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"Bring it in."

After hearing the order, a beautiful assistant walked to the platform, bringing the first item. The first item was a red-colored rock containing fire energy. It could increase one's fire element slightly but not at the level of Elemental Gems like Fire or Wind Gem.

Alex had no interest in that stone and turned his head. "Your father... is a bit special..."

"Pfft." Song Yu chuckled. "I hear that a lot."

"Even my grandfather is complaining about his attitude. Still, he is a great father, who won't sacrifice me by using a political marriage, and a great patriarch."

"Hmm... Sounds like a good father."

"Yeah. Back then, he even wanted to step down and left the family to take care of me alone in another continent while leaving Song Jia in my grandfather's care. Ultimately, my grandfather shut all the opposition up with his strength." She smiled, reminiscing all past scenes.

"That's good then." Alex nodded.

"Yep. I am proud of him." She smiled brightly, saying it with her heart."

Alex did not really care about her family, so he only nodded his head.

"Oh, one more thing. I heard you had seen Putri. How is she?"

Alex could not understand her question since Putri was under her care until now. He then realized she was asking about her progress in his eyes. "It's good enough. As long as she has resources, she can become Martial Monarch or even Saint."

"How is she compared to Evelyn and Rose?"

He shook his head, refused to answer. Though the answer was clear, he did not want to compare them in front of others, and Song Yu could understand that.

"Twenty million Spirit Stones, going once..."

"Going Twice..."

"Sold."

The item was not really that good, so it had yet to reach the level where he needed to measure the money with Spirit Gems."

He only closed his eyes while waiting until the Flame Heating Lotus. "I should come a few hours later..."

"Haha... It seems nothing can fancy you other than lotus." Song Yu smiled upon his bored look. She stood up, fixed her flower embroidered short dress, and moved her chair closer to him. "You can

cultivate to pass the time. I will wake you up later. There should be around four or five hours before the lotus even comes up, considering it is the last item."

Alex took up her offer and closed his eyes. "Thank you."

"Sure. This is my job after all." She glanced at Alex's face and thought, 'Huft. You said luck, but I don't believe it myself. Despite how you look, you surely have practice harder than anyone else. I even heard you almost died a few months ago. If I don't have my background, can I become someone like you? Free and unfettered...'

The thought of it was beautiful, but just like anybody else, she did not know what kind of experience Alex had. It might be a good scene on her mind, but treacherous on his eyes. 'Still, I am wondering what can drive you to go to such an extent. I heard you are chasing your wives... I am wondering what kind of person they are.

'For a person like you to chase them, they must be pretty, have good talent and beauty, and many more. I am nothing in front of them.' She sighed. 'To think I would help you by going back first... Why... Why did I only meet you after you become a Martial Emperor? A 4-Star at that. I am really unsuited to be your Senior Sister.'

"I am proud of you." She unconsciously uttered with her mouth.

As if he did not hear her words, he opened his eyes and asked, "What is it?"

"Nothing." Her heart skipped a beat, wondering if Alex was just playing dumb or not. Luckily, he did not pursue the matter anymore and closed his eyes again.

She busied herself with taking notes on what she needed to do after the auction ended and planning ahead.

Four hours passed by in an instant. Her father had auctioned more than forty-five items in a row without taking a break. Although it was a boring auction, the items livened up the situation. They had chosen the item carefully so as to grasp the attention of all influences and loose cultivators.

Blackwade Clan wanted to use this opportunity to amass money and search for any mysterious person nearby. This was like Ruben's intention when he asked Alex to come to the Blue West Clan, just in a different way. Unfortunately, except Alex, he found no genius or mysterious person that he could invite to their Blackwade Clan.

Of course, his effort was still rewarded by finding Alex alone and his desire to take down one of the first-rate influences. The only problem was how he did not have any interest in this auction by not bidding anything. Each first-rate influence had shown their interest in one thing, but Alex had none. In fact, he could not fully grasp what was on his mind.

On the other hand, Song Yu woke him up after the auction for the 45th item had ended.

"Ehm?" Alex opened his eyes and checked his surroundings only to meet Song Yu's gentle smile.

"There are only four items more. Each item in the last five worth around one million Spirit Gems while the Flame Heating Lotus worth around two to three million Spirit Gems.

"After all, it is a rank 7 medicinal ingredient and a very rare one on top of that. I doubt even Heavenly Continent has that." She explained.

"I know." Alex nodded before thinking, 'Now that I think about it, I never get any item from the system that can help my Undying Fire Body refinement... System, do you have any of that?'

[It's UUR item, Host.]

"..." Alex almost chuckled when he heard it. Seeing how the system did not want to admit it, she purposely said it was an Ultra Ultra Rare item, which was impossible to get.

[Your Undying Fire Body is not your ordinary art, and I doubt you can even get all the refinement done before you reach God Stage.]

'Isn't that bad?'

