

## Gacha 911

### [Chapter 911 - Going To The Sect](#)

The main entrance where some sort of vehicles parked in it surprised even Alex. The vehicle looked like a carriage pulled by a horse, but if one inspected it even further, they would find that the horse was none other than a Martial Saint monster.

The speed that this monster would be able to pull was faster than your average monster. In fact, they chose specifically the fastest monster in the Martial Saint Stage.

And Alex could find an array that powered up the carriage to float, making it a weightless carriage. Because it stayed on land and not floated in the sky, the power consumption was also low. This might be the most efficient way to transport people instead of having a floating ship in the sky.

Except, there were forests and towns along the way, making it hard for land transportation like this to cross. He wondered if this carriage could float only when they needed it, but nonetheless, there was still one more important person that he needed to meet before getting inside the carriage.

It was a middle-aged man, almost looked like an old man, facing directly at him. His eyes still held the fierceness just like the good old day as he tried to observe this mysterious man that had saved his daughter.

Aria had requested to leave without anyone here, but it was impossible. At the very least, he should be present to see off the carriage and a few other things.

Alex also had adjusted his power to a 6-Star Martial Saint instead of 1-Star, or else it would become suspicious on how he could fight against ten Martial Saints.

He clasped his hands and slightly bowed to him, showing his respect to Aria's father and the head of the Cypress Family.

The latter found what he meant and let out a long sigh. "I am not your match in terms of like this... Such a powerful young man."

"Father." Aria also bowed her head to her father while smiling. "We will be going in a few minutes, and I believe everything is prepared, right?"

"Of course. This is the recommendation letter for you." He handed two tokens and a letter to her. "This is the proof identity of our Cypress Family and the token of Unsurpassed Blade Sect. The elder in charge of the enrollment will surely instruct you on what you should do next."

"I understand. I shall show this to the elder." She nodded.

"Although it won't be as much as you, I am sure he can follow you for a special admittance, albeit won't get your kind of luxury. It can be said it's a kind of tagging along." He nodded.

"Alright." She smiled and hugged her father. "Father, I will miss you."

"Don't worry about me. Just make sure you keep getting stronger there. You and Adrian will always be my pride, and make sure to whip his ass if he turns bad again."

"Of course, you can leave it to me. I will spank his butt a thousand times every mistake he makes and say that I have received permission from Father." She grinned evilly. "Don't worry. This won't take my training time because I will be using my Sword Qi while I am at it. Not only will it be more painful, but also allow me to train while giving the punishment."

"..." Her father fell silent while sweating inside. "You girl... Who do you take after, really..."

"Of course, it's Mother. You were often beaten up by her in the past. I will surely get stronger and pay everything Grayfig Family has done in the past." She smirked.

"Haiz. You can let your brother do it because I know that you want freedom the most. However, exempting you from arranged marriage is the most I can do."

"It's fine. At the very least, it won't hinder me during this time. When I return, if I say the sun rises from the north, the elders won't say it rises from the south." She grinned.

"Haha, sure. Try to reach God Rank as soon as possible. I don't know why, but your mother's last words told me that the world would soon become turmoil."

"I heed Father's words." She clasped her hand politely.

The father then looked at Alex while narrowing his eyes. There was a sense of mystery coming from this man. Not only was he able to see through the plot coming from the elder in the day he actually came to this family, but he also had this mysterious aura surrounding him, telling him that he needed to be careful against this man.

At the same time, the mask that covered only the upper part of his head made it look like he was a man with stories. Nonetheless, he shouldn't be that ungrateful for what he had done to this family.

He took a deep breath and stretched his hand while smiling. "I am grateful for what you have done, especially concerning my daughter. So, I would like to leave my daughter in your hand."

Alex twitched his eyebrows as if he felt a hidden intention in his words earlier. Knowing what to do, he chose to clasp his hand and nodded. "I will surely take care of her safety."

The man looked at his hand and smiled, knowing how careful Alex was. He left his daughter in his hand to show whether he had a special attachment to his daughter. Unfortunately, Alex only confirmed her safety, telling him that he didn't have any special feelings for his daughter.

At the same time, if he shook his hand, he could sense his age from his bone alone. Although it wouldn't be that accurate, he could still see how old he was compared to his daughter. And this would also show him the difference in their talent.

And Aria also knew this. She even thought what her father would say that the one in front of him was a forty years old God Rank Expert, he might go insane.

"Then, Father. It's time for us to leave." She smiled and asked Alex to come in.

Alex nodded and got in after her before the father waved his hand and closed the door for them. "Be careful, Daughter."

"Yes." She smiled, and the carriage finally started moving.

"You are very careful, huh." She pouted.

"I don't know what you are talking about." Alex played dumb while sealing his cultivation again to 1-Star Martial Saint.

"The sect will surely check your cultivation, you know. Do you think you can easily fool them with that sealing technique of yours?"

"This hasn't disappointed me even once." Alex smiled while thinking, 'It could even fool many worlds, so it wouldn't expel them or send Lightning Tribulation toward them. There is no way a world like this has the power to sense it.'

"Since you are that confident, I won't say much then." She nodded. "Now, onto the details. We still have a few hours before leaving this carriage to set up the trap. My body double is waiting for me there along with the additional guards. Well, the current guards are waiting for us outside the town right now."

"Sure."

"According to the letter my brother gave me, there will be around a thousand people, with most of them coming from great backgrounds, participating in this enrollment process. During that time, only a hundred to two hundred will be accepted, depending on their performances.

"As for the test, I am not sure myself, but there is a clue regarding this test. First, it will test your talent to wield a weapon. The second test will be a battle royal. We are going to find something during this time, and those with a certain of points or ranks are qualified to take the third test.

"The third test itself is unknown. It depends on the elder in charge. During the past enrollments, some were blessings and gave them many advantages early on, while some were misfortune and held them back for a year or two.

"Still, whether it was misfortune or blessing, you could easily differentiate a true talent among the current batch of disciples. I believe they use that to check something like that, and luck is also a part of strength."

"I completely agree with the luck part." As a Gacha Master, no one would understand how much he relied on luck.

"Then, I would like to know a bit of backstory about you, so when people ask me, I can give the same answer." She smiled, trying to prepare everything.

Alex widened his eyes as he never thought of this. This girl was surely one that made thorough preparation before doing something. He nodded and started explaining his circumstances. "I am Nyx, an orphan. I have been training in a certain master during my childhood. According to my master, he was one of the peak masters in this world, but because I didn't have strength, I couldn't know his true strength, but despite my strength, I still believed I couldn't fight him at all.

"After passing away, he asked to join the Unsurpassed Blade Sect because of my talent in the sword. I didn't know whether he was a loose cultivator or someone coming from a sect, so what do you think?"

"Alright. We will have the backstory as such. Knowing too much is also suspicious, so it's enough for me. The rest will be on you." She nodded. "We can say that on the way to the sect, you met me and saved me. Because of that, I tried to repay you by leading you to the sect and did all this."

"Alright then." Alex agreed with the backstory with her. "Actually, I would like to ask one thing from you."

"Sure. Ask me anything, I will tell you if I know it."

"Did the Peerless Sword God leave a legacy?"

"The Peerless Sword God?" She widened, never expecting Alex to have such an aim. She even wondered whether his true aim was this. Even so, she had no intention of lying. "Yes, he left a legacy—a few in fact. Three of them are inside the Unsurpassed Blade Sect since he was an alumnus there. While there were two for the whole world."

"Ho?!" He narrowed his eyes.

"I will tell you about those in the sect first. The first thing he left behind was his sword. It could be said that the one who could lift that sword would be the leader of the sect and reached the top of the world."

"Since he was a God King, I am sure that the Sword is a peak Divine Weapon. Even the passing time won't reduce the sword's sharpness. However, I have no intention for that." Alex nodded. He had two reasons for not aiming that sword. First, he already asked for a custom-made weapon from the Blackwade Clan. Second, he would gather too much attention during the process.

"I understand your point." She nodded in agreement. "The second thing is a Sword Cave."

"A Sword Cave?"

"Yes. It's a kind of cave with a huge amount of Sword Qi. He broke through in this cave, so when people came in, it would be easier to comprehend Sword Qi."

"Oh, there is such a thing? This is a good place to train." He nodded. "What is the third thing then?"

"The third thing is the Sword Stone."

"What is the use of the Sword Stone?"

"This is a kind of giant stone with Sword Qi engraved on it. This Sword Qi contains powerful Martial Arts that the Sword God used in the past. That was why many were trying to comprehend the things inside to wield his Martial Arts. It was said that the Martial Arts had been polished to such a degree."

"His Martial Arts?" Alex stared at her in amazement. He heard the tale about the Peerless Sword God. In terms of swordsmanship, even his previous life couldn't handle him. Even though both could cut a small world, he was able to cut a bigger one than his previous life.

To train his Martial Art, this might be his chance, Alex thought. "This one is interesting."

"You might be able to do it if what you have shown me during the past few weeks were true." She rolled her eyes.

"What are the two things he left for the world?"

"They are..."

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"They are Sword Arena and Sword Pavilion. The first one is about an arena. The Peerless Sword God once said that one could improve tremendously in the face of enemies. That's why that arena was made to honor his words. And the three big influences usually used that place to discover talented people since the three gave the reward in that place."

"Ah, I see." Alex nodded in understanding. "All of them are giving the rewards, so they can invite the talented people there. Well, the three can combine or each year they can hold a contest of their own... Nonetheless, it is only a place where one searches for fame."

"Indeed. The second place is the Sword Pavilion. This one is a bit special. The Peerless Sword God said that many people still couldn't have access to cultivation, so he founded the Sword Pavilion to handle that."

"This Sword Pavilion is a bit weird. There is no one who handles it, and the three influences have agreed to not handle it and repel those who want to make it their own. However, there seems to be someone who controls the entire pavilion because it gives people Cultivation Techniques and Martial Arts if one manages to beat the trial."

"Trial?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"Yes. The Pavilion always opens every ten years, and it judges someone by talent instead of cultivation. That's why whether you are weak or strong, you will have a different set of trials that suits your current strength. This allows many people that are known as trash to emerge and become a powerhouse."

"I see. That is a good place." Alex nodded.

"The three influences are sending their disciples to compete too, and I think we can join in another two years." She thought for a moment, calculating the time since the last opening.

"Since there is no limitation, have you entered that place?" He asked.

"Yes. I have once. Because the age limit is a hundred years old, I have entered it twice. The first time I got guidance on how to fight people without looking. And yes, that is a technique that enhances my senses. It's a special technique that suits blind people the most because they have been relying on their other senses since the start."

"As for the second time, I got another guidance about my high-speed movements. Unfortunately, it wasn't perfect during this whole time before you guided me to perfect it and turned it into a full complete dance." She smiled.

"I see."

"That's also where I was recognized by the people to the point they sent me this recommendation letter."

"It's your talent." Alex nodded. "Your talent reminds me of someone in my world. She is a Sword Genius."

"Ho?! To think there is someone you hold in high regard. And I am honored to be seen as the same as her." She smiled, feeling a bit better. "Though, you are still a freak."

"I have heard that a lot."

"But I don't think that is much of a problem. After all, if you have recognized people, it means they are really talented. That's why even if you didn't intend to praise them, people would still feel very happy, including me." She grinned. "I will work hard."

