walked toward the birds while glancing at the spring.

The Luan Birds found this disturbing as they suddenly flew toward Alex with a menacing glare. They even summoned their fire and cried as if asking Alex to leave.

"Hmm... They don't want to attack us." Alex nodded and decided to converse with them. "Excuse me. I know that you are disturbed by me, but I am searching for something here... Do you think you can make way for me?"

Cry!

They looked even angrier, but Alex had dealt with Sherry and Kyle in the past, so he could somehow understand their cries. He then summoned his Pure Fire, creating an overbearing pressure on them.

"Wu?!" Shocked by this Fire as they wanted to kneel in front of him, the birds panicked and looked at each other, wondering what to do.

"Don't worry. I just want to check something. If I find the thing I am searching for, I can exchange it with you." Alex assured them he came not to steal but to exchange. "You can even try to absorb a bit of my flame to enhance your flame... How is it?"

"Ga?!" The birds were shocked. They realized how powerful Alex's Fire is. The moment they absorbed even a little portion of it, they would evolve to a greater being. That was why they hesitated and exchanged looks at each other.

"Ga Wu!" One of them stepped forward as he shook his head. It wasn't to reject Alex's offer. Instead, he looked at his son while flapping his wing a few times.

The son was none other than Blue Luan. It might have understood the weirdness of it and thought it was a disease. The father Luan wanted Alex to cure him instead.

"Sir Alex..." Mithra seemed to understand it and called Alex's name with an unsure tone. She hesitated because she didn't want to get tricked again, but she could sense it this time that these birds were sincere in their request, making her pity them.

"Ironic, isn't it? Sometimes, monsters that are acting with their instinct most of the time are gentler and more trustworthy than a human... Our own kin," said Alex with a sad expression.

Mithra couldn't say a single thing as she understood that well because of the experience a few days ago.

"Your son is not sick but special. It might be due to his ancestor, but he has an ice element that is countering his fire element. That's why he looks like this. And I feel the energy has yet to fuse, so it sometimes creates a clash within his body, causing him immense pain. Isn't that right?"

Father Luan nodded repeatedly. He then pointed to everything on his side while trying to say, "You can take everything here as long as you cure my son. I don't want him to be in pain anymore."

Their expressions filled with sadness. Even Father Luan let out tears in the corner of his eyes.

"The curing process is not hard, but it takes time because your son needs to fuse the two elements in his body, harmonizing the two elements. I have a practice for that... I think..." Alex thought, trying to ram all the knowledge he got from the Lightning Tribulation. It was a kind of Martial Art called Element Harmonization.

When there are two elements with the same rank in one's body, they are bound to have some friction between them. There are two ways to solve this. One is to eliminate one of the elements while the other one is to harmonize them.

Alex never had this problem because the Pure Fire took control of the Space Element. And the fact that his Space Element was born because of the system, the Pure Fire felt it was his brother instead.

On the other hand, the blue Luan was a bit special. Alex could burn one of the elements, but he had a way to give him a benefit, and he planned to do that.

"How about this... Since you want me to cure your son, he will need to follow me while I am in this world. I don't have a mount to fly around the world anyway. The reason as I said earlier. If you trust me with your son's life, not only I can solve his problem, but I can increase his strength. To prove that, I can lessen the pain first." Alex smiled and walked toward the blue Luan.

The blue Luan looked at his father for a second before lowering his head. His father had begged Alex to save him, so he shouldn't waver at this point.

Alex channeled his Pure Fire inside his body, suppressing the two elements for a period of time. The weak blue Luan that had troubled even to stand suddenly stood on his two feet before flapping his wings and flying to the sky.

"Ga Wu!"

The Luans spread their wings in unison and shouted, feeling happy to see him flying in the sky. However, the blue Luan suddenly fell.

"Ga!" The other four started panicking, but Alex immediately waved his hand, controlling the Spiritual Energy to gently land him on the ground.

"I said it earlier, it's only for a period of time..." Alex shook his head before asking the Luans. "So, how is it?"

Chapter 845 - Journey

Father Luan glanced at his son, who slowly nodded his head, saying it was fine. Then he looked at the entire family that was trying to soothe the pain of their Blue Luan and decided to agree with Alex's proposal.

He looked at Alex and spread his wing before bowing its head. "Ga Wu!"

"Don't worry. I am not someone who takes back his promise. It's only going to be three months anyway, so he should be visiting you sooner or later." Alex assured them with a smile.

"Ga Ga Wu!"

"Sir Alex... How can you understand them?" Mithra couldn't help but ask. Alex seemed to have the ability to talk with animals despite his powerful strength.

"What you people call monsters have their own intelligence. Some are smarter, and some are not just like humans. And I have experienced something like this in the past, so I can somehow understand what they are saying." Alex explained with a shrug. "He is telling me that I can only grab the item when his son is fine three months later."

Alex then turned his head back to Father Luan and said, "I don't mind about the condition, but you are fine if I take a look at what you have, right?"

He nodded and moved to the left, giving way for Alex to approach their nest before guiding Alex to his secret stash. They were herbs from around the mountain that he plucked to cure his son, while the items came from the adventurers that challenged them in the past.

Alex looked at them one by one without his Spirit Eyes, so he might be able to recognize their appearance himself without their energy. He understood a few, but they were only low rank tier herbs. He rechecked them with his Spirit Eyes, finding nothing but disappointment.

He let out a long sigh.

Father Luan panicked for a second, thinking that nothing impressed Alex. This way, his son couldn't be treated, so he asked, "Ga Wu Ga Wu?!"

"I am searching for something... I don't know what that is, so I am searching blindly right now. Do you know the Devil that appears in the Dragon Valley?" Alex asked.

"Ga Wu? Ga Ga!"

"You don't know, but you have a certain pact with the Dragon Valley?"

"Ga Wu."

"It's related to the desert far from this place." This piqued Alex's interest, and asked, "Can you tell me more?"

Father Luan nodded and continued. "Ga Wu Ga Wu."

"There is a secret palace inside the desert, and only the Dragon knows about the location? And the way to enter it is to use Luan's blood."

Father Luan nodded. "Ga Wu."

"The pact was made by your Grandfather a few hundred years ago. I see, it's old then. I wonder if the Dragon Valley still knows about this pact..." Alex pondered for a moment.

"Ga Wu, Ga."

"Don't worry. If it's only a drop of blood, it won't injure your son." Alex ensured him. "Besides, I can blast that place open even if it's not enough. I am far stronger than you think after all."

"Sir Alex, the Dragon Valley is too far from here..." Mithra warned him. "If we are going with your speed, I believe we need around a month to reach there."

"But we have someone who will send us now." Alex glanced at the Blue Luan with a smile. "It won't take too long. It will probably take two weeks."

"It's not going to be training anymore?" Mithra wanted to be happy but somehow felt empty. The training was torture, but she felt it was the most fulfilling days she had in her own life. It was the first time she used all her energy for a clear goal.

Alex smiled and patted her head. "I have a different training menu for you after this."

"I understand!" Mithra looked up and smiled.

