

Gacha 711

Chapter 711 - Letizia

Inside the Snow White Mountain, specifically on the lowest floor of their prison, Letizia was closing her eyes, trying to do whatever she could. Even if she was locked here, she was still able to gather Spiritual Energy around, advancing her cultivation little by little with the hope of becoming strong enough to escape from this place.

Even so, it didn't glorify her messy appearance. With chains in her neck, hands, and feet, she couldn't move around too much from the ground. There was also an array in her stomach that made her skin uglier.

Suddenly, she opened her eyes when she felt something smooth touching her and opened her mouth as soon as she saw a black cat stroking her head on her thigh.

"Have I started hallucinating?" Letizia questioned herself while staring at the cat with her fuzzy eyes before she recalled a certain incident in the past. There was also a certain animal that suddenly appeared in front of her, and it was in a place that one would never expect to sneak.

Recalling that animal and a certain figure, Letizia opened her eyes wide. She looked at the black cat who was carrying a Space Ring in her mouth.

"You..." Letizia wanted to shout but refrained herself. Although this place was only guarded outside the prison, it was still not wise to make a ruckus. She took a deep breath and whispered as low as possible. "Are you Master's pet?"

The black cat nodded before summoning a piece of paper, wanting Letizia to read it.

'I am Noel, Master's Shadow Cat Spirit. I have been with you since long ago, and Master also knows your situation. However, we are still lacking the power to oppose the Snow White Mountain, let alone freeing you from that restrain. They will know about this and prevent us from escaping.' She read inside her mind and nodded in understanding.

She was indeed Alex's burden because she got trapped in this ridiculous prison with many restraints. There was once a hope that Alex would save her, but the thought vanished when she realized everything was unrelated to him. She didn't know why the Snow White Mountain knew about her Loyalty Oath, and because of her inability, she got imprisoned.

The black cat took out another paper while storing the other one.

'Master wants to free you from this place, but it will only happen in around three years. He decided to do so after seeing your loyalty... Even though you had once a chatterbox and reduced you to a slave, you had changed. He even thought about freeing you from the oath despite many oppositions. That's why you should wait until the promised day comes.'

Letizia closed her eyes while gritting her teeth. 'I seem to have troubled him in many ways... No matter what I did, it would become trouble in the end. Even then, Master is still thinking about me...'

'Even though Master wants to free you from this place, you should also get stronger. He lets you take your own revenge on this influence that has mistreated you. That's why he sent me to give you this Space Ring.'

Noel leaped toward her hand and placed the Space Ring on her hand.

Letizia channeled her Spiritual Energy and opened her mouth wide, never expecting that the items inside the Space Ring were this much.

Not only Spirit Crystals, but also many Ice Element items that could enhance her cultivation and power. Without knowing why, her tears fell from her eyes as she looked down. Even after suffering this much, her Master still cared about her and even gave her this Space Ring. Could she ever repay him?

"Meow." Noel patted her tight before giving the last note.

'Only you can fight for yourself, so get as strong as possible and fight for yourself.'

Letizia nodded and noticed that Noel wanted to disappear. "Wait!"

Noel turned around and stared at her.

"Can you tell him, Thank you... for the Space Ring and saving my life? I certainly won't disappoint him this time."

Noel didn't think too much, nodded her head, and disappeared without a trace.

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Meanwhile, Alex also got a message from Noel together with the translation from Nelson. Alex smiled and nodded.

"Sir. There is one thing that I want to talk about..."

"Hmm?"

"Do you know the Ancient Ruin?" He asked.

"Ah. I know what you mean." Alex nodded. "I am going to participate this time. The Fire God Clan will either die trying or not sending anyone. They will start declining at this rate."

"Since Sir has known about this, then I don't have anything to say." Song Jiaoren nodded with a solemn expression.

"What are we going to do next? I mean, as soon as we arrive at your clan?"

"Sir can rest in my courtyard first. Don't worry. I will hide your presence from the first elder and the third elder. I will probably head to discuss it with my fat... I mean, Patriarch and Grand Elder." Song Jiaoren corrected himself. "Even though it's not related to you directly, the first elder and the third elder must be plotting something against you as soon as they know your existence. That's why we will eliminate them first."

Alex thought for a moment. "Sure. I won't interfere with your decision."

"However, I might need to verify your card once again and present the proof to the Patriarch and Grand Elder. Will that be alright?"

