

## Gacha 651

### Chapter 651 - Stand Anew

Alex activated his Teleportation Array as soon as all people who stayed behind gathered.

Outside, he could only see the green leaves around the surrounding area, not giving a single light to penetrate them. Yet, below the trees were the Underground Cave he stayed earlier.

Surprisingly, there was a dead tree that only one person could come in. Normal people wouldn't think much about a dead tree, more so for the one that had been cut half. Little did they know that this tree hid a tunnel that led to a cave. Alex thought someone in the past made this tunnel to escape from others' pursuit and let the cave be.

He then teleported to the actual battlefield, according to Nelson and Anya. It was situated closer to the Ancient Blue Family.

"Young Master." Nelson appeared as soon as he arrived before leading him to the meeting place.

Alex nodded with a smile as he followed him into a small stone hut they built as the base of their operation. Inside the hut, Anya stood on a chair while looking at the map planted on the stone table.

"Alex!" Anya smiled as she finally looked away after staring at this map for a few hours, searching for the perfect plan.

"Do you have a plan yet?" Alex asked. Anya was their strategist after all, so he wished to incorporate her idea as well, but the latter shook her head in disappointment.

"I see. I have a plan, and the plan is-" He didn't continue as he took everyone's card out and recalled them into the card.

A few seconds later, he re-summoned them here. At the same time, those who stayed in the cave also appeared, making the small stone hut look stuffed.

"So that is your plan." Anya sighed while the other spirits also furrowed their eyebrows and couldn't really agree with this plan. "As much as I want to reject it, I can't come up with a single usable plan. Everything will always end up with those Martial Saints killing us, whether it was because they were not baited, or the Martial Arts inside the token missed its targets. I just can't let you go alone or with Leoz..."

"Anya," Alex called her with a sad smile. He hadn't been able to talk with Anna for a while. He thought it was normal, but he realized that he had unconsciously made a certain distance from her. 'I thought I had gone past it... but the memory really couldn't be erased...'

Anya narrowed her eyes, wondering how he would convince her.

"Can I be a bit more selfish here?" Alex glanced at Anna first before answering Anya.

"What do you mean by selfish?"

"Not long ago, I was punished... I knew I was wrong since it would be really bad if someone took control of my mind. Still, there were many ways to punish me and teach me the lesson. I thought there was nothing wrong, but the past somehow resurfaced in my unconsciousness, making me think it was

normal. I didn't realize the first time I used it, in the fight against Moar, or the second time for Black Devil Sect's annihilation, I could use this technique because I believed in you guys. I knew that you all would protect me even in a situation like this." Alex paused for a moment before continuing.

"Yet, I somehow cowered again after Anna got mad at me... That's why I want to ask Anna first, why did you use this kind of punishment? Having the knowledge and experience, you should be able to come up with another way to teach me." Alex smiled weakly, looking at Anya with gentle eyes. Yet, Anna could only feel a sharp pain in her heart.

'Why?' The thought lingered in her mind. She thought she could answer it easily, but it seemed there was something that hindered her. "That's because you-!"

Anna couldn't finish her words and fell on her butt. Her face was filled with despair. The spirits began thinking about the reason before looking away, ashamed of themselves. Anya didn't say anything and clenched both her fists before putting them in front of her face. She didn't wish for Alex to see her like this, and somehow... tears flowed out of the corner of her eyes.

The spirits didn't tell him the answer, but he already knew the answer. "It must be the previous me, right?"

No one answered him. The contracted beasts also fell into silence, not stretching their hands in this matter.

Alex looked at them again and closed his eyes, remembering Lin Xingzhi. The reason she talked about it when he was in Gacha Palace must be for this. In fact, out of everyone near him, that knew his previous self, only Lin Xingzhi thought him a genuine Alex. She truly cared for him as the Current Alexander Sirius and supported him this whole time without influencing him unnecessarily. Of course, the time where he couldn't help but let out some tears the first time he met her was an exception.

He thought about this possibility when he discussed this war with Sherry.

Anna's body was shaking. She had accepted him the way he was this whole time, but never did she know that her actions still linked up with the Previous Alex. 'I... I have said to him that he is him and the previous him is the previous him. Yet, I am the one who broke this as well... What have I done... I...'

As tears appeared on the corner of her eyes, Alex already knelt in front of her and hugged her tightly. "I am not blaming you or whatsoever. I know that the previous me had etched his existence in you guys. The memories you had with him should still be in your mind no matter how hard you hid it.

"Knowing this does not make me feel anguish or angry... Just disappointed in myself and proud of my previous life's achievement." Alex shook his head. "That's why I want to challenge all of you and challenge me as well, to be ourselves and see the person as it is."

The spirits closed their eyes and clenched their fists, couldn't say anything to him. On the other hand, Anna was one the verge of tears this whole time, but Alex stopped it with his next word. "I love you, Anna. That is the truth, and I can say it from the bottom of my heart. I won't regret saying it. Having the shadow of myself, I know that he is someone that I need to confront in the future... That's why I swear to you and myself, I will be myself and make you fall in love to the point I'm the only one in your heart."

Alex hugged her tightly, and she started crying while saying, "I'm sorry... I'm sorry..."

He didn't say anything and simply stroked her hair with a gentle smile.

Sherry wanted to come closer and comforted the Elder Sister that had been helping her this whole time but brushed it off after Stina grabbed her hand and shook her head.

Meanwhile, Alex looked at Anya and said, "I know that this is the worst thing I can do in this type of situation. We are in a war, and an emotional thing should be avoided, but I also feel that this is a must talk problem."

"Yes. This is a necessary topic that should be discussed immediately. You haven't done any wrong, and to think I have made such a blunder..." Anya let out a long sigh, calming her heart down. "I'm sorry, Alex... as your Spirit and Wife... I'm truly sorry."

"Alright. Time to drop this matter." Alex shook his head. "I just want to say that I will always be Alexander Sirius, but won't be the same Alexander Sirius. I hope that everyone can support me while thinking of this in your heart."

"Yes, Young Master!" Leoz and the others roared. They always considered Alex as the Spirit King. There was nothing to that end as they kept using his identity to smooth things out and none of them actually contradicted him as a careful person. They used it precisely for plan and deceit to set up the stage.

It was just the last one truly hurt as it put too much contradiction. Anna actually harmed him and made those wounds resurface without Alex noticing. If she could turn back time, she would definitely think of a better way for this.

The thought stopped after Alex said, "I am not regretting everything that was done in the past, including this matter. After all, the past made our present, and I believed it was a good thing. I wish no one would forget this matter as we will grow together as one family, Spirit Nest."

Meanwhile, Lin Xingzhi leaned back on her chair, looked at the white ceiling of her room, and let out a long sigh. "I hope this won't make their situation awkward... Well, someone should be able to fix it soon."

Back to Alex, he looked at this heavy atmosphere and said, "Alright. Let's continue our discussion about this next battle."

"There is nothing much that needs to be said. Luckily, you have given a concrete and usable plan since the way I am now can't come up with a strategy in this kind of mood." Anya sighed while looking at Alex. "We are going according to your plan... Let's have this as the first change to say that we believe in you... As for who is going to pair with who, do you have the pairs in mind? If you don't have one, I should be able to come up even in this mood. It's not a big deal anyway."

"I have." Alex nodded. "I will say it from left to right."

Alex paused for a moment and made sure the spirits were listening to him. Even Anna wiped her tears and calmed her heart.

"Anna with Artur. Anya with Jean. Nelson with Greg. I will be with Leoz. Sherry and Jeanne. Stina and Kyle. Last but not least, Fabio and Vera."

Anna's body shook when she heard her name first. The furthest would be the safest in this plan, and Alex put her there must because of this. Yet, she couldn't reject him because she knew her mind had yet to calm down. She didn't wish to risk the plan for her selfish desire. Just like what Alex said, she would put her trust in him more and only be against it if it would really be ridiculous.

This time, Alex already thought the line up carefully. The five around him should be able to protect him to the utmost limit. Greg could put on a barrier while Nelson created confusion with his Shadow Art. Sherry could enter his body and give assistance to Alex, while Jeanne's attack was also nonsensical. Last but not least, Leoz was the strongest out of them and even dared to challenge death.

Anya agreed. "Alright. We will go with this plan and formation. I'm sure you already know about our enemy number and their power level, so I will ask another thing besides these two. Do you want to make an array?"

"No. The arrays will simply make them hesitant. Their size is only two hundred or so anyway, so I think the normal encirclement will suffice... Even without the True Spirit Body. Though I want Leoz to activate his True Spirit Body since I'm not assured, I will be able to react to Martial Saints moves." Alex had confidence in his Spirit Eyes that would allow him to follow their movements now he had become a Martial Monarch. However, he still wanted Leoz to be his assurance. It wasn't much, but Leoz should be able to hold one or two attacks with his current strength.

"I understand. Then we should also make sure to spare someone to tell the tale and create confusion on the Heavenly Continent." Leoz nodded.

"Yeah. Let it be their weakest link to make sure he is too afraid of us because of our power difference." Alex nodded.

The spirits nodded.

## **Chapter 652 - Revealing Their Power**

"Let's go!" Alex shouted after resting for a day.

According to Nelson, the people from the two influences set off two days ago and would only arrive at noon. Alex still had leeway for this and decided to wait.

The sun slowly rose to the peak, glaring at them brightly. Nelson suddenly appeared in front of him.

"They have come..." Alex said, knowing what was precisely meant by Nelson showing up. "To your position."

Everyone, except Leoz, disappeared. Alex nodded at him as they rose to the sky together. Not long after, two hundred men gradually appeared from the horizon as Alex narrowed his eyes, and his expression turned grim.

The other party seemed to have noticed his presence and stopped not far from here.

The ones leading them were a middle-aged man and an old man. Red, shaggy hair hung over a fat, menacing face. His Squinting amber eyes set fiercely within their sockets. The huge muscle of his body made his head look smaller. Yet, the scar on his face made others couldn't laugh at this type of build.

On the other hand, the old man had long white hair and a beard. He looked at Alex with his eyes slightly opened and observed their surroundings as if he knew these two masked men in front of him were their target.

"To think you are actually coming here yourself." The old man said while observing their situation. They had known the family wanted to sacrifice them to prove if Alex still had the helper that could kill their elders and young master. However, deep in his heart, he still yearned it to be false, and Alex only had one-time use of the help at that time. After all, he didn't want to die like this, yet he couldn't disobey the family's order. In fact, he even hoped that the rumor about him being here wasn't true.

Unfortunately, the person already came in front of him as he took his mask off, revealing his face. The golden hair was swayed by the wind as this might be the first time he opened his mouth to confront people in the open world like this.

"And I am not coming here alone," Alex said as he lifted his hand, signaling the others to come out.

"What?!"

"He has teammates, and all of them are Martial Monarchs?"

"Only Martial Monarchs, we still have a few Martial Monarchs ourselves and two Martial Saints as our leaders!"

The people began commenting as soon as Alex's group appeared. Yet, they remained calm, especially those from the Ancient Blue Family. They said ignorance is bliss, and it was especially true in this situation.

"Do you think fourteen people are enough to stop us?" The old man released his Martial Saint's aura.

Alex also released his Spiritual Energy after feeling a sharp pain that was tingling his skin. He smiled a little bit as he activated his Spirit Eyes to the maximum and thought, 'To think the power gap between him and me is still this far...'

The sharp pain was truly telling him that the situation would go wrong if he lowered his guard down. Fortunately, he felt that he could withstand their attack a couple of times.