"Good luck." Alex nodded.

"By the way, there is something bothering me."

"Hmm?"

"Why do you sound like you are talking to me as if I am a child." She pouted. "Although normally people think of someone with lower cultivation as their junior, I am still older than you, you know."

"You have said the answer," Alex smirked.

"Is that really the reason?"

"Not really. I just have grown accustomed to this kind of style while teaching someone. You can say it has become a habit."

"I don't know whether that is a bad habit or a good habit." She sighed. "Nyx, you said that I need to see many worlds first before thinking about joining you, right?"

"Not exactly, but something similar to it."

"How about we make a bet? This is a bet between us."

"Hoh?" Alex smirked.

"Before you leave this world, I will make you change your opinion about me and think of me as someone equal. It might not be in terms of cultivation, but something else. I don't know what it is, but it's something like that. If I win, please tell me your real name. If I lose, I will join your influence in the future."

Alex widened his eyes, never expecting her to make such a bet. "The terms are against me, you know."

"Well, it's not like I will use your name for anything." She shrugged. "Ah, right. I will make sure you don't treat me as a little girl again. That's the terms."

"I guess that is fine." Alex shrugged.

"Hehe..." She smirked. "Are you ready to lose?"

Alex shrugged. "Lose and win won't matter."

Aria couldn't understand that but still got fired up. She added this challenge was not to challenge Alex to be honest. This challenge was for herself.

With a wall this big, she needed to improve tremendously during this period of time, so it was a good goal. That might also be the reason why Alex said Lose and Win won't matter.

After agreeing to the bet, Alex looked outside the window and realized that the monster seemed to have been trained that it could bring them without someone monitoring them.

Still, Alex wasn't really blown away by this because he had a few spaceships that could travel in outer space at a very high speed. That alone was enough for him to not get surprised by any transportations.

"By the way, I want to ask you something."

"Sure." She nodded. "What do you want to ask?"

"Are there any people in the Grayfig Family that have connections with the three sects? Or at least, God Rank Experts?"

"I don't think so. But concerning how manipulative their second young master is, I feel like they will soon have one. From my information, he is the one attending the enrollment today, so I need to eliminate him as soon as possible." She nodded.

"Want me to eliminate him? He is a potential threat to my identity as well."

"But I don't think I can find a place to kill him." She shook her head. "And he is not foolish enough to get into a trap like that."

"Certainly. There must be some sort of rules in the sect, and he will surely take advantage of those rules."

"Yes. There is a non-killing rule inside the sect. As for outside the sect, it's free for all. Of course, most disciples don't have grudges to kill others easily, but I think there are many cases about this. That's why the sect is a place for elites who can survive. That might also be the reason why the sect employs the favorite disciples instead of personal disciples."

"Hoh?!" Alex narrowed his eyes.

"Favorite disciples are a kind of the face of an elder. They are given a few more authorities, but the elders don't have permission to make them their personal disciples. That's why if they are killed by someone, no elders can't complain. And everything will be placed under the trials of all elders inside the sect, and the sect master will conclude it."

"I see." Alex understood a portion of it. In other words, it was a kind of personal disciple but with many restrictions upon them.

"At the very least, we will be fine as long as we stay inside the sect." Alex nodded.

"Yeah. The problem is that we have to be extra careful as to not get ambushed."

Alex looked down, falling into deep thought. He wondered whether he should summon all the N squads except Nelson here, but because they can't level up anymore without cultivating, he is hesitant to do it.

He might be summoning the other Rare Rank N Squad like Njomo, but only them, he thought. Not only was there a chance for them to be discovered, but they also couldn't keep up with their cultivation.

'I will deal with everything with Njomo for now. Maybe I will summon one or two before making a shift for them, so Ngina, Nicole or even Nelson can focus on cultivating. As much as I don't want to do favoritism, this is needed.' Alex thought while sighing inwardly.

They kept going for a few hours before they arrived in a forest. To go through this forest, they needed to fly above it by pouring more Spirit Crystal, but the entrance of this forest wasn't really surrounded by trees, so it would be fine to ride a bit more.

And this became a perfect place for the exchange.

They were stopped by a few people, including Aria's body double. The girl looked exactly like Aria, but the guards with her were far stronger than the one originally came with them. This would surely allow them to fool the enemies.

"Lady Aria. We have been waiting for you." The girl politely bowed.

"I am sorry for giving you all a dangerous job." She came out of the carriage while apologizing.

"Please don't apologize. Without the Cypress Family and Family Head, we would have died long ago." She smiled. "We want to pay them back by doing this, and there is no hard feeling among us because Master asked us instead of ordering us. In other words, this is all voluntary. And we don't have any plan in dying."

"I understand. I will leave it to you." Aria smiled.

"Yes."

"By the way, where is the ambush that Adrian has set up?"

"They are in a city three hours away from here, and they will keep up with us while moving. We have stationed a few people to send a signal to them as soon as the ambushers appear."

"I see. Don't die, you hear me?" Aria nodded with a serious expression.

"Yes, Young Lady. We will return safely." She smiled.

"The original guards are to stand by inside this forest, so they won't be suspicious of us. If they are not coming back within the time limit, all of you need to go back to inform my father."

"Yes, Young Lady."

"Then, it's time for me to go." She nodded, taking out a Teleportation Array Plate. She activated it and teleported with Alex.

They then proceeded according to the original route.

It took them around five days to reach their destination, and Alex kept using his Spirit Eyes during that time to ensure no one found them sneaking around. Aria also covered herself with a long coat that covered her body and hid her face with a mask.



If Alex utilized his God Rank's speed, they might arrive in one day by flying, but it would be hard to utilize it. Not only would it blow his cover away, but Aria might also not be able to keep up with that pace even with his help. Or the pressure coming from that kind of speed might be a bit too much for her unless he covered her with Divine Energy, which he didn't want to use.

Even so, the journey wasn't as boring as Alex expected because Aria kept talking about any information in this world, cramming every common sense they had in this world to make sure Alex could blend in.

Alex kept listening to her and talked about the sword to pay her back for this lecture. Aria might not be able to practice them for the time being, but she would know what she needed to do as soon as they entered the sect.

Five days had passed, and Alex saw a huge bustling city on the foot of a mountain range. In those mountain peaks, he could see many God Rank Experts staying there, enjoying the rich Spiritual Energy. However, there was one thing that caught his eyes.

It was a giant red gate.

According to Aria, that was the entrance of the Unsurpassed Blade Sect, and it seemed the gate could check someone's age. That was the first thing they needed to do since the elders in the enrollment process needed to confirm their age to see their talent.

Alex and Aria then went inside the city.

#### [Chapter 913 - Two Elders](#)

Alex and Aria then entered the city.

The city wasn't really that big, even though it was a city that was on the bottom of the Unsurpassed Blade Sect.

Behind the giant gate they discussed earlier, they saw two elders confirming every single disciple that enrolled this year. However, there was a line where only those who got recommendation letters could come. And it was occupied only by a single person.

Considering the timing of the enrollment, it showed why only a few people got this technique.

Still, the man who was currently discussing his entry with the elders in charge was a young man with long blue hair. He had this gentle expression that one would feel he was a gentle person when they met him. However, there was this expression that the elders could see behind her smile.

Even so, they finished his process as if they didn't notice it and asked him to come inside the sect and waited there.

The young man politely clasped his hands and bowed.

Alex furrowed his eyebrows immediately as he sensed killing intent leaked out of Aria's eyes.

"Is that guy the second young master? What is his name again?"

"Gasha, Gasha Grayfig."

"As expected, he is hiding his cultivation this whole time." Alex nodded. "He is a 2-Star Martial Saint."

"2-Star..." She gritted her teeth. "When I am strong enough, I will kill him."

"Your choice." He shrugged.

"Thank you. At least, this confirms that I need to be extra careful in dealing with him."

"Yeah. Just make sure you do it fast." Alex nodded.

She nodded. "Anyway, we will need to pass that gate first and ask the female beside the gate to issue the card to show our age. After that, I will give them a recommendation letter to the elders. Hopefully, the elders are nice, not the ones who are full of themselves because they have authority."

"I agree. It's easier to see an elder that is easy going. They are easier to approach after all." Alex nodded.

"With your strength, you must have a disciple, right? And from the way you taught me, I felt that you have grown accustomed to teaching someone. I am envious of your disciple. After all, I might be able to improve further if I have more time." She smiled.

"Overpraised." Alex shook his head and replied humbly. "I only have one disciple. Well, I am also a kind of mentor to another one, but yeah, I think that's all."

"Still, it's fun to practice sword with you. I mean, you are easy going and easy to approach, so I have never felt like holding anything back when asking a question to you. Of course, the training part was certainly hellish." She smiled.

"Now, now. You want nostalgia here?" Alex glanced at her with a smile.

"Ahaha, I apologize." She smiled and stretched her hand to the front. "Let's go."

"Yeah."

Alex and Aria then walked toward the gate while looking at many disciples coming to this sect. Considering it had been opened for many people, there should be at least a few thousand that wanted to join this sect. And only one to two hundred would be accepted. It was a cruel competition.

A few minutes later, they arrived in front of the giant gate.

Aria approached a young lady beside the gate while clasping her hands politely.

"Excuse me."

"Yes. Do you need anything? If you are going to participate in the disciple selection, you can start lining up. But if you have a recommendation letter from an elder, you can pass it to me, and I will help you process it." She smiled.

Alex narrowed his eyes when he saw this blonde hair girl talking like this. Her strength was equal to him, Rank 9 God, but he didn't know there was a type of God like this.

Not only was she a beauty, but she also seemed to wear an illusion type array that covered her face.

'Undercover?' Alex thought. 'Still, I have never expected that there will be a Rank 9 God to help new disciples... I wonder if she is a special case or something?'

"I am Aria Cypress, and I have a letter of recommendation here." She smiled. "Well, I would like to ask for help a little bit. Because of certain circumstances, I would like to bring someone with me. And I can assure you that he is even more talented than me."

"Oh?! The elder recommendation is something only one person can use, but if he is like what you are saying, I think I can inform the elder whether to give special permission or not." She read the letter before nodding her head.

"I understand." She nodded. "What should we do?"

The female then glanced at Alex before she opened her mouth in surprise. His 1-Star Martial Saint strength indeed shocked her, but there was this strange feeling in her heart, telling her that the man in front of her was dangerous. At the same time, she felt the observing gaze of this man that seemed to have seen through her disguise.

This was the first time she saw someone like him, so she thought for a moment and nodded.

"First of all, I would like you to touch the pillar." She smiled.

Aria nodded and placed her hand on the pillar as around the touched area shone as soon as the lady placed the paper on the pillar before reading it.

"Hmm... Aria Cypress, 61 years old, 9-Star Martial Monarch. From the aura alone, you must have broken through not long ago. You might even reach Martial Saint before seventy years old. I am looking forward to your growth." She nodded before glancing at Alex. "Can you place your hand too?"

"Before that, I would like to request you to keep this a secret. At least, can you not make a ruckus here?"

"Oh?! You are a 1-Star Martial Saint, but I indeed feel that you are not your average man..." She thought for a moment. "Alright. I promise you."

