Gacha 851

Chapter 851 - The Flower

A few days earlier.

In the middle of a bustling city, a child carrying a basket full of flowers ran around the city, selling the flowers. The colors varied and even a black one was there.

"Anyone want to buy a flower for two copper coins?" The boy asked around, but not a single of them spared even a glance.

He was only a small boy, a bit younger than Mithra, but he was strong. No, he needed to be strong.

"Anyone, please buy a flower for two copper coins."

He continued running around, finding not a single person buying his flower. Dejected, he slowly walked his way toward his house, finding a middle-aged man sitting on the bed.

He put down the basket of flowers and fixed his white hair before putting on the biggest smile as if his sad look was a lie.

Cough Cough! The middle-aged man coughed up blood as he looked at the young boy who did everything he could during the day.

"Father, are you alright?" The little boy asked.

"I am sorry, Ellas. To think I would become the burden. Your mother has left us because I can't do anything now..." The man looked at him, disappointed in himself.

"I am fine. Ellas will continue working hard until Father recovers." The little boy smiled and pumped his fist. "I will try to work it out somehow. When Father has recovered, we will show mother that leaving you was the worst thing she could have ever done!"

The man smiled and patted his head, moved by the resilience shown by this boy.

The boy decided to go every single day, selling flowers.

Meanwhile, Alex didn't check the city when he came. In fact, he didn't even come close to the port or even took a look with his Spirit Eyes and headed toward the sea immediately.

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

Since the king said he threw it into the sea, there should be somewhere nearby because a Foundation Rank monster shouldn't be capable of living for too long after swallowing a Divine Item.

That was why he believed the flower was in the bottom of the ocean, and he needed to search the sign before diving.

"Sir Alex, we have found three fishes floating on the water surface near each other," Mithra informed him, who was sitting in a lotus pose and closing his eyes.

He gradually opened his eyes and rose, nodding to Mithra to thank her. Ian flew toward the spot before Alex jumped into the sea while activating his Spirit Eyes. He swam to the bottom of the ocean without any problem and looked around, finding nothing but pitiful monsters.

They tried to attack him, but he killed them in a single hit. Sighing, he swam to the surface and returned to lan's back, asking them to fly to another place.

Unfortunately, they didn't find the flower and the dragon king was on the verge of advising him that it was not here and asked him to give up, but Mithra suddenly opened her mouth. "Sir Alex, do you think the flower is actually in the town we saw yesterday?"

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and thought for a moment. "Although the weight of that flower is not that big, I think the flower will still sink to the bottom of the ocean, so I think it's not possible unless there is a third party. Whether it is intentional or unintentional... Unintentional?"

Alex seemed to have realized something and patted Mithra's head, telling her good job while asking Ian to go to the town. "I hope the flower is still there."

Meanwhile, behind the dock in the harbor, the young boy was staring at the flower that just blew him away.

"What just happened?" Ellas furrowed his eyebrows. "That black flower... I remember I got it floating around the sea, so I took it before Father got injured. What is happening right now?"

The flower before him was floating in the air, releasing some sort of charm as if asking him to come closer and touch him.

"Do you want me to touch you? Can I gain power if I touch you?" The boy muttered as he slowly stepped forward.

He stretched his hand with a bland face. It seemed his soul was already charmed by this flower.

When he was about to touch the flower, a hand suddenly grabbed his wrist, stopping him from touching the flower.

"Young Man... It's better for you to not go past this."

The young boy looked at the golden-haired man and snarled. "Shut up. I need power!"

"Why do you need power?" Alex asked. His calm voice tried to soothe the boy's heart.

"You don't know anything! Not a single thing. Do you know how harsh it is for my father to be betrayed by my mother as soon as he got injured?" The boy shouted and tried to push his hand to touch the flower, but Alex didn't budge even an inch. Instead, Alex slapped the flower away.

"What are you doing?!" The kid got even angrier, not realizing Alex just saved his life.

"Listen to me, Kid. I am here because you possess that dangerous flower. Since you are the one who found it, I will grant you one request. Whether you want to be rich or revenge, I shall grant it."

The boy's body shook as he heard Alex's words. He needed money the most because he wanted to take his father to a doctor. But words stuck in his mouth. Revenge flashed in his mind, but there seemed to

be something he actually wanted from the bottom of his heart. It was the most important thing he held dear, and it was...

"I just want my father to be healthy again," the kid answered from the bottom of his heart. His tears were swelling up in the corner of his eyes.

"Ellas!" Suddenly, a voice resounded in everyone's ears as they looked at the source, finding a middle-aged man approaching the boy before hugging him. "You silly boy!"

"You are..." Alex looked at the man. He had noticed his presence since long ago but didn't realize his identity until he recalled what the kid wished again.

He took another look at the man with his Spirit Eyes. There was black energy in the man's arm and leg, sucking his energy away to the point he was crippled. And yet, this man managed to drag his body to this place. It was quite a surprise.

"Are you his father?"

"Yes. Thank you for stopping my son, Sir." The father nodded.

"Still, your injuries are related to the flower, right?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

The father opened his mouth in surprise, but the one who was shocked the most was Ellas. "What?"

"Since the boy wishes to help you, I will restore your full health while taking the flower into my custody. What do you think?" Alex asked.

The man glanced at him and Ellas before nodding his head. "I understand."

"Father? Is what he said true? Was the flower the one injuring you this whole time? That means... I..." Ellas's face turned pale.

Just like Alex predicted earlier, the fisherman caught the fishes in the sea, and the flower was somehow stuck on the net before reaching the ocean floor.

At that time, the fisherman immediately threw it away because he thought it was a waste. It was on the shore, and the boy found it. Surprised by the weight of the flower, the boy brought it home and showed it to his mother and father.

And not long after that, his father turned into like this without apparent reason. His mother left their side a few days after because she couldn't stay with a disabled person because she had a long life to go, leaving only Ellas and his father in the house.

Ellas didn't know about this and tried to fix anything. Meanwhile, his father also had no reason for saying everything was his fault. After all, his love for his child was immeasurable.

"Looking at your muscle, I can see that you are a strong person.

The father only sighed after Alex found out. "Yes. When Ellas brought the flower home and presented it to me, I was happy. But one night, I found that Ellas acted crazy and saw the flower floating above him. I tried to save him and used my body in exchange... And this is the result."

Alex smiled and nodded. Even the dragon king and Ian slightly nodded their head, showing their respect to this man.

Ellas's tears flowed down, feeling all the guilt. "Father... I..."

"Silly kid. I only want you to smile forever... How can I bear to see you cry like this? Do you know that the happiest moment in my life is not when I became strong or married your mother, but when you were born into this world?" The guy smiled, weeping Ellas's tears.

Alex sighed and walked toward him. He gathered enough Spiritual Energy and channeled it inside his body, creating a torrential wave that ripped the sucking force from the flower. "The flower has stayed alive because it keeps sucking your blood. I am taking it out now, so you don't need to worry about it anymore."

The father felt the warmth of the Spiritual Energy as his power started recovering.

"Thank you, Sir. I think I have recovered my previous strength." The guy kneeled before him. "I don't know how to repay you for this. I was the mayor's guard captain but was kicked out after getting inflicted by this, and I have spent all my money. I really can't pay you for this."

"I have simply fulfilled the wish of the boy. Despite having the chance for riches and revenge, the boy loved you more than anything else. He is a good son."

"Yes, of course. I have never once felt disappointed in my son. He is my pride and joy." The man smiled as big as possible.

Alex waved his hand and grabbed the flower before taking another look with his Spirit Eyes to confirm everything. He found the Divine Energy in this and was satisfied with the result. He threw it inside his Inventory, asking the system to plant it somewhere else.

"Since I have fulfilled his wish, it's time for me to go." Alex raised the two kneeling men. "You are a good person, and I am sure that your son will have a bright future with you as his father. Hence, I will give you one last thing."

He put a pill inside the boy's mouth.

The boy didn't know what it was, but he felt he couldn't open his eyes. The pill was also trying to expel something from his body as the smelly odor started lingering around the area.

"That is..." Mithra stared at it with amazement. She had experienced it at one time. It was Alex's gift because she was able to train for seven days straight. She took the pill at the same time and expelled all the impurities in her body, becoming the most stinky girl alive at that time. That was where her teasing came from.

Still, the effect of that pill was extraordinary. His muddy skin got cleared a bit. Because he originally had tanned skin, it remained there, but it looked so smooth like chocolate—brown and sweet.

Mithra was wondering why Alex would give the pill to the boy as an extra reward because she realized that Alex was someone who only traded according to the deal.

'I have something to tell you later.' Alex sent a thought transmission to the girl before taking out a water gallon and pouring it to the boy to wash away those filths.

"This..." The father was amazed and had no words to express.

"Rich and revenge can be achieved if you have enough strength. However, you shall never go on the evil path, slaughtering innocent and feeling nothing. With a father like him, I believe you can reach a higher level, so I wish you luck on your journey." Alex said his last piece before flying to the sky again with his companions.

The father and the boy looked at him until they couldn't see him again before kneeling once again.

<u>Chapter 852 - Alex's True Strength</u>

"Sir Alex. Why did you give that pill to him?" Mithra asked. "I don't mean to be rude, but from what I have seen, you are someone who makes trade and follows it thoroughly."

"I said it earlier. It was just a bonus to him. I am fond of a relationship like that, and in fact, you should try to befriend people like that because they are most unlikely to betray you. Of course, there is a chance they prioritize their family to the point of betraying you, but I don't think the case is that common." Alex nodded. This was what he wanted to say earlier.

"So, I should befriend him after this training?"

"It's up to you. I only said it was his type that valued his family and friend that you should befriend, so whether you want to be his friend or not, it's entirely up to you." Alex shrugged.

"I understand. I shall keep your word in my mind." Mithra nodded with a solemn expression. "By the way, since we have gotten the two items, what are you going to do?"

"Training you and Ian of course. I still have around one and a half months before the promised day, so it's better to step up my game." Alex shrugged.

"I will keep up with you." Mithra pumped her fist.

"Yeah. I will make you Qi Manipulation Stage within the time. After that, it will be our farewell."

Mithra suddenly fell silent, feeling a bit sad. Although it was only a brief moment, the journey felt like it had been going for several years. Because Alex was rushing many things, they had gone to many places and created many memories, so hearing the word goodbye was a bit sad.

"Sir Alex, can I ask you one thing?"

"Sure."

"Does the portal lead to another world?" She tilted her head.

"Yes. I have traveled to many worlds... Let me see, I have visited five worlds, including my home world."

"Then is there any strong person like you?"

"Yeah. There are many, but because I have just gone through another level of cultivation, I haven't seen anyone with the same stage as mine... Well, it is considered as a high ranking person because only a handful of people can have this strength."

"That is so cool. Do you think I can go to another world as well? No, can I follow you?" Mithra asked. Her heart was excited with adventure, but Alex shook his head, turning her down.

"It's impossible. You have no strength to deal with what is coming. If I tell you that you are simply an ant that can be crushed with just a blow of wind, do you believe me?" Alex glanced at her.

"I believe you. Seeing Sir Alex's strength, I believe you can do that. I can still feel the boundless power inside you, and you are still holding back this whole time. One flick is enough for you to blow away my head." Michelle nodded.