'I have seen the fight between Atlas, Igor, and Igor's grandfather, and it was awe-inspiring and somehow able to barely keep up with their movement with my previous eyes. And they are still far below them... so my Spirit Eyes should be able to withstand it.' Alex thought.

"You will die here, so that's a matter..." Alex took out both weapons and pointed the sword toward the old man.

The old man's expression darkened. "You better call your reinforcement first because this group of Martial Monarchs isn't enough to stop me!"

Alex smiled as he glanced at Leoz.

"True Spirit Body!" Having understood his signal, Leoz activated his True Spirit Body. His original 7-Star aura increased to 9-Star if not 10-Star Martial Monarch.

"!!!" The Martial Saints were stunned about this, wondering how such a person could raise his strength like this without consuming a single pill. Still, he was merely a Martial Monarch. The old man took a step forward as he said to his partner. "You go handle that Martial Monarch while I take care of that brat. Watch out for any traps as well."

The middle-aged man nodded with a severe expression. He had seen the report that the reason they could kill their 7-Star Martial Saint elders was because of a trap. Of course, the report came from the Blackwade Clan before they called off the alliance.

On one hand, that was the only reliable information on their side. On the other hand, it came from another Clan and couldn't be proved. So, Alex's identity was still mysterious, and the only way to deal with him was to approach carefully.

The middle-aged man took a deep breath as he locked on to Leoz.

Alex simply raised his hand and said, "Kill them all!"

This was the first miscalculation that appeared in these two Martial Saints' minds. They thought the two hundred people would be able to hold on long enough until they had finished their talk. However, the first wave of attack turned the situation around.

"Fire Phoenixes!" Sherry summoned the first three phoenixes to grab all their attention. The scorching heat alarmed the entire group as they abruptly turned their head toward Sherry. Even the Martial Saints also looked at Sherry, noticing something different from this flame.

As someone who had been fighting for Fire God Clan for hundreds of years, he had gotten used to Fire for a long time and easily recognized that Sherry's flame was also extraordinary. One was a Pure Fire and the other one...

"Sacrificial Pure Fire?" The two Martial Saints exclaimed at the same time. There was no other explanation for this powerful flame other than Sacrificial Pure Fire. The Fire God Clan wanted his Sacrificial Element before locking him up inside their prison. However, everything changed when they knew Alex had given his Sacrificial Element. The two Martial Saints exchanged looks and nodded. "We need to kill him no matter the cost."

This was something out of his expectation, but beneficial for him nonetheless. Alex smiled evilly as he thought, 'To think they misunderstand Sherry's power...'

"Attack!" Without wasting any more second, he shouted.

"Boom Boom Boom!"

Explosions occurred in the middle of their rank, but Sherry had no sign of attacking. When they looked behind them, Fabio and Vera were standing each other and crossing their swords while Artur and Anna had already made their respective attacks. For Fabio and Vera, it was their twin element cross sword wave. For Anna, it was Dark cut while Artur just used his Heroic Slash.

Sherry created a huge commotion to make them misunderstand, allowing these four used their respective attack and kill a few people already before they hit each other and exploded to kill even more.

At the same time, Stina and Kyle also built up their phoenixes to confuse the enemy even more. Those in Fire God Clan easily knew that these two's Fires weren't ordinary.

"Cry!"

The two phoenixes made a resonance with Sherry's phoenix. They let out a loud cry and flew toward the mass. Unfortunately, they had been ready to intercept these phoenixes after the first attack.

\*Boom Boom Boom!\*

A series of explosions resounded across the region.

"!!!" Sherry, Stina, and Kyle knew that it was none of these two hundred people.

Behind the smoke of the explosions, a middle-aged man swiped his hands to the left and created a wind that blew the smoke away.

'To think the Martial Saint appeared and destroy our attacks!' Anya furrowed her eyebrows. As the strategist, this sudden turn of unexpected events might cost them dearly. Hence, she always needed to predict what would happen and when. She and Alex agreed that these people would attack after a few minutes after the battle when they had attacked Alex once.

'It seemed they were shaken by Sherry's Fire and shattered our own plan...' Alex narrowed his eyes, thinking it would be hard afterward. "Leoz, can you hold on for a minute or two against this old man?"

"Seeing the condition has been derailed from Young Master's plan, I'm afraid I need to use Heaven Wrath to injure this old man. However..."

"You are out after using that technique, huh..." Alex certainly didn't like this. He could only block six attacks with his Spiritual Weapons, and he would surely need Leoz from one or two attacks to ensure he could release this attack.

"Yes. I can act as if I fall from the sky because I am too exhausted later. They should believe it for a while and will kill me later." Leoz nodded.

Formulating the plan as soon as possible, Alex could only think of a single usable plan. "No... I don't need to escape anymore!"

"Young Master?" Leoz was afraid that Alex might do something reckless because of this sudden turn of situation, and his serious face was giving the vibe that he would surely do it.

"Don't mind about those two Martial Saints. Jeanne, Anna, and Nelson use your power to halt the Martial Saints for a minute. The rest will kill those weaklings. Nelson and I will kill this person." Alex shouted. "Trust me!"

Anya was the first one to move by raising her staff. "True Spirit Body. Light Butterfly!"

A pair of white with golden butterfly edge wings appeared on her back as golden lights connected everyone every single person from the Spirit Nest.

Leoz's energy had a significant increase and alarmed the enemy as his previous 10-Star Martial Monarch aura grew even further and shocked the entire battlefield.

"1-Star Martial Saint!" The old man before them gasped as he exclaimed in shock.

The surprise had yet to be finished since Alex also made a move and revealed his real strength.

"This... This is a Sword Path? No way! He is only a Martial Monarch, and he already has a Sword Path. This is impossible! Even the most prominent genius in our family only reached Sword Saint Stage after becoming a Martial Saint!"

Little did he know that Alex actually achieved the Sword Saint Stage before even reaching Martial Monarch.

Even without this news, the current Alex should already be targeted by many influences because he was too dangerous to be left alive.

'Pure Fire and Original Sword Path. In fact, he still has the Array Master title under his belt. Not to mention his Alchemy skill, albeit we don't have more information about this! Still, the Clan has been underestimating this brat this whole time. He shouldn't be left alive.' The old man screamed inwardly before letting out loud with another message. "Arman. Kill those people and help me kill this brat. He must be planning something! Using all of his strength right now means he wants to kill us to silence us."

"You are absolutely right." Alex smirked evilly as he raised both of his weapons, saying, "Lend me your strength, both of you."

The fire started blazing on the two weapons as if they were responding to Alex once again. Alex just released a more powerful fire than Sherry. The weapons channeled him to fuel the Pure Fire and Sword Art even more.

"Dragon Aura."

"Spirit Step, First Step."

Using the two techniques, Alex increased his strength even further, trying to close the gap between him and the old man. He didn't stop there.

Suddenly, the Fire made an unexpected movement by turning into six crescent slashes. Without further ado, Alex used his Triple Draws and Mythical Spear Cannon to fill the energy within these six crescent slashes before they flew forward.

"Mythical Fire Slashes!"

"!!!" The old man thought he would be the target of this attack as he could definitely feel the Pure Fire even from far away. Anya had enhanced his strength to 4-Star Martial Monarch, his two Strength enhancing techniques allowed him to have seven hundred dragon strength or equal to 7-Star Martial Monarch, and his Spiritual Weapons increased that power even further.

And the target of this sword wave was...

The old man shouted, "Arman!"

## **Chapter 653 - The Power of Spiritual Weapons**



"Arman!" Shouted the old man, realizing that the attacks flew toward Arman, who was going to fight with Anna and the others.

"!!!" Arman noticed the sudden sense of danger and swung his sword to the right. However, he realized the scorching heat around his hand and the power behind these attacks, forcing him to turn his body and use both hands in order to block it.

This had never happened before. After all, how could one believe that a 3-Star Martial Monarch could create something this strong? Although he wasn't serious as well, it could still be compared with a genuine 8-Star Martial Monarch. He only trained his sword, not element, and because of this, he could realize that this attack held something that was truly ridiculous. "Original Sword Path! Impossible!"

Not many people could actually arrive at this step, and those who could actually arrive were either old people who had hundreds of years of experience or a genius. Alex was the latter.

If he were inside the big influence, they would nurture him as he had the potential to be an elder class, if not Grand Elder. In fact, they would most likely arrange them to marry someone inside the clan to bind them. However, Alex was simply an unknown person. Even his Spirit Nest still couldn't be regarded as a hidden influence as no one actually knew such a thing.

Even the slightest rumor was fine and might be able to validate the Spirit Nest. Yet, this particular group never had any rumor or appearance in the past. The Blackwade Clan, Fire God Clan, and any other influences had searched their record, but nothing couldn't be found.

In the end, they could only treat him with caution, like how Fire God Clan dealing with him at the moment. They wanted to see Alex's depth by sending these two elders, measuring his ability so they could act accordingly. Much to their dismay, they needed to say that Alex was simply too hard to be found.

This time, Alex had appeared on this continent without any prior notice. And the chance for Fire God Clan arrived to see Alex's power had come. Arman remembered that his task was to kill Alex if necessary, and this Sword Attack already confirmed his mission.

Channeling his Spiritual Energy into the sword, it glowed in blue color as Arman finally felt a little reaction from the Sword Attacks. "One Sword Kill!"

\*Bang!\*

Alex opened his eyes wide, surprised what he just saw. 'Did he pull back once and shatter my sword attack in a single swing? That speed was insane!"

It was like his Triple Draws but with more power. Alex thought it was amazing, but realized he couldn't get a single sense from this attack. In other words, the technique he used earlier was his Original Sword Skill.

Arman looked at the old man that was supposed to be fighting Alex and said, "He is too dangerous to be alive. Do you want me to make sure he dies first?"

"No. I'm going to finish this with my hand alone." The old man shook his head. "You may have the power-"

At this time, a series of explosions occurred. Sherry and the others that had yet to release their attack struck them at this particular time when they were too focused on Alex.

Alex's group was using this type of action to make the enemy turn around again and again, not letting them focus on one person... at least, for a while.

After noticing this, Nelson clapped his hand once as the lightning sparked between his palms as if it was a bridge.

"O' Ancient Thunder God, What is it that lies within your eyes? O Bright Thunder that splits the Heaven, rumbling tremors that shake the Earth, what pulse beats within your ears? Dwell inside me o God of Lightning as I am Thunder Berserker, Spirit Vessel."

As Leoz was chanting, the sky turned to dark, forming vast black clouds. The thunder rumbled inside as a golden light flashed above it. The temperature slowly dropped, creating a chill in the air.

"!!!" Anya noticed this technique and glanced at the two Martial Saints. These two should be able to deal with it. The only question would be what kind of price they would pay to stop this attack. An Arm? A broken bone? Or simply no price to pay?

Even with this kind of thought, Anya quickly signaled everyone, not to retreat, but lower their altitude. She was planning to use these two Martial Saints as an umbrella as one of them would surely stop this attack.

However, the Martial Emperors and Monarchs around them didn't know a single thing about this. They were just dumbstruck to see a vast black cloud appear out of nowhere as if it was going to have a storm soon. Yet, they couldn't take off the possibility of it being a Martial Art.

Finally, when they thought about it, they realized what kind of Martial Art behind this attack.

Norman quickly shouted. "Old Man! He is using peak Heaven Tier Thunder Art! Stop him and kill them already!"

