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Chapter 891 - War

Inside the room, Alex was sitting face to face with Kyle and Stina. They had been staring at each other for a while, not knowing what to say.

"First of all, I should say this first. It's a good thing to see both of you again." Alex smiled.

"Yeah. Thank you, Master." Stina and Kyle bowed their heads. "We have got completely overtaken by you, though. We are ashamed."

"No, no. You don't need to worry about that." Alex waved his hand. "I am sure the others also haven't broken through to another level."

"Actually, Alicia has. Only her."

"I see. There is one then." Alex nodded before recalling something. "By the way, before this, I have stored many herbs inside the Inventory. Have you checked it?"

"Hmm?" Lin Xingzhi tilted her head before raising his hand. A blue notification appeared, followed by the panel for Inventory. She then found so many herbs had just been stored inside and looked at Alex with a dumbfounded expression. "This..."

"You must have realized where it was coming from, but I won't say anything right now," Alex warned her first.

"I understand." Lin Xingzhi nodded, knowing it must come from Encore. Although many questions flashed in her mind, she chose not to open her mouth.

"You can use this to power up the others, and I am sure this should be enough for others to catch up with my cultivation."

"I am not very sure. There is also a process to completely absorb the herb. It might be giving EXPs to them, but it takes time."

"Alright. I don't really mind time because we still have time. Meanwhile, I am going to increase my strength as soon as possible." Alex said with a serious expression.

When they saw his expression, Kyle and Stina fell silent, wondering if it was still alright to ask him to visit their world. They ended up deciding to visit her later after Alex solved all the problems, but Alex offered them again.

"So, when do you want to visit your daughter? If I can choose, it will be right now because I still have the time. And after that, I can start cultivating. It won't take too long, I guess."

The couple looked at each other and thought the same thing. They clasped their hands and bowed their heads. "We thank you for Master's generosity."

"Good." Alex nodded. "We can go tomorrow. Lin Xingzhi will distribute the herbs first while you can control your current new power first."

"We understand." They nodded.

Lin Xingzhi then rose from her seat and stretched her hand. "Since you two are new here, let me guide you to your room."

They had nothing to say about the offer and immediately took her hand. They followed Lin Xingzhi outside while Alex sat on the chair, facing down. It had been a tiring ten years for him, so he felt like resting.

He returned to his room and immediately slept like a log. Even Lin Xingzhi didn't bother him when she found him like this. Since it was Encore they were talking about, he must have faced so much difficulty along the way. She even became more convinced with the fact that she couldn't reach him nor pry his memory.

Yeah, memory. There seemed to be a gap in his memory that she couldn't see no matter what. And the only one who might be able to do it was the previous Alex.

She sighed in defeat. That was the man's privacy, and since he had gone such a length to do it, she wouldn't ask about it.

The next day, Alex's mind felt refreshed. All the training he had to endure during the past decade started becoming translucent in his mind. At the very least, he wouldn't recall such a thing unless he thought it hard.

After that, they gathered inside the room again as Alex asked Zark to accompany them there.

"Master. This is the compass." Zark brought along a compass that had been set on Stina's world.

Alex nodded and grabbed it while asking, "Do you want to go inside too?"

"I don't understand." Zark shook his head.

"I want you to accompany us during this time. After finishing the matter, I want you to bring them back to Eulja while Lin Xingzhi and I go to that world."

"I see. In that case, I shall also come inside the world. I won't be seen during your stay that time, or I can return here and bring you back when you give me a signal."

"Nah, it's better to go together." Alex waved his hand together before Lin Xingzhi handed him another compass. "This is the compass to go to that world?"

"Yeah. The world is called Miorea."

Alex nodded and put it inside his Inventory for the time being. Zark then clapped his hand and summoned the array as he activated it upon Alex's nod.

It didn't take too long, and Alex immediately erected a barrier right outside the planet, sealing all their power.

Lin Xingzhi raised both hands with a surprised expression and checked her body. "So, this is how you feel when your power is sealed. To think I will experience something like this... It's a bit disgusting to suddenly lose your power because it feels a bit empty, but it's not that much."

Alex glanced at her before looking at Stina and Kyle and learned that Lin Xingzhi was a special case. It seemed due to her losing so much power, it felt very different for her.

Zark proved that she told the truth because he understood what she meant. Although it wasn't quite like her, it was similar.

"I see. This is an intriguing space element. There is this special space inside our body that can contain our soul and Divine Energy. A technique that can make a world inside one's body... Such a spell does not exist, but this technique can be considered one, albeit only a pseudo technique.

"It can create one, but it's just a kind of special realm. Not a world itself." Zark shook his head. "I wonder what will happen if someone is able to create a world inside themselves and create a new lifeform. This is how heaven-defying..."

Alex paid attention to all Zark's rambling because Zark might be the one with the highest achievement in Space Element in Eulja.

If they could create a world inside their body, it would be insane. The world itself was made due to the Disturbance that needed a lot of energy, so it wasn't possible to see a God Rank Expert created a world just yet.

"Anyway, it's nice to see you are having fun with this sudden feeling, but I am going to teleport us right now," Alex informed them and used his Teleportation Array this time. "And I hope I won't teleport us to another throne room. I have gotten sick of it."

In the blink of an eye, the scenery came again.

The pain started spreading from his chest to his entire body. He had experienced this a few times, so he had grown accustomed to it and activated the sealing without much problem.

They checked their surroundings and found themselves surrounded by skies on the horizon. There was a direction where they found a city, but this was enough for Alex to recognize this place.

"This is the flying continent..." Alex exclaimed and checked whether there was an angel nearby.

"By the way, Alex, I have been wondering, but why are you sealing all of our cultivation? Isn't Martial Emperor the limit of this world?"

"I don't have much control over this. I need to improve it for the time being because it is taking my concentration to seal many people at once. And the simplest way is to seal everything instead of adjusting it to Martial Lord." Alex sighed in defeat.

He found this weakness when he sealed the three girls' power when he visited Agar World, their home planet.

"I see." Lin Xingzhi nodded before glancing at Stina. "Since it's better to fly than using a Teleportation Array, do you know the direction?"

"I know. It is this way." Stina pointed her finger toward the sun. "With our current speed, it will probably take a few hours."

"Sure. We can't really place any more burden on Alex, so he can easily maintain his control." She nodded before tugging Alex's hand.

Alex nodded and said, "Let's go."

"Who are you?!"

When they were about to take off, they heard a sound coming from the city. It was another angel that seemed to be going for a patrol.

Since Stina was well-known in this world, she instantly appeared before him and said, "It's me. Due to various reasons, I somehow end up here. I plan to immediately leave this place and head back to my castle."

"Y-you are her highness Stina. It's rude of me." The angel immediately kneeled in front of her.

"Umu. I have returned to this place just now, so I hope you won't say anything to your king yet as I am planning to visit him a bit later."

"Ehm..." The angel had trouble agreeing as he looked away as if he wanted to say something.

"What is it? You can't keep the secret?"

"N-no. Since your highness has just returned, there is a problem in your territory."

"What?!" Stina furrowed his eyebrows. "What had happened when I was away?"

"Ehm..."

"Speak!"

"The Phoenix Continent is fighting the humans and elves right now."

"!!!" Even Alex and Lin Xingzhi turned their head upon hearing this as if they just heard something interesting.

Alex helplessly shook his head and muttered. "Oh boy. This again. When we visited the family in Agar World, they also had a conflict with this. Even though it was only around a decade or so... Wait, a decade? That is far enough time to start a conflict like this. It seems my sense of time has been shattered by cultivation..."

Lin Xingzhi heard his murmur and chuckled. She winked her eyes as if telling him that they wouldn't participate in this matter and let the couple solve it.

Alex shared her opinion and nodded to watch the show.

"Due to the recent conflict between the previous Supreme, Alexander Sirius. The human king started harboring ominous feelings upon the Phoenixes. The hatred sparked when the elf saw how their genius princess got too obsessed with him.

"And when she actually chased him, the elven princess's life crystal that had been showing her life energy shattered. In other words, she died in another world.

"The humans then devised a plot to get the Elven King joined them and succeeded. With the crystals had been returned to the former owner, the king had been using it to increase his power, so it was hard for the phoenixes to fight back. That's what I have heard from the city. It seems to be a rumor, but people are saying it's coming from our Wise King himself."

Stina furrowed her eyebrows and asked again. "How is her condition?"

"Her Majesty Ellen has been heavily injured from the joint force of the Elven King and the Human Sovereign."

"Is there any treaty with the other races?"

"The human managed to make a treaty with the Sea Race and Angel Race. The Dragon Race kept their neutral stance and decided to stop the war when Her Majesty Ellen got injured. They thought it would be best to not kill any leaders during this war.

"They seemed to have some sentiments with Alexander Sirius. But I am afraid they can't participate more than this." The guard shook his head in disappointment. He never thought he would see war again in this life.

"Good good! That Shelka had tried to endanger my master by bringing some useless pricks. And now they are going to aim for my daughter?" Stina was on the verge of blowing up.

However, Kyle patted her shoulder, telling her to calm down. When she turned around and snarled at him, he saw a scary face from Kyle.

"This is interesting. They are not allowed to kill any sovereign, right? Since that is the case, I will return the favor by not killing the Elven King and Human Sovereign. But I will use their human castle as coal and their World Tree as a branch to heat up this world a little bit. For now, let's go back to our home, okay?"

The guard turned pale, wondering if it was alright to tell them this. He might need to inform his king about this to see what he could do.

Chapter 892 - Rebirth

'Oh, Kyle is pissed!' Alex exclaimed inwardly. This might be the first time he saw Kyle becoming like this. Maybe it was due to his original memory that he learned the responsibility to his wife and daughter, he became angry. Nonetheless, it was something he would like to see.

"Master... I am sorry for losing my exposure. And he is also—" Stina immediately tried to become dignified in front of her master, the one she owed so much.

Alex only shook his head and smiled. "Family is the number one. I will probably like Kyle if something happens to my family, so let's check your daughter first."

Hearing this, Kyle tried hard to calm himself and bowed to him.

They then disappeared simultaneously, leaving the clueless angel behind.

Not long after that, they had finally arrived at Phoenix Continent, flying above them and heading straight to the castle.

"Where is my daughter?!" Stina shouted, trying to alarm the entire castle.

One of the elders instantly appeared as soon as she heard the sound but dumbstruck by the sight of Stina appearing before them. She kneeled in front of her and let out tears as if she just saw a saint.

"Her Majesty has finally returned."

Stina shook her head and replied. "Only for a few days to a week. I need to go somewhere again. Where is Ellen? What is her condition?"

"She..." The elder looked down, wondering how to explain this.

"What the humans and the elves did?" Stina released her killing intent, surrounding the entire castle.

"Her Majesty Ellen has reached 3-Star Martial Emperor, but because of our fault, her cultivation has gone. If Your Majesty wants to kill us, please kill us. We deserve death."

"Ah... How wonderful today's weather is? It's a bit cloudy and windy. Tonight will be so dark. It's perfect to light up a torch to brighten the world." Kyle opened his eyes wide. There was no killing intent in his words, but everything he said was true.

"Kyle..." Lin Xingzhi's soothing voice resounded in everyone's ears.

The elder thought she was going to stop Kyle, but it was only five percent right.

"Just make sure to leave some, so they can reproduce themselves so as to not destroy this world's species. And there is that woman who had a certain relationship with Alex in the past. Except her, you can do whatever you want."

