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Chapter 641 - A Plan

"If only we didn't lose one thousand Martial Emperors in the Special Realm."

Regret filled his heart as he swallowed the pill. He might be the one who didn't want to accept death the most in this entire sect due to his nature, but he would be the most decisive one after knowing it was futile to struggle. Rather than accepting his death, taking one of them down with him would actually make him feel better.

Having gathered enough resolve to do so, he shouted. "All disciples who have the Berserk Pill. Don't care about your wound or whatsoever, and just think about solely killing them."

He was at breaking point despite fully knowing that Alex had Space Element. There was still a single solution if Alex truly escaped with his Space Element. They could just spread out and attack the array separately.

They still had a high number to do this, so Alex could still attack them by teleporting inside again, but the barrier would take the full brunt of a few thousand people attacking at once. Unless it were several rank 7 Gathering Arrays as well as millions of Spirit Gems, Alex's barrier would surely break.

The disciples began swallowing their Berserk Pills while Nelson and Jeanne kept killing those who ate the pills. Unfortunately, they could kill a few thousand at once, so the situation finally shifted.

"Attack them, but do mind about your attack as to prevent them from using your own attacks!" The sect master roared, pointing his finger at Alex.

Alex, behind Leoz, smiled after seeing this situation. He realized what they wanted to do. "I see. Want to bring me down or want to destroy my barrier? My barrier is impregnable since I have poured every single Spirit Gems from my Inventory. I will grab everything I have lost here from your treasury."

He followed everything from words to words with the first one to be creating a Teleportation Array. Without saying anything, all the spirits returned to Alex's side and disappeared.

The disciples looked around to search for his position until one of them pointed his hand and roared. "That way!"

Behind the barrier, Alex simply looked down on them, taunting them by simply doing nothing.

The anger crept inside the disciples' hearts, but somehow got stopped from blowing up with a single shout.

"Stop!" The aura that was never seen before swept the entire area, and those in Martial Monarch realized that this aura contained a powerful 7-Star Martial Monarch Strength. There was no need to think who had this aura since only one person qualified for this. They took a deep breath to calm down and started calming the other disciples down.

"Look at those people!" The sect master pointed his finger at Alex. "They are just scared of our Berserk Pills. We can win this as long as we are united and break this barrier."

The disciples gradually regained their calm when the sect master himself shouted at them.

The sect master observed their expression first, noticing that he finally gained their attention. He continued, "We need to spread out. No matter how our people are killed or how many of your friends have died, kept attacking the barrier with all of your power. Don't care about anything else since we're all dead if we don't break this barrier!"

Alex furrowed his eyebrows. 'The way he moves... Is he ready to sacrifice many people for this? If we are too fixated with him, then the barrier will seriously break...'

Anya also noticed this as she observed Alex's expression while glancing back and forth to see the disciples began spreading around the area.

'If we spread out, there is a chance they are trying to surround us suddenly. There are more than five thousand people using the Berserk Pill right now... and if they don't think anything about their life, it will be difficult if we are separated. Does it mean we can only fight them separated with the risk of them escaping?' Alex couldn't see a usable plan yet. He might be able to get one as long as he had time, but he needed to come up with one in less than two minutes before they started attacking the barrier.

Anya took a deep breath as she followed their positioning, wondering if she could find something that could help their situation. The spread was even with their power level also distributed very well. They would need to kill at least ten thousand people in less than one and a half minutes when they were at their most vulnerable.

It was a third of their current number, but it should be enough to slow them down. According to the current amount of Spirit Gems that was supplying the barrier, they would need around three minutes. However, if Alex's group could destroy a third of them, they would need an additional one or two minutes. By the time they broke the barrier, they would pass the five minutes mark and either die or be heavily injured.

In this case, they would be exterminated first before they could break the barrier since their progress would become slower and slower, with their number becoming less and less.

The only problem would be how they could kill these many people at once without damaging the barrier.

Alex and Anya were thinking hard about this.

Suddenly, an idea flashed in his mind. He had almost forgotten about it since he had yet to use this after coming back to this world.

"Everyone shall use their True Spirit Body right now. Kyle and Stina, can you control a portion of my Fire Element while using yours?" Alex asked.

The spirits quickly obeyed them and released their True Spirit Body. Meanwhile, Stina answered with a nod. "We can, as long as we are inside your body."

Alex nodded. Sherry was usually the one to use this, but the Fire Authority had pushed everything to the limit, so both Alex and Sherry had a hard time to do anything with this Fire Art. With Stina and Kyle using

his power, he could focus on his sword and spear, specifically the rank 8 weapons he received not long ago.

Alex took a deep breath as he said his plan. "All of you will pair with someone. Just pick one in your right. We are going to spread out with these seven pairs and attack them from distance to avoid being surrounded by the enemies. You may attack the barrier if that can kill many people at once. Now, go!"

Teleportation Array appeared beneath them as they suddenly appeared right behind the disciples. The disciples noticed this and somehow glanced at them for one or two seconds before sweating profusely as they quickly used their Martial Arts to attack the barrier.

Alex and Sherry flew in pairs. Sherry was in charge of supporting him from the back while Alex went for the close combat. He took his rank 8 weapons.

"It's time for you two to show me your might," Alex said to both weapons and the latter released their energy as if they heard him.

On his right was Leoz and Anna pair while on his left was Anna and Nelson pair. Despite Alex saying to grab someone beside them, the spirits decided this themselves to make sure Alex was protected.

Looking at the intelligence of their current enemy, they might target him and Sherry since both were the weakest while also the leader of this group. The moment the enemy surrounded them, these two pairs would come out to break the encirclement. Besides, Stina and Kyle were also inside his flame, controlling his flame together.

"Firebirds!" Sherry summoned more than seven hundred of them at once while five phoenixes appeared above Alex. These were the combination of three people while Alex still focused on his weapons.

The blazing flame appeared on his own as if the weapons were the one calling the flame since Alex wanted to use an attack.

Noticing this, Alex simply smiled lightly. He appeared in the middle of the enemy as he thrust both weapons to the empty air in the opposite direction.

"Mythical Spear Cannon (Power Version)!"

With the addition of Mythical Fire Slash, Alex renamed his Mythical Spear Cannon from Sword and Spear version into one that was similar to his Spear Throwing Art, Power and Piercing Version.

A huge powerful flame suddenly burst out from both weapons as if it was a laser. Alex wanted to decrease their number as much as he wanted first before he slashed the weapons thrice.

"Triple Draws!"

"Blade of Conquest."

Six sword waves flew once again, killing every single person in its way, albeit it wasn't very effective. This attack was also followed by the Fire Phoenixes above his head. They began killing hundreds of disciples.

However, none of them actually fought back. Instead, they were still trying to break the barrier in the fastest way possible and escaped from this place.

Alex let out a sigh. He didn't know why but the enemies this time were more frustrating than the ones he had fought despite them not fighting back. Whether it was the pressure of time or the loss of his Spiritual Gems, he clearly put more thoughts in this battle.

He kept killing them until one minute later, he realized that they failed in their objectives. They still need to kill two thousand people to get that objective, and that ruined their entire plan.

Alex swept the entire battlefield to see what other things he could do in this situation and locked his eyes on the sect master.

"Leoz, kill that man. You have thirty seconds." Alex pointed his finger at the sect master and said to Leoz's card to make sure the message was delivered. At the same time, Alex pulled back, confusing everyone. "Sherry, you also need to pull back."

He took a deep breath before taking out Fabio's, Vera's, and Jeanne's card. "After my attack ends, you both will use your strongest attack to kill as many as possible."

The three spirits didn't know what he was planning and wondering what kind of attack he wanted to use. Sadly, Anya wasn't here, so they figured it out too late.

Alex already made his distance to get the best result for the attack he wanted to use. "Stina, Kyle, protect me when I use my power. Sherry, go inside my body to take cover later."

Sherry opened her mouth in surprise as she shouted, "Master. Don't!"

Alex ignored her words, tossed the weapons inside his Inventory, and created a small fireball above his head. The fireball gradually gained size and released a powerful heat.

Everyone, including his spirits, felt the scorching heat and turned around. The spirits could only grit his teeth as if they had failed, while many people realized how terrifying this technique was.

"We need to destroy whatever that attack is first!" The sect master shouted, but Leoz appeared in front of him with a grave expression, swinging his giant sword.

Chapter 642 - Anna

Leoz appeared in front of the sect master, slashing his sword downward. He never thought the situation forced Alex to use his Hell Inferno again.

Alex had gotten a mouthful of lecture either from the technique itself or Anna. The technique really consumed almost all of his Spiritual Energy if he wanted to create this powerful fireball. Anna already had a grave expression, ready to lecture him after everything was over.

On the other hand, Leoz had a very important mission. Seeing the sect master managed to react and wanted to stop Alex, it was better to kill him first as to create chaos in their ranks. The disciples wouldn't go to Alex if they knew their sect master was dying.

"Thunder Slash!" Leoz's sword released a powerful yellow lightning, sparking around to make it look menacing.

"Blood Slash!" The sect master was also not a pushover as he managed to use his strongest Sword Attack. "Don't mind me. Go att-!"

Before he finished his swords, Leoz used every ounce of his strength and blew him away to the ground. He might be a 7-Star Martial Monarch because of the Berserk Pill, but Leoz was a genuine 7-Star Martial Monarch without one. Leoz even activated his True Spirit Body to boot. In one on one showcase like this, it was easy to see who had the advantage.

Bam!

Blasting him away to the ground, Nelson pointed his hand toward the ground as ten electric balls. They created a spark that linked themselves together before manifesting powerful electricity in the middle of these balls.

"Thunder God Cannon."

He only used half of his power in this cannon, but it was enough to show his power to the other disciples and grab all their attention. This way, they would forget about Alex's for a while, allowing him to infuse more and more energy for his Hell Inferno.

The lightning was shot out of these electric balls, making its way toward the sect master. Obviously, the sect master used every single of his energy to strike this attack if he wanted to stay alive.

"Blood Slash!"

The dark red Sword Wave flew toward Leoz's Thunder God Cannon. This clash gave birth to a mighty shock wave that forced the other disciples to use their energy to hold their position.

Unfortunately, the sect master already saw the conclusion. Without a single second where he could use it to escape, his Sword Wave was swallowed by the lightning and made its way toward him. Even the shock wave only lasted for a split second.

Not giving up yet, the sect master still raised his sword and struck it again with his sword.

"Heavenly Sword Strike!"

Leoz thought nothing about this last struggle as he could already picture how the sect master either died or got heavily injured after taking this attack.

Boom!

A huge explosion followed the attack, making the others panic.

"Sect Master!" The disciples and elders shouted.

It didn't create a huge hole since it was a different technique than the one he used on the Joyful Union Sect's soil. However, it still created a massive crater on the ground with the sect master bleeding all over. Even though he came out alive, his eyes somehow lacked focus while his hand dropped the sword.

"Sect Master!" They shouted once again, happy to see the sect master was alive. However, Leoz already anticipated such a thing, so he already arrived in front of the sect master and sliced his head before sending it flying to create a more dramatic effect for these disciples and elders.

"You bastard!" They couldn't contain their anger anymore. If Leoz did it casually, they would be scared by his power. However, seeing how Leoz actually disgraced their sect master triggered them.

Leoz simply looked at them with a nonchalant expression as if he didn't do anything big. The disciples and elders around him were ready to attack him, but Leoz simply glanced at his master, Alex.

