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### Chapter 1031 - Lesson

"Eh?" Rose couldn't understand what Anya was saying. "Why am I out with you hitting my head?"

"You haven't realized it yet?" Anya smiled. "This is all part of the plan, you know."

"Plan? There is nothing like that in—" Rose suddenly fell silent before turning to Alex with a shocked expression. "Master's Plan?"

Her answer came in the form of a smile, and it was when she realized that Alex had been scheming this whole fight.

"You just realized that I had bought Anya off from your side." Alex made a smug smile.

"Master. You are cheating."

"This is what I want to teach you. The process is not important. If you lose, you write the history." Alex patted her head. "After all, you would have died if this is a real fight, and with our current place, no one knows how you die. I can tell all Eulja what happens to you."

"Then..." She glanced at Anya.

"Alex approached me yesterday to give this lesson to you. He wanted to teach you how important the trust of your comrade is. For example, you didn't know that I was a double-agent until you lost. Why? It's simple. You didn't check us before the fight." Anya explained.

"Then..." She looked down, pouting.

"Yes. The reason why I could hit him was actually a part of his plan. If you saw me hitting him, you would believe that we were on the same side. After that, you would fall deeper into the hole. You remember what you did earlier, right? You kept protecting me even though I was the enemy all along.

"Of course, you could catch Alex's movement since he never really hit me with anything. Even the dragons were blocked by the others. Hence, you need to know your own allies first before knowing your enemies. Only if you trust them can you start a war without worry."

"Then, all this is only for a farce?" Rose asked before turning to the other girls.

"Nope. We didn't know anything about this." Alicia clarified while raising her hands.

"Well, Alex planned to ask them, but he went to me only. After understanding his plan, I agreed to it. This is the best time for you to learn that betrayal is the worst thing that can happen in a war. You can hate betrayal or fear it, but never forget about it and fear to jump into it." Anya continued. "This is the lesson."

"Yeah. That's right." Alex smiled. "Well, I can ask Anna another thing, give Alicia another task, or command the others to separate all of you. Of course, I am not telling you to distrust Eulja, you just need to take better care of it. Okay?"

Rose nodded.

"You have a talent in leadership. There were a few times that I thought you would hit me, and if I didn't have my current ability, I would have died a few times. I believe that you can get stronger after this. Remember this lesson and go on. Your Master will keep guiding you." Alex smiled.

"Master..." Rose looked at Alex with a warm expression before narrowing her eyes-dead serious. "Is this the truth? Or should I not trust your words?"

"..." Alex was taken aback before laughing. "Pfft."

The others also began laughing since Rose was just joking.

"That's right. Since this is also another lesson, that means there won't be a punishment, no?" Rose's tone was nonchalant, trying to make Alex say "Yes" so that she could escape from the punishment.

"Of course..." Alex said, making Rose happy, but he still continued. "Not. This is this, that is that. Your punishment will still be carried on. You can't escape from that."

"What?!" Rose stepped back. "But you said this is a lesson."

"Then, we can treat it as your lesson fee."

"But you are my master."

"Punishment or lesson fee. You can only choose one." Alex narrowed his eyes.

Rose looked down while pouting. "As expected, you are indeed a bully."

"Haha... Let's go back first." Alex laughed while snapping his finger.

They gathered inside his array and teleported to Eulja.

"Alright. You guys can go first. Anna, Anya, Xingzhi, stay with me after this," Alex said while waving his hand.

They nodded and walked away to do their own thing.

"I am thinking of talking to your parents first," Alex looked at Anna and Anya and said, "What do you think?"

They exchanged looks and nodded. Anna answered, "I don't think we have a problem. Besides, our parents are waiting for you, especially our father. He seems to have something important to tell you, but I don't know what it is."

"I see." Alex nodded. "Tell the others too that I will be visiting them shortly." Alex turned to Lin Xingzhi.

"Don't worry. I will give them a simple message and inform you of the best place to meet them." She nodded.

"Alright. I will go to meet them first." Alex turned to Anna. "Do you think I need a present or something? I don't know what to give them."

"You don't need to worry about that." Anna shook her head. "They don't need anything."

"That's right. Mother often threw the gifts away and will tell you that the best present is yourself. So, let's just visit the house." Anya supported Anna's statement.

Lin Xingzhi nodded. "It's true. Give my regards to Aunt and Uncle. I will be doing my job now."

"Yes."

"What about their name?" Alex asked. He realized that he hadn't asked about their names yet. It would be offensive if he didn't know their names yet after marrying their daughters.

"Ah! They will introduce themselves. That's what they told me." Anna answered. "After all, they want you to be true of yourself. If you know them first, it feels like you are the Sprit God instead of Alexander Sirius."

"..." Alex fell silent and nodded. "I understand. I will go there as it is."

"Then, I will guide you to the house. Of course, with your Teleportation Array. The direction is this way." She pointed slightly to the north.

"Use a quarter of the distance," Anya added.

Alex nodded and snapped his finger, creating the Teleportation Array. "See you later."

Lin Xingzhi waved her hand. "See you later."

They then disappeared.

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A few minutes later.

They arrived at a small simple house. It had a unique shape.

"A mushroom?" Alex muttered while staring at the house. It was a mushroom-shaped house. He could see a small chimney on the very top and windows on the side.

The house itself wasn't that big, but it had this warm feeling. Considering that it was only a house for two most of the time since Anna and Anya usually slept in the castle, it was a perfect house for a couple to live their retirement life.

"This is our home." Anna smiled while stretching her hand, showing Alex the house.

"It's a good house." Alex nodded, genuinely thought what he said earlier.

"Thanks. How about coming in?" Anna then reached the door's handle, asking him to come in.

When she pushed open the door, there was an old lady carrying a pan.

"Mother! We're home!" Anya leaped toward the old lady, tackling her to the ground.

Meanwhile, Anna grabbed the flying pan, including the food in it. "Oi, Anya. It's dangerous!"

"My..." She smiled and stroked Anya's hair instead before glancing at Anna with a warm expression.

"Don't worry. Anya means good."

"This is why Anya acted like this. You always spoiled her, Mother." Anna let out a long sigh. "I wish you can be more strict."

"Fufu. How can I? I will treat you the same."

"This is why you should have one strict person in the house or it will be ruined," Anna complained. "Just take a look at Father. He is annoying."

"Right. You are always helping with the house." Her mother smiled and stretched her hand to Anna's head before pulling her to her embrace. "Come here, Dear."

"Un. Mother." She nodded and hugged her despite the complaints. Anya put on a big smile, seeing her act this mild in front of their mother.

No matter how old you are, in front of a mother, you will always be a child.

"That's right. We have brought someone with us." Anya pointed her finger to the man outside the house waiting for them.

"My." She slightly widened her eyes and said. "Welcome to this humble home, Sir Spirit God, no, you prefer to be called Alexander, right?"

"Yes, please, Madam." Alex nodded with a warm smile.

"Come here, Dear. You don't bring anything, right? If you bring anything, I will throw it out."

"Anna and Anya told me earlier..." Alex didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Normally, he would bring something, but there was nothing that this couple couldn't have, so he decided to follow Anna's instructions.

"That's good. There is no best present other than yourself. Why do even parents-in-law want dowry when the best dowry itself is their son-in-law?" She patted Alex's head. "Let's go in. I just cooked something. We can talk inside."

Alex gently nodded and followed the old lady.

"That's right. I heard that no one told you about us yet, so I am just going to introduce myself. I am Vina. You can call me Mother like these two kids."

"I will do so, Mother," Alex called her right away, not rejecting it. After all, he had married Anna and Anya for a long time. Although there was no party or whatsoever, he had done it, so it was right to call her Mother.

"Good. Do you like tea? Or do you want wine?"

"I will drink whatever you give me, Mother." Alex smiled.

"Then, I will bring out my best tea then." She brought Alex to the living room. There was only one round table in the middle of the room. The floor was soft and perfect for laying down like that of tatami, but it seemed to be of higher quality. "Please sit. I will call my husband here and prepare the tea."

"Yes."

Vina then took the pan from Anna and headed to the kitchen.

Anna and Anya then sat beside him before an aged voice resounded in the room as an old man walked in. "Oh, it seems my son-in-law has finally shown himself. I thought you are going to make me wait a few more decades."

He tied his long hair to tidy his appearance up a bit while coming in with a cup of hot tea.

Alex bowed his head politely. "I believe this is the first time we meet, Light God."

"Well, it's true that this is the first time we met." He nodded and waved his hand. "Don't need to be this formal with me. I am Rilt, these two's father. You can call me father too."

"Then, I will do so, Father." Alex didn't hesitate and called him father. "I apologize for not meeting you even though Anna and Anya have..."

"No need to apologize. I understand your position and difficulty. We don't need to look at the past. After all, you visit me today. Let's talk about the future instead." Rilt smiled.

Alex couldn't help but smile when looking at this warm father. "Yes. I won't mention it."

"I heard that you wouldn't have a child before finishing that matter, right? Although it's a shame, I do agree with that. We are concentrating our resources on you, well, the Former Spirit God is, so I believe you can claim the throne as soon as possible. That's why I agree with this matter. Just make sure they don't wait that long, okay?"

"I will do my best." Alex nodded with a serious expression.

"That's good. I can't wait to carry my little grandchildren on my arm, but I will trust you in this matter." He nodded before his expression turned serious. "For now, I have one thing to ask you. This is a very important matter, so I want you to be honest with me."

Alex gulped down when he saw his serious expression. He also looked at him with a severe expression while wondering what he wanted to ask. "Please."

Even Anna and Anya furrowed their eyebrows. They thought this was a serious matter.

He closed his eyes for a second before opening them again, making the atmosphere tenser.

"Do you prefer boobs or ass?"

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Bang.

As soon as he asked that question, his head went straight into the wall the next second.

Vina, who was in the kitchen earlier, had returned and slapped the guy straight to the wall. She politely asked Alex, "Your Majesty. May I hit him?"

"..." Alex twitched his eyebrows while answering inwardly, 'You have hit him though...'

Not waiting for Alex to answer, she complained to Rilt with a sigh. "Dear...What are you saying to him?"

Anna and Anya looked away, knowing this would happen and said to Alex. "Don't mind about my father. He is a fool."

"What?! This is very important. I need to see his preference first to check whether he is genuine or not. I can also see his type." Rilt shouted with his butt sticking out of the wall.

"Dear? Can you shut up a little bit?"

"My wife, can't you be gentler to me? Why are you spoiling the kid but not me?" Rilt paused before continuing with his usual useless talk. "By the way, I am stuck here. Why does this feel so wrong? You should be the one stuck here, so I can...hehe..."

"This is the reason. Besides, I have been gentle this whole time, right? If not, I have dealt with you since the beginning. If you continue talking, I will let you choose...What kind of pain do you want to endure? Curse? Poison? Physical Torture? Or Mental Torture?" Vina, nonetheless, was a Dark Goddess.

She obviously could do what Anna could, considering Anna's abilities were inherited from her.

"Wife...I can't choose. As long as it's not mental torture, I can endure it. After all, my skill can't heal a mental wound." Rilt answered honestly.

"You are not going to ask forgiveness first?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"This is why you are still a kid. What she did earlier was a slap of love. Besides, she will spoil me after bullying me... That's a kind of reward too..."

"..." Alex closed his eyes, not knowing how to reply to this guy's statement. Even Anna and Anya facepalmed and looked away.

"And wife, I asked him this question because you love knitting. If we know his preference, won't you be able to make clothes for Anna and Anya that can help them?" Rilt stated his reason for asking a stupid question.

"Dear... I am sorry." Vina, surprisingly, apologized to him with a warm smile.

"Eh? What?" Alex was bewildered as he couldn't understand what was wrong with this family.

"Then how about—"

"It's still no."

"I haven't finished yet," Rilt complained while trying to free himself from the wall without destroying more of it.

"You will probably ask his favorite color and other things for obvious reasons. Clothes need different colors with different styles."

"Fine, fine. You win." He sighed. When he freed himself, he came back to the table with a serious expression. "Still, I need to know. Which one do you prefer?"