Kyle heard it and questioned her, "Lady Lin Xingzhi, it's rude for me to ask, but is there a need to spare some of them? I understand about that woman, but—"

"Has revenge clouded your judgment? Alex is a human too, and some elves are good-natured like the ones in the world where Alex met Alicia, Firia, and Sherry. Just put enough fear to make sure they don't want to antagonize your family again."

"!!!" Kyle bit his lips and took a deep breath. "I apologize. I will surely remember your words."

"We should check your daughter first. If it's cultivation, we can simply restore it with enough cultivation resources." Lin Xingzhi nodded.

"I understand." Kyle then glanced at Stina, and the latter stared at the elder, asking her to lead them.

The elder instantly rose and went inside the castle. Going through a few hallways, they ended up in front of a giant room sealed from any other place.

Bang!

The elder pushed the door open, revealing a woman resembling Stina sitting on her bed with a sad look.

When she heard the door open, she uninterestedly turned her head.

Stina was terrified by the looks she was giving. It was the face of someone who had given up on everything.

Something in Kyle's heart just broke as he staggered and fell on his knee right before the bed. He held his daughter's hand and cried. "Ellen..."

Light gradually returned in Ellen's eyes as she muttered in a low voice. "Fat...her?"

"Yes, this is your father. This is your useless father who couldn't even protect you from something like this."

Stina teared up as she fell on the floor.

"Mother is there too?" Ellen tried to turn a bit more to see Stina but unable to see her as her eyes were hollow.

Alex activated his Spirit Eyes and noticed something more important as he abruptly exclaimed. "Y-your wings..."

"!!!" Stina drew a gasp as she ran toward her, placing her hand on her back. "Where is your right wing?"

Alex glanced at the elder and asked, "What has happened?"

The elder gritted her teeth and finally told the truth. "There is a big war against the two influences. When Her Majesty led our force to strike them back, she fell on her ambush. A few elders died, and her majesty got her cultivation removed and one her wing cut. If not because two elders sacrificed their lives, she wouldn't be able to get away."

"Kyle..." Alex called his name as soon as the elder finished.

"Master?" Kyle turned his head with a dreadful expression.

"Tonight. Leave no one alive!" Alex knew that there were many innocents and good people, but this hatred couldn't go away. Whether he would be regretting it in the future or not, he didn't care. The wing was a kind to a symbol of identity for a phoenix. And if that was taken away, it was like taking a horn from an ogre that had two horns.

No wonder Ellen was reduced to this state.

The anger that he had contained this whole time had broken through the cage that held it in. He walked toward Kyle and placed his hand on Kyle's head, revolving the seal he placed on him.

His power gradually returned to Martial Emperor, and the message was pretty clear for him.

However, Lin Xingzhi interjected before they could do anything with that strength. "Wait a minute. I don't want to hinder you anymore, but there is one more important thing to do."

Alex and Kyle felt her gaze was not directed at them. Instead, it was on Ellen.

"The Phoenix has rebirth ability, right?"

"Yes. But it's merely restarting our life over, and she needs strength to do that. However, there is a big flaw in the rebirth technique." Stina gritted her teeth and turned around, slightly pulling up her shirt to

show a few scratches on her back. "We will start again, but our body is not. When I was undergoing my rebirth process, I realized that I would have the same adult body. Only my memory and age were reset."

"I know, but there is one thing that is capable of solving that... No, I should say one person." Lin Xingzhi glanced at Alex.

"!!!" Stina widened her eyes and realized what she was talking about. She rushed to Alex and kneeled, placing her head on the ground. "This might be this slave's selfish wish, but I wish Master can grant this slave's selfish wish."

Kyle even let go of his daughter and did the same as Stina.

The method she was talking about was the second rebirth from Alex's Pure Fire. Just like how it was going with Kyle, there was a chance of her restoring her former body by using Alex's Pure Fire, let alone the Godly Pure Fire from Phitrus.

Seeing this, Alex bent down and helped them up. "What Slave? I don't know anything about that. What I know is that I have two family members that need my strength. Since that is the case, I should help, right?"

"Master..."

"That is if she is willing though." Alex glanced at Ellen.

Ellen heard this as well and saw her parents. She tried to reach out the edge of the bed and begged Alex to do it, but she had become too weak to do so.

Alex then walked toward her and sat on the bed, asking. "Now, Ellen. I am sure you have realized what is going on, but I will explain it to you once again.

"The thing is... My Pure Fire might be able to restore your body, but that kind of thing can only happen for those that have Master and Servant Contract. In other words, I will be your master. Of course, I don't plan on having you as my servant and let you do whatever you want in this world just like how your parents wish for. Even so, the identity is still there. What do you think?"

Not having the strength to kneel, her body bent down as she asked. "Please, let me serve you, Master."

Her complexion turned better as she got the will to live again.

Alex patted her head and smiled. He bit his finger and smeared her forehead with his blood as he closed his eyes.

Sensing the energy trying to come inside her, Ellen let it do whatever it wanted. The little shred of her energy responded and submitted to this energy.

Only with this that the Pure Fire could finally flow.

"I, Ellen, shall serve you as your servant." Ellen smiled as she entered the life and death contract with Alex.

Alex channeled his Pure Fire, and her forehead started glowing.

Ellen began to absorb the Pure Fire and Alex's Divine Energy. However, Alex didn't have such a thing right now, so he gathered all the Spiritual Energy as a replacement for his Divine Energy. And this was also to let Ellen stay away from Divine Energy that might upset this world.

Warmth feelings started enveloping her body as she slowly floated to the air.

Alex's Pure Fire flared up and turned into a cocoon, hiding her inside. This process took two hours before the cocoon cracked.

"!!!" Stina and Kyle anticipated greatly, but they were afraid that it couldn't restore her wings. Nonetheless, they would never blame Alex and even thank him for putting in such efforts.

However, Alex could already see what was going on inside the cocoon. It might be in the form of energy, but Alex could see a pair of wings inside there.

When it cracked, Ellen leaped out, revealing her current appearance. It had no difference in particular, only her wings that looked different. Unlike their usual orangish-red flame, she had an unusually red fire that looked like Alex's Pure Fire.

This certainly baffled everyone, but when they thought he had become a Divine Being before attempting this, it made a little sense.

They then continued to see Ellen, who was stark naked due to the flame melting all her clothes. At the very least, she had no more visible injuries on her body.

Alex also checked her inner strength and found nothing wrong. Hence, he concluded that it was a success.

"There is no abnormality in her body anymore."

"Ellen greets Master." Ellen kneeled on the bed, completely unaware of her current appearance.

"Master! Thank you!" Stina and Kyle shouted as they felt overjoyed and moved at this moment.

"I will let your family have a talk first." Alex waved his hands and brought Lin Xingzhi and Zark away. "I will be going to the little courtyard I had in the past."

Ellen stretched her hand toward Alex but ended up retracting it. She then kowtowed a few times, showing her thanks until Alex left the room.

It was at that time Kyle and Stina threw themselves at her, couldn't contain their sadness, anger, happiness, and many other emotions they had contained in their heart.

"I am sorry for worrying you two," Ellen gently said as she felt guilty for making such an appearance earlier.

The two then had a great chat.

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After settling everything, Kyle was the first to arrive before him.

"The sun is almost set, it seems you are ready." Alex looked at him without any expression.

"Yes, Master. I am really grateful to you for saving my daughter. If needed, this life is yours to take."

"Let's not talk about that anymore. As long as your family is fine, I am happy too." Alex shook his head before his expression turned serious. "Anyway, there are many innocents in the two territories."

Kyle bowed his head.

"But I have no intention in telling you to spare them. Rather than thinking of a million bystanders, I am rather taking care of my family members." Alex's expression turned serious. "Leave no one alive."

"I shall light up this World Tree as a bonfire for you!" Kyle clasped his hand and disappeared.

Chapter 893 - Wrath

Inside the courtyard, Alex was sitting on a bench with Lin Xingzhi, watching how the sky far away from him brightened in red.

"A bonfire?" Alex asked while sipping his wine on that couch, relaxing his body from training.

"Indeed. Beautiful, isn't it?" Lin Xingzhi nodded.

"Just for entertainment purposes, yes, it's beautiful. But when you know many people died there, it's not."

Creak.

Someone pushed open the door of their courtyard and searched for them.

Alex glanced at his left, finding two women walking toward him.

"Stina, Ellen."

"Master." Considering Ellen also had turned into Alex's contracted beast, she also started to call him Master.

"Is that Kyle?" Stina glanced at the flash in the dark sky.

"Yeah. Do you think I am too cruel?" Alex asked with a poker face. "There are many people who have nothing to do with this, but I have decided to kill them."

"It's how we have been surviving this whole time. It's the usual thing, so why should I think about it?" Stina shook her head. "I am just thankful that Master only let Kyle do this to the two that are attacking the phoenixes. I will feel weird if you ask him to destroy this world itself."

"Nah." Alex shook his head while adding inwardly. 'If I am someone like that, I might kill all the Devils in that world before returning to Eulja because many Devils are going to be involved after the elimination of the Green Devil Tribe.'

"In any case, as long as Master is fine, I am fine too." Stina nodded.

He stared at her expression for a while and let out a long sigh. "Anyway, let's move on to the next topic. How are you, Ellen?"

"Thanks to Master, I have got a second chance to do this. Mother also has told me about many things, including about Father. Ellen is very thankful to Master."

Alex sighed. Looking at her, the previous Supreme suddenly popped out in his mind as he furrowed his eyebrows.

'Now that I think about it, my previous self didn't seem to go to this world without a reason! And the upper world where I trained to God Stage was the same. He must have gotten the foresight about the future and laid down all the groundwork.

'The Supreme and other people... The problem is... There are numerous possibilities, right? How can he be so sure I will be going here?

'No. Should I say that is the reason why I was born on Earth after five thousand years? He must know that the only place I would go was Agar World. And from that world, I didn't have any other world to go to except Moose World, the upper world.

'Everything now makes sense. He had calculated everything and laid the groundwork. In fact, it might be the reason why the Supreme seemed to have expected me to come.' Alex fell silent for a few minutes as he once again admitted defeat to his previous self. 'I really can't waste this life...'

Alex became a bit more fired up when thinking about this.

"Alex?!" Lin Xingzhi tilted her head in confusion.

"Ah, I am sorry. It's nothing." Alex shook his head before continuing. "Anyway, I am glad you are alright, Ellen. Don't need to care about the burden as my contracted beast and just live your life freely."

"Yes. Mother has said the same thing." Ellen smiled and bowed to him. "Still, as long as you are here, I shall serve you as much as I can."

"For now, I think you should calm the entire castle because they are worried about you."

"You don't need to worry. I have made a statement for that, and the elder who came with you will help me spread the information. The situation will become calm soon... Maybe in two or three days."

"In that case, I won't need to worry and enjoy my stay here."

"Please." Ellen raised her hands as if she was checking them. "Actually, my strength has returned to Martial King due to Master's ability. And the power is consolidated well. I shouldn't have a problem achieving a breakthrough to Martial Emperor soon and regain my former cultivation. If it's strength, I believe the me now is stronger... Well, only after I reach 1-Star Martial Emperor that I will have enough strength to surpass my previous self."

"That's good."

"Thank you."

"Still, I am wondering what is happening there..." Alex turned around and looked at the horizon.

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"Ah! Save me!"

"Kill him! Hurry up!"