Alex then placed his hand on the pillar.

She then placed another paper on the ground and read it. She drew a gasp and wanted to shout, but her hand immediately covered her mouth like how she promised.

She glanced back and forth as her hands were shaking. "Now, I understand why you asked me such a thing earlier. Alright. Since that is the case, I will give you permission to enter through the special way. Let me inform the elders first, alright?"

Aria and Alex nodded at the same time.

'By the way, what is your true age?'

Alex read the paper earlier and sighed. 'It's 47 years old.'

'You are a freak. 47 years old God Rank Expert, I don't think I have heard anyone come close to your achievement.' She glared at him.

Alex shrugged. The same with the fact that the earlier female didn't know Alex's true strength, Aria also didn't know that Alex spent the last decade training all of his ability, showing little progress in his cultivation. If she knew that Alex could reach Rank 8 God, if not Rank 7, what would she do?

Not long after that, the female returned and guided them to the elders.

"This is Elder Gian and Elder Illevis. They are the ones in charge here." She smiled, introducing two elders, one male and one female.

"Greetings, Elders." They both clasped their hands politely.

"It's fine, it's fine. I was surprised earlier to hear something crazy, but I see..." The female elder nodded. "Welcome to the sect. Elder Gian..."

"Sure." He nodded. "This is your token."

There was only one token that was handed to Aria. However, this meant Alex was left with empty hands. Considering the fact that the female earlier only told the woman before him, only the woman knew about his true worth.

"Elder Gian. We, Elders, have the special privilege to make one disciple enter with a special rule in exchange they will enter our peak, right?" She smirked.

"Yes... Wait. Do you mean?" He widened his eyes and glanced at Alex. Although he knew that Alex was a Martial Saint, he didn't know his exact age. It was true that a Martial Saint under a hundred years was something, but it certainly wouldn't be too surprising.

And he also kept track with the one she fancied on, Aria Cypress. Her talent was indeed one of a kind, so she must be doing this to satisfy the girl and thought nothing of Alex.

He ultimately shrugged. "I don't care anymore. Your choice."

"Hehe..." The female elder grinned as she handed the token to Alex. "Welcome to the sect. After this, you can go in by following the route on our right."

Alex and Aria nodded as they clasped their hands, ready to walk away.

"Wait! Although I have confirmed your identity, I still need to see your real appearance, so I can recognize you. At the very least, I will recognize one of you, the rumored Lightning Sword Princess, Aria Cypress." He stopped them from going any further. There was still this one procedure where he needed to check their identity.

"Actually, the recommendation letter is from me." The female elder beside him smiled while raising her hand. "So, I think he wants to confirm whether you are her, right? At the very least, with you covering the back of your head, only Elder Gian and I can see your face."

"Not I want, but we NEED!" He corrected her while she stuck out her tongue.

"Oh, you have such a title?" Alex glanced at her curiously.

"Ahaha, I can't be proud of my title." She smiled weirdly before nodding to the elders. "I apologize for my rudeness. There were several reasons why I needed to do this."

She put down the mask, revealing her face and her greyish blind eyes. She smiled while trying to look by following the direction of the sound coming from the elders to face them. "Is this fine, right?"

"..." Elder Gian sucked a cold breath. Although he had prepared for it, it was truly breathtaking when he saw her. He never expected a blind girl to have such prowess that could be said higher than her peers. No wonder she could succeed twice in the Sword Pavilion.

"I am sorry for asking you, but yeah, I have confirmed that you are the one that caught my attention in the past. Congratulations on coming here. When you have become an Inner Disciple, please come to my peak, alright?" She smiled.

"..."

"Is it hard to accept even though I was the one giving you the recommendation letter?" Elder Illevis asked.

"I am grateful for Elder's gracefulness, but I need to apologize. I would like to ask a question first before deciding."

"Sure."

She put on the mask again before asking. "May I know what Elder's peak is? And I would like to know whether..."

"I can accept male disciples in my peak, right? My Peak is Sword Blossom Peak. Although it emphasizes the beauty of the sword, I still have many male disciples, so you don't need to worry." She waved her hand as if she already knew what Aria wanted to know.

In fact, he really wanted to see whether the man beside her was capable or not. Still, considering he was younger than her and had higher cultivation, it would be her benefit to receive the two in her peak. However, the same as Aria, she asked Alex, "I am sorry, but I would like to know the face of this gentleman here? I am wondering why both of you wear a mask together... Are you a couple?"

"Nope." The two answered at the same time with a flat tone. Although Aria often joked about it, she was never serious, especially after knowing Alex's wives.

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "It's nothing big, but I would like to keep this a secret."

"It depends."

Alex nodded and finally put down his mask, showing a huge burn mark that covered his right face, around the right eye. It made him look horrific.

\*Gasp!\*

They instantly realized why he wore that kind of mask, and the female elder immediately let out a long sigh. "I apologize. Although this is a rule, seeing you two, I should give you something. Well, I will give you something as soon as you arrive at my peak since I don't really bring anything with me right now."

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"It's fine, Elder. We are grateful with the thought alone." Aria tried to decline politely as it wouldn't look nice to immediately get such a thing so early, especially the one they didn't earn themselves. It would surely make others place their attention on them.

"No, no. It's fine. And I have said it myself, I can only give you when you enter my peak. In other words, you need to be an Inner Disciple first. Though, this guy is already qualified, but let's talk about it after looking at the test." She smiled.

"I-I..." She glanced at Alex, who nodded his head. "I understand. I shall do my best."

"Good." The elder seemed to be able to get some information from how reliant she was on Alex, making her want to possess Alex even more. Without a doubt, the one in control in this group was Alex, but the one leading everything was Aria.

Since she could get Alex by pulling Aria, who she accidentally saw in the past, there was no way she wouldn't utilize it.

Alex observed the elder's behavior and narrowed his eyes. He didn't know why, but the male elder looked like the Seventh Elder, the one that brought him to the Heavenly Sword Sect in the past. Meanwhile, the female elder looked like Charya. Although she wasn't as wild as her, their style of doing things was similar.

He didn't know whether to laugh or cry at this point. At the very least, he would need to handle two people that he had experienced with, so there should be no problem.

If the elder were like Aria or that second young master, Gasha Grayfig, he surely wouldn't have a good time.

'I think it's time to go.' Alex informed Aria with a thought transmission.

Aria didn't make any gesture other than clasping her hands. "Then, Elders. I shall come in first."

"Sure." She waved her hand until they disappeared from her sight.

"Are you sure she is worth it for you to sacrifice that quota?" The male elder couldn't wait anymore and ask.

"The elders in charge of enrollment will change every single time. That's why we will get the benefit of choosing a disciple by letting such a special admission. At that time, it might be a bad year that you can't find a single talented disciple while the other time you are lucky that you have the luxury to choose. And after a few times doing this, this is the best choice I would ever make." She grinned.

"Is that girl's talent really that big? Well, we can't really snatch other elders' disciples that have a recommendation letter, but I guess you can do that as well... Since you don't regret it, I shall choose the highest talent during this enrollment, and you won't be able to fight against me over a disciple."

"Hehe... You can try. I will absolutely not regret it." She stuck her tongue as they continued their job.

Meanwhile, Alex and Aria walked across a bamboo path across a pond. There they found a certain sign.

Go forward to continue.

Alex tilted his head in confusion as he immediately activated his Spirit Eyes to check whether this was a trap or not.

The sign wanted them to cross the river and walked through a bamboo forest, so he checked the forest, not letting a single sign escape.

Unfortunately, he didn't find anything, so he thought it must be a false alarm.

"Let's go."

Aria nodded as the two walked forward before finding a small town inside. It was certainly a small town filled with people.

When Alex saw their cultivation, he knew they were the disciples that were supposed to be together with them.

In total, he could see around sixty people inside the town.

Although it looked like a town, the size itself was like that of a village. The entrance was also made of wood as they found an elder sitting outside the entrance while basking under the sunlight.

"Excuse us, Elders." They politely greeted the elder.

The elder was very old and looked like he was someone who was enjoying his life in a wooden chair that could swing back and forth.

"Welcome to the sect. I need to see your tokens first," He said in a low voice.

Alex and Aria handed their bronze tokens to the elder.

"Hmm?!" When he saw Aria's token, he didn't have any special reaction, but the moment he saw Alex's token, his lips curved. He glanced at Alex and closed his eyes again before giving back the tokens. "The trial will be started in two days. You can go inside this place and go to the left to stay in your lodging until the time comes. I will activate your token now."

The two tokens suddenly showed as they showed a certain number. When the two grabbed their tokens, Alex immediately asked Aria to ask the elder about the reason behind the number.

"I am sorry, Elder. I would like to ask what is the purpose behind this number."

"It's simple. To pass the test, you will need a certain amount of points. There are items you can exchange inside with those points, so use your point wisely." He smiled.

"I see. Thank you, Elder."

"Another thing. There is a number on the back of your token. That's your identification number that will act as anything from your room number and other things."

Alex and Aria flipped the token and saw different numbers.

"Hmm..." Alex glanced at Aria's token and sweatdropped as she almost drew the 'lucky' number.

"Oh, I almost forgot. You can't stay together in one room to fulfill your passionate night, you know... Haiz, this is the rule that pains my heart... They are trying to break "Youth" that should be the symbol of our new generation." The elder grinned as he teased them.

"Nope. We are not like you are talking about, Elder." The two answered at the same time and with the same tone.

"Look, you are perfect."

"No. I will seriously fall into despair if I am with him." She shook her head. 'I almost got a heart attack when I heard about his cultivation for the first time. He would surely shock me even more, so I am planning to understand his standing first before joining his influence in the future... Probably.'

"No, no. I already have wives." Alex waved his hand, telling him he was wrong.

"Ah, wives?!" The old man looked at him with surprise. "I see. I have found a man of cultures. For a young man to say wives, you must love them. I see, I see. And a harem on top of that... Young Man, I have taken a liking of you as another man of culture."

"Huh?!" Alex twitched his eyebrows, asking himself. 'What the heck is this old man talking about? Is he really a Rank 4 God?'

"Hyo-ho! Don't be shy. I have cultivated the art of pleasure. Come learn from me, and I shall teach you the art of the pleasure that can make this woman love you in a single night." The old man looked at him with a serious face as if it was a matter of life and death.

"I politely decline." Alex shook his head while sweating inside. 'This old man is insane. He must be that kind of old man that is trying to touch young girls' butts.'

'This young guy must be a closet pervert. Hehe, when the girl rejects you for a few years, you will beg me to teach this art to you.' He laughed inwardly before letting out a long sigh. "Haiz. This is why many kids don't appreciate their youth.

"Many of them have raped women or can't control their lust. But I have seen your eyes and know that you are different. Listen to me, little guy..." The old man opened his mouth and took a deep breath as if he wanted to say something long.

'This... Is this the legendary super long and useless old man's talk?' Alex sweatdropped as he didn't want to stay here for a few hours.

"Well, I want to tell my story when I was a youth like you, but back then, a young man rejected me, telling me that I was a fool. And it turned out, he was truly a man of culture, and we got along pretty well in the past. Truly a magnificent memory. When you come to me, let's talk about it, shall we?" The old man laughed.