'Why are you smiling, little girl?' Alex twitched his eyebrows and turned back to Father Luan. "That's why we will be going today. I will let you send your goodbye today and go tomorrow."

Just like his words, the Luans were stroking the Blue Luan with their cheeks, saying they will miss him. The Blue Luan felt blessed and responded to them.

It continued for a few hours as the sky turned dark. Father Luan asked them to sleep together because they didn't want them to feel cold.

Alex took their offer when he saw Mithra's expectant gaze and slept together with them. It might be the first time he used an animal's body as his pillow, but it certainly didn't feel bad.

The next day, they flew off the nest as soon as the sun rose. Alex suppressed the element in the Blue Luan's body, letting him fly without pain. He happily brought them on his body, soaring to the sky.

They waved their hands to the Luans until they couldn't be seen anymore before Alex decided to start the training.

Alex flew with the Spiritual Energy to the front and said. "I have a practice for you. I am sure you can do it while flying like this, so listen carefully."

He began teaching the Blue Luan how to harmonize the two energies as the latter listened to him attentively.

It took him a few hours before he could revolve the energy according to his will. Even though the effect was small to the point it could be ignored, the Blue Luan was very happy because he knew the pain would go away within three months.

After that, Alex then returned to Mithra, looking at her training her footwork. Blue Luan said it was alright to train in his body because he was strong, so she trained while waiting for Alex to finish.

Alex only smiled and stopped her. "Ahem. Let's stop for now. What I am going to teach you is basic swordsmanship. Unlike the footwork where you focus solely on your foot, you are going to pay attention to your sword as well.

"If you can complete this, I am sure you are able to acquire the basic but most important thing for a Sword Cultivator, Sword Intent. Are you ready?"

"Yes." Mithra nodded with a serious expression.

"There won't be any rest from now on. I am going to train you until you are drenched in sweat and become stinky." Alex chuckled before training her.

A few days later.

In the previous kingdom, a guard suddenly intruded their meeting room where the king gathered the hero to celebrate their improvement.

Bang! The soldier pushed open the door and shouted. "Emergency."

The King furrowed his eyebrows. He had especially invited many nobles to come here with their daughters to seduce the real hero, but this sudden event made him annoyed. He furiously shouted, "What is it?"

"We... We have spotted the phoenix flying not far from here..."

"What? The Phoenix? The one that is having their nest not far in the west?" The king gasped while the guests sweatdropped. "Send the alarm and call all powerful warriors in this country."

"We have confirmed it's the one because what we found is the one and only Blue Phoenix. However, the captain said we don't need to fight the phoenix because there are two people riding on its back as if they have tamed the phoenix."

"What? The Blue Phoenix? Who are riding on its back? We need to know about their identity and invite them. They will be the strongest force in our kingdom!" The king immediately ordered albeit the soldier fell silent, making the king angry. "What are you doing? Immediately execute my order!"

"I am afraid that is impossible. The captain said the one riding the blue phoenix are the fifth person and the maid..." The soldier only told him the code without knowing their name because the king wanted to keep the matter secret.

However, this infuriated him even further as he fell down on his throne, feeling weak. His face became pale.

The ministers also knew about them, but the ones that were shocked the most were the four people summoned here.

Liliana gasped and closed her mouth in surprise. 'Is him... Ahaha... Does Earth actually have someone that is strong? I have been learning many things about this world and that Phoenix is said to be one of the strongest creatures in the world. And yet, he tames it so easily. If I go back to Earth, I will surely search for the hidden power.'

However, the hero was filled with hatred at this point. He should be the one shining at this point, but Alex ruined everything. 'That bastard, I will kill him!'

The king called one of his ministers to his side and said with a helpless tone. "Cancel every plan we have against that person."

"Your Majesty, are you serious?"

"Can't you see it yourself? The Phoenixes are one of the strongest. Someone who can tame them and use them as his mount should be even stronger. If we are going to fight against those two, it's better to fight those devils."

"Maybe we can invite them back here?"

"It's impossible. I will kill that damned son of mine. He is ruining our image in his eyes." The king gritted his teeth. Even though Alex was bound to leave no matter what, he still needed someone to blame. If not, his heart couldn't rest. That prince would have another hell after this...

On the other hand, the nobles around the kingdom looked at the king with a sly glint.

"Your Majesty. If I may ask, what is happening here? The Royal Guard from earlier seem to know those people... Did Your Majesty know about these two that can ride the Blue Phoenix?"

"That's right. If you know such a person, you need to introduce us as well."

The nobles banded together, trying to get the information about these mysterious people. The four summoned people were limited, so they thought they could try their luck with these two.

The king would soon have a 'great time'.

Meanwhile, Alex was watching the capital city with Mithra, asking. "What do you think about this city? You have been working in this city, right?"

"Yes. I was just a maid... Our job is to take care of the daily necessities in the castle while dressing as good as we can to impress the royalty. Many people dream of getting the royalties to bed them and pregnant with their kid to get more affection from the royalties and live in rich.

"My father was an adventurer, but my mother was a maid. I had this job because of my mother, who passed away because of sickness. She couldn't contain the grief after losing Father. So, I can only follow in her footstep and use her connection to be one of the maids.

"Still, I didn't dress up that nicely because I didn't want to attract them. I wanted to have enough money to travel around the world to see this world with my own eyes. Now that I look at it again from the sky, the city is beautiful indeed. However, I notice there are some darkness around the city... The slums that I used to live in." Mithra looked at the city with a sad expression.

"Ga Wu!" The Blue Luan glanced at her and asked her not to cry.

Alex also patted her head and said, "After this, you will have the strength to do what you want... Just make sure that you do not drown in your own power and kill people without thinking. Because you will become the person you hate to be."

"Yes. I will always remember this word." She nodded.

"Come on. Don't be sad. You took a bath yesterday... lan, you should know how stinky she was, right?"

"Ga Wu!" The Blue Luan nodded. Alex named him with whatever name he had in thought because it was hard to call him Blue Luan all the time.

"Don't tease me." Mithra pouted.

"Haha..."

"Ga Wu!"

The gloomy atmosphere was soon replaced by laughter, but that wasn't bad at all.

And their journey continued for a few more days.

Chapter 846 - Killing Devils Like Killing Chickens

"These devils... Why are they coming endlessly?" A male wearing iron armor cursed after cutting down a creature.

The creature had a rotten body, and he could even see bones in some parts. There were two pointed horns on his head, and their body seemed to get burned when they were dying. The flame was black and seemed to only work to decompose them, so the enemies couldn't study their anatomy.

The weathered veteran beside him turned and inspected him. "How old are you, son?"

The man didn't remember his name. It was hard to recall anything while watching the other army, but he certainly knew that this old man was wobbling around his army and the army on his left.

Another swarm of devils emerged from within the gate, starting to rampage in the front line. The man's face turned pale as he felt tired after fighting all day long.

"Son?" the veteran said with a firm voice. "How old are you?"

"Twenty, Sir. Anyway, you need to go back. The devils are going to swarm this area soon."

The veteran ignored his concern and asked again, "And what is your name?"