Alex nodded.

Song Jiaoren fell into silence before he remembered another thing. "That's right. What does Sir want us to do for Song Yu and the fourth elder?"

Alex closed his eyes. Song Yu probably didn't need anything from him with her relationship with Astennu. As for the fourth elder, he wasn't someone he knew, so why would he want to do something for him. Hence, he shook his head. "Nothing. It's fine as it is."

"Then, we will wait until we arrive at our clan. Do you need something for these two weeks?"

"It's fine. I will just cultivate," Alex replied. "Before that, I feel that we also need to talk about the transaction for materials, pills, and other things."

"!!!" Song Jiaoren almost forgot about this because he was too shocked by Alex's Supreme VIP Card. Nicole had said this to him before, so he nodded with a serious expression. "Sure."

Alex tossed a Space Ring toward him and asked him to check. Because there were too many items that needed to be traded, inside that space ring actually contained many Space Rings. Song Jiaoren needed to check them one by one.

Alex closed his eyes for a few hours before he noticed Song Jiaoren was gasping.

"This..." His expression was becoming more and more distorted as time passed. The first few Space Rings couldn't do anything to him, but as he checked more and more Space Rings, he realized there were too many Space Rings that he needed to check. If all of them contained the same items as the other Space Rings, then...

Song Jiaoren was shocked by the thought alone, but he still had underestimated him. Counting the monster parts alone was already taxing to his heart due to its number, yet there was another surprise attack behind it. In the next Space Ring, he found a huge amount of rank 7 and rank 8 pills. Although their number wasn't that big, their value was far more than enough to reach a few hundred thousand Spirit Crystals.

At that time, he thought he couldn't get more surprised than he had right now. It was at this time the minerals and metals appeared inside the Space Rings. These items came from the eruption of a huge underwater volcano.

Alex was satisfied with the amount because the Freedom Sect also started gathering the minerals after realizing what kind of materials the volcano had spurted out. The number was astonishing and somehow made Licht wondering whether to go back to the surface or stay underwater. There was no way that they would get these many materials on the surface.

That was also why Song Jiaoren got shocked by the amount.

"This..." Song Jiaoren scratched his head, wondering what to say.

"What is it? Do you not have the ability to trade these?" Alex asked while furrowing his eyebrows.

"No. That's not it." Song Jiaoren shook his head hurriedly. "I am just surprised by the amount. Suppose I roughly estimate the value of all these items. In that case, it should be around one and a half million Spirit Crystals. That alone is equal to a few years of our gross revenue. Of course, this offer is the lowest amount I can offer. I guess the real value will exceed two million Spirit Crystals."

"So, this is a good deal, correct?"

"A good and big deal. No, I should say this might be the biggest deal we have ever had..." Song Jiaoren shook his head. Alexander had given nothing but surprises. Even though they might need to open their treasury a little bit, they would be able to sell them all twice or even thrice of the original price in a few years. He looked at Alex again and realized how terrifying the Spirit Nest was.

On the other hand, Alex was pretty hyped about the money. He wouldn't need to care about Spirit Crystals again when cultivating and could squander it without caring.

"I will handle this transaction myself, so Sir doesn't need to worry that you are getting undeserved payment." Song Jiaoren assured him.

"I trust your judgment." Alex smiled and thought another thing. 'How much money do the Seven Influences have? Considering these two million Spirit Crystals alone were considered to be a century of earning... Well, considering they are a few thousand years old influences, I assume they have around twenty million? Since they also need to take care of their members and control the city.'

Alex could arrive at that thought because he was bound to destroy Fire God Clan and probably Snow White Mountain. That was why he was wondering how much wealth he could get later.

"I will then excuse myself." Song Jiaoren nodded and left him in the room. "If you need anything, just call me. I will need to calculate the transaction first."

Alex nodded.

Song Jiaoren then left him alone. This small ship had enough rooms anyway, so no one actually made a ruckus and waited patiently.

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Two weeks later,

Alex and Song Jiaoren arrived at the Blackwade Clan. They were situated inside a huge city that Alex somehow was unable to see the other edge. Alex calmly watched over the city from the ship as the townsfolk seemed not bothered by this sight.

"That is our mansion." Song Jiaoren pointed his finger toward a wide mansion in the center of the city. In fact, the mansion's size alone was able to rival that of a huge city.