"I have finished both of my missions. I need to go." Leoz said before turning into a stream of yellow light, flying toward Alex.

This was the time they realized they had forgotten about their sect master's master, allowing Alex to finish his move.

The other spirits already came back into their own respective card while his contracted beasts already hid within his body. This was literally the attack that contained all of Alex's power, hoping to kill at least ten to fifteen people at once.

He didn't mind if the barrier broke afterward, but he needed at least to lower their number to three thousand, or they might miss some disciples in their pursuit.

Alex smiled as the Spiritual Energy was concentrated on his mouth. From there, he released every bit of that energy to order his Hell Inferno.

"Hell Inferno."

The fireball with a thirty-meter radius finally popped out like a balloon. All the heat, fire, and mass inside were burst out in every direction.

"!!!" Alex was already a 3-Star Martial Monarch, and this attack contained all of his energy. If there were people that could survive from this attack, they would be at least Martial Monarch. All the lower levels couldn't contain this heat and turned into ashes. This was especially true for Martial Kings or below, albeit there were not many low-level disciples in this place because the Blood Pill managed to increase them in a short time.

This giant explosion swallowed everything around him and reached his own barrier. The Space Element inside the barrier began sucking all the fire energy within this explosion, but it turned out the barrier wasn't fast enough. The Gathering Array kept absorbing all the Spirit Gems energy, so the array could repair itself. Yet, it was also futile.

The barrier was gradually burned down by Alex's power before the entire barrier slowly crumbled.

Alex certainly had miscalculated how powerful this attack would be after using it with his Fire Authority. It couldn't be compared to the one he used to kill Moar anymore.

After everything was over, Alex could only see a few people were still alive. They were able to kill around fourteen thousand disciples, but this attack really brought it to another level. He could see there were barely one hundred people left, yet he couldn't be happy in his heart. Not only did it really take a toll on his body, but he also knew that Sherry was also a stubborn person.

In the middle of casting this attack, Sherry entered his body first even though it should be later, only right before he wanted to use his Hell Inferno.

As soon as Sherry entered his body, he felt a surge of strength that went toward his Hell Inferno. That could only mean one thing, Sherry was increasing the input on this attack. Due to her having the same Fire with Alex with that Phoenix Seed, she could strengthen this attack even further.

If Alex could be reckless by using this Hell Inferno, she could also do the same by infusing her energy to this attack. Yet unbeknownst to them, Anna was ready to scold them for a long time while they were trying to recover their energy.

But... For the time being, the spirits came out, including Anna, who glanced at Alex (and Sherry) with a cold gaze. Anya simply shrugged her shoulders as Alex and Sherry had pissed Anna. She might be a very supportive person, but she was also a scary woman.

After all, the previous Alex also didn't dare to make her mad. He didn't want to fight back since Anna was his wife, but the latter used her butterfly to torture him by making him unable to act the way he wanted to and did anything that embarrassed him... She never did it to the current Alex but was on the verge of it when Alex first used this technique.

Anna snorted as she commanded, "Kill all of those bastards at once."

The spirits quickly followed her order while Stina and Kyle also felt this immeasurable pressure that forced them to follow her order. At the same time, she grabbed Greg's shoulder and asked, "Watch these two for me."

Greg nodded furiously and came closer to Alex, trapping him inside a green barrier.

Anna glanced at him once more before chasing the others. Greg looked at Alex and said, "Young Master... I feel that you have passed Anna's limit of patience..."

"What do you mean?" Alex didn't know a single thing about this and tilted his head in confusion.

"I mean, she is really pissed this time, and I feel like she will do something you don't want to imagine..." Greg let out a sigh.

"What do you mean? Can you explain it more clearly? I knew that I used my Hell Inferno again, but the situation forced me to do so." Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

Greg fell into silence before shaking his head. "Anyway, just know that no one will actually help you, Young Master. Even Anya won't help you..."

He wanted to say that Lin Xingzhi wouldn't help him as well, but he didn't want to say anything about her before Alex met the actual Lin Xingzhi and had a feeling for her. After all, it might disturb his current feelings for her.

"Wait, tell me more about it." Alex didn't know why, but he started sweating profusely. Unfortunately, Greg refused to say anything and waited for Anna to arrive.

A few minutes later, everyone had finished killing the remaining Black Devil Sect members. Everyone other than Anna was gathering all the Space Rings they could find before making a bonfire by using the corpses, Blood Pills, and Berserk Pills. They needed to make sure that these three things didn't pollute this continent anymore.

On the other hand, Anna put on a serious expression, staring at Alex coldly. "You know that your Hell Inferno takes a toll on your body, right?"

"Yeah." Alex took a deep breath to calm his heart and nodded.

"And you still used it..." Anna narrowed her eyes, crossing her arms.

"But... I was forced by the situation. If I didn't use it, the enemies would escape. Besides, the spirits had used their strongest attack and ended up in the same state as me... Why don't you scold them as well?"

Anna didn't say anything. She looked at Greg. "We should have a couple of days before anyone notices that we have exterminated Black Devil Sect. Let us search for a room inside so I can have time to talk it out with him."

Greg could only nod and follow Anna while bringing Alex.

[Mission: Destroy Black Devil Sect

Reward: 50 Premium Tickets

Description: This is an old mission that came from the moment you accepted Zwaka's Promise. You sure have luck, Host.]

Alex looked at the notification, but couldn't be happy as he felt danger from Anna. Someone said that you shouldn't anger a good person that always supported you, and Alex could somehow understand that idiom.

Chapter 643 - Anna's Punishment

Like how she treated Alex in the previous life when she was angry, she did the same to the current Alex and somehow left a mark in his heart.

For a whole day, Anna released her Dark Butterfly to control Alex's and Sherry's body.

The first hour,

Anna brought him and Sherry to a room while smiling evilly. Alex and Sherry couldn't control their body, let alone having their Pure Fire to erase the binding.

Suddenly, Anna took many clothes out of her Space Ring. The clothes were for males and females, so Alex thought the male was for him while the female was for Sherry.

Albeit, everything was betrayed when Anna forced him to move closer together with Sherry and stripped them down. In front of Sherry was a butler outfit. Sherry wore the white shirt, black pants, and the black vest. Anna didn't forget to prepare the shoes and white gloves as well as the one a round half glasses. Anna tried to dress her like an old butler by this outfit.

After that, she tied her hair into a ponytail. Sherry placed her hand on her right chest before bowing to Anna.

Anna observed her from top to bottom and was satisfied with her own efforts. She then glanced at Alex with a dangerous glint as she grabbed a single piece of maid outfit.

Having no ability to say anything, glancing, or signaling everything, Alex was scared still. His consciousness still saw everything.

Alex put on the maid outfit along with every single accessory. Anna even put on makeup for him, so he looked like a real maid.

Anna made him drop to the ground, put his finger on his mouth, and acted all the way.

It wasn't a scary thing and endangered him in any way, but the impact was so powerful that Alex wanted to seal his consciousness away. He realized everything that Jeanne said about torture and learned how terrifying mental torture is. It could be said that the pain that he had gone through to refine his body couldn't be compared to this one.

After getting satisfied with the first outfit, Anna continued with the second outfit for both Alex and Sherry. At one point, Alex's eyes intertwined with Sherry's. Even though they couldn't speak, give any signal, or blink their eyes, they knew both thought the same thing. It was to end this suffering.

Yet, the torture had just started. Sometimes Alex got a male outfit while Sherry also cross-dressed, acting as if two boys loved each other. Sometimes Anna wanted the opposite and made it look like two girls in love.

Only after around twenty hours, Anna finally got out of the room, feeling satisfied. She didn't forget to leave a message for them.

Alex and Sherry didn't look at the message first when her dark energy finally dissipated as they gradually regained the control of their body. Instead, they fell on their butts, leaning on each other's back.

Alex was covered with sweat and wanted to cry but no tears. Sherry didn't have as much damage as him, but still said, "Master..."

"Sherry..." Alex also called her name weakly as he said, "Let us not anger her again, alright?"

"I absolutely agree." Sherry nodded. "Though I can feast my eyes as well with different types of Master. Hehe..."

Alex fell into silence before letting a long sigh. Other than the mental trauma that Anna gave him, Alex realized one important lesson that Anna might intentionally want him to learn.

Having his Pure Fire that could purify any curse or poison might be nice and powerful. However, there was one weakness that Alex still needed to watch out.

After releasing his Hell Inferno, he would be in his weakest state. If his enemy somehow controlled his mind in his most vulnerable state, he realized he couldn't channel even a little bit of Spiritual Energy in his body. In other words, he couldn't control his Pure Fire to remove whatever method they used on him.

At a time like this, his spirits might need to fight him to the death or kill the one that controlled him. He realized how dangerous mind control could be.

Much to his dismay, Alex felt the need to thank Anna for this valuable lesson. He felt that fighting his own families and wives would be more painful than having this type of mental torture.

Anna didn't punish the other spirits because she knew Alex would have recalled them before anything could happen. This was especially true when the Inventory could be shared. The others could help with a single summon, so Anna didn't really have to worry about it. However, Alex was different. He couldn't be summoned or recalled, so there was no way he could save himself from this type of situation.

Sherry also did the same. She might be able to hide inside Alex's flame, but it required him to be near, and there was no way they would be near for 24/7 for thousands of years. That was why Sherry also needed to know this important lesson.

Alex looked at the ceiling and sighed again before glancing over the note that Anna left behind. He waved his hand, and Spiritual Energy carried the note over.

Sherry also climbed from behind and put her head on his shoulder, reading the note as well.

'If you try to do something like this again, then expect others to watch all the things that happened in this room too. I will make sure at least the others could see this when I do this again.'

Alex and Sherry shuddered. Sherry was fine since she could feast her eyes with the cross-dressing Alex, but it would be different if the others watched her as well. Alex was far even worse and felt he wouldn't be able to maintain his pride as the leader of this group any longer.

"Well, we still can use half of our strength for this. I will fill fifty percent and you with the other fifty percent. We indeed went overboard by using two hundred percent strength in that technique. Though it was only for that, we could almost kill everyone." Alex nodded.

"I understand. I will just pour fifty percent of my power in the future. At the very least, we still have strength left, so Elder Sister Anna wouldn't be angry. In case she was still planning to do the same, we will have enough strength to escape from her grasp." Sherry nodded furiously.

Alex suddenly stood up and changed his clothes while Sherry did the same.

"Sherry, I want to rest first. If you want to go outside, you can do it alone." Alex sighed and jumped onto the bed. Even though he sounded fine, the damage was still on his heart, so he wanted to have a good rest first before coming out and meeting anyone.

Sherry simply sat on the bed and accompanied him without saying anything. Slowly but surely, Alex closed his eyes, falling into sleep. It might be the first time after a year that Alex finally had a good sleep. They might not need sleep, but it was certainly useful to recover their tired heart.

Alex slept soundly for a few hours before he woke up, only to find an empty bedroom. It seemed Sherry had left after he fell asleep.

He rubbed his fuzzy eyes and gradually rose from the bed, reaching a water bottle from his Inventory. He didn't need to drink, but he still felt his throat dry after a sleep despite becoming a cultivator.

'It seems Sherry didn't leave anything?' Alex thought as he checked the room. He activated his Spirit Eyes to find everyone's position before realizing someone was waiting for him outside the door.

"Artur, come in," Alex called the name as if he knew who was outside.

Not long after, the person opened the door and walked inside the room. "Have you finished your rest, Young Master?"