"Ai—" Before he said his name, a red dragon flew over them and released its breath, burning all the devils away. "D-dragon!"

'That's right. This is Dragon Valley. They have been stationed here to aid the Dragon Valley to keep the devils in check and not destroy the world.

"I am—" Since there was an intervention, the bearded man decided to introduce himself first, but to no avail.

Roar! The dragon roared in pain as its giant body flew back and crashed to the ground.

A grey colored devil appeared among them this time, looking at the battlefield from the sky. "Pathetic. To think they can't even pass this place after three months..."

Roar Roar! The dragon rose and charged at him again, only to find himself flying away and crashing in a nearby huge rock, dragging a few humans to death.

"Shut up, you lizard."

"Impossible." Even the old man was in shock this time. "That dragon is a rank 9, which is the peak of this world. To think a dragon like that is toyed by this devil... Are we going to lose this place soon?"

Cry!

Suddenly, a blue-colored bird covered with flame appeared, and everybody on the battlefield recognized it.

"The Blue Phoenix?"

"Even the Blue Phoenix can't fight this devil."

"But it's the one and only Blue Phoenix in this world..."

"Can't you see how easy it is for that devil to blow the dragon away? The Blue Phoenix will be in the same state soon."

"Wait, who is that on its back?" One of them noticed the two people riding the Blue Phoenix.

However, the devil ignored the two and looked at the blue bird, saying. "To think there is a Luan Bird in this place. It's a Blue Luan on top of that. This bird should have an ice element, and its blood is very nutritious. I am going to eat this bird right now!"

The devil flew toward Ian, trying to kill it. However, Ian only floated in the air without a change of expression.?The devil thrust his hand, trying to pierce the skull of Ian. "Die!"

A translucent golden barrier suddenly appeared, protecting Ian from the devil. The two people on his back stepped forward, standing tall on top of Ian's head.

A voice resounded through the battlefield, surprising anyone because it was a young man's voice. "To think they send a Martial Master this early... I am impressed."

"A Martial Master? How can you know that term?" The devil widened his eyes. No one in this world should know about the Martial Master, but to think a man knowing them presented himself before him. This man must be extraordinary, he thought.

"You don't need to know that. I only want to know what thing the devils want to get from this world..." Alex looked down without a change of expression.

"Hmph. You are not qualified to know." The devil snorted, sensing no Spiritual Energy from Alex. After that, he summoned a black flame from his fist and punched the air, channeling the fire toward Alex.

"Watch out!" The war veteran shouted.

Alex raised his hand, coated his hand with his intent, and waved it down.

In an instant, the black flame split into two, and the shock wave took the devil's right arm.

"Argh! What is that?!" The devil clutched his bloodied arm and looked at Alex. His confidence suddenly disappeared because of the previous attack. 'There is a human this strong? I need to inform you of this.'

"!!!" Alex saw the devil turning around, so he immediately leaped and appeared before him, kicking him toward the ground.

Bam!

Without anyone realizing it, the devil already crashed to the ground, creating a huge crater. The soldiers and the devils were shocked, and the battlefield fell silent for a minute.

Alex walked toward the devil and looked down, asking, "What is your target of this world?"

"Who are you?!" The devil gritted his teeth, looking at Alex hatefully.

"I suggest you tell me everything I want to know unless you are ready to get destroyed, including your soul." Alex narrowed his eyes, demanding the answer from his tone alone.

"You won't get anything from me!"

Alex twitched his eyebrows and stomped his right foot, crushing it until it looked like paper.

"Argh!" The devil screamed in pain, looking at Alex with fear.

"Say it now." Alex squinted his eyes before using his fire to burn his hand.

"Ah!"

"Argh, stop!"

"Please stop."

The devil's voice kept echoing on the battlefield as he was tortured by Alex.

"I will talk... I will talk... Just please let me die." The devil couldn't contain it anymore. Alex kept healing him with his pills every time he wanted to die only to torture him again.

"Talk!" Alex said coldly, waiting for two seconds but heard no answer. He burned his foot again.

"Argh! I will talk! It's a black flower and white tree. I don't know anything else other than that."

Alex didn't believe the devil and tortured him a few more times, and the answer didn't change. Alex then decided to kill him.

Seeing it had ended, Ian and Mithra finally joined him.

At the same time, a few important looking soldiers, including the veteran from earlier, walked toward him.

Alex glanced at them and asked, "What do you want? And where is your leader... What I want is a Dragon Leader."

"Wha-what do you want?" The soldiers became wary against him. If they gave away the position, it would be disastrous if a person as strong as Alex came there.

However, three giant dragons flew in the sky, approaching the battlefield.

Roar Roar! It roared as if it was trying to search the opponent that trashed the dragon earlier, only to find Alex controlling the energy to gain their attention.

Ian flew to the sky to confront the dragon and cried, telling them to cease their action. The dragons were surprised to see the rumored Blue Phoenix with their own eyes and decided to talk with him.

The talk lasted for three minutes before Ian returned to Alex's side, telling him those dragons wanted to meet him, especially talking about the cooperation in the past. They wanted him to visit their king, but the condition was a bit unstable due to the incoming devils, so they were going to eliminate them first before escorting them.

"I see. Thank you." Alex nodded and smiled. "That is easy then."

"Sir Alex?"

"Sorry, Mithra. You won't have the chance in this." Alex walked toward her before disappearing. The next instant, blood spurt from all directions like a fountain, raining the ground. Even without his Divine Energy and Divine Soul, Alex could still handle this much without a problem since his opponents were still Foundation Rank, not even a Martial Master.

It shocked the entire battlefield once again, thinking if God actually descended and helped them.

Before anyone realized it, Alex already took Mithra and hopped on lan's back, asking him to fly toward the dragons.

lan nodded and flew to the sky before asking them to escort them.

The dragons sweatdropped and nodded repeatedly. They wondered whether it was right or not to invite such an existence to their home.

However, it would be better to escort them rather than having him search for it. Nothing good would come in the latter case because Alex might kill a few dragons just to get the position, and this would only lead to a grudge between Alex and the dragon race. The result? Dragon race's complete annihilation.

They flew for a few minutes before finding a huge cliff, stretching for almost a kilometer. Alex could see a waterfall one hundred meters in height alone, but he certainly didn't miss the hole behind the waterfall.

"I see. An old trick." Alex muttered to himself.

The group flew past the hole and arrived in a different world. It looked like a different world because the previous green scenery turned into barren land. A few dragons flying around the sky made it look scary for a normal human.

"Sir Alex..." Mithra glanced at him.

"Don't worry. I won't do anything." Alex smiled before he recalled what he saw around the gate. "The portal looks like a blackhole... I can't see anything past it, so it's completely unknown what kind of scenery I will get the moment I get there.

"At the same time, I believe it contains a Divine Rank Teleportation Array to connect the two worlds... Not necessarily Teleportation Array, but something similar to it. Still, the only way to close the portal is to break it with strength or disassemble the array one by one. Well, there is the third option in which the Devil World stops their invasion, but I think that won't happen unless they have succeeded in their objective.