"..." Alex twitched his eyebrows, and he was even more surprised by the fact that Vina didn't stop him anymore.

Anna and Anya fell silent, not helping him out of this situation.

Alex wondered what would be the correct and the best answer. He actually never thought about this, and he thought of them equally. After contemplating for one minute, he found the perfect answer that wouldn't cause a stir. "Thighs."

Rilt widened his eyes. They then turned sharp as if he noticed what Alex meant. "As expected of the king, I am impressed."

Rather than choosing one, he would choose the third option. This showed how innovative Alex was and how he wanted to solve the problem in his own way. That was why he admitted that Alex was the king.

"I don't know what you are talking about..." Alex closed his eyes, ignoring the prying eyes.

Even so, Rilt didn't let him off the hook as he said to his wife. "You heard him. He loves thighs. We need to make something short like a short skirt or short pants. Maybe some accessories for feet..."

"Don't worry. I have the design ready in my mind." She chuckled.

Alex sweatdropped. There was no way he could escape this topic unscathed.

"Father, Mother. It's enough. You should be more serious." Anna decided to stop them since Alex had answered that foolish question.

"That's important though?"

"But it's not a question that parents-in-law should ask..."

"No, no. That depends on who the parents-in-law are. When I become a father, I have three rules. First rule! I am not afraid of becoming the whole world's enemy. Second, I can do the worst thing for my daughters. Third, I will do my best for your happiness without forcing my ideal. That's why I need to ask this question." Rilt answered with a serious expression.

Alex scratched the back of his head. "I admire Father's rule."

"Right? I remember that I almost killed you back then because of the second rule."

"..." Alex fell silent again.

Vina let out a sigh and rose from the ground. "Anyway, the food is almost done. Let's eat first. Anna, Anya, help me take out the plates."

"Yes!" The two rose and followed Vina to the kitchen, leaving Alex and Rilt in the room.

Rilt stared at the three until he couldn't see them anymore. His gentle smile remained as he looked at them like a treasure.

"What can I say? They are my treasures."

Alex nodded. "I can understand."

"Anyway, I have something serious to talk about. Follow me to the backyard." He pointed at the door behind him.

"I understand." Alex rose from the floor and followed Rilt.

"So, I will greet you again formally. It's nice to see you take the position, Your Majesty." While opening the door, Rilt bowed his head to him and let him go out first.

"I don't know if I will be a good ruler, but I will try my best. I will start learning about Eulja as a whole too after this. I hope you can help me." Alex nodded and left the room, finding a huge garden behind the house. The garden alone was even wider than any field he had practiced before. He walked to the garden with curiosity.

"If it's within my territory, then I can help you, but if you want to learn it as a whole, it's better to study under Korzan. He is a madman in terms of office work."

"Then, may I know—"

Suddenly, Alex was grabbed from behind. It turned out to be Rilt.

He restrained his hands and feet, not allowing him to move an inch. He then touched Alex's forehead as the Spirit Crown appeared mysteriously.

"Eh?" Alex widened his eyes as he couldn't comprehend what just happened. He never used the Spirit Crown. Yet, it appeared before him. "What is that touch?"

Rilt didn't answer him. Instead, he threw him away before waving his hand, releasing three light balls that flew toward Alex.

Alex summoned Eve and cut them down easily, but he could only find a disappointment in Rilt's face.

"Spirit Crown has the ability to blossom your technique by strengthening it to its ultimate limits. This is a trump card for the one and only Spirit God. No, I should say this is the one thing that allows the Spirit God to reach his standing.

"Unfortunately, you haven't used it to its fullest potential yet." Rilt closed his eyes for a second as he disappeared again.

Alex used his Spirit Eyes and found him already moved behind him. He turned around, but Rilt had already grasped his wrist and waved Alex's hand, so his sword hit the ground.

Boom.

The next second, he realized that the ground burst out powerful energy, destroying half the backyard in an instant.

Alex dropped his jaw as he knew that it was just a light push. He never intended to hit it like this. Yet, the hit completely obliterated the backyard. It wasn't supposed to happen.

"What did-"

"If I place the power of the Spirit Crown to the tip of your sword, I can destroy the entire backyard with just a light push without using any power other than the Spirit Crown's enhancement."

"This is the real power of the Spirit Crown? How do—"

"How do I know?" Rilt smiled as he released Alex and opened his eyes.

It shocked Alex once again as he could see a shining star in his eyes that had overbearing energy. "It's because the Spirit Crown is a technique derived from my God Eyes."

Alex couldn't contain his surprise anymore as he asked, "That means...The previous me copied it from you?"

"Not necessarily so. I will tell you about the story later, but what I want to discuss is the training for your Spirit Crown. Are you prepared?"

"Yes!" Since the hidden opportunity had arrived, there was no way he would miss this chance.

"Let me teach you how to channel the power hidden inside the Spirit Crown. If you can do it, you can even enhance your hand to the limit. I am not saying it can increase your brute strength, but it will surely give you the energy to break something that you can't break before."

"So that's why you were disappointed when I used my sword?"

"Yes. I want to see how much you have discovered the power of the Spirit Crown, but it seems you haven't used it yet." He sighed.

"I am sorry. There are various reasons..." Alex scratched the back of his head.

"I don't mind. Do you want me to show you how to do it first?"

"Please." Alex bowed his head.

Rilt cracked his hand and grabbed Alex's hand. He then began moving Alex's hands as if trying to do a weird dance.

"Hehe...This is the trick. Can you see that the Blue Jewel on your Spirit Crown began shining? It's storing the energy." He made a smug smile, ignoring the fact that this weird dance was super embarrassing.

"Yes. I can see that. But how do you use it?"

"Your body will tell you how to use that..."

"There is no way I will believe such an explanation, right?" Alex twitched his eyebrows.

"Of course not. After all, that is a lie, hahaha!"

"I don't know whether you are serious or not at this point." Alex let out a long sigh.

"First of all, your Spirit Crown needs to be charged first before you can use it. Before going into detail, I will explain the four abilities that your Spirit Crown can do. First will be the continuous usage of Spirit Eyes and Spirit Step. The second usage is Sharing, while the third one is Blossom. What I want to teach you is the fourth one, Enhancement."

"Enhancement..." Alex muttered the ability name.

"Yes. It's a kind of Anya's sharing ability where you can get a bit of power-up. Your Enhancement can power up to twenty percent of its original power by using the energy stored in the Spirit Crown. Of

course, it involves energy, or how can you have that kind of power? The earlier swing is using my energy."

"I see. In that case, how do I release that energy?"

"It's through training. That's what I will teach you... The problem will be...Are you ready for training?" He made an excited smile.

Alex's expression turned serious as he nodded his head.

Creak.

Suddenly, Anna came out of the house, trying to call them to eat together. "Father, Alex. The food is ready. Let's—"

"Distraction!"

However, the next second, both Anna and Alex noticed that Rilt had pointed his palm toward Alex, ready to shoot him.

"The training starts now." He smirked and released that light ball.

"Eh?" Anna widened her eyes as he only saw her father bullying Alex.

Boom.

The smoke covered the garden as the wind began blowing them away. It turned out that Alex managed to put his hand forward and stopped the light with his hand. The Spirit Crown on his head was also shining, supplying him with the power.

"As I said, your body will tell you how." Rilt smirked.

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"..." Alex narrowed his eyes while falling into deep thought. 'What just happened? The energy I naturally released earlier was the same energy as the one I released before due to Rilt's power. And the Spirit Crown channeled that energy according to my will. Was it so I could take the attack in her place? No... It was so I could catch it.'

"That's right. It's your mind that programs it and your body will naturally follow. The fastest way to make you experience it is to force you to protect someone or hit you because you and your family are the most important things in your mind. Now that you've—" Before he finished, he sensed a moving presence along with the wind pressure that came his way.

Alex appeared before him with his sword and spear, placing his sword on Rilt's neck. He said coldly, "I'm sorry...I know that you did it for my sake. But...It's too excessive to do something like that. If I failed to block it, it would be something we don't want to see."

On the contrary, Rilt only smiled. "Sorry. I promise to never do that again. But please understand that all of this was for the sake of you and my dear daughters."

He raised his hand, giving a thumb up. It was not for Alex but the one behind him.

"What..." Alex turned around and saw Anna with an apologetic face, looking away with a guilty expression. "What do you mean..."

"Sorry, Alex. He asked me to distract you earlier..."

"..." Alex blinked his eyes a few times, not knowing what to say.

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A few minutes later, they arrived back inside the house.

Rilt and Anna sat down on the ground with one smack on Anna's head. On the other hand, Rilt was dying with all those wounds in his body as blood flowed to color the floor.

Next to them was Vina, who was glaring at them from above, asking, "I see, you set up this act while secretly using a light bullet which is supposed to turn into smoke instead of harming him at the same time. And luckily, you're targeting Alex, not Anna, or else, there's no going back."

Rilt raised his hand and said, "Wifey, Let me explain."

"Request denied." She calmly rejected it while narrowing her eyes, staring at Anna. "How dare you endanger our son-in-law like that? And I feel sorry for him, who got manipulated like that..."

Anna's face turned pale as she hugged Alex. "I'm really sorry. It's all my fault."

"I'm not mad. It's okay." Alex let out a long sigh. "It's just that I thought your grandfather wasn't like what I thought he was. I thought you had a happy family, but...Ugh, I'm just a bit shocked. I mean I am happy that you did it for me, but I am also mad that you tried to scheme against me..."

"You two need to repent." Vina nodded. "But Rilt... You are going to sleep outside for a month."

"No, no!" Rilt kneeled in front of her, begging her to take back that sentence. "That's essentially a death sentence."

"Your Majesty, mind holding him back first?" Vina smiled.

Alex immediately restricted Rilt's body since he had lost his strength from getting reprimanded by Vina.

Meanwhile, Vina looked at Anna and let out a long sigh. "As for you, Anna. Why don't we take a stroll together while I rebuke you?"

"Yes." Anna looked down, following Vina outside.

"Wait, my wife. I can't live without the warmth of your body." Rilt tried to escape, but Alex used his Spirit Step to restrain him.

When Vina and Anna were outside, she looked at the sky while walking slowly. "I am sure you already know this yourself. The Spirit King had always done something crazy...There was a time where he became so messed up. And if by chance you end up triggering it, are you prepared to face him like that anymore? And... I'm sure you know about it, there are some things that we need to discard to form a family. It's true that love can overcome anything, but it doesn't mean there's no sacrifice at all realistically. Sometimes, you're too much for yourself, doing something that makes him sad.

Sometimes... Talking is the solution. There's no love in you doing something he hates just to 'help' him... It's just you convincing yourself."

"..." Anna closed her eyes, remembering the scene where only Alex went insane. At that time, only Lin Xingzhi could calm him down.

"I know that the enemy is getting closer and the time is almost up. That's why you did such a thing, but I just want to know whether you have the resolve to face the consequences."

Anna clenched her fists. "I am prepared to face all that challenge. Back then, the world was set ablaze, and even Sister Lin Xingzhi could barely contain him. However, I believe that it won't happen again. Unlike the previous time, I have accompanied Alex all the way. The time I spent with him told me that everything would be fine. Alexander Sirius is stronger than ever. I want to believe it."

"..." She let out a long sigh. "If you are ready to lose everything, I won't say anything then. Eulja has gotten into many turbulent times. That event even almost destroyed us. But well...I also believe that His Majesty is stronger than ever. And if he can control the Spirit Crown sooner, it will reduce the possibility of that event happening again..."

"Yes. That's why..." Anna closed her eyes.

Bang.

Suddenly, someone slammed the door as Rilt came out of the house, tied. If one took a look at him, they would notice two dragons that acted like a rope, tying him to prevent him from escaping. It was Alex's Swallowing Heaven.

Behind him was Alex, a bit tired, after keeping this old man from rampaging.

Alex then looked at Anna. "I still believe that trust is worth more than time. I don't want to see myself unable to trust you even if it means I can skip a hundred years worth of cultivation. Can you promise that this will be the last?"