"Well, there are many ways to go to another world. From what I know, there should be multiple portals to another world hidden in this world. They are just too hidden for anyone to know it, so if you want to go to another world, you need to find that portal." Alex smiled.

It took her an instant to decide this. "I am going. No matter what it takes, I will surely go."

"Then you should reach Martial Master before anything else. If you are not careful in another world, you will end up dying. And I won't be there helping you, so you should pay attention to your own situation." Alex patted her head.

lan and the dragon king fell silent when they heard about this and had their own thoughts. Alex paid no heed and patted her head, cheering her up.

"What do you want to do after this depends on you. I won't tell you what is bad and what is not." Alex smiled.

Mithra nodded her head. "I will train hard."

"Why don't you prove it to me now?" Alex grinned, teasing her.

However, Mithra didn't say anything and took out her sword, starting to do her daily practice.

'If I may ask, will there be a chance of other portals being opened from another side?'

Hearing the dragon king's question, he shook his head. 'I don't know. This one's a bit special because the devils know about those two items. As for the rest, I haven't met another portal in this world, so I can't examine it. And I don't have any plan in doing that.'

The dragon king could only shake his head in disappointment. Alex's strength was far too extraordinary for him to even think about it. Though, he didn't really want his power, but his cooperation in searching for another portal around the world. Albeit, he seemed to be not qualified to talk to him. It was a pure coincidence from Alex that everyone went away.

With that troublesome thought in mind, they had arrived in the Dragon Valley and went back to the guest house, training Mithra again.

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Three months had passed since the first time he came to this world, and it was the time he left this world to help Alicia.

He asked the others to get away from the portal because it would be very dangerous. And not a single soldier was near the portal. He had killed all those devils emerging from the portal anyway, so they had no problem in evacuating this area.

On the other hand, the dragon king, Ian, and Mithra were looking at him with a serious expression.

"It's a goodbye, everyone. Thank you for making this trip easier and fun." Alex glanced at Ian. "You have recovered from the so-called illness. In fact, your harmonized element is a powerful combination. As long as you train it, it can be your strongest strength, so just don't use it for bad things, alright?"

"Ga Wu!" Ian nodded repeatedly.

"Mithra... You have reached Qi Manipulation Strength. Since I have also given you a few pills to increase your strength even further, I think I can say you are one of the strongest people in this world. Maybe you want to try to beat the dragon king from time to time." Alex laughed.

The dragon king could only look down as he could really picture it happen.

Mithra looked down and curved her mouth. Tears almost fell out of the sockets of her eyes because of this separation.

"The beginning is the end, and the end is the beginning. Since it's ending right now, you should start a new beginning." Alex smiled and patted her head and asked Ian and Dragon King to fly away.

They seemed to go toward those many spectators on the horizon that decided to watch this phenomenon. The king who summoned him was also watching this with great interest. He even bought the prince, the hero, and his companions.

Alex closed his eyes for a second and used his Space Magic to open the gate that sealed all his cultivation. The moment the door was opened, the Divine Energy and Divine Soul immediately enveloped his full body.

It also increased the uneasiness inside his heart, but it was not comparable to the one he had a few months ago, baffling him. But he didn't have time to waste as he only had one chance to destroy this gate because the sky above him turned dark.

"Lightning Tribulation huh..." Alex narrowed his eyebrows. The world was trying to weaken him first before expelling him out, but Alex only coldly said, "Don't mess with me. I only need one strike, and I will leave this world. Besides, don't you feel pity that your world will be destroyed by those Devils?"

Rumble Rumble!

As if the world's will didn't hear it, the rumbling sound started echoing around the portal area.

"What is this? The world is mad at that person?" The king exclaimed in confusion.

Liliana put her hands on her chest, hoping for the best for Alex.

Alex looked up and roared. "Are you going to challenge me? Do you want me to destroy this world?"

The Pure Fire gushed out of his body, brightening the area. His Pure Fire burned the wood beneath him and turned them into charcoal. It might not reach the sky, but it stretched more than a few hundred meters.

Rumble!

The lightning tribulation seemed to be scared of him, especially after noticing his power. If Alex was a normal Rank 10 God, they might be able to expel him, but he had a Pure Fire in his possession. If he willed it, the world's will might also be extinguished by that flame.

Rumble!

The thunder echoed once more, but the sound was gentle as if it submitted to Alex.

"What?!" The dragon king dropped his jaw, never expecting to see this. He never saw Lightning Tribulation, but he knew it came from the world itself. And yet, Alex scared it. This... What kind of concept is this?"

lan and Mithra also watched this phenomenon without saying anything. Mithra was wondering what kind of existence Alex is, and she planned to unravel it by traveling between worlds. She swore it today.

Meanwhile, Alex kept his eyes peeled to make sure that the Lightning Tribulation didn't mess with this.

"Now that I think about it, I don't have a Divine Sword..." Alex scratched his head.

[You can use one in your Inventory. You have unlocked the Divine Gacha System, so no need to hesitate to use everything in it.]

The system notification was like thunder reverberating one's ear. It sent a shock down to his spine because he would never think it would be free.

He chose one sword that seemed to be able to replace his current sword.

He channeled his Divine Energy into the sword, trying to feel the sword. Then he inserted his Absolute Blade Intent and fused it with his Divine Energy. His Pure Fire and Space Element began to fuse as well, creating extreme torrential energy that could create a huge disaster.

Although he had yet to be able to condense his Absolute Blade Divine Intent, the power of this attack was already far too great. The last step he needed to do was to concentrate on maintaining this.

"Dragon Aura."

"Spirit Step."

The two increased his strength even further as Alex was ready. Unlike the huge Pure Fire that covered his body, the aura surrounding the sword was too small to be even compared with him, but no one knew that the hardest one was not to make a big one, but a smaller one. He needed to compress it again and again to make this small containing a powerful strength.

Alex pulled his sword back, creating a ripple around his sword just by moving. He took a deep breath and finally flew toward the portal.

"Three Purities Slash!"

Chapter 853 - Meeting A Rank 10 God

"Three Purities Slash!"

This was the Divine Sword Technique he created during his Divine Tribulation. It was the combination of his elements, intent, and Divine Energy. He called it Three Purities Slash.

The moment it was released, it bent space as if it was water. Everyone could see the ripple effect caused by the sword energy. Not only that, his Pure Fire sparked, burning everything. In the bottom, it burned the ground, melting the ground into molten lava. In the middle, it burned the portal and created a Space Disturbance.

Meanwhile, his Divine Intent got the help of his Divine Energy and split everything into two. A deep cut started to appear on the ground, stretching over miles away. Even the people watching far away immediately evacuated when they noticed the cut on the ground while getting shocked.

Unfortunately, the surprise didn't stop there. Alex's Sword seemed to cut the space itself, causing them to find the portal seemed to be not aligned. But it was not the main concern. Their vision raised for a bit more, and they saw the cloud split into two as well as if he cut Heaven itself. At the same time, the Pure Fire contained on that slash burned the remaining cloud in their surroundings, creating a perfect blue sky.

"What is that?!" The hero fell to his knees, watching how powerful Alex's strike is. He looked at the king with a desperate look and asked, "I will have that power too, right?"

Unfortunately, the king could only stumble and fall on his butt, shaking. He put both of his hands on his head as he muttered. "What did I just do? Did I want to oppose someone like him? Am I crazy?"

The hero already got his answer from his action alone and fell into despair.

As for the king, he glared at his own son. If he treated the maid better and Alex took fancy of that maid, they would be able to get some benefits from such a strong person. Albeit the only one that got benefit was the maid.

But the Blue Phoenix and the Dragon King seemed to protect her, so the kingdom might be destroyed if the two joined hands.

The king's face turned ugly as he wanted to kill his own son that ruined such an opportunity. He suddenly remembered his status only having 1 point and came to a realization. It was not his strength that low, it was too high to the point the crystal couldn't measure it.

He watched how the portal slowly deteriorated and shrank.

Alex entered the portal and sent a thought transmission to the three journey companions of him. "I don't belong here. Don't worry. I will go to another side and crush the portal from the other side, so they wouldn't attempt something like this anymore."

"See you later, Mithra." Alex ended it with these three words. The portal then shrank as if it never happened along with him. The only thing that remained was the cut on the ground that had been filled with molten lava, the sky without a cloud, and the fear in everyone's heart.

Mithra fell down and cried. Despite knowing the gap between him and her, she never expected that Alex said see you later instead of goodbye. It meant Alex hoped to meet her again and believed she would be able to catch up with him. This was the highest honor she could ever get.

"Ga Wu!" Ian let out a loud cry before looking at Mithra on her back.

"You... Want to accompany me?" She stuttered in confusion.

"Ga Wu! Ga Ga Wu!" Ian repeatedly nodded as if telling her he wanted to see him again and repaid him in the future.

"But Sir Alex said it is too dangerous to go with your main body because you are hunted in another world." She worried about him.

'If that is the case, I have a solution. There is a magic that can turn one's appearance to a smaller size, so I believe it can turn him into something cute like a normal blue bird instead.' The dragon king offered a solution.

"Ga Wu?!" Ian looked at him with a star in his eyes. "Ga Wu!"

'You're welcome. But the success will depend on yourself, you know.'

"Ga Wu!" Ian was eager to try it because he believed he would succeed before glancing at Mithra.

"You want to ask your parents first? Sure. Let's go! Even if we need to grovel for a year, we are going to get their approval!" Mithra nodded as Ian turned around. She didn't forget to wave her hand to the dragon king. "See you later. Ian and I will go to the Phoenix Nest first."

The dragon shook his head helplessly, looking at these two excited youngsters.

The two already flew away before any other people recovered from the shock. And the Dragon King also decided to return to his home since everything was over.

On the other hand, Alex had another trouble coming in front of him. The moment he arrived at the Devil World, as he had expected, he was immediately surrounded by numerous devils looking at him with a dangerous glint. The shock wave from his attack earlier seemed to travel through the Space Tunnel and blew them away.

Alex activated his Spirit Eyes to check whether they had Rank 10 God or above in this expedition or not. In the end, he sweated a bit when he saw the first Rank 10 God a bit farther away from this place. It seemed he had not noticed yet, but there was a Martial Grandmaster reporting to him as the man rose from his position. He knew that he would be coming here.

"Who are you?!" The devil asked. The other world was not supposed to have a man powerful enough to create such a reaction from the portal, so they were bewildered by the appearance of this new man.

He glanced at his back and saw the other end of the portal. "I have promised to destroy this gate, so I think I need to kill him first before I can do that. Luckily, the enemy is only a Rank 10 God, not Rank 9. The difference between one rank among the Gods was huge, so he didn't really want to fight someone's above his level if not necessary."

Without wasting a single second, he took out Anna's card to see what happened to her since this world should be able to contain God Stage.

[Anna (Dark)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/999999]

Alex immediately took all of the other guys as well.

[Leoz (Thunder)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/999999]

[Nelson (Dark)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/1200000]

[Fabio Fabotelli (Fire)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/2000000]

[Greg (Earth)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/1500000]

[Vera Fabotelli (Water)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/2000000]

[Jeanne (Thunder)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/999999]

[Anya (Light)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/1200000]

[Artur (Light)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/1500000]

[Jean (Water)

Level: 81 (Rank 10 God)

Exp: 0/1500000]

The first thing he noticed was the disappearance of the level capacity. After that, he found their EXP was also different, making him wonder.