"Disassembling will take too much time, so I think I need to release all my power to destroy the portal. It will be a single attack, so the world won't try to force me out. After that, I will use that portal to sneak inside the Devil World." Alex let out a long sigh.

"Sir Alexander..." Mithra tugged his hands because he seemed to be in deep thought. She wanted to tell him they had arrived, but in the end, she could only point her finger.

Alex's vision followed the direction and found a giant white platform that seemed to be filled with Spiritual Energy. There was a silver dragon resting on it but soon opened its eyes after noticing the incoming three dragons that he sent earlier. At the same time, he found Ian along with Alex and Mithra on his back.

He gradually rose on his four feet, looking at Ian with a solemn expression.

"So, this is the dragon king..." Mithra exclaimed in amazement.

Chapter 847 - Negotiating

"Your first time seeing a dragon?" Alex asked.

"Uhm." Mithra nodded, trying to contain her excitement. She couldn't embarrass Alex while they visited this place.

One of the three dragons that escorted them sped up. He seemed to inform their king about the situation on the battlefield and Alex's strength.

A shocked expression appeared on the dragon's king face as he took a glance at Ian, specifically the one on his back.

There seemed to be a string of energy coming toward his head, and Alex checked it was a kind of Spiritual Energy that he needed to do a thought transmission, so he accepted the energy.

'Welcome, Human.'

'Ho? You can speak in our language?' Alex furrowed his eyebrows. This matter piqued his interest because it was not easy to see a dragon have this ability before even reaching Martial Master. Even Sherry could only talk after reaching Martial Lord.

'I have accompanied the first hero in this world back in the day and learned human's language. It's just I can't really speak with my mouth because you will only hear my roar from it. Luckily, I have the ability to send telepathy to another person. We can talk.'

'Since that is the case, it will be easier.' Alex nodded. 'You know my purpose here?'

'I have heard from my assistant earlier. You want to go to the Immortal Cave?" The dragon asked, watching how Ian descended on the ground. Alex leaped to the front of him.

'Yes.' Alex looked at the dragon with a serious expression.

'As much as I want to guide you to the location, my hand is tied with the devil invasion. The scale is already too big to the point it has threatened the whole world. I need to protect my entire race and save the world while I am at it.'

'But why me? The human just summoned the hero, you know.' Alex shrugged.

'I have heard about that. And that's why we are cooperating with the humans to stop the invasion. However, the hero coming here is still too weak. A weak hero is useless because he might die in the process. Besides, it will take time to cultivate a powerful hero to fight against those devils.'

'So, you are choosing me?'

'Yes. Your power is far stronger than mine... According to what I have heard from my subordinate. And looking at you right now reminds me of the time I faced death. I have accompanied the hero in the past to save the world, so my instinct has been honed to that degree. Rather than depending on the hero that might have died in the process of growing up, I choose to abandon all thoughts and ask you. You have slaughtered all those devils in an instant, so I know your power is extraordinary.'

'You want me to slaughter those devils for you, including the ones on the other side?'

'No. I would like to ask you to stop the invasion and close the portal. If it's not possible, it's fine just to push them back and ensure they are not coming back to this world.' The dragon shook his head.

The others were staring intensely, wondering what kind of conversation they have right now.

'This place is my ancestral land. It can be considered a sacred place. Unfortunately, because of the invasion, we can only escape to this place, breaking the taboo. If you can complete this task, I shall guide you to that place.'

'As much as I want to reject you and torture you to get the information, I will play along with your plan. Besides, I think you need to know about this first. I will be living in this world only for three months. My purpose is to search for a Divine Item that the devils might want to possess. As long as I get it, I will be able to stop them.'

'So, you want to go to the Immortal Cave because there might be a connection with that?'

'Yes. After that, I will then close the gate.'

'Still, I can't trust you just yet. The fact that you know about this and your strength, I can't still fully trust you.'

'It's simple. If you go to the human kingdom, they will know that I have come together with those heroes. In that case, I think I have cleared my name, right? We have two different worlds, and you should have the information about my world...'

'Yes. The previous hero said that your world doesn't have magic or anything similar. That's why it's impossible to have a power like people here. But if you are coming here, you should have no power.' The dragon king started to doubt him.

'I know your concern, but I am sure that the previous hero was a normal citizen. Do you think a commoner would understand the kingdom's secret?' Alex smirked.

The dragon fell silent. 'It is as you said, the hero said so. In that case, I shall gamble upon this chance. How do you want to settle this?'

'It's simple. You help me find the Immortal Cave first, and I shall close the portal three months later. I won't be going to many places because I need to train the two behind me for a while.'

The dragon thought for a moment. 'It's a bit risky on my side, but very well. I shall gamble this. I agree!'

'Good.' Alex nodded, satisfied.

The dragon seemed to not accept because of Alex's persuasion alone because Alex could see him glancing at Ian a few times. They were considered as the one and only and had been protected this whole time, for them to entrust Ian to him, Alex must be extraordinary and trustworthy.

'Haiz... Even with me helping him, the hero won't be able to defeat them. Luckily there is someone who is so powerful like this helping us. He is a double-edged sword, but it's better than nothing.' The dragon thought and sighed inwardly.

'When are you leaving?' Alex asked, not hearing the last thought of his.

'We can go anytime. In fact, the sooner the better.'

'Still, don't you think you are a bit too mean to the hero? You are supposed to help him in protecting this world, but you actually give the responsibility to someone else this early.'

'Haha... If he is a hero that will protect this world, he won't mind all of this because he will surely protect the weak. However, the world has summoned heroes a few times, and I have seen darkness coming from them. Jealousy, Envy, Greed, Lust, you name it. They are the victim of that, and it's the power of the dragon king that can stop those heroes from ruining the world.'

Alex nodded. At the same time, a ridiculous thought came into his mind. 'Sometimes, you can be regarded as a hero because you are strong to save the world. For example, killing the demon king that is said to be the strongest existence in the world.

'The masses might love the hero because a hero is a role model. However, the kingdom surely couldn't appreciate this. The moment the hero thinks it's time to destroy their kingdom, they will try thinking of a way to control that power if not eliminating him. Whether it's cowardice or just greed, it's indeed such a tragic story.

'I think those heroes that he is talking about are those who almost reach the pinnacle but drown in their power. They will do everything in their power to keep everything going according to their way, and it will be at that time the dragon king decides to stop them even if it means killing them. Only those who don't possess such a thing are able to live to see the peaceful world.'

Alex then turned to Ian and Mithra, asking, "We can go to that place anytime, when do you think the best time to go there?"

"Ga!"

"Tomorrow."

The two seemed to have the same answer. They must have realized that the sun is going to set soon, so it will be better to start the journey at dawn.

"You heard that." Alex glanced back at the dragon with a smile.

The dragon simply nodded before asking his subordinate to lead Alex to a guest room.

He guided them to a treehouse. The size was enormous. It seemed the place itself was for the living dragon, so everything was too big for them. However, Alex didn't really mind because this was a fresh experience.

After that, the dragon left them alone, wanting to ask his king about the details.