Anna smiled. "Yes. This will be the last."

Alex then hugged her without saying anything. He wanted to know that there was nothing more important for him other than them. Anna also felt guilty about this, but to skip a long process, she had no choice.

"I'm sorry, Alex."

While they were hugging each other, Vina glanced at Rilt on the ground while giving an "O" sign that everything went well.

Rilt winked and thought the same.

"Mission Accomplished."

Meanwhile, Anya, who was left alone in the house, looked at the messy room and spotted the blood on the floor. She facepalmed while sighing. "I need to clean this up, I guess?"

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After a few minutes, the group returned to the room. Anya had finished cleaning it and the food on the table was already arranged.

Since it was done, they began their feast. The tense atmosphere earlier had been replaced by a happy atmosphere.

They ate while joking with each other. Alex could also learn what kind of environment Anna and Anya grew up in.

His family was like his family when he was a kid, especially when his sister's talent had yet to be discovered. It was a simple meal, but it looked like a party. There wasn't sadness and coldness in the dining room. There were only smiles and laughter.

After the meal, Rilt continued. "There is a difference between your Spirit Crown and my God Eyes. In fact, it's a superior ability to my God Eyes even though it was born from my God Eyes. It might be due to that boy's element, which was no element.

"My God Eyes could enhance one's ability, but it was more effective to Light Element users. However, due to the lack of elements that the former Spirit God had, he could enhance anyone he liked, thus giving birth to the Third Ability, Blossom.

"It allows you to upgrade someone's strength because of the lack of elements. In fact, all the Elemental Gods and Guardians had been enhanced by your Third Ability in the past. No, even Lin Xingzhi had received it too. If not, how could she create an Elemental Disturbance? Her strength is not at that level without your 'Blossom.'

"As for the fourth skill, Enhancement. It can only give your body the strength from the Spirit Crown. If you want to channel it to your own attack, you need the second skill."

Alex suddenly felt something wrong with his explanation and asked. "What is the relationship between elementless and the Spirit Crown?"

"You should know that not a single Spirit King has ever been born after you disappeared, right? Actually, there is a simple way to determine whether a Spirit King has been born or not. It's the Spirit Crown. If you want to wield the Spirit Crown, you need to be born without an element, which is impossible under normal circumstances."

"True enough. I know that the Spirit will always belong to one's element after they are born." Alex nodded in agreement.

"Exactly. That's why no one can lead Eulja after the disappearance of the Spirit God."

"I see. But how can I wield it now?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "I mean, I am a Pure Fire Element user from the start."

"I am not too sure. But considering we are talking about the Spirit God, I am sure he has done something amazing with that time span. I meant he even knew that he was going to die and spread his plan everywhere."

"I can somehow imagine my past me doing that..." Alex repeatedly nodded before falling into deep thought.

"That's right. There is one thing that the Spirit God told me about your Spirit Crown. Don't use your "Blossom" on your Original Divine Skill just yet. One person is qualified for one Blossom in his entire life. That's why it's so important, so I believe he has something for you."

"I understand. I owed my past self so much. And knowing him, he would be thinking of using it to kill the beast."

"Well, I don't know what he thought, so I only passed this message to you." Rilt shrugged. "Within one year, I will be teaching you about the Blossom. This Spirit Crown can be considered above the Peak Divine Tier Technique, so I don't know if you can make it or not, but I wish you luck.

"Even though you can't channel it to your Sword Attack, you should be able to power up your sword like what I showed you earlier."

"I understand. How about the other techniques?"

"Blossom is an easy but tedious thing. I will teach you only when you have become the real king that has been acknowledged by the entire Eulja. As for your Sharing, the second technique, I will teach you after reaching Rank 6 God. I believe it won't be that long for you to reach Rank 7 God, right?"

"Yes. I will advance to Rank 7 God first before leaving this world." Alex nodded with a serious expression. "As for the Rank 6 God, I believe I can reach it within five to ten years."

"That's good then." He nodded. "That's the current plan anyway, so do you have any desire in training?"

"I don't think so. There is only one more thing that I want you to observe?"

"What is it?"

"I have this method of training that is breaking my body but allows me to get stronger faster at the same time. I want you to observe my body to see the side effects and other things."

"I am not a doctor. Although I can heal you, I have no confidence in dealing with this problem. For example, we have this vase. If I destroy it, I can just stick each piece together and make it like a new one. However, what you are experiencing is caused by the weakening of the vase itself. In other words, you are becoming more brittle. There is no way I can heal that."

"I see." Alex looked down and fell into deep thought. "As expected, I really need to see the doctor. Well, I will be seeing her anyway."

"Hmm...Who is she? Your Wife?"

"Not really. You know the Palm God, right?"

"Ah, now I see. She is indeed one of the most talented doctors out there, but what is she to you? Your wife?"

"There is a misunderstanding between us, and I am planning to solve it as soon as possible. Well, I kind of like her." Alex answered honestly.

"I don't care if you are going to have one thousand wives, just don't neglect my daughters. Or I will destroy your castle...Wait, my wife will be the one."

"There is no way I will leave them." Alex put on a genuine smile.

"Is that so? I guess I don't need to worry then."

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"Yes. That's why I would like to start the training the day after tomorrow." Alex apologized to him first.

Rilt fell silent for a second and understood the situation. "I see. Alright then. Do your job first."

"Yes. I will do so." Alex nodded with a smile.

He spent the rest of the day in the mushroom house, learning about the family. He pretty much enjoyed what they did in the house.

The next day, Alex came out of the house and returned to the castle, meeting Lin Xingzhi in her room.

"I have informed them." Lin Xingzhi smiled as she glanced over Alex while checking the system once again.

"Is that so? How is the schedule?"

"They have agreed to meet you somewhere, but it seems they want to meet you separately. Luckily, I can convince them to at least be together with their own peers. In other words, you will meet the Six Elemental Gods except for Rilt and Vina and the Five Guardians."

"I understand. At least, I can finish this matter in one day." Alex nodded.

"Yeah." She nodded. "Zark has been waiting for us, so let us depart."

Alex followed her to meet Zark, and he immediately used his Teleportation Array to arrive in front of a small wooden hut.

"This is the place?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

"Yes. If we are meeting them somewhere else, they will surely destroy the building." She let out a long sigh, feeling frustrated just by thinking about it.

Alex observed her expression and shrugged. "Not that I mind though."

Before entering the hut, he checked his surroundings, finding nothing other than grass. However, the hut was a scary place.

He found six people inside the hut. Four of them were Rank 2 Gods, while the other two were Rank 3 Gods.

The moment he entered the hut, all the people inside already kneeled on one knee, lowering their heads to greet their king.

"We greet Your Majesty," they said in unison.

Alex looked at the closest person from the door. It was a middle-aged man with a muscular body like that of Korzan. He had strange red hair that even redder than his flame. At the same time, this boundless strength of his felt really hot.

Next to him was a young woman in her late thirties. Although she looked like a human, her ears looked like a fin. Coupled with her blue hair, he pretty much guessed who she was.

Behind her were two people. The younger one was a female with long green hair. She appeared to be the youngest here but still had Rank 3 God strength. There was no other visible clue that he could grasp to see what kind of person she was.

As for the older one, he had the same muscular body as that of the first one, but his hair was brown instead of red. The same as the one beside him, Alex couldn't understand what kind of being he was.

He then moved to the last two. The younger one was a male with a powerful lightning element inside him. There was also a familiar ferocity coming from his body, so Alex somehow grasped what kind of spirit he was.

As for the last one, she appeared to be the same age as the first one. Although he couldn't see her eyes, he had a feeling that this person was knowledgeable.

"I am Alexander Sirius. Although I have decided to fulfill my responsibility, I am still not your king in a sense, you know."

The first middle-aged man smiled and raised his head. "Your Majesty. With your promise to sit on that throne again, we feel relief. We won't ask for more."

"May I know your name?"

"Before that, I know that this is presumptuous, but I would like to ask what kind of spirit we are in Your Majesty's eyes," The middle-aged man asked politely.

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and glanced at Lin Xingzhi first. After she nodded, Alex then answered him honestly. "I can't really see yours, but I do see that you are familiar with magma. When I see your sharp eyes, maybe something like a dragon or something? No, probably a salamander?"

"You are correct." The middle-aged man lowered his head again. "My name is Agnis, a Salamander Spirit. I reside within the deep volcano not far away from here, and I use magma instead of fire. This humble self greets Your Majesty."

Alex nodded with a smile before glancing at the young woman beside him. "From the appearance alone, there is no doubt that you are the Water God. Well, according to my knowledge, you are like a mermaid...But if I go more extreme, I would guess a siren?"

"Yes, you are correct, Your Majesty. My name is Helena, Siren Spirit. My ability is related to water. It's even more powerful in outer space since it will naturally disperse itself, turning into hundreds of thousands of bullets in an instant. This humble self greets Your Majesty." She smiled.

Alex then turned to the two behind them. "I am not very sure with you two, so I can't really guess. There is no telling what kind of spirit you are. I can only see that the female can use plants while the older one has a very solid Earth Element."

"That can't be helped." The man raised his head with a smile. "I am Canaan, a Golem Spirit. And she is my daughter, Raisa, a Dryad Spirit. We greet Your Majesty."

Alex ignored the fact that he brought his daughter and looked at the last pair. "The same as earlier, I can't take your appearance as a clue so that I will be guessing. The young man has a ferocity that I am familiar with. He is like a tiger. As for the older one, I can feel that you have a wing behind your back. Why do you conceal it?"

The older one nodded. "I am Zerah, a thunderbird. Beside me is my son as well as my successor that will soon govern over the Lightning Spirit. His name is Saul. We greet Your Majesty."

"Thank you for introducing yourself. I don't know if I am worthy of being your king, but I will keep striving to be a better person than I was yesterday. I hope that you can help me during this period." Alex smiled.

"Of course, Your Majesty. Your will is our wish."

"And if it's possible, can you speak more casually with me? It's kind of tiring to act like this all the time," Alex said, feeling that all these people actually restrained themselves this whole time. In fact, he could sense the displeasure when they talked formally like this. "And you may rise."

"That's good then. We will take up that offer." Agnis smiled and rose from the ground, followed by everyone. "Before we talk about an important topic, may I speak something first, Your Majesty?"

"Go on." Alex stretched his hand, letting him do what he wanted.

Agnis then looked at the Golem Spirit, Canaan. "Still, why the heck are you bringing your daughter here? You should know that your daughter is not matched with his majesty, right?"

"What is your problem?" Canaan gritted his teeth before looking at Zerah, the thunderbird. "Look at her, doesn't she bring her own son?"

"I am bringing it here because I will soon retire... Probably within a few hundred years, so it's the best chance for him to understand more about this matter. And I don't have a hidden intention like yours." She snorted.

"What did you say? Do you want to fight?" Canaan narrowed his eyes.

"This is why you are a barbarian. In your brain, you only think about the fight. This is why you bring your daughter here. It's better to go home and have your own tree to satisfy your urge." Her expression darkened as she said all those words.

The next second, they are already in front of each other, clashing their hands. Zerah was holding Canaan's fist and released her lightning while Canaan only used his brute force.

Lin Xingzhi waved her hand and released her Divine Energy as those two instinctively retreated, feeling that their hands would be cut if they didn't do it.

They looked at Lin Xingzhi, whose expression was already dark even though she was smiling.

"If you two can't cut it out, should I send both of you back right now?"

"Sorry." The two immediately lowered their head but still glared at each other as if telling each other, "It was your fault."

"Alright. That's enough. I am here to talk with you guys." Alex smiled. "And when I am here, I don't know what topic I should talk about."

"Actually, we have a few things to say, Your Majesty. As much as we want to follow your order, it's better to not call us unless you have become the Spirit King officially," The Water God, Helena, said.

"I understand that. For now, I plan to lay low." Alex nodded with a serious expression.

"In that case, we feel relief. Without Anna, Leoz, and Jeanne, we only have twenty Rank 2 Gods in this world, so it's hard for us to defend ourselves for the time being." She sighed.