"Why does the level disappear? And why are the Experiences needed to level up different?" Alex asked.

[It's simple. God Rank Expert needs no level, and they will be relying on their ability to increase their power again, but considering they are slowly absorbing their power back, it would mean this time it will depend on themselves. They might be able to reach their previous strength or break their limit.]

[As for their experiences, you are asking what was their former strength, right? It can be used as an indicator as well. They need to cultivate inside the card just like you now, and you can speed it up by using Spirit Crystals. Well, we can talk about this in detail later... You should finish your business first.]

He knew it because the Rank 10 God from the devil side would appear anytime soon. Since he didn't want to make a huge mess, he decided to put on his mask. And it would be better to not move with a huge number of Spirits because there might be spies roaming around this world. If they recognized he brought so many God Rank Expert spirits, they would be suspicious and report that Eulja might be planning to do something big.

That was why he only summoned Leoz with him and gave him a mask.

"How is your new body?"

"I am glad to get this Divine Body back. It's been a while, so I need to get used to this first." Leoz nodded and glanced at the puny devils that were scared of Alex. "Master, there is a big one coming."

"Yeah. Let's destroy this place soon before going somewhere." Alex nodded.

"I understand."

"I will take the Rank 10 God to measure my current power while you are cleaning up the others before destroying the portal behind us."

Leoz thought for a moment and agreed with him. "Understood. Because this is your first fight using Divine Body, I might help you in the middle of the battle."

"Sure. I will be careful, so you don't find the need to protect me." Alex nodded with a smile.

A moment later, a purple devil descended from the sky, looking at Leoz and Alex at the same time.

"What?!" The devil was obviously shocked to see two Rank 10 Gods coming out of nowhere and planning to attack us. "Who are you? For what reason, two Rank 10 Gods invade this world?"

This black-haired devil asked while maintaining his dominant tone. He was there to supervise them, so he knew he still had a chance to win.

Unfortunately, Leoz decided to use his True Spirit Body from the very start because he knew the danger coming from the devil in front of him.

"Tch..." Seeing the pressure coming from Leoz, the devil immediately raised his guard to the maximum.

"Leoz, are you sure you are using your True Spirit Body now?" Alex whispered to him.

"Yes. Not only do I need to watch out for any problems coming to you, but I also need to work out my body too." Leoz said while stretching.

"By the way, do you have any technique to destroy the portal?"

"Hmm... I think my ultimate technique can close it. After all, my ultimate technique is my original Divine Art. I only tone it down this whole time, so I believe I can destroy the portal as long as I pour half of my strength in it. But Master, you have spent a third of your energy to destroy the portal on the other side. Are you sure you can fight this Rank 10 God by yourself?"

"I don't know, but I want to check if my strength is powerful enough to contend with the opponent at the same level, especially in my current condition." Alex nodded.

"I understand. I shall standby beside you as soon as I clean the rest of these devils."

"And you know why we are here, right?"

"Yes. I believe we can do everything, albeit not all of us can be summoned here to avoid suspicion."

"I only plan to summon Anna, Anya, and Nelson during this time. Jeanne will remain on standby unless it's necessary. If possible, I don't really want to kill so many Gods in this world because it will be eyecatching."

"I understand your plan from your memory as usual. The only thing I want to know is whether Master will practice first before confronting them or immediately wreak havoc on their Green Devil Tribe?"

"I will probably practice myself first and understand how Alicia fights. I plan to fight their Rank 9 God together with Alicia since this is our problem." Alex smiled.

"What are you whispering this whole time? Since you are not going to say anything, I will make you spit it out!" The Rank 10 God gritted his teeth and charged at Alex.

"Leoz, some of them have run in that direction. They are going to inform their leader..." Alex pointed his finger to the west.

"Understood." Leoz immediately leaped.

"He realized?!" The Rank 10 God sweatdropped as he clashed with Alex.

Chapter 854 - Killing The First God

Clang!

A clicking sound echoed in the battlefield, but more importantly, it was followed by a rumbling sound. The ground crumbled, creating a huge crater right after the sound.

"!!!" Both of them were surprised.

'He can match my strength?' The devil furrowed his eyebrows.

'His power is extraordinary? Now that I think about it, the devil has stronger power in raw force because of their constitution. It seems I need to go all out.' Alex narrowed his eyes and thought once more. 'For now, I need to seal my Spirit Crown and Space Element along with my spear because they are my trump cards and can be said my identity as a former Spirit God.

'Swallowing Heaven is a Divine Technique, so I believe I can finally release its full power right now. The same applies to Dragon and Phoenix Aura. After that, I think the only things that can fight against him are Mythical Spear Cannon and Triple Draws.'

Alex was really at a disadvantage because he didn't have many Divine Arts he could use right now.

"For now..." Alex leaped back and stretched his hands to summon a dragon. He felt a very distinctive control for this dragon as he felt he could move the dragon by his thought alone. This would really help the control of this ability.

At the same time, he should be able to gather enough energy to the mouth of the dragon and spit-up an attack. Alex smiled. "Swallowing Heaven."

"Phoenix Aura!" That was not all. The Phoenix Aura appeared and coated his body before it moved toward the dragon, covering it with a layer of armor made of fire. "Go!"

The dragon flew toward the devil while roaring.

The latter only glanced at him and waved his sword, releasing a green sword wave. The moment it hit the dragon, it turned to a torrential wind that was supposed to rip the dragon into pieces, but... What he got was exactly the opposite.

Alex's Swallowing Heaven ate the Sword Wave and burned the wind until nothing left.

"What?!" The guy leaped toward Alex and struck him again, trying to see if he still recklessly controlled the dragon to kill both of them at the same time.

And it turned out it was true. Alex was crazy enough to have the dragon swallow them, albeit it stopped because the devil already escaped.

"I see. To think my opponent is a Pure Fire Element. This is a very rare element to the point I can't see how such a person is unknown." The devil narrowed his eyes, trying to probe any information from Alex.

Alex only smiled. "You are going to die anyway... Just like those people who saw my Pure Fire."

The devil raised his sword and waved it down, creating multiple wind blades while wondering whether Alex was bluffing or serious.

The dragon kept chasing the devil until, at one moment, he disappeared.

"To think I need to use this technique this early." The devil had dodged the dragon and appeared right on top of it, slicing down his sword to cut the dragon.

It was supposed to kill the dragon at this point, but Alex simply smiled. "But unfortunately, I have seen someone faster than you."

The Phoenix Aura formed a shield on the dragon body that blocked the entire attack before channeling it in another direction.

The dragon stopped, and its head spun around to swallow the devil, but the latter already prepared and struck his sword.

It was at this time Kai suddenly appeared right behind him. He waved his sword toward his neck, trying to send it flying.

The devil gritted his teeth and released his wind to move his sword faster than the limit, striking the fang and the sword almost at the same time. He used that momentum coming from the two attacks to gain a large distance between him and Alex.

'This is a tough opponent. If I go all out, the other Gods might appear to help me, so I should buy time instead. It's not like this is my fault to begin with, so nothing to be ashamed of.' The devil took a deep breath and raised another type of stance.

Alex narrowed his eyes. This purple devil was wearing only pants. It had similar features as a human, except the fact it had a third eye in the middle of his forehead, making him a bit creepy.

He used a long green sword that matched his tall body, which was two times Alex's height.

On the other hand, Alex was using a sword that he randomly picked from the storage.

'Don't worry. I have been maintaining the advantage, but this way, he might call the other devils. I don't know about the battle between Gods, but if they are like what I thought, this battle might be big enough to create a wave of energy that could be felt by the entire world. In that case, I should kill him first before the others notice it.' Alex took another deep breath before sending his Swallowing Heaven again.

The devil disappeared again before Alex found him at the same place. He was trying to cut the dragon again, but Alex didn't let him.

It was at this time the devil finally showed one of his tricks as the Divine Energy around his sword flew in another direction. Just as everyone thought his sword would hit the dragon, but the real attack was that wind.

Alex prepared to intercept that wind before finding something was wrong. The wind blade itself was coated by many layers, and he realized what he wanted to do.

The wind blade kept penetrating the dragon. Those many layers were to exhaust the Pure Fire, so it would not be able to adapt the entire system with the new fire clashing with it. That is why my strength can hit it. Just make sure you adapt first, see the information, and fight a grand battle. And somehow destroyed the dragon.

Alex appeared again before him, striking him from behind. But the devil seemed to understand where they were attacked.

"!!!" Alex tried to retract his sword at the last second because he found the little gesture coming from the devil. And it turned out he was right. Before he could do anything, the devil turned around and slashed his sword.

"Go away!" The devil launched Alex to the ground, creating a huge crater. He released a few Sword Waves, trying to injure Alex heavily.

Seeing so many Sword Waves coming toward him, Alex pulled his sword and shot out a huge laser to the sky.

"Mythical Spear Cannon."

It engulfed all the incoming Sword Waves, allowing Alex to regain his ground. He then summoned another dragon and charged together with it.

"It's useless. You won't be able to beat me." The devil swung his sword again after killing the dragon, trying to pounce Alex away, but Alex had another trick this time.

Three Swords from three different directions suddenly appeared.

"What is this? This attack is weirder to that of a few moments ago!" The devil sweatdropped.

"Triple Draws!"

The devils struck the first one and decided to shift his body to avoid the other two. He gritted his teeth, not allowing him to be trampled just like that. His arm was still on the move toward Alex's stomach.

"!!!" Alex activated his Phoenix Aura to create two layers of armor to block this attack, but he was still blown away by this fist in the end.

However, the devil didn't escape unscathed as he just realized that his hand was bleeding all over. Some spots were even charred black.

To think Alex dared to trade the injury with another injury. He must be confident in inflicting greater damage than him, and it turned out it was true.

Alex didn't really sustain any damage while his hand was covered with blood.

Both of them seemed to have the same thought as they leaped at the same time. They had a few hundred clashes within a few minutes, creating crater after craters in every single attack. Alex kept track of his battle and could already picture the incoming reinforcement.

Leoz seemed to have killed all the lower level devils and waited for Alex to finish his fight. At the same time, he observed the surroundings to make sure there was not an ambush around.

Knowing he didn't have much time left, Alex thought for a moment and searched for a way to beat him before reinforcement came. He thought about calling Leoz or other spirits, but he decided to fight alone because he wanted to get used to his Divine Body's strength. It sounded dumb but necessary for him.

He ended up trading another few hundred blows with the devil.

His body got many injuries, but the devil seemed to be a bit worse.

Still, it had been thirty minutes since the start of this fight, so he believed he didn't have much time left.

'I need to beat him immediately.' Alex gritted his teeth when a thought came into his mind as he cursed, 'I think there is no choice. This is the best thing I've got in my current state.'

Alex summoned his dragon again, doing the same trick.

"Hmph! The same trick won't be able to get me again. You are boring. I think I don't even need help from other people to finish you before fighting that guy." The devil snorted while swinging his sword to stop Alex's sword with the same Divine Art. However, a sudden gust of wind slowly enveloped him as if he had done with this boring fight and wanted to kill Alex right now.