The old man simply snorted as he released his own Lightning Element as well. "You are going to challenge me in Lightning? Come back after you have become a Martial Monarch!"

His lightning suddenly turned into a dragon and roared at Alex. "With your strength and this Lightning Power, you need more time before you can activate it. I simply need to kill the one who uses it!"

"Heavenly Lightning Dragon!"

\*Roar!\*

Alex had no change of expression on his face as he raised his spear. Suddenly, it released a Spiritual Energy that gradually turned into a vortex of energy. That vortex expanded until it had the same size as the dragon.

The old man furrowed his eyebrows. Looking at this blue vortex made his heart skip a beat. The same as Leoz's Heaven's Wrath, this Heavenly Lightning Dragon was also a peak Thunder Art. An attack at this level would certainly involve or change nature in a way like Leoz's Heaven's Wrath just now.

Alex was slightly surprised by how this Lightning Dragon influenced the nature around him. Pink colored energy started bending in a weird way when this Dragon passed them as Alex realized what kind of attack this was.

Not wanting to lose against this old man, he channeled his Space Element to his spear, enveloping the vortex with a stream of Space. 'The dragon can bend space, but it's only a natural one. If it hits the vortex normally, it will surely break since the vortex will be unstable because of this space bending ability. Unfortunately, he has chosen the wrong opponent. If I have enough Space Energy reinforcing my technique, this wouldn't be able to break the vortex.'

\*Bam!\*

The clash between this vortex and Lightning Dragon was heaven-defying, creating a huge shock wave that slightly pushed the Martial Emperors and Martial Monarchs back.

The old man was obviously dumbstruck. This Lightning Dragon was his proudest ability that had been helping him to rise. Unless they had a powerful technique or higher cultivation, this technique couldn't be blocked. Yet, a mere 3-Star Martial Monarch could completely block this attack. 'It's impossible. He should be using a trick! A trick?'

He opened his mouth wide before looking at Alex's spear. If Alex really used a shield, there was nothing more suspicious than this spear. Still, a normal spear couldn't even create a spear, let alone blocking his attack. 'His spear must not be ordinary. Should I proceed in killing him? I know that he still has another trick just by looking at his expression, but how dangerous his trick is something that I need to reconsider!'

While he was thinking about it, a Sword Wave was coming from the right, flying past the old man and landing on Alex and Leoz. Alex raised his sword this time and formed another shield. However, he didn't use it to block this attack. Instead, he redirected the attack.

"You old man, if you are not going to attack them, I'm going to attack them!" Norman was obviously pissed. He was a bit far from Alex, so he didn't realize Alex's sword and spear were different.

For Alex, he only had another four chances to stop their attacks. And he would surely be no match against these two if they decided to go close combat.

'I need to confuse them and make them think nothing about close combat!' Alex took a deep breath, thinking about what he could do in this situation. Yet, only one answer to be found. 'Do I need to use my Space Element? I can teleport their attack and use their power to fight them...'

There was so much uncertainty in using this technique, but it could confuse his opponent the same as it confused him. Alex gulped down as he looked at another incoming attack from the old man.

"I don't need your help! I can handle this myself! If I can't kill you with a single attack, then I only need more!" The old man roared as his lightning suddenly turned into snakes.

Alex could see that this technique had the same principle with the last one, bending the space of its target, unless a little bit weaker than the dragon. Even so, it was certainly effective to fight Alex's Spiritual Weapons as it only had four shields anymore.

"I don't have a choice..." Alex sighed as he clapped his hands, waiting for the snake to go near enough that the old man couldn't react anymore.

"Spatial Gate!"

Suddenly, a portal to a Blue Colored realm opened, stunning the old man completely. He tried to move his snake, but to no avail, as the portal swallowed all of them.

'Space Element?!' The old man gasped. 'What kind of combination is this? Pure Fire, Array Master, Original Sword Path, and Space Element. Each of them can let you reach the peak, but this young man has it all?'

At the same time, he was also wondering where his attack landed before he finally felt the attack once more but far behind his back, and its target was none other than Arman.

"Arman, dodge!"

Arman was always interrupted when he was just about to have fun with the spirits.

"Tch!" Arman drew his sword again and slashed it diagonally. "Whirlwind Strike!"

The sword strike created a huge amount of wind pressure to redirect the snakes in which one of them hit someone, causing a huge explosion and killing a few people.

"Incompetent old man." Arman couldn't contain his anger anymore and flew toward the old man, going to tell him that he would fix his mess.

Yet, the old man simply locked onto Alex and covered his body with lightning and said out loud. "I know all the weaknesses you possess right now. You can't fight me in close combat, aren't you?"

The old man flew forward, leaving Arman behind.

"Take this—!"

### **Chapter 654 - She Finally Makes Her Appearance**

"Take this—!" The old man was going to throw a fist toward Alex, but there was another interruption.

"Too late!" Leoz finally finished charging the technique with all of his strength. He stretched his hand wide and roared. Leoz, who had been silent until now, finally released his might.

"Lightning God Possession, Heaven's Wrath!"

\*Rumble!\*

A bolt of lightning flew down with its mighty power before it suddenly split into thousands of smaller lightning strikes, coloring the sky with a flash of golden color. Although it didn't make a huge impact like Alex's golden tribulation, it was still enough to brighten the sky nearby.

This small lightning might not do anything to the old man or Arman, yet both of them looked upward, noticing something big was coming.

If these were the disciples from Joyful Union Sect, they might only see a golden flash before a huge explosion shook the world. However, they were still bona fide Martial Saints. The small lightning from earlier was just making a path for the last lighting. The golden flash locked onto the two Martial Saints and made its appearance.

"I'm stopping it!" The old man's pride obviously wouldn't let this matter go. No matter how abnormal this lightning was, he was also a Lightning User, a 5-Star Martial Saint on top of that. He didn't have much preparation for this, but he suddenly raised both hands and flew upward.

A translucent image of a bird flashed on their eyes as it turned into an armor that enveloped him. The old man simply put his hand on this lightning and stopped it. Of course, his condition wasn't that much better. His right hand was numb while he felt the crack on his left-hand bone.

Although Leoz was only a 7-Star Martial Monarch with a boost to 1-Star Martial Saint, this attack power was still ridiculous, equaling a 3-Star if not 4-Star Martial Saint. He couldn't imagine what would happen if he grew to his level.

Still, the old man preserved, knowing it was his fault to let this happen.

Arman thought for a moment. Though the old man was spiteful, he was still a Martial Saint. He channeled his energy to his sword and sent it flying in two directions. One flew toward the Lightning while the other one made its way toward Alex.

Alex formed the shield for the third time, blocking this attack. He didn't stop only at this as he took a token out of his Inventory. He channeled his Spiritual Energy inside the token to activate it.

He remembered that a technique called Fire Devil String was sealed inside this token. Although the technique might not be strong enough to kill Manness, it was powerful enough to kill both of these Martial Saints.

The token shone brightly as it flew out of his hand as if it had consciousness. Alex realized that it truly had one when he checked the token with his Spirit Eyes. The consciousness was none other than his Master's consciousness. Unfortunately, he couldn't appear in this world anymore, so only a little of his consciousness was here.

A few hard to see strings suddenly flew out of the token, flying toward the old man who was trying to stop the lightning strike and Arman, who just sent a sword wave.

Alex observed the strings and found out they had this powerful Fire Energy deep within them. Yet it couldn't be seen due to the size of the string.

The first one that noticed this was Arman since he had a more relaxed situation.

"Whirlwind Strike!" Arman released another wind pressure to blow these strings. Unfortunately, Maxwell was controlling these strings. When they were blown away by the wind pressure, they simply came back with a higher speed and struck him. Arman tried to launch another attack, but his sword was stopped by a few strings while a few others enveloped his body and...

\*Bloop!\*

He was shredded into pieces by the strings without any kind of resistance as if the Spiritual Energy that reinforced his body or his clothes that looked like it was made of powerful material didn't exist. His fleshes were scattered around, and his blood formed a small pool.

The goriness didn't stop here as a chunk of fleshes rained down from above. Alex looked up and found that the strings also neutralized the Lightning Strike.

Just like this, two 5-Star Martial Saints died.

Alex muttered to himself, "Under normal circumstances, the strings won't be able to catch them up since they can simply avoid them. I have prepared to use my Spatial Gate to bring them back here the moment they escape, but it seems I have chosen a perfect timing to release this attack."

"Yes," Leoz replied to him before falling to the ground. "To think this long planning will only result in such an anticlimactic battle... Not that I complained about it."

"If you didn't stop them with your Lightning, it would be very hard to have locked their movement and have them in the same place." Alex smiled while helping Leoz to get up and carrying him on his shoulder. "Thank you, Leoz."

"Haha, the plan didn't turn out to be what we expected, especially Sherry's part, and their expression told me they were on edge this whole time, resulting in them reacting slightly later than they usually did. This was the reason why I could stop that old man with this Lightning Strike." Leoz continued panting with a pale face. Knowing he couldn't last longer than this, he said, "Young Master, I need to go back to the card before my instinct takes over."

"Yeah. Thank you for your hard work." Alex nodded, watching Leoz disappear. The token flew toward him and shone as if his master was in front of him, telling him how proud he was. Alex smiled, clasped his hands respectfully, and bowed his head. After that, the token emptied its energy and fell on his hands. No matter how hard he tried, the token wouldn't lit up again.

Meanwhile, the rest of the group was stunned by the death of two 5-Star Martial Saints. Alex used this opportunity to get closer to them while looking at the group with cold eyes as if he was going to murder them.

"No way!"

"Two 5-Star Martial Saints died just like that?"

"How could that be?! Their opponents were only 3-Star and 7-Star Martial Monarchs. This must be a dream!"

They were covered with cold sweats, especially the ones from Ancient Blue Family. They had enjoyed a peaceful time ever since the Fire God Clan arrived. All those influences that were going to attack them shut and hid themselves inside their home, terrified if Fire God Clan would attack them.

The Fire God Clan even promised them to take care of this matter seriously after they dealt with the rumor of Alexander Sirius. Unfortunately, their true nightmare just started, wondering what kind of existence they had offended. They could only curse their own main family that wanted to use them to gain the favor of the Fire God Clan. Little did they know that it was a trap all along.

Unfortunately, only the people from Sacred Continent's Ancient Blue Family would suffer because the main family didn't care this much of a loss.

They stared at Alex and realized their fate. The only way to run from that fate was to escape from this place and scatter in all directions. They still had around one hundred fifty people here, so they should be enough to confuse Alex and his group.

"Esc-" One of them tried to say something before a powerful Spiritual Energy swept over them as a female voice echoed in the battlefield.

"You have angered my husband. No matter if you are forced or not, you are already foolish to challenge him. And do you think I will let you escape from this place?"

This voice startled everyone in the battlefield, especially Alex's group. Alex was stunned to the point his body started shaking. He couldn't believe she would come to this place and be so silent like this. His Spirits were smiling while only Sherry could put on a big smile because Kyle and Stina had no knowledge about such a beauty.

All of them looked up and found a red-haired beauty floating above them. She had long red hair tied into a ponytail as she used to be. Coupled with the blazing red eyes that seemed to have glowed more brightly than the ones in Alex's memory, her face alone could raise one's thought.

She wore a gorgeous red dress that complemented her fiery body. A shawl covered with fire circled around her hand, running through the back of her body, and appeared on the other hand. She looked perfectly like a fire goddess that descended onto the world to grace her presence to mortals.

