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557 Beat the Trial or Give Up?

Alex was stupefied, never expecting something like this to appear.

"Oi, oi. What exactly is this trial?"

The people outside also had the same question as him. They thought Alex would surely reach the end of this trial, but the image completely shattered as soon as they read those words.

"Martial Saint Pressure?"

It was already hard enough for them to withstand Martial Monarch pressure, let alone Martial Saint. This was completely impossible for a little Martial Emperor.

Even though it could be a shame as no one could witness what kind of appearance when one cleared this trial, they were also happy because Alex couldn't complete the trial. After all, he would surely become an immediate threat.

"Father, this..." Song Lei furrowed his eyebrows.

The answer came with a sigh. "This trial is not possible for a Martial Emperor. He is currently a 4-Star Martial Emperor... from my prediction, he could somehow endure three or four planks if the pressure only came from a 1-Star Martial Saint... I know this because I have endured it back then."

Song Qiang looked down while closing his eyes, disappointed by the trial. They finally knew that this trial was truly impossible. First, they needed to consider age, talent, and other things. If they waited until they reached the 10-Star Martial Emperor stage, it would be too late.

"Still, Father... by going to a few planks alone, he could be considered as one of the tops... No, he is the best talent on this continent. I am sure that no one would leave him alone." Song Lei looked around, watching the other movements.

He could tell that all of them were whispering to each other with thought transmission. Although they didn't let out any voice, he knew they were talking about Alex.

The two kids, Sherry and Kyle, might have 'better' talent than Alex, considering their cultivation was both 7-Star Martial Emperor Stage. However, looking at their and Alex's performance, it was apparent that Alex had another thing that could surpass their cultivation speed.

And Song Yu precisely had this belief. She hadn't given up since she could walk a few more steps. She didn't step on the next plank because she wanted to witness Alex completing the trial.

Zwaka's place flashed on her mind. Thinking about it, Alex could easily solve the puzzle on trial before completing it with flying color.

At first, it might look like his eyes were the reason, but looking at Alex now, Song Yu had a doubt it was his eyes.

Alex had shown abnormal cultivation speed despite learning to control his flame, studying Martial Arts, practicing his Sword and Spear, and mastering Alchemy and Array Master skills.

It wouldn't be surprising if Alex actually had a more powerful talent than Sherry and Kyle. However, it was a different case whether he would tell her or not.

Even so, the sight of his back rose the flame in her heart as she couldn't help but cheer for him.

If it was him, it might be possible.

"Go!"

The same as Song Yu, Anna and the others exchanged looks, wondering if this was really a trial.

Anna made a complicated expression as she asked, "Ehm... That guy made this trial, right? Are you sure he doesn't want to kill him? I thought they were friends."

Everyone rolled their eyes away, not knowing what to say. Anya sighed and nodded before saying, "Yes. That guy should make this trial. I am sure sister Xingzhi could testify to this. However, I am also unsure about his intention in this trial. There is only one thing I am sure about... they were friends."

Anna bit her lips before turning back to look at this trial.

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Alex asked himself. "Can I do it?"

[You can absolutely do it, Host.]

"Still... asking me to walk through this path... what kind of trial is this? I know you are just encouraging me, System." Alex sighed.

[I don't say this to encourage you. I am just telling the truth about you, and I could picture you beating this trial. Take a look at your strength, and you will know the way to beat this trial.]

Alex looked down, pondering for a moment before remembering a few things.

"Spirit Step and this new technique. I can still use my Twin Blade and Pure Fire to the maximum."

A few plans flashed on his mind, raising his confidence. If he used everything from the beginning, he wouldn't succeed in this. In other words, he needed to choose which one he used first before moving forward.

One minute...

Two minutes...

After pondering for five minutes, Alex took a deep breath as he completed the plan on his mind.

He took out his Sword and Spear at the same time and released his Twin Blade Domain. Even though he could use this without them, it still felt more comfortable by doing it with his sword and spear in hands.

"Ha!" Just like an explosion, the domain expanded and revealed its full might, blasting the energy nearby.

"!!!"

"700 meters..."

"What?!"

"He has a 700 meters domain?"

His domain alarmed everyone and once again shattered their expectation.

Alex paid no heed about their reaction and moved forward.

"!!!" He felt the pressure of Martial Saint for the first time and fell to the ground, spitting a mouthful of blood. "Gah!"

Although he had yet to release all of its might, his Pure Fire still burned a portion of the energy while his sharp domain started cutting the energy that came to him.

If the two powers didn't help him in facing this pressure, Alex might be knocked unconscious before fighting. In the worst case, he might even die.

Alex panted, adjusting his state on this pressure before gritting his teeth and rising from the ground. "Ha!"

With great difficulty, he could finally stand on his feet.

"This is only the first plank..." Alex muttered with a short breath. "My domain alone can't withstand this pressure... I need more."

"Spirit Step, First Step." He stomped the ground to gather the Spiritual Energy nearby. His body absorbed the energy around like crazy, giving him a crazy boost on his strength.