"I'm sorry." Alex nodded and apologized.

"Don't be. It's normal to be tired. If we, spirits, don't have the private space inside our Spirit Cards, we might also be tired." Artur smiled.

"Where are the others?" Alex asked.

"They are inside the ritual room, waiting for you to remove the Blood Gem."

"Can you lead me there?"

"Your wish is my command." Artur nodded.

Alex stood up and stretched his hands, asking Artur to lead the way. They went through a few corridors before reaching a room with a giant gate. The corridor had the same decorations as any other buildings he had visited. Only a simple wooden wall and white ceiling, making him wonder if this world actually had a good sense of decorations.

He knew that most buildings actually had a grand front that made even a cheap building look grand. However, almost every building he visited had this bland corridor all the time as if they only focused on the outside, not the inside.

The gate itself didn't have any decorations, except the two red words written on it.

'Blood Ritual.'

Alex read the words and realized it was really Blood Gem. Artur opened the gate and asked Alex to go in.

Everyone already gathered inside, looking at the red thing in the middle of the room.

Alex was surprised when he looked at a small round thing in the middle of the room and slowly walked closer to it.

Gasp—! Alex opened his mouth wide as if he couldn't believe what he just saw. It wasn't very clear from afar, but Alex could see it when it was in front of his eyes.

It was a heart and a living one on top of that. It looked like a human heart and was still beating. He remembered that Atlas said this was created a few thousand years ago and shuddered by a few thousand years old living heart.

However, Alex still needed to keep on his promise to bring this Blood Gem or Heart to Atlas, and he wasn't going to renege the promise.

Before closing in, he could see many symbols around the Blood Gem, creating a barrier that locked this Gem inside. Alex thought for a moment and solved the barrier within a few minutes as if it wasn't a challenge for him.

Alex slowly reached out to this Blood Gem with his hand. Luckily, there was no blood, smell, or anything that made it look gross. He checked the Blood Gem with his Spirit Eyes only to find a huge amount of

Blood Energy and Souls stored inside. This was a matter that Atlas needed to solve, so he simply deactivated his Spirit Eyes and tossed the Blood Gem inside his Inventory. Still, the energy was truly enormous as even his hand looked like it wanted to melt by the amount of energy alone.

He fell into deep thought for a minute before shaking his head, turning to Anna.

"Anna, what is our condition?"

"We have finished cleaning up this sect, removing everything related to this sect, including the Blood Pills and Berserk Pills. There was also a mountain of corpses in the opposite building, but rest assured, there is nothing like that anymore. We have looked at every nook and corner and confirmed it." Anna nodded.

"I see. Then there should be no problem in leaving this place, right?"

"Yes."

Alex thought for a moment and came to a decision. "There are still two weeks before the Fire God Clan comes to this place. I'm going to use this chance to solve the barrier for those people and return this Blood Gem as per agreement. After that, we will be discussing how we want to intercept them and train a little bit more before going to the Heavenly Continent. Is there any objection?"

None of them said anything, even Anna and Anya.

Alex then nodded before staring at Anna for a few seconds. "Anna... Thank you for the lesson."

Anna smiled gently and said, "No problem. But the note is not an empty threat... just for your information."

Alex shuddered as he said, "Don't worry. I'm not going to make this same mistake unless I need to."

Anna didn't like the latter part, but still let him go.

Chapter 644 - Solving the Three Races' Problem

After collecting the Blood Gem, Alex asked Anna and the others to stay here to see who actually came to this place first. He wanted to see whether they would become hostile, want the Blood Pills, or come for another reason. He didn't wish to miss any potential enemies that might suddenly stab him from his back.

Alex went back to the special realm alone since all the spirits would participate in the observation while killing some monsters nearby. At the same time, Sherry, Kyle, and Stina wished to increase their strength to make sure they were ready for the fight two weeks from now.

Having finished all of his business in this place, Alex used his Teleportation Array to go to the Cursed Forest.

'I just got out of this place a few days ago, and I need to go back right now.' Alex muttered as he remembered the gloomy atmosphere inside. He wondered if his eyes still needed to adjust the darkness again after this time. 'I only need to give this Blood Gem and solve the barrier. It won't take too long since I have understood the basic principle of the barrier.'

Alex waved his hand, and a gate opened. He already came back a few times, so he didn't waste any time and entered the realm. The uneven branches and the gloomy sky greeted him again.

The Gathering Array he drew almost a year ago was still here.

Alex ignored the array for the time being and turned left, walking a few meters until he found a stone hut behind the woods. He couldn't help but smile to see this still standing. Yet, he waved his hand, and the stone began to crack. If he wished to erase something, he would certainly demolish this building first.

The pile of rubbles was thrown away, and every tool inside was extinguished by his fire. Alex glanced at the white sheet and some pillows and shook his head while smiling.

The arrays were next. Destroying his own arrays wasn't that difficult since he only needed to sweep it with his Pure Fire, completely burning the ground. These four arrays had served their functions.

Alex couldn't help but wonder whether he should update his Special Realm with rank 7 Arrays and meet Rose again, but quickly shook his head. It was better not to see Rose for the time being. The current situation forced Rose to develop her power quicker than ever, so he rather sacrificed the time to give her a better future.

The process only took a few minutes before Alex headed to the monolith. He observed this white stone and muttered to himself, "Now... I need to see how I can break this array. First of all, I can simply remove the array since this won't be used anymore as soon as the three races leave this place, so I think I can break it.

"In any case, I can solve this quickly since I don't need to alter or whatsoever. But the three races will be found out if this barrier disappears." Alex thought for a moment and decided. "I can make a token to destroy this barrier. With some little tweaking, this token can be used from the outside. The only problem is the three races, especially Zekhram, Atlas, and Igor, might be suspicious and think I might be lying..."

Every answer got their own problems, and Alex was genuinely confused with this situation. "I can ask the three leaders about this, right? But I don't want to go back and forth... I can trust them a bit, but I still can't see them as an ally. If possible, I want to hand the Blood Gem and solution before leaving the place as soon as possible."

Alex contemplated for a minute and shook his head. "I need to see myself first in this picture before thinking about their satisfaction. In this case, I will make a token that can erase the barrier. There are two barriers right now. The outside one that keeps any beings other than humans is easy to solve. But the one that is connected to the Space World is hard.

"It requires me to connect the two worlds first, or maybe build an array that is connected to that place. Using that array, I can make this entire array erased from this place, and the barrier that traps them will disappear. The energy that lingers around him will burst to the outside, and it's enough to make everyone on this continent feel it.

"I feel like the situation will turn chaotic. However, they will be able to leave with their Spaceship anytime, so people can only stare at them with confusion. Even if there is a small confrontation, it

should be resolved simply by the three leaders." Alex felt that this was the best thing he could do for them and for him.

He began wandering around the area to confirm that each monolith had the same symbols to make sure no symbols will stay after the purge of his token.

After confirming all of them were the same, Alex began altering the monolith a little bit, creating a few symbols and extending the array to the barrier surface. Without a restriction, he could simply go through and draw it from outside. He took out a blood bottle and smeared it on the surface to mark where the place they could use his token to break the barrier. At the same time, he didn't forget to add a few circles as if it was a practice target.

The altering and linking process only took him three hours before Alex started making the token break this open. He then glanced back to the tree and sighed. "I will probably need two days to work on this... It takes too much time, but the Fire God Clan is still within two weeks, so I'm fine."

Alex proceeded with the altering process for the portal tree and made sure that the token could destroy every single array on this tree and teleported them in one piece.

Luckily, this process took slightly faster than his prediction as he finished in one and a half days. After the key was also created, Alex decided to recover his Spiritual Energy first before going to Atlas's palace.

"Welcome! It's been a few months since our last meeting, and to think you have become a 3-Star Martial Monarch, this Atlas feels ashamed." Atlas said in his usual pacifying tone.

Alex nodded and greeted him back. "I have finished my job. However, thinking that there might be some ridiculous movement from the human outside, I make the key to break it completely when you place it there as to prevent your races from being found out."

Atlas furrowed his eyebrows for a moment before realizing Alex's real intention. "To be honest, that is a good idea. I shall trust your judgment in this."

Alex had prepared several arguments to convince Atlas but was surprised by how cooperative Atlas was. He only said the first reason, and Atlas already complied... This was insane for Alex, wondering how his action wasn't actually reflecting his title. Yet, he couldn't shake the reason for this was Nelson.

Nelson had several occasions where he could talk with Atlas, and he acted as if he knew everything about them. Alex couldn't help but think that Nelson might have convinced Atlas and the others before they actually discussed many matters.

He ended up shaking his head, thinking it should be fine since Nelson meant no harm. He thought for a bit before taking out the Blood Gem.

"This... is our Blood Gem." Astonishment appeared on Atlas's face before Alex used his Spiritual Energy to hand it to Atlas.

"I have finished our agreement." Alex nodded.

Atlas then took out five huge stones with many blue lines inside it. All the five stones looked very identical, whether in their size, blue lines pattern, and the energy. "This is what I have promised you."

Alex checked the stones and nodded his head, activating the rock with his Spiritual Energy. The stone that was lying on the floor glowed and gradually floated in the air.

"You can check them right now." Atlas nodded with a smile as he pointed his finger at the first stone to the fifth stone. "There was a single line that was different."

Having knowledge about runes, Alex spotted the difference. It was quite a complex line, but it simply marked the stone series. "I should be able to teleport according to the stones, right? How can I control where I want to go?"

"It's simple. You can try activating one stone, and I'm sure someone as wise as you will understand it."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and placed his hands on the stone, infusing his Spiritual Energy inside. Suddenly, he felt there was a little knowledge that stormed inside his brain, asking him where he wished to go. Alex didn't know how to control it, so he tried to channel his Spiritual Energy inside his mind to the fourth choice.

Before he knew it, he was already several meters away from his original position. He looked at the Rune Stone in front of him and realized he had understood how to use this thing. However, he couldn't deny that he wished to go to every single continent right now and place all these stones there to make his travel easier.

Alex tried it a few times until he was one hundred percent sure he had enough control to do it.

"It seems you have mastered it." Atlas nodded with a smile after observing Alex for a couple of minutes. "Do you want to ask something?"

Alex pondered and shook his head. "I don't have a single question right now. Instead, I need to hand one more thing... Actually, two."

Two tokens appeared on his hands. The first one was a wooden one with many symbols inscribed on it. The second one looked like it was made of gold and held a more powerful array inside.

"The first token is to solve the problem about you not being able to get closer to the portal tree. I am willing to test this token to make sure I'm not lying to you." Alex said before creating his Teleportation Array before asking Atlas's opinion. He teleported a few times until he arrived in front of the barrier, specifically at the blood mark he left earlier. "You can place the token right on this blood spot and Bam! The barrier will crumble."

Atlas was a bit unsure whether to do it or not. Due to Nelson's explanation, he realized there was no need to doubt Alex's sincerity. However, the aforementioned person wished to show his sincerity, so he felt it was a bit rude if he didn't accept this arrangement.

He raised the token and placed it on the bloody surface and...

Crack!

Cracks began to appear on the barrier's surface, revealing many symbols inside the barrier. It crumbled slowly but surely to the ground, and every piece was like a joy that invaded Atlas's heart.

He had been waiting for too long and finally grasped it in front of his eyes.