"A city inside a city?"

Song Jiaoren heard Alex's remarks and explained. "This city is our business place. Well, you can treat it as a sect inside a city."

"I see." Alex nodded in understanding. Not long after, they arrived at the mansion, entering inside without any restriction.

Song Jiaoren asked them to bring him inside his own courtyard where Alex could come out without raising any suspicion.

Alex looked around and found only one sign of energy.

"Elders, you can go inform my father and grandfather first. I will meet them after I finish my business."

"We understand, Young Master." The elders nodded and took all the disciples away. They also had a special instruction from Song Jiaoren, which was to isolate the disciples until he had finished his discussion. It was to halt the information from spreading.

After that, Song Jiaoren stretched his hand with a smile. "This way."

Alex nodded and followed him. They went outside his courtyard and headed directly to a special room that almost no one knew about, especially after building a secret entrance to that room. Of course, Alex didn't forget to see his surroundings as he didn't want to get trapped here.

Finally, they found a thick wooden door at the end of the corridor.

Song Jiaoren pushed the door open, entering the room with Alex. To his surprise, the room was neat and beautiful, making the person who stayed here feel relaxed.

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Chapter 712 - Song Tao

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Alex took out his Supreme VIP Card and handed it to Song Jiaoren.

The moment Song Jiaoren turned around and walked toward a certain direction, he noticed something absurd that his heart refused to believe.

"That..." Alex dropped his jaw to the ground, never thinking that he would meet this device again in this world.

In the corner of the room, a certain device in the shape of a block sat down on a wooden table. Next to the box was another device with a screen on it. There were also two more devices, but Alex already realized what they are in a single glance.

'Aren't that a computer along with a mouse and a keyboard?' Alex blinked his eyes a few times.

Next to the computer was a glass box with a certain symbol. Song Jiaoren put the card inside the glass box, and the symbol glowed brightly, revealing a red color of the card and a symbol made of that red glow.

Song Jiaoren was mesmerized for a while before he took a look at the screen. A catalog appeared on the screen as he kept scrolling down until he reached the bottom of the page.

There was the same VIP Card with a symbol the same as the one that the glass box showed him. He then clicked the image and checked the authenticity.

Unbeknownst to them, the world out there was in an uproar.

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In a certain room far far away from the world's Alex currently in.

A woman and a middle-aged man were sitting face to face with serious expressions. The man looked very eager to talk while the woman was calmly talking with her assistance.

The woman was Lin Xingzhi. She was confronting this excited old man... And how this happened? It started from an hour ago...

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One hour ago...

In Eulja, Lin Xingzhi rose from her seat and called Zark.

"Milady?" Zark appeared almost instantly with his Space Ability.

"They will soon know about his reincarnation, so I think this will be the perfect time to meet the old friend." Lin Xingzhi smirked.

"Blackwade Clan, is it? I will bring Milady there." Zark nodded.

"Wait a minute. I will call Alicia to take care of Alex in the meantime."

"I understand." Zark bowed politely and teleported them to the Ice Phoenix Tribe.

"Hmm? Do you want to say something?" Lin Xingzhi furrowed her eyebrows after noticing the strange expression on Zark's face.

"I am just happy that Master will soon reach God Stage... Though I believe we won't be able to hide this for long, and Master's past enemies might come to him."

"Don't worry. Unlike the previous us, our influence isn't restricted only to Eulja. We have expanded so big, so Alex won't need to share the burden along. However, I am just worried about another thing. The fact that he has reincarnated means... No, never mind." Lin Xingzhi let out a long sigh.

"I understand. Destroying a few worlds doesn't mean much anyway." Zark nodded. "However, if Blackwade Clan knows about his existence, I am afraid that he will come to him."

"Him? Oh, that guy..." Lin Xingzhi nodded. "Anyway, he is not our enemy. Considering his characteristic, he will just cause small trouble... and will increase our strength to protect Alex until he reaches the peak again."

"I understand."

After talking with Zark, she then went to Alicia and told them what to do. Alicia happily accepted the job and headed to the castle while Zark and Lin Xingzhi disappeared from Eulja.

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Somewhere far away, on a certain planet stood tall a building filled with glasses. If Alex were here, he would think this building was like a modern city building. The height alone was one hundred stories high.