Before answering her, Alex asked Lin Xingzhi with a thought transmission. "Do they know about the system?"

"A little. Mostly, they are aware of it but don't know much of its function."

Alex nodded and turned around. "Although I don't have a plan to use this plan, just know that I have an assurance in an emergency situation. For example, I can make two Rank 1 Gods in an instant, but it requires all the resources in Eulja's treasury.

"Besides, it will also attract our enemies. They will surely join hands to attack us, so if possible, I want to avoid this situation until I am strong enough or there is no way out." Alex explained his card in hand.

All of them were amazed and confused at the same time. They were curious about his plan, but as long as he had this assurance, it was enough, they thought.

"Besides, I still don't know which rank they were previously..." Alex furrowed his eyebrows and glanced at Lin Xingzhi. "They" in his mouth were on other than the spirits that followed him through the system.

Since he had reached this point, she thought it wasn't a problem to tell the truth. "Leoz, Anna, Jeanne are Rank 2 Gods. Anya, Nelson, and Greg are Rank 3 Gods. The rest are Rank 4 Gods, but they are close to Rank 3 Gods to be honest. Well, they were your closest retainer, so that's why they were chosen."

"How many Rank 3 Gods do we have?" Alex asked.

"Hmm...We have around two hundred Rank 3 Gods. The Ten Guardians itself consists of four Rank 2 Gods and six Rank 3 Gods. If you ask where the other Rank 2 Gods are, they are enjoying their lives in their own territory. You will probably not meet them unless Eulja is on high alert."

"I see. It's better if this world is always in peace." Alex nodded with a smile before turning back to Helena. "What else?"

"We would like to know when are you planning to become the true ruler?" Helena brought the second question.

"If possible, I plan to drag it as long as possible. But in an emergency, I will immediately do it if it's necessary." Alex paused for a moment. "I don't know if this is an answer, but the ideal time for me is Rank 5 God. With my current strength, it will probably be enough to protect myself."

"I see. That's a relief." Helena nodded.

"In that case, on to my next question." Helena paused for a moment while fixing her hair. She looked at Alex seductively while asking with a mellow tone. "I wonder if Your Majesty happens to have an interest in someone like me?"

"What?" Alex widened his eyes while the others were shocked.

"That's not fair!" The other three Elemental Gods shouted in unison.

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"What the heck are you saying, Helena, you bastard! I abide by that rule, and you are trying to steal the march!" Agnis snapped as his hand slowly turned into bright red magma.

"Such a display. You are turning to your true form right now?" She covered her mouth with her hand while chuckling, looking down on Agnis.

"That's right. You shouldn't even mention that." Canaan commented, trying to support Agnis.

"Can you shut up? You are bringing your daughter here, and you are trying to get justice from me? How about watering your little girl so that she can grow up a bit?" Helena lowered her vision a bit, focusing on Raise's pathetic chest. "Look. That part hasn't grown yet. Are you thinking about having her like a tree trunk? So hard."

As the thunderbird, Zerah, wanted to say something, Helena already continued. "You should also shut up, grandma. You are already shameless enough to bring your son. Do you think I don't know your true reason? Don't underestimate me. You just want to deal with it in a different way, like having him as His Majesty's brother or even son-in-law. I know it all."

In one fight, Helena shut all of them up.

"This is their usual behavior." Lin Xingzhi pointed at them while hugging Alex from behind. She whispered, "These guys only behave when we are at war. But in normal life like this? They always argue with each other. Pathetic, isn't it?"

"What pathetic? Are you trying to flaunt your status in front of us?" Helena narrowed her eyes.

"Of course. Isn't it enough to shut you up, Helena?"

"You! Don't you think you have won Lin Xingzhi!"

"But what can you do to me? First of all, you are not strong enough to challenge me. Second, you are a bit older than me. Third, can you even seduce him? Our technique is not at the same level. So, what can you do?" Lin Xingzhi made a sly smile while poking Alex's cheek to flirt before her eyes.

Helena clenched her fists, knowing that she really had no way to fight against Lin Xingzhi.

"Well, there is no point in continuing the discussion any longer, no?" Alex asked with a weird smile.

"This is the most important thing, Your Majesty. We first need to have you given birth to a child first. If you disappeared again like last time, we would have someone to swear our loyalty to." Helena shook her head.

"I have decided that I won't do anything until I have defeated the beast."

"That won't do! It's such a huge risk. We can't allow you to do that." Zerah also commented, helping Helena to convince Alex.

However, Agnis suddenly slammed his fist to the ground, silencing them, before shouting. "Can't you even think about it differently? This is his mettle and also his promise to win against that beast. If you can't even see this, you have failed as an Elemental God."

Helena and Zerah fell silent and looked down.

"I know your concern, but I have no intention to give up. That's why please help me in the process." Alex put on a gentle smile. The smile that knew his weakness too well.

Seeing that smile was already enough for the four Elemental Gods to kneel once again. "We shall help you until you reach the top once again. Long Live Eulja. Long Live Spirit King."

"Anyway, I am planning to strengthen myself in this world for a few years. Maybe I will visit you guys again during that time and talk about training or something. I hope that you won't turn me down."

"Of course not." Agnis smiled. He was fired up. Helena, Canaan and Zerah had taken advantage of this meeting, so he was the only one who really followed what Lin Xingzhi said that time. However, it would be a different case if Alex wanted to visit them in their home. It was the true battlefield.

Before these people argued again, Alex decided to end the meeting and visited the Five Guardians. He signaled Lin Xingzhi and Zark to get ready.

But Agnis once again stopped him. "Your Majesty..."

Alex turned back and glanced at Agnis. "What is it?"

This time, there was no hidden meaning in his expression. All of it was true and genuine. He put on a smile while cupping his hand. "I, Agnis, Salamander Spirit, pledge my allegiance to Alexander Sirius, the Spirit King."

The others also followed his example.

"I, Helena, Siren Spirit, pledge my allegiance to Alexander Sirius, the Spirit King."

"I, Canaan, Salamander Spirit, pledge my allegiance to Alexander Sirius, the Spirit King."

"I, Zerah, Salamander Spirit, pledge my allegiance to Alexander Sirius, the Spirit King."

"We hope that His Majesty returns triumph."

The return in their mouth was none other than the fight against that beast.

Alex smiled and nodded. "Wish me luck."

Zark then activated his Teleportation Array.

Before these three disappeared, four of them said in unison. "Love Live Eulja, Long Live Spirit King."

Alex blinked his eyes as his surroundings changed from a small hut into a giant field filled with green grass.

The sun and breeze completed it if he wanted a picnic.

Alex looked around with his Spirit Eyes and found five Rank 2 Gods a bit further away from his location.

As if they sensed his appearance, these five suddenly appeared and kneeled in front of him.

"Your Majesty."

Alex looked at the group and found that they were lining up in a unique way. The very front was an old man with long hair. Behind him, the four others were kneeling side by side as if they were his subordinates.

Still, no matter how he saw it, he couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows when he found someone wasn't actually in his real body.

Lin Xingzhi immediately introduced them first. "The old man in the front is the Central Guardian... No, I should explain our defense system first. We actually have two circles of defense before arriving in Eulja, Outer and Inner Circle.

"The Outer Circle is protected by the Ten Commandants while the Guardians protect the Inner Circle. However, there is only one Guardian that resides in Eulja. He is this old man, the Central Guardian. Unlike his appearance, he is a madman. His name is William. He is a human that followed you in the past.

"With his expertise which is his Bow, he obliterated his enemies. Anyway, he might be a good teacher for Rose after having her Bow Qi."

"Please don't scare His Majesty... I am just an almost retired old man." William raised his head while putting on a gentle smile. "I am honored to meet you, Your Majesty."

"My pleasure to meet you." Alex nodded.

"Behind him are the other four guardians. I will introduce them one by one starting from the right, the north guardian. As you can see...He is a dog."

"..." Alex twitched his eyebrows when he heard Lin Xingzhi's explanation.

The dog also couldn't help but raise his head. "Please make a better explanation about me like the old man."

Alex looked at this two-headed dog and noticed his serpent tail.

"As you can see, he is an Orthrus. His name is Kane, and his dream is—"

"To be Your Majesty's pet. Ah, I am sure it will feel good to be a pet and have my stomach get rubbed by Your Majesty." Kane continued Lin Xingzhi's explanation.

"Mhmm...Okay?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"Yep, this is why I didn't make a better explanation. Well...Aside from his behavior and dream, he is powerful. He can use an astral body to mimic the human, but I guess he doesn't need it for this meeting."

"I have shrunk myself though." Kane looked away while correcting her.

"Whatever." Lin Xingzhi shrugged before turning to the one beside him. "She is also another human, but don't confuse her appearance. She is the most dangerous one here."

"What do you mean I am the most dangerous?" She pouted.

Alex looked at this young woman that looked slightly younger than Helena. "Ehm, nice to meet you."

"Nice to meet you, Your Majesty. Please don't listen to her. I am just a poor woman."

"What poor woman? You are a poison user that even Rilt has a problem in dealing with you." Lin Xingzhi snorted.

"Your Majesty. If you need an aphrodisiac, my place will always have the stock..."

"Don't even think about it. My technique has already surpassed your aphrodisiac. Besides, I will let you know this. His fire is the same as Phitrus."

"What?" She was taken aback as if she just got the shock of her life.

"Hehe. That's why that thing won't work against him since he will purify it easily."

"But I can still wear perfume, right? Hehe, I can still...Oops, I shouldn't talk about it here." She playfully covered her eyes.

"I am tired. Just introduce yourself." Lin Xingzhi let out a long sigh.

"Then, I will do so." She politely lowered her head. "I am Carissa, a poison expert. I would love to brew a poison that can even protect itself from the Purifying Power of the Godly Pure Fire. Ah, by the way, my goal is becoming your maid, you know. I mean... Doesn't it make sexier when you have s\*x with your maid instead of a wife... It's wild."

"Too bad for you. We already have one." Lin Xingzhi snorted.

"What? I will try to search for another position then."

"He won't accept you." She shrugged. "Anyway, she is the East Guardian. Alright, let's move on."

The fourth guardian appeared to be non-human. In fact, he was so small compared to the others, and he even had two pairs of translucent wings.

"I am Silver Arifur, a Fairy, Your Majesty. I don't have any ambition other than living peacefully, but if necessary, I shall wield my magic to come to your aid." He smiled.

Alex looked at this small man that happened to have the same hair color as him. "Nice to meet you. Are you the South Guardian or the West Guardian?"

"I am protecting the south, Your Majesty. Of course, I have my colony there as well while sending some to train here."

"I see." Alex nodded. "It's my pleasure to meet you. I hope we can get along."

"Your words honored me."

Lin Xingzhi nodded and moved to the last guardian. "He is in his astral body because his real body is so big. After all, he is a titan. What is your height again?"

"Only one hundred meters..." The last man whose brown hair fluttered by the wind answered with a gentle expression. "It's a pleasure to meet you, Your Majesty. I am Exegesis. The Earth God has the same height as me though, if we consider his real body."

"Indeed. He is also a big man, but his heart is small." Lin Xingzhi agreed before rebuking him.

"His brain is also small..." Carissa chuckled.

"Oi, oi. Don't talk bad about people." Exegesis tried to be a middle-man.

"Well, Titan race is actually a peaceful race that takes care of their own world well. I hope you don't mind if I come here with my astral body since my real body will gather too much attention. There is a possibility that someone will follow me to see this meeting."

Alex nodded. "I don't mind."

"Well, we have discussed this earlier with the Elemental Gods..." Lin Xingzhi explained what they discussed earlier.

After a few minutes, she ended it with a question. "Do you want to add something?"

"This old man is waiting for his majesty wife to study bow under me." William smiled.

"Well, she is a genius. Make sure you don't get disheartened when you meet her." Alex smirked while adding inwardly, 'With the Bow Mastery Card though.'

"I don't have anything to add other than please rub my belly in the future, Your Majesty..."

"Yes, yes. I only want you, Your Majesty. I don't mind if it's a one-night stand." Carissa chuckled.