Albeit, he didn't realize Alex suddenly used another Martial Art. There were a Space Element and other things in the mix, telling him that he had been holding back this whole time.

"Do you think I am only this much? You are overestimating yourself." Alex grinned and finished his swing. "Fighting you is hard, especially at my current condition. If I have a few more Divine Techniques, I believe I can beat you without this, but I don't care anymore. I don't want to be surrounded even before completing my own objective, so just die."

His blazing sword released a Sword Wave that destroyed everything around the area because of that Space Ripple.

"Three Purities Slash!"

"!!!" The devil, who met this slash with his sword, felt an overbearing pressure that would lead to his demise.

The wind around his body got distorted and burned to nothingness.

"Impossible!" He exclaimed in surprise. "I have created a few layers of wind to ensure that the Pure Fire won't be able to burn them simultaneously... Why? Wait! This is... Space Element!"

He finally felt the fluctuation of the Space Element rippling around his wind. Due to the distortion, Alex's Pure Fire slipped past his wind, burning all layers of his wind.

Alex's Absolute Blade Intent didn't manage to cut through the sword but was able to crack it. It seemed he only needed to upgrade it to Absolute Blade Divine Intent, and he would be good to go. Still, with the Pure Fire and Space Element destroying all the devil's defenses, the sword attack was finally connected.

"No!" The devil screamed as he felt the energy coming to him and slashed his body.

The blade still cut the ground and burned the sky as well. And if one took a look at their surroundings, it was practically a disaster. If this were the Fire God Clan City, it would have been destroyed thrice.

Pant pant! The sword touched the ground, supporting Alex to not fall. This was the first time he used this much Divine Energy after ascending and to think he would already use eighty percent of his Divine Energy. This was insane.

It would mean that he needed around half of his Divine Energy to kill an opponent at the same level. Even so, he still needed many Divine Arts to consolidate his attack power, and that would be what he was going to work on from now.

Alex looked at the aftermath and glanced at Leoz. "This won't be good. Deal with that portal now!"

"Yes, Master." Leoz nodded and clapped his hand as the lightning covered his body.

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"Leoz." Alex glanced at him, asking him to start destroying the portal.

Leoz closed his eyes, channeling half of his Divine Energy to this attack as he chanted. "O' Ancient Thunder God, what is it that lies within your eyes? O Bright Thunder that splits the Heaven, rumbling tremors that shake the Earth, what pulse beats within your ears? Dwell inside me o God of Lightning as I am Thunder Berserker, Spirit Vessel."

Alex lifted his vision after hearing the rumbling sound and was literally shocked by what he saw. The black cloud had a sense of familiarity as it contained purple lightning instead of Leoz's yellow lightning.

"This is... Lightning Tribulation?!" Alex widened his eyes, never expecting to see Leoz calling the Lightning Tribulation.

"Using my body as a Spirit Vessel, I am channeling my power to call the Lightning Tribulation. No, I should say the World's Will. You might have no memory about it, but this is the technique I received when you strengthened my Thunder God Cannon. It connected me to the world's will effectively, thus giving me this result." Leoz explained while smiling.

Alex had no words about it. He never knew that it was when Leoz finally became a dependable young man that Alex rewarded him by upgrading his ability. The current him could only be impressed by the power of this technique.

Leoz focused back on his control and clapped his hand, calling the Lightning itself.

"Lightning God Possession, Heaven's Wrath!"

Just like how people thought that Heaven was the sky, the so-called Heaven's Wrath was the Lightning Tribulation coming from the world. Still, due to the world classified as a Divine World, this technique brought more power than it would ever do in the previous world.

The lightning bolt formed and struck forth.

Alex saw the portal emitting more energy because it sensed the incoming lightning but to no avail.

With the world taking action, nothing would be able to prevent it!

The purple lightning burned the portal, gradually turning it into smithereens. Alex activated his Spirit Eyes to watch this, observing the energy flow so as to catch the thing that built the portal.

It led him to an underground array that seemed to be built inside an underground room. When he was about to destroy the ground, the lightning from Leoz's attack slipped through the ground and connected to the array.

By the looks of it, the array itself was a formation, containing a few arrays to connect two worlds while maintaining stability. With the arrays starting to get burned, he closed his eyes, knowing that his promise had been delivered successfully.

"Since I have finished my objective, it's time to go to Alicia. Still, I need to know where I am right now." Alex thought for a moment and glanced at Leoz. "How are you?"

"I am fine, but I think it's better for me to rest inside the card. If possible, call Nelson to accompany the Master because he will be the most useful for this." Leoz suggested and disappeared as soon as he got a nod from Alex.

"Summon."

"Master." Nelson clasped his hand as a greeting before cutting to the chase. "It's best to leave this place first."

"Sure. You lead. It's not like I can use my Teleportation just like that because I don't know the terrain in our surroundings... I don't want to suddenly teleport to the center of a city." Alex nodded and stretched his hand, asking Nelson to go ahead.

Nelson thought for a moment and nodded. "Please follow me."

Alex nodded. Unlike Firia, Alicia was not a member of his Spirit Nest, so he couldn't ask her to summon the spirit on her side. So, he needed to know her position first before doing anything else.

He followed Nelson for around thirty minutes before arriving in a desolate forest.

"Master, I think we need to camouflage ourselves as a devil. If I am not wrong, there will be a God Rank expert roaming around this area soon, and he will be able to find us at a single glance," said Nelson while putting on a serious expression.

"How?"

Nelson also didn't have an answer. Appearance-wise, they could easily camouflage as one, but energy-wise, it was easy to tell if they didn't have their energy.

"I believe Young Master should wait in this place while I am gathering information about our position. Since Lady Alicia is searching for the Green Devil Tribe, I believe they are going to the most powerful continent where the Gods reside. I believe we can start our search there." Nelson offered a suggestion.

"Sure. I am perfectly fine. If you think that is the best we can do, then no need to hesitate." Alex nodded.

"For now, try to conceal yourself first and put on this mask. Unless it's something special, I don't think the devil will ask you to take out your mask. At the same time, you should change your clothes to a long-sleeve one, so they won't be able to see your skin."

Alex agreed with his suggestion and changed clothes before he realized Nelson had disappeared.

He then started his own investigation of his surroundings, making sure there was not a single devil nearby.

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In a nearby area, there were two bodies lying in a pool of blood. Their body was that of a devil, but one could see that both of them were females.

Alex found this area not long after starting his search.

"There is not a single living being nearby," Alex muttered while looking around. "Should I search the corpses? Who knows there is something valuable or a map in their possessions... Wait!"

Alex took another look and realized there was an array in their body, and if he took another look at them, they seemed to be alive.

After breaking the concept of the array, he realized that the woman on the left seemed to be stronger than he expected and her energy was far more than him.

Next to her was also a powerful being that seemed to have the same cultivation as him. This was something he couldn't understand, considering each God Rank Experts were treasures.

"What are they doing? The array... Did they actually put it themselves to make them look dead? Or the enemy did it to them?" Alex tried to comprehend the intention, but to no avail until he completely understood the concept of this array.

"There are two arrays on their bodies. The first array is called Union Death Array. It's an array that puts someone in a half-dead state. If the master of this array is them, they can wake up anytime. If they are not, only those who take control of it can wake them up.

"The second array is called Devilization Array. According to my memory, this is a special array from this world. The devils seem to use this to increase their subordinates. It's a special array that could turn one into a devil, starting from their energy. Welp, on Earth, you can say it's selling your soul away to the devil... In a sense."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows before a small wolf came out of his body, gradually turning into a beauty.

"Master!" Sherry hugged Alex and called his name with a low tone because she knew what happened outside.

"Sherry?" Alex widened his eyes.

"Yes."

Alex took a look at her body and realized it was already a Divine Body as well. He said, "Congratulations on achieving a breakthrough."

"Yes, thank you, Master. Actually, I finished as soon as Master arrived in this world, but I decided to wait because you were fighting someone. I was going to wait for a little bit more until you reached a safe place, but I felt something from the two down there." Sherry pointed the two devils on the ground.

"Huh?" Alex tilted his head in confusion. "What did you feel?"

"I feel a sense of familiarity. And my nose seems to recognize their scene... No, I should say one of them."

"One of them?" Alex couldn't understand her and asked. "Can you elaborate?"

"Hmm... How should I say this? I don't know who she is, but I should have known her in the past because my nose said so. I don't know what Master is thinking and don't receive any of your memory, so only you who are supposed to recognize her." Sherry shook her head in disappointment because she couldn't help Alex with this.

"No, I think that is enough for you." Alex patted her head. "Well, you can return inside first because things will go rough from now on."

Sherry nodded and disappeared. "See you later, Master."

"See you later." Alex nodded before falling into deep thought. 'Now... What should I do about this? There is something that I need to check first before going there, but—"

Before Alex's thought ran wild, the system seemed to have noticed it earlier than him as a notification immediately appeared.

[Host. I think the situation is not like what you think it is.]

"What do you mean?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

[Take a look at their cultivation once more.]

"It's Rank 10 God and the other one... I don't really know whether she is a Rank 8 God or a Rank 7 God because I have never seen them. I can't compare it."

[It's good enough. Then how about you take a look at your energy and compare it to you and your spirits.]

Alex felt something wrong and took another look at them, comparing their energy to Anna and the others, and it shocked him to see they had a similar energy. Every species seemed to have a different set of energy, or it could be said as flow.

The energy flowing inside the spirit had a pattern, the energy flowing inside the devils or even Sherry also had a pattern different from that of a spirit.

But what he saw from them was actually the one that the spirits have. This baffled him because he certainly remembered that Alicia and a helper came to this world to fight the Green Devil Tribe.

Anger started coming out of his eyes as if he wanted to murder someone before Lin Xingzhi reminded him once more.

[Host. I know you are angry, but please calm down and listen to me this one time. Take a look at their body, and you will see no wounds in their body. At the same time, they also don't have internal injuries. Firia has learned Alchemy, but do you remember what "she" has learned?]

The anger quickly dissipated when he realized it and couldn't help but comment. "So, she makes the array herself? What is the purpose?"

[I don't know. Maybe you can ask her yourself with a thought transmission if you are unsure whether to approach her now.]

Alex took a deep breath and decided to follow the instruction. It seemed that she had a plan in her mind to fake her own death, so he decided to ask her first before coming to her.

The woman twitched her finger because what she heard was truly ridiculous. She heard...

"Alicia."

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"Alicia."

As soon as her name was called, Alicia got a reaction because this voice resembled the most important person in her life.

Alex could see that the array slowly disappeared as if she reacted to his call, and without a doubt, the woman was Alicia.

Without wasting a single second, Alex appeared before her.

"Husband." Alicia gradually looked up as her appearance slowly crumbled, revealing her true look.

Tears started to swell up in the corner of their eyes before they remembered there was another person beside them.

The same as her, her devil appearance suddenly disappeared, showing her long blue hair and beautiful face.

"Ilumi greets Master. It's my honor to see you, Master." The woman called Ilumi kneeled on one knee. Her voice was cold and aloof, but he could sense the happiness behind it.

"What are you doing here?" Alex nodded to her and asked.

Alicia thought for a moment and sighed. "Let's go out of this place first."

"Alright." Alex agreed, and the group went deeper inside the forest. He took out Nelson's card and said, "Nelson, I am going to recall you back since I have found Alicia."