'No thanks.' Alex was already fuming inside. He decided to bow his head and said, "Thank you for the thought alone, Elder. If there is nothing else, we would like to see the town first."

"Haiz, you two are boring. Well, off you go." He let out a long sigh.



Alex immediately dragged Aria away as they entered the town.

'What should we do?' Aria looked around, finding a few people watching them. Well, their outfit indeed attracted attention, so they couldn't help it.

'It's better to go inside the lodging area and stay there until it starts.'

Having the same plan, they immediately went toward the lodging area, finding a huge building with extravagant decoration.

The building itself looked like a mansion, but it stretched very far. Alex immediately activated his Spirit Eyes and checked the building, only to find a few people inside.

"There are not many people inside. I think we can talk a bit outside here before checking the town."

"Sure. What do you want to talk about?"

"Actually, there is nothing. I want to ask you to check the town with me to see what kind of thing they give to newbies like us." Alex shrugged.

"Ah! Well, I don't have anything to do to begin with. Let's go check this small town then?"

"Sure."

The two then started checking the town and found something amazing. It was not an item or anything else. It was the fact that this town was trying to sell a few Divine Items, starting from the furnace and other things from Forging to Array, or even the Divine Weapons, or the raw materials.

The price ranged from fifty thousand points to eighty thousand points, depending on the grade.

After going around for a few hours, they seemed to gain some kind of understanding of what the town was all about.

"I think this town is the cheat they give us," Alex exclaimed with confidence.

"Cheat? If you are talking about the secret power-up that will increase our strength in short times to give us an advantage from early on, then I agree with you." She nodded.

"Yeah. That's it." Alex nodded, forgetting the fact that he had gotten too used to that kind of term.

"I think the necessary point to pass this test is around seventy thousand to one hundred thousand. Above that, the point doesn't match with the advantage." Aria gave her opinion she got after observing the town.

"Indeed. They seem to want to test us of our ability. If we give a strong performance and gather points faster than anyone else, we can exchange it here and get the advantage. Many might haven't seen this, but have you noticed the detail of the elder's clothes... Ah, forget about that. I apologize to not think it through before asking this."

"Elder's clothes?" She furrowed her eyebrows. "I am sorry..."

"No, no. It should be me who should apologize. Anyway, I will tell you what I saw earlier. The elder also gave us the rule of this town because I saw six words on his clothes."

"Hmm?" She tilted her head in anticipation.

"No fighting is allowed in town." Alex smiled.

"Ah!" She nodded, understanding the meaning behind it. "Although it looks like it's just a basic instruction while waiting in this town, I believe it holds a different meaning. If we gather points fast enough, we can stay in this town while being protected by the rule. At that time, we can cultivate faster than anyone here without being bothered by others."

"Yes." Alex grinned. "Anyway, I think it's better to check our room first. We can discuss this again tomorrow."

"I understand."

### [Chapter 915 - Sword Cave](#)

Two days passed, Alex and Aria didn't wander around the town that much, trying to hide their presence as much as possible. After all, Alex had no interest in getting into trouble.

When morning came, Alex met up with Aria right in front of the lodging area.

"Nyx. Are you ready for today?" Aria greeted him with a smile while fixing her hair and putting on her mask.

"Yeah." Alex nodded. "Still, there are a total of eighty-three people with a letter recommendation. Their strength is ranging from 5-Star Martial Monarch to 3-Star Martial Saint. Most of them are in 7-Star to 8-Star Martial Monarch though."

"I see. We have the advantage for this test then." She nodded. "We will only need to wait for the elder to explain the test, I guess."

"Yeah. According to the elder we saw at the entrance, it will start two days from now. I don't know whether it has started or not, but let's check the town first." Alex nodded.

"Sure." She nodded.

The two then walked toward the center of the town, finding many people waiting for the test.

Alex didn't forget to check their number to see if they missed someone or not because it would be a clue to what they would do.

Luckily, the number remained the same as he asked Aria to stay around there and wait.

An hour later, an elder appeared. It was the same female elder they met in the registration area.

She looked at the entire town and shouted. "We are going to start the test right now. Come to the center of the town to hear the explanation first."

The participants immediately gathered in the center as the elder nodded.

"Since all of you are here, I will start explaining all the tests you will have during this enrollment process. There are three tests which are according to our usual rules. The first will be to see your Sword Talent.

"All of you need to go through the real Sword Cave as fast as possible. If you go through it fast enough, you will be getting points, enough to buy a special privilege. I will talk about that later.

"I will be explaining things you need to know about the Sword Cave. First of all, as you might already know, you will have a big benefit if you start cultivating inside the cave. It affects everything, so you don't need to worry about your weapons. Whether it's a spear, bow, or whatever, you will feel the effect.

"There is no time limit here, so you are free to do anything during the test. If you decide to finish the first test, you will find an elder whom you can talk about the special privilege. The privilege is about the real test in the third test. I am sure you know that the third test will be unknown, so we give you the opportunity to know it beforehand, but this information can only be obtained with the points you get from the first test.

"Alright. On to the second test, it will be a battle royal. This is not a true battle royal because the moment you kill someone, we will expel you too. How do you get points from here? You can get it by killing monsters.

"Basically, you will get one point for every monster below Martial Monarch you kill and ten points for every 1-Star to 5-Star Martial Monarch you kill. One hundred points for every 6-Star to 10-Star Martial Monarch beasts you kill. And lastly, every star in Martial Saint stage is worth ten thousand points.

"After you get enough points to pass the second stage, you may go and finish the third stage. The overall time limit is seven days. Whatever you can accomplish during this will depend on you. And you can even go back here to exchange the points at every checkpoint, so good luck. By the way, the second checkpoint needs thirty thousand points to pass.

"There is no rule other than the no-killing rule in the second test while the other two is imposed that no one attack or does any harm to other parties. Use your wisdom and strength to prove that you are worthy of being here. That's my advice."

"And some of you might be wondering where the other disciples that enter the sect without a recommendation letter like you? The elder in charge there will only start to explain this when all of you have started. So, let's get started." She smirked and snapped her finger as a giant Teleportation Array glowed beneath their feet.

Everyone was shocked to see its appearance and gasped.

"This..." Even Aria felt something was wrong and looked down, wondering what Array it was.

As an Array Master, Alex scanned the entire Array with his Spirit Eyes. He had been deciphering this since the beginning because they must have drawn it last night since he didn't find this when they came in.

He immediately grabbed Aria's hand.

"Eh?! Nyx?" She was surprised by his bold action, but before he could respond, they had vanished from that place.

The moment the participants realized, their visions were dark and sharp qi suddenly enveloped them.

"Where is this?!"

"Wait?! This must be the Sword Cave!"

"Where do we need to go?!"

"I can barely move."

"I think there is only one way to go. It's to go forward."

The group immediately checked their surroundings and found it was right. Since they had realized their mission, they immediately ran forward.

"Hmm?!" Aria still felt Alex's hand this whole time and asked embarrassedly. 'Nyx?'

'Sorry. The Teleportation Array earlier will surely mess up our position, so I hold your hand to make sure we are not separated.' Alex replied before releasing her hand.

'Oh?! Considering we have a clear mission this time, should we also run forward?' She asked, listening to the footsteps that kept getting farther and farther.

'No, it's fine. I am curious about something.' Alex activated his Spirit Eyes and saw the energy in his surroundings. It was indeed weapon qi, coming from many types of weapons. However, what baffled him was the fact that he could only see the energy, not the sources. There should be the source somewhere, so he was curious about it.

'What is this something that can pique your interest?'

'Although the power that is suppressing this cave is pretty balanced, the truth is... The Sword Qi in this place is more refined than the others. It might be because of their name or the Sword God himself, so I want to know the origin of this Sword Qi. There is no way it will continue to produce this type of qi with just a breakthrough.'

'I see. Still, there is a chance that we will be too late.'

'No. Whatever the reason, the time we need to beat is not that short. I have said it myself. This energy is suppressing the participants, especially if we get too worked up. That's why it's best to maintain pace while conserving our energy. Do you remember the fact that we need to gather seventy thousand points after this?'

'They want to use this cave to exhaust us?' She noticed it after getting the clue from Alex. 'If we are too exhausted, we might be killed by the monsters. And the fact that she is saying that we can't kill anyone during the second test, not forbid any kind of attack, it means we can hit people and steal their points.'

'Yes. I have the same conclusion. That's why we need to conserve our stamina as much as we can. And I am planning to kill many people since I have fancied a few things in the towns.'

'Are you going for a shopping spree?'

'Not that much, probably only one or two and under your name so as to avoid any direct confrontation.'

'I see. I don't really mind. You can use me as much as you want, but if there are any excess points, can you give it to me?'

'Hmm? I don't mind. It's not like I am planning to hunt just to meet the bare requirement. I will be hunting for a period of time and will buy according to the points I get during that time, so if I have some points, you can use it. Probably for your brother?'

'Yes. He might not be able to get some benefits from this, so I am planning to give a few items to him.'  
She nodded.

'Sure. I don't really mind.' Alex nodded.

'Thank you.'

'Let's go then. We need to pick up the pace and learn the truth behind the third test. After that, I will know how long I need to spend for the second test.'

'Understood.' She nodded and surrounded her body with Sword Intent to lessen the burden.

Alex did the same and started running at a certain speed.

As they expected, the group was already too far ahead because some of them decided to fly or run as fast as possible, but they didn't care about them.

What Aria cared about was Alex's opinion and waited until he talked again. Meanwhile, Alex kept using his Spirit Eyes to search the source of the qi that enveloped this cave.

Three hours passed, but they saw a few people dropping on the side, completely exhausted. They must be those who used their full power from the start, so Alex and Aria kept running without looking at them.

'Since we have seen three people, we will soon find a few more people. However, it means that the majority of the group remains there.'

'Yeah.' Alex nodded. 'Anyway, are you exhausted yet?'

'No. I am good. I haven't even used twenty percent of my power to pass this test, so we can still go at this pace.'

'Alright then.'

The two kept running without saying anything until they saw the main group, who seemed to have slowed down because of this. And as expected, they could barely see people, so there was no way they could see Alex and Aria coming from behind.

The only time they realized would be when they were close enough to them unless they used their extra energy to check their surroundings.

Fortunately, Alex and Aria had no need for such a thing. Aria had a good sense other than her eyes, so she didn't have trouble sensing people around, while Alex had his Spirit Eyes that made him able to see everything perfectly.

They passed a few people and, before long, the entire group itself.

'Their number is not matched. I guess there are still a few talented people in the front.'

'I agree. Most of them are probably Martial Saints.' Alex agreed before he picked up something. 'There is something wrong.'

'What is it?'

'I can finally see the source of energy, but this one only fills the Sword Qi, not the others.'

'Still, it's your main objective, right?'

'Yes. If you notice, there is an array that hides a path, making us think there is a wall there. But if we put enough force, we can slip inside the Array. Do you want to take a detour or go first to achieve something great?' Alex asked.

'I have no need for an extra achievement even though you want me to be in the spotlight. Since the main group is still behind us... Probably an hour, we can take a detour first and speed up later. I feel like going with you is the best option, so yeah, I will follow you.'

'Alright then.' Alex nodded and held her hand again as the two ran like that for two minutes before Alex suddenly pulled her to the side without anyone noticing and disappeared without a trace.