Alex had no change of expression as he took out and handed it to him. "The second token has the same principle. On the tree, you can find the place where you can put the card. I do need to remind you again to prevent you from using it unless you are really ready to go home as soon as the barrier breaks. After all, it will send a sudden Spiritual Energy to the continent... I don't know whether it can reach the other continents, but it will surely reach everyone on this continent. To have a smooth journey, I hope you break the barrier at the last moment possible."

"Don't worry. We are going to go home after several thousand years. We won't be too reckless this time." Atlas nodded before mysteriously looking at him as if he didn't know whether it was a lie or a truth.

Alex then nodded and walked to the portal. "I'm going there."

"Thank you. Really Thank you." Atlas bowed his head, genuinely thanking him. "We won't forget about this forever."

Chapter 645 - Allies and Enemies

Alex simply waved his hand to reply to him while sending a wave of Spiritual Energy to create the portal and leave. "Goodbye."

The moment he returned to the real world, he quickly used his Teleportation Array to send him to the Black Devil Sect. He took Anna's card and asked, "Where is everyone? I want to hold a meeting for what we are going to do next."

"I understand. I will assemble everyone in the room where we found Blood Gem, is that alright?" Anna asked.

"Yes." Knowing nothing about the building inside Black Devil Sect, Alex immediately agreed. He flew inside the building and waited there alone before Sherry and the other Contracted Beasts arrived with Anna.

"How is the journey?"

"It's fine." Alex nodded as he contemplated for a minute. "Anna... Do you know any place where I can create a Special Realm?"

Anna furrowed her eyebrows and noticed why he wished to have one, but still asked to confirm it. "Do you want to use it for Rune Stone?"

"Yes. I only use two days for all of this, so I think I can go to the other three continents and set up the Rune Stone. As for the Heavenly Continent, we can set up one after we step on that continent." Alex nodded. "The place doesn't need to be necessarily big since it is only for this stone and enough space to teleport."

"I have several locations where you can place it on this continent. However, where are you going to place these stones on other continents?" Anna asked.

"I haven't decided yet on Nilis Continent due to my lack of information. However, I wish to set up one inside my base on the Northern Continent and one around the place I ended up after my first time entering the upper world."

Anna pondered for a moment. "I agree with these two places... As for the Nilis Continent, I have one place that is good to hide one. Do you remember when you finished your Lightning Tribulation and stopped to receive the inheritance?"

Alex nodded. "I remember it."

"There is a cave north of the forest. That was the place where Nelson spent his time while investigating the Nilis Continent. In other words, it was his base. Due to the specific location and growing nature, the place was perfectly hidden. If you can set up a small concealment array there, I doubt nobody will find it."

"Alright. Give me a map. I will go there." Alex agreed without hesitation. He never knew the region there anyway since he never took time to stop before going to the Sacred Continent.

Anna nodded. "I will have Nelson to make you a simple map after this."

Alex nodded as they decided to wait for the other spirits to come, albeit Anna decided to recall a few that were too far from them while the one closer slowly went back to the back while making sure no one followed them.

When every spirit assembled, he finally started the discussion. "I have several problems that I need to address. First, the Ancient Blue Family has agreed to lend many warriors from their family to attack us, right? Although they come from this continent, we still need to fight Martial Emperors... I need someone to investigate how many they will bring and their power level."

"I can investigate them." Nelson nodded.

"Don't forget to release a rumor about our appearance to make sure they will bite the bait and walk into our trap. As for the specific, I will let you know later after understanding their power level." Alex nodded before addressing the second problem. "After killing these people, there will be a period where I help Sherry to evolve her Pure Fire. I need two to three months for it, I guess. In the meantime, there should be a huge movement on the Heavenly Continent, especially from the Fire God Clan and Ancient Blue Family."

When Alex addressed this problem, the spirits furrowed their eyebrows as Nelson said, "I feel I can watch the movement from Ancient Blue Family before you come to the Heavenly Continent."

Alex thought for a moment. Nelson always did this kind of job. The recent one was where he investigated the entire Nilis Continent and Sacred Continent alone, where Alex was in another world. If the Ancient Blue Family was the only influence he needed to investigate, it should be fine.

"I understand. I need to count the Ancient Blue Family to you." Alex nodded. "At present, we have three enemies. First is the new one, Ancient Blue Family. The second reason will be Fire God Clan, which is our arch-enemy at the moment, while the last one is Snow White Mountain. Although the last one has yet to be confirmed, I should make them go through some pain..."

"So... How do you want to deal with this, Young Master?" Nelson asked, furrowing his eyebrows.

"Now, there is a chance that Snow White Mountain will discover my identity... I want a close eye on their movement and make sure they won't know until I want them to know." Alex paused for a moment.

"Before solving these three, I think I want to see if we have our potential allies on the Heavenly Continent."

"I think we can believe in the Blackwade Clan. As long as you can present the Supreme VIP Card, then they should become your ally." Anna added almost immediately.

Alex was stunned as he couldn't understand where her confidence came from. Only one thing that was capable of bringing such confidence. "Is there a Blackwade Clan outside this world?"

"Ah!" Anna was startled upon hearing the question. Even though she didn't act weirdly, Alex already had his answer. "Alright. I will know about it later... Maybe."

Alex sighed. He tried to search the worlds' information from his inheritances but found nothing that could relate to the Blackwade Clan. He thought since he had numerous information about monsters, planets, and so on. The next Lightning Tribulation might give him information about something like this.

"For now, I will believe in you and think the Blackwade Clan as an ally... Of course, only the higher-ups who know about the existence of my Supreme VIP Card. There should be three people, so those three will be considered as an ally unless I find otherwise." Alex nodded. "Then, is there any other one?"

"I think Drunken Pavilion can be considered as one," Anya added.

"Their leader knows my Master, so I can ask for a favor from him with my master's token, of course." Alex nodded. "I don't want to involve them soon, but I will certainly ask for a favor in an important matter."

After saying the two influences, the group fell into silence.

"I see. There is no more ally on the Heavenly Continent. If we consider our group as one influence, then we can go for a three versus three fight?? I doubt it will escalate to that point, though." Alex shrugged.

"Yeah. On the other hand, we can move in the dark and pressure one influence to back out. At that time, we can ask the Blackwade Clan and Drunken Pavilion to pressure this influence." Anya suggested before narrowing her eyes and saying in a cold tone. "The influence I mean is the Ancient Blue Family. They have been too greedy for their approach, and we only pay them back by killing many people from their families. As long as we don't completely destroy the Ancient Blue Family on this continent, I feel like there is still room for negotiation."

Alex thought for a moment and nodded his head. "In that case, the situation will be far better."

"Well, we have identified our enemies and allies, so I think we should move on from this problem. We know there will be a major movement soon, but we have yet to know what kind of major movement. It's better to see first, so we don't plan twice." Anya stopped the conversation abruptly, feeling that there was no point in discussing it any longer.

Alex thought for a moment and nodded in agreement. "Alright. We should discuss how we want to deal with the Fire God Clan and Ancient Blue Family in less than two weeks. We have gotten the information about the Fire God Clan power level, but have yet to understand the Ancient Blue Family."

"I will investigate it right now since Narman is busy watching the other influences on this continent." Nelson nodded.

"Alright." Alex nodded before glancing at Anya. He was too busy in the past two days, so Anya should have thought about the plan first.

Knowing his intention, Anya nodded and shared her plan. "First of all, Martial Emperors won't hold us back unless they are coming in great numbers. However, I believe with enough preparation, information, and traps, we can win this easily. On the other hand, the real problem will be the two Martial Saints.

"If possible, we want to kill these two Martial Saints visible but not visible at the same time. We are currently too weak to be compared to the Fire God Clan. That's why I want to have us appear strong. I want Alex to use your Sword and Spear to block a few attacks from them as if they are nothing. This way, many people can see that you are a powerful person.

"Of course, you can act as if you are a bit hurt and try to escape in the end to separate the two Martial Saints they sent to us from their group. I want you to kill them with the token and don't come back to the battle before I ask you." Anya explained.

"Before you ask me?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"Yeah. If you are too early, they will think you have a trap or whatever. However, if you have perfect timing, a bit tattered appearance like you just have a hard battle, we can demoralize them. We can let go of one or two people from the Ancient Blue Family to tell the tale." Anya smirked.

Alex tilted his head in confusion. "Won't it be known by the influences on the Heavenly Continent... Wait!"

While saying the effect, he realized why Anya wanted to let the people from the Ancient Blue Family go back instead of the Fire God Clan. Firstly, those people will inform their family head on this continent. The family head himself shouldn't go to the Heavenly Continent to inform this to the main family.

The messenger should be sent from this family, and by the time it arrives, the head of their main family will understand the reason before sending a messenger to the Fire God Clan. After all of this process, the information will be naturally altered depending on their comprehension level.

The detail wouldn't be possible to be conveyed, but the news about Alex killing two Martial Saints should reach their ears. Knowing such a powerful person hiding in their side, the Fire God Clan will need to rethink their plan and shift their people to the Sacred Continent. At that time, Alex could simply enter the Heavenly Continent through the Northern Continent. He had his Rune Stone anyway, so traveling wouldn't be a big deal.

At that time, they would have a time of peace while making the Fire God Clan panic. They could harass them with a few attacks toward their main clan, so they will recall their people, or he could ask the Blackwade Clan and Drunken Pavilion to attack them at this point of time together with Spirit Nest.

There were many possible futures if he went according to this plan, and Anya felt this was their best option. After pondering for a few minutes, Alex finally gave the nod. "We will go according to this plan and make the Fire God Clan miserable. At the same time, I'm absolutely sure that my Pure Fire will be known after this. At that time, the future will be vague again."

"Though you can easily convince Blackwade Clan and Drunken Pavilion to take action if they know about your Pure Fire," Anya added with a smile.

"Our plan has been finalized." Alex stood up and looked at Nelson with a serious expression. "Nelson, make me a map for your base on Nilis Continent. I'm planning to go there after this."

"Understood. Give me an hour."

"Sure."

Chapter 646 - Putting Every Single Rune Stone in Place

After that one hour, Nelson handed him the map and set off to the Ancient Blue Family.

Alex said his goodbye to Anna and the others. He didn't have too much time in this place, so he gave Anna one of the rune stones. Anna promised him to choose the right spot and inform him later.

Alex smiled and finally went to the Nilis Continent with his Teleportation Array. The first time he crossed the ocean between Nilis Continent and Sacred Continent was when he was a mere Martial Emperor. This time he could use rank 7 Teleportation Array, allowing him to cross the ocean with only a few Teleportation Array instead of a few tens.

Nonetheless, Alex was happy with this progress. He arrived at the Nilis Continent, specifically at the forest where he received the inheritance of Martial King Golden Lightning Tribulation.

"According to the map, I need to go toward the North." Alex looked at the map. On top of the forest mark was a cave symbol. It was slightly leaned toward the west, so he decided to fly there since he didn't know his location and what kind of place this cave was.

After a few minutes, he realized that there was a cliff around the area. Nelson said he needed to come to the bottom of the cliff and go through it. It might have many monsters inside, but it should be alright for him as most of them were only Martial Kings. They might be dangerous for the residents of this continent, but not him.

Alex descended to this place that was situated between two cliffs.

Roar! Roar!

The two roars suddenly echoed through the cliff as Alex could see two monsters in front of him. One was a 6-Star Martial King lion while the other one was also another 6-Star Martial King Crocodile. These two were fighting in front of him, blocking Alex's away.

Alex didn't care about these two and simply walked past them. At one point, these two saw him and roared at him.