"That's the last thing you will get..." Lin Xingzhi shook her head helplessly. "That's the reason why he will never accept you. You always do bad things..."

"But isn't it sexier?" She pouted.

Before the two fought again, Silver said, "I hope that Your Majesty will not disappear again."

"You should say Long Live His Majesty, Silver." Exegesis corrected him.

Alex couldn't help but smile when looking at their genuine expressions. "I am counting on you guys."

"Yes, Your Majesty." The five guardians said in unison.

Chapter 1036 - Before The Training

After meeting the Guardians, he returned to the castle first.

"They are pretty nice and fun to get along with," Alex explained his thoughts about the Elemental Gods and Guardians.

"No, no. They are just troublesome people that you need to deal with." She shook her head helplessly.

"Haha..." Alex laughed.

"Anyway, now that you have met them, what are you going to do?"

"I will probably start my training. Before that, I will bring Letizia, Rose, and Evelyn to the Sword Pavilion first."

"Sure. Letizia is in the Ice Phoenix Tribe while Rose and Evelyn were training in the garden." She nodded.

"I will grab Rose and Evelyn first." Alex nodded and decided to part way with Lin Xingzhi.

"Alright. I will do my own job then." Lin Xingzhi turned around while waving her hand as they walked in a different direction.

Alex went to the garden, finding Rose and Evelyn training together.

As soon as they noticed Alex's presence, they knew that it was time to go for their second stage training.

"Master. Are we leaving now?"

"Yes." Alex nodded. "After we grab Letizia from the Ice Phoenix Tribe though."

"I understand." Rose nodded before asking. "I wonder...Can we get a reward if we are able to use a Weapon Qi first?"

"Don't think about it. You have gotten the strength of the Bow Mastery. It will be your advantage of course." Alex shook his head while patting her head. "But if you managed to reach Rank 9 Weapon Qi first, I will give you a reward."

"Really?" Rose smirked.

Alex shrugged. "Of course, I am setting a time limit. Let's see... If you can do it within ten years, I will give you a reward."

"By the way, did Master have the Rank 9 Weapon Qi?"

"Nope. Still Rank 8. I should be able to reach it during my training in this world."

"I see. In that case, won't ten years be too hard?"

"Not really. Calculating the progress I have since the first time I cultivated Sword Qi and Spear Qi, I used around five years."

"I see. In that case, it's possible then." She nodded.

"Besides, I am sending you to a place with a bountiful weapon qi so that it will give you a huge advantage over me. In fact, shouldn't I shorten the time limit like five years?"

"Good, Master. May this disciple wash your back? Ten years are enough. Don't shorten it more."

"But you will slack later..." Alex narrowed his eyes.

"I won't. You can ask Sister Evelyn whether she has seen me slacking or not." She pouted.

Evelyn chuckled and said, "I have."

"Eh?" Rose blinked her eyes a few times.

"See?" Even Alex knew that Evelyn only joked around, but he couldn't help but use it to tease Rose. This girl was always serious, so it was better to relax a bit.

After a wave of laughter, Alex teleported them to the Ice Phoenix Tribe. It was a tall mountain that could rival that of the highest mountain he saw in the previous world. The Ice Phoenix Tribe built their settlement on top of this mountain, so Alex spared no effort in climbing the mountain.

As if they sensed him, Alicia and an elderly woman appeared right before he reached the top. The elderly woman was astonished to see Alex's face.

"Ya, I am going to take Letizia somewhere for training. Is she occupied at the moment?" Alex asked Alicia before turning to the elderly woman. "And this is..."

"Letizia is cultivating, and I can wake her up right now." Alicia nodded before introducing the elder. "This is the elder of the Ice Phoenix Tribe. You can say that she has served under three Ice Phoenix Queens. Me, Vera, and the one before her."

"I see. Thank you for taking care of her, Elder." Alex politely bowed, showing his respect.

"Please...don't." The elder bowed and said, "This elder is not worth your bow, Your Majesty. I just did my job as the elder of the Ice Phoenix Tribe."

"May I have the pleasure to know Elder's name?"

"This humble self is Sien. I am honored to see you again, Your Majesty."

"Nice to meet you." Alex nodded with a smile. "May I have the permission to enter the tribe?"

"Please, Your Majesty. Even Vera is missing you."

"Haha. She is not missing me, she is missing Fabio." Alex laughed.

"That...I can't deny. But she indeed wants to see you." The elder made a gentle smile before stretching her hand, asking Alex to follow her.

Alex nodded and flew to the top with Rose and Evelyn.

However, he immediately hid inside his Space World while walking near the elder. Knowing the reason why he did that, the elder didn't mention anything. In fact, she helped him camouflaging the Space Element, so no one noticed.

He then arrived in a huge tent.

It turned out that this was Vera's tent. She was cultivating in the corner of the room.

When Alex came in, she gradually opened her eyes and smiled. "Master, welcome."

"Vera. It's been a while. How are you?"

"I am good and steadily increasing my cultivation. Thanks to the medicinal herbs you bestowed upon us, I should be able to reach Rank 5 God within twenty years. I will be able to fight alongside you again."

"That's encouraging. However, have you met Fabio yet?"

"Not yet. He is undergoing another training. I am not sure, but he said he wanted to ask the Elemental God to train himself." She shook her head.

"Is that so?" Alex nodded. "To be honest, I haven't visited anyone. I plan to visit them again, but a bit later."

"I see. All of them are planning to regain their previous cultivation so that we will meet again soon. Sadly, Divine Energy is not the same as Spiritual Energy. If not, we can just kill more monsters and regain our cultivation back." She sighed.

"Take your time. You all have helped me so much. This time, I will be the one helping you." Alex smiled.

Suddenly, the tent was opened, and Letizia came in.

"Master, are you waiting for me?" Letizia asked.

"Yeah, I want to start with your training." Alex nodded. Even though Alex already told her not to call her Master again, she couldn't because she had gotten used to it. Besides, it made her a bit special, so Alex ended up letting her call him what she wanted.

"I understand. I can go right now." Letizia nodded.

"In that case, I will be bringing her, Elder." Alex looked at Sien with a smile.

"No, no. You don't need any permission, Your Majesty." She hurriedly waved her hand.

"And can you keep my visit a secret first?"

"I understand your current situation, Your Majesty, so you don't need to worry."

"In that case, I will be leaving first. Let's meet again in the future." Alex smiled as he used his Teleportation Array to leave Eulja.

It took them a few hours to reach the place he used to train. He wanted to see Aria, but he decided to leave her alone for the time being. She would visit Eulja soon, so there was no point visiting her now other than checking her well-being.

He and the three girls arrived in the Sword Pavilion.

Taking out the token she gave back then, Alex channeled his Divine Energy in front of the Pavilion.

Suddenly, he heard a sound from the token, saying, "Come inside with your Space Element. Opening the gate will be too eye-catching."

Alex snapped his finger without hesitation and brought the three girls.

As soon as he entered, the tower sent its Teleportation Array and brought them to the top floor.

"This..." Rose looked around. "This is amazing. It's the most realistic one I have seen."

"Yeah, yeah. The one living here is a Rank 2 God, so you three should be more respectful, okay?" Alex patted Rose's head before looking in the house's direction.

"Ya, I have been waiting for you, Alexander Sirius." Suddenly, a woman's voice resounded in everyone's ears.

Alex turned around, looking at her with a smile. "Yes. These three are the ones I told you."

"I see." The woman appeared before the three as she observed them from top to bottom.

The first one was Evelyn. "Hmm, this girl has a good foundation. She might be able to go far in her journey with her sword."

"Thank you." Evelyn glanced left and right, not knowing what to say with this person.

"Don't worry. I am just trying to see your foundation to check whether you are ready for training or not. You have a good foundation... Hmm, Alexander must have trained you well."

"Yes. Big Brother has taught me well." Evelyn nodded.

"Big Brother? If I am not wrong, she is also your wife, right? Don't tell me you are..." She looked at Alex with a weird expression. "I mean, it's normal to have your sister as a wife, but it's just still weird after you have knowledge from another world, especially about the drawbacks of having kids with your own sister..."

"No, no. I am not Big Brother's real sister. He had taken care of me this whole time? when I was young, so I called him Big Brother." She hurriedly corrected her.

"Yeah, yeah. I know. I was just teasing you. Though, even if you are, you are not related by blood, right? Isn't it more interesting?"

Alex twitched his eyebrows and asked, "Where do you get that information?"

"Books, of course."

"I am sure there is something wrong with the books you read..."

"My Lord was the one who gave me."

"I see. It seems the Sword God also had that kind of collection." Alex nodded in understanding.

"I don't know what you are talking about." She decided to change the topic, so she took a look at Letizia. "Hmm...Foundation is solid but not at the same level as the first one. It's going to be troublesome, but I don't think it will be a problem. She must haven't studied under you for a long time."

"Yeah. She is the last one that I started to teach."

"I see. I will be fixing some issues with her first before teaching how to accumulate the Sword Qi."

"I will leave it to you. She has a Pure Ice Element, so she is also reliant on it."

"Don't worry. She is in good hands." She nodded before moving to Rose.

When she glanced at her, she almost stumbled on the ground as she blinked her eyes a few times.

"This...This girl..."

"This is the one I told you."

"I see. She is a monster like you." She nodded her head. "It seems I don't need to worry about the next Sword God. You will surely bring me the best successor."

"Well, I will do my best." Alex nodded. "They are Evelyn, Letizia, and Rose. Rose is my disciple."

"Nice to meet you. I am Zera." She smiled.

The three also introduced themselves to her once more.

"Alright. Since you three have met her, I think it's time for me to leave."

"Yes, sure. The sooner we start, the better their progress later." Zera gave a thumb up.

"Okay. I will leave them to you. You three, I will bring you back in three to four years Eulja time."

The three nodded simultaneously, assuring Alex they would be fine.

Alex then turned around and used his Teleportation Array to return to Eulja, specifically the mushroom house where his training would begin.

Surprisingly, Rilt seemed to be waiting for him outside the house.

"Yo, you have finally returned. How are those guys?"

Alex thought for a moment before answering him with a smile. "They are pretty energetic."

"I see. Sounds like them. Just need to make sure that we are not that friendly with each other, okay?"

"Yeah, yeah." Alex shrugged.

"You are ready for training, right?"

"Yes." Alex smiled.

"Come in first and rest for tonight. We will start training tomorrow. By the way, the room is soundproof, okay?"

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"The room is soundproof."

"You don't need to repeat it!" Alex twitched his eyebrows.

## Chapter 1037 - Story

A few months later, there were two people in the garden. They were Alex and Rilt.

Alex punched Rilt on the face but was blocked by Rilt's palm.

However, the energy his fist carried burst out as if it continued the flow of the momentum. It blasted a huge area behind Rilt, obviously devastating any living beings behind. Luckily, there were only grasses and trees, or it would have become a bit more serious.

"How was that one?" Alex asked.

"That is not enough. The flow is smooth, but there is still a restriction in the direction. The way you use it is also a bit rough. You need to let it flow like water." Rilt explained.

They had been training to use this technique, but as expected, it was tough. Even Alex, who usually finished his training within a few months, couldn't complete this training.

There was one big thing Alex understood during this training. He noticed why the Spirit God could become one of the God King. It was due to this Spirit Crown.

The past him must have done something to allow him, an element user, to wield this technique. After all, the requirement of this technique was to have no element.

And Rilt told him not to teach this technique to anyone else because there was a possibility of them using it. The universe was vast and not everyone actually had an element in their body. They were born according to their world's power system.

Rilt knew that there were many planets where they didn't have an element and had fulfilled the requirement of this technique. If there were two people using this technique, Alex's position would shake. Even the Spirits didn't know who to trust anymore.

Alex promised him that he would be the only one to know this technique. As for his daughters and sons in the future, he would think it at that time.

After getting satisfied with Alex's response, he continued teaching him all he knew about the Spirit Crown.

The training was harsh, but Alex's training was worse, so Alex completed the daily training every single day.