Meanwhile, Alex and Aria suddenly felt an immense Sword Qi coming from the end of this cave as they released even more energy to withstand the strength.

They walked for a few minutes before finding a blue light and immediately approached it with precaution.

A sword stabbed on a platform came into their vision. It was a beautiful sword with a golden handle and a long silver blade with blue patterns.

'Divine Weapon!' Alex narrowed his eyes.

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'A divine weapon?!' Alex exclaimed in surprise. 'And the energy it contains is far stronger than anything I have seen...'

'Hmm?' Aria tilted her head. She couldn't see either the energy and the sword's beautiful appearance, so it was such a shame.

Suddenly, a light ball was formed on top of the sword before turning into a child. He wore a cute short and a shirt with black stripes. The tall circular magician hat made him look very cute.

"Welcome to my humble abode. I am the sword over there, and my name is Dawnbreaker. You can call me Dawn." He smiled from ear to ear. "You can say that people might find this place if they have enough sensitivity toward the change of Sword Qi, so I am a bit surprised to see both of you coming here."

"There is someone there?" Aria was confused. She could sense the sword, but it was the first time she felt something like this.

At the same time, Alex also remembered a certain thing. "Are you this sword consciousness?"

"Ah, I almost forgot that not many know my real name. Anyway, I was the sword that the one you knew as Peerless Sword God wielded." He grinned as if he was proud of it. "And you can say that I am its consciousness, but I prefer the term of the Sword Spirit."

"The sword of the Peerless Sword God?" Aria opened her mouth in surprise.

"Hmm? I have noticed this from earlier, but are you blind, girl?"

"Ye-yes." She hesitated for a second before taking off her mask, allowing him to see the condition of her eyes.

"I see. That is a shame, but I can see a great future from you. And I feel that you have found your path, so believe in your path."

"Thank you," Aria answered with a bit of a hesitant tone. It felt weird to be praised by a sword.

He then glanced at Alex and pointed his finger. "Hey, you. Do you want to be my next master?"

"!!!" Aria immediately turned around while opening her mouth in surprise. If the sword was indeed the sword that the Peerless Sword God had in the past, it could be said the peak Divine Weapon. To wield such a blade would surely invite many things, from fame, glory, or even pursuers. Unfortunately, Alex was a person who didn't have a need for this thing.

But whether he accepted it or not, it would depend on his heart. After all, the temptation of wielding the sword was far too good.

"Nope. Not a chance." Alex shook his head, blatantly rejected the sword.

"Eh?!" The sword looked at him with a weird expression as if thinking how foolish he was. "I am a powerful sword, you know."

"I know, but I have my own sword."

"Hey, I am a Sword Spirit born from an original sword technique, you know. I can help you fight."

"I believe so. Unfortunately, I have my own personal preference." Alex shook his head. He remembered how his past self only successfully cooperated with the two consciousness of his weapons in the last hour of his life. He certainly didn't want to lead a life like that.

"Wait, wait! I have sensed a bit of your Sword Qi since I am a Sword myself. It's so powerful that I can't help but feel surprised. That's why I want you to be my next master, and I shall support you to the best of my ability."

"Yeah, I don't doubt that. But I can't do it." Alex shook his head with a long sigh. "Just like you said to her earlier, I already have my own path, so I am not planning to abandon it."

"Is that the reason why you have Spear Qi?" He narrowed his eyes.

"Eh?!" Aria drew a gasp as she was baffled by the sword's statement. 'Spear Qi?'

"Sword Qi... And Spear Qi..." He looked down, falling into deep thought. Suddenly, he remembered a certain person in the past. "Don't tell me, you..."

Alex immediately appeared in front of the sword and closed his mouth, making Aria curious. The sword was going to say his identity, so to shut him up just like that made her pout.

"Mhmmmmhmm (I won't say anything)." The sword looked at Alex pitifully, asking Alex to release him.

After hesitating for a few seconds, Alex finally released him and walked back.

"To think I would meet you again, but you feel different..."

"I am not him."

The sword narrowed his eyes and sighed. "I see. I can summarize what happens, but it's still unbelievable to see you again. Well, I won't say anything about your identity, and I understand why you don't want to be my next master."

"If you only want to talk about this, we will return immediately."

"I know you have a test. I am the one suggesting it, you know, so I will be giving you a reward for finding me. As expected, I am still curious what will happen if you are the one wielding me." He grinned.

"No thanks."

"Tch." He let out a long sigh. "Anyway, your reward is twenty thousand points and a special prize from mine."

Suddenly, Alex saw a wisp of energy coming to him and immediately burned it with his fire.

"Ouch! Hot, hot!" He screamed and glared at Alex. "What is that flame earlier? Wait! That intensity. Why do you have Phitrus's Godly Pure Fire?! That's the only fire that can burn me."

Alex shrugged. "This is the second reason why I don't want to have you. Within two minutes, you have blurted out so many secrets. I wonder if I should burn you right now."

"Ah! I won't say anything anymore, dear sir." He raised his hands as if telling him he gave up. "What I wanted to give you is a wisp of my power. I can nurture the consciousness of your weapons for you."

"..." Alex narrowed his eyes. "I think I don't need it. You can give it to her, I guess."

"Hmm..." He narrowed his eyes. "Well, not many of what I have will entice you. And even fewer that will suit you. Since that is the case, I will just give the points to you and give the special reward to her..."

"Sure." Alex nodded and handed the token. With a single touch of his energy, the zero on the token turned into twenty thousand.

After that, the sword looked at Aria. "You have a good talent in the sword. Although it's not the best, I am confident you are one of the top talents. Anyway, it's only your sword. There are many talents that need to be considered, including your cultivation speed and other things, so I won't say much."



"And because you are blind, I have something suited you. I don't have any plan in giving you this at first, but since the almighty person beside you has given his reward to you as well, I will give it. Go and touch the sword with your forehead."

"Ye-yes." Aria was still confused with everything, especially with Alex, but she tried hard to not show it and acted according to the instruction.

The moment her forehead touched, certain energy flowed inside her head and moved toward her eyes.

"Hmm... I have given you the qualification to use one technique, but the rest will depend on my former master. If you find his remaining soul in one of his inheritance palaces, he will understand that energy. What will it do? I won't tell you. But it will surely make you happy."

"Thank you." She nodded.

"Still, to think you are with him out of all people. You are blessed." He grinned and gave her twenty thousand points as well.

"Luck?" She tilted her head in confusion.

"Since he doesn't want you to know, I won't say anything unless I want to get burned. Just get stronger, and you will know everything." He nodded. "Now go. May fortune bless you with presence... Wait, it's already blessed you. Gahaha!"

The sword waved his hands and saw the two leaving.

'Thank you.' Alex didn't forget to give his thanks to the sword with a thought transmission.

'You are really not him, but it sounds like you indeed. I know that your true aim is to strengthen your Sword and Spear Possession, so I can only say good luck to you.'

'Yes.' Alex smiled and came out of the secret cave as they continued their journey.

Aria kept glancing at him, swearing to get stronger and know more. The curiosity was killing her, but it wasn't like her goal changed. She wanted to be a peerless expert, so she needed to get stronger either way.

Because they got distracted by that cave, they needed to catch up.

To their surprise, Aria felt a bit more comfortable in facing this suppression and informed Alex. "I think we can go a bit faster. The suppression feels a bit less than before."

"Hmm?" Alex immediately thought it was the work of that Sword Spirit, especially when he asked her to touch the sword with her forehead.

That energy remained in her body, specifically her eyes. Although he didn't know what it would do to her, it wasn't like he couldn't remove it. Just like the sword said, his Pure Fire was able to burn that energy before it completed.

Knowing that, Alex and Aria continued for a few more hours, passing many people. They even passed the so-called Gasha Grayfig, who was in fourth place. Unfortunately, he became the sixth when the two passed him.

Not long after that, they finally found the light, meaning the time in the cave would soon come to an end.

'Nyx, do you think we should stop here and try cultivating?'

'It will depend on whether we can go back here or not. This is a kind of psychological test. You have many options but can't win everything.' Alex thought for a moment. 'Still, we have the luxury to stop the contest, but the more we wait, the more people will pass here. At that time, we can't get a good hunting place as well.'

'Ah. The main test will surely be the second one because it won't be easy to reach that many points. We have gotten twenty thousand, but we might be able to get a few things in the town, so I guess we can skip this one.'

'That's my plan.' Alex nodded. 'With this, we are fourth and fifth.'

'Yeah.'

The two came out of the cave, instantly sensing a presence in their left.

The presence came from the elder that was in front of the town a few days ago.

"Hyo-ho. To think I would meet you two again. And as expected, you two are still together. I don't know if I have put too much expectation on you two, but to think there are already three people in front of you... I am speechless."

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"I am speechless." He let out a long sigh.

He observed Alex and Aria for a moment before asking, "Anyway, with the timing, you are rewarded seven thousand points, and if you want to buy the information about the third test, I will retract five thousand points from your reward."

"Excuse me, Senior. I want to confirm it once more. You can't attack anyone in the first and third tests, right? And there is no additional rule, right?"

"Yes. Except for that, you are allowed to use everything you have, including your brain and knowledge to get the points to reach the third test. As for your second question, yes, we don't want to restrict the disciples with a bunch of rules." He nodded.

"I see. That's something relieving to hear." Alex smiled inwardly.

Alex and Aria exchanged looks as Alex just got an idea and sent it by thought transmission. 'How about only one of us paying for this and let the other know? Maybe we can use this opportunity to give the information to your brother and allow me to share the information for a certain amount of points. This way, he will also get some benefits.'

Aria widened her eyes. The idea was shocking, but it was lacking compared to the other one. She simply couldn't believe that Alex abandoned the idea and gave the opportunity to her brother, even though she had gotten all these benefits just by following him.

She remembered how the sword actually told her how lucky she was when Alex approached her. She thought it must be because of this. If she followed him, there would be much more benefits she could get and not only her but also her family. 'Thank you.'

'So, what do you think?'

'I will follow your decision. And if that is the case, I will pay the fee since this is for my brother.'

'No need. I have another idea. Besides, you are not powerful enough to gather the additional five thousand points by killing in the second test.'

'I...'

Alex didn't wait for her and immediately grinned while saying. "Yes, please retract my points... Only my points."

"Oh?! We have an intelligent one here." The old man also made the same grin as he stretched out his hand, asking for his token.

After Alex handed him his token, the old man's face was filled with astonishment as if he just witnessed something absurd. He looked at Alex and Aria back and forth before letting out a long sigh. "I give up. I need to take back my earlier word about you."

"It turns out I am not overestimating you. Instead, I have been underestimating you this whole time." The old man certainly realized why they could get twenty thousand points in their token. They must have met the secret organizer of this event. "This is your two thousand points, but the girl needs to stand back a little since she can't hear."

"I understand." Aria nodded and immediately walked a few steps back as the old man used a Sound Insulation Array to make sure she couldn't hear it.

However, Alex made a big brain move by taking out a memory crystal.

When the old man saw it, he facepalmed. "I have been beaten by a youth... Such a monster."

"There is no rule other than fighting?" Alex grinned.

"Indeed." The old man nodded.