"Attack!"

Many wails echoed in the city, containing hatred in their voices. The fire was everywhere, razing everything to the ground and reducing humans into ashes whether they were innocents or not.

Kyle stood tall above the city, watching how his fire extinguished these many humans. He saw many guilds appearing one after another, followed by the royal guards and the king.

They looked at Kyle standing above with a terrified expression. They had been fighting him for an hour, but nothing could hit him.

He suddenly disappeared.

The next thing they noticed was the sound echoing in their ears as they lowered their vision, finding Kyle punching the ground.

Cracks started to appear and spread all over the city. The city itself was around twenty kilometers in radius, but it was swallowed by a crater made by Kyle's punch, sinking the city.

"What is this ridiculous power?!"

The humans were terrified.

Kyle looked around to search for two people. The first one was a woman with two elements.

As soon as he found her, he appeared in front of her while releasing his killing intent. "You are Lilian, Master's former comrade. I will give you two minutes. Leave this city along with your guild, and no harm shall fall upon you. If not, then everyone will die here!"

"You—" Lilian gritted her teeth. She was the one accompanying Alex during his stay in this world. Never once a scene like this appeared in her mind. 'Why?!'

"Master treasures his friend, so leave. And the reason why Master didn't reduce this kingdom to ashes in the past was simply that he gave them mercy. Unfortunately, they didn't treasure it and attacked my daughter." Kyle snorted and flew again, ignoring anything she said.

He then grasped the king's neck as soon as he found him and floated right in the middle of the city.

"Who are you?!" The king tried to resist him, but everything he did couldn't affect Kyle. He grabbed his hand but couldn't move it too.

"You cut my daughter's wing and fought against the phoenixes, and you are asking who am I?" Kyle released his fire, burning the king starting from his feet, slowly raising to his legs and body.

"This is just a misunderstanding—"

"And this misunderstanding results in this catastrophe. No matter what you say, nothing will change right now. You and everyone in this city will die." Kyle's fire rose to the sky before creating a giant phoenix above them.

Cry.

The phoenix let out a loud cry, making one feel chill all over their body.

"I haven't used this for a long time, but this is my current strongest technique." Kyle released the phoenix as it dove down right to the center of the city. "Phoenix Descent."

The entire city brightened as it was engulfed by a giant explosion. Ruby had felt danger and brought everyone in her guild to escape, but when she saw this, complicated feelings crept into her heart. But more importantly, she was confused.

No one could predict someone as strong as Kyle would attack this city under Alex's name.

If his servant was this strong, how strong he is right now?"

The question would remain unanswered forever because those who saw the city reduced into ashes in a single technique feared him to the point they trembled to just even hear his name.

After the human's city, the Elven Kingdom became Kyle's next target.

He exactly did the same.

Torching the tree, burning the entire city, and bringing the king as if they were in the middle of a trial. But no one was lucky enough like Lilian and her guild.

Every single elf in this place died under Kyle's merciless fire. Even the world tree turned into charcoal.

Only despair, fear, unwillingness, and... regrets filled their heart. They had heard about the war obviously, but none stopped it.

Because of that, doom descended upon them.

Kyle took a deep breath as he finally calmed down, looking at the city he just burned.

"My job here has finished, but I still need to kill those soldiers that are camping around the continent and end this." Kyle sighed and disappeared, heading back to the Phoenix Continent.

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Far away from the two kingdoms.

The priest that guided Alex to the human's town stared at the glowing sky outside his house. He let out a long sigh as his eyes glowed as though he was possessed by someone.

"The humans have decided to smear the king's name... And invited the doom upon themselves. Whether the human will go extinct after this or not, I can't do anything. The same applies to Elves... Well, considering they have planted many spies on all continents, I am sure they won't go extinct. Anyway, let's make this your punishment from inviting God's Wrath."

He closed his eyes, recalling a scene where he presented himself in front of the king to stop him from doing something stupid.

Three years ago.

Inside the throne room, the priest walked on the red carpet.

"I welcome you, the priest who guided the Supreme, Alexander Sirius."

"It's my honor to meet you, Your Majesty." The priest bowed and greeted him like a noble. Even though he was a human, he didn't have any more loyalty due to him living in that place for too long.

The king frowned and misunderstood him, thinking that the priest was actually arrogant because he once guided Alexander Sirius. However, he tried to suppress his killing intent and asked. "I would like to ask one question."

"Your Majesty... If you are thinking about attacking the Phoenix Continent, I implore you to stop thinking about it right now. The moment you attack the Phoenix Continent, the consequences will be too high for you to handle.

"At the same time, you shouldn't harm the people he knows because they are his treasures. And their relationship is not something like 'I have them as my hostages, so you should follow my command.'

"Instead, it's something like 'That you better do. If anything were to happen to the ones he knows, you will be the first one made to answer. If there is even one scratch on them, this entire country will be made to answer...'

"I don't mean to threaten Your Majesty, but that's what the World's will told me. I swear that I don't say anything other than the truth." The priest bowed his head.

"Wha-!"

"How dare you?!"

The ministers started causing a ruckus, but the king immediately stopped him.

"Wait!" The king released his killing intent as he snarled. "Just you wait! Now that I have gotten the crystal that can let me increase my strength, I will make sure he regrets it when he comes back here! One human can't handle the relentless attack from a kingdom. No one shall kill him! I will show him that I will stand at the top in this battle, and I will decimate those phoenixes! Mark my words!"

The priest stared at him without any expression and bowed his head again, turning around and leaving the throne room.

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The priest then opened his eyes again as he let out a long sigh, watching how the World Tree turned into a bonfire, and the human castle changed into a grill.

"What you are challenging is not a human, foolish humans. You are challenging the scariest God out there, Alexander Sirius." The priest let out the last sentence before the glow dimmed down, and he regained control of his body.

He clapped his hand and prayed. "Oh! Please forgive those innocent people that have their fates tied into this corrupt kingdom. Let those humans that are currently in another continent know what people mean by fear and harmony, so they won't suffer another catastrophe like this again."

Chapter 894 - Goodbye

"Master. I have settled everything." Kyle appeared before Alex, who was sipping his wine and bowed his head.

"Good work... Well, I shouldn't say this since this is your family matter. Nonetheless, there is bound to be some friction coming from other races. The remnants of Human Race and Elf Race will surely plot against the phoenixes. Whether the other races accept them or not is their problem. After all, some might be scared upon this news, and some are determined to eliminate this threat." Alex advised.

"I understand. That's where I come in." Stina smiled as she seemed to have planned everything out.

"Since that is the case, I won't need to worry about this then. We will be staying in this world for a week." Alex announced and looked at Ellen. "For now, restore your strength first. If you have gotten stronger than anyone else, no one can bully you."

"Thank you for your words, Master." Ellen nodded with a serious expression.

"Then, I guess our family will return first to let you enjoy your time. Do you need anything?" Stina asked.

"Nope. Lin Xingzhi and I might be touring around the world. The ones that are going to be busy are you three."

"Ahaha..." Stina didn't deny it. But she thought nothing of it and felt happy doing this because it would help their daughter. It was also the first time they reunited, especially with Kyle having his past memory.

"Uhm... Can I request something?" Ellen looked down while playing with her hair. Her face was red.

"Of course," Stina assured her with a smile.

"I had slept together with Mother when I was a child, but I want to feel what it is like to sleep together with your mother and father at the same time. Is this request childish?" Ellen looked down as she was completely embarrassed.

Stina and Kyle exchanged looks as they both smiled at the same time.

"Of course not. It's your Father's fault to not be present in the past. I can't accompany you for a long time this time as well, so I will fulfill every request you have. No need to hold back." Kyle patted her head and stroked her hair.

"Hehe..." Ellen gently scratched her cheek. "I don't have many wishes, and as long as father and mother are fine, Ellen is happy."

The two smiled, bowed again to Alex, and left the room.

Lin Xingzhi stared at them until they left while saying, "Isn't it nice to have a family like that?"

"Can you wait a bit more for this?" Alex smiled. "I want to resolve everything first before having a kid."

"As long as you don't leave so suddenly, I don't mind even if you don't want to have a kid." Lin Xingzhi shook her head. "I have increased my strength this whole time just for this, so I don't want to waste it by having you suddenly disappear on me."

"Haha... I won't. You can even check everything about me with the system. I have no secret to hide from you." Alex chuckled.

"Indeed. Still... Because there are many things going on, we haven't had time to do it, right?" Lin Xingzhi suddenly crawled on top of him and sat on his lap. "So, what do you say, my man?"

Alex smiled and lifted her up as they went inside, enjoying the passionate night.

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The next day, the other races still had no clue what was going on, especially when their spies spotted the huge fire that burned all humans and elves that attacked the phoenixes.

They immediately investigated secretly while sending the information to their respective influence.

However, Stina was one step ahead as she already arrived before the dragon king.

"This is... A rare guest, indeed." The dragon king couldn't sense her cultivation as hear immediately struck his heart. Considering Stina's strength, she must have gotten too strong to the point he couldn't see her cultivation, so he became cautious and asked politely. "Is there anything I can help you with?

"It's my deepest regret for what happened to your daughter. As much as I wanted to help, I couldn't act easily. But if you take an offend for that, please limit it to my life alone. After all, that is my decision."

Stina looked at the dragon and shook her head. "My daughter has recovered. It's all thanks to my master. Considering you are the ones that are preventing the humans and elves from killing my daughter after getting seriously injured, I would like to offer my thanks. After all, I won't be able to meet my daughter again if you didn't save her."

"I am simply doing my duty as one of the rulers in this world. I don't wish to see a continent fall."

"Unfortunately, there are already two kingdoms falling into the depth of hell," said Stina while releasing her killing intent. After following Alex for a long time, her killing intent had multiplied to almost a hundred thousand.

The moment it spread around the room, everyone was startled and wanted to fall down as their feet went limp.

"Do you have any opinion regarding that?"

"I..." The dragon king gritted his teeth. This pressure alone ordered him to say the opposite thing he just said. Unfortunately, he couldn't do anything other than comply. "I have no objection. After many warnings from other races, the humans and elves still started an attack toward them to the point it almost claimed the Phoenix Queen's life.

"If they were to fall because of that, it meant they invited their doom themselves. No one would say it was something bad because they only received their own retribution."

Stina stared at the dragon king and nodded. "Still, I am curious as to why you would rescue my daughter... I am sure the one you said earlier is the only reason, right?"

The dragon king hesitated for a few seconds before nodding. "Yes. Actually, I want to pay my debt to Alexander Sirius for reforming my son. Considering his growth, he can replace me in a few decades.

"That's why I can understand your feelings if you see your proudest kid get beaten up like that. So, I don't wish to say anything regarding this matter anymore."

"Fair enough." Stina nodded. "In any case, the reason I am here is to announce that I will be visiting this world from time to time. If my Ellen suffers again like this one, I won't think of you as comrades again. In other words, this is a warning, shall the dragon bare their fangs upon us, your fate will be the same as elves and humans. This is not an empty threat. If you don't believe me, you can check on them, and you will know no one could replicate something like that."

"I shall remember this." The dragon king endured this and bowed his head. He then roared as loud as possible. "This is the highest decree that I will give as the ruler of this Dragon Continent. If you are going to target the Phoenix Continent, I shall be the one who will claim your head!"

This sound was loud enough to alarm all the dragons in the surroundings. And that would only start to spread to the entire continent.