"Understood."

Alex summoned him again because his ability might be needed in whatever she wanted to say to him.

"There is a town near this forest. We are staying there for a while, so I guess we can go there."

"In that case, we can sneak in with my Spatial Gate," Alex suggested.

Alicia and Ilumi exchanged looks before nodding to his suggestion. They entered the Spatial Gate and went toward the town.

Alex could see the bustling town, but then he realized it was not like the town he had ever visited. Despite having so many devils inside, it was quiet. Not a single devil was talking. The best they could do was whispering.

"Why are they..." Alex frowned, glancing at Alicia.

"I have just come back from this place, and according to them, they can only talk inside a building. It's a weird custom, but it's a special one in this town." Nelson was the first to answer.

"How long since you first arrived at this place?" Alicia was a bit surprised and asked.

"A few minutes?" Nelson tilted his head.

"As expected from Nelson, I have heard of your reputation, but to think to this extent..." Alicia smiled, fully impressed by Nelson's ability.

"Thank you for your praise, Lady Alicia." Nelson bowed politely.

"Ah, there should be an inn in this direction. We are staying in the furthest room on the third floor." Alicia noticed the slight movement and hurriedly informed Alex.

He nodded and led them carefully as to not get caught by someone.

Alex also decided to look around the town with his Spirit Eyes to see whether they had strong people and noticed many Martial Monarchs and Martial Saints around.

He even became more careful at this point and finally arrived after walking for about thirty minutes due to the street being too full.

Alicia helped Alex in creating the Sound Insulation Array before looking at Alex with teary eyes.

"It's been so long..." Alicia still tried to put her smile even though her eyes couldn't lie.

Alex immediately hugged her tightly, not wanting to let it go. They had separated for more than a decade. Although Alicia had been talking to him from time to time through the system, it was still a rare occasion. The longing they felt this whole time was released simultaneously.

Nelson and Ilumi decided to walk a bit further to give them a room.

Alex didn't mind the smell of blood and let it stick to his clothes because Alicia just was lying down in a pool of blood a moment ago. He didn't mind the saltiness of her tears. Everything just couldn't beat the bitterness they endured until they finally met again.

It continued for several minutes before Alicia gradually pushed him away and looked to the side. "Let me change my clothes first."

Alex also decided the same because the blood also stuck on his clothes.

"Still, I never think I would meet you in that situation. I almost blew up." Alex sighed. "Never mind, I should have done this first."

Alex sent an invitation to Alicia, and she accepted it right away. She changed to a long sleeve white shirt and knee-length blue skirt that seemed to complement her light blue hair very well.

He couldn't help but touch her hair because of this and looked a bit sad.

"Do you remember that I have become a Spirit now?" Alicia gently stroked her hair and looked at it. "This is the result of it. It's fine. I pretty like the color as well, and if you don't like it, I can dye it."

"It's fine. As long as you like it, I don't really mind." Alex smiled and hugged her from behind.

Alicia nodded and whispered something to him. "Ahem, I have seen your memory as well... And if you want, I can use my illusion array to transform this place into something you want. Then, I can also change my clothes to... What do you say again? Cosplay?"

"Pfft." Alex almost burst out laughing. "Never mind about that."

"But you are tempted; I can feel it." Alicia made a smug smile.

Alex didn't answer her nor deny it. He changed the topic instead. "Anyway, what were you doing earlier?"

"It's bait, but let's call the two first." Alicia smiled before looking at another room where Nelson and Ilumi waited for them.

"I am sorry for making you two wait." Alex nodded and found that the two had prepared a table and four chairs for the discussion. He stretched his hand as they sat down on their own chairs.

Ilumi took out a map from her Space Ring and started explaining the condition. "This is the map of this world. There are three big continents in this world, and the three have the same amount of strength. In other words, there are one Rank 7 God, two Rank 8 God, seven Rank 9 God, and fifty Rank 10 God in this continent alone."

"Hmm... That is quite a large number." Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "By the way, what is the strength of Eulja?"

Ilumi didn't answer him. Instead, she looked at Alicia first.

"Although we both are Divine Worlds, there is a tier as well. In this world, three Rank 7 Gods are leading it. This is the lowest one you can get to be considered as Divine World. If I am not wrong, the world you lived in until now is considered as a middle grade because it had Rank 4 God assume the command. And the last one is the high grade because it has Rank 2 God in command."

Alex thought for a moment and asked. "But if I am not wrong, Eulja has..."

"Yeah. It's considered high grade as well, but they are a special one because we have a Rank 1 God protection. Those who get the protection of a God King will surely become prosperous. Back then, Eulja had you and Time God, so it was respected and feared by many.

"After all, if two Rank 1 Gods attack a high-grade Divine World, they will annihilate them, and no one would think it's weird. Well, this is more to the history of Eulja, so I think you should ask "her" for this." Alicia decided to stop.

Alex looked down, falling into deep thought. "I understand. Let's go back to the topic then. With all these Gods protecting this continent, I doubt we can settle this easily, right?"

"Yeah. That's why I was pretending to be an injured woman, precisely in a half-dead state. The Green Devil Poison Tribe is searching for a body to test their poison, so I am going there to sneak around their base.

"They will surely help me and bring me back. At that time, I can sneak attack them and possibly kill their Gods. The problem will be the remaining Green Devil Tribe and their record. If they are not eliminated, the poison supplied by this tribe won't ever end.

"I have made my preparation though, because I heard you were going to return."

Ilumi stared at her for a moment and felt the need to address the reason, so she said, "Lady Alicia was a bit impatient because of it and took this risk. If possible, I would like Master to stop her right now."

"Ilumi!" Alicia slammed the table and glared at her. She didn't want Alex to know about this because he would be angry.

And she was right, Alex narrowed his eyes, fuming in anger. "If myself is the one harming you, I think it's better to stay in that world for another few years..."

"Wait, Alex! Let me explain..."

"I know. You don't need to." Alex shook his head. "I don't want someone to risk their lives just because of the time that can be extended, especially my own wife."

He looked down and clenched her fists until it bled. He was also mad at himself.

Alicia bit her lips and placed her hand on Alex's. "I am sorry. I forgot that you prioritize us more than time. I was too excited to meet you..."

"I apologize too." Alex shook his head and let out a long sigh. He looked at Ilumi with a smile. "Thank you for telling me."

"You're welcome. I know that I can't control my queen, so I could only rely on Master." Ilumi nodded.

"Now that you mention it, I think there is someone who wants to meet you!" Alex decided to change the topic again and summoned Vera.

Just like how she met Alex for the first time, she walked toward Alicia and kneeled on one knee. "Vera Fabotelli greets Your Highness, Ice Phoenix Queen Spirit."

Alicia immediately helped her up and smiled. "Ice Phoenix Tribe has been helping me this whole time. I am indebted to them. I always want to meet you because I have so many things to learn from you."

"It's my honor to teach the queen as well as Master's wife." Vera smiled.

"Can I call you Vera? You can call me Alicia too. Instead of having a formal relationship like this, I would like us to become a sister instead as people from the same tribe." Alicia smiled.

"U... I understand." Vera nodded awkwardly before she looked away. "But it's not like I want to do it, alright? I just think it's the best choice because you are Master's wife."

"Here it comes! Lady Vera won't say something like that if she doesn't like the person!" Ilumi added.

"Ilumi! You brat! You dare to tease me now? Should I spank you again?!" Vera pouted—Face red.

"I am scared, my Lady. But I am under Lady Alicia right now, so I am afraid I can't offer you my butt again. Besides, I am currently stronger than you, Lady Vera." Ilumi grinned as if she had an evil plan in mind.

"Ugh! I can still ask that old hag to punish you. And when I gain my previous strength, I will beat you up!" Vera looked away.

Alex and Alicia smiled because this might be the first time they found that Vera, the former Ice Phoenix Queen, had this intimate relationship with someone in the tribe.

In fact, Alicia heard that she was actually more friendly than she could think, but she just never had a chance of meeting her in person. And seeing her like this only reinforced the truth even more.

Vera suddenly glanced at Alex and had an idea as she came to Alex. "Master... How about you ask Ilumi to come? She is like a child, and I think you will like to tease her. She only appears cold and aloof on the outside, but she will start sobbing like a child when you start spanking her."

Ilumi's face turned pale, and she looked at Alex while rising from her seat. "Master... You are not going to do that, right?"

"Fufu... I have been with Master for a decade while you are staying in Eulja this whole time."

Ilumi became even more scared, but Alex only chuckled and said, "Haha... You two are acting like sisters. I am glad that Alicia has been in the care of a tribe like this. Thank you."

The two suddenly fell silent, mesmerized by his words instead to the point they could only look away and scratch the back of their head embarrassedly.

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"Anyway, I think I should ask this first." Alex stopped them and returned to the topic. "What were you going to do earlier?"

"Ah, right." Alicia nodded. "The Green Devil Tribe surely wanted a good body to experiment, so we wanted to come to their base to kill their Gods. Even if I am not able to fight their God, Ilumi will do it in my stead.

"The problem will be the remaining devils in this tribe. As long as they are not removed, the poison will still be known to any devils in this world, so I am going to massacre the entire tribe to prevent the information about the poison from spreading.

"Of course, this was a hard choice even for me, especially after knowing your opinion as well. However, I have found something interesting in their tribe that makes me decide to do this.

"First will be Devilization Array. Although many high ranking devils have accessed this array, the Green Devil Tribe seems to be planning something. They are using poison to create a stronger devil, and this devil contains the same Green Devil Poison in their body.

"So, you can say that they have a stronger ability than their peers and if you kill them, the Green Devil Poison will spread, allowing the tribe to get even more ferocious." Alicia's expression turned serious as she hated what happened to her because of this Green Devil Poison.

"There is around ninety percent of the tribe that is actually agreeing to this matter, so I am going to act fast and destroy them."

Alex thought for a moment. She said she wanted to use the formation to trap them, and Alex felt they were going to succeed, depending on the strength of their poison. In fact, that was the only thing they needed to be watched out for because the only thing that could defeat Ilumi would be their poison.

But that weakness disappeared with the appearance of Alex and his Pure Fire. Alex nodded. "I think we can do this, but there is no need for you to pretend."

Alicia narrowed her eyes. "If I am not wrong, your Pure Fire can now solve any kind of poison, right?"

"Yes. I have evolved my Pure Fire to that level, so we can storm in." Alex nodded. "What is their power level?"

"One Rank 9 God and two Rank 10 Gods. The rest can be easily killed by Rank 10 God, I guess." Alicia glanced at Ilumi as the latter nodded to confirm her information.

"Still, I am sure that the Green Devil Tribe has enough people outside their tribe, so it's hard to exterminate them." Alex looked down and stroked his chin.

"I know, but I have the information. There will be a tradition in the Green Devil Poison that needs to be participated by every single member of the tribe. It's the selection of their next-generation leader."

"Oh, wow! So convenient." Alex exclaimed in amazement, half-joking.

"It's not convenient." Alicia shook her head and sighed. "It's what we have been doing this entire time. When their leader was making a poison, Ilumi distracted him, causing him to get poisoned by the very poison he tried to create. And waiting for him to make the poison with an antidote that has yet to be created, that's the best time they could do this."