Alex decided to do this because he wanted to have secret protection among the sect. And this old man who seemed to be a Rank 4 God would be perfect for that. At the same time, there wasn't anyone here, so his identity was safe with only this old man.

There was a chance that the other elders knew about it, but in a big sect like this, the last thing they wanted was to get a certain talented disciple snatched under their nose. In that case, this old man would surely keep the secret for the time being.

He might be able to utilize Aria for this, but the old man seemed to have marked him instead of her. As much as he wanted to hide it, he decided this course of action would be better.

"Since I have gotten the points, I will get straight to the point. The last test is a kind of reward. If you get to the third test, you will be able to perceive the Sword Stone for three days."

"Are the days included in our time limit?" Alex asked.

"The third test time is two days, and it's not related to the overall time."

"I see. I can utilize this full week then." Alex grinned.

"I know what your aim is, young man. Since you remind me of a certain daredevil in the past, I will give you additional information as a special reward. There is a teleportation array hidden near every entrance of the test. You can travel anywhere using that and don't need to care about the Spirit Crystal usage." The old man smirked.

"Oh?! This is certainly an interesting piece of information. I will utilize it well." Alex nodded with a serious expression before he went outside the Sound Insulation Array.

"I am looking forward to your achievement, young man. Still, I am asking if you are interested in studying under me. Not only your talent, but your brain is also top-notch because you are the first one to discover this. Albeit, it seems you don't have the heart to stay in the spotlight..."

Alex only smiled, not answering his question.

"Haiz. This is why I hate the unknown; they are hidden experts that are far stronger than your famous people. Though, it's certainly exciting if you know one of the hidden experts. Since that is the case, to hide yourself well, I won't say anything about your identity. Besides, hidden experts can only grow in someone's shadow... Oh, now that is interesting." He suddenly recognized why Aria was with him. "Good luck to you then. Let me see how far you can reach the sky... I wonder if you can replicate his achievement."

Alex narrowed his eyes before shaking his head. He threw the memory crystal to Aria. "This is the memory crystal. Watch it and stay here for a moment until your brother catches up. Hand him this and tell him the plan."

"Are you hunting alone?"

"Of course not. I am planning to go with you." Alex shook his head and handed him his token. "If you channel your Spiritual Energy here, you will know my general position. Go there and we will meet. The time limit is tonight."

"I understand. I believe my brother can come out of this cave within that time." She nodded and remembered they only needed eight hours to come out of the cave. Even if it was a bit different, it shouldn't take that long.

"In that case, tell your brother that he needs to go there if the situation goes wrong." Alex pointed at the wall. "Channel his Spiritual Energy there and make sure no one notices him."

"I understand. Thank you for doing all this." Aria nodded with a smile.

After giving all the instructions, he leaped off the cliff. Yeah, a cliff. They were above a cliff this whole time, and the bottom was filled with trees and many monsters.

He couldn't see the end of this place, so he knew this place would be filled with at least a hundred thousand monsters. It was a perfect place to get points.

"Make sure you use the token to absorb a bit of the monster's Spiritual Energy to raise the count." The old man shouted before Alex disappeared.

"Thanks." Alex nodded and disappeared inside the woods.

He then looked at Aria and sighed. "I don't know whether you are fortunate or unfortunate."

"I am fortunate." Aria smiled confidently, remembering the sword's words.

"Since you believe that, I won't say anything then." He closed his eyes. "This world is full of hidden dragons and crouching tigers. And you will find there are more of these guys when you are stronger. This is why I don't want to die yet because it makes this world far more interesting.

"And one piece of advice for you, little girl. Keep a man like him close because when he succeeds, he will become a dragon soaring in Heaven. But if he fails, he and the others will go deeper than hell itself."

"I know. The brighter the light, the darker the shadow. As long as he stays hidden as long as he needs, he will surely succeed. And I will be the light that will blind the surroundings." Aria smiled.

The old man only smiled and asked, "Do you want to become my disciple then?"

"Eh?!" Aria opened her mouth in surprise.

"He is surely not one who wants to be restricted, but you are different. Although having the recommendation is making you go to a certain peak, it doesn't mean you can't be my disciple. I don't have any favorite disciple at the moment." He smirked. "Besides, I don't have a peak as well, so I can just get lodging in whatever peak you belong to."

"Ehm..." Aria hesitated for a second. "I am afraid I can't accept your invitation even if I want to. I might be the light, but it's just artificial light. I need to find my own source of light first before anything else."

The old man smirked. "No wonder a guy like him wants you. Besides, there is a hidden meaning behind my invitation. With me loitering around you, I can monitor him as well."

"..." Aria fell silent as she sweatdropped. It was good that she didn't accept him earlier, or else Alex wouldn't get the privacy he needed.

"Anyway, I will give you this token. If you need my help, activate this token, and I will come."

Aria caught the token and thought for a moment before bowing her head. "This life-saving effort from Senior will be engraved in this junior's head. If there is something that Senior wants me to do, please don't hesitate to ask me. As long as I can do it, I will help."

"Haha, to think you have caught my intention again. Well, you don't need to worry about that. With the way you act around me, you are surely clueless about my identity. Consider this as a special prize for getting me interested in you as well. My name is Ravagera."

"!!!" Aria was shaken when she heard his name. "You are Elder Ravagera? The 'Ravagera?' The one who was said to be the teacher of the Peerless Sword God?"

"Hyo-ho. It's the disciple's duty to surpass his teacher, and he perfectly did that. Unfortunately, it was such a shame that your disciple passed away before you... I just wanted to see whether there would be

another person like my disciple, so I tried to test both of you. Now I could see that the potential is there, so I want to see whether it can grow."

"..." Aria was speechless. She just rejected the invitation from the one who led the Peerless Sword God to be the first and only Rank 1 God from this world. Still, even if she knew his identity earlier, she wouldn't accept his invitation.

Knowing that the sword spirit knew Alex's real identity, Alex must be a big shot as well. It might not be compared to the Peerless Sword God, but he must be well-known. It made her more and more interested in this person who called himself Nyx.

"I have felt the Sword Energy in your eyes, so I guess you have gotten his recognition as well. That's why I talked like this. Else, I will be treating you just like a normal disciple." The old man waved his hand.

"Anyway, I won't participate in the business of young people and let you grow alone since that is the way to let you become the strongest."

Aria clasped her hands. "Thank you for Senior's praise. I will do my best to fulfill your expectation."

The old man nodded while Aria looked at the forest and clenched Alex's token tightly as her heart was filled with excitement.

#### [Chapter 918 - Train Of Thoughts](#)

As the two were talking, Alex decided to not start killing first and tried to go toward the border of this forest to see the edge and understand.

However, at this point, he remembered the fact that he could go to the third test by using the Teleportation Array that seemed to be connected to each other. In other words, he could just use it and teleport to either the third test or the town.

Because of that, he changed his strategy and started killing at a random area, especially where he found a group of magical beasts.

The first target was a kind of wolf pack consisting of a hundred 6-Star Martial Monarchs with 9-Star Martial Monarch as their leader.

\*Howl!\*

Alex's expression turned serious as he checked his surroundings to see if there were monsters that moved due to that howl. Unfortunately, none of them went toward him.

"Such a shame. I can kill them too... Anyway, it will give me ten thousand points if I only eliminate this group..." Alex narrowed his eyes. "It's so easy to get the amount to buy those items back in the town. Well, for a normal disciple, they might need to band together... At least, a group of ten to clear this area, so they will only get one thousand each. That's why my strength is so unbalanced in this process, not that I complain about it."

Alex smirked and jumped toward the wolves that were charging at him.

"This is the first time I use it, but I really want to try it." Alex raised his sword and channeled a portion of his power, so he only used ten percent of the real technique power before slashing his sword horizontally. "One sword Kill, Blade of Extinction."

"!!!" The wolves' instinct immediately rang in their head, telling them to run away.

However, Alex already gathered enough energy and released a Sword Wave, cutting twenty wolves in a single slash.

"Hmm?!" Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "This... Although I am only using Spiritual Energy and only use ten percent of its real power, this power has around a quarter of my Mythical Fire Slash. Seriously?"

Alex just couldn't believe that this technique was stronger than the fusion of his original sword technique and spear technique. However, considering that this sword skill was a bonafide Divine Sword Art, it could be said that his original techniques had been stretching that far to the point it reached not peak, but it should reach Mid Level Divine Technique.

"Now that I have tested it, I shall finish the rest first." Alex smirked and started his killing spree. With his Divine Body, the pack didn't last even two minutes before all of them died under Alex's merciless sword.

He then channeled the Spiritual Energy in his surrounding to activate the token as it absorbed a bit of energy from the monster core. After that, he saw his balance rose.

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"Hmm... It seems I am a bit too fast. The old man is different, but I think I can't really spend too much or else my cover will be blown away." Alex narrowed his eyes. "Probably two Divine Herbs are the best I can buy or the elders will put Aria under their watch completely. At that time, I will lose my cover."

"From what I know, Aria will probably buy a weapon for her brother and pills. If both of us can only buy two to avoid the suspicion, I think it's best to let her know that she can only buy two swords for herself and her brother.

"As for her brother, the information alone will surely give him thirty thousand points even if it's depreciating sooner or later... Wait a minute, we can make him trade as well. Maybe fifty thousand points won't be too big for him.

"I see..." Alex thought for a moment. "It should be fine to give him the token... And there is also a possibility of someone stealing tokens to buy some. Nonetheless, the elders will see that someone too.

"I also need to consider the third test. Considering it is a reward where I can perceive a certain Sword Technique, I need to know whether it will blow my cover away. I will check it with my Spirit Eyes first later. In total, our group can only get around thirty hundred fifty thousand points. It is equal to three thousand and five hundred 6-Star to 10-Star Martial Monarch.

"I will ask if that number is too big for our ability with Aria first. Still, if it's this easy to get points, I might have an excess of three to four days, so I will spend all the time cultivating in the Sword Cave to raise my qi level.

"Hmm? To generalize the idea, the Sword Qi is ranked from Rank 1 to Rank 8 like Alchemist with the Rank 9 called Divine Sword Qi. And because my Sword Qi is a Divine Sword Qi, my position will always be a Rank 9. The problem is the amount. According to Aria, the amount I possess is only equal to Rank 2.

"Considering it will be harder and harder to raise the Sword Qi, I think it's better to gain enough qi to reach Rank 3's amount in the cave."

Alex let out a long sigh because he had too many things he needed to consider at this point. He took a few more minutes to think it through before he went hunting. Of course, he didn't forget to burn all the corpses to make sure that no one knew that a single person annihilated these many monsters.

Unlike the first big group, he didn't encounter a group of that size again for another ten hours, making him a bit bored to search for them. If not because of his Divine Body's heightened senses and Spirit Eyes, he couldn't find them this easily.

However, Alex was an overpowered character in this test, and he had accumulated around one hundred thousand during the first ten hours.

After another two hours, he sensed someone coming toward him. It was none other than Aria who seemed to be happy after everything that happened earlier.

"Nyx. I am sorry for making you wait." She couldn't contain her smile at this point.

"Did you scam a few people first before coming here?" Alex glanced at him with a teasing smile.