Unfortunately, Alex had no thought about this. He gathered enough energy in his feet by using his Spirit Step and released his Martial Monarch aura.

"Spirit Step: Second Step." Alex stepped with all of his might, and the Spiritual Energy that was gathered inside his feet flew toward the two monsters.

It didn't target their soul, but came above their head and showered them with his Spiritual Energy. The result was apparent as the two monsters suddenly fell down to the ground, unable to withstand this kind of pressure.

The two even put away their menacing looks and looked at Alex with a sad face. Alex wasn't surprised by this kind of intelligence as the monsters above the Martial King Stage would have condensed their soul and increased their intelligence. He used this to his advantage by saying with a pacifying tone. "I need to go through here. Is that alright with you two?"

The two monsters didn't have any intention to fight anymore as they nodded furiously in unison.

They couldn't move because of this pressure, so even Alex didn't say anything, they wouldn't move. Alex finally entered inside as the gap between two cliffs was no more.

It was a kind of dark cave, so Alex used his fire to brighten the cave and went through it. The moment he saw the exit, Alex was surprised to see there was a small hut in front of him.

The cave was around one hundred meters underground, so he needed to reach this hut by climbing a steep ground for around fifty-meter height. Of course, everything was solved by flying, and he arrived almost instantly.

The hut had nothing wrong according to his Spirit Eyes, and Alex entered the house without any problem. Despite being situated underground, the lightning was still there with a small crystal in the surrounding. Those crystals were Spirit Stones. They were glowing as they were slowly evolving into Spirit Gems, albeit this didn't pique his interest.

However, the moment he thought about Spirit Gems, Alex remembered that he had yet to get the report of their loot from Black Devil Sect's treasury. "I should ask them about this after I come back. Black Devil Sect should have around ten million Spirit Gems, right? Considering they are one of the top influences in this area..."

Alex shook his head and took out the rune stone. He entered the hut only to find a single room inside with nothing to hide. "Nelson really did live here? And what is this hut anyway?"

Little did he know that Nelson was the one who made this hut. Because he rarely came here unless he needed to hide, there was no decoration or anything.

Although he wanted to know more about the hut, he decided to move on by letting the Rune Stone float inside this room. Of course, he didn't forget to build a Gathering Array to fuel this Rune Stone in case the energy around wasn't enough to recharge this in an instant and a barrier since there were many monsters outside.

With the knowledge inside his brain and the experience in dealing with the barrier inside the Special Realm, Alex finally created a barrier that only Humans could go through unless they had his token.

After confirming he hadn't forgotten something, he then came out of this place. Surprisingly, the two monsters that were fighting earlier acted like they were friends and were respectful to Alex. Whether they were admiring the strong or simply scared of Alex, he didn't care as long as he could leave.

After that, Alex continued his journey to the Willow Continent until he arrived at a certain forest. He slowly flew toward the location where he was teleported for the first time and couldn't help but shake his head.

He sat on a stone nearby and looked at the bright sky. Memories started flowing inside his mind as Alex couldn't help but sigh. "I was only a Martial Master back then... I only had myself to wrestle this fate. Now, Anna and Leoz, the first two that helped me, have grown stronger than me. And I myself have reached Martial Monarch... I can still remember when I came back to the lower world and thought I could make my teacher proud by showing my strength to him..."

"Unfortunately, he had passed away. I wonder if he is still watching me from somewhere or he has reincarnated... Still, I'm glad he was my Teacher." Alex smiled while closing his eyes. "Should I come home again? I might not be able to use this portal, but I can still use another portal. I won't need too much time to learn their position with my current strength and Spirit Eyes."

Alex contemplated for a long time before he shook his head. "I have interfered too much there... My little niece should be powerful right now and can protect her family... No, our family... I don't have too much time either, so I think I need to skip. It shouldn't be a decade before I reach God Stage... At that time, I might be able to visit it again. I don't know if I can seal someone else's strength since I haven't gotten the way yet, but if possible, I want to bring Alicia and Firia there for once, showing Father-in-law and Mother-in-law that we are happy here."

Alex continued for half an hour before he stood up and took out the Rune Stone. He didn't forget to build Barrier Array, Concealment Array, Illusion Array to camouflage this Rune Stone and Gathering Array to power up the stone.

"This should be fine. There are no powerful people or monsters nearby, and they aren't constructing anything around here." Alex nodded.

Thinking about Rose made Alex want to go to the Heavenly Continent right now, but he remembered there was another person that he needed to meet on this continent.

'A detour should be fine. It will be less than a day anyway...' Alex thought as he flew toward the Heavenly Sword Sect, specifically to the nostalgic Ninth Peak.

"Elder Charya?" Alex had no reservation anymore and quickly visited either her house on top of the mountain or the mansion they usually met. Yet, none of them had any sign about her, jolting his mind. His heart began beating faster as he wondered whether someone actually took her away.

"Fire God Clan?" He looked around the sect and suddenly found a place where many people gathered. It was the Martial Field beside the Sect Master's island.

Alex thought for a moment and decided to take a peek. He looked around and found a Martial King in the area beside the sect master, and when he focused his eyes, he realized that the person was a woman and had a lightning element. Only one single person could fit this description.

"Should I meet her? Or just be satisfied seeing her fine?" A dilemma appeared in his heart as he thought for a minute before flying to that place.

Of course, Alex concealed his aura to make sure no one noticed him here. There was still this nostalgic pavilion where many people gathered, but Charya decided to have a separate one. She could do it since she was one of the two Martial Kings in the sect.

Knock Knock!

Charya didn't know that this knock would surprise her and acted as she usually did, thinking it might be a disciple that wanted to inform her something.

"Come in!"

There was still this energetic aura in her voice, and Alex was happy to know she hadn't changed. He opened the door and walked quietly behind her.

"What is it? Just say it from there, I am busy watching my disciple right now." Charya said while looking at a blue-haired girl on the stage.

Charya wondered if the disciple was scared of her as he didn't talk anything from the beginning. Much to her dismay, she took off her eyes from the stage and turned her head around. She dropped her jaw the moment she saw the person behind him. "You-!"

Alex smiled and asked as he walked toward her. "You have another disciple now?"

"Alexander!" She was thrilled to find a man that had been successful in his life visited her again.

"It's been a while, Elder Charya." Alex nodded with a smile. "Are we in an event or something?"

"Ye-yes." Charya nodded, flustered by this whole situation. "We are in an outer disciple tournament right now. Although the Grand Tournament has passed, we still do this once in five years."

"Oh!" Alex nodded, never thinking he had gone this long.

"Wait..." Charya suddenly stopped him and took a chair out of her space ring, placing it next to her. "Come in and sit."

"I can't be here for too long though, and I also want to inform you something." Alex nodded and took his seat.

"Sure Sure. We can talk about your and others' progress for a while." Charya laughed.

"First of all, I want you to have this." Alex handed her a paper.

"What is this?" She tilted her head while opening the paper only to find some kind of symbols on the paper.

"It's a map. I need to inform you that there might be another enemy coming here to search for you. If you can somehow escape, I want you to go toward this place and activate the stone..."

"Stone?" Charya furrowed his eyebrows, not comprehending his words.

"Yeah. You will know when you get there and what you need to do is already there, so I won't explain this to you." Alex nodded.

Charya was confused but eventually nodded her head. "I know you won't harm me, so I will keep this with me for the time being."

"And don't tell anyone else if you can."

"Alright."

Little did they know, the pink-haired girl had won the match and looked at Charya with a happy face. Unfortunately, the joy of winning disappeared as soon as he saw an unknown man talking to Charya, and she seemed very happy.

Uneasiness crept in her heart as she quickly came back to the room to confirm who he was.

Chapter 647 - Charya and Layla

Knock Knock

With two knocks, the door slowly opened as a pink-haired girl came in. She appeared to be fifteen years old or something, and this reference only came from Evelyn and Rose. The young girl had this energetic and happy aura around her but turned into hostility when she met Alex.

"Master, I won the match just now." She said while walking toward Charya and clasping her hands respectfully.

"Ah! That's right." Charya just forgot that she was watching her disciple today. She was startled as if she didn't hear someone coming just now. "Congratulations on your win."

Alex simply laughed, looking at this young girl. "It's your third disciple, right? Isn't she cute?"

Charya nodded. "Yeah, her name is Layla. She is a very energetic one... I met her one year ago. I was too bored at that time and decided to go outside to recruit some disciples, just like how that Old Conn brought you here."

"Ah... I certainly remember." Alex nodded.

"Master... Who is he?" Listening to her master, it seemed that he was also one of the Heavenly Sword Sect people, so she put down her hostility. At first, she thought this person wanted to steal her master.

"His name?" Charya chuckled first before answering her. "Not many may know about his appearance, but almost everyone on this continent knows his name."

The answer came in the form of a riddle, mystifying Alex's existence. However, Layla opened her eyes wide, dropped her jaw to the ground and shuddered. "Al- Alexander Sirius..."

She quickly knelt on the floor and clasped her hands. All the hostility and curiosity turned into reverence in a split second. "Layla greets Senior Uncle."

"Senior Uncle?" Alex glanced at Charya.

"You have been teaching Evelyn and Rose here... also Putri. Then, Song Yu is your senior sister. With all the titles under your belt, there is nothing wrong with her calling you that. In fact, I am the one who introduces you like that... Haha!"

"So, it's you." Alex rolled his eyes before waving his hand. The Spiritual Energy gradually approached Layla and helped her get up. "Nice to meet you. I'm Alexander Sirius."

Layla had yet to understand why she suddenly stood up like this. She glanced at Charya and Alex back and forth, not knowing what to do.

"Anyway, you can sit first." Charya took another chair in the opposite direction of Alex. "You don't mind if she is sitting like this, right?"

"Haha, do you think I am a person who will mind?" Alex laughed. He knew Charya was joking since she knew his personality well.

Layla was unsure whether to sit or not, but since her master asked her to sit, she took a seat.

"By the way, how is everyone's progress?"

"Song Yu is missing currently, but I also haven't confirmed if she is dead or not." Alex suddenly dropped the bomb and silenced the entire room. He felt the need to address this first.

"What did you say?" Charya was shaking as she asked.

"You didn't hear it wrong. I'm still trying to search for her whereabouts. But I know she isn't dead yet..." Alex nodded. He remembered the invisible strings that only he could see. The string of fate between him and Song Yu had yet to disappear, so he knew Song Yu was still alive. He confirmed such a case because his enemies' strings would disappear if he killed them, so Song Yu's must have the same condition.

"Is that so..." Charya closed her eyes and clenched her hands. She was still shaken and tried hard to calm down so as to not appear embarrassing in front of Layla. "Anyway, I will leave everything to you... Can you inform me if you found her?"

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "I will even force her to go back to meet you."

Charya made a weak smile. "Thank you."

"How about Putri, Evelyn, and maybe that Letizia?"

"Putri is good. She has become a Martial Emperor right now. Though I don't really have much contact with her."

"As long as she is fine, I'm happy." Charya nodded with a smile. She was already shaken by Song Yu's condition, so she really meant what she said. There was nothing that could beat good news like this despite not having contact with each other.

"Martial Emperor!" Layla gasped, listening to these two's conversation. Due to Charya's strength and her nature, she had once asked about the cultivation from Charya. According to her, the realm above Martial King was the Martial Emperor and to think her senior sister had surpassed Charya. This was truly unbelievable.

"How about Rose?"