The red shawl suddenly glowed as the woman lifted her two hands and swung them down, shooting out flames from both palms.

No one could react by her sudden appearance as they didn't know whether it was because her otherworld beauty or her aura somehow pulled them in.

The flames encroached upon the lands before it suddenly flared up to the sky. Surprisingly, it twisted until it reached a certain height and tied together on the top, creating a birdcage that trapped everyone within. The bars were made of fire with a width that wasn't possible to cross with the human body.

As the cage was summoned, the female pointed her small hand toward the crowd.

"!!!" Alex's gaze focused on the woman, and felt his Pure Fire reacting as if the woman was calling it. After a slight silence, Alex released his Pure Fire and let it fly to the sky.

The woman summoned an orange flame from her hand, shooting right into Alex's Pure Fire.

Alex's red fire suddenly swallowed this orange flame, but not to devour it. Instead, the orange flame still shone brightly as if the red flame protecting it inside its body.

"Flame of Dawn." The woman said softly.

To everyone's surprise, the orange flame that seemed to be protected by the red flame suddenly exploded. The red flame burst out to all directions like a sea urchin before the woman waved her hand.

The fiery spikes turned around and charged toward all these people.

"All of you wake up! She is a new enemy!" One of them said out loud, waking every single person from the Fire God Clan and Ancient Blue Family. They pulled their weapons and tried to protect themselves from these many spikes.

Many of them were impaled, whether on their vital spots or heads. Each spike carried Alex's Pure Fire and started burning all the organs around the stabbed area, killing all people who were stabbed.

In this move alone, she killed around fifty people, mainly from the Fire God Clan.

"Attack!" Although Alex was shocked by all of this, he still gritted his teeth and shocked despite the unbearable desire to call her name.

This shock changed everyone's expression as they picked up their weapons and began killing them according to the plan. They almost forgot to do a follow up to attack them at their enemies in their most vulnerable state.

"I have said that you need to pay a price for offending my husband." The woman said coldly from up above as if they were already dead in her eyes, believing the spirits and contracted beasts. She finally turned to Alex.

Knowing that she had finished her job, she descended down to Alex's level and stared at him for a few seconds while smiling gently. Her flame and Alex flames suddenly came out as if a pair finally met once again like their master. It flew and circled in the sky.

"Husband... I miss you."

The two Spiritual Weapons realized it was their time to act and created a small barrier to protect these two.

Alex quickly grabbed her hand, pulled her into his embrace, and hugged her tightly. His hands were trembling while his voice was shaking. Nonetheless, he still called her name and let out his feelings. "Firia!"

## **Chapter 655 - The Reason**

"Firia!"

Alex released all sorts of feelings. Anxious, yearning, hope, but most importantly, love. He hugged her as tight as possible, afraid she would disappear the moment he let go of her.

She was one of the two people that he always wanted to see, the reason why he wanted to become stronger. He could face all of these tortures so as to reunite with her one more time.

"Husband. I have come back. Don't worry, I won't leave you again." Firia hugged him back gently, trying to calm him down. "I will accompany you in this world."

"Accompany me?" Alex's body shook by this word as he abruptly released her and locked into her eyes, dumbfounded.



"Yes. I have been training with your Master's wife this whole time. According to our plan, Alicia will also come back to this place, but... Due to some circumstances, she decided to stay there, waiting for you to come." Firia answered calmly. She closed her eyes for a while, recalling the meeting she had with Alicia.

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A few days ago,

Firia's training had come to an end. Her master had finally given her permission to visit Alex and helped him. She even had Zark to pick her up to meet Lin Xingzhi and Alicia.

Of course, both of them had been waiting for her. Even Alicia stopped her training and waited in the castle.

Firia entered the room where they used to meet if they wanted to talk about Alex.

Outside the room, specifically on the balcony, two women were chatting over tea. They turned around after noticing Firia's presence, and Alicia waved her hand, asking her to come.

Firia nodded and sat while Lin Xingzhi poured her tea.

"To think you have reached 8-Star Martial Monarch this soon..." Lin Xingzhi smiled with a slight surprise in her tone.

"That's right. I'm still a 7-Star Martial Monarch right now..." Alicia added while pouting.

"It's thanks to Sister Xingzhi. If you don't help me out and meet my master, how can I reach my current state?" Firia humbly said.

"Haha... It's also thanks to your effort that you can reach this step. You even pass Alex, who is currently a 3-Star Martial Monarch. I know that you want to meet him right now, but I have a plan. Care to hear me out?"

"A plan?" Firia and Alicia were surprised.

"Yeah. In a few days, Alex is going to fight two Martial Saints with Martial Monarchs and Martial Emperors behind them." Lin Xingzhi told them Alex's condition.

"Do you want us to help him? Although I wish to help him, I know that my strength is not strong enough to help him." Firia asked with great doubt in her heart.

Alicia also thought the same. Firia, who was stronger than her, had no confidence, let alone her.

"I know. Alex is planning to use Maxwell's token that contains the Fire Devil Strings technique to kill the two Martial Saints. This will leave Martial Monarchs and Martial Emperors. I want you to make an entrance at this moment. This will allow you to show your progress to Alex as well as make a flashy entrance rather than a normal entrance. Isn't it more romantic?" Lin Xingzhi smirked slyly.

"I don't really care about the entrance to be honest. I only wish to meet him again. This is why I got stronger in the first place." Firia shook her head.

Alicia thought the same before she suddenly noticed something was wrong. She furrowed her eyebrows and looked down, leaving Firia and Lin Xingzhi talking among themselves.

"Haha... If you want to meet him normally, you will have a hard time finding his base. Our Nelson is the number one spy in Eulja. Unless you have a precise map, it will be hard to meet him. That's why I also want to use this opportunity so both of you can meet him." Lin Xingzhi explained her reason.

Firia pondered for a moment and agreed with her plan. "I understand. I will go according to Sister Xingzhi's plan." Firia nodded.

"Great!" Lin Xingzhi smiled before looking at Alicia.

"Actually..." Alicia suddenly put on a serious expression as if she had a great problem in her heart. "... I don't want to go anymore."

"Eh?" Firia widened her eyes and opened her mouth. She couldn't believe what she just heard. "Alicia? What are you talking about?"

Lin Xingzhi also furrowed her eyebrows. Alicia had been wondering when she could meet Alex this whole time, and when the opportunity finally arrived, she decided to abandon it. How could it not shock her?

"I know you must be confused as to why I choose this option. I have one simple reason. We have been getting stronger so we can assist him, right?" Alicia asked Firia and Lin Xingzhi.

Firia nodded with solemn expressions. The answer was obvious. "Certainly."

"The same applies to him. He is getting stronger for the sake to meet us." Alicia looked at her with a sad look. "If we appear before him, will he still have this desire?"

"!!!" Firia was stunned by her question. This answer was as obvious as the last question.

Lin Xingzhi suddenly rose from her seat and hugged Alicia, burying her face under her b.o.o.b.s. "I really never choose the wrong sister!"

"Haha... This is the best for me, Firia, you, and Alex." Alicia chuckled. "His desire to get stronger will vanish because his goal has been achieved. The current him can't seal someone else's cultivation. In other words, we can't go back to the Lower World and have a happy life there... all of us.

"We will be forced to stay in that world because Alex might feel all of this is enough for him. His current strength is only enough to live either on the Sacred Continent or Northern Continent. Unfortunately, he has so many enemies this time. Even if he still wants to get stronger to solve Letizia's matter, we will only stop at Heavenly Continent.

"I don't wish for it to happen. We have been separated from him for almost a decade. Yet, the yearning is very unbearable. How about Sister Xingzhi, who has been waiting for him for thousands of years. This is so sad." Alicia shook her head while closing her eyes. She already considered Lin Xingzhi as her sister and Alex's wife this whole time, and the feeling wasn't as bad as she felt. Instead, she actually felt happy from the bottom of her heart, like when she heard Alex finally accepted Sherry.

"I will stay here with sister Xingzhi and wait for him to come here. This way, he will still have the drive to get stronger, and we will receive the happy ending we hope for. That's why you go and help him on his journey. Seeing your cultivation speed, you must have your Tribulation to Godhood before him. At that time, you can say you are waiting in Eulja." Alicia smiled.

"Then, I can stay here instead of you. Your last meeting with him is full of sadness. That's why it's better for you to go while I'm waiting here." Firia bit her lips and looked into her eyes.

"No. It's better if you go to him. Let's think about this, what kind of reason can we give to Alex to make him believe us?" Alicia asked. "Nothing, right? That's why I'm planning to say that I have several matters here and can't meet him for the time being. As for you, you can't say anything because you have finished your training. It's only another few years, I can stand it."

Firia couldn't say a single thing to her... "What if we don't come back and just wait for him together?"

"That can't be allowed. We agreed to meet him long ago, so this plan still needs to be carried. Besides, I believe that if only one of us here while the other is waiting for him out there. We can stimulate his desire to get stronger even more." Alicia nodded.

"Still, Sherry and the others can return to his body while the others can enter the card. If I am there in a perilous situation, I might unnecessarily hurt him. After all, his situation is currently far more dangerous than it used to be." Firia furrowed her eyebrows.

"If he is only a Martial King, I can say we will truly burden him. However, he is already strong enough, and our existence won't bring him too much problem with his Teleportation Array. You remembered that Nelson actually accompanied him the whole time in that Special Realm, right?"

"Yes." Firia let out a sigh, knowing she had no other excuse to reject this. While they were talking, Lin Xingzhi thought of something.

"I need to go somewhere for a few minutes. Wait for me here, alright?" said Lin Xingzhi before flying away.

Alicia and Firia were stupefied. They had no important matter today, so Lin Xingzhi's action was very suspicious. Yet none of them said anything as they simply had another light chat.

A few minutes later, Lin Xingzhi came back while bringing a fruit on her hands. The fruit had a star shape while releasing a powerful Fire Energy.

"Sister Xingzhi, that is..." Firia noticed this fruit as a fire user.

"Yeah. This is Star Fruit. It has a very nourishing Fire Energy that even God Stage experts would find it useful. It can boost one's Fire Talent and Strength. This is a priceless fruit... But I think the reason I bring it here is obvious." She smiled at Firia.

"You want me to bring it to Alex for his fourth refinement?" Firia asked.

"Yes. At first, I have been storing this to give him one through Gacha since this is the only one I have for his Undying Fire Body refinement. However, I think it's better to give him now because the situation is getting pretty dangerous. This should be able to increase his cultivation slightly, and the refinement will

greatly enhance his strength. He will have more options to face his enemies this way." Xingzhi gave Firia another reason to go.

"So that's why sister Xingzhi asked the others to search around. It's to find all the materials for his Undying Fire Body?" Alicia asked.

"Yeah. After all, each material is very priceless. I even doubted myself to see Alex could get three of them in that world." She nodded. "I have gotten the information about the fifth material, Fire Grass, in a certain world and send the spirits to confirm the rumor and acquire it. But I am still waiting for the result. I can't go there anyway because of the world's barrier."

"I think we shouldn't bring them back here and let them stay there. At some point, Alex should be able to seal others' cultivations with his Unique Space Ability. We can then sneak inside that world and enjoy those worlds with him. In fact, Sister Xingzhi can take the first one. This way, you can start making a move to have him fall in love with you. After this, six of us can enjoy the time with him together in the next world." Alicia smirked.

"That is a good idea. It can also speed up the progress between sister Xingzhi and Alex." Firia nodded.