"We were not scamming people. With the proof you have given us in the form of a memory crystal, no one can imitate our way of doing. Because we are cheaper, we were able to gain many customers while lying that the information can't be spread mouth to mouth, and that was the exact reason why we used a memory crystal for this instead.

"The people buy it for now, and my brother has gotten three people to spend a total of ten thousand points for the information. I think he can hit seventy thousand before he can't do this anymore. And I have told him to increase his strength first inside the Sword Cave until the time is up before going to the third test and get the additional three days in the third test.

"To think it's this easy to earn points, I have never thought of such a thing." Aria panted after explaining everything excitedly.

"If you have a business in your mind, you should be able to think it through. At least, I need to hone this type of thinking because when I started cultivating, I could only depend on myself to fill my stomach." Alex shrugged.

"Ah..." Aria opened her mouth in surprise before looking down. She realized that even though she was blind, she had the full support of her father, so she could build up her strength and hone her talent.

If what Alex said was true, he must have suffered greatly during his early days. And it might also be the reason why he could become a God Rank Expert this fast. He had been getting everything by wrestling his life away.

Another kind of admiration just bloomed in her heart.



"Anyway, here is the deal..." Alex began explaining the plan he thought earlier from start to finish. And when she saw Alex's points, she became completely speechless.

They might be able to gain enough quota by tomorrow night, and she completely agreed by having her brother buy everything for himself except a Divine Rank Sword.

A Divine Rank Weapon was something too expensive for their family to get, so they couldn't pass this chance.

Alex didn't have an interest in getting them because the Divine Weapon was only a low-rank Divine Weapon, it was nothing compared to Dawn Breaker they met in the cave.

After discussing their plan, they continued their hunt while Alex gave the opportunity for Aria to accumulate experience for her new sword dance. He also wanted to see the power of the energy that the sword spirit gave, but it seemed to have no function at the moment.

It was such a shame, but Alex kept going until they finally met their quota within two days. Alex then decided to go back to the exit of the Sword Cave, where he met the same elder that had been waiting for them to return.

Unfortunately, this time, only Aria returned while Alex tried to slip by using his Space Element to enter the Sword Cave.

Only after passing the old man did he finally make another gate and wait for Aria near the exit.

Meanwhile, when Aria returned to the town, she was holding two tokens. One was her, and one was Alex's.

As expected, Alex's token contained two hundred thousand while she only had one hundred and fifty thousand.

According to Alex, this would certainly pique the interest of other elders, but she had prepared for it. After all, Alex would reveal his Space Element if he brought her inside the cave, so he didn't do it and instead asked her to do this.

With the note Alex gave to her about the medicinal herbs that he wanted, she immediately went to the only shop in the town. And as she expected, no one came to this shop.

The town itself almost had no people in it. Those in the towns were either beaten up by monsters and decided to recover here or those who were strong enough to gather enough points.

"Excuse me, I would like to buy." Aria found an old clerk lazing around at the counter.

"Oh?! The first customer? Sure. What would you like to buy?" He nodded.

"I want to buy that herb." She pointed at a blue herb in the drawer behind the clerk.

"It's fifty thousand points. So, are you going to use it to improve your cultivation or make it a pill?"

"I am sorry, I can't really say it." Aria shook her head while handing the token to the clerk, but before he grabbed the token, A woman suddenly went inside the shop and shouted. "Wait... That herb, I want it!"

Aria glanced at them and stayed silent for a few seconds. Behind her were two men that seemed to help her.

"What?! The thing this young lady wants will always arrive in this young lady's hand. If you don't want to let it go, you better watch out of this young lady in the sect." She looked at the masked Aria with contempt before fixing her blue hair.

"..." Aria was speechless. This woman looked like an idiot and acted all mighty. She might be able to do that because her strength was 1-Star Martial Saint, while the two behind her were also the same.

Compared to Aria's 9-Star Martial Monarch strength, she indeed wouldn't be able to fight them. However, she wasn't afraid because Alex would surely solve the issue inside the sect.

Still, she saw too many problems ahead and remembered Alex's instruction.

She looked at the shopkeeper, who seemed to be an elder too and nodded. "I don't want this anymore."

"Hmph!" The lady looked at her mockingly as if looking at a poor and weak person.

"Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure." She nodded. "I will buy different herbs."

"Herbs?" The elder tilted his head.

"Yes. I need two Divine Herbs. Green Blood Ganoderma and Fire Rafflesia."

"It's for one hundred and ten thousand points."

"Here." She handed the token.

"Thank you for your purchase."

"..."

#### [Chapter 919 - Ugh](#)

Speechless.

The girl was speechless. She had gathered enough points to buy a single medicinal herb to make a pill out of them, but the two men behind him also helped her in the process. However, the woman in front of her was able to buy two of them?

This was insane.

How could a lowly girl like her be able to gather enough points like that?

Unfortunately, Aria had no intention of dealing with this girl. She simply let go and bought the two other herbs since Alex had given her the instruction to not buy the others wanted, so he gave four medicinal herbs that he wanted to buy.

After the transaction was completed, she then thought for a moment. She might be able to return to the cave right now and buy other things a few days later, so without further ado, she nodded her head politely. "Thank you."

"No problem. It's rare to see someone who can fork out so many points in one go, especially on the fourth day." The clerk smiled.

"No, no. It's not my effort alone." She shook her head.

"Is that so?" The elder only smiled, not buying her words. The reason for that was due to the fact that the points inside the token couldn't be transferred to another token unless an elder helped them. There was only him in this town and that old man in the first test's exit.

The old man might help her, but it made him believe that this girl had huge potential because that elder wouldn't act this kind if he didn't see the potential.

If he didn't help this girl, that means the girl managed to kill so many monsters in four days. This possibility would be more insane because the girls could simply steal others' tokens in the first scenario, which was faster.

Whatever the case, there would be a huge talent coming to the sect, so it was good.

"Good luck in your cultivation, girl." He waved his hand.

"Thank you." Aria nodded, ignoring the three stunned people behind her. She remembered their faces first and planned to inform Alex about this as they might try to disturb them in the future.

She then walked toward the center of the city and used the Teleportation Array to move toward the cave before entering.

Not long after, Alex found her coming, so he grabbed her hand to show his position. 'This is me.'

'Ah, Nyx. I have bought two herbs for you. However, there was an accident before that.'

'An accident?'

'Yes. There was a group that wanted to buy the same herb, so I immediately let the herb go and buy the others.'

'Ehm... Don't tell me you bought it just like that? I mean before they even bought them yet?' He asked.

'Yes. Is there a problem?' She tilted her head.

'How many people have you actually conversed in your whole life?' Alex was confused. It was practically a slap in their face at this point, and they would surely come back to haunt them if they were petty people.

'Not many? I have been cultivating this whole time, and because of my limitation, I haven't really interacted with people. Even when I was hunting monsters, the group was practically the same. Is that a problem?'

'Then tell me how they acted?' He asked.

Aria started explaining the whole accident without hiding anything as if nothing was wrong.

'Haiz. No wonder. I don't mean to be rude. Maybe because of your personality and disability, you have become a good and humble person. But how about this? You want to flaunt your wealth and status in front of a person, but it turns out that the person in front of you is actually richer and more prestigious?'

'Ah?! I will feel uncomfortable.' She looked down, finally realized what she had done wrong. She should go out first and wait for the group to leave before buying the herbs. Looking down on her? She practically didn't mind that. 'I am sorry.'

'Never mind. Since you have told me this early, I will know in case something happens. It's not like I can change anything anyway.' He let out a long sigh.

'But because it would be suspicious to buy more, I only bought your herbs and decided to buy my shares a few days later.'

Alex thought it was not that different because the elder in front of the cave would know, but she must think that since he had practically shown himself to that person, it was fine to see her going back and forth there. Besides, they could go toward the third test immediately from the Teleportation Array in the city, so they wouldn't meet the old man again.

'Well, it's fine, I guess.' Alex nodded. 'Anyway, let's go to that hidden cave and train there. There shouldn't be many guests there.'

'I understand.'

The two then made their way toward the cave while making sure that no one noticed them. When they arrived, the sword spirit looked at them with a weird face.

"Why are you two coming back here?" He was taken aback since they should be hunting instead of going to the Sword Cave. "Is it because you miss me?"

"We just want a place to cultivate here." Alex shrugged. "Besides, since you are the source and the one controlling the energy around here, the energy is more concentrated in this place."

"So, you want to increase your Sword Qi?"

"To put it bluntly, yes." Alex nodded.

"Well, it's not like I have any problem with it. You can absorb or train here." He shrugged. "It has been a few hundred times we are doing this, and only a few manage to find this place, it's not like we are going to have another guest this year."

"That's a flag, you know." Alex glanced at him.

"Tried to say it every time we hold an enrollment like this, and you will grow numb to it when you only get two people every one hundred events. Do you still think it's a flag? And you are talking like that hateful man, so can you stop it..." The sword spirit must be talking about the Dungeon God.

"..." Alex listened to him and couldn't help but say, "My condolences."

"Anyway, if you want to train here, you may train here. I want to see how monstrous the current you are." He grinned. "That's right. How old are you right now?"

Alex fell silent this time as talking to him was different from talking to Aria. The latter didn't know that the difference in time existed between worlds, so his age should be less than half of what she knew.

"And don't you dare to lie, I know that the gate outside can't really convert your true age."

Alex shrugged. "I don't want to lie, so I will just stay quiet about it."

"Hmph! As expected, you are a hateful fellow." He snorted. "Well, I have seen your strength, and I am sure you can reach Rank 3 Sword Qi in this cave. It shouldn't be hard for you. As for the girl... Just refine your energy even further since you have reached Rank 8 Sword Qi."

Alex nodded and went toward the corner before sitting in a lotus pose and closing his eyes, beginning his cultivation.

Aria was dumbfounded when she realized there was a time difference between worlds and wondered what his true age was compared to her. If the world actually had one hundred hours a day, the difference in their age wouldn't be that great.

If it were the opposite, it would show how monstrous Alexander was. Either way, she believed it was better to not know about it and put the thought in the corner of her mind.

The two started absorbing the Sword Qi around the area, but Alex also gathered the Spear Qi to nourish it as well.

Meanwhile, the sword spirit kept looking at Alex to check his strength and only shook his head. 'Since he is coming here, it seems my lord will be overjoyed. I wonder if they are going to fight again this time...'

The training lasted three days before Alex decided to go with her to the town this time, slipping past the elder using his Space Gate. Of course, he sent Aria away first, else she would know this trump card.

After another hour, they finally met again.

"Let's go to the town."

"I understand." Aria nodded as she activated the Teleportation Array.

When they arrived, the town had become busier than ever. Many people stuck around as they tried to buy anything possible to boost their strength. Meanwhile, Alex and Aria still had two hundred and forty thousand points in total. Since they needed to set aside sixty thousand points, they still had one hundred and eighty thousand to spend.

Aria led him to the town's shop, where they met the same elder.

"Hmm?! To think I will meet you again." The elder smirked.

Alex narrowed his eyes and checked his cultivation. 'Rank 5 God, huh.'

It wasn't as powerful as the old man in the first exit, but it wasn't that far.

"I have returned, Elder. I would like to purchase another thing or two." She nodded.