"We decided to do it because the leader said someone would need to fight each other with their poison to be eligible to receive his seat, so I thought it was perfect," Ilumi added.

"Oh!" Alex nodded. He first thought it was plot armor that gave him a convenient situation to pass, but it seemed he was wrong. Alicia had been working hard for this, so he apologized inwardly.

"That's right. Alicia. Do you have a Space Element?"

"No. I am sensitive to the Space Element, but Spirit can't have two elements at the same time, especially an element coming from something, not a spirit." Alicia shook her head.

"Then, your formation is not formed by a Special Array?"

"Unfortunately, yes."

"How about if we upgrade it now? When is the selection of the patriarch?" Alex asked.

"It's going to be another year because all those elders are trying to eliminate each other first before the competition even begins."

"If we attack them at that time, I believe we will be able to wipe them out. And with your Divine Array and my Simulation Array, we should be able to mask all battles inside the formation." Alex nodded. "One year should be enough to learn a few Arrays and one Divine Art."

Alicia looked down, falling into deep thought. She looked at Ilumi, who nodded her head and decided to agree with this. "Alright. We will wait for another year until everything is ready. In the meantime, I can help you in increasing your Array Mastery."

"Then, I will be relying on you." Alex smiled and nodded. "Which arrays do you want to practice though? Do you have something in your mind?"

"Yes. I am planning to learn my Simulation Room, an Illusion Array, a Barrier Array, One attack type array and one binding type... Never mind, I won't go with the binding type. Instead, I am going to practice one Divine Art and one Teleportation Array."

"Master... Are you still going to practice your Space Element? I mean, since you are going to hide it for a while, I think you can practice another thing instead." Nelson asked with a concerned face. He could only ask this because he knew about Zark.

But Alex didn't know a single thing about him, so he shook his head. "Yes. I am hiding my Space Element, but it doesn't mean I should slack off. As much as I want to practice a Divine Fire Art, I believe Teleportation Array is better for me."

"I understand. I can't help you with the Teleportation Array, but I should be able to teach you the rest... At least I can offer you some tips and tricks. And one more thing, a Divine Array is different than you think." Alicia's expression turned serious. "You need to find one that suits your level because if you practice one that is a bit too far from you, it will seriously drain your power, especially with the fact that you can't use Spirit Crystal to power them up."

"Now that you mention it, the Spirit Crystal only produces Spiritual Energy while Divine Arrays need Divine Energy. In that case, won't it be too hard for you to maintain the formation?" Alex asked while furrowing his eyebrows, thinking Alicia wanted to play with her own life again.

"Nope. I have a few Divine Items in my possession. Although it's only a low rank Divine Item, they are pretty useful to fuel this formation. And I believe not a single Martial Saint can break this." Alicia shook her head.

Alex looked at her and nodded. "Alright. I will believe you in this area. Well, I need to practice my Alchemy skill again... Haiz too many things to do at once. And now your power has surpassed me, what am I going to do?"

"Why don't you stop practicing Array and Alchemy for the time being and focus on your Cultivation?" Alicia asked.

"That will definitely be a no. I am going to master them all because this will be important in the future. Besides, by having many techniques at once, I can hide some to create and a new persona, so the enemies won't recognize me. Isn't it the time where I need to be careful?" Alex glanced at Alicia.

"True enough. Alright. Forget that I asked." Alicia thought for a moment. "Since I can produce Array Plates, I can start earning money in bulk, so you don't need to worry about my cultivation resource. Firia is the same. In that case, you will be the one trying to get your own cultivation resources."

"Hmm... We can just rob the Green Devil Tribe for our cultivation resources for the time being." Alex shrugged.

"True. We can do that. In that case, we have time to spend since you yourself know there are too many things you need to do, right? You can start practicing between them." Alicia suggested.

"That's the only way, I guess." Alex nodded.

"By the way, who is going for this mission? Are you going to call everyone else?" Alicia asked.

Alex thought for a moment. "I, you, Nelson, Ilumi, and Anna. Ilumi is to kill the rank 10 God while Alicia and I kill their leader. Anna and Nelson are supposed to kill the remaining devils."

"It's still tough, I think. We are far stronger than them... That is for sure, but it's hard to fight so many Martial Saints at once. Do you know how many of them there? They have around twenty thousand Martial Saints. Even though God Stage is far stronger than Martial Saint, it's not to that point." Alicia was concerned about this.

"Really?" Alex felt a bit too powerful when he reached God Stage, so he never realized he had made a small mistake in his calculation. He adjusted his plan. "In that case, we will have Leoz and Jeanne as the backup. I don't think I will summon more than this because I don't want our battles to be too eyecatching to the point the others know it is us."

"I don't have a problem then." Alicia nodded. "Ilumi can also help others after killing the Rank 10 God."

"I think it's better for me to watch your battle instead of helping. Lady Alicia is strong, and Master Alex is stronger, but I am still a bit worried to see you both facing the Rank 9 God. Although Master Alex can handle their poison, it's still hard because we are fighting in an enclosed space." Ilumi shook her head.

Alex narrowed his eyes as he seemed to understand her meaning. "Do you mean they are going to release the poison in the air?"

"Yes. Master can burn the poison, but if they are spreading it in the air, this is going to be hard for us because Master needs to burn the poison with your Pure Fire... Which means you need to burn all the air inside the barrier." She nodded.

"It's a bit dangerous if that is the case for various reasons. Because of that, we should snatch their antidote as well. It won't go that well, but it should be enough to buy time."

"Yes. I have the same thought. In any case, we will do our best to defeat a Rank 9 God. I will be in the front because his poison won't work against me, and Alicia will be on the back, supporting me with her arrays." Alex decided before looking at Ilumi. "You can observe, but you should also kill a few people in our surroundings. Just ensure that there is no devil interfering in our battle while preventing them from using poison. After all, I need to purify the poison if everyone else gets inflicted by it."

"I understand. They have many poisons that can affect God Rank experts, so I will be extra careful." Ilumi nodded.

"In that case, I should also snatch a few poisons while doing the investigation." Nelson grinned.

"Alright. In that case, we should stop the meeting since we have discussed everything." Alex nodded and glanced at Nelson. "You can appear a bit later than us since I believe you should steal all their poisons when we are distracting them."

"Understood."

"Sure. I will give all the information we have gathered during the past few years." Ilumi nodded and grabbed Nelson's hand as they sneaked outside the room, leaving Alicia and Alex inside.

Alex and Alicia exchanged looks, knowing they were being considerate for them, a couple that hadn't met for more than a decade.

Alex looked at Alicia, and the latter looked back. They walked closer as Alex gently pulled her into his embrace. The two smiled and started kissing passionately and reached the bedroom.

The details are omitted...

Chapter 858 - Training

The next day, Alex woke up and rose from the bed, looking at Alicia, who was still sleeping soundly beside him. They were a bit crazy last night because they had been separated for more than a decade, so they couldn't help but express it in a single night.

Alex lowered his head and kissed her forehead as the latter seemed to have woken up because of this action.

"Hmm..." Alicia slowly opened and looked at Alex with a smile. "Good morning."

"Good morning." Alex smiled back while stroking her hair.

"Are you going to practice right now?"

"Well, that's my plan since the time is a bit tight with the current program." Alex scratched his head embarrassedly. As much as he wanted to have a few more days of quality time with Alicia, he needed to set his priority right.

"I know that you are going to finish this faster because you want all of us to reunite." Alicia gently put her hand on the bed to push her body up. "Let's go then. I will keep up with your training."

"Ehm... Are you sure?" Alex looked concerned while glancing at the bed as if he asked her to rest for a bit more.

"It's fine." She shook her head as she patted his chest. "Let's go. I will teach you the basics of Array Mastery, specifically for Divine Array, because there is a huge difference. Well, I know that you have the knowledge in your head, so I will probably explain the summary alone."

Seeing her determined face, Alex finally walked out of his bed, following her from behind as they both put on their clothes before going to a table.

Alicia then started her explanation about Divine Array and what he needed to do to quicken his speed and so on. It was quite a sophisticated technique even for himself. And it was true that he had knowledge about that in his memory, but he might need to dig it up and master it in a few weeks. However, Alicia helped him and made him master all the things she told him within a week.

This tremendously aided Alex's understanding of Divine Array, albeit he also realized in this session the fact that he couldn't use a peak Divine Array just yet truly disappointed him.

He understood that his strength and concentration were not strong enough to control the array without affecting his fighting ability, but he might be able to use it by creating a formation. In the end, Alicia managed to stop him, so he didn't ruin his foundation in this Divine Array.

Just like how he wanted, they started practicing the first array. One of the most important arrays needed to create a Special Realm, Illusion Array.

For this, Alicia had a suggestion. The array was called the Sun Moon Reflection Array. It basically used the light coming from the sun to create an illusion that could blend with their surroundings. And since the moonlight was basically a reflection of sunlight by the moon, it boosted the Array, thus its name, Sun Moon Reflection Array.

Alicia decided to watch over him about this array, observing how Alex created a Divine Array from scratch. She occasionally asked Alex to create a few small symbols as the necessity of a Divine Array, and they finally made a working one within just a single month.

Of course, the reason he learned Illusion Array first was because this was his basic necessity.

He struggled at first but soon became an expert in using it.

After that, they continued to the next array. His Simulation Room. This array was a special array for him because this was the array that helped him the most to go through any training.

Alicia and Alex rejoiced as they tried the Simulation Room themselves. Because she participated in the creation process as well, she somehow managed to alter the Simulation Room a bit to something close to a love hotel from Earth, and both of them released their desire there under the pretense of celebration.

The third array would be like the foundation of a Special Room, a Barrier Array. Alicia had a suggestion for this, but Alex had another array in mind. It was called the Black Tortoise Array. Just like how the legend described the black tortoise, this array created a hard shell to protect himself while having the chance to summon a chain to bind their enemy as if it was a snake.

He couldn't practice so many arrays at once, so he was satisfied with this one because he didn't need to practice a binding array. Alicia could also understand why Alex was so adamant on this array.

The training of these three arrays took them around four months, and Alex couldn't help but feel surprised, noticing that he had been training for four months.

Just eight more months before they could meet... Alex always had this thought before sleeping, so they really hoped there was not a single problem again that took away their time.

After mastering this array, he finally had the chance to learn a divine rank Teleportation Array. This was ridiculously insane because it could penetrate the world's barrier from the inside to the outside, not the other way around of course.

With this array, he should be able to leave this world without any problem like before. He would be put away to somewhere near the world that had no Space Disturbance. And the range of this array itself was incomprehensible. At the very least for those Rank 8 or below. For the distance of thousands of light years away, if they didn't have this, it would be hard for them to travel.

Some of the God Rank Experts usually used a spaceship to travel because it would be equipped with a Teleportation Array to make their way toward the destination faster.

In fact, he could travel around the world with a single portal now. The only weakness of this Teleportation Array was the fact that they needed to pour their Divine Energy into the array. They could travel far and fast but required a huge amount of energy.

Spaceships usually dealt with this problem because they had a system to go through all these troublesome calculations and flew through space at a very fast speed.

Alex wanted to see it by himself when Alicia talked about it. It turned out she hadn't seen it yet, so they were planning to experience it when the time came. If possible, with the others as well.