"You two..." Lin Xingzhi was overwhelmed by emotions.

"Like how sister Xingzhi helped us this whole time, we also want to help you."

"That's right. If sister doesn't accept this, I won't bring the fruit to him." Firia backed Alicia up. "Besides, we can visit our Agar World to visit our parents and Alex's Teacher... Though the latter should have been reincarnated somewhere."

Tears were swelling up as she never thought the two new sisters were this considerate. "Alright."

The three smiled at each other and continued to have a pleasant talk until Firia needed to go. Zark brought her to Alex's world and teleported her right above him. In other words, she had been high in the sky this whole time, waiting for the perfect opportunity to make her appearance.

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Back to the present,

Firia suddenly kissed him twice. Alex didn't know why, but each kiss held a different emotion. "The first one was mine. While Alicia asked me to do it... She is truly missing you, Husband."

## **Chapter 656 - Firia Meets The Other Girls**

"She is truly missing you, Husband."

Alex was stunned with her sad smile, yet a thought arose in his mind. "That's right. Why did you come here alone?"

"I asked her before coming here, and she said she is in the middle of cultivation. She asked me to come here alone to help you because she would require a few years to cultivate. By that time, you might already break free from this world and achieve God Stage. That's why she decided to wait for you

there." Firia answered with the alibi she had prepared earlier. Although it pained her to lie like this, she had agreed with this arrangement a few days ago.

"Is that so?" Alex let out a long sigh, not having a single shred of doubt in Firia's words. "She is fine, right?"

Firia understood Alex's worry in this question. After all, Alicia had gotten that poison one time, and Alex was afraid she faced that kind of thing again. Hence, she put the gentlest smile she could and answered. "As I said, I talked to her before coming here. She was very energetic and cheerful at that time."

Alex felt relieved, knowing she was alright. "I see. I am confident to reach God Stage within a decade, so I will just meet her by that time."

"Haha... If we are going with your process, five years are the maximum." Firia chuckled. "I won't lose to you this time though. I will surely become a God Stage Expert before you."

"So, you are going to challenge me..." Alex narrowed his eyes.

"Of course. You are feeling confident to pass me with this difference, Husband?" She released her Spiritual Energy to make Alex remember that she was an 8-Star Martial Monarch.

"No. I quit. I won't go for the challenge because I only want you to grow without destroying your foundation only for this stupid challenge." Alex shook his head.

"I'm not that foolish. Besides, I know about cultivation as well from my Master. That's why don't underestimate me." Firia harrumphed. "Anyway, you are not going to join them?"

She pointed her finger at the scene behind her.

Alex shook his head and smiled. "Anna and the others are strong enough to deal with them. We are in this cage made of your Sacrificial Element. I'm sure it will be strong enough to trap them."

"You trust my ability this much? I was never useful for you in the past, you know." Firia grinned.

"Don't say that. Although your fighting with Alicia was a little bit annoying, it colored my day at the very least. I was always alone before, passing my day without anyone. That was why I still felt it was nice." Alex smiled, complimenting her genuinely.

"That is not a compliment, Husband." Firia narrowed her eyes before clapping her hands and changing her mood. "There should be another ten minutes before Anna, and the others finish. Do you want to ask something?"

"I have two questions. I am wondering why you didn't tell me that you can visit me again?" Alex asked while glancing upon her eyes.

"I almost forgot... Uncle Maxwell actually told me that he would inform you himself, but it seemed he had forgotten about it."

\*Thud—!\* Kai didn't know why but the past memory resurfaced in his mind where he actually forgot to mention Spatial Gate and Space Plate. "He is a forgetful person... Sigh."

"Haha... It's fine since you can focus on your cultivation rather than waiting for us." Firia shrugged.

"True enough." Alex nodded in agreement. "Then, the second question, why at this time?"

"To finish my training with my Master first. Even alone in this world, I should be able to sustain myself. Master taught me about Alchemist as well up to God Stage Pill or a pill above rank 8, the Divine Pill. Of course, I can only make rank 8 pill right now due to my cultivation... barely." She paused for a moment before taking out a certain blazing fruit and passing it to Alex. "This is another reason I come here."

"This..." Alex's body shook upon the sight of this fruit. "This is Star Fruit. How can you have this?"

"You are cultivating Undying Fire Body and need this fruit for your fourth refinement. All the materials you need are very hard to get, so once she has gotten this, she asks me to bring it to you." Firia smiled. She, in her mouth, was Lin Xingzhi. Unfortunately, she forbade her from saying the fruit was coming from her because of several reasons.

Due to Firia talking about her Master this whole time, Alex misunderstood her and thought it was coming from her Master. "Thank you for bringing it to me; I truly need it. If I have the opportunity, I will thank her in the future."

Firia hid her lie beneath her smile even though she was also crying at the same time. She thought, 'How many lies I need to tell on the first day of meeting my husband...'

Alex tossed the Star Fruit inside his Inventory and remembered something. "Do you know about the System?"

"Of course, I know. I want to ask you to invite me as a Spirit Nest member."

Alex nodded and opened his system, sending an invite to her. Firia chose Yes without hesitation and officially became one of the Spirit Nest members.

"That's right, Husband. I have seen your progress from there and know that you have trouble with money. Master didn't let me bring any items other than my clothes and weapon, so I will need to rely on you to procure medicinal ingredients while I make rank 7 or rank 8 pills for you. In other words, I will supply the money for our Spirit Nest." She grinned.

Alex nodded before noticing something wrong. "Wait, you have a weapon?"

"I have now. You already know that there are many different types of cultivations out there, right?"

"Yes." The answer was obvious. He learned many things from his knowledge, such as someone that cultivates with special veins and such. Their power was the same as him in the same stage, and both had their own advantages and disadvantages, so there was no point in debating over it. He only knew that there were many different types and learned that he might fight against those types when he reached God Stage.

"This is my weapon! It's also my Spiritual Weapon with Fire Attribute. It can boost my Fire Attribute to attack people... But Master has sealed a portion of its power since this is a Divine Item, so I don't feel reliant on it." Firia nodded.

"That's good then." Alex had no problem in her Master sealing its power. If he didn't reach Absolute Blade Saint before all this matter, he might necessarily use his Spiritual Weapons as to stimulate his potential.

At this time, Anna and Sherry suddenly appeared behind the barrier. "Alex, we are done and spare the weakest guy we can get."

Alex scratched his head for a moment and said apologetically. "I'm sorry. I need to deal with the current situation first."

"It's fine. I will wait here." Firia smiled gently.

He waved his hand to open the barrier and nodded to Anna and Sherry before flying toward the others.

Meanwhile, Firia came to Anna with a cheerful smile. Suddenly, she bowed her head elegantly. "Elder Sister Anna, I'm Firia. This might not be the first time we meet, but let me say it. Thank you for accompanying Alex this whole time, and I hope that we can take care of him together this time."

"Ye-yes." Anna's body shook, and bowed her head unconsciously. However, her mood was somewhat gloomy, and Firia understood the reason.

"I knew your worry, and I did feel it was wrong. Even Sister Xingzhi was worried about it. However, we always made a mistake, whether consciously or unconsciously. Even Alex made many mistakes. At that time, did you forgive him?"

Anna opened her mouth slightly, wanting to say yes but had no courage.

"I believe he has already forgiven you and brushed it off from his mind. That's why you can't be like this anymore because I know it will only sadden him and you. Please act normally again. This is the request from your little sister." Firia smiled.

Anna closed her eyes and sighed. "I will try. There is no need to call me, Sister. We only have one big sister, Sister Xingzhi. She is the only one that can be called Sister. Other than that, we should call each other with our names."

"Sure. Looking forward to our cooperation Anna." Firia stretched her hands.

"Yes. I'm looking forward to it as well..." Anna thought she wanted a handshake, but she gave her a big hug instead. Suddenly, Anna noticed something wrong with her words, specifically about that cooperation word. "Cooperation? Don't tell me..."

"Sister Xingzhi made us learn everything from that book. So I will really need your cooperation." She grinned.

"You... You have been corrupted as well! Do you know that Sister Xingzhi actually gathered all kinds of techniques in the world for a few thousand years, so she can please Alex on the bed when he has reincarnated? She even made us learn that well..."

"Haha... I don't feel anything wrong for a wife to please her husband." Firia smirked.

Suddenly, Anya appeared with a sly glint. "I heard a very interesting topic just now."

Anna was startled for a second and released Firia. Meanwhile, Firia came closer to Anya and bowed to her before straightening her back and smiling from ear to ear. "I heard about your achievement, Anya.

Sister Xingzhi said you claimed the second rank for the mastery of this book. I hope you can guide me sometime..."

Anya grabbed Firia's hands and raised them as she looked at her with a star in her eyes. "I see, I found a friend on this journey. I have executed a few techniques, and Alex seemed to like it. Unfortunately, Anna always refused to use it despite mastering all the techniques. We can try it soon together since the theory says it will be more effective in doing it with more people."

"I'm looking forward to that."

"Still, I will let you have tonight with him." Anya smirked while shaking her hands.

"Thank you." Firia grinned.

"I feel like these two shouldn't meet..." Anna sweatdropped.

"What do you mean? Alicia also has the interest to do it, albeit a bit embarrassed. You are just wasting Sister Xingzhi's efforts." Firia corrected her with a righteous face.

"That is unnecessary effort!" Anna screamed, frustrated. "You do know that she actually traveled to thousands of worlds to accumulate thousands of techniques and compile that book, right?"

Amazing and yet... a different kind of amazing. But it was useless since Anya and Firia ignored her words.

"Elder Sister Firia..." Sherry's voice resounded as she finally joined their conversation, albeit with a guilty face.

Firia smiled and shook her head. She patted Sherry's head and said. "You did a good job, Sherry. I can see that you have completed your mission well. Besides, I am also happy to have you as my sister. For the time being, you can't call me without honorifics, and there is only one way if you want to call me Firia."

Sherry looked up with a surprised face. She blinked her eyes a few times, realizing that Firia recognized her relationship with Alex. Firia's words certainly piqued interest as well as she asked, "What is that way, Elder Sister Firia? I will certainly do it!"

"Good." Firia nodded while taking out a single book and handing it to her. "I bring a copy with me!"

"Wait, that book!" Anna, of course, realized this book, but Anya suddenly appeared in front of her.

"As a strategist from Eulja, I deem this book is mandatory for anyone that wants to enter Sirius Household," Anya said righteously.

"You are just corrupting Sherry!" Anna shouted.

Sherry was startled by the book as her face turned red when she took a glance at the first page. However, a notification appeared for these four.

[I and Alicia agree. The rule shall be effective from today onward.]

\*Thud—!\* Anna lost the hope in her eyes as she lamented the pure soul that would soon fall...

Meanwhile, Sherry looked up and pumped her fist despite having a blushed face. "I will do it!"



## Chapter 657 - Return

While the girls were busy discussing among themselves, Alex somehow felt a chill down his spines for no apparent reasons. Yet, he couldn't think of it at the moment as he looked at the scared person a few meters in front of him.

"Your family wants to use my life to gain a favor... No, I should say your main family. At the same time, your family will have the help in resolving your current situation here because you are just a useless piece of crap that your family abandoned!" Alex looked at the middle-aged guy in front of him, who was kneeling on the ground and begging for mercy.

Suddenly, Alex released his Spiritual Energy. "Do you think your Ancient Blue Family on this continent can defend itself when I decide to attack?"