[Nope. It's not that bad, considering how powerful the real might of Undying Fire Body is.]

'True enough.' He agreed. In the first three stages of refinement, he would have a qualitative leap in his absorption speed. In the fourth and fifth stage where he needed to refine his tendons and bones, there would be a huge leap for his strength. And the last two stages increase his recovery ability.

Considering this ability was only for Pure Fire Element, he could somehow relate to the difficulty. Still, figuring out how long it would take him to refine all of his body, his mood went down. "Sigh..."

Song Yu tilted her head, wondering if she should wake him up a bit later. "I am sorry. How about you cultivate again? I will wake you up when the Flame Heating Lotus is up."

"Ah. I am not complaining about that." Alex waved his hand, telling it was fine. "I just thought about how difficult and how much money I would need in the future. I should search for a way to earn money. For the time being, I will be content in having the same amount of money as Blackwade Clan."

"Well, I can just sell pills to you or maybe array papers. Ah, but I have not upgraded my alchemist and array master rank. Can I still sell pills or array plates?"

"I can't help you with the Alchemist and Array Master guild, but I will gladly become your trading partner if you want to sell some pills or array plates. Besides, you are a money-making machine just by looking at how rich you can be in a short amount of time. Maybe I should consider marrying you." She smirked.

"Please don't joke about that." He shook his head. "Sherry might come out and kick you."

"Wuu." Speaking of the devil, Sherry came out as soon as she heard her name called. She punched the air a few times, telling Song Yu that she would fight her if she dared to joke about it.

She could show herself to Song Yu since she had met her. Though she did not reveal her human form to avoid her from knowing she was a bit different from other monsters.

"Besides, marrying me will just create an endless stream of problems for you. Just take a look at Evelyn right now. I might not be there when you need me the most, so it's better not to get close to a person

like me. Besides, I am also a bit skeptical about this thing." He stretched his hand to Sherry as she came to his lap, sitting comfortably.

"Indeed. Still, to think Sherry has become a 6-Star Martial Emperor monster, my pride hurts." She laughed after saying half-joke and half-truth, brushing the matter off.

"Wuu." She puffed her chest proudly, acting like she could not talk.

"If only I have Sherry's talent, I might be able to become a good senior sister." She patted Sherry's head and smiled.

"Are you worried about that? For me, you are a good senior sister. You take care of your junior and are very responsible."

"Still, I don't really help you before you shoot through me and become a 4-Star Martial Emperor."

"Just by gathering the force for this war, you have helped me. I and my spirits can defeat the Joyful Union Sect, but we need time. If we want to destroy them in one fell swoop, we can only rely on you."

"Hehe... That makes me happy."

"By the way, did something big happen when I was cultivating?"

"Except for a few bidding wars, there is really not much action. It's usually like this when my father is holding the auction."

Alex nodded and continued observing the auction.

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Thirty minutes later,

"Sold!"

"Finally, we will move to the last item, Flame Heating Lotus. This is a very rare rank 7 Fire Medicinal Herbs that could refine one's body as long as he/she has Fire Element. Rumor said it could even increase your training speed, but we have no record of it. This also shows how rare this medicinal herb is.

"The Heavenly Continent might not even have this medicinal herb right now. We were very lucky to stumble upon this item not long ago, and with the hype of the Strength Plateau, we decided to put it in today's action. Without further ado, we shall start."

His assistant came to the stage, bringing the herb and placing it on the bidder table. For the last item, Song Lei took out a token and channeled his spiritual energy.

A translucent yellow barrier appeared from the ground, protecting him, the assistant and the lotus from any thief that would try to steal the lotus.

No one was surprised by the yellow barrier's appearance as if they had seen it a few times.

Finding a doubt on Alex's face, Song Yu explained the array slowly. "This is a rank 6 barrier array that is placed to prevent anyone from taking a precious item while we are still auctioning. Though we don't really need to do it with my father as the host, it seems he wants to have a double layer of protection.

"You are going to bid it, right? Do you want me to bid it?" Song Yu asked.

Alex pondered for a moment before saying, "Sure. Just don't rip me off, alright?"

"Haha... I don't want to be hated by you, so don't worry. As a daughter of a merchant family, I know how to bid it."

"Actually, I take that back." He just observed the last few items and noticed that despite having a staff from the Blackwade Clan, they did not ask them to bid on their behalf.

Considering the relationship Song Yu has with the Fire God Clan's young master, it would be better if he bid it himself. This way, he could avoid any trace of jealousy and fight him with money alone.

"Are you sure?"

"Yeah. It's fine." Alex nodded before patting Sherry two times in the head, signaling her to come back.

"Alright. I will just stay beside you. From my prediction, Fire God Clan only brought three million Spirit Gems. They had spent one million, so you should be able to win this easily."

"That's good then." He nodded, rose from his seat and walked toward the window without any change in his expression.