On the top floor, a red-haired middle-aged man stood near the window and watched the world outside. He looked like someone in his late thirties with a red vest and formal black and white suits.

"To think our clan has become this big."

Suddenly, someone slammed the door open, entering the room in a rush. "Patriarch. We have an emergency."

The middle-aged man turned around and found a young lady entering his room.

"Silvia. What happened? For my assistant to have this kind of appearance, it is not pleasant to see." The middle-aged man furrowed his eyebrows.

"We have just gotten the signal for our Blackwade Clan's Supreme VIP Card." She said while panting.

"Is that so? Are they coming to our world? Just prepared the banquet as usual, and I will greet them later."

"No... You do not understand." She shook her head furiously.

"..." The middle-aged man fell into silence before he realized what she meant. "Is there any Supreme VIP Card Holder that needs our help? We will prepare the disciples and help him/her."

"No. You misunderstand. We have just scanned a Supreme VIP Card."

"Oh. I thought you had something important to tell me when you came in a rush like that. It turned out to be that case." The middle-aged man sighed as he grabbed the teacup and sipped it to calm his heart.

"And if I tell you that it's the Spirit God's Supreme VIP Card?"

Clank!

The room fell into silence after the glass fell and shattered on the floor. The middle-aged man looked at her and blinked his eyes a few times like a broken robot.

The silence continued for a minute before he asked, "What did you say?"

"It's true. We have gotten the information about Spirit God's Supreme VIP Card."

"Which Spirit God?"

"It's the one and only Spirit God of Eulja. Eulja won't need our help at this point, and we know they are not threatened by any worlds. That's why the fact that Spirit God's Supreme VIP Card appears is..."

The middle-aged man was shaking as he gasped. "The Spirit God has come back? Wait! The Supreme VIP Card should be in the Nature Goddess, Lin Xingzhi's hand. She wouldn't give it to anyone, and the fact that we haven't heard about an outstanding God Rank Expert from Eulja..."

Suddenly, another person also came in. It was a huge muscular man wearing a military uniform.
"Patriarch. Nature Goddess wants to meet you. She has been waiting outside. Should we let her enter our world?"

The middle-aged man's expression turned dark. "Of course, invite her in right now."

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Back to the present,

The middle-aged man was staring at Lin Xingzhi, who was calmly drinking her tea.

"It's been a while, Mistress Lin Xingzhi," the middle-aged man greeted her politely.

"Has it been one thousand years or two thousand years since we last talked?" Lin Xingzhi looked at him with a smile.

"Aha..." The middle-aged man scratched his head, embarrassed. "Does your visit today concern—!"

Before he finished his word, Lin Xingzhi nodded. "That's what I want to talk about."

"Then, Sir Alexander Sirius really has come back?" The middle-aged man stood up in excitement.

"Don't get too excited first. He is not the same person you are thinking of... And probably won't become the person in your head. Not that I care though, since I love him whether it's in the past or the present." Lin Xingzhi shrugged.

"Does he not get his memory back?"

"From my speculation, it seems he refuses to insert the memory of his past life to the current body. Though his quirks and characters are still the same... Just a bit milder because he is not plagued by his strength anymore. But I can say his strength is still the same or even better..."

The middle-aged man fell into silence before letting out a long sigh. "I see."

"Still... To think that you are still excited even after a few thousand years... I still remember when you first met him, you were still a little boy, Song Tao. Now, you are looking like a middle-aged man." Lin Xingzhi smiled.

"Please don't tease me, Mistress. This appearance suits me the most, especially if I want to handle the matter in this big clan. If this displeases your eyes, I can return to my original appearance."

"Haha... You were blessed with that merchant brain of yours and created this big Merchant Clan in a few thousand years. I think your wealth already surpasses us?"

"Meeting him was the luckiest thing I had in my life. If he didn't help me, I wouldn't even be able to struggle my way up. He was a mentor and a big brother figure to me." Song Tao shook his head. "As for my clan... I don't want to boast, but I should have the same level of money as your Eulja... But if you are adding your Father's, the Time God, and Sir Alex's personal coffers... I am just a mere pebble."

"Well, he often got all the resources after destroying many worlds, so it was normal to have that many personal belongings... I only had a portion of it though. The rest would be for the current him to handle."

"The only place that only he knows where it is... Encore. I believe his friend or you can say his rival is searching for it these few thousand years."