"Young Lord. Please spare my life." The man was shaking as he groveled in the ground and bore Alex's pressure. He was only a little 4-Star Martial Emperor while Alex was a 3-Star Martial Monarch. At the same time, he was afraid to use his Spiritual Energy in case Alex thought of it as a challenge and killed him on the spot.

"I don't give a damn on your life. Still, I can see you have another value. As long as you take a Heavenly Oath not to say anything about my Space Element, you can go. Don't forget to tell your family that if they are coming at me for the second time, I will exterminate their whole family. And this is not an empty threat." Alex mysteriously mentioned Heavenly Oath and his Space Element, despite knowing it was useless.

"Ye-yes, my lord! With Heaven and Earth as my witness, I, Tristan, won't say a single thing about my Lord Power, especially anything related to his Space Element. If I fail to abide by this promise, let the lightning strike me and extinguish my soul."

Alex didn't have a change of expression. "You have sworn the Heavenly Oath, and the moment I see Ancient Blue Family raise their weapons will be the day I extinguish your family. Now go!"

"Yes. Thank you, my lord. Thank you, my lord." The man quickly rose from the ground and ran away.

Seeing this person flying away, Alex turned to Nelson with a serious expression. "Nelson, I want you to follow that guy and make sure he doesn't report anything about my Space Element."

"Understood. I will kill him as soon as there is a slight hint he is going to say about your Space Element. At the same time, we can humiliate this family too." Nelson nodded and disappeared.

Alex still narrowed his eyes and thought, 'According to the information, their family is the same as the Blackwade Clan from the Northern Continent. However, this one is a bit more extreme where they won't have any connection with the main family because the latter treated them as a dog instead of a family member.

'The Main Family might help them if the other influences want to destroy it, but they shouldn't care if it's only harassment. Besides, I will also roam around the Heavenly Continent by that time, and this continent matter won't influence me in any way.'

"Young Master, what are we going to do next? I know that you are going to train, but how about us? Should we come to the Heavenly Continent first and raise our level with powerful monsters?" A male's voice came from his right.

Alex turned around and found that it was Artur. "That's my original plan, and hopefully one of you can enter Martial Saint before I go there... But I think that is hard."

"Indeed. The strongest of us is Leoz, and I feel he won't be able to reach Martial Saint in a couple of months unless he takes all the experiences, which is impossible."

"Well, evolving Sherry's Pure Fire is going to take two to three months." Alex nodded. "I will think about it later... But I am sure I will teleport you guys to the Heavenly Continent first after some planning in the base."

"Understood."

Alex thought for a moment. "Still, are you going to be fine? The difference between Martial Emperor and Martial Monarch is not the same as Martial Monarch and Martial Saint. They are far different, so I'm a bit hesitant in this matter. Unlike the spies, all of you have the chance of being found out."

"We should be alright if we follow Nelson," Artur said nonchalantly.

"But Nelson will only meet you a few days later due to his current mission."

Artur fell into silence and crossed his arms. "How about we wait until Nelson finishes his job? Naturally, the last guy's fate has been determined since he will surely talk about the Space Element even if the Heavenly Oath binds him. In fact, he might even say and die like that."

"I know. I was threatening him with that to make sure it would go last. That way, the Ancient Blue Family will know our power and give some information to the main family. Finally, our misunderstanding game will begin." Alex nodded. "Besides, there are many influences on the Heavenly Continent, and they will soon know that I have given my Pure Fire to Sherry."

"At that time, they are going to kill us instead of capturing us. Their patriarch will claim that I have killed their Young Master... It's true though. Of course, he won't forget about a huge bounty on my head, especially after confirming I have a backing that can deal with their Martial Saints."

"They must surely want to manipulate the rogue cultivators and other influences to entangle in this complicated mess. Even so, only Ancient Blue Family will be the only one to participate in this conquest due to this battle. The other influences will wait and see first since Blackwade Clan, their previous ally, doesn't participate."

"They will investigate me first, and at that time, I will have a more convincing power to confront the Blackwade Clan, telling them I won't mind if they fight me as well. Of course, I hope the conversation is going well and get their cooperation. I only want to make their First Elder and Third Elder suffer first before I or Blackwade Clan kill them." Alex finally finished his explanation.

Artur thought for a moment. "I don't have a brain like Young Master, but I know the situation will calm down the moment Blackwade Clan announce their stance."

"Yeah. The other influences won't target me because they don't want to get entangled into this complicated situation. So, the situation will gradually calm down, and the Fire God Clan can only fume in anger since nothing is going their way." Alex smiled evilly.

"I have one question, Young Master."

"Ask." Alex nodded.

"What will you do with Snow White Mountain? When will you save Letizia? As much as I choose not to care about it, her loyalty is commendable. Besides, she is a Pure Ice Element. I am sure she will grow big later and doesn't seem to be one like Shelka. Is Young Master going to take her under your banner?" Artur asked.

Alex closed his eyes for a few seconds. "I will decide after I rescue her. After all, I doubt I will go there before reaching Martial Saint due to how dangerous it is."

"I understand." Artur nodded. "I am sorry if I ask you like this since Young Master must want to explain it together with the other spirits, so you don't repeat yourself."

"We are not rushing anyway, so I don't really mind. Besides, changing opinion twice might give me another idea." Alex smiled and shook his head before raising his hand, telling them to regroup. Alex turned around and saw the women were chatting happily.

"Have you finished your matter?" Firia waved her hand to him, asking him to come over.

"Long ago."

"Really? I thought we were just talking for a few minutes." Firia chuckled.

Alex shook his head, looking at all of their expressions. Firia had a beautiful smile on her face to show her good mood. Anya also nodded in agreement while smiling from ear to ear. On the other hand, Anna had a frustrated face as she glared at Firia and Anya while looking at Sherry with pity.

Alex looked at the book in Sherry's hand as Sherry was trying hard to hide it to the point of storing it inside her personal Space Ring instead of Inventory. She tensed up and looked at Alex with her red face. "Ma-Master, we should go home since we have finished."

A doubt raised in his mind, but he didn't say anything. Instead, he agreed with the suggestion and said. "Let's go back."

The spirits went back to the card while the contracted beasts returned inside his body, leaving Alex and Firia alone.

"Shall we go?"

"Yes."

Alex snapped his finger and created a Teleportation Array as the two vanished into thin air.

"Good work for all of you. Should we commence the meeting first?" Alex asked.

"Firia has just returned. How about having quality time for all these years first? We can wait." Anya answered with a smile while Sherry nodded in agreement.

"Yeah. It's been a few years since you last met her." Anna ultimately nodded her head. "I can compile the information and plan that way."

Alex hesitated for a moment, glanced at Firia, and agreed with their suggestion.

"Thank you."

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A few hours later,

A man and a woman were lying down on the bed as a smile was planted on both of their faces. At first, they were chatting happily about many things until the mood took over.

The woman used the man's hand as her pillow and looked up. "Alex, when are you going to the Heavenly Continent? Are you still going according to the plan or..."

"I haven't decided yet. The Star Fruit makes me hesitate once more. Of course, I will eat the Star Fruit first since it will improve my cultivation and strength. After that, I will begin training Sherry. I will decide after that." Alex nodded.

"I will also cultivate with you. Remember about Sherry's Pure Fire, and you can dual cultivate with her?"

"Yeah."

"I can actually join you because my Sacrificial Fire originated from you. According to the theory, we can increase our speed even more."

"That is worth a try." Alex also had the knowledge about it but was still unsure whether it was plausible or not.

"You need to tell me your schedule, so I can arrange my schedule."

"Your schedule?"

"Yeah. I'm going to make pills with all of your Medicinal Herbs and get us some money. Like the one that can increase one's talent, I can make it too as long as I have the ingredients." Firia nodded. "In the meantime, you can make Array Plates if you want to boost our income."

"That is a good idea." Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "If you are unsure with one thing, just tell me so I can prepare a Simulation Room for you."

"Haha... You are truly a special one to think about that. Even Uncle Maxwell is surprised to know it and create a similar array for me. Of course, for training my Alchemy Skill." Firia chuckled.

"It's nothing but my otherworldly knowledge... Still, to think Firia, who needed my teaching in the past, wanted to take over my job as an Alchemist." Alex smirked.

"I was too immature back then and thought I could help you if I learned Alchemy. Unfortunately, I only took more of your time..." Firia sighed.

"You were not my burden and will never be my burden. That's what I always think and probably will never change. So, I never care if you are going to make me busy for a year or a few ten years, I will consider it as nothing." Alex smiled.

"This was the reason why I fell in love with you despite the first thing I had in my mind was to conquer you, so I could escape from an arranged marriage." Firia smiled while closing her eyes. "Husband, I love you."

"Love you too."

## **Chapter 658 - Their Future Course**

The next day, Alex had recovered completely, no, he looked more energetic than usual.

"Alex." Anna bowed to him. Although it wasn't exactly normal, she appeared to want to mend their awkward relationship even though Alex didn't mind it anymore.

"Good morning, Anna." Alex nodded with a smile before looking at his spirits. "So... I suppose we are going to talk about our next plan."

"We heard it from Artur last night, so you don't need to worry." Anya stopped him. "I don't have any problem with the majority of the plan... Though I need to see the effect of Star Fruit first because our plan depends on it."

"True enough." Alex nodded with a solemn expression. "In any case, Nelson will be back in a few days, so I will refine my body first before discussing our plan?"

"Sounds good." Anya agreed with him while glancing at the others who seemed not to have any objections.

He glanced at Firia first, who said, "Don't worry about me. I will adapt to the environment."

He worried for a second since Firia came to this world not long ago. Seeing the latter want to adapt alone, he finally made his way to his bedroom again despite being there a moment ago.

Inside the room, he sat down on the bed and took out the Star Fruit Firia gave him earlier. He activated his Spirit Eyes to see the fruit energy first before preparing himself to confront the pain once again.

"This is only the fourth refining process... and I will gain strength in this refining. Although I am pretty happy with the strength, I don't think I need it for the time being. After all, the Undying Fire Body only increased the percentage of my actual strength instead of gaining a fixed amount of strength. Due to this, I might not receive a huge amount of strength despite the pain... So it feels like I'm torturing myself..." Alex sighed.

However, he knew that he needed to get it done.

After another five minutes, he finally took the fruit and bit it. The first bite tasted like an apple, but he realized all the pieces that had been grind by his teeth accumulated right above his stomach so as to avoid his stomach acid to process it.

It certainly felt weird, as if ants crawling around the stomach area, but Alex still finished the fruit.

As soon as the last piece of the fruit fell down to his stomach, the energy that had been preventing them from falling to the acid finally disappeared. Yet, no pieces of fruit fell inside the acid. They were melted before that and turned into energy that gradually spread all over his body, nourishing his tendons.

Alex had yet to feel the pain but still prepared for the pain. There was no way this refining finished without it, and as he expected, it truly came five minutes later.

"!!!" The pain was all over his body... No, all over his muscle. "Kh!"

Firia had come from the distant world. Even though the Sound Insulation was already up, he still didn't want to show Firia his weakness. Hence, he endured this excruciating pain just by biting his lips and clenching his palms until they bled.

This pain was also the start for the Fire Energy to refine his tendons. They flew inside each muscle, not expanded them, but made it stronger and flexible. If it was expanded, Alex might become a muscular man despite not wanting to be one.

Whether his experience with pain or his resistance, Alex found himself having no trouble in bearing this pain.