Stina nodded and clasped her hands. "In that case, I shall take my leave today. I will send you something later as thanks."

The dragon king sighed and let her leave.

Stina then moved toward the Angel Race and Sea Races, talking about the same problem.

They thought about it seriously due to Stina's strength. They first promised her to not touch the Phoenix Continent as long as they didn't harm them first.

Of course, Stina's words couldn't be believed just because she said that. They indeed were startled upon that flash in the dark sky yesterday and asked their subordinates to investigate it.

However, after meeting Stina, they changed their plans as they were the ones planning to investigate to see what kind of scary thing was waiting for them there.

When they arrived, they drew a long gasp as they couldn't believe what just happened. Everything had turned into ashes, including the big building such as the castle and many guilds or even the World Tree.

It was at this moment they realized what it meant to anger Stina. Because of that, they immediately declared to not touch the Phoenix Continent to prevent their races from extinction.

After settling everything here, Stina finally returned and enjoyed their times as a family. Meanwhile, Alex and Lin Xingzhi toured around the world for a honeymoon. They didn't need something big and extravagant. Simply hiking with normal human strength and enjoying the moment was enough for Lin Xingzhi and Alex.

They had fun for a week and enjoyed it very much.

Meanwhile, Kyle and Stina also did their jobs as parents, trying to fulfill everything that Ellen wished for. Little by little, the awkwardness of having Kyle turning into a father figure for her finally disappeared, and they acted like a nice little family.

Alex also felt happy when he saw them. Although he wouldn't be able to prolong this, he believed he could do it in the future, especially after he solved everything.

Seven days passed in a blink of an eye.

Alex and Stina met the couple again, saying goodbye to Ellen.

"Father, Mother, you don't need to worry about me again. I won't waste this precious chance." Ellen smiled while waving her hand.

They exchanged looks and hugged her again, knowing it would be at least a decade before they could meet her again.

Ellen then turned to Alex and bowed. "Master. Thank you for this precious gift. May fortune bless you with its presence."

Alex looked at her and couldn't help but pat her head. "Thank you."

Even though Ellen was supposed to be older than him, he couldn't just think it that way. "I am going then."

"Yes, Master."

Alex nodded and glanced at Zark, who disappeared as soon as they arrived here. It seemed he was doing his job. Alex didn't know what kind of job it was though.

Nonetheless, Alex released the seal for all of them as Zark immediately teleported them to outer space.

"Since we have finished the matter here, I shall bring Lady Stina and Sir Kyle back to Eulja." Zark bowed politely to Alex and Lin Xingzhi.

"I am leaving them to you, Zark." Lin Xingzhi waved her hand and watched them disappear.

They then exchanged looks and nodded. "Let's go then."

Alex took out the compass and used his Teleportation Array to send them to this world.

Not long after, they arrived in front of the world as Alex asked. "What is the capacity of this world?"

"It's Martial Saint. And you don't need to create a barrier for me because the Divine Body alone is enough to handle this environment."

"Sure." Alex nodded and sealed her strength again. "It's time to enter this world."

"Yeah."

With another Teleportation Array, they entered the world, starting their journey in another world.

Chapter 895 - Meeting

In the middle of a plain, a group of four were walking toward the north.

"Elder, there is one thing that I want to ask." The male asked. He had short blue spiky hair and blue eyes. Wearing a red shirt and a long black robe made him look more robust. He appeared to be only seventeen years old.

The elder glanced at him and nodded. "Ask away. You are the disciple I have chosen, so no need to hesitate."

The elder was a female. Although he called him elder, she looked like she was only one or two years older than him. She wore a pink dress and tied it with a blue linen shawl around her waist.

"Thank you." The man clasped his hands respectfully and asked. "Is there any doctor in the sect?"

"Big brother!" Another female, slightly younger than the man, shouted while clenching her fist. She understood the reason why he asked that was because of her.

The elder glanced at this woman with long purple hair. Her name was Xue Ning. She tagged along because she didn't have any family back home. After all, she was an orphan that her brother, Xue Lang, decided to adopt.

The elder was a bit surprised by the exaggerated reaction from Xue Ning and frowned. "We have another elder in charge of Pills. He is the most knowledgeable person about medicine. However, I can't really help you to meet him."

"Is there any way to meet him? I want him to take a look at Xue Ning's condition."

"Only Inner Disciples are qualified to meet him. Even so, it's hard to meet him even at that. There is only one way if you are in a hurry, become an Inner Disciple and a noticeable one. This way, many elders will see you favorably, and at that time, you might be able to set up a meeting with him."

Xue Lang gritted his teeth as he certainly couldn't take it.

"Don't worry. I have taken a look at your sister's body. She shouldn't have a mishap anytime soon." She smiled.

The fourth person finally joined the conversation. However, only the male could see her due to her being only a soul. She had long black hair tied into a ponytail. She wore a kind of white uniform, but it looked easy to move with that clothes.

'Your sister is too strange. There was a rumor that her body is blessed by Heaven, but I can't remember what it was. You might want to keep getting stronger and head to another continent. I am sure the answer lies there.' She sent a thought transmission.

'Is that so?'

'Remember the one visited you a month ago? If I didn't repel her, she might take your sister away. There is also a chance that they know about the origin of your sister, but it's riskier than having her with you because the rumors I heard in the past certainly didn't lean toward good.'

'But you said she might come back?'

'Yes. That's why you need to get stronger as soon as possible. Even if you can't fight her, you should be able to escape. After all, I have exhausted a huge amount of energy and can't help you in this fight. There is also a chance I can recover my strength a little bit to repel her again.'

'I understand. As soon as I enter the sect, I will do my best to get stronger.'

He then nodded to the elder and sighed. "I will become an inner disciple as soon as possible."

"I hope so." The elder nodded.

"Is this the way?"

"I think so."

Suddenly, they heard two people's voices as they were flying above them.

They traveled with foot anyway, so they could see the two figures by raising their vision.

The two were Alex and Lin Xingzhi.

Lin Xingzhi suddenly spotted the group of four and immediately tugged his hand, asking him to stop. Alex also found them and nodded.

The group of four panicked when they saw the two descending to the ground and walked toward them.

"Who are you?!" The elder took out her sword and stood in front of Xue Lang and Xue Ning.

Alex raised his eyebrows as he didn't expect to see such a reaction.

'These two guys are bad news. They are stronger than the one coming for your sister a month ago,' The soul warned Xue Lang.

'What? What should I do?' Xue Lang screamed inwardly as he hid his sister behind him. There was only one reason for two people appeared before them at this point. It must be his sister.

But they also encountered a problem. Alex was wearing a white mask this time, only letting them see his golden hair and eyes. Lin Xingzhi was the same. She covered her face with a veil and dyed her hair green. Nonetheless, they looked very suspicious in Xue Lang's eyes.

'This is the guy?' Alex asked Lin Xingzhi.

'Yeah.'

Alex then nodded and waved his hand with a smile. His mask only covered the upper half of his face anyway, so they still could see his smile. "I want something from you guys. But I am not someone who will steal since I am a man of principle, so I want to trade it."

"How dare you to treat my sister as an object! I won't let you touch my sister!" Xue Lang gritted his teeth. He couldn't contain his anger anymore because the last one that came also acted as it was something inevitable. He didn't like how they looked at her just because of her talent and made it look like she was just an object or a treasure.

"..." Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"Pfft!" Lin Xingzhi only laughed because she thought something ridiculous. She thought, 'This guy must have met an elder that wanted to take his sister elsewhere.'

Alex facepalmed. 'Ugh. I forgot there was a scene like that most of the time when I read stories.'

'Exactly.'

"Anyway, listen to me first." Alex sighed and waved his hand.

The elder finally calmed down and assessed their current situation. She realized that the people before her were very strong.

Seeing the elder's reaction, Alex activated his Spirit Eyes to see whether they had the thing he wanted. However, he found energy forming beside Xue Lang and realized it was a soul. He thought, 'No wonder I can feel a presence there.'

'Indeed. There seems to be a soul attached to the boy. Her peak strength is around Martial Saint I guess.' Lin Xingzhi confirmed.

'6-Star Martial Saint.' Alex gave the details and immediately retracted his Spirit Eyes.

'Xue Lang, this is not a good situation. The guy has spotted me. In fact, he must have seen through everything about me.' The girl gritted her teeth and feared that the man might take her away because of this.

Before anyone could say anything, Alex said, "I only want one thing. It is Fire Grass."

"Fire Grass?" The group became confused.

'Haiz, is there any different terminology for that? We have rushed toward here after knowing they have left their home.' Alex sighed inwardly.

'I think so. You might want to describe it a bit more.'

Alex nodded and explained. "The grass is special. It has a huge amount of Fire Energy. The grass itself is not too thin, and the length is more than three humans combined. I want that grass."

'I am sure he is talking about your Sun Grass. The one that your parents brought home before they died.' The soul informed him.

Xue Lang frowned. Obviously, he wasn't someone that would hand over something like that so easily because it was the last thing that his parents gave him. Because of that, he said, "We don't have the thing you are searching for."

Alex scratched the back of his head and sighed. "Listen to me. I simply want to get that because it will boost my cultivation. And I won't take it for free. That's why I will grant you three wishes. Of course, I have the right to stop you when the wish exceeds the value of the grass.

"And don't lie to me, do you think I can't see what is inside your Space Ring?" Alex yawned as if it was something he could easily see. However, it was just a bluff. He couldn't see the thing inside the Space Ring even with his Spirit Eyes.

'Three wishes?' The soul thought for a moment and warned. 'I think this deal is worth it. How about you test him first?'

The soul didn't hide anymore because it was pointless to do so in front of an expert like Alex and Lin Xingzhi. And Xue Lang certainly understood what she meant by testing him.

He took a deep breath and narrowed his eyes as he said, "If you can cure my younger sister, I agree to trade."

"Hoh?! You are a smart one, aren't you? This way, you will get four wishes from me." Alex shrugged before glancing at his sister. "Hmm... Extreme Ice Body... It is not an illness but something far greater than that."

Lin Xingzhi nodded. "This world has a different system after all. Instead of an element, they have a unique physique and Martial Spirit."

Alex nodded, noticing a blue Luan inside the girl's body. "Extreme Ice Body and Ice Luan Spirit. I don't know about the power level, but I certainly know it sounds like a powerful innate strength from the name alone."

He then started tapping his forehead and recalled every single knowledge about these two things. "Ah, I see. Extreme Ice Body is a unique body that can manipulate super cold ice. For comparison, it's like a Phoenix's fire. At the same time, this Ice Luan Spirit will enhance her ice control, making her a peerless genius. There are many techniques that can control the ice and cultivate it, but the good one is rare because one needs a tranquil heart.

"Considering the amount of energy in her body, she must have suffered from the cold. And it has become a bit more frequent recently. Though, there is a strength that is currently suppressing the ice power for the time being."

"Tranquil heart?" Xue Lang drew a gasp. He never thought that he was able to see through everything in a single glance. The power that suppressed the ice was the soul's strength.

"Yeah. She can't fall in love and other things. In other words, she will just become a cold and aloof lady... Well, that is a good explanation. If it's me, I would say she will simply become an emotionless robot." Alex shrugged.

Back when he read this kind of story, he never liked those techniques that took away one's emotion. It might be good for many people, but he liked his ability to express something. If he didn't want to show his emotion, he had enough control to hide it away. Hence, he explained it that way.

"Emotionless Robot?" Xue Lang widened his eyes.