"She is in Martial King at the moment. As for the specific, I don't know since I'm going to visit her right now."

"She is fine, right? Seeing you have many enemies, I feel bad for Evelyn and Rose."

"I won't let any of them die." Alex didn't answer her but showed his determination instead.

"Since you go to such lengths, then I won't need to worry." Charya nodded. "How about Letizia? Do you have any information about her? Those people from Rainbow Flower Sect really wish to know some information since she hasn't sent any message. They could be so patient because you said she is still alive."

"Letizia, huh... There is trouble in her side right now..." Alex sighed. "But tell them not to worry, everything should be resolved in two to three years, and I'm sure those people will be shocked by her strength."

"Alright. I will tell them this." Charya nodded. "And Last but not least, how about you? What is your cultivation right now? 9-Star Martial Emperor?"

Alex shook his head. "I'm a 3-Star Martial Monarch right now."

"Oh." Astonishment appeared on her face, while Layla dropped her jaw to the ground. Seeing her, Charya smirked as she shamelessly asked. "That's right since you are here... Why don't you give my disciple a little gift?"

"Sure." Alex nodded before looking so confused, wondering what kind of gift he could give.

"I... I can't accept such a gift..." Layla's body was shaking. She was overwhelmed by favor. Even though it was her master asking for her, it didn't change the fact that Alex was a Martial Monarch, a higher being than a Martial Emperor. His gift would surely bring a catastrophe.

"What weapon does she use?" Alex asked Charya.

"She is using a sword. This makes training easier for me as well." Charya nodded as she was also a sword user.

"You know that my gift might bring problems, right?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

"I don't think so. I'm sure the Great Martial Monarch, Alexander Sirius, has a way."

"Tch." Alex clicked his tongue as he smiled. "You are still the same."

"I will take that as a compliment."

Alex thought for a moment. "A gift that can't be traced by other people..."

He thought for a few minutes to see what would be a nice gift for Layla. He didn't mind giving something since he had many things that were useful to her cultivation, and those were already useless to him anyway. However, everything might be able to bring trouble, except for one thing.

Alex suddenly lifted his chair and put it against the wall, facing Charya and Layla. After that, Alex walked toward Layla and said, "Get up."

Layla's body shook as she stood up out of reflex. These few minutes were like hell for her. Charya might not overthink this, but Layla only knew Alex was a godlike being in her eyes. The time he took to think felt like forever. Her hands became cold, causing her body to tense up.

"Stand here," Alex said softly before coming back to his seat. He slightly waved his hands and said, "This is my gift for you... Walk toward me, that's all you need."

Charya furrowed her eyebrows and glanced at Alex. "You are not joking, right?"

"No. This is really my gift."

Charya couldn't understand what he wanted to give. After all, how could she know there was a gift just by walking three meters forward.

Layla glanced at Charya, who nodded her head and took a deep breath. She didn't know why Alex wanted this, but she just should believe her master.

First Step.

"Ah!" Layla screamed as a sharp pain brushed off her skin before kneeling on one knee.

Charya furrowed her eyebrows as she glanced at Alex, who had no change of his expression. He simply waved his hand to cover the whole room with a Sound Insulation Array and placed an illusion array so no one would know he was here. "What's wrong? Do you not want the gift? It's only a small price to pay."

Alex looked ruthless this time, but Layla could realize there was something behind this. The sharp pain didn't come from Spiritual Energy. She thought there must be something hidden behind this indescribable pressure.

Not knowing why, the question that Alex asked lingered in her mind. 'He... He asked about my weapon... Wait, this sharpness... why does it feel like—!'

She suddenly looked up with a dumbfounded expression and found Alex smiling. 'He is testing me as well as giving me the most precious gift for a sword user!'

Noticing her expression, Alex glanced at Charya. "Your disciple is pretty good. She can understand something simple after experiencing it."

Charya, of course, couldn't understand him, but hearing that her disciple could, the worry in her heart disappeared and let Alex do the rest.

Layla gulped down as she gradually stood up with a serious expression. She thought, 'Since I need to walk toward him, does this mean there will be something more the closer I am?'

The thought arose at the same time as her courage. Although she was worried, she still stepped forward.

"Kh!" She felt the pain and grabbed her right hand while letting out a weak groan. 'I need to endure.'

Her steps were small, but she gradually got closer to Alex. At the first one-meter mark, she suddenly stumbled on the floor and spat blood. Even so, she still rose and walked toward Alex.

Little by little, she arrived at the two-meter mark. However, this time her symptoms became worse. Sweats covered her body as strength left her feet. She felt like she couldn't get up anymore. She looked at her shaking hands and thought, 'If I can't walk, I just need to crawl. I can still use my hands!'

Having a resolve in her mind, she began crawling toward Alex. Even Alex was surprised by this. This last one-meter mark was a test for her instead of a gift. Like Evelyn and Rose, he wanted to see whether Charya's third disciple had the heart to pursue the cultivation, and it seemed she had as, after two minutes, she finally reached Alex and touched his knee.

"I..."

Alex patted her head and removed the aura. He had been releasing his Sword Path this whole time. Of course, after separating his Spear and Flame from his intent. "You have succeeded. Now, you can absorb everything you understand in these three meters."

"Thank you, Seni-" She couldn't finish her words as she sat on lotus pose and cultivated. It looked like she received something important.

Alex then stood up and walked to Charya, tapping her shoulder a few times. "You have another good disciple."

"Of course." Charya laughed. "Although she doesn't have a tragic past like you, she has a goal that she wishes to fulfill. I can see that burning passion in her eyes back then, and I feel like taking care of her. Do you want to hear the full story?"

"No. I still have something to do." Alex shook his head. "Besides, your disciple might leave you again to pursue higher cultivation, you know."

"Because I don't mind, I shamelessly ask for a gift from you." Charya smiled. "Though, I really need to thank you."

"It's something simple anyway. You protected me when I was weak while I just gave something simple when I became strong. Besides, I'm happy now that you can enjoy your life since all of us have gone away." Alex smiled as he went toward the door. "Bye."

"Good luck on your journey."

Chapter 648 - Rose

After visiting Charya, he made his way toward the Northern Continent. He didn't care about anything other than his base and entered it with his token.

Obviously, the person inside would realize there was someone coming inside the barrier. However, this person had absolute trust in her teacher and quickly appeared in front of him a few seconds after he came in. She clasped her hands and knelt on one knee. "It's been a while, Master."

There was this indescribable joy in her heart as she couldn't help but smile from ear to ear.

Alex came to her and patted her head a few times. "It's been a while, Rose. Let's come inside first."

"Yes." Rose stood up and led him inside as if she was the host here.

"To think you have reached this step so quickly." Alex smiled as he walked inside his study room and took his seat.

Rose didn't answer him yet. Instead, he poured tea for him first.

"Thank you."

"I can't reach this step without Master's help... so I'm really grateful to Master." Rose smiled as she stood in front of her. "By the way, I feel like Master has an important job right now."

"Haha, you have grown sharper day by day." Alex laughed. "I indeed have a job here and can't stay for a long time."

"I understand. Although I want to share many things with Master, I shouldn't keep Master here." Rose nodded.

"Don't worry." Alex waved his hand, telling her she was wrong. He spent less than a day until he came here, so there was still more than a week to prepare the fight against the Fire God Clan. In other words, he could stay here to teach Rose for a few days. He might be too busy after this since there would be constant trouble the moment he came to the Heavenly Continent. "I will be busy for the next one or two years and can't visit you at all. That's why I will spare a few days to chat with you and see your progress."

"Is that true?" Joy appeared on her face, showing how thrilled she was.

"Yeah. And I want to apologize for the trouble I bring you." Alex looked at her with a sad smile. Looking at her was a kind of looking at a bird in a cage.

"Master, you have warned me previously, and I have answered you that I'm prepared for all of this. That's why I have been chasing after you this whole time, hoping I can help you with your burden. Please don't apologize to Rose because this is what I choose." Rose smiled. She uttered her genuine feelings.

"Master... Do you know that you look like someone who never cares about others from a stranger's point of view?"

"Me?" Alex lifted his eyebrows and thought.

"Yes. Back when our first meeting, I saw Master as someone who thought of me as a tool or something. However, I was wrong. I learned about your personality this whole time and realized that you only thought of that toward a stranger. You unintentionally push away a stranger, but pull in someone close to you. For you, there is only one and zero. One is for your friends and families. There is almost close to no difference in how you treat your friends and families. On the other hand, the zero will keep being zero if you don't want to get involved or give them the 'one.'

"I am glad to be your disciple, and I realize that your power is not how you do not differentiate your friends and families. Instead, there is an indescribable charm in your action that makes people want to give everything for you... Because they know you have given your all as well," said Rose with a serious expression.

Alex was stunned, never expecting Rose to say this. "I just do what I think is right. I have known what it feels like to lose someone, so I don't want to lose my friends and families. That's all I do."

Rose smiled. "That's what makes Master so charming to us."

If Rose knew about Letizia's story, she would even point out this example to him. Unfortunately, she didn't have the system like his spirits, so Rose had no knowledge other than what she experienced.

"Master, where are you right now? I mean, you are here right now, but where is your..." Rose furrowed her eyebrows, searching for the right word.

"I'm still on the Sacred Continent. After a few months, I am going to go to the Heavenly Continent and will be so busy to the point I won't have spare time for you."

"Ah! I hope to enter the Martial Emperor and Martial Monarch soon." Rose sighed. "I am still in the Martial King Stage and need a few months to reach the Martial Emperor Stage. After that, I think I need three years to reach Martial Monarch. The path is too long, and Master won't need my help anymore."

Alex laughed out loud. "Don't worry about me. You, being my disciple alone, have brought me happiness. I'm really glad that I have a disciple as thoughtful as you, and that is enough for me. Let your Master do the rest for you."

Rose nodded.

"For the time being, I need to give you a brief explanation about your situation right now... Well, it's my situation since this is my problem." Alex let out a hollow laugh before explaining everything about the Fire God Clan, Snow White Mountain, and Ancient Blue Family.

Rose took a note on every single influence to make sure she didn't spare anyone coming from those three in the future as long as Alex didn't forbid her.

"Master. Do you think I should become a disciple under any influences on the Heavenly Continent? I might be able to reach you faster." Rose asked.

"No. I don't think so." Alex shook his head. "Heavenly Sword Sect is the limit. I don't wish for you to be chained down by these influences, so I wish for you to be a rogue cultivator. Now that we are talking about this, I almost forgot about this."

Rose tilted her head in confusion as she waited for one minute before Alex continued. Suddenly, a blue screen appeared in front of her eyes.

She jumped back a little bit, startled to see something come out of nowhere. "Ma-Master... There is something appearing in front of me. I don't know what this is."

Alex only smiled as if he could see it too. "You can read it."

Rose took a deep breath, regained her composure, and read it out loud. "Alexander Sirius invites you to join Spirit Nest... What is this, Master?"

"I am inviting you to join my influence. Although I say influence, it's only me and a few friends. However... I want you to keep this a secret to all people even if you have a loved one in the future."

Rose gulped down. "With Alexander Sirius as my Master, can I really have a loved one? My standard has become so high to the point it reaches the sky. And I don't have anyone that I can call as family other than Master, of course, I can keep this a secret. What should I do to accept Master's invitation?"

"There is 'Y' and 'N,' right? It's yes and no. You can simply touch the blue screen."

Rose touched the 'Y' without hesitation, and the screen suddenly changed.