In the early second day, the energy in his body suddenly spiked as his cultivation increased, becoming a 4-Star Martial Monarch. It was truly unexpected to have a breakthrough at this point, especially since he had yet to finish all the refining.

He continued enduring this pain for another day and kept absorbing the energy inside this Star Fruit.

"As expected... I have become an M... Except I still do find them not pleasurable, and I won't find them pleasurable." Alex shuddered with the thought alone as he slowly opened his eyes after two days without a scream. "At the very least, I have become a 4-Star Martial Monarch... I should have Sherry reach it later."

Alex rose from the bed and checked his body. He really wanted to punch the wall, but afraid it would collapse. 'I don't know my current strength, but it has truly grown by a large margin. I will test it later.'

With that thought in mind, he came out of his room and marched toward the meeting room, where he found everyone present. They also noticed his presence and nodded at him.

"Have you gotten something amazing from the refinement?" Firia greeted him with a question while waving her hand.

"Yeah. It's quite nice." Alex nodded with a smile.

"So, what is the plan?" Firia asked after confirming Alex's arrival. They had been waiting for him this whole time, so they were pretty relaxed and could start the meeting anytime.

"I will send you guys first to raise your level there. Considering I have become a 4-Star Martial Monarch and soon will reach 5-Star, I will stay here until I finish my consolidation and reach 6-Star before going to the next continent. I know that it might take around four to six months, but the major change there should be as we predict," Alex answered.

"Indeed. Even if they are coming to this continent, the spirits already reach the Heavenly Continent while you can use Teleportation Array in case of emergency." Anya nodded, having no trouble with his plan. "I have one trouble though."

"What is it?"

"I simply need money to establish our influence there. Of course, I'm not going to reveal our presence first. That's why..." Anya turned to Firia. "I need pills to sell on Heavenly Continents. There are many rank 7 ingredients in the Inventory, which you can refine while there is supposed to be some rank 8 pills that you can refine... But I will procure a few more in the Heavenly Continent. Will that be alright with you?"

Alex was stunned. Normally, the spirits would use the money he actually made, or they got from destroying an influence. However, everything changed after Firia came. He wasn't needed anymore, and somehow, he couldn't help but thought, 'I see. I'm not needed to make a pill anymore. I—!'

Alex's train of thought was stopped when Firia turned around and looked at him. "What do you think, Husband? I won't take it if you don't want me to."

The question was simple but misleading. He remembered that Firia told him he could rest assured and leave everything about Alchemy to her. However, this question was very contradictory.

'It's as if Firia is taking the job away from me...' Alex closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and thought about it for a moment. 'I have been making pills for us, and that is the sole reason I learn Alchemy. Yet, Firia is more adept than me right now... Will I still continue wasting my time to practice Alchemy or I can solely focus on Array and Cultivation?'

Alex found it hard to answer this question. On one hand, he could increase everything in his repertoire even if he needed to spare a few months. In this case, he would be able to increase his own worth and even help her produce a huge amount of pills. On the other hand, he might raise at least one star within that time.

'I might never use the pill again because I do not necessarily need it... But do I really want to leave everything to Firia? No, you build a relationship together even if it takes time, that's why I won't stop practicing Alchemy even though I know I won't need it anymore. There might be a time I need to do everything alone like how I teach Rose...'

Alex opened his eyes and nodded. "Sure. You can take the job but balance it with your cultivation, alright?"

"There you have his answer." Firia turned back to Anya, not knowing Alex's thought process.

"If you need anything, just tell me. I should be able to help you regarding Alchemy... Even though I'm still a rank 6 Alchemist." Alex nodded.

"I can handle my schedule pretty well due to the harsh training with my master." Firia smiled.

Alex looked into her eyes for a moment before continuing the discussion. "After I'm coming to the Heavenly Continent, it will be the time we will show ourselves."

"Yes... Though I have a matter that I need to address to you." Anna finally broke her silence. Although it was slightly awkward, Anna still finished her pieces. "There is a gathering between all the influences on Heavenly Continent... Of course, it's only for junior. I think we can meet Blackwade Clan here to show that we have a little cooperation with them to make other influences hesitate first.

"After that, we should be able to see Evelyn here to check on progress. I'm sure you want to know about her progress. Last but not least, there is this thing called sparring between them. I think it is the place where we can kill another young master from Fire God Clan and throw another seed of furry... and also dominance. We need to tell them we are not afraid of trouble, which will make the Fire God Clan search for another ally, giving us valuable time to cultivate. What do you think?"

Alex pondered for a moment. "That is pretty risky to be honest... and I don't have confidence in agreeing with the plan now. I will decide later... By the way, when is it going to take place?"

"Two years from now," Anna answered calmly.

"I will try to reach as high as possible, and the Fire God Clan's young master won't challenge me if he isn't a fool... unless he has a trump card that can negate my Pure Fire." Alex narrowed his eyes.

"I agree with Alex. There are still two years anyway, we can slowly wait to see how it will resolve." Anya nodded.

"Well, our plan will be like this. I stay here until 6-Star Martial Monarch while you all are raising your level and money there. We will hold another meeting after I arrive on Heavenly Continent." Alex summarized their meeting.

"Please leave the distribution of the pill to me. Unlike last time, Blackwade Clan is monopolizing the market, so I have many ways to get money from them without alarming anyone." Anya added.

"Then, any question?" Alex asked and was answered with complete silence. He then turned around and said, "I will start training again. Tell me when Nelson come back, I will teleport you guys. Also, Sherry, come with me. We will evolve your Pure Fire."

"Yes, Master."

## **Chapter 659 - Ancient Blue Family's Situation**

One week later,

In front of the grand mansion of the Ancient Blue Family.

"Bad news!" A disciple ran toward the mansion with everything he got. It already took almost all of his energy just to fly here at his full speed, because of how important the information was.

There were two men guarding the gate and naturally stopped him from entering. "Stop! The meeting hall is right inside, and the elders are discussing today's matter with the family head. No one can enter!"

"I need to enter. Please..." The 4-Star Martial Emperor had his appearance tattered like a beggar because of exhaustion.



The guards couldn't trust him too, even though the one in front of them was also an Ancient Blue Family member. "Talk everything to me. I will pass your message to the patriarch."

\*Pant!\* \*Pant!\*

The disciple fell on his knee before the guards exchanged looks and asked. "You might be a family member, but I still need to stop you because this is my job. How about telling me what kind of bad news you have and I will relay it to the family head."

The disciple didn't answer him for a few seconds as if he almost fell unconscious. Suddenly, he had gathered enough strength to mutter a few breaths. "I need to inform the family head about our expedition group."

"Now that you say it, I do feel you are pretty similar to one of those people. Speak, I will inform the family head." The guard finally noticed something was wrong. There were two 5-Star Martial Saints in the expedition group, yet they sent this weak guy to relay a message, it shouldn't be possible.

After all, no one could actually fight against Martial Saints on this continent, and the only time they might send someone as a messenger...

"Our... Our expedition group is dead! All of them died, including the two Martial Saints." The disciple could only utter two sentences before panting uncontrollably.

"What? You are joking. There is no way someone can kill Martial Saints on this continent."

"Everything was their plan. They had a way to kill the Martial Saints and somehow released me to inform the Ancient Blue Family that... that..." The disciple fell down.

However, hearing such breathtaking information, one of the guards caught him, turned him around, and looked at his eyes that seemed to have lost their focus. "Oi! What happened?"

After not hearing anything for a few seconds, the guard quickly took out a pill and shoved it into the disciple's mouth. "It was a healing pill, it should be able to wake him up for a little while."

"Ah! Where am I?" The disciple woke up again, but couldn't move his body. He looked at the guard and somehow remembered all the things before he collapsed.

"Explain everything!"

"That... That the moment our Ancient Blue Family raises our weapon again, they will massacre us."

\*Thud—!\* This sounded like a joke, but the disciple was too exhausted to even joke. Hence, the guard calmed his mind and realized that if what this disciple said was true, their family would be in danger. A Martial Saint was practically an invincible existence for them, yet this group could actually kill two. Besides, it also meant that they had enough confidence to deal with the main Fire God Clan and Ancient Blue Family.

"The weakest of them were 3-Star Martial Monarch, including their leader, but he was the scariest one because when I took my eyes away for a second, two Martial Saints died. The strongest of them was 7-Star Martial Monarch, but the Martial Saint once said that his power was also equal to 1-Star Martial Saint... If they arrived here, they would..."

The guard couldn't say anything, stunned.

The disciple continued, recalling every single thing he could say first before revealing Alex's power and dying because of Tribulation. "We were attacked by only fourteen people... no, fifteen in which two of them occupied the Martial Saints. After that, there was a woman that could kill a fourth of our number with only a wave of her hand. It was scary.

"At the same time, the others also had the strength of a hundred men, killing us like killing chickens. Their power... Their power... Cough!" The disciple was coughing a few times as the scene had struck a deep fear in his heart. "

"Tell us everything! What is their power? What is their leader's power to even kill two 5-Star Martial Saints!" The guards became impatient when they knew two Martial Saints were killed.

The disciple also thought he couldn't say many things in his state. In that case, he decided to say only the leader, the fire woman and Leoz because none of them had a huge threat to them.

"There was a lightning guy that had 7-Star Martial Monarch, but his attack could stop 5-Star Martial Saint. I literally saw that attack and thought it would kill every single of us if the Martial Saints weren't there. Meanwhile, the fire woman had a powerful Fire... I couldn't say many things about her because she didn't participate in the fight after the first attack that killed fifty of us.

"But... as expected, the most dangerous one was their leader, a 3-Star Martial Monarch. He-

Suddenly, a shadow appeared in front of them, and his blade already made its way toward the disciple. The guards raised their weapons because they were still 6-Star Martial Emperor and had the time to react. Yet, Nelson's sword was still faster, killing the disciple in one slash.

Unfortunately, they were too focused on the disciple, so their head was late to look up to see Nelson's figure as the latter took the opportunity to disappear again after killing the disciple.

On the other hand, the guards exchanged looks with sweats covering their heads. Having the disciple that was supposed to give them information died would only mean that they were targeted by those people from Spirit Nest.

"You take care of this body, and I will inform the patriarch... They might be nearby, so we need to be careful!"

The other guard nodded.

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A minute later,

**\*Bang!\***

"Family Head... Family Head, something very bad happened!" The guard stormed inside the room, filled with elders and their heads.

In the furthest of the room sat a middle-aged man. He had long blue hair and aged eyes as if he had been dealing with terrible things for quite a while.

"What is it?" He narrowed his eyes. "What kind of bad news will we have? Our situation has gotten pretty relaxed after the reinforcement from the Fire God Clan arrived... Even though we still need to deal with many things, we can cope with the loss that these influences have inflicted upon us."

"I just got information from a disciple that went together with the expedition group."

"Oh! Have they finished their job? That's great. According to the agreement, they will start pressuring the other three influences for us, and we can take everything back from them even with the bonus." The family head stood up while smiling.

The elders also started rising from their seats to congratulate the family head, but they were stopped by the next word from the guard.

"Unfortunately, all of them had been massacred, including the disciple that passed us this message." The guard gritted his teeth.

The room fell into silence as they widened their eyes. Dumbstruck. The family head asked as if he heard it wrong. "Can you say it one more time? There is no way Martial Saints can be killed on this continent."

"Yes, Family Head. The Martial Saints were killed by them." The guard started explaining.

Their expressions turned from dumbfounded to shock to grim. Even the family head fell on his chair and felt weak. Never they expected, the Spirit Nest could kill the Martial Saints and realize what kind of danger they possessed.