Their relationship kept growing like that of a father and a son. Alex told him the story about his journey until he reached this place. And Rilt explained how he met the previous him and watched how he grew up.

Although Alex didn't have the intention to become his previous self, he needed to know what he had done and his past tale.

He learned his past self had fought far harder than he had. Unlike him, the past him didn't have the system to support him and got mocked because he had no element.

Yet, he could keep growing and become kinder than anyone else.

He even made Rilt believe that when you were at the lowest point, you would know how it felt to be hurt. The way the people looked at you would be different, and you would know who were your enemies and friends.

When you knew all of that, you would become stronger and kinder than anyone else.

After the training, Rilt thought and asked, "How about we rest now? We will continue tomorrow."

"Sure." Alex nodded and laid down on the floor without minding his manner.

"Oi, you shouldn't sleep on the floor."

"But cultivator won't get a normal cold..." Alex nonchalantly said.

"It's your manner!" Rilt smacked his forehead.

"I know, I know." Alex waved his hand and kept lying down.

Rilt shook his head helplessly as if watching his son.

"Are you going to become those arrogant people? I think it's possible if you keep behaving like this."

Alex froze before falling into deep thought. He remembered what happened in the past and couldn't help but ask. "I wonder why they are arrogant... No, I think I understand it, but I just can't explain it."

Rilt glanced at his serene expression and decided to take a breather as well while lying down like him, watching the blue sky.

"Let me give you a bit of my wisdom, Young Man. I will tell you a story about a kid. This kid was born into a wealthy and powerful family. However, it also came with a price. As long as he remembered, his father never paid attention to him because he needed to manage the entire family while his mother had gone forever after giving birth to him.

"The kid only had one caretaker while the other servants were settling his room and other things. In other words, this kid only had himself as the support.

"Although he learned common sense and some knowledge from his tutors, none of them could understand him and kept acting all humble in front of him. They didn't dare to rebuke him or anything, making the kid think he had so much power.

"It affected his state of mind, and he grew according to what he thought for himself. He learned about his successor from his tutor, or you can say his kid. Since no one dared to oppose him, he went to a brothel and did it with the women there.

"Drunk in pleasure, the kid kept coming and eventually fell into the temptation of lust. When he saw a beautiful woman in the street, he grabbed her and did all the deeds. However, this kid didn't get any retribution, and no one dared to oppose him because of his family background. He slowly became cold and uncaring because he could do anything, especially with his father didn't meet him and only took care of his problems.

"When it continued for years, decades, or even centuries, they slowly became beyond redemption. Their ego had grown so much until he couldn't be saved anymore.

"Suddenly, someone came to his life and beat him to the ground. What do you think the kid will do?" Rilt asked.

Alex thought for a moment and said, "Revenge. I mean, he already has everything. No one SHOULD dare to oppose him. No matter what race you are, I believe that we consciously or subconsciously feared the unknown. Even I fear it. That's why the kid will surely remove this unknown variable."

"Correct. He wanted to maintain the status quo and attacked the one who destroyed that status quo. Unfortunately, he failed and kept failing every time he did it."

"He would continue until he died." Alex closed his eyes with a complicated expression. "I see. That's how an arrogant young master was born. There might be some variables in the story, but if the main variables are there..."

"I am not talking that the arrogant young master is bad. What I want to say is that his father is the real culprit."

Alex suddenly stretched his hand as if trying to reach the sky. Suddenly, he thought something and let out a long sigh. "I see. So that's why..."

"Hmm?"

"The reason why the past me didn't take up the ruler position and let Korzan deal with the rest." Alex made a sad smile. "It's not that he had no capability as a ruler. It was to his kids. He didn't want to be someone who always thought about Eulja and such.

"No, it was because he thought his family first that he decided to arrange it this way. The most fragile family is the one at the top. He wanted to have a family that can be decisive but also kinder than anyone. Unfortunately, before that happened, the predicament came."

Rilt clenched his teeth. "Yes. I am not saying that this thinking is true either. Let me tell you the second story. This kid was born with the same condition as the kid. However, before his experience accumulated, he experienced a setback, turning the respect he always received into hate.

"That kid knew whether they were genuine or not. He then looked at the world from a different point of view, understanding what an effort was.

"In this situation, the kid had two possible options. The first was he hated the world, the people, and even his family to the bone for not showing respect to him or whatsoever. He loathed them with every single cell in his body.

"When he became someone in power, he massacred all of them. All emotions felt cold and he closed his heart because he believed that the people around him only wanted his power. He thought only for himself, and nothing else mattered.

"However, the second possibility...The kid understood what it meant to have someone dear to him. He met someone that would stand behind him and kept supporting him no matter what happened. During that time, he learned what it meant to trust the people you loved.

"Thus, the kid became stronger and kinder than anyone else. He knew what it felt to be in the bottom and at the top. And I am glad that you are the latter."

Alex couldn't help but smile. "That's something I owed to my Teacher. He might be someone so passive that he even let others bully me, but he knew that every setback I experienced would change me in one way or another.

"He kept watching me all this time and only moved when life mattered. He believed in me and saw something in me that I didn't know before. When I realized all of that, I wished I could say thank you to him for being my teacher as well as my parent."

Alex's eyes were watery, recalling the memory of his teacher. He remembered that every time he had trouble. There was always one question he asked.

"Are you alright?"

That was the best question in his mind until today.

Rilt smiled and closed his eyes. "He must be a great figure. Not everyone strong is great, and not everyone weak is powerless. The strongest person can even create waste, while the weakest person might be able to create the strongest figure.

"Your capability and goal are not set in stone. That's why if you think what you are doing is right, never give up."

Alex smiled. "Yes. Thank you, Father."

"There is also another meaning behind my story—"

"I know. It's the way how to manage your family. Although I can't create the concept, I think I have grasped something with your story. My way of managing my family might not be the same as my past self, but I believe that what I will create is the best for my family and me. Of course, we can't leave the wives out of the picture."

Rilt smiled and said, "After all, Family is..."

"...A meeting between a man and a woman. Two becomes one and acts like one." Alex smiled while continuing his sentence.

"That's good then. I will be watching you. If you have a problem, just come to me. I will do my best to help." Rilt smiled.

"Thanks, Father." Alex nodded.

Suddenly, Anna and Vina came into their vision, looking down on them from above. However, the two blurted something out of reflex.

"White."

"Black."

Anna and Vina stepped on their face as Vina complained. "What the heck are you teaching to my son-in-law? As expected, you are the virus of the family. And why are you two lying on the floor? Where is your manner?"

"My wife, I am teaching my son-in-law to be a cultured man," Rilt answered with a smile. "Besides, look at Anna, why is she stepping on my son-in-law's face like you?"

But it only invited Vina's rage as she poured more strength until Rilt's head buried in the ground. "I am teaching her to make sure that he won't take advantage of my cute daughter. Seriously...We can't have a second Anya..."

Anna glanced at her, sighed, and decided to retract her foot. She slowly bent down and put Alex's head on her lap. She said with a smile. "This is better."

Alex couldn't help but smile back.

"Wife...How about you act like Anna for once?" Rilt was jealous of that different treatment and asked.

However, Vina only poured more strength while saying, "That is when you have become a proper spirit."

## Chapter 1038 - Alchemy

In the middle of the garden, Alex was sitting down while closing his eyes. Normally, he would be cultivating, but there was something different in his current state.

Above his head was a shining Spirit Crown. He had been training for a year by now.

Not far from him, Rilt was observing his state and widened his eyes. He sneakily went around him and released his killing intent.

As soon as he sensed that killing intent, Alex instinctively woke up, rose from the ground, and slashed his sword.

Rilt smiled and used his golden staff to block that slash, but the residual power passed his body, going straight to the garden behind him.

It decimated the ground and created a one kilometer long fan-shaped crater.

"Excellent." Rilt smirked. The strength Alex released earlier was similar to what he first demonstrated. "The rest will depend on yourself. My job has finished."

Alex nodded and bowed his head. "Thank you for guiding me all this time, Father."

"Haha, I don't mind. Besides, this is a fulfilling one year for me." Rilt laughed while patting his shoulder.
"What are you going to do now? I am sure that you are not planning to leave this place this soon, right?"

"Yes. According to my schedule, Firia will teach me about Alchemy. I need to learn it as well...For now, I want to concentrate on it first and cultivate later. After that, it's time for Array. And because there is that new way of using an array, I am intrigued whether it's possible for me to use it or not." Alex nodded with a smile.

"I see. Although the girls will be missing you, I think it's fine to let you go. You have lived here for a whole year after all. I can't be too greedy."

Alex smiled. "I will be saying goodbye with them first."

"Sure." He nodded. "I won't be seeing you off."

Alex waved his hand while walking inside the house.

Meanwhile, Rilt fell flat on his back and stared at the blue sky. He raised his hands and flipped them a few times. "That guy is indeed an enigma. To think he really can finish the training in a year. And that kind of control...If he fused that strength to his own techniques or elements, he would be very dangerous. Haha...This time, there won't be anyone to stop the rise of Alexander Sirius.

A few minutes later, Alex was already in front of their house with Anna and Anya standing in front of him.

"It will be a while, but I need to get going." Alex put on a gentle smile.

"Don't worry. Even though we plan to finish our training first, if we want to flirt together with the girls, we can do it in the future." Anya smiled while assuring him.

Anna pinched the bridge of her neck and commented, "Is that the only thing in your brain?"

"What else? There is only Alex, Flirt, Family, and Training. These four." Anya tilted her head in confusion. "The rest are secondary."

"..." Anna shook her head helplessly. "Whatever."

"Anyway, I will be going." Alex smiled and kissed Anna and Anya.

"Yes. Give our regards to Firia."

"Haha, you can visit her yourself." Alex shrugged and snapped his finger, creating his Teleportation Array.

He blinked his eyes and returned to the castle. It seemed Firia was waiting for him in the castle, or that was what Lin Xingzhi told him.

Surprisingly, Firia was already in the garden, looking at him, who just arrived.

"Am I late?" Alex scratched the back of his head.

"Nope. I just couldn't wait anymore and arrived here first." Firia shrugged. "So, do you have a place to train?"

"I don't have one. By the way, how is the arrangement?"

"Alicia and I will have six to nine months each and spend the last few months together. In other words, you are going to train for two years. The last few months are to teach you how to fuse Alchemy and Array together."

"I see. Sounds good to me. It's been a while since I last studied Alchemy, so my skill might be a bit rusty."

"With your Godly Pure Fire, you won't need to worry. It is the king of Fire, which is also perfect for Alchemy. Not only it has the purifying attribute, but it also can speed up the process with that intensity. Besides, no other Alchemists can distract your flame if you are refining a pill."

"Fair enough. My Teacher wanted me to participate in a pill competition..." Alex suddenly thought the worst.

"Ah, yes. You will surely obliterate them. Let me guess, he is suggesting you for a pair competition?" She narrowed her eyes.

"Yes."

"As expected. He might want you to be an assurance or such while I will be doing most of the job. Not that I mind though, but we will see in the future. Besides, my Sacrificial Fire has also gotten strengthened because of your Godly Pure Fire, so it's close to a Pure Fire level."

"That is interesting." Alex smiled. "If I use my Pure Fire in that competition, no one can refine the pill. This will make many people unhappy. However, if I become an assurance and only make a move if needed, we are kind of forced by the situation to do that. It will have the opposite effect."

"Yes. He is surely an evil person." She nodded. "Even my master told me how evil he is."

"Really?"

"Yes. He loves tricks, so that makes him evil since all his tricks are really nasty."

Alex nodded with a smile. "Anyway, I will be learning from you now. Do you have a place to learn?"

"I am not sure. I heard that you have a Simulation Room, right?"

"Yes. I usually trained there to avoid losing precious materials."

"My schedule is three months for knowledge, three months for learning ingredients, and three months for making pills. That's why I have prepared one thousand books for you to read..." Firia made a gentle smile while playing around with the Space Ring on her finger.

"Can I just absorb the knowledge in my inheritance?"

"Oh, there is that as well. Alright. You can, but you still need to browse the books to check whether it's the same or not. Just some checks, and you will be fine."