[Processing...]

[Initializing Gacha System...]

[Adding the user to Spirit Nest...]

[Process Complete.]

[Welcome to the Spirit Nest, Rose Skewes.]

"Eh, welcome? Thank you." Rose was confused by this blue screen. She thought it was alive and unconsciously clasped her hands and bowed.

Alex couldn't help but chuckle. "Anyway, this is my biggest secret that no one except a few people knows."

"Don't worry, Master. I will keep it as a secret even if they torture me." She nodded with a serious expression. Hearing that it was his biggest secret, Rose felt honored because Alex was willing to share something like this.

"Since you have joined the Spirit Nest, you will get a notification like earlier if you kill a monster, and I can give you a mission or communicate with you through this. I might be busy, but I can spare a few minutes for this, so I will contact you whenever I can to watch over your progress."

"Rose will work hard."

"Yes. There is another thing that will surprise you, but I will leave it to later." Alex smirked, not talking about the Gacha he wished to give to Rose. "If you have any questions, just ask the system by saying it out loud or in your mind."

Rose nodded with a grim expression.

"And now you have officially become a member of my Spirit Nest. Even Elder Charya and Evelyn don't know about this." Alex smiled.

"Really?" Somehow the weight of Spirit Nest grew into an unbelievable height in her heart. Alex indirectly told her that she trusted her more than Evelyn or Charya, and this surely made her happy.

"Shall we begin your training now?" Alex recalled everything and knew he didn't forget anything, so he asked.

"Yes." Rose smiled brightly.

Rose began her training with Alex, and as expected, he was still merciless. He kept whipping the basics to Rose to prepare for the Bow Emperor Stage and Bow Saint Stage, where she needed to make an original Bow Technique and Bow Path.

She never gave up until her body was tattered as she lost consciousness. Alex always healed her after that, of course. At the end of the training, Rose requested for a serious duel with him.

Alex thought it was a good idea and sealed his power to the same as her. Unfortunately for her, Alex had his Spirit Eyes, letting him dodge every arrow as he saw the energy flow instead of the real arrow. No matter how absurd her arrow's movement was, Alex was still able to predict it.

After that, his sword and spear alone made him look like two people instead of one. Rose fought bravely, but couldn't reach Alex. However, after prolonging the fight into one day, Rose was able to strike at Alex with her arrow for the first time, albeit it was still blocked by his sword.

Nonetheless, Rose was very happy to see that she still had the qualification to chase after him. She promised Alex to get stronger and finally collapsed to the ground, exhausted.

As always, Alex didn't say goodbye to Rose. He simply left a message to her and took out the rune stone.

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The next day, Rose woke up on her bed, only to find Alex's message on the table. She rose from the bed, reaching out his message before laying on the bed again. She opened the message and read it.

'Dear Rose,

'I need to go again, and it's better to go like this. You will be strong, and I assure it. Like you have seen my strength, personality, and other things, I can also see yours. Believe in yourself because you have the strength in your body. If, in the future, you still want to help me, I will be really grateful.

'The question will be, how? The answer lies in the system. I will keep updating you about my status in the system as well as a mission for you from the system. That's why I want you to keep getting stronger, and one day, you will surely be able to help me. I'm looking forward to it.

'There is one more thing I need to inform you. There is a stone in my study room. I want you to not use this stone unless I give my permission. This doesn't mean I don't trust you, but it is not the time for you to reach my place. I hope you can understand it.

'I will always watch over you, and I'm telling you the truth. Alright, I have nothing to say anymore, so I will bid my goodbye right now.

'Alexander Sirius.'

Rose smiled, put the paper on her chest, and looked at the ceiling. "Master... Just wait for me, I won't disappoint you."

AN: Hey, do you know that today is the mark of our first anniversary? To think I have written this novel for a year already. I can keep going this whole time because all of your supports. Thank you very much

Chapter 649 - Lin Xingzhi Confirms Alex's Condition

Alex activated the Rune Stone and ended up inside a cave. He looked around, only to find darkness and some lighting. Furrowing his eyebrows, he investigated his surroundings.

The cave appeared to have a yellowish-white color. If he were on Earth, he would believe this was made of Limestone. Yet, he would be a fool if he said this was Limestone. Albeit, this was still considered as rank 6 stone and wouldn't become rubble if no one intentionally destroyed it.

He activated his Spirit Eyes and found a path in which two signs of energy were discovered. Alex slowly made his way toward there, fully knowing it was Anna and Greg.

Anna quickly put down everything in her hands as she stood up. "Alex, have you finished your business? I thought you were only going for one or two days."

"Haha... I can't help it. I don't have many things to do here anyway, so I chose to spend all of it with Rose." Alex laughed, brushing the matter off.

"Well..." Anna looked down and nodded. "Do you want to rest first?"

"No. I have plenty of rest. The only thing I need now is an information update and the place where we can ambush them..." Alex remembered the thing he almost forgot. "I want to open my Gacha as well."

"Alright. I have compiled the information and will deliver it to you." Anna nodded before walking toward her and stretching her hand to the left. "I will lead you to the rest area."

Alex nodded as they started to walk. He glanced at Anna and asked, "By the way, where are we?"

"We are situated on the northeast from Black Devil Sect inside the previous forest. However, we find this place slightly later when Nelson is going to the Ancient Blue Family." Anna paused for a moment.

"We are inside an underground cave right now, and this place is harder to find. You will know about the appearance after we come out."

Alex never had a problem with where they were staying as long as it was comfortable. Nonetheless, he was slightly curious why this place was hard to find. Suppressing his curiosity for a while, he nodded and looked at the room in front of him.

"You can have a nice stay here." Anna nodded before pointing to the passage in her right. "Go this way, and you will find Sherry and the others."

"Alright."

"Then, have a good time. I will bring you the information later." Anna smiled as she gradually walked away.

Alex entered the room, looking at the empty room. He couldn't blame anyone since this place was their temporary base; in fact, he would only use this room to Evolve Sherry's Pure Fire before heading toward the next continent.

He sat on the bed as this was one of the furniture they bought from outside.

"System, I have fifty Gacha Tickets, right?" Alex asked.

[Yes.]

"Use-" Before he finished his words, the system warned him.

[If you want to use the Tickets, you might want to go inside the Gacha Palace.]

"Why?" Alex tilted his head in confusion, contemplating the reason.

[You have so many Premium Tickets right now, and there is a high possibility you will get the other tickets as well, so it's better to come inside.]

"Oh!" Alex's eyes flashed, understanding her idea. "Alright. Open the gate."

Hearing his order, the white gate appeared again and gradually opened. Alex entered the Gacha Palace as Lin Xingzhi came to him.

"Welcome again."

Alex thought whether he wanted to use it all at once or opened it one by one. Thinking there wasn't that much time left, the answer came naturally to his mind. "I will open it at once."

"I know." Lin Xingzhi replied with a smile as if she knew Alex would choose this. With a single wave of her hand, the Premium Gacha shone brightly as it gradually shot out twenty boxes.

She lifted her hands up, and the boxes suddenly opened up with the Gacha Balls gradually floated in the air. She finally snapped her finger, opening the Gacha Balls simultaneously.

It was quite a sight to see fifty Gacha Balls were opened at once. Alex slightly squinted his eyes, noticing a few good items.

[Thunderous Spear (SR) x1]

[Elemental Orb (SR) x1]

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[Gacha Card x2]

Alex was overwhelmed by the reward this time. He never opened these many Premium Gacha at once, so his eyes couldn't adjust by the amount of information. He looked through the log for the reward and realized he got five UR items.

[Rank 8 Monster Blood (UR) x1]

[Fire Core Technique (UR) x1]

[Ice Element Orb (UR) x1]

[Gacha Hammer (UR) x5]

[Luminance Tulip (UR) x1]

Alex had no thought about Rank 8 Monster Blood as he could obtain it a bit later. On the other hand, this Fire Core Technique piqued his interest, so he opened it without hesitation. It was a good technique

but didn't suit him. Instead, it seemed to be a good combination for Kyle and Stina. They needed another technique in any case since their current technique wasn't strong enough to be used in Martial Monarch or Martial Saint battle.

Of course, this Fire Core Technique was a Peak Heaven Tier Technique, so they could use it until the end. However, the moment he saw Ice Element Orb, he quickly glanced at Lin Xingzhi with a weird expression. "Are you telling me to go save Letizia?"

"Haha... Everything is random." Lin Xingzhi chuckled while shaking her head. There was still a possibility that Alicia might use it, but Alex instantly removed that thought as he knew Lin Xingzhi must treat Alicia nicely. Then, he only had Letizia in this world that could use this kind of orb. Hence, this type of thought was normal.

Alex shrugged his shoulder and looked at the Gacha Hammer. "This is an interesting reward..."

Lin Xingzhi just smiled. She knew that this Gacha Hammer would give him a UR item and four other rewards. It just showed Alex how many Gacha Balls he opened to the point it could give him this kind of reward.

"Anyway, I will use it after this." Alex nodded and looked at the last UR item. "This... This is also the ingredient for rank 8 Pill to enhance one's talent. I only need two more ingredients and skills to make this type of pill. No one in our group actually needs this pill, so I think I will give Rose and Evelyn one each, considering I can make two from a set of ingredients."

"It's your choice. You can sell it as well, but I think giving these two little girls will be more beneficial." She nodded.

"Indeed." Alex then started to go through the list of items. He got two Elemental Orbs (SR), ten Summoning Tickets, and Two rank 7 Monster Blood. Or at least, these were the important things for him. The rest of the items were tossed inside the Inventory.

"Let's go to the Gacha Crystal!" Alex looked at Lin Xingzhi and started walking.

Like the previous one, Alex shattered the crystals one by one and got one UR item with four unimportant items, except the UR item was also not useful to him.

[Blade Cyclone Technique (UR) x1]

Alex looked at Lin Xingzhi and sighed. "Use the Summoning Tickets."

Even after fifty Premium Tickets, Alex didn't get anything that could be used against Fire God Clan, so he had no more expectation for the last ten Summoning Tickets.

Alas, an SR card startled him.

[Neon (SR) x1]

Alex quickly summoned him as a translucent guy appeared from within the gate. There was only a single thought in his mind at the moment, and it was, "A ghost?!"

"Neon greets Young Master. Let me apologize first to come this late." Neon knelt in one knee. He looked like a person in mid-thirty, but Alex couldn't see any colors other than blue. Whether it was his eyes, hair, body, clothes, all of them were translucent blue. Luckily, the contrast between each allowed him to see the contour of his face and his body shape.

"It's my fault... I'm not lucky enough to get your card." Alex shook his head. "I think I can't spare EXP Cards since we have an incoming enemy and might need to use the EXP Cards."

"I understand the situation, Young Master. Please think nothing about me. By killing them alone will give me a ton of EXPs, so I can level up naturally." Neon smiled. "Anyway, I will do whatever task you need me to do."

Alex contemplated for a moment and said, "You can stay inside the card first. I will give you a mission after you reach Martial Emperor since our opponents are Martial Monarchs and Saints."

"I understand." Neon nodded, knowing he would just court death if he were stubborn. He turned into light, flying into the card.

Alex then put the card inside his Inventory and looked at Lin Xingzhi. "I have finished all the matters here, I guess..."

Lin Xingzhi nodded. "Yeah. Though I wish to say a few things to you and each of them is important."

"Sure. Please tell me."