Finally, the last array he wanted to learn was an attack type array. It was known as Five Executioner Array. It was simply an array of summoning. He could summon five swords using this array and controlled it. Each sword had an extraordinary ability, but if he combined them all together and released it at the same time, the attack would be tremendous.

Alicia was about to suggest this array as well because she knew about Alex's Absolute Blade Intent.

Each of these arrays took around one and a half months. In total, he used around eight months just to master these five arrays, but whether he was disappointed by the result or not, he would probably say no.

With the last four months in front of them, Alex started racking his brain to develop a training schedule.

First of all, he needed to learn the First Divine Sword Art after reaching God Stage, albeit not a single of them was interesting enough for him. He then moved onto the Spear Divine Art and found the thing he was looking for.

This technique allowed Alex to slightly increase the length of his blade while giving an attack like that of Heaven Light Slash. Inspired by a Spear God that lost to an archer that was only an inch away, he created this technique to surpass that distance.

He then looked down and pondered something. Swallowing Heaven, Dragon Aura, Phoenix Aura, Spirit Crown, Triple Draws, and Mythical Spear Cannon were Divine Class Techniques. And to top it all, Alex's Three Purities Slash was off the chart. He used that original Divine Sword Technique to crown himself as a Sword God.

However, he learned about the meaning of the spear during this period, allowing him to finally achieve a breakthrough in his spear. He thanked the new Divine Spear Technique called One Inch Spear. Although

the spear extended more than an inch because it was inspired by the one-inch difference, it was called One Inch Spear by the creator.

He only needed around one month to master this technique, but he was surprised by the gain, making him have close door cultivation for another two months to finally evolve his Absolute Blade Intent to Absolute Blade Divine Intent. He finally succeeded in turning everything into Divine Things from Body to Intent.

On the other hand, Alicia's improvement seemed to be extraordinary as well. After discussing arrays with Alex, just like how Alex understood Alicia's point of view, she also learned Alex's unique view about arrays.

She was busy during this whole time just to perfect something in her mind while cultivating, so Alex didn't catch up.

Sherry also appeared during this time, but she stayed out for a while to leave Alicia and Alex to have some time alone. Alicia had asked her to join and not mind that business, but she was adamant about letting Alicia have her time just in this world.

Alicia was thankful to her and somehow remembered the small fox that carried Alex from the battlefield back to the Acacia Kingdom. If not for her, Alex would have died there.

She was blessed to have a family like this, even though she was a bit skeptical to see Alex with another woman, AKA started his harem, but after going through many things, she felt nothing bad about it.

It was true that they wanted some affections, but when they didn't receive the attention they deserved, the other sisters decided to give her quality time with Alex.

Luckily, Alicia was also one of those types. Her jealousy vanished and was replaced by a sense of camaraderie, and fully accepted his relationship with Firia. And after meeting Lin Xingzhi and everyone else, she believed she had nothing to say other than calling them sisters.

Of course, Alex called Anna and Anya, introducing them to Alicia. In fact, this was the first thing he did before starting their training. It seemed they had been talking behind his back through his system because the three looked like they had been talking with each other for years. However, Alex didn't really mind this one because he could see that the three were happy.

Having finished all the jobs, Alex finally returned and decided to use the last month to make a plan to destroy the Green Devil Tribe and disappeared from this world without anyone noticing... At least for a few months.

One year had passed, and Alex came out of his room after a series of training in his Simulation Room. He found Alicia sitting on a bench near the door and walked toward her. "Good morning."

"Good morning." Alicia gently smiled.

"What are you thinking?" Alex asked after finding a troubled look on her face.

Alicia thought for a moment, wondering whether to say it or not, but it seemed she had decided to discuss it before it was too late. "Alex..."

"Yes?"

"Have you been holding back because of us?"

"What do you mean?" Alex tilted his head in confusion. A weird feeling suddenly rose in his heart, making him uncomfortable.

"I mean... You have met many people in your life, especially beauties. Take a look at Evelyn, Rose, Song Yu, Putri... But none of them managed to move your heart despite the fact that they had moved many hearts, intentional or unintentional."

Alex was stunned by her question. He didn't know where this question came from, but it certainly shook him to the core.

"How about we discuss this first..." Alicia closed her eyes. Although she seemed to be reluctant to talk about this, she had to. She patted the bench a few times, asking Alex to sit beside her.

In the end, Alex ended up sitting there.

Chapter 859 - Conversation

"So, are you really going to talk about it?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"Yeah. Well, I indeed feel a bit disturbed about this, but I want to see your clear view on this matter. After all, we are building a family, so I want to know your opinion as well. Maybe we can reach a consensus." Alicia nodded with a slightly pained look. "I have been selfish this whole time, so I would like to ask you again. Have you been holding back this whole time?"

"Ehm?" Alex scratched his head, not knowing what to say. He thought for a moment and said, "Look. I already have you, Firia, Sherry, Anna, Anya, and... Lin Xingzhi, albeit I haven't met her yet. I am just afraid that I bite more than I can chew and somehow can't spare any time with all of you. In fact, I have been selfish as well by choosing multiple wives."

Alicia looked upward and sighed. "There is also Letizia... Ahem, there might be more in the future, especially if you are doing world travel."

"Well, I will be asking all of you to accompany me, so there won't be anyone bothering me again." Alex shrugged.

Alicia thought for a moment and recalled whatever she had seen the last time she visited to see Alex's progress through the system.

"You have considered Putri as half-disciple because it was too forced, but I don't really have any complaints about her, considering your relationship was never moved to that way." Alicia nodded, recalling how Putri first considered him a little brother before viewing him as her master. Unfortunately, she couldn't keep up with the progress and was stuck in the Northern Continent.

"Still, there is something amiss with your relationship with Song Yu. I am not talking about her since she has already found her other half but before that. I had seen the record and noticed that you had been distancing yourself from her. It was like you were drawing a line between you."

Alex looked down and sighed. "I have no words. Senior Sister is pretty and caring, but the relationship between us can't really be described with simple words. Like me, I believe she is drawing the line on herself, so yeah, it won't happen, let alone now that she has someone she loves."

Alicia stared at his eyes for a few seconds before accepting the answer. "How about Rose?"

"Don't even think about it." Alex narrowed his eyes, declined the idea instantly.

"Well, you are like her elder brother and her father at the same time, so I won't say much about it. Rose is a good girl, and if you have an option to adopt her as your daughter, will you do it?" Alicia asked.

"I don't know. A daughter, huh... Even though it's adopted, it's a bit weird. I am not saying I am against it, but it is... Ugh, how should I say this? It's complicated." Alex shook his head. "Still, I can understand how my Teacher felt about me."

Alicia remembered Dean Marco of course, and listening to him mention his teacher, Alicia nodded and stopped at this point. "Alright. I won't say much about it. On the other hand, I would like to see how you view Letizia! She is pretty devoted to you, you know?"

"But that is..." Before he finished correcting her, she cut him.

"Are you going to say it's only a matter of master and servant? I know that Letizia thinks about it that way, but I am sure that you also feel the fondness coming from her, right?" She asked. "If you want her anytime, she will give everything to you, you know. It's just she is afraid you don't want it, so she never mentions it."

Alex looked away. Her words were completely right.

"And how about Evelyn? She is far above Letizia, you know. She openly showed her feelings, and so on, when you were in the upper world. Don't say anything about her reminding you of your little sister. I know you thought that way before, but when she grew older, you slowly saw her as an individual because you realize that everything was only your perspective and realized yours was wrong."

"Ugh..." Alex had no words to say. He always felt it was enough to have them, but when Alicia said it right on his face, he didn't have any reason to give. "Well, Evelyn will stay there anyway."

"True enough. As innocent as her, she will surely repay that Manness and become the leader of Drunken Pavilion. Albeit, you don't know how scary a woman is... Well, I just hope that the incident about Shelka, that pure wind element Elven Princess, would never happen again."

Alex nodded.

"Then, I would like you to promise you one thing." Alicia grabbed his hand and looked into his eyes. "You said that you wanted to travel to other worlds with us, so no more women come close to you, right?"

"Yes."

"With this, there are still Evelyn and Letizia. I want you to promise me that when the time comes, I don't want you to hold back because of us. No matter how hurt it is to have another sister, it's more painful if we don't have the one we love in front of us. Even the separation of a decade is hurting me, so don't hold back for us. We will also openly protest if we don't like someone."

Alex widened his eyes, never expecting to hear these words from Alicia. "I understand."

Even though he didn't know why Evelyn was included, he decided to show a bit of himself to Letizia when they met again. Despite their first encounter, Alex was indeed fond of Letizia. She is smart to begin with, but her immature personality in the past reduced her to a slave. But he believed that the current Letizia was ten times if not a hundred times better than the past her, and that was the thing that attracted him.

Albeit, everything seemed subpar if one compared it with the affection coming from Evelyn. In the past, Evelyn indeed saw him as a hero who saved her in the past and taught her how to get stronger. But over the years, she saw Alex as someone that she would like to spend time with, and her fondness grew even more from then.

Alex was skeptical about this because of how she viewed him in the past and somehow decided to use it as a line that separated him and her.

In any case, he promised Alicia that he would treat them better from now on, even if they were not his women.

"Fu..." Alex let out a long sigh, calming his head down.

"I am sorry to bring this matter to you."

"It's fine." Alex shook his head with a smile.

Alicia nodded before rising from the bench. "You can rest here first as I call Nelson and Ilumi to discuss our plan against the Green Devil Tribe."

Alex accepted it and sat down for thirty minutes, sorting his emotion and thoughts before going to the main room.

To his surprise, Ilumi was the only one there.

"Master." Ilumi greeted him with a bow as soon as she noticed his presence.

"Where is Alicia?"

"She is contacting Nelson and writing the report because Nelson seems to get something important," Ilumi answered. "Ah! I volunteered to deal with the report, but Lady Alicia told me to wait here..."

Alex couldn't help but smile at how she corrected herself and how... She actually put her hands on her butt as if protecting them from spanking. It seemed Vera's influence was already too deep in her heart. Even though the person in question was not here, she still acted like that.

"Haha... It's fine. I won't punish you just because of that. Besides, Alicia said it herself that she could handle it." Alex nodded and sat in front of her.

"Ehm... Master?" Ilumi was a bit uncomfortable when Alex stared at her this whole time.

"Sorry. I was just curious about Alicia's life when she was in Eulja." Alex apologized.

"Lady Alicia's life?" Ilumi looked down, wondering if it was alright to tell him. If Alicia didn't tell him, wouldn't it mean stepping over their bound to tell Alex about it?

"Alicia has told me some of them, but I would like to know from another perspective as well. How do you feel and so on." Alex waved his hand, trying to fix the misunderstanding.

"Ah! In that case, I can tell you. I was her last instructor before she became independent. The first instructor was my younger sister. She was in charge of her cultivation and such... At the very least, she would discover all the basics.

"The second instructor was an elder from the tribe that taught her about Array Mastery according to her request. Then the last one is me."

"I see." Alex nodded. "What did you teach her then? Something like Battle Experience? Or all the things about Divine Being?"

"It's basically a fighting instructor. Because she fights with her element and array, I train her about all those things in general and how people fight with it."

"Thank you for teaching her." Alex bowed his head.

"No, no. Master. Please don't lower your head." Ilumi panicked and tried to help him up.