Unfortunately, there was too little information about them lingering on the continent. They thought it wouldn't be a problem since the influences on this continent had no means to fight against those from Heavenly Continent. However, the Spirit Nest seemed to be different, causing them to be filled with despair.

Luckily, the guard also added in the end. "The disciple also said that they would only attack our family if we raise our hand on this matter again."

"..." The family head furrowed his eyebrows. "Who has any information about the Spirit Nest?"

All the elders looked down and couldn't answer him the slightest. They had heard everything from Mio, who encountered them inside the Special Realm. Yet, everything didn't do any justice. They remembered that the leader was a simple Martial Emperor at that time, putting that mask of him to his identity. And a year later, he had already reached 3-Star Martial Monarch. All people thought at the same time, What kind of speed is this?

"If the Spirit Nest truly killed them, we would be foolish to challenge them. On the other hand, the main family might rage upon this matter and wreak havoc in this family... Yet, if we don't report this matter, they will know it sooner or later, and the problem will escalate even further." The family head was scratching his head as he couldn't come up with a single idea before remembering the last thing the guard said. "Did you say they will only attack us if we stretch our hand again?"

"Ye-yes."

"We won't do anything then." The family head decided. "We will send an envoy to the family since no matter how hard they hit us; our family won't be destroyed. At the same time, the other influences

don't know that the Martial Saints have died. They shouldn't know if we send a messenger at this particular time.

"However, we also need one person important enough for the main family. I want to go, but I need to handle the family matter. That's why you need to go, first elder... No, I will ask the grand elder later. This situation also involves Fire God Clan, so the main family will also need to be held accountable by them.

"We will surely get killed by them because of this humiliation, but we can redeem ourselves by giving enough information. That's why we will use this chance to spread our spies to every location on this continent to search for any information related to Spirit Nest." The family head rose from his seat and shouted.

The elders thought for a moment and exchanged looks with each other. None of them could present an objection as this was their best option. Hence, the elders nodded and shouted. "We will obey Family Head Roy."

"Don't forget. We also need to hide this information from the other influences for as long as we can... So, those who are here can't say anything about this outside. I will kill whoever spread this information."

"Yes."

#### **Chapter 660 - Fire God Clan and Ancient Blue Family**

Unfortunately, the situation didn't stop for the Ancient Blue Family. As soon as they heard that the Martial Saint was killed, the three influences quickly made their way toward them. The harassment began to make this family suffer.

Of course, none of them knew why this would happen because they first heard it from a rumor that had been proven to be right. The source of this rumor was none other than Alex.

Firia was staying together with Alex this time, allowing Anna and Anya to go to the next continent as soon as possible. Anna and Anya had prepared for some tasks that they usually did as Alex's secretary, including the management of his contracted beasts.

Even though all the N squad, excluding Ngina, had arrived on the Heavenly Continent, Alex still had one spirit that wasn't a part of their strength yet. It was the last N squad he got, Neon the ghost.

After confirming the Ancient Blue Family had sent their envoy, Alex immediately asked Neon to spread the rumor about the death of two Martial Saints to stimulate the continent once more. He might not be able to use him on the Heavenly Continent due to his low strength, but it didn't mean the same applied to Sacred Continent.

Firia's job was to oversee the whole progress of this operation, refine pills for money, manage the arrays for the three contracted beasts, and cultivate with Alex and Sherry each night.

These four jobs made her very busy to the point she had no time to do anything else. Yet, she kept doing it every day with a never-changing smile. She had been practicing to have time to help Alex because she felt guilty about how useless she was in the lower world. That was why helping him felt very good in her heart, no matter how hard it was.

Alex repeatedly told her to rest, but she refused. She didn't want Alex to pass her cultivation.

He didn't know why but felt it was good to not have Alicia here. According to Firia, Alicia had been practicing Array this whole time. She wanted to make sure Firia didn't defeat her due to her incompetency.

Unfortunately, she wasn't fit to be an Alchemist or a Forging Master due to her element. Hence, she decided to practice the Array. Of course, the resources from Eulja could sustain her progress. Lin Xingzhi even searched for an inheritance that could let Alicia have a Space Element. Although it was only a lesser Space Element that couldn't be compared to Alex, it was still the same level as Zark's Space Element.

Alex was happy that she thought like this and became a bit impatient to see her.

In the end, Alex had a relaxing few months even though he caused trouble everywhere. First was this continent's Ancient Blue Family.

After another two months, their grand elder finally arrived on their Main Family. It was obvious that he was treated pretty badly. Even the Main Family Head almost killed him when he presented the news.

Luckily, they knew the Fire God Clan still needed to be informed. Hence, their family head sent the elder back before going to the Fire God Clan.

It took them two weeks to arrive at Fire God Clan due to how vast the Heavenly Continent was.

Red Sun City,

It was a city that hosted a few hundred thousand people. It could be said to be one of the biggest cities on this continent. The city could have a colossal size like this, of course, because of the Fire God Clan residing near it.

They lived on the mountain and only used this city for trading and such. The Ancient Blue Family skipped this town and came to the Fire God Clan.

The Fire God Clan never expected for Ancient Blue Family's Family Head to come to their Clan personally. Yet, they still welcomed him because of their previous agreement.

Inside a brown colored wooden pavilion, two old men were staring at each other. The tea that had been prepared by the servants had gone cold, but they had yet to utter a single word.

Having not much time to waste, the Fire God Clan's Patriarch, Leo Hinga, decided to break his silence.

"Why did Ancient Blue Family Head, Ariele Davi, come here personally?" He furrowed his eyebrows.

Davi crossed his arms and released a little bit of his Spiritual Energy, showing how annoyed he was. He thought about getting favor at a low price, but it backfired on him.

"Why don't Fire God Clan explain to me your problem with this Spirit Nest?"

"What do you mean?" Leo couldn't comprehend his question.

"Your and my forces were destroyed by the Spirit Nest, and this incurred loss for our sides. I'm asking right now, who is this Spirit Nest?" Davi narrowed his eyes. "I heard your Young Master was killed by them, despite sending two elders. Yet, it seemed you had hidden some information from us, including

their power level. I still remember that you said they only have Martial Monarchs... Hence, I agree with our alliance.

"Now, they have killed your Martial Saints, meaning they are prepared to fight against you. I don't want to have them as my enemy because they are still unknown to me. So, I'm going to pull back from this influence and stay neutral."

"What?! You have agreed to help us!"

"That is because I have agreed to your terms and information. However, it's different now."

"Kh!" Leo gritted his teeth. He originally planned to have Ancient Blue Family involved too, so they would need to face this together. There was this much risk behind this scheme because they had yet to know the depth of Spirit Nest.

It suddenly became more dangerous after hearing the scout party was killed.

'Ugh. I need to mobilize the entire family first to chase this Spirit Nest. If the Ancient Blue Family is involved, we can have them protect our back. I can't send the force to the Sacred Continent now that I have confirmed him there. That's why I can only wait here... How do I convince him to join?' Leo fell into deep thought.

"I know that I have hidden some information from you guys. That's why I am going to explain some information you need. You can ask me anything now." Leo made an offer.

"If you are playing my trust like this, I won't participate in this alliance anymore." Davi shook his head.  
"I'm here only to inform you that your force has gone, and I am breaking off this alliance."

"Wait, Brother Davi, let's talk about it. I know that I am wrong about this. However, I have another offer for you. How about marrying your first daughter with my clan successor. Unlike our first one, this one is even better."

"Your second son?"

"Yeah. My first son's talent for cultivation was too big, so he shadowed him too much. However, my second son, Eric Hinga, is smarter with quite good cultivation talent. I want to have him support his brother later, but it can't go that way after Ryan's death. That's why I am asking for your second daughter's hand in marriage. We can form a stronger alliance with this and also show my sincerity."

Davi narrowed his eyes and thought, 'Is this old man insane? This is a good deal indeed... If I can marry off my second daughter, I can easily move the Fire God Clan later. However, I also don't know anything about Spirit Nest. This is very troubling.'

Davi thought for a few minutes before saying, "Your offer is good. But I still need to decline the offer. There are several reasons. First, I need to know the extent of their influence. It will be troublesome if they have something that can kill many of my elders or if their strength is the same as the top influences here.

"Second, I will need to know if they have any allies on this continent. I don't know how they could convince the Blackwade Clan to break off from your previous alliance... and most probably, they will

come to me with the same intention. I am telling you upfront that I won't make an alliance with you before seeing their offers.

"Third, I won't do anything big since I am going to abdicate my position according to my family law. So, you can only wait for a few years. If you can't agree with these terms, then we won't consider the next alliance agreement between our families."

"Kh!" Leo gritted his teeth. He wanted to reject an offer like this, but it would mean they had no ally on this continent. After considering for a few minutes, Leo decided. "Alright. I agree. However, I also want to add two conditions. First, even though Ancient Blue Family can't do anything big, you still need to aid us in the investigation to find the extent of their power. Second, the two kids need to be engaged right now."

"Fine. But the Fire God Clan needs to be the one to come to ask for my daughter's hand in marriage."

"I agree."

"Then, you need to tell me everything about Spirit Nest." Davi pondered for a moment and decided to tell the information he got earlier. "Firstly, their leader was a 3-Star Martial Monarch. The strongest that my family had seen was one 7-Star and one 8-Star Martial Monarchs. We didn't know how they killed the two Martial Saints yet."

Davi obviously didn't know about Alex's Spiritual Weapons because the disciple didn't explain it. The disciple actually wanted to inform them, but got into a trap first and forced Nelson to kill him. And this worked to Alex's advantage because of how powerful the Spiritual Weapons were.

Leo was struggling to see a piece of information about Alex, but he still said it. "I will explain about their leader's power. His name is Alexander Sirius, and the first time he was spotted when he entered Heavenly Sword Sect, a weak sect on Willow Continent. He also has two identities: Alchemist and Array Master. His weapon technique is also unique because he used a sword and a spear at the same time. The most important thing is... he is a Pure Fire user."

"What?!" Davi rose from his seat, fuming on anger. "You want me to fight a genius like this? No. I am rather fighting Fire God Clan over this boy!"

"I'm afraid you can't. You have gotten involved... Although not deeply, he won't trust your family anymore."

"You tricked me!" Davi finally realized their scheme. As he said, they might not be called as his enemy, but they still had a pretty bad record with them. It would be hard to convince him and create an alliance by marriage.

"Hehe... That's why I'm offering you a second option."

"Second option?!"

"That's right. How about having this person spit up his Sacrificial Element to my second son. This way, my son will have the highest talent and a smart brain. This will be beneficial for your clan as well considering our relationship." Leo smirked.

It was as he said, the cooperation was good for him. Yet, there was a part of his heart telling him not to take this alliance. The reason was simple. Seeing how Alex could grow up so quickly meant he had numerous cultivation resources that he could use all the time. And how he resolved many troubles in Willow Continent, Northern Continent, or Sacred Continent, this boy would surely have a backing. It would be Spirit Nest, or he had another backing that no one knew.

It was so hard to fight against an unknown enemy because there were many things that needed to be considered.

"Also, they have a technique to become half-human half-monster, which can be reverted later. This technique can enhance one's power by a large margin. If we can catch him, both of us can have a copy of this Martial Art."

"!!!" Davi obviously had heard about this Martial Art since the Blackwade Clan was actually the one who spread the information. He took a deep breath before saying. "Let's talk in detail."