"First of all, Although I know Anna's way is not the best way to teach you about the Mind Control Technique, I hope you can forgive her."

Alex might have accepted all the lessons and learned it, but his reaction was slightly off. Anna might not be able to see this, but Lin Xingzhi was different. She had been with Alex and understood him the most. Unlike the Previous Alex, the current one had a bad memory with a woman in the past. The fear from the past might resurface at any time, so Lin Xingzhi thought they needed to talk it out. This was one of the reasons she wanted to meet Alex.

"Don't worry. At least, I got a valuable lesson from it." Alex shook his head with a smile.

Lin Xingzhi was still unsure about his condition but decided to wait first. She had prepared something that could brighten his mood anyway.

"The second matter will be about the Blackwade Clan. I know you have learned they are from the Outside World. However, I wish you not to disclose it to the public as it's a secret matter, and only three people know about this in their family. Many people here have understood about the world above them, but no one actually understands what kind of concept the universe is."

Alex contemplated for a moment and nodded. "I won't say anything. Besides, I need to see if I can get their cooperation first."

"I can assure it." Lin Xingzhi nodded with a serious expression. "At that time, you need to follow my lead so as to not leave suspicion from them."

"I will try." Alex agreed. Although he didn't know why Lin Xingzhi was this serious, this action actually gave him more resolve than when others answered it.

"Of course, if you don't wish to, we can treat this conversation as if it never happened. As I said previously, I will always be supporting you, so controlling you is a bit harsh... I guess." Lin Xingzhi made a little smile.

"It's fine." Alex shook his head. "Their cooperation is more important than this."

"It's going to be a short session though." Lin Xingzhi assured him once more as she stretched her hand, asking him to walk toward the door together.

Alex followed her without saying anything, stepping outside the gate after a few seconds.

Lin Xingzhi closed the door slightly, but abruptly stopped as she conveyed the last message.

"The last matter is good news, albeit I can't disclose it too much. All I can say is this will come pretty soon in the time you never expect."

The door closed as soon as she said the last piece, confusing Alex for a few minutes. "What did she mean by good news? It's more like a surprise, right?"

"Rather than thinking about it, I should bring the Fire Core Technique to Kyle and Stina first," Alex muttered to himself before noticing a paper full of information, lying on top of his bed. It must come from Anna, but Alex decided to save it for later and left the room.

Chapter 650 - Alex's and Sherry's Plan

Anna said Sherry and the others were a bit farther away from the room. Hence, he turned left and walked through the corridor, only to find them three minutes later. He thought it was quite a long corridor.

There was only a big room filled with Sherry, Stina, and Kyle. It would seem they were practicing together. Sherry was releasing her Pure Fire to give a nice environment for Stina and Kyle to cultivate despite not having any Gathering Array.

"Master!" Sherry suddenly called his name as she opened her eyes, stood up, and walked toward him. Stina and Kyle greeted him as well but stayed behind Sherry.

Alex patted her head before handing the cultivation to Stina. "This is Fire Core Technique. You can skim it first to see whether it suits you and Kyle or not."

Stina furrowed her eyebrows, knowing she needed a technique right now due to her strength. Kyle was also curious and read it along with her.

"Do I need to train another Fire Art, Master?" Sherry asked while glancing at the scroll in Stina's hand.

"I don't think so. You have Pure Fire right now, and I will help you evolve it soon. And you have copied every single Fire Art that I know. I think increasing your strength is our priority." Alex answered with a smile.

"Though I can't cultivate more since the enemy will come at any moment. Elder Sister Anna said they had come to this continent a week ago and made their way here."

"Nelson must be spreading the rumor since there is no way they know we are here. In any case, we are going to bury them here. I'm going to read the report first and head out to our battlefield."

"Do you need my help?"

"Not help, but sure, you can come as well." Alex thought Sherry might be able to learn something if she watched him coming up with a plan.

Sherry also knew this and smiled happily as her tail was swaying left and right.

"Master." A voice came from his right as Stina and Kyle had decided. "We are going to learn this."

Alex looked at them and said, "Sure. You won't have much time though, so I think it's better to cultivate first. Only after we have annihilated the attackers this time do we have a peaceful time to train."

"Yes. That's what we decided." Kyle nodded.

"Alright, then. I will need to go back and read the report. Do you want to come?"

Stina and Kyle exchanged looks and nodded. "We are going to be here until the time we need to move."

Alex then took Sherry to the bedroom again. Both of them took a seat on the bed and read the report.

"Hmm... There are two 5-Star Martial Saints and one hundred 10-Star Martial Emperors. On the other hand, Ancient Blue Family are sending four 2-Star Martial Monarchs and one hundred Martial Emperors, albeit their powers are slightly weaker, with most of them being 4-Star to 6-Star Martial Emperor." Alex read the information and furrowed his eyebrows.

"The threat of this attack is only these two people, right?" Sherry pointed her finger on the two 5-Star Martial Saints and asked.

"Indeed. Two hundred Martial Emperors aren't qualified to challenge us. At best, they might hinder us by supporting these Martial Monarchs and Saints." Alex nodded and raised his hand, supporting his chin as if he was thinking hard. "Still, I need to search for a way to have these two follow me instead of fighting all of us."

"How about showing your Pure Fire, Master?" Sherry gave a suggestion.

Alex shook his head. "They already know I have Pure Fire, so there is no way they will send Fire Element to us, especially since not many of them come here."

"Why?"

"Even though I am a Pure Fire user and can suppress most of their clan members, I still need a huge amount of energy to suppress them. You may have noticed it yourself that the higher our cultivation is, the more energy required to suppress those at the same level."

Sherry closed her eyes for a minute, recalling all those scenes. "I agree. Although it's not really a big deal if there are only a few opponents, hundreds if not thousands of people might be hard."

"Yes. That's why you might be my trump card in the battle against the Fire God Clan." Alex paused for a second. "I am not going to fight the Fire God Clan before reaching Martial Saint Stage... Maybe 5-Star or something. That's my rough prediction, of course. At that time, they know I can suppress their strength for a while, so I'm sure they will make a preparation. That's where you come from."

Sherry nodded in agreement. "I will do my best."

"Back to the topic, we still need to find a way to separate them."

"How about using beauties to bait them?"

"If they are youngsters whose brain is filled with l.u.s.t, we can use it... Albeit, it's a bit uncomfortable for me to use this tactic since I don't really like having you or any other females in our group to do this." Alex shook his head with a sad expression.

On one hand, Sherry was happy about Alex's feelings. The fact that she said it was her or the other females meant they were so beautiful that they could easily move those youngsters' hearts. On the other hand, she also felt slightly disturbed by the idea. "Alright. We can search for another way."

"I'm planning to have us act as if we are losing," Alex revealed his plan.

"As if we are losing?" Sherry furrowed her eyebrows. Although she didn't know the details, it should be one of Alex's complicated strategies.

"Yeah. In the first blow, we will let them win as if we are retreating. Knowing there are two Martial Saints, we won't be able to escape. That's why we are going to separate ways. If they have brains, then they will definitely chase me, who seems to be the leader of this group."

"By the time they are chasing me too deep, the others already turn around and strike the Martial Monarchs as well as Martial Emperors and annihilate them. At the same time, I will also kill these two Saints with my Master token in front of their eyes and let go of one of them to inform the Ancient Blue Family."

"I see. Master is going to be the bait. I am not sure about this since it will be dangerous. I myself don't like the idea to be honest." Sherry sighed.

"I will be fine since I have two Spiritual Weapons with me. They should be able to protect me from a few attacks. The problem will be the speed and position."

"I'm sure everyone can time it well." Sherry nodded without a single shred of doubt in her eyes. "If we are moving this way, I think Master needs another person to accompany you... I believe the others also think the same if they know about this plan. It should be Big Brother Leoz, who is the strongest."

"I don't know." Alex closed his eyes. He thought the enemy wouldn't follow him if he escaped with the strongest person, considering there was a big chance of it being a trap.

"We have an even number anyway, so we can split up into seven directions."

"I know. The problem is how to conceal our strength, where we appear weak when we are strong and appear strong when we are weak."

This was a problem that Alex needed to solve before thinking about fighting them. If he appeared too strong, there would be a chance that they wouldn't be baited. If he appeared too weak, the enemy would suspect him as a fool. For a person leading this kind of group that had given many troubles since the beginning, there was no way he was a fool.

The Fire God Clan might haven't confirmed it was him, but it didn't change the fact that the two Saints coming his way was a fool. They were also bona fide older generations that should have the wisdom to think a simple thing like this.

"We can focus on the Martial Monarchs and Martial Emperors, I guess. Combined with my array, the enemy would think we are going to kill them." Alex murmured while narrowing his eyes.

"What do you mean, Master?" Sherry tilted her head in confusion.

"I mean, we can quickly use arrays to trap them... all of them. I will use my Spiritual Weapons to block a few Martial Saints' attacks. They will know I have powerful treasures that can stop them for a while. The spirits and you three will also participate in killing as many as possible, making them think we are only targeting them before retreating... And this is where the plot begins." Alex smiled evilly.

Sherry also arrived at her conclusion but unsure whether it was right or wrong. "Is Master going to act like you can't protect us anymore?"

"You are half-right. Nevertheless, they have two 5-Star Martial Saints. This gap alone was hard to surmount, as most of us had one whole realm different. Just like how we are able to kill those who are one realm lower than us, they also have this kind of ability. I do have a thought about using it right away... But I am not sure since there is a possibility of them being cautious and dodging this attack. We only have one shot about this, and if we fail, I will need to use the Teleportation Array to escape..."

"Leading them to know that Master has two elements and both of them are equally dangerous. It will cause turmoil on the Heavenly Continent, and the image of the influences there becomes vague as you won't know who is an ally or enemy." Sherry added while squinting her eyes.

"Yes. That's why I want to make them one hundred percent believe that they could win. Only if they think like that do I have a chance to take them out by surprise. The distance doesn't need to be long since we want them to chase me."

"But there is still a possibility of them having only one person to chase you while the other helps those weaklings." Sherry presented a problem.

"I know. That's why I want us to retreat together before going to separate ways to shake them off. The leaders think I'm the only one that is important and chase after me. Now that I think about it, having Leoz might be beneficial as well. I have Spiritual Weapons, while Leoz is the strongest in the group. Nothing is more important than the two of us."

"How many attacks Master block with two Spiritual Weapons?"

Alex thought for a moment before taking out both weapons. "How many attacks can you two block?"

The weapons suddenly released their power three times.

"Each of you can block three times?"

The weapons released their energy once more, telling him he was correct.

"I see. I can use the first three times to bait the enemy while the other three will be used as an assurance when we are escaping." Alex thought for a moment.

"Master, how about revealing your identity as a Sword Saint? It's a rare title even for the Heavenly Continent, right?"

"That... might be good as well. I can release my Absolute Blade Path and use my Mythical Fire Slash to convince them that I'm a threat and have them focused on me." Alex patted Sherry's head with a smile.

"Good job, Sherry. I am too cautious to even think about this plan."

"Ehehe..." Sherry was happy that she could help him. "I'm just suggesting little to no advice. Without Master's plan, I won't even think of that."

"Anyway, I can see the picture of this plan in my mind right now. I think it is the time to assemble the Spirits and have the last meeting before heading to our battlefield." Alex nodded.

"I will call Sister Stina and Kyle. Master can head to the main room." Sherry nodded.

"Thank you." Alex smiled as he rose from the bed, leaving the room together with Sherry.