"Yeah. That kind of technique must be common here." Lin Xingzhi nodded. "Well, there are some techniques that don't need something like this. I know a few techniques that can train her physique... Well, he also knows it."

"I want that!" Xue Lang shouted.

"We are not a saint that will just give it to you, you know." Lin Xingzhi glanced at him with cold eyes as if telling him to change his tone and words.

"!!!" Xue Lang realized it and gritted his teeth. "If you are able to cure my sister, I will trade with you. You can even take it as one of my wishes."

Alex and Lin Xingzhi realized how sly this guy was. Normally, the people in the stories would say he would give the grass to them instead of one of the wishes. He remembered Alex's condition and decided to utilize it.

Nonetheless, Alex agreed since he wasn't a person who would steal easily. "Alright. We have a deal."

However, this situation wasn't that simple because there were three people staring at them from the sky. Alex and Lin Xingzhi had been ignoring them this whole time, but they seemed to have lost their patience.

"No one can snatch Extreme Ice Body from us!"

Chapter 896 - Solving Problems

"No one can snatch Extreme Ice Body from us!"

The group immediately raised their vision, finding three people far from them. One of them was the elder that was trying to grab his sister. It seemed she had returned with reinforcement this time.

The three of them glared at Alex and Lin Xingzhi.

"She will become the disciple of my Snow and Ice Palace! No one can snatch her!" The elder exclaimed while releasing her killing intent.

"If I were you, I wouldn't release such a killing intent, you know," Alex said with an uninterested expression as if he thought nothing of them.

"What did you say?! You dare to lecture me?!" The elder gritted her teeth.

However, another one stopped her from going berserk as she said, "We just want the Extreme Ice Body. I don't know who you are, but our Snow and Ice Palace is far stronger than you can imagine. And we have the ability to content her physique as well."

"Well, I already made a deal with the kid, so I am going to fix her physique." Alex shrugged as he walked toward Xue Ning. "Yo, little girl. What do you think about the trade earlier? Your brother wants to save you, you know."

Xue Ning flinched and glanced at her brother.

'Xue Lang... I think it's better to trust the guy here. From what I have seen, this guy is even stronger than my peak strength. These three people won't be able to do anything to your sister.' The soul warned him again.

'Really?' Xue Lang hesitated for a second before nodding his head.

Seeing this, Xue Ning bowed her head slightly. "Then, I would like Senior to cure me."

"It's not a cure. I am simply letting you cultivate your physique." Alex gently smiled.

"Stop! There is no one who understands the Extreme Ice Physique better than my Snow and Ice Palace. Just take a look at that guy, he is a suspicious person who won't even take off his mask." The elder shouted.

"That's right. We can let you become a peerless expert in an instant if you come with us."

"Choose wisely, little girl!"

Alex sighed and shrugged again. "Yeah, keep talking. What is your technique? Let me see my cliche collections book. Your technique must need a tranquil heart that does not allow her to have an emotion. And your palace master must be an eccentric one that might seal or erase her memory because it will be the fastest way to acquire a tranquil heart."

The elders fell silent for two seconds before they started shouting again. And that silence was all it took for Xue Lang to realize it was true.

"You are simply harming my sister!" Xue Lang roared to the three elders.

"Do you even realize you are the one harming your sister?!" The elder didn't want to lose and began rebuking him.

"That's right. Your sister will die as soon as the strength that is suppressing her ice disappears. The ice will kill her from the inside."

"The only way to fix her is to let her come with us. You are an egoistic person. You just want your sister to be with you, right? You think you are a good brother that wants the best for her? No, you are not. If you want the best for your sister, you will let your sister come with us."

Xue Lang gritted his teeth, unable to deny their claims. In the end, he realized that he wanted to keep his sister by his side while trying to search for a way to save her. Unfortunately, that was harming her in the process.

If what the elders said were true, the best option would be to send her to Snow and Ice Palace.

However, Alex stopped him from thinking like that. Under normal circumstances, his sister would be taken away right at this instant. Fortunately, Alex was here.

He looked at Xue Ning and asked. "This is your life. You choose."

"I..." Xue Ning looked down and realized that her brother was looking at her. Her brother would always be everything for her, so she clenched her fists and said, "I still want to be together with big brother."

"That's your answer." Alex smiled and patted her head.

"It seems we need to kill that man first!" The elders shouted in anger. One of them raised their hand, calling a snow crystal on their hand. She then raised it as it shot an attack toward Alex.

Seeing this, the soul that resided in Xue Lang materialized before them when she realized that the man didn't pay attention to this.

Little did she know, Alex was perfectly aware of her action and simply ignored it because it wouldn't be able to hurt him.

She then realized something was wrong. The ice started to melt as an intense heat emanated from behind her, forcing her to turn around to check what happened.

Howl.

A red fox made of fire appeared from Alex's feet as it grew to thirty meters height while melting the attack.

'This...' the soul and the elder were dumbstruck. They never expected to see something like this. To be honest, even the soul couldn't sense Alex's real power. She knew he was stronger than her peak, but she couldn't see the extent of his power.

The fox then howled again and turned its head upward. A fireball suddenly appeared and enlarged until it reached a hundred meters in diameter.

The heat emanated from that alone was enough to melt the ground they were standing on, but because Alex had enough control, they didn't even feel the heat.

However, the elders were different. They felt the ball was trying to burn them alive, not realizing that their clothes had started melting.

"Destroy that attack first!" They shouted as they immediately used their techniques and shot the ball, but to no avail. All their attacks instantly got vaporized, leaving them speechless.

"Only Martial Monarchs but dare to raise your hand against me?" Alex narrowed his eyes before asking Lin Xingzhi. "Should I kill them?"

She thought for a moment and shook her head. "It's fine. It's not like there is a strong one in this world, and I don't think there is a Divine World close enough to this place. And..."

She pointed at her face, telling Alex that they had a mask for this. No one would realize they did it. Even if they tried to attack him again, they wouldn't know his face.

"I see." Alex nodded and snapped her finger.

The fox then raised its paw and struck them, blowing them away. After that, he recalled both the fox and the sun as if he just finished dealing with them.

Still, the shocking thing that happened for Lin Xingzhi was the fact that Alex was playing with three Space Rings in his hand.

"Those three rings are..."

"Yep. Their space rings." Alex grinned.

"Ah, you are extending the punishment. Though, I don't think that is necessary." Lin Xingzhi shook her head. "I mean, it's alright to punish them, but this is not the way. Taking another look at them, they are stark naked and without their Space Rings. I am sure they won't have any clothes with them right now. With their strength, what will they do?"

"Ah!" Alex finally realized the meaning of his actions and sighed. "Should I return it to them?"

Lin Xingzhi thought for a moment. "It's fine. You don't need to. But I want you to realize this first. I know that you are thinking about the consequences, but you are not used to thinking about cause and effect. Hence, I will let this be the thing that will remind you about it."

Alex closed his eyes for a few seconds and nodded. "I understand."

The thing they were talking about was none other than killing. With their strength, they would kill people and snatch their clothes first before going back to their influence. And Alex realized it too late and kept this matter in his heart.

"Anyway, I think it's better to finish our matter first."

"Yeah." Alex then turned around again, facing the girl and placing his head on her head.

He inserted his Pure Fire inside Xue Ning's body, dissolving the sword power. While doing so, he glanced at the soul that just materialized.

She clasped her hand politely and bowed. "I am sorry for showing my meager skill in front of an expert."

"It's fine. You are trying to destroy the attack in my stead even with your weakened strength." Alex waved his hand, telling her that it wasn't a big deal.

He realized that both the soul and Xue Lang had a sword as their Martial Spirits. A Martial Spirit was a kind of their heart's personification. It functioned like the skill that was being cultivated in Phantasm Sect. It came from their heart and would stay with them to the end. In other words, it was the source of their strength.

While they were in the midst of talking, the elder just couldn't look at Alex. Her eyes were glued to what happened to their surroundings. The ground was melting and cooled down, the grasses were torched, but the flame immediately disappeared when Alex retracted his technique, and many more.

She questioned herself, 'What did she just witness?'

Never in her wildest dream, she could see something like this.

Alex himself didn't care about this and proceeded in his task as he asked again. "Do you have any recommendations for the technique?"

Lin Xingzhi thought for a moment and asked back. "Do you have any choices?"

"Two actually. The first is Nine Yin Cultivation Body. This will allow the user to create nine extra energy forces in her body to build up her second foundation. In other words, she won't be crippled unless someone destroyed both sources.

"The other one is Yin Empress Cultivation Technique. The first one can give a second foundation and energy, but it is slower in pace. As for this one, it will increase her cultivation speed as it nurtures the physique itself. It will focus on the physique alone."

"I think the first one is good enough. Remember that she has an Ice Luan? It will require a source of strength as well." Lin Xingzhi nodded.

"I understand." Alex nodded and released his strength. "Little girl. This is going to be hurt, but you need to endure it while following my directions. How much you can get will depend on yourself."

"Please, Senior. I will withstand everything." Xue Ning nodded and gritted her teeth. She looked at Alex with determined eyes as she seemed to be tired of getting protected.

Alex looked at her expression for a few seconds and finally melted the seal. As the elder said, the ice that had been suppressed until now burst out of her body, trying to attack her and Alex.

Lin Xingzhi waved her hand, erecting a barrier, so the cold didn't freeze them.

Alex used his Pure Fire to suppress the cold, but it was only so she could withstand the pain. When he thought she was ready, Alex started guiding her according to the manual in his mind.

As expected from knowledge coming from ancient times, it was surely powerful. He could understand many cultivation techniques from different types of power levels due to the knowledge of his past lives that had their own worlds to live.

The freezing ice gradually formed into something like an image of a Blue Luan appeared on her back.

Cry.

The Blue Luan suddenly looked at the ice and stopped the growth of this ice by itself, allowing Xue Ning to start controlling the Ice according to Alex's guidance.

The ice gradually got suppressed and died down. Xue Ning's complexion became normal, and her breathing became stable. After that, a blue ball appeared on her right hand as it absorbed the residual ice in the air. This was the first force of her ability that would turn to be her second foundation.

After a few hours, she finally opened her eyes as a Blue Luan image appeared again.

Cry.

Chapter 897 - Wishes

"Good. It has taken shape." Lin Xingzhi watched how the situation resolved. This was the first time Alex mingled another type of cultivation. After all, those who he met in the past had a similar type.

And this might also be the first step he took to be a master.

A flash of memory couldn't help but flash in her mind. It was a scene where she asked the previous Alex about his ability.

She asked, "Why are you not incorporating your ability with another world's cultivation? I mean, you can do it with your Sword and Spear Qi, but can't you do the same with your element?"

"Nah." Alex shook his head and raised his vision, looking at the sky. "In fact, I wish I didn't have this element, so I could focus on only one or two elements at a time. Right now, I can use every element like an expert, but I am a master of none.

"In my heart, I wish that I have only one element like my mentor, so I can take it to another level. What is it called again? Godly Pure Fire? Yeah. That's it.

"My attack pattern is unique, but when I fight against someone who understands me, he will know my ability and adjust to it. At that time, I will surely lose."

Lin Xingzhi furrowed her eyebrows. Her expression said she wasn't convinced. "So, what do you think is the best combination for you?"

"Maybe one or two elements. Considering I have my Sword and Spear at the same time, two elements will be my limit to master something, no matter the time. If we consider the color representing each element, what do you think if we mix many colors at the same time?