He then looked at the masked guy behind her, he realized the reason she could bring back that many points. Although he had seen plenty of Martial Saints, especially 1-Star Martial Saints, this masked man was cut above the rest.

He even wondered which one was the leader. Was it the woman or was it the man? since the woman was the one handling everything?

"What do you want to buy?" He smiled

"A weapon."

"The only stocks are those in the corner over there. Let me show you then." He smiled and led them to the corner of the shop where they found various weapons.

Alex observed the elder carefully. On one hand, the elder needed to accompany them, or the weapons here might be snatched when he wasn't looking. On the other hand, he must want to check the capability of the two of them.

When Alex looked at the weapons, he noticed the difference between them, which was reflected in their prices. He saw a few strong ones, but the final decision was on Aria's hand, so he only waited for her to finish her assessment.

Aria was troubled by this because she couldn't see. The only thing she checked was the aura that the sword gave, allowing her to see the length and the energy contained in it.

"Elder... May I touch the swords?" She asked.

"Touch the swords? I am afraid I can't let you do that unless you buy it." The elder shook her head, not knowing the real reason.

"Haiz..." She let out a long sigh.

She then found a good sword that had a shape similar to her own. The energy was also more bountiful than the others as she asked, "How much is that sword?"

"Hmm? You can see it yourself, it's eighty thousand... Wait, you can't, no, you are blind?" The elder suddenly realized and gasped. "Wait, how do you know about the medicinal herbs a few days ago?"

"The two herbs have a unique energy and match the description for their own energy. After examining their shape with my Spiritual Energy, I know that the two were the ones I was searching for." She answered with an innocent tone.

"..." The elder's face was dumbstruck. He never saw someone like this. To have that kind of sensitivity at this age was something amazing.

"Haiz..." Alex scratched the back of his head as he picked up a sword and gave it to her. "This one is better."

"Eh?!" She tilted her head in confusion.

"The one you chose earlier has only neutral energy while this one has Lightning Energy. It suits your element perfectly. The difference is little, but if you train enough, you should be able to differentiate

them in the future." Alex explained the reason. "It might be a bit hard to control it while using Sword Qi, but it will give you more strength than the neutral one."

"Uhm... Thank you."

"And this one is for your brother." Alex handed her another weapon, which contained a water element.

#### [Chapter 920 - Peerless Sword God](#)

"Well, since we have touched it, we need to buy it." Alex let out a long sigh while looking at the elder.

"Hmm?!" The elder was confused now. It was a norm to cultivate both element and weapon at the same time, but the woman in front of him was clearly not cultivating them at the same time, especially with how clueless she was about elemental swords. "Do you not train your element?"

"I am training my lightning, but most of them are for body parts. My control is still sloppy because my Martial Arts are a bit unique than the rest and require a huge amount of concentration to keep it up for a long time," Aria answered him.

Like she said, those high-speed movements alone were already hard to control because she moved too fast. That was why she created a program to make her movements easier. However, it wasted the potential to use the Lightning power on her sword, much less a Lightning Element Sword.

Fortunately to her, she met Alex, who taught her and perfected the style, allowing her to slightly grasp the technique easier. If she trained hard enough, dealing with a weapon like this wouldn't be too hard for her.

The elder couldn't understand this but still nodded his head. "Alright. The total price is one hundred seventy thousand points."

Aria handed over Alex's token that had two hundred thousand points on it.

He extracted the points from their token. "Alright. It's sold. Although you won't be able to use the swords' true power due to your current strength, you will still be able to overpower someone who has a Rank 8 Sword. Just make sure that you are careful from revealing it because people might try to take it away from you."

"I understand. Thank you for your advice." Aria stored the weapons inside her Space Ring and clasped her hand politely.

"And take this with you." He gave her a pill. "Take it, and I am sure you will be able to reach the 10-Star Martial Monarch."

"Is this Energy Pill?"

"Yeah. Coming from 10-Star Martial Monarch monster core. It was refined by a Rank 9 Alchemist, so it should be fine for you. Take it as an apology for not knowing you are blind."

"I have heard that the outside world is full of greed and other scary things, but the elders around me are warm and generous." Aria received the pill gently.

"We are generous because this is only a test for all of you and also see the talent in you. When you have entered the sect, you will know how fierce the competition is to the point you will need to gamble with your own life. That's why we allow the talented wannabe disciples to get a bonus, so they could start closing the gap they have with the current disciples. Still, when they are grading you later, they will know about your talent, including the one behind you from the points alone."

"They are grading our points?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

"It's a kind of grading that the elder in the first test's exit uses. He sees whether one has enough talent to immediately rank up to Inner Disciple or not."

"Oh?!" Alex closed his eyes and nodded.

"Are you her protector or something?" The elder asked.

"You can say that."

"Well, whatever, I guess. Just make sure that you prioritize cultivating instead of your lust." The elder shrugged. "Anyway, the time limit is only a few minutes left, so you should go now."

"..." The old man certainly misunderstood their relationship, but he already went away, so they couldn't correct him.

"What should we do?" Aria asked.

"Go to the third test, of course."

They nodded and walked toward the center of the town. Due to the time limit, the ones standing here were those who failed. But to his surprise, he only saw around twenty people here.

'If I assume monsters managed to kill some, there should be at least half of the original number remaining. It's quite a big number I guess.' Alex thought while walking beside Aria.

When they arrived, Aria immediately activated the array and sent them to the third test.

In a blink of an eye, they arrived on top of a white platform surrounded by a giant green field. He immediately checked his surroundings with his Spirit Eyes, finding no sign of monsters. Instead, the only thing he found was two groups of people.

The first group was standing in the sky, watching the second group that was sitting in front of a giant stone in the center.

"That is Sword Stone." Aria pointed her finger.

"Should we go then?" Alex asked while using his Spirit Eyes to see the energy inside the Sword Stone.

As he expected, the Sword Stone seemed to have a nourishing effect on their qi, whether it was a Sword Qi or Spear Qi.

He could see there were five giant chunks of energy inside the stone. 'Those are the Martial Arts, I guess?'



When he looked deep inside those, he found a string of Space Element that connected each energy ball with each other, realizing what would happen later. 'I don't see how the Sword Stone will lit up, but I can see there is a trial place where I might need to do something to gain the Sword Art.

'But it also means that I can concentrate on getting inside that place to get one or two Martial Arts from the so-called Peerless Sword God.' Alex thought with a smile.

He and Aria then walked off the platform and headed toward the Sword Stone. They saw around a hundred and fifty people around it. Aria smiled when she saw her brother was there.

When the elders in the sky found the two, they suddenly smiled.

"Elder Rava, I want to brag a bit, those two will go to my peak, you know." The female elder who was in charge of the registration area smiled.

"Ho? Is that so?" The old man only smiled and nodded his head without making any comments. Since he wanted to see what kind of entity Alex would become in the future, he didn't make any suspicious movement this time. "They are both good disciples."

"Indeed." The female elder also didn't want to brag too much because the one who came with her in the registration area might want to snatch them. "Anyway, I think they are qualified to immediately get Inner Disciple Status, right?"

"I guess so. And they seem to be a lover or some sort. Why don't you just give them a single house, so they can bond together?" He giggled while moving his fingers back and forth as if he wanted to grab something perverted.

However, the real reason he wanted them together was to make Alex and Aria increase their relationship. He had seen in Alex's eyes that he didn't really care about the sect, so he wanted to bind him using the one he chose to cover his presence, Aria. This should solve the problem of his intention in the long term. As long as there was no mishap, their relationship would surely continue to grow.

"Since that is your advice, I shall abide then." She nodded politely.

"Wait, the disciple that I have chosen is good too." The one coming with the female elder in the registration area snorted before pointing at a young boy on the ground. Little did he know that his identity was something special.

"Oh! I have seen that boy too. His talent is also superb, but from what I have seen, that boy is the girl's younger brother."

"Wha-?!" The elder opened his mouth wide, never expecting that.

"Fufu, let's get along in the future, Elder Gian." Illevis smiled from ear to ear as if she won this battle.

"Ugh!" Never in his wildest dream that he expected something like this.

"Well, this generation of disciples has many talented people. I am anticipating how many can rise to the top," Elder Ravagera said while stroking his chin.

"That's something I can agree with, I guess." Elder Gian nodded.

"Anyway, let's observe if there is a peerless talent in this generation."

"Yeah."

While the elders were chatting, Alex and Aria had gotten their spots and decided to sit next to each other.

'When you are trying to perceive something, don't focus on the intent. Instead, focus on a different type of energy. It's hard to find, but I am sure you can do it.' Alex reminded her first before closing his eyes.

Listening to Alex's instruction, she also started cultivating.

Alex poked the stone with his energy and controlled everything perfectly as he slipped through people's energy on the outer layer that tried to understand the five lumps of energy before arriving right in front of the Space Element's energy.

He then enveloped that energy as it immediately transferred his consciousness into a special space inside the Sword Stone. Of course, it was only his soul that got sucked to this place as he immediately looked around with his Spirit Eyes.

Suddenly, a shadow appeared in the corner of his eyes as he immediately frowned the moment he saw through this shadow. The strength alone matched his full strength, a Rank 9 God, but he realized that this was not as simple as it seemed.

The man had short black hair with a face that had no excitement as if he was a doll. No, it would be more accurate to the term of boredom.

Still, he found something deep within this man and a sense of danger.

He instinctively summoned a sword from his energy and raised it as he activated his Spirit Eyes to see the movement of his opponent's energy.

It was at that time the man in front of him raised his hand as a sword formed in his hand. He then jumped toward Alex and thrust his sword toward Alex with a speed that Alex had never seen before.

Because of this, Alex clenched his teeth and avoided it. This might be the first time he needed to do something like this, so it was a bit surprising to him. Even so, he focused on his aim right now and slashed his sword forward.

The man glanced at Alex and blocked that attack with the sword's handle, specifically with the sword's butt.

They were moving with Rank 9 God's speed, not Martial Saint. To block that attack precisely like that in this kind of speed was something amazing even for Alex.

Because of Alex's current position, the man kicked his abdomen, albeit got blocked by Alex's sword.

Using the force, Alex stabilized his body and took this fight as if it was a life and death battle. He used his eyes to the limit, trying to read the movement of the energy that would be reflected on his body movement.

With this concentration, he decided to challenge the guy head-on. It wasn't like he would die if the man killed him, so he took this chance to try his best, especially after knowing how refined the movement of the other party was.

"Here I go," Alex muttered and jumped forward.

The man did the same and waved his sword without the use of Divine Energy or other things. It was purely his Sword Technique.

With a clash like this, Alex could understand the power difference between him and the man. With a movement this refined, he could guess who this man was.

It was none other than the Peerless Sword God. However, whether this man was his soul or just a personification, Alex couldn't see it even with his Spirit Eyes.

They then kept changing blows after blows without care before suddenly, the man moved faster than ever.

"This is it." Alex tried to block it with his sword. If he succeeded, he might be able to attack the man with the next attack because of the drawback of a big move like this. To his surprise, the sword managed to pierce the left side of his abdomen as blood started dripping out of the wound.

Alex couldn't believe it and instantly leaped backward before the sword cut him into two while holding the wound with his left hand.

The man, for the first time, laughed and looked down on Alex. "I thought you were capable of following my moves? You insignificant piece of shit!"