Alex, on the other hand, looked at Mithra and Ian. "Mithra can start cultivating now. Because you have officially reached the Qi Gathering Stage, you should be cultivating right now. It won't take too long because I am helping you, but you need to focus. I will make sure to smack your head if you have a thought in your mind."

Mithra's face turned pale as she nodded repeatedly. Back when she was on Ian's back, Alex didn't stop in making her swing her swords. His request was to swing until she collapsed. Even with her hands bleeding all over, Alex still paid no attention and kept looking at the compass.

It was hell because of what happened to her, but she thought it was reasonable because no one had ever reached Rank 4 Foundation Stage within two weeks.

At the same time, Ian's body slowly recovered as the two elements began harmonizing with each other. It was a blessing to him because the pain decreased so quickly. It was still a bit painful if Alex didn't help him suppress the two elements, but he believed he could fly in the sky with this pain.

Alex continued the training until the sun was finally up. He came out of the house as soon as the dragon king came to the house.

'Good morning. I hope you enjoyed your stay here.'

'Yes. I pretty much like it.' Alex nodded. 'In any case, let's go right now. We don't want to delay any longer, right?'

'If I may ask, will you stay in this place after going to the Immortal Cave?'

'You want me to stop them if necessary?' Alex narrowed his eyes. He killed a Martial Master yesterday while the dragon king itself was only a rank 9 Foundation Stage. If the devil didn't come back, I believe they will send more Martial Masters to this world. That won't be a problem, but this world has no means of dealing with those people.

'That's why they want to kill those invaders to show them who's the boss. At the same time, He wished to get the information coming from them because the Divine Item is certainly not one in this world.' Alex smiled. 'That is the reason I chose today.'

"Mithra, Ian, come out right now. We are going to set off in a few minutes." Alex shouted to the two. "Let's go, shall we?"

The dragon nodded and spread its wing. *Roar!*

Chapter 848 - Possibilities

There wasn't a single dragon coming with them except the dragon king. It seemed they trusted their king that much, Alex thought.

He, on the other hand, hopped on lan's back as if he couldn't fly.

The dragon king didn't care about that much because Alex's movement was far faster than everyone could think. After all, even when he was prepared for it, he didn't realize before Alex suddenly appeared in front of him from lan's back.

His speed alone might be far faster than Ian's flying speed. Even if he needed to pass some obstacles, he would arrive first.

Mithra kept glancing at the dragon king, curious about what made the dragon different from the rest. Although she could somehow understand he was stronger than anyone else, she just couldn't think that was all.

Alex, on the other hand, tried to sort his memory again.

A black flower and a white tree. The devils aimed for these two Divine Items, making him wonder what kind of items they were.

"There are a few items that hit the list from vague information like that..." Alex twitched his eyebrows, wondering if he missed something. "Even though they are called the devils, many of them still have Fire Element or Light Element, so it's impossible to track down what they want.

"But if I only consider those who have the advantage to cultivation, I can narrow them to four items. The first is a Divine Light Tree. Just like its name, the tree is releasing white light. The body of the three can be used as a handle of a weapon because it's durable. The leaves are quite useful, which could grant one's boundless strength, but if one drinks the boiled water with the Divine Tree's root inside it, they will gain enormous energy.

"Their efficacy might not be comparable to that of the Sun Moon Tree, but it should be able to give twothird of what the Sun Fruit and Moon Fruit could give. I wonder if I should drink this, so I can get stronger as soon as possible.

"The second possibility is White Ash Tree. Unlike the previous one, this tree is very advantageous to Fire Element users. The tree can produce a huge amount of White Ash when fully grown. And I should be able to reach rank 9 God immediately if I eat the pill with that White Ash as an ingredient.

"I currently have no power to create this pill, and I think I shouldn't worry that much because either way, the tree needs to grow first to produce that. A tree like this should be hidden because it will be in the eyes of God Rank Expert with Fire Element.

"Anyway, the white tree should be either of those two. As for the Black Flower, it's either Heaven Night Flower. It's a very poisonous flower, but it can be considered a Divine Medicine because if one can withstand the poisonous attribute, they can withstand any type of poison. Well, I don't need this because of my Pure Fire, but that doesn't mean the others not.

"The last thing in my mind is the Void Flower. The flower can create a small void inside one's body, giving them another reserve. In other words, I can use Hell Inferno with all my full power twice if I consume this flower. Anyone can see how powerful this flower is and it's no doubt become one of the peak Divine Grade Items." Alex narrowed his eyes.

Out of these four, he really wanted this flower because it would help him, especially fighting a stronger opponent.

Alex finished coming up with the possibility and finally checked his system. He didn't need to worry about the reward of becoming a God because he already witnessed the aura covering people' bodies. The only thing he had yet to test was the Divine Gacha System.

As for that, he decided to stay away from it first and focused on his spirits.

Taking out Anna's card, Alex was perplexed.

[Anna (Dark)

Level: 80/80 (10-Star Martial Saint Stage)

Exp: -/-

Description: Please go to somewhere that allows a God Rank Expert to be born.]

"System, will they stay like this until I go to the Devil World?"

[Yes.]

"..." Alex sighed. "Will they get a new feature or something?"

[Yes. Unlike the previous leveling style, they will be absorbing the energy instead. Still, it will be much faster progress because they are simply gaining the strength they used to have.]

"Can you tell me what rank they were before sealing that power to help me?"

The system stayed silent for a minute before saying.

[I will only give the hints for three people. Which one do you want to know?]

Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "Never mind. I will ask them together because I don't want to show favoritism."

[Fine.]

As he was disappointed by the result, Alex continued the journey, flying for a few days before the dragon opened his mouth.

'We are going to enter an endless desert. The Immortal Cave is buried there.'

Alex looked at him and asked, 'Do you have any information about the Immortal Cave?'

'I don't really know much because this is far more ancient... If I am not wrong, this was coming from three thousand years ago. There was a strong person that had powerful strength. It was said that this person could split the sea and cleave a mountain. There is no such thing even if you tour around the world though.

'So, I don't know if this is true or not. In any case, the strange person died without any offspring. It seemed it was the price he needed to pay for his strength.'

Alex thought for a moment. The description was like the Divine Light Tree, but he remembered that the White Ash Tree shouldn't bloom yet where the leaves turned into ashes because of the lack of Divine Energy. Hence, there was still no telling which tree this was.

'How do we enter the cave if it's buried under the sand?' Alex asked. Although he could just smash it, he didn't want to use such brute force.

'Digging is the only way because it was built to bury that tree so no one can grab it. As you might already know, such a thing can bring destruction everywhere because it will surely incite the greed of every living creature in this world.'

'That means you too?'

'Yes. But I know my place, I am not strong enough to snatch it from you, so I won't do that. Although I say I want it, I just want to use that strength to push the enemies back to the other side. After that, even if I need to die, I will be satisfied.'

Alex didn't care about his resolve or everything because they might change after he experienced that power for a long time. In the meantime, he decided to rack his brain to see what kind of thing he could use to dig the sand.