"Instead of making it more beautiful, it will simply mix with each other and become black... A completely one color. And that is my current situation.

"Of course, if we are talking about me, my black is so dark that no color will make it darker anymore. But believe me, if I need to choose a rainbow color or black, I will choose the former.

"For example, I have this red color that represents the fire element... If I want to enhance it, I will simply drop more red paint on it, making it shine brighter.

"That's why I am a bit envious of your situation. You only have one element, allowing you to reach the peak with it... Unlike me who will have his foundation ruined if I add another color on it... Not that it matters though.

"In any case, that's just my wish. Instead of getting all the things possible, I want to master only a few things and make sure I reach the peak with those things." Alex smiled and let out a long sigh.

Lin Xingzhi fell silent and sighed. She realized the fact why her Father, his mentor, and a few were still stronger than him despite having the same strength. They had been increasing their knowledge about their ability for a long time, knowing every nook and corner and applying that knowledge in their battle.

However, Alex just couldn't. If he only improved one element, the others would become his flaw. The only thing he could do was to use his Sword and Spear, so he learned that Sword and Spear Qi.

"I will heed your warning then and make sure I master this ability can only be used because it is me who is using it," Lin Xingzhi smiled mysteriously and answered with a hidden intention.

"Yeah. I am looking forward to it." Alex nodded.

Unfortunately, he couldn't see her becoming the peak of Nature. The current her could only let out a long sigh.

Luckily, she never needed to ask Alex to not get any more elements as he would end up like the previous him. And she believed with the way Alex described it, the current Alex who only mastered two elements would stand a chance in defeating that beast.

She looked at the current progress of Xue Ning and commented. "I think it should be fine right now. The Ice inside her has calmed down. She should be able to deal with the rest."

Alex glanced at her and nodded.

The sky had turned dark as well, so they might need to make a camp first.

However, Alex looked at the man first and said, "I have done my part."

"Y-yes." Xue Lang repeatedly nodded before he thought about something. He realized that he still had two wishes and decided on one of them. He kneeled in front of him, placing his head on the ground. "Please make me your disciple."

This certainly shocked the soul beside him and the elder.

"Impossible." Alex also rejected it outright without even thinking about it.

'I think that is impossible, Xue Lang. If I tell you the truth, your talent is far too low compared to your sister. There is simply no chance to have him as your master.' The soul shook her head.

"I can even give you everything I have." Xue Lang kept kneeling, ignoring the advice. He realized how much power he actually needed to protect his sister. Alex could guarantee it if he really became a disciple of such a great master.

"Enough. It's impossible. I don't see one's talent or anything, but it's simply whether there is karma tying us or not." Alex shook his head.

"Little guy, you don't understand the weight to become his disciple." Lin Xingzhi sighed. "You are smart, but if you are too smart, you will think everything can be resolved with your brain. In other words, you are overthinking everything."

Alex agreed with her statement and reminded him. "I have said it myself, If the wish exceeds the value of the flower, I will tell you. And this is it."

"If you are thinking about getting stronger, I think he has a way..." Lin Xingzhi smiled.

Alex tilted his head, confused by her words.

Sensing his gaze, she smirked and said, "We can reform your talent, so you can cultivate even faster."

"!!!" Both Xue Lang and Alex were startled by her statement.

Alex certainly realized what she meant by that. It was the Revolving Heart Pill. This pill could stimulate one's heart and enhance their talent. He had given this pill to Rose and Evelyn and stored the last one inside his Inventory.

Never in his thought that he would give it away on this occasion. Nonetheless, he didn't really have a use for that.

He nodded and took out the Revolving Heart Pill. "Still... I am wondering if I am too generous here..."

"Fufu... We are just going for a honeymoon here while getting Fire Grass. There is nothing wrong with that." She giggled before sending a thought transmission. 'Besides, you have made his younger sister stronger, and if you make him stronger, won't it break the cliches? I wonder what kind of thing we will see in the future.'

'So, that's your real intention for not stopping me...' Alex snorted but thought that the idea wasn't that bad. He indeed wanted to see what kind of future this would lead to.

He looked at the pill in his hand and said, "This is Revolving Heart Pill. It can increase your talent with a very big leap... And this pill only affects your cultivation speed, not your Martial Spirit or any other things inside your body. I can trade this one with one of the wishes."

'You should say you just want to get rid of that pill...' Lin Xingzhi smirked.

'If I want to get rid of it, I can think of a better way, you know.' Alex pouted inwardly. 'I mean, I can simply make it as a reward in my Gacha System. I haven't established my first 'source' of income, but Korzan will surely find it soon.'

'No, no. Think about it this way, seeing how generous you are, this little guy will surely be thankful to you. Although it's only an investment, he can be our ally in the future... Of course, we can only wait for him to grow before ripping something like this. But if he is ungrateful and wants to scam us, we can eliminate him at that time.'

'Hmm, something like an investment, huh. Now that you mention it, if I give this pill as a part of the reward, no one will see me directly. Well, I help people not for their gratitude, but since there is a bonus for helping them, why not?' Alex furrowed his eyebrows, somehow agreeing to her view.

'Yeah. As you might already know that the number of our enemies is more than you can imagine. And if in the future, they are trying to attack us or something, there will be allies popping out of everywhere, helping us.'

At first, Alex couldn't see it, but when he took into account how the loss of the previous Alexander Sirius affected Eulja, he was able to understand why she suggested this.

If not for the fact that the Spirit God saved the whole galaxy, Eulja might have experienced a ruthless skirmish that might even destroy the whole planet.

He didn't plan to go anywhere, but preparing for the worst-case scenario seemed to be good as well. He had nothing to lose anyway.

After considering a few more aspects, he agreed to her statement.

"Yeah. I can give you this pill." Alex nodded with a solemn expression.

"This..." Xue Lang hesitated for a few seconds before the soul advised to take it. She warned him not to be too greedy because it would ruin his life.

After taking the pill, he didn't swallow it right away. Instead, he clasped his hands toward Alex and asked politely. "May I use my third wish right now?"

"Sure."

Xue Lang then turned around, pointing his finger at the soul. "I want to use this wish to fulfill her wish. I have promised to restore her body, but I realize that there is no guarantee I can do it. Hence, it's better if I use it this way. After all, I have been indebted to her this whole time."

Alex had no change of expression as if he had predicted it.

'Hehe... As expected, this guy will use it on her. Just take a look at this, there are already three harem girls as his companions.' Lin Xingzhi laughed behind them. She seemed to enjoy this scene very much.

'Pfft. Are you insulting me or something?' Alex also chuckled but thought she also wanted to tease him, considering he met everyone except Anya in the lower world.

'Maybe.'

'Should I break them apart? There are many lines I can use, you know. First, I can say I have fallen in love with one of them and take them to a Divine World. Second, I can say you are not worthy of her and make him leave.' Alex decided to tease her as well.

'Hoho... So, you want to be a villain.'

'If I want to do it, I will surely pursue him and kill him with all the strength I have. Not sending some low-level minions and letting him grow his strength.' Alex shrugged. 'I don't care about my face after all.'

'Haha... Indeed. You were not born and raised in that type of world where the face is important, so I could see it that way. Anyway, what are you going to do with the third wish?'

'Hmm.' Alex fell silent and stared at the soul. "Restoring one's body is easier said than done. First, she needs a body strong enough to contain her soul. And it must also be compatible with her Martial Spirit. In other words, it's too much of a hassle, so I guess I will reject this wish."

"What?!" Xue Lang widened his mouth while the soul only smiled as if she had expected it.

"Well, that's how it is. I don't have the materials to do it and have no time to gather that." Alex shrugged. "So, change your wish."

Xue Lang gritted his teeth and thought of another way to bend his wish. However, he soon realized that he couldn't come up with another wish, whether related to the soul or any other wishes.

"1..."

Chapter 898 - Talking About Future Plans

"I don't know what I want other than that." Xue Lang looked down.

"How about this, you can give the Fire Grass first to us, and we will give you a token. We are going to stay here for a year due to various reasons, so you can activate that token when you know what your wish is." Lin Xingzhi offered a solution while smiling.

Alex hesitated for a few seconds before nodding his head. "Yeah. We will stay here for a year."

Due to him becoming a God Rank Expert, he realized that everything took much more time than he thought. If he calculated everything and placed it for his body refining, he might need a few months to complete the refinement.

After all, it took him less than a month to refine his body because he had a mortal body.

"I understand." Xue Lang accepted it because the soul managed to persuade him.

"Then, what should we do now?" Lin Xingzhi looked at Alex, but the latter only stared at Xue Lang.

Realizing his intention, he took out a red burning grass. He received the grass while handing him a wooden token. "If you have decided what you want for the last wish, channel your energy into that token, I will have the induction."

Xue Lang nodded and stored it carefully.

"We are going to wait until this little lass finishes her cultivation first before searching for a place to cultivate." Alex nodded.

"I-in that case, how about staying inside my kingdom? I can provide two seniors a good place to cultivate." The elder suddenly opened her mouth, even though she didn't talk this whole time.

Lin Xingzhi shook her head. "Nah, we are good. We will just get our own place. We certainly don't want to get involved with any influences."

"..." The elder looked down but still bowed politely. "I understand. That is a shame, but if two seniors have any need, you may come to me. I will do everything to satisfy two seniors' needs."

Alex and Lin Xingzhi exchanged looks and smiled. Not only this boy, but this older female also seemed to want to take advantage of them too.

Unfortunately, Alex had no desire to entangle himself with another royal family.

They then made a tent, so they could rest. However, Lin Xingzhi went a bit extreme this time. Instead of a normal tent, she bent down and placed her hand on the ground.

"Earth... Can you rise for me and turn into a small house?" Lin Xingzhi smiled as she felt a vibration underground.

A few stone pillars pierced through the ground, becoming the house's foundation. After that, a series of bricks started coming out.

Alex didn't need to do anything this time and simply watched the wander."

Lin Xingzhi and waved her hand toward the three people. "See you tomorrow."

Although Alex looked like he went inside the tent, his energy was enveloping the entire battlefield. Hence, he would surely know if someone decided to attack them.

The three outside kept staring at the stone hut and let out a long sigh. Such a convenient technique, they thought.

"Are you sure about all this?" Alex asked.

"I am sure." She nodded. "Either way, we won't give anything that will change the entire balance of this world. After the little lass wakes up, we are going to bound her with a Universe Oath, so she won't say anything about the technique."

"Seeing the expression of that little boy, I believe he has quite a background. There is a trace of killing intent in him as if telling me he has someone he wants to kill." Alex narrowed his eyes.

"No. We are not going to kill anyone in this world. If he really wants to kill someone, I can recover that soul's strength for a moment with my Nature Element, so she can do it in our stead." She smiled.

"Well, we have destroyed the cliches, right? Normally, the guy will get stronger and have the older one as a wife. Then he will reunite with her sister again and get together with the soul, especially after reviving her."

"Yep. This time, he can get stronger easily while his sister is with him... Also, getting stronger. Looking at this situation, the older one might make a move first, trying to tie him close with her. The problem is whether the male is wise enough to use the power we have given or not. One misstep, he will become the whole world's target."

"Indeed. His talent now is top-notch. If we include his sister in the package, he will surely become the most dangerous duo. Not that I care about it." Alex agreed. "Anyway, I have gotten another benefit in coming to this world."

"Hmm?!"

"Do you know my next plan?"