Alex smiled before asking again. "How was she? It must be hard to teach her, right?"

Ilumi looked down and replied honestly. "To be honest, it was tough to teach her in the beginning, but Lady Alicia was really hard working. Every time I gave her time to rest, she would reflect on all the matters that happened during the practice.

"I heard from the other instructors as well that she had many notes about herself that she always put all her weaknesses and things that needed to be fixed in that note. You can say it's like Alchemy notes that one put down all their findings from mistake to solution. This one is basically the same, except it's about Lady Alicia herself and her cultivation journey.

"So, I couldn't deny it was hard to teach her, but her determination made us want to teach her again and again. It was like no matter how many times she asked, it would be fine to answer her because we knew how hard she worked for it. And she also had the necessary talent to improve.

"If I need to conclude everything I and the other two instructors within one, then... We are proud to have her under our tutelage."

"I see." Alex smiled.

"Well, there is one thing that I should mention. Because Lady Lin Xingzhi told her to come to the house once a month to see your condition, she worked very hard during the other days. You could say she worked tirelessly, so she could make up that one day different."

Alex could clearly understand why Ilumi told him this, and he couldn't help but feel touched.

Alicia worked hard to match Firia's progress and the lost time when she was sleeping in that Box of Time.

On the other hand, Firia could get all the necessary information because Alex gave her a few books about cultivation, so her time in the lower world was pretty bountiful. That was why Alicia worked this hard to catch up, and her cultivation already reached the peak of Rank 10 God, mostly because Firia stayed with Alex in the Upper World while she was cultivating in Eulja.

"Right. Can you tell me more about it?" Alex asked, wanting to know Alicia more during her stay in Eulja. After all, Alicia had already seen his progress through the system, so he needed to know more about her. Maybe he would ask her again later.

Ilumi was glad to talk about it.

As they talked about her, the person in question finally turned up after sorting all the information from Nelson. She put down a few papers on the table before looking at Alex.

"The situation is a bit interesting, so you can choose what to do during this period." Alicia smiled.

Alex saw her smile and realized that she wanted to do something naughty. He looked at the paper and raised his eyebrows.

"Interesting."

Chapter 860 - Investigation

"Interesting." Alex smiled.

"As you have read it, yes, they have closed their perimeter because of the nearing competition where they fight to become the leader. During the past year, there are already three elders killed by another elder."

"Wait a minute, you have said that you killed the previous leader by messing with his poison?" Alex stopped her, noticing an important piece of consideration.

"Yes?" Alicia tilted her head in confusion before realizing what he meant. "Ah. You think the Rank 9 God has died?"

"Yes." Alex nodded.

"No. The one dying was a Rank 10 God. They have this custom that the next leader can only be chosen from Martial Saint while those who have become a God Rank Expert can't participate in this and to nurture the next leader. The Rank 9 God is still there." She corrected him.

"So, that was why you were saying Ilumi needed to kill only one Rank 10 God, even though they were supposed to have two Rank 10 Gods." Alex finally understood the conversation they had a year ago. He didn't pay any intention to it because he could discuss it again in the planning session, so it was normal for Alex not to know about it.

"Yeah. That's why the chance is big for us." Alicia nodded. "With them closing their border, we can sneak inside and kill them off guard. Well, I doubt a surprise attack could easily kill a God Rank Expert, but I believe we can get one of his hands or something."

Alex thought for a moment and agreed. "Alright. If you want to have it that way, we can do it right now or tomorrow. They are trying to prepare for the competition, so their eyes won't be on us."

"That's what I am talking about."

"How is Nelson by the way?" Alex asked.

"I am afraid he can't really get any information from their surroundings. He could only get around the forest because he will be found out if he comes closer. The God Rank Experts have used their senses to scan the entire tribe so as to prevent any outsider from coming in.

"In fact, he got this information from the disciples in the surroundings, so it can be inaccurate as well," Alicia explained, reminding him that everything could be fake news.

Alex understood how hard to sneak around him because of the heightened sense from his Divine Body. That was why Nelson was unable to sneak around them. It was also the reason why it was hard to get information in a Divine World.

This information made him fall into deep thought for a while before deciding. "We can go tomorrow according to our plan. You and I shall kill that Rank 9 God as quickly as possible because we would be able to react if this turned out to be a trap."

"I understand. I shall follow your words." She nodded. "By the way, I would like to ask you whether you have an idea to pass through the poison?"

"Depends on their terrain."

Alicia nodded and pointed at a certain spot on the map. "Green Devil Tribe is a small tribe that is surrounded by a forest. This forest has so many poisonous materials, so it's perfect for them. And the moment they spread their poison, it will be dangerous as even a God Rank Expert wouldn't come to this place without a plan.

"What is the terrain?"

"There is nothing to say about this other than the forest. You can enter from whenever you want." Alicia shrugged.

"Alright then. In that case, we will enter tomorrow. I will prepare my Pure Fire and ensure the safety coming from the poison. By the way, how do they release so much poison in the forest without it being spread to the atmosphere?"

"From Nelson's perspective, they are using a barrier array as the container."

"So it's like a few layers thing... The outside world, a barrier, a poison, a barrier again, and finally their headquarters..." Alex narrowed his eyes.

"Yes. Only a few can enter, but from the information, no one has entered to celebrate this because the competition has not come yet. Hence, this is the best time to eliminate them without needing to deal with the other potential enemies," Alicia said with a serious expression.

"I can understand that. And do you know how they compete with each other?"

"It's a battle of poison and prowess. Why do you ask?"

"If they only rely on poison, I would be able to handle them because I know that they are only good at poison. However, suppose there is also a combat prowess competition. In that case, this is going to be difficult because we might not be able to overpower him." Alex sighed.

"It's fine. I believe our strength is enough to destroy them." Alicia smiled, assuring him.

"I hope so." Alex nodded.

"Nelson is to stand by in front of their barrier while observing those disciples that are patrolling around the area. After that, he can join us after burning many things from the treasury." Alex nodded.

"That's my plan. If we sneak in, they would be targeting us. Nelson then can camouflage to get inside their treasury, making sure they don't bring any poison with them." Alicia nodded, agreeing with Alex.

"Don't worry. I will take care of that." Alex nodded. "Now there is another problem that we need to discuss. Because of the terrain and such, I can sneak inside by using my Spatial Gate, but I don't know if they have Space Element or not, so I am going to go around the barrier to check on them."

"Should I accompany you?" Alicia asked.

"No. I am going to have Nelson to bring me around." Alex shook his head.

"Alright. I will prepare the other things while you are investigating it." Alicia nodded.

Alex nodded before taking out Nelson's card. "Nelson. How is the situation going? Are you free right now?"

"I am free, Master. I am just going around the area since I can't enter this barrier due to the poison. They have a nasty poison this time." Nelson answered with a bit of a weak voice. He had been investigating not only the Green Devil Tribe but their surroundings, starting from the town and those neighboring cities.

"I am going to summon you back here, so you can guide me around that area. I need to see if I can sneak inside using my Space Element or not."

"I understand."

Alex immediately summoned him before saying goodbye to Alicia and Ilumi.

Nelson then guided him toward the forest where they first met Alicia.

"This forest is quite wide. Its size is twice the Fire God Clan City, so I believe their town is around the size of one."

Alex nodded and activated his Spirit Eyes.

The first thing he saw was obviously the energy coming from the barrier. It was a Divine Array indeed, so it was pretty hard to break. However, he noticed that it only contained a Barrier Array. There was no Illusion Array or Space Element, so it was not as strong as the Special Realm.

He believed he could enter the barrier right away by using his Space Element alone. "The problem is... Do they have a Space Element Master, if not an Array Master?"

"I am afraid I can't investigate that."

Alex glanced at him before looking up, finding the golden energy that surrounded the inner barrier. "I see. The energy from there is Divine Energy."

"Yes. As you can see, I can't go inside there unless I want to be found." Nelson nodded.

"For how long has it been up?"

"Since a year ago. I don't know yet, but I noticed a few very strange things during this past year. First, I found that Divine Energy gradually spread around the forest as if they were preparing to meet something or someone."

"So, are you telling me it is a trap?" Alex asked.

"There is a possibility, but it is low. In the past, you have seen this place and found no energy around, right? After a few days, it suddenly goes up, so I think it's not for us."

"Hmm... In that case, this third party must be aiming at the competition because it will be the time where everyone gathered."

"I have the same thought. That's why I believe this is a good time to attack. Although the help is welcomed, it will only become our trouble because we will be found out by this third party. On the other hand, we need to be careful of their poison and preparation, albeit incomplete because they are using this barrier to prevent outsiders from coming in."

Alex looked down and stroked his chin. "This is going to be troublesome."

"What are we going to do, Master?"

Alex didn't answer him and looked at the miasma in front of him. Firstly, even though Alex said it was miasma, it was not visible with naked eyes. Fortunately, his Spirit Eyes could pick the energy from a poison that could affect God Rank Experts.

He thought it would be hard to move past this poison without any protection or Space Element, so he believed that the Green Devil Tribe had the ability to fend their enemy off with only this, allowing Alex to attack during this time.

Because it was incomplete, they wouldn't have time to rearrange everything, and there might be some arrays or anything else that hadn't been completed yet to the point it ruined everything that needed those things. That was a very welcoming situation, but it was a bit unlikely.

Either case, Alex was planning to attack them tomorrow. He glanced at Nelson and leaped to the left. "Follow me. We are going to check all directions. If there is a devil near the portal, tell me."

"Understood." Nelson nodded and followed Alex without hesitation. He sometimes suggested he moved to the side when he noticed incoming presences. Of course, Alex's Spirit Eyes allowed him to see them as well and reacted accordingly.

The two then continued as Alex drew all the concepts of this array and finally returned to the base with Nelson.

"How is it?" Alicia asked.

"The poison is the problem. There is a chance that the inner barrier will be retracted and let all the poison come inside. As they are the Green Devil Tribe that has a long history with poisons, they must have enough antidotes for themselves, so I am planning to get rid of the poison first or create another layer of barrier that can stop the poison from spreading."

"How about making the medicine ourselves?"

"It's not enough time." Alex shook his head.

"That's right. You can plant your Divine Soul into armor or token, right? How about planting one, so you can use your Pure Fire to protect us if they are planning like what you said a moment ago?" Alicia offered a solution.

This was an interesting way to prevent the poison from coming to their body, but it was also risky because he needed to fight a Rank 9 God while using my Divine Energy to control the area.

"That's the best solution." Alex nodded. "But I certainly weakened a bit because I needed to spare my attention to a few people."

"Indeed. Can your mind withstand that?"

"Of course. Well, this fight is a bit harder, so I look forward to it. Alicia, I want you to support me using the array and ice element. I will let you decide how to attack him." Alex pointed his finger at Alicia.

"Sure thing." Alicia nodded.

"Ilumi and Nelson still have the same mission."

"Understood."

Alex then took out a few cards from his Inventory. They were Anna, Jeanne, and Leoz. They were going to take part in this battle, so they needed to be included for the details on how they would fight tomorrow.

At the same time, Alex also needed to discuss their battle plan with Alicia, considering he never fought together with her. Although they had the advantage of fighting the Rank 9 God together, it wasn't really that much because this was their first time.

Thus, the day ended with so many conversations.