Soon they reached the desert, but as he expected, the extreme cold brushed everyone's skin. The dragon had a thick scale, so it didn't feel anything. The same applied to Ian because a part of his element was an ice element.

But Mithra was different. She felt cold, especially when moving at this speed. Alex found this, summoned a barrier and used his Pure Fire to increase the temperature while using his Spirit Eyes to scan the area alone.

There were many creatures living beneath the sand, but he realized it wasn't a problem because they were far weaker than those devils. In fact, Mithra alone might be able to win against them.

The group continued flying toward the northeast before Alex picked up a sign of energy on the horizon.

"That is..."

'Yes. I think you have seen it, but not far from here is where the Immortal Cave is.' The dragon nodded as he sweatdropped. Although he talked like he expected Alex to see that, he couldn't believe that it only took him a glance to recognize the place. This was beyond his understanding.

Alex didn't care and took another look at it. The Spiritual Energy coming from it had a trace of Divine Energy. However, the world didn't recognize it as one because of its size.

'It seems there is one of the things I need to find inside the Immortal Cave.' Alex nodded with a solemn expression.

'In that case, I shall help you dig the entire hole. It will take only half a day, I guess.' The dragon offered his help, but Alex only waved his hand, telling him it was fine.

'I can dig by myself, and I believe it will be far faster to do it that way,' said Alex confidently.

'I understand. If you still need my help, please don't hesitate to ask.'

"Ian, Mithra, I am going first." Alex then rose from his position and flew faster than the two of them, reaching right above the Immortal Cave faster than anyone else.

He pointed his finger and created a Spatial Gate, slowly moving it toward the ground. And as he had expected earlier, the gate swallowed every single grain of sand at a fast rate. Alex only needed to control the Spiritual Energy around to hold the sand from collapsing on him.

This might also be the plan of the one burying this treasure in the past. With this type of sand, they would fall to the hole if there was no supporting building toward holding them. This would make the treasure harder to get.

Unfortunately, this was but a simple matter to Alex. The Spatial Gate was far too useful for this as he had already created a deep hole before the two arrived.

It continued for a few more seconds until Alex stopped right before he swallowed the Immortal Cave itself. There was a huge sandstone that acted as a gate. He could see a pattern of an array that was acting like a token. This was a simple array because it only needed specific blood to open this.

At the same time, the array couldn't increase the hardness of the sandstone, so unless the person built this with weak material, they simply needed to destroy it.

According to his Spirit Eyes, the plant was under this gate. If he smashed this gate, the rubbles might damage the tree. Even though it was a Divine Rank Tree, it didn't have enough supply of Divine Energy, so it was at its weakest state.

Alex thought for a moment before flying back to the surface where he and Ian exchanged looks.

"It's your turn, come here." Alex waved his hand.

lan nodded and slowly moved toward him, peeking inside the hole.

Mithra and the dragon king did the same and never expected it was this easy to find it... Albeit, unbeknownst to them, the common sense in their mind had been shattered by Alex this whole time.

Alex paid no attention to that because Mithra should become the strongest person in the world that could do anything she wanted, so he only focused on lan.

"Can you see it, Ian?" Alex pointed his finger toward the circle in the middle of that sandstone. "You can drop your blood there, and everything will open."

"Ga Wu!" Ian flapped his wing, flying to the center of the hole. He looked at his wing for a second and bit it until a single golden drop of blood fell down right inside the circle.

As soon as it touched the circle, it immediately recognized its blood and started a mechanism for this cave.

Rumble Rumble!

Alex decided to go down and brought Mithra with him. He wanted to bring the other two as well, but they were too big for this, so he decided to ask them to stay.

The rumbling sound kept echoing through the hole as the gate was slowly opened, revealing the golden floor. The room itself was just a simple small room without any tunnel leading to anywhere.

He then finally moved his vision to the white tree before him.

"This is..."

Chapter 849 - Returning

"This is..." Alex narrowed his eyes in front of this white tree. The log was pure white as if there was no other color mixed in it. The leaves were slightly grey, and with this, Alex finally found the difference between the White Ash Tree and Divine Light Tree. "This is White Ash Tree. Did the person who ate this had Fire Element?"

The shout echoed across the hole, coming into the dragon's ears. "Ye-yes. However, due to his strength, he abandoned his element."

"Now I see." Alex nodded. "It's already incredible to not die after consuming this tree. Of course, the ones that can be consumed are those leaves. However, a Divine Tree like this is far more powerful even though it's in this state. As a result, he lost his ability to produce an heir."

[Host, you can store this tree inside the Inventory, and I will plant the tree in Eulja. I should be able to grow it to its peak sooner or later.]

"Fair enough." Alex nodded and placed his hand on the tree before it disappeared.

"Eh?!" Mithra dropped her jaw when she saw the tree disappear. "Sir Alex?"

"Don't worry. It was me. In any case, as long as I can get the other item, the Devil World will target me instead of this world. At that time, I can destroy the portal." Alex nodded.

"In that case, I shall accompany you to the next place." Mithra raised her hand.

"The problem is where..." Alex let out a long sigh. "After listening to all your legends, I can't pinpoint any location of the second item."

Mithra looked down. She hadn't thought about it because of the previous excitement, and it made her feel sad.

"Anyway, let's go first." Alex patted her head and leaped to the surface before releasing all that sand he excavated a few minutes ago.

"With this, my job has finished." The dragon king looked at Alex for a minute without saying anything.

"I know. I will surely close that portal after three months." Alex sighed. "Anyway, I need to search for another thing. I have two suspects currently, so I will just explain it to you. If you have heard something like this, please tell me."

The three nodded their heads in unison. This was the last piece he needed to save the world, so there was no way they would miss even a single word.

"The first is Heaven Night Flower. This flower can only bloom at night and release a mighty poison miasma around it. The surroundings will be pitch black because of the miasma, and all lives are taken away due to the poison.

"The second suspect is Void Flower. This flower has the ability to cause a Space Disturbance... Well, it's hard to say, but it can assimilate the Day and Night. To put it in a simple word, the flower is sucking energy from its surroundings to stay alive during the day while releasing the purified and stronger energy during the night.

"Have any of you heard about these two phenomena?" Alex asked.

The three closed their eyes, trying to recall everything. Ian shook his head, followed by the dragon king. Alex had become disappointed with the result, but Mithra suddenly raised her hand.

"Eh?!" Alex widened his eyes.

"Why are you looking at me as if you think I won't have any answer..." Mithra pouted.

Alex smiled embarrassedly and patted her head. "Sorry, sorry. What do you know about these two?"

"I am not really sure, but back when I served the royal family, I heard a strange rumor around the castle." Mithra paused for a moment and gulped down. "They said there is a flower that turns someone into a skeleton and blooms even brighter during the night. Because of the danger, the flower was thrown away..."

"Royal Family?" Alex twitched his eyebrows. He didn't really want to have any business with them, but it seemed he needed to because the way she described it perfectly fit the description of Void Flower. This was the top of his list, so he needed to negotiate with the royal family. At the very least, he needed to know where they threw away the flower. "Such a flower is hard to be destroyed, so I think there is a chance of it having survived after getting thrown away."