"You haven't told me yet."

"I am planning to hide my cultivation and sneak inside the planet that gave birth the Sword God in the past."

"Sword God?" Lin Xingzhi tilted her head, thinking it was just a stage. She soon realized that Alex was talking about that person all along. "You mean that 'Sword God?' The one that reached the pinnacle of Sword Skill?"

"Yeah." Alex nodded. "I want to learn about Sword and Spear Qi. And the best way to do it is to start from the bottom to learn the foundation first. Well, I have gotten some information about it, but I just want to see it with my own eyes and learn more."

"You mean it's not enough?"

"Yeah. That's it. I need to produce more Sword and Spear Qi as soon as possible, so I can make a foundation for that. On the other hand, I am worried about the others."

"Don't worry. I have asked Korzan to take care of that. He is responsible for rescuing them before any mishap happens." Lin Xingzhi waved her hand, assuring him.

"Alright then."

"Anyway, your plan is quite risky, you know. That world is a Divine World with Rank 3 God as the highest. After the fall of the Sword God, they didn't have any more Rank 1 God to replace that position. Still, it will be dangerous because people might realize your existence."

"What do you think about my sealing magic?" Alex asked.

"I certainly can't recognize you. Maybe you want to dye your hand and put on makeup, so no one can recognize you. As for your voice... That's the only thing I can't help." Lin Xingzhi shrugged. "I have a few that can change one's voice, but all of them can be easily detected by technology."

"Now that you mention it, there is indeed something like that." Alex nodded. "Haiz... Science indeed harms cultivation while the latter can't be described by science as it broke the natural law."

"Indeed." Lin Xingzhi nodded. "In any case, you will need to hide yourself there."

"I understand. I will do my best." Alex nodded. "Well, I should probably be there for at least two years. At the very least, I will try to stay in that place until I reach Rank 8 God."

"Indeed. There are many opportunities in that place. Just make sure you don't use both sword and spear at the same time. And since you want to start from the bottom, you shouldn't go to the weakest continent."

Alex tilted his head in confusion. "Why?"

"It's simple. We can take the example of the Heavenly Continent and Willow Continent. You will have a bigger opportunity in the former because their understanding is much better than the Willow Continent. Of course, the risk is higher, but I don't think it's a problem for you."

"Well, I don't want to take a risk, but I will see whether I can conceal myself or not." Alex nodded.

"Sure." She nodded. "And make sure you control your strength."

"I know. Although the Space Element can seal my cultivation, soul, or even intent, it can't seal my current strength or Divine Body. I will only use it if needed." Alex thought for a moment and asked. "I wonder how low I can seal my cultivation for this? Martial King?"

"I think Martial Monarch is a good stage. A peak one of course. You can fake it in the future, saying you just broke through to Martial Saint, thus letting out such power. And there is a big difference if your Sword and Spear Qi is too strong. Have you started producing them?"

"Yes."

"Can you show me?"

Alex nodded and raised both hands, releasing an immeasurable pressure.

Lin Xingzhi facepalmed, sighing. "This is bad. The Qi is too strong. Due to the Divine Energy, it has grown close to Divine Sword and Spear Qi. It will probably go well with that setting, but if a powerful person shows up, he might realize a trace of Divine Energy in your qi."

"I won't use it unless for killing."

"That's fine then. This planet will surely not let us off and inform other planets about your existence if they find your real identity."

"What is my relationship with the former Sword God?" Alex asked.

"Neutral."

Alex sighed. With that kind of relationship, it would indeed go in that direction if they knew his identity.

"Anyway, we should wrap this talk soon because everything will rely on how well you conceal yourself." Lin Xingzhi smiled.

"Yeah. I still have a year for that anyway." Alex nodded. "I think I will close it with this question... Should I join an influence?"

Lin Xingzhi narrowed her eyes and hesitated. This was a hard question. On one hand, Alex might be discovered if he joined an influence there. On the other hand, he would have low progress if he didn't join one.

"I think they won't care much about low-level disciples. As long as you don't make a ruckus, I think it's fine to join one with a new identity. Or you can search for a shield."

"A shield?" Alex thought for a moment and realized what she meant by that. "I see. You want me to save a damsel in distress and use her and her family to be my cover?"

"Yes."

"..." Alex facepalmed. "In stories, they usually appear out of nowhere. They don't need to search for one, and it will come to them almost every time. And now, I need to search for one... Haiz, I don't know if I should be grateful or feel humiliated."

"Haha..." Lin Xingzhi only laughed. "That's a good one, eh... Searching for a scene to be a hero. Well, I think you can use her to get more information..."

"Yeah. I will probably do that. Alright, even if I don't want it, I need to do it." Alex nodded.

"Sure." Lin Xingzhi smiled.

They then rested for a few hours before feeling a breakthrough happened near them. It obviously came from Xue Ning, who finally finished cultivating the new technique.

She rose from the ground and checked her body, realizing how powerful she had become. "This..."

Her brother and the elder arrived in front of her and were shocked by her current stage.

"You... Have you reached Martial Grandmaster? The same as me?" The elder exclaimed in surprise.

"I think the last bit of energy from before allows me to have a breakthrough. But I don't think I will have another one like this in the future. It's a one-time thing." She shook her head. "Besides, Elder is a high ranking Martial Grandmaster."

The elder fell silent, not denying that claim. The need to cultivate rose in her heart while looking at Xue Lang, who seemed to have also broken through. Unlike his sister, he didn't have such a flashy breakthrough, but advancing a star could be considered insane enough.

In other words, this pair of brother and sister were both monsters. She needed to tie a close knot with them.

However, Alex and Lin Xingzhi appeared before she could do anything, checking on Xue Ning's cultivation.

"Hmm... I think it has become stable." Alex used his Spirit Eyes to see the energy within her body.

"Thanks to seniors for allowing me to have this opportunity." Xue Ning clasped her hands politely and bowed.

"Nah. I am just fulfilling my side of agreements." Alex waved his hand. "And since I have finished, I shall leave first."

"Remember, it's only for one year." Lin Xingzhi reminded Xue Lang again before she and Alex flew away.

Chapter 899 - Body Refinement

The group was staring at Alex and Lin Xingzhi until they couldn't see them again. Xue Lang looked at the token in his hand and stored it carefully. Even if he lost his Space Ring, he couldn't afford to lose this token.

They soon decided to continue their journey with their own complicated feelings.

Meanwhile, Alex and Lin Xingzhi wandered around and arrived at a random forest and landed there to think about where they should cultivate.

"You are going to use the Fire Grass first, right?"

"Yeah. After that, we can go around the world and just enjoy our time." Alex nodded.

"It's good then." She nodded while clapping her hand. It transmitted a certain signal in the form of a shock wave.

Alex couldn't comprehend it other than the little amount of energy he saw with his Spirit Eyes.

Lin Xingzhi soon smiled and pointed her hand in the opposite direction. "There seems to be a huge cave in that direction."

"What did you just do earlier?" Alex nodded while asking.

"Nature is alive, you know. It takes me a thousand years to learn the gesture and a kind of language, but I can comprehend what they are saying. When I asked them about some places to live, they kindly replied to me with that direction," Lin Xingzhi explained.

"So, the first energy wave is the technique to ask your question?"

"Yeah. I used the shock wave to ask anything. The grasses here, the trees, the earth, the wind and many more things. What you think is a natural disaster usually has their own consciousness." She smiled.

"I see. Respect nature... I guess this saying is certainly true." Alex nodded in understanding.

"Well, that saying is intended elsewhere, but I guess you can use it in this context as well." She nodded.

Alex only smiled and followed the direction she pointed at earlier. "Let's go."

"Sure."

"By the way, what part are you going to refine now?"

"It's bones. This will improve my strength greatly like the previous refinement, the tendons. If I complete these two and use Spirit Step and Dragon Aura, I think I can match Rank 8 God's in raw strength alone. As for whether I can defeat a Rank 8 God or not... I am not really sure.

"After seeing the gap between the Rank 10 God with Rank 9 God in the Devil World, I am confident that I can beat a Rank 8 God with the way I am now. However, I will be heavily injured in the process.

"Of course, if I am fighting a fire user, they will just kneel in front of me due to the Fire Authority. As for the others, I will need to fight hard. I just hope that this body refining will elevate my strength to a new height."

Lin Xingzhi looked at him and nodded in agreement.

"There is also another reason why I hope something like this... The last two refinements are my flesh and skin. Unlike the other two, it won't increase my prowess anymore nor my cultivation speed. Instead, it will focus on my recovery speed.

"By refining my flesh, my internal injuries recovery will be boosted. This will surely help me in many ways. As for the skin, it is for outer injuries. Wait a minute, don't you know this already?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

"I have read it once, but never think more than that. Other than becoming the manager of your system, I also need to take care of a few problems, so I can't just sit in front of the system and observe you." Lin Xingzhi shook her head in disappointment.

"I see. Else, you will become a NEET." Alex teased her.

"Pfft... I don't mind becoming one, though. I can do whatever I want during that time." She smiled. "I guess I can push all the works to you since you have returned."

"Wait. What?!" Alex widened his eyes. "No, no. I certainly don't want that. I have my hands full with my cultivation alone."

"Fufu..." She chuckled. "Well, I am already a God King, so I can spare a bit more time for other stuff like this. Anyway, we have arrived."

She stopped and looked at the cave entrance.

Alex immediately scanned the entire cave with his Spirit Eyes, finding no energy inside it.

"The cave is about fifty meters deep inside, and there should be nothing in our surroundings."

The two nodded at each other and entered the cave as Alex covered the cave with Illusion Array, and Lin Xingzhi patched the entrance with dirt.

Alex snapped his finger as his Pure Fire appeared and flew toward the end of the cave, brightening the entire cave.

"By the way, we need an air if you want to cultivate, you know." Lin Xingzhi reminded him again.

Although Cultivators didn't really need air for a period of time, they still needed an abundant amount if

they were cultivating. They simply couldn't be bothered by that during the cultivation, so they might need a hole to circulate the air.

However, Alex had another solution. He made two Spatial Gates, one on the inside and one on the outside, circulating the air back and forth. At the same time, another concealing array had been placed to hide this Spatial Gate, allowing Alex to not get disturbed during this process.

Meanwhile, Lin Xingzhi started shaping the stones using her power to make a livable home for a while. Alex then went toward the deepest part of the cave, took out the fire grass, and sat on a lotus position.

"Haiz... More pain." Alex let out a long sigh. "It has been a while since I last refined my body, but it seemed I would be reminded about the pain again."

As much as he wanted to skip this, he couldn't only do it. He swallowed the grass and started circulating the energy.

The grass melted in his mouth, and the Fire Energy burst out to the point it came out of his body, covering it with fire.

This fire began burning his body for an hour or two.

This process would never take this long, but since he had become a God Rank Expert, it was bound to happen.

He waited for a few hours before it had grown accustomed to the hardness of his body. At that time, the fire flared up before disappearing as if it was never there before.

However, Alex could feel it... The feeling of the fire crawled into your skin, then into your flesh, before entering his bones.

The pain began to spread all over his body as it started its refining process. As much as Alex had prepared for this, he never expected that refining his Divine Body would lead him to more pain than he had ever imagined.

"AAAAHHHH!"

Alex screamed out of pain.

Lin Xingzhi even stopped for a moment and stared at the darkness. She knew about the Undying Fire Body a bit from Alex and his former friend. However, she never expected that Alex would scream like that despite having gotten used to it.