"I understand. I will study again with books..." Alex let out a long sigh. "I don't know why but books don't excite me like scrolls or other things..."

"Do you have that kind of fetish?" Firia looked at him with a weird expression.

"No, no. I was just saying that cultivators still didn't escape the hate for books. I wonder if cultivating could cure sleepiness when reading a book..." Alex looked down, falling into deep thought.

Firia shrugged. "Anyway, how about sorting the knowledge about Alchemy in the garden? Or do you prefer doing it in your room?"

"I will do it here. There are too many temptations doing it inside." Alex shrugged. "Not that I will do it though, but just in case."

Firia smiled while looking away. "Anyway, I will protect you here. You may start."

"Yeah, yeah." Alex nodded and sat on the ground before closing his eyes.

He had absorbed all the knowledge but never tried to see the information or even sort them, so it would take a while to really learn the knowledge. At the very least, it would be faster than reading a book.

Just like how they predicted, Alex took only one and a half months to learn much information about Alchemy.

"Have you finished?" Firia noticed the change in Alex's expression, so she thought Alex had finished.

"Yes." Alex nodded while opening his eyes. "My brain hurts to process all those, but they are really great."

"What have you learned?"

"Many pill recipes, ingredients characteristic, and how to handle the temperature. I haven't tested them yet though."

"Ho? Then do you have something that you like to refine at the end of our training?" She asked.

"I have one. White Ash Pill."

"Oh, you asked me that, but the medicinal herb wasn't ripe yet."

"Don't worry. It's almost finished. Although the Void Flower will take a little longer, the White Ash Tree is almost ripe. This training will last for two years, right? I think it should be ripe by that time." Lin Xingzhi suddenly appeared behind them.

She was in her room earlier, and when she saw Alex was thinking about the two medicinal herbs, she decided to answer it personally.

"Really?" Alex widened his eyes.

"Yep. I have worked hard." She gave a thumb up to him.

"I see. We can do that then. Maybe we can learn about how to make a pill using an array. And as the grand test, we will refine that pill." Firia offered a solution.

"Sounds good to me." Alex nodded. "How is the situation around?"

"Nothing big happened. You can focus on your training first. After this training, you are going to cultivate until you reach Rank 7 God, right?"

"Yeah. After that, I will probably leave to another place...Maybe in search of another world for the Gacha System. Now that I mention it, I haven't checked the progress yet." Alex opened his system.

[Gacha Point: 3000]

[Gacha Coin: 10]

"Hmm...Ten people have gotten UR Reward while there are a total of three thousand times they got Rare and Super Rare...Isn't this a bit too low?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"They just managed to barely fight the invaders. Give them more time." Lin Xingzhi shook her head.

"Is that so? Well, I don't mind. Just want to make sure... How many coins for one Gacha?"

"One thousand."

"..." Alex twitched his eyebrows. "Seriously?"

"Yes. The number will start skyrocketing, so you won't feel shocked in the later phase of the system state. In fact, you will feel inclined to use it anymore. After all, if you give all people the Sword Mastery, it will become chaotic."

"Fair enough. Why do people claim someone is good? Because there is someone worse than them. Why do people claim someone is diligent? Because there is someone lazier than them. No matter how harsh the truth is, it's still the truth." Alex sighed. "I will be giving to my family only. Maybe one or two outside the family depending on our relationship."

"Yes. That's the best course for now. But I think it's fine to enchant a weapon with an elemental orb. We can sell it more expensive than the market price." Lin Xingzhi nodded.

"Yeah." Alex agreed. "I will look at the system again after finishing this two-year training. For now, I want to focus first."

"Alright. I will leave then. Good luck." Lin Xingzhi waved her hand with a smile and disappeared.

Alex then looked at Firia. "So, what are we going to learn today?"

"Since you have all that knowledge, we will be checking the knowledge with my books. After that, I will show you how to spot a medicinal herb and ascertain whether it's really the herb or not since there are many counterfeit ones out there. The last stage will be learning in your Simulation Room to refine pills. I am going to torture you there..." Firia smirked.

"Haha. That's good. I need extensive knowledge about materials to create the exact copy in the Simulation Room, so this kind of schedule will benefit me."

"In that case..." Firia waved her hands, summoning all the books she read during her training with her master. There were only one hundred books, but each of them had more than ten thousand pages, making Alex wonder if he could finish them in one and a half months.

"Don't worry. You won't need to read the details. Besides, your cultivation allows you to easily memorize them, so you will finish before you know it. Trust me."

Alex twitched his eyebrows and shook his head helplessly. "Well, my devilish training might be better than this."

Alex resigned his fate and began reading the first book.

# Chapter 1039 - Alchemy Training

Six months later, Alex had finished all the preparations for practical training, refining a pill.

In the garden, Alex and Firia were staring at each other. Around their feet were several medicinal ingredients, surrounded by an array.

"Are you ready?" Alex asked with a smile.

"Yes. We are refining a pill now." Firia nodded.

Alex then snapped his finger, activating the array.

Alex and Firia closed their eyes for a second and felt that the change in their surroundings. The garden remained the same, but they noticed that it had a certain degree of Spiritual Energy.

At the same time, there was no one living in this place other than them.

"We are going to refine Orthodox Recovery Pill. It can instantly close the wound and regrow a limb that of a mortal. For a God Rank Expert, this pill is still effective since the Divine Energy will slowly recover the mortal limb and turn it into a Divine Limb." Firia explained while waving her hand, lifting the medicinal ingredients to the air. "I will give you the demonstration first."

Alex nodded and retreated a few steps back, observing every single movement with his Spirit Eyes.

Firia snapped her finger as the Sacrificial Fire lit up. It gradually enveloped the ingredients to warm them up before she raised her flame temperature drastically.

The Divine Energy from the medicinal herbs fluctuated as the sign of them fighting back against Firia's flame. However, Firia quickly increased her fire ferocity before turning the fire into a star-shaped fire.

The ingredients split into those five sides with a Divine Monster Core in the middle.

"This is the Star Refining Method that I have taught you. This is perfect for eleven ingredients pills in which one of the ingredients is a Divine Monster Core. We will group the ingredients into their own characteristic and refine a pair of medicinal ingredients in one go.

"Well, you can say that this is the fastest method to refine eleven ingredients. If Alicia is here, I can turn this technique to another level. If I am not wrong, the name of that Array is Star Fire Array. It will separate each pair of ingredients even further and refine them one by one. This will allow you to refine them to the finest while having the speed of the original Star Refining Method."

"I see. I have understood the Star Refining Method, but I haven't tried it myself." Alex nodded in understanding. He had been learning many things from Firia, including a Refining Technique like this.

He realized that Alchemy wasn't just a matter of flame. It was true that his Godly Pure Fire could increase one's success rate by a huge margin, but he could still increase his speed, purity, and other things with this kind of technique.

That was why Alchemy became interesting again for him. He also couldn't wait for Alicia to teach him about Array that fit perfectly with Alchemy.

After refining them for fifteen minutes, Firia separated three pairs of ingredients that seemed to have finished first. She continued with the last two pairs refinement for another thirty minutes.

As soon as she finished, she tossed the refined ingredients back to the star before revolving the energy from the Divine Monster Core.

The green core released some kind of gas that flowed to each ingredient.

Alex could see it with his Spirit Eyes.

After enveloping the ingredients with that gas, Firia opened the furnace and brought them inside the furnace.

"Explode," Firia muttered as the star-shaped fire burst out, releasing a huge amount of heat energy. The furnace let out some of them while trapping some to do the last process.

"The ingredients are done. Normally, we need to expel the impurities inside the ingredients, but your Pure Fire is really too godly. I have never troubled myself with the purifying process anymore. You must be like that too." Firia shrugged.

"Ahaha... Isn't that good? Although I agree that we still need to learn it, it's better to not waste our time. I mean, it usually takes a third of the refining process, no?"

"True. It's a long process because we can't force them too much or it will ruin the ingredients as a whole. Using this fire, the impurities have basically been purified as time goes on. In fact, I had felt that the impurities had gone when I was refining them with the Star Refining Method." Firia nodded.

"Yes. I can see that." Alex confirmed it with his Spirit Eyes. He indeed saw the impurities had gone by the time she was in the middle process of the refining.

"By the way, I wonder if we can let Sherry give her Sacrificial Element to Evelyn? I mean, Stina, Kyle, and Ellen don't need this because they are directly related to you. And among your wives, only Evelyn has a Fire Element other than me. And if we take a look at the Contracted Beasts like Leka...I don't think she needs a Sacrificial Element, right?" Firia asked.

"That's a good idea, but everything will be in Sherry's hand. I will just give her a message, but the decision is her. Is that fine?" Alex smiled.

"Of course. You are a husband, not a dictator." Firia smiled before feeling that all ingredients had turned liquid. "Anyway, it's time for the next step."

Alex observed it with his Spirit Eyes and saw how the fire turned into a vortex, slowly merging the ingredients and turning them into a pill.

Firia began to focus when she entered this process because she couldn't afford a single fluctuation of energy that would disturb the balance of all ingredients.

The process itself was not hard to succeed, but to do it perfectly required patience and concentration.

Alex knew that and didn't open his mouth. He watched how each pair of ingredients fused together first before the five pairs turned into one.

"Once again. Explode." Firia shouted, forcing the vortex to explode. This vortex was made from the residual fire from the first explosion, so it still contained enough energy to create a powerful explosion.

However, Firia already sealed the lid with her Divine Energy while the body of a Rank 9 Furnace was strong enough to contain that explosion.

"It's finished." Firia smirked and waved her hand, opening the lid.

The pill flew out of the pill but soon got suppressed by Firia's Spiritual Energy.

"Shouldn't you erase the consciousness?" Alex asked.

"I have tried in the process, but it seems your Simulation World is not perfect. Well, this place is already a godly technique, so..." Firia scratched her cheek with an embarrassed expression.

"Sorry. I will try to perfect it when I have time." Alex apologized and looked at the pill. "I wonder if we will face a Lightning Tribulation when making a pill."

"There are a few records about that. If I am not wrong, there are three types of pills that will trigger a Tribulation. Firstly is an evolved pill that shouldn't be in that rank. For example, because the alchemists or the ingredients are too good, the pill leaps a rank. I mean, not a small rank, but a big rank.

"For example, a supposed Rank 4 Pill turns into a Rank 5 Pill. It shouldn't exist, so it's a kind of a process where the pill goes through a Lightning Tribulation to reach that next rank. Of course, the refiner will be the one challenging the Lightning Tribulation before the pill uses the energy to officially break through a rank.

"The second type is the pill that is refined in such an environment. I mean, I have heard there is a world that sends a Lightning Tribulation for a pill to a certain level. This world purifies the pill even further with its lightning, but there is no way I want to refine the pill in that world, considering it's already pure enough.

"The third type is an enigma pill. It's a type of pill that will disturb the norm of the world. Suppose you are refining a Rank 2 Pill in my original world, Agar World. In that case, it will send a Lightning Tribulation because a pill of this level can't exist in this type of Lower World since it will disrupt the balance between Energy.

"That's also the reason why a God Rank Expert like us shouldn't enter the world. Do you understand what I mean?" Firia asked.

"Yes." Alex looked down, falling into deep thought. "This has become more interesting than I thought it would be. At first, I believed that the pill only needed flame and a certain degree of control. However, people really used their own technique and other things to improve the refinement process."

"That's right. It's fascinating, isn't it?" Firia smiled from ear to ear. "I was blown away when my Master taught me about Alchemy. Even Uncle Maxwell helped out during that time. After flying to a few worlds during the last mission with my master, I have seen many more types of Alchemy.

"However, I choose only those that will benefit me. I don't want to master them all because it might ruin my foundation in Alchemy Techniques."

"Understandable."

"How about you try it now? After one week, we will go to another technique. Let's test every technique and see which one suits you, alright?"

"Yes. Please guide me." Alex smiled and summoned the ingredients again.