'You are going there?' The dragon king asked.

'Yes. I am not a bloodthirsty person. I won't torture an innocent for information, and I mostly do trade just like how I deal with you." Alex explained, while shrugging. "By the way, the devil back then was an enemy, so I tortured him."

The dragon king closed his eyes. He had seen how Alex did the whole thing and realized he still upheld his principle. In that case, he decided. "How about this... I can bring you to that kingdom of yours. There are three kingdoms, but the only one summoning a hero should be that kingdom, right? If I am there, I should be able to easily persuade them."

"Is that so?" Alex squinted his eyes, feeling a bit reluctant to get a favor from someone.

"Don't worry. You have helped enough, so let me help you a bit." The dragon king smiled. He liked Alex's personality, ruthless to the enemy and warm to friends.

"If that were the case, then I don't have any reason to reject it." Alex nodded. "If needed, I can give them something as a payment anyway."

"Sure. I think it's better to go now." The dragon king suggested. "Since we need one week to arrive there."

"Indeed. Let's go then." Alex nodded. Considering everything, they needed more than a month to travel around the world, making Alex a bit frustrated. He wondered if he should just use his Teleportation Array, but he decided not to.

lan could train harmonizing faster if he was distracted like flying. He needed to concentrate on two things at the same time. This was the training course Alex prepared for him.

The same applied to Mithra. She ran around Ian's body while swinging her sword according to Alex's instruction. Although it was still a rough diamond, Mithra was really talented.

If not, she wouldn't be able to reach Sword King and tried to follow Maxwell in the past. In fact, if she didn't get the cube that turned out to be her downfall, she might be able to reach a far higher level.

The journey went smoothly because they flew around the cities to avoid problems and finally reached the kingdom within seven days.

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Just like before, the city was thrown into chaos the moment he appeared... Or at least, those who were in the city wall because they had the front view.

"Emergency!" The soldier pushed open the door and rushed in like a week ago where the king had a meeting with his ministers. However, there was no hero this time because they were training in the field nearby.

"What happened? Did the hero party encounter some problems?" The king rose and asked with a firm tone.

"No-no. I have heard they are coming back here safe and sound."

"Then what is the emergency? Are you joking with me? Know your position!"

"No. There is a huge problem outside the city." The soldier shook his head.

"Explain!"

"Why can't you say that the person his majesty talked about returned to this place?" A voice suddenly resounded from outside the room before the hero made his appearance, entering the room with hatred all over his face.

The soldier could only look down and gritted his teeth.

"We have returned to the palace because we have heard the fifth person making a ruckus outside the city." One of the females snorted.

"What is happening here?" The king narrowed his eyes and stared at the soldier.

However, the soldier couldn't answer because the hero already ran his mouth. "He is returning because he can't handle the pressure outside."

'Just stop insulting that person.' The soldier wanted to beat this hero very much because he kept spouting nonsense even though he didn't understand the whole situation.

"In that case, let's greet him here. We should be able to reach a compromise. Call him here!" The king immediately ordered the soldier.

"But Your Majesty..."

"Just shut up and call him here!"

The soldier didn't know what to do anymore and decided to follow the order while thinking, 'Ah, I am going to die today.'

The king gained his confidence again before a loud roar shook the entire capital. It was loud and clear for everyone to know whose roar was that. There was only a single creature that was capable of doing that, and they were dragons.

'What is this? Why is there a dragon? Did that person return with a dragon this time?' Doubts emerged almost immediately in the king's heart. 'But the dragon is fighting those devils in the Dragon Valley, and they are not really on friendly terms with the Phoenix. How can they come here with this timing? Is there any loose dragon around?'

The king suddenly realized why the soldier wanted to stop him earlier as his face turned pale.

He rose from his seat and ran to the balcony, finding two huge creatures hovering in the sky. They didn't fly too high, so the hero must haven't seen this with his own eyes. That was where he got his arrogance. And yet, to think for such a stupid reason he managed to make him a bit arrogant, he instantly regretted.

Without wasting a single second, the king put down his red robe and any other things that hindered his movement and leaped off his balcony. He jumped from one rooftop to another, trying to go to the city wall as quickly as possible.

When he reached the wall, he was stupefied by the sight of a dragon and a phoenix flying side by side, looking very annoyed. Alex was sitting on top of Ian's back since he was in the middle of tutoring Mithra.

It was at this moment he knew he fuck*d up.

And when he found the dragon, he seemed to recognize him, especially the pattern and the color of his scales.

Alex glanced at the king with a cold gaze before letting the dragon king do whatever he needed to do.

'O' human king, I have seen you in the past and to think you have become so arrogant to not meet this king...' The tone was full of anger as if he wanted to destroy this capital city himself. 'I have brought you a distinguished guest that can save this world, and you make him wait because of the stupidity of yours.

'Should I raze this kingdom to the ground before you realize this? Your kingdom might be strong, but if you think you can stop my Dragon Valley and the Phoenixes, you can try.'

The king didn't move nor speak as if his soul flew out of his body, but he finally opened his mouth after a minute.

"I... I AM SORRY!"

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"I AM SORRY!!!"

The scream echoed almost to all ears in his surroundings. People had been shocked by the appearance of these two creatures slightly turning their heads, only to find their king bowing his head while apologizing.

They didn't know whether to be shocked once more or thought this was a dream.

Unfortunately, the dragon king seemed to be not satisfied with this and narrowed his eyes.

'There is something I want to say about this, but I won't prolong this talk because we have many things to do. I want to ask you where you threw away that dangerous flower?'

'Eh?' The king opened his mouth in surprise. He tilted his head in confusion, not knowing why the dragon king wanted that dangerous flower that could kill a powerful being. 'Are you going to use the flower for the war?'

'Yes.' The dragon king didn't lie. It was indeed to fight the devils, but he needed to give it to Alex, so the latter could help them in a war. 'So, where is it?'

The king turned paler as he stumbled and fell on his butt. 'I... I...'

'I what? I don't need your excuse. What I want is an answer!' The dragon king roared again.

'I threw it to the sea that can't be mixed.'

'What?!'

'The nearby field couldn't hold that flower anymore because it kept killing people coming around that area. Because of that, I decided to throw it into that sea.'

The dragon king closed his eyes and informed Alex about what was going on.

'That's the case.'

'Ask him when he threw it.'

The dragon nodded and asked.

'It was a few weeks ago,' The king replied.

Alex thought for a moment. 'The flower itself shouldn't be possible to be extinguished by a mortal body. There is a possibility that a fish eating this flower will end up dying, but it's going somewhere. I think we should go to the sea and search around an area where we can find many dead fishes.'

'I understand. Luckily, it was only a few weeks ago. If it were a year ago or more, the area would become too unpredictable.'

'Yes. I will—' Before Alex finished his words, a loud voice echoed in his left ear. "Haha... Here you are!"

Alex turned left and found the hero along with his companions. Liliana was hugging her own body and couldn't look straight as if she didn't know how to face Alex. It seemed she had tried to stop the hero from going here, albeit another failure.