This proved that there might be something that he first experienced for the first time during this refining.

And it turned out she was right. What Alex experienced was new to him. Unlike the previous refining, the refining this time took a few processes.

First, the fire would burn his skeletons into ashes, making him a human without bones. He even wobbled around a bit for a few seconds before it created another set of bones.

Unfortunately, this set of bones was only a mortal bone. He needed to direct his Divine Energy to stimulate the fire energy coming from the grass to strengthen it, allowing him to transform the bone into one that suited the Divine Body.

After all those processes, he still needed to fight the fire energy overbearing ability. He could stop the pain by using his Pure Fire, but it would surely end up winning.

Because he needed to endure all this process at the same time, he couldn't help but feel the pain several times more than he first expected.

Still, it took a lot to defeat the man called Alex. Alex soon regained his breathing and grew accustomed to the pain. His pain tolerance increased exponentially during this process.

As much as Lin Xingzhi wanted to call him a masochist, she needed to let him complete his body refining first.

She simply watched him during this whole time while using the energy around her to erect a barrier, so no one would enter this place.

It took Alex a whole month before he stopped screaming, but Lin Xingzhi felt nothing about it. She believed that Alex would beat that pain as soon as possible. And she was right.

When Alex stopped screaming, he never screamed again even a single time. He might let out a groan every now and then, but it was not as extreme as the past ones.

"His situation has become stable." She nodded after sensing the energy covering his body. "His friends took him a hundred years in the past... Although it had passed my original calculation, Alex should be able to refine his body to the maximum within only three decades... Well, he almost passed the two decades mark soon, so there was no point in saying he needs two decades."

Alex kept cultivating and felt the embrace of the energy inside his body.

Finally, Alex opened his eyes after a long seven months.

"Ho?!" Lin Xingzhi sensed it and immediately headed over to his direction with a smile. "You have finally woken up."

"Yeah. The strength I got earlier was insane. I might need to consolidate my situation first, but I am confident in beating a Rank 8 God."

"That's good." She smiled and nodded. "For now, consolidate your own strength first. I will be guarding you for another few weeks."

"After I finish this, let's go around the world, shall we?" Alex apologized as well because it took him twice the time he predicted earlier.

"You don't need to worry. Watching you is enough for me... Hehe, it's not like there is any difference between watching you from the screen and here." She grinned.

Alex nodded, feeling grateful for her understanding. He then closed his eyes again.

It took him another week to consolidate his strength, but before he opened his eyes, Lin Xingzhi furrowed her eyebrows when she saw the token that they gave a few months ago lit up.

'This... I think I will go this time.' Lin Xingzhi decided and left a note for him before going toward the direction of the token.

It took her only a few minutes to reach Xue Lang, but what she saw next completely shocked her. Never in her imagination, she would think that there was a huge disturbance where Xue Lang activated the token.

She saw many people dying, including someone who wanted to take Xue Lang's life. It was at this time, she decided to step in.

Chapter 900 - Turning Around The Situation

A few minutes ago.

In the middle of an arena that seemed to host a Martial Competition, Xue Lang stood in front of everyone, looking at his opponent, who had been crippled by him.

"You—" The opponent glared at him and shouted. "You are going to die! Do you know who I am?"

Xue Lang snorted and kept staring at his opponent with cold eyes. "You tried to use an aphrodisiac on my sister and tried to kill me? Do you think I don't dare to kill you?"

"No, you won't!" The voice was coming from the special seat in the arena. It was an elderly that seemed to be an important figure in this place.

"Do you think I will let you?!" A middle-aged man appeared and stopped him.

"Father!" The elder that brought Xue Lang to this place shouted, looking at the middle-aged man.

"Don't worry. He is the subject of my kingdom, so I won't let any harm fall upon him." The middle-aged man nodded with a smile.

"It seems the royal family has grown this big to the point it wants to change the way of my sect." The elder snorted.

"Hoh! I am just standing up for my subject. After failing to control both brother and sister, you are going to eliminate them just like that? I don't think so." He smirked.

"To think there is a corrupt elder in my sect..." Another old man suddenly appeared with a long sigh. "I have been doing my duty as a sect master for almost a hundred years. And to think I have never suspected my best friend has fallen this low... Grand Elder, just surrender. I won't kill you."

"Haha?! Do you think you are great because you are protecting them? They are soon going to leave this sect because you can't contain that strength. At that time, do you think our enemies will forgive us for what that Bastard Xue Lang did? He has killed many enemies in the past. Unless he destroys all of them, this sect will be destroyed in the future." He shouted. "Rather than waiting for that, I will use his life to settle everything."

"You are insane!"

"What? You are saying I am insane? No, it's you! Do you think he will return when he steps to our neighboring continent? No, he will die. How many do you think have gone to another continent and have come back? I can even count them in one hand. And all of them are crippled." The elder shouted in anger.

"You—"

"What?! You can't talk back because it's true. I will remove this devil from this sect and offer his sister to them." He laughed out loud.

"You won't succeed. And do you think they will forgive our sect? Besides, my sect is not a coward, so I will fight until the end. The one who will get the last laugh will be me." The sect master snorted, never bothering to sugarcoat his words.

"Hmph! You don't realize how big the threat is." He rolled his eyes away.

"What did—" Before the sect master could finish his words, he found his heart stabbed by an ice sword. "This..."

He looked back and found a woman with a cold expression. "You are—"

The woman didn't care about him, pulled back her sword, and chopped his head.

The elder and the one stopping the elder petrified.

"Ah! Sect Master!" Xue Lang roared as his sister appeared beside him. They both looked at the woman who was so strong and immediately recognized her identity.

"I have given you the chance to join my Snow and Ice Palace, but you didn't treasure it. Instead, you embarrass my influence and the elders." She released her killing intent, surrounding Xue Lang with this.

Xue Lang, who was just a mere Martial Grandmaster, obviously couldn't move his body. His sister somehow resisted this, but it didn't mean she could run or whatsoever.

Because of this, the soul that hid inside him materialized, knowing the situation had become dangerous.

"So, you are the one... To think there is a Martial Saint hiding behind you... But seeing your current condition, you won't even be able to use even Martial Monarch Strength, let alone your former strength." The lady snorted while looking at the soul.

She then glanced at the one who stopped the elder and pointed her finger toward him.

At this time, a few more people appeared and bowed politely.

"Demon Finger Sect greets your excellency."

"Radiant Sword Sect greets your excellency."

"Red Rose Sect greets your excellency."

"We shall assist your excellency in eliminating this sect."

Soon numerous people appeared in their perimeter, surrounding the sect.

"This..." The middle-aged man gasped as he observed his surroundings.

"Hmph! Why did I do something like this? It's obviously because he had offended someone he shouldn't offend." The elder snorted with confidence that his choice was never wrong.

The female seemed to not care about his opinion and released another ice attack with the intention of killing him. However, the soul interfered and blocked the attack.

"Tch..." She immediately felt her hand numb with just taking that attack as she glanced at Xue Lang. "Bring your sister away. I will hold her back."

"No!" Xue Lang gritted his teeth and took out a token. He channeled his energy into the token and saw it light up for a moment. However, it didn't do anything until it died down, disappointing everyone. "Wait. No!"

Xue Lang didn't understand why the light disappeared as his hope vanished in his heart. He thought he could use his wish to kill everyone here, but it turned out the token was fake.

After getting their objective, the couple must have left far away. They never promised them they would come back, so it was normal for something like this. Unfortunately, it became his nightmare at this very moment.

"Hmph!" The female snorted and killed the middle-aged man with her overpowering strength. It was not a fight anymore because the man couldn't even block that attack and died.

"Father!"

After killing the middle-aged man, she looked at Xue Ning. "To think you have gotten something that can control that physique, and it even allows you to cultivate it without the tranquil heart. I will extract that information from you and turn you into my palace's puppet. This is the price for not being obedient and following the elders from my palace."

"You! I'd rather die than giving up on this!" Xue Ning gritted her teeth, took out a dagger from her Space Ring, and tried to kill herself.

However, the female didn't let her do that and arrived in front of Xue Lang. "Then I will torture him first before killing him. I will make sure he experiences something to the point he will regret being born. And everything is because of you. When you two meet in hell, he will hate you because you choose something like this."

As soon as she heard that, Xue Ning halted her movement.

Xue Lang clenched his teeth and slashed forward. At the same time, the soul also returned a bit late because her strength was nothing compared to the female.

"No, you won't!" They struck at the same time from two different directions, but the female only waved her ice sword, blowing the soul and Xue Lang's weapon away.

"It seems you want to die first..." The female raised her sword.

"No!" The soul jumped, trying to protect Xue Lang from the slash. His sister, on the other hand, tried to take her own life because of this.

However, their movement suddenly stopped under pressure that appeared out of nowhere.

Even the female had her movement stopped.

Suddenly, a woman with brown hair appeared out of nowhere.

"Hmm... This is a surprise. To think a Peak Martial Monarch will come to this place... I wonder how strong this Snow and Ice Palace is..." Lin Xingzhi's eyes curved upward, telling the others she was smiling.

"Who are—" The female asked, but Lin Xingzhi blew her away without even doing anything.

"I don't want to hear your answer." She shrugged and looked at Xue Lang. "So, what is your third wish?"

Lin Xingzhi's voice was firm, making Xue Lang unable to say anything other than the wish. "I-I want to kill her and everyone who is aiming at my sect, including the Snow and Ice Palace!"

"Hmm... That is impossible!" Lin Xingzhi shook her head.

"I don't do any killing for the wish. Even if my husband comes here, he will reject it too," she said nonchalantly. "Though, I will grant you the wish in another form. It is..."

She glanced at the soul and placed her finger on her forehead. Soon, the Spiritual Energy around the area gathered and went inside her body. It had never happened to her before. In cultivation, they always heard how they needed to absorb the Spiritual Energy. However, Lin Xingzhi turned it around and made the Spiritual Energy rushing to enter her body.

Nonetheless, she felt powerful energy coming into her soul, allowing her to restore the strength of her previous self for a few minutes.

"You should be able to fight in that form for ten minutes. I think I don't need to explain it, right?" Lin Xingzhi smirked.

"This Junior thanks her excellency." She clasped her hand before taking out her sword. It was a golden sword with red markings everywhere. "Listen to me, my disciple. I will show you what it means to become a Sword Saint."

She glared at the peak Martial Monarch and released all of her strength, including her sword intent.

"This is..." The female was in shock. "This is the strength of Martial Saint! Not good!"

A thick ice wall rose from the ground, blocking the soul to strike her. Unfortunately, she didn't have the need to go around this wall anymore.

"Death Sword, Blood Wave."

The sword glowed in reddish color as the soul slashed horizontally, releasing a blood-red sword wave.

It struck the ice wall and cut it down within a second before striking the one who summoned the ice wall.

"What?!" The female was in shock before she realized what kind of power was hitting her right now. "This is... This far surpasses that old man who had 4-Star Martial Saint strength at that time!"

"You didn't say anything much and let others say anything, so you should also die in the same way." She snorted and closed her eyes, fully knowing the strength of her Sword Wave.

And just like that, the Sword Wave cut the female into two and exploded.

"Judging from her strength, she must be the palace master of Snow and Ice Palace. With the loss of their master, they will soon have civil strife for the next master..." She nodded before looking at the three influences that wanted to kill them earlier.

Her killing intent had locked on them as the three leaders turned pale.