He followed Firia's movement starting from the star-shaped fire to merging the ingredients. Although Alex messed up a bit due to the fact this was his first time, Firia was satisfied with the result, especially since he was even better than her first time.

The couple continued working their way with all techniques in possessions to check Alex's affinity. However, it turned out that Firia still underestimated Alex's potential and Godly Pure Fire. Out of twelve techniques, he mastered eleven of them, despite Firia could only do nine of them.

Alex also used this chance to talk about Alchemy and wondered whether they could add something to the technique.

On the contrary to their expectation, the techniques were considered perfect. They were the culmination of efforts from all great people in the past.

It had been improved again and again until it was in this state.

According to Firia, the last time they got improved was ten thousand years ago. With that kind of time span, she believed that the technique was already in a perfect state.

Unfortunately, as much as she wanted to keep going, Firia knew that it was time to switch. Alicia already returned from the Ice Phoenix Tribe, waiting for her turn in the garden.

"Alicia. How are you?" Firia smiled and hugged her.

"I am good. So, let me guess. He is a monster?" Alicia smirked while glancing at Alex with a teasing glance.

Alex didn't notice her for the time being. Instead, he looked down as if something was in his mind.

And Alicia's focus was on Firia, so the latter answered her instead of Alex. "That's right. As expected of our husband, he always surpassed us."

"Well, it can't be helped. Your Element comes from him while I am not good with Alchemy. Let me see if I am good enough to teach him about Array. I have a surprise for him with the new array." Alicia grinned.

"So, you have an Array that will surprise him?"

"Not an array, but a technique. Well, he was the one who brought it from another world. So, he might be better than me in this." Alicia explained before showing her right forearm. "Look at this."

"This..." Firia saw a tattoo in Alicia's hand. The tattoo had a round-shaped gem with six wings. "This is Eulja's symbol, isn't it?"

"Yes. Truly a simple symbol. One jewel that presents the life of the Spirit King with six wings which are the Six Elemental Gods. But I think this symbol is good." Alicia smiled.

"True enough. We will meet here again in nine months. How about that?"

"Sure." Alicia nodded. "I will bring him to our Research Centre. You can come if you need anything."

"Will do."

Meanwhile, Alex seemed to have found something not related to their talk. He looked at his fire and fell into deep thought.

"This..."

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"Alex. Are you thinking of something?" Alicia noticed Alex's weird state and asked him.

Firia also turned around and came closer.

"Ah." Alex blinked his eyes a few times and waved his hand. "It's fine. I was just in thought earlier. No need to mind me. I will wait until you two finish."

"We have finished and found you were in thought."

Alex nodded. "In that case, let's go."

Alicia and Firia felt a bit weird when Alex brushed the matter off but didn't pry into it.

"Alright, then." Firia hugged him and kissed him. "Good luck."

"Thanks." Alex smiled and looked at Alicia. "Let's go. Where are we going?"

"Follow me." Alicia turned around and flew to the sky.

Alex followed her while waving her hand to Firia.

The journey didn't take too long, only five minutes. They landed in front of a small building in the middle of a forest.

"What is this place?" Alex asked while observing the building with his Spirit Eyes, finding many energy signs underground.

"Where Eulja conducts its research." Alicia smiled and used a token to teleport them inside. "We have several places like this depending on their use. This one is for arrays and the most discussed topic is your Array Technique..."

"Array Technique?" Alex tilted his head before finding Eulja's symbol on her forearm. "That..."

Normal people wouldn't realize, but Alex could see the small arrays that had been compressed into one logo. "Holy Emblem?"

"Yep." Alicia nodded with a smile. "We have conducted the research about it and successfully recreated it to fit our own body. This will be the universal form."

"So fast?" Alex widened his eyes. He thought that the research would take a bit longer, considering they needed to configure the technique and changed the structure to fit a God Rank Expert.

"It's not that different to be honest. We just calculated which array did we need to have for the basis of Rank 9 Arrays. Mostly, they are related to our element, Divine Energy, Gathering Symbols, and such. After laying the groundwork, we proceed to create a layer of them.

"As you know, a Rank 9 Array consists of more than a million symbols. We needed to compress those symbols to this small...Of course, it's impossible. We ended up solving the problem by creating layers." Alicia explained.

"Lavers?"

"Yes. If we want to paint a house with white paint, it will be there for the rest of eternity, right? And when we want to paint it with another color..."

"It will just create another layer of color. I see. So, that's the trick to compress symbols to a small Eulja Logo." Alex nodded in understanding.

"Yes. However, the time and process took longer than expected, so it was hard to produce such a thing. Besides, a Rank 9 Array is harder to compress than we thought. Do you remember how they used their Holy Emblem?"

Alex thought for a moment. "I know. They summoned the symbol and connected it with a few more symbols to complete the array."

"Exactly, but it's possible because they didn't need a lot of additional symbols. Take a look..." Alicia suddenly summoned Eulja Symbol. However, instead of an additional circle, it grew in all directions as if the symbol was tree roots. Those were symbols as well.

"This..." Alex widened his eyes.

"Those symbols are the remaining symbols. There are still around one hundred thousand symbols that you need to create. But considering you have compressed around one million or so symbols, I don't think this is a problem." Alicia shrugged.

"True enough. One hundred thousand symbols will probably require one second." Alex nodded. "Having that logo alone has fastened the process by around ninety percent."

"Of course, there is one weakness for this technique." Alicia smiled. "Because of so many layers that are compressed, we have an array limit."

"What do you mean?"

"First, many arrays are not suitable for this technique because they require too many symbols. Most of the arrays we have tested are ranging from one to five million symbols. Above that is already too high." Alicia sighed.

"Fair enough. But the process is almost complete with that logo alone." Alex nodded.

"The second will be the number of arrays you can use in one tattoo."

"Hmm?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"We have compressed too many symbols in one small image. More than this will cause a complex reaction. To counter it, we have selected only a few and know that the current progress allows us to only have five arrays in one logo. You can have two tattoos, but I think more than that will not be beneficial to your body for various reasons."

"Then, can we replace the logo with another one?" Alex asked. "I mean, they are connected with each other, right? I am sure that we can replace a certain layer if we want to use a certain array."

"Yes. First of all, we are using a Divine Beast's blood to create symbols like this before getting another layer for the color. This layer of color is so expensive because it is the material to keep the array working. The blood will soon be washed away or lose its effectiveness at one point, right?"

Alex nodded. "I understand. Even so, this is already amazing."

"Amazing is an understatement. A Rank 9 Array Master normally requires thirty seconds for one Rank 9 Array. And this Holy Emblem allows us to create one array in one to three seconds. Can you even imagine the effect? It will revolutionize the entire job." Alicia sighed.

"Well, there is that. Just make sure that the personnel who are working here are loyal, so there is no information leakage. After that, we can proceed with all things related to this." Alex smiled.

"Yes. For now, let's enter." Alicia stretched her hand, guiding Alex inside the building. "I will bring you to someone, so you can get tattooed...That is if you want."

"I already have a plan to use this, so there is no way I will back down." Alex shrugged and followed her. "But I can't really show myself to people for the time being."

"I have a route for that. The escape route of this building that allows us to move toward the most important person in this place." She smiled and began walking.

Alex trusted her and followed her for several minutes.

She was right. There was a hidden door that led downwards. Alex and Alicia quickly reached the ending with their pace, finding a giant metal door at the end of the corridor.

Alicia pushed open the door and found someone inside. She had a similar body figure as Jeanne, but her expression was cold unlike Jeanne's energetic one. She had blonde hair tied into twin tails.

"Ah, there she is." Alicia smiled and waved her hand. "I have brought someone with me this time."

The female, who was reading the report in her hand, stopped and took a glance at Alicia while saying nonchalantly. "Please come in, Alicia. What do you need for me to sneak in like that?"

Alicia pouted. "You are so cold. Even though you have been my mentor in the array, you are not even happy to see me."

"I taught you because it was an order."

"Really?" Alicia looked away before opening the door fully, revealing Alex's appearance. "You were never true to yourself, so I will just do this..."

"What are you doing?" The female furrowed her eyebrows and found the person behind her. She widened her eyes and blinked a few times. She glanced at the large picture frame behind her and looked back at Alex repeatedly. "Yo-yo-yo-your Majesty!"

The female quickly leaped to greet Alex but got tripped by the table and fell to the ground. "Gya—!"

Alicia smiled. "This is my mentor. Despite her appearance and action, her skill is a real deal."

"Hmm?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows. "A dwarf?"

"Y-y-y-yes, Your Majesty." The female hurriedly restored her posture and kneeled on one knee. "I am Lilda, a dwarf."

"It's a pleasure to meet you, Lilda." Alex smiled and nodded.

"It's my honor to meet Your Majesty."

"Thank you for taking care of my wife."

"Eh?!" Lilda widened her eyes and looked at Alicia with a shocked expression.

"You didn't know?" Alicia tilted her head in confusion.

"I didn't get any information other than your name and element. You...You turns out..." Lilda gasped.

"I am Alex's wife. I thought you already knew about it." Alicia shook her head.

"As I said, I was tasked to teach you arrays. That's all. I haven't gone out for a few decades already..." Lilda sighed.

Alex shook his head helplessly and helped her up. Lilda was shaking when Alex touched her hand and froze.

"I am here for a reason..." Alex smiled and looked at Alicia. "About the tattoo."

"She can help you." Alicia pointed at Lilda.

"Is that so?" Alex nodded. "Please help me, Lilda."

"Y-y-yes." Lilda stiffly replied while trying to process what just happened.

"What should I do?" Alex asked.

"Hmm...Can you wait a bit?" Lilda couldn't think of anything because of the shock.

"She admires you even from your previous life. She is considered the most expert in Eulja regarding the array. One of the Rank 2 Gods in this world, Lilda." Alicia decided to introduce her. "I have heard why she admired you..."

"Wha—" Lilda looked away, embarrassed.

"You were her savior." Alicia wanted to take revenge by sharing Lilda's past. "Normally, Dwarves are good at Forging. There was only one person who didn't have that trait. It was her. Expelled from her race, she met you and learned that forging was just a general verb.

"Anything could be related to forging. Having the heart of a forger, she decided to study many things under your guidance and found something that she could master. It was the arrays or you could say forging an array instead of a weapon.

"In order to teach me, Sister Xingzhi told her about your reincarnation. And she became a die-hard fan once again after you gave the Holy Emblem."

"..." Alex fell silent for a few seconds.

"Your Majesty had changed my life, so I couldn't thank you enough..." Lilda opened her mouth while looking away.

"Is that so?"

"Y-yes." She had calmed down and began to stop stuttering.

"That's good then. My past life didn't make a wrong choice." Alex paused. "I would like to ask you again, can you draw me a tattoo?"

"Yes." She repeatedly nodded. "However, it's rude to ask, but may I know Your Majesty's knowledge about the Holy Emblem and Array in general?"

"I have reached Rank 9 Array Master, but I don't have much knowledge in general. There is so much information in the brain, but I haven't absorbed it yet. Maybe I can absorb it first for one or two months. I am sure I will be better..." Alex answered honestly. "What do you think?"

"That will be good. Before choosing what kind of layer set to create the tattoo, it's better for Your Majesty to know what you want first."

Alex thought for a moment. "Teleportation is a must. I don't have the need for a Gathering Array and Simulation Room since I won't make them unless in a safe place. Other than that, I think I want to have one Barrier Type Array, one Illusion Array, one Attack Array, one Bind Array, and one Elemental Array. That's all."

"It's good for Your Majesty to know about what you need, but there is a problem. We have a vast amount of Array Variety, so Your Majesty can take a look at it first to know about the specific array you want to embed."

"That's a good idea. I will sort the knowledge first and have Alicia or you teach me about arrays for a few months. After six months, we will draw the tattoo, and I can get used to it while training my Array Activation so that I can use it in a fight." Alex explained his plan.

"That sounds like a plan." Alicia agreed. "We can spare another six months for the joint training between Firia and me."

"Yes." Alex nodded and asked Lilda. "How about it?"

"I will help as much as I can, Your Majesty." She repeatedly nodded, making her look cute.