"Don't think you can run now. I might not be able to compete with you back then, but I can reach rank 1 within two weeks. I am a genius!" The hero made a smug smile.

"Annoying." Alex clicked his tongue and called Mithra. "Kick his ass for me!"

"I understand." Mithra nodded and leaped to the city wall, glaring at the hero with a cold gaze.

'Are you trying to make a problem for me?' The king gritted his teeth and shouted. "Stop at this instant! You Bastard Hero! Can't you even see what is going around you?"

"What?!" The hero twitched his eyebrows as he glared at the king. "You have summoned me to this world, begging me to save your world. And this is how you treated me?!"

Alex facepalmed, losing hope in the so-called hero.

"Just shut up a little bit!" Mithra leaped toward him, trying to punch this hero in the face.

"You were a little maid not long ago, and you are this arrogant now? I will teach you what it means to have strength!" The hero shouted and drew his sword, slashing it downward to make her step back.

Mithra moved acrobatically, adjusting her hand to not hit by the sword. At the same time, her right foot had struck the hero's left foot.

"Kh!" Pain spread around his ankle as his body shifted to the right because of the pain. The hero gritted his teeth, trying to hit the girl, but before he knew it, her foot was already right in front of his face, sending him flying with a single kick.

The hero flew, rolled on the ground, and stopped fifty meters from them.

"Oi, girl. Why are you using your kick? Are you trying to charm people with your underwear?" Alex shouted.

"But you said I shouldn't be ashamed when people see that? Because an assassin might come when I am bathing... I can't certainly be embarrassed and tell them to go away, right?" Mithra answered innocently.

"That's what I said, but I also taught you Swordsmanship for you to be more elegant! Or at least you should wear pants!"

"But they are too restrictive."

"There is a short pants, you little kid!"

"Uh... I will try it later." Mithra looked down, feeling down. "Maybe when I can finally buy clothes... Sir has trained me until I collapse, so I don't have any time to buy clothes..."

"Anyway, just make sure you don't make the same mistake after this." Alex scratched his head.

"But Sir... I won't have my sword when I take a bath, right? The assassin will kill me, and I can't use my sword, what should I do? They will see me naked..."

"Are you seriously asking that? Since they have seen you and want to kill you... You can torture them to get information before killing them." Alex answered with a serious tone.

"Then, this hero guy has seen my panty, but because he has no plan in killing me, I shall only torture him to get information as to why he wants to pick a fight with you, Sir." Mithra's expression turned dark as she let out a hollow laugh. "First, I need to make him unable to see anymore... Then, I need to cut his legs so he can't escape... And..."

"Wait, what?! Stop!" Alex facepalmed. After training her for the past few weeks, he never saw this side of her. In fact, it never came to his mind. Yandere... A scary curse that made him speechless. If she met Jeanne, the situation might be catastrophic. He still remembered when Jeanne told him that she cut people's dick and shoved them into their own mouth while killing them. If Mithra had the same character as Jeanne, it would be bad for this world. "If you are going to go that way, I will stop teaching you!"

"Ah!" Jea—Ahem, Mithra corrected her posture and expression before bowing her head to Alex. "I am sorry, Sir. I got carried away."

Alex let out a sigh of relief.

"After all, if Mother were more proactive toward Father and kept him from going, she wouldn't lose him, and I would still have a father. And she wouldn't fall sick and so on..." Mithra's expression turned dark again as if that incident broke something in her heart.

"..." Alex was speechless. She had told him about this, but her expression was calm back then. It took him a minute before he realized everything. She had been restraining herself this whole time. And that calm was the calm before the storm, not the calm on a sunny day.

He might be able to control the battlefield with his mind, but his eyes couldn't see through the emotion in that poker face. Even back in the upper world, he couldn't really read their emotions when they put a poker face. If he didn't have the information network from the N squad, he might have overthought many times.

In Mithra's case, he could only shake his head and waved his hand, controlling the Spiritual Energy to pull her back to his side. He patted his head and smiled. "It's fine to let go of your emotion from time to time, but don't go overboard, alright?"

Mithra's expression turned normal as if nothing happened. She looked at Alex and nodded. "I understand."

Alex sighed, wondering if the previous Mithra actually had a yandere like personality. It would be scary to see it to be honest.

"In any case, I have gotten everything I need here," said Alex while glancing at the dragon king.

'I understand. Since this is the case, I will help you until you get both things you want if it means you can save this world.' The dragon king then glared at the king. 'I have seen everything about you... Although I am thankful for the soldiers you place on the frontline, it's still far from enough to handle those devils.

'If you think you are on top of the world, then you better head to the front line two months from now. You will be able to see what kind of existence you have offended.'

The dragon king let out a long sigh. The hero in the past hailed from this kingdom as well, but the king in charge back then was the current king's grandfather. He was wise and gentle, knowing when to embrace powerful people like a friend and when to point his sword.

And this made him even more disappointed than the current one.

The dragon king spared no more words and turned around, flying toward the so-called sea that can't be mixed. He had asked Alex to follow him because he knew the direction and a place where he might need to pass before throwing the flower to the sea.

Alex agreed and asked Ian to follow him.

Meanwhile, those in the city wall had complicated emotions. The two girls looked at the hero and shook their heads, never expecting that the person they looked up to was garbage.

The king could only look down because this one mistake made the relationship between his kingdom and the Dragon Valley turned awkward. He looked at the unconscious hero and wanted to throw him away from this city wall. But he also wondered whether the maid back then concealed her strength this whole time, or Alex just trained her into someone like that in this short time. Either way, he had almost lost everything, so he didn't have any plan to make something big.

On the other hand, Liliana put her hands on her chest, looking at Alex with longing. She had so many feelings mixed inside her heart. To think the person she talked to back then was a person that could threaten the entire kingdom just like this... It was just too insane.

She closed her eyes and decided to get stronger so she could return to Earth. At that time, she wanted to journey all over the world, trying to see whether the Earth had many mysterious secrets that could power up a normal person to one like Alex.

Alex and the others were already far away, but she suddenly saw Alex glancing back, followed by his sound ringing on her head.

'Good Luck and Take Care.'

She couldn't help but smile, remembering this word along with the one he said to her in the throne room. 'Kindness, huh...'

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After this journey, they flew toward the sea according to the dragon king's direction. There seemed to be a city around the sea whose sole purpose was to observe the sea and unravel its secret.

"Master... This is the first time I have seen something like this." Mithra pointed her finger to the ocean. The left side was a bit greenish-blue, while the other side was a deep blue. They were separated as if there was a thin wall that made them stop merging with each other.

'I have seen it on the internet, but I have never seen one with my own eyes. Still, to think I am finding the other world's version first instead of my own hometown, I don't know if I should laugh or cry.' Alex smiled and closed his eyes. "Don't be too excited with just this. If you have strength, you can go wherever you want to enjoy this kind of scenery. I have been visiting many places that can't be described with a simple word in my journey, so I believe you can do the same. Work hard."

"Yes. I will work hard." Mithra nodded furiously.

"Alright. Let's start by following this line." Alex commanded.