However, his real aim was somewhere else. The moment he stepped on the 992nd plank, he activated the Spirit Step once more, but the second step this time.

The Second Step quickly channeled all the energy that Alex stored just now and blasted most of the pressure that came into him.

The pressure that attacked him was lesser than the previous one, so he didn't fall this time. Even so, it really took a toll on him just to fight with Martial Saint Pressure with his weak Martial Emperor Pressure.

Blood started coming out of his mouth.

"Fu." Alex took a few deep breaths before preparing himself for the next one.

"Spirit Step, First Step."

He took the energy once more before finally stepping on the third plank, using the second step again.

"Bam!"

The clash between his Spiritual Energy attack and the plank was fierce. Unfortunately, after dealing with a portion of the energy, his attack was destroyed.

"Not good!" Alex quickly released his Pure Fire to the fullest. The blazing flame rose to the sky and torched all the Spiritual Energy around him.

The people were utterly speechless. Even the Supreme Elemental Sect's sect master couldn't help but exclaimed, "This fire is so perfect and the control too."

On the other hand, Alex had no leeway as this pressure was killing him from inside. "This might be bad..."

Alex couldn't help but think they had to fight it out, considering he already needed his Pure Fire despite reaching only 993rd plank.

He spat some blood as it flowed out of his mask, dripping down to his clothes.

"What should I do?"

After stabilizing his energy, Alex pondered for a moment. He couldn't go on like this, considering he needed another seven planks before completing the trial.

He wanted to think about this but to no avail. The pressure kept distracting him from his thoughts as it was too much for him to bear.

In the end, he could only grit his teeth and enter the next plank with this Pure Fire.

"Kh!" He fell on his knees after feeling the pressure from the next plank. It was hard like a Warhammer, breaking the bone on his arm.

Alex kept enduring the pain. The next plank would surely be dangerous. Unfortunately, there was no other way than threading upon this path.

After getting used to the pressure, Alex took a deep breath once more, preparing to lose his other hand on the next plank.

"Screw it."

The Pure Fire started rising again as he entered the next plank.

The pressure came again, and it was truly something powerful. However, before breaking his bones, the dragon symbol on his back suddenly shone as it suddenly lent Alex a big strength. He had eight hundred dragon strength at the moment, and when the dragon aura was activated, it doubled his power immediately.

Unbeknownst to him, his Spiritual Energy formed into an eastern dragon on his back. Obviously, the other influences didn't miss this. After knowing the Spirit Nest had an unusual technique, it wasn't surprising if Alex, the leader of Spirit Nest, also had something like that.

Alex had no time to care about it because the dragon just helped him to complete half of this real trial.

He wanted to be surprised, but he didn't have time to waste.

Riding on his success about this new technique, Alex stepped on the next plank before the other one also activated.

The Spiritual Energy formed a Phoenix before turning into an armor that protected him from the pressure.

Alex spat another mouthful of blood as he fell on his knees. He felt his brain couldn't work anymore as this pressure already overwhelmed him.

The only thought in his mind was to reach the 1000th plank and beat the trial.

By using everything he had simultaneously, Alex stepped onto the 997th plank before stumbling.

Everyone could see his face that was full of exhaustion. If it was Grimes or Ruben here, they might die in front of this pressure.

"I still need three more..." Alex's eyes lost its focus as he looked at the plank that split into two in his vision.

By relying on his instinct alone, he took another step forward with all of his strength, whether they were the new Dragon and Phoenix Aura, Pure Fire, his Spirit Step, or even his Domain.

Crack

Just as his right leg stepped upon the 998th planks, the bone cracked as Alex fell forward.

This took Alex by surprise as he was quickly bombarded by the pressure. It broke many bones inside his body.

Without the protection of Spiritual Energy, the mask finally shattered, revealing Alex's face. This might be the first time that Alex showed his appearance on this continent, making the others surprised.

He was handsome as his golden hair complimented his face. Unfortunately, half of his face was covered with blood, so they couldn't clearly see it.

All they could see was the anguish on Alex's face. All the sect masters, patriarchs, or leaders of their respective influences had gone through this trial in their life. They could imagine what kind of pain he was experiencing. However, The person in front of them only needed to pass two more planks to beat the trial. However, the Martial Saint Pressure forbade them from picturing it.

They couldn't picture what kind of pain he was experiencing just now.

"Kh!" Despite feeling so much pain, Alex endured and didn't let out any voice. He had experienced the refining of Undying Fire body, this kind of pain was nothing for him.

His consciousness became blurry, and his body couldn't be controlled. He wanted to raise again but to no avail. A foam started coming out of the corner of his mouth as he struggled to get back up. His eyes started losing its light as everyone knew that he would soon give up on this trial.

It was not like Alex lacked talent, the trial was too brutal even with a person like him. They could only look away with sadness; seeing even a genius like him still couldn't pass the trial.