Lin Xingzhi shrugged and refused to talk about it. "In any case, I want to talk about his matter."

"I understand. Does Mistress want me to do something?" Song Tao knew her stance and didn't pursue the matter further.

"I only want you to hide the fact that he has reincarnated. The ones who handle Supreme VIPs are your trusted subordinates, right? Just control them for a while... Although his cultivation speed will suffer after entering God Stage, we can somehow boost it with enough resources. If he can receive the inheritances of his previous life, it will be better. That's why I want to hide this matter, so his past enemies won't search for him too soon."

"I see. Friends and people loyal to him naturally gathered around him because of his unique charm, but he also made many enemies back then. Even when he eliminated some, there were still many of them coming at him. It was only stopped after he sacrificed his life, and all of us who he helped stood up together."

"Yeah. Unfortunately, not many of you are around now. That's why I want him to get stronger first. I will try to guide him around to the worlds that don't have their influences. As long as we have a hundred years, no one would dare to attack him and Eulja."

"I understand. I will make sure no one knows about his reincarnation." Song Tao nodded in a solemn expression.

"One more thing. I won't call our past allies because I don't know whether they are still allies or not, especially since most of them have their descendants take over their influences. If they are neutral, then so be it. If they are still friendly, I won't mind having their help. But if they are hostile..." Lin Xingzhi released her killing intent.

"Don't worry. My Blackwade Clan will help you monitor them. If they have any suspicious movement and have a certain deal with us about him, we will inform you." Song Tao nodded.

Lin Xingzhi nodded. "You are a bit different than the rest after all."

"Haha... Everything is about give and take for me. He has saved my life a few times and helped me build everything from scratch, it's time for me to repay him. Besides, my debt to him is infinite, so I will always be his ally." Song Tao laughed with a sincere face.

Lin Xingzhi closed her eyes with a smile. "You are really a unique one... Anyway, that's all I want to say. I will leave immediately."

"I understand. But If I may ask, I wonder what is his situation right now? I really want to meet him again, even if it's not the same."

"Hmm... He is fine. Just destroying some influences... Maybe he will destroy some worlds when he becomes a God Rank Expert. Anyway, he is an 8-Star Martial Monarch right now."

"I see. That's certainly like him." Song Tao chuckled.

"Take care then." Lin Xingzhi waved her hand as Zark created a Teleportation Array, and both of them disappeared.

Chapter 713 - Alicia

Back inside the Blackwade Clan,

Song Jiaoren's calm didn't last for long. As soon as he got the name of Alexander Sirius, he was utterly shocked. There was supposed to be no one in this world that would have this Supreme VIP Card, but there was the same name, Alexander Sirius, in the database. It made him wonder whether they were the same person or not. However, he remembered that his wife actually gave him and thought it must be his wife that had the original name, and it changed to his name after she gave it to him.

Although he wasn't aware of the real power of the Supreme VIP Card, he already learned a few things from his Father and Grandfather until he was sick of it. Nothing ordinary was in their conversation. That was why as soon as he saw Alex's name on the screen, he thought the wife loved him so much to even change the original name of the card. If Alexander actually got a scratch in this place, his wife would...

Song Jiaoren shuddered over the thought alone. His body tensed up, and he turned off the computer before making his way back to Alex.

"I... I have confirmed your identity, Sir." Song Jiaoren knelt on one knee as he presented Alex's card respectfully.

Alex was slightly surprised by his action, but he saw the system's notification.

[It's normal for him to act that way, Host.]

'Should I play along then?' Alex asked inwardly.

[Yes. The more respectful they are, the more advantage you can get while negotiating with them.]

'I see. Thank you.' Alex wasn't aware that Alicia was the one operating the system. If he knew, he might even ignore Song Jiaoren and talk to her.

On the other hand, Alicia was smiling playfully as she would have her fun with Alex soon.

After listening to the system's instruction, Alex took the card and smiled. "Thank you."

Song Jiaoren rose from the ground and bowed politely. "Since everything has been confirmed, I would like to inform the Patriarch and Grand Elder about this. After all, it will be better if they know about this as soon as possible, so we won't waste Sir's time."

Alex nodded. "Alright. Let's proceed according to your plan."

"I understand. There is a guest room inside my courtyard. Let me guide you there." Song Jiaoren stretched his hand, asking Alex to follow him.

Alex didn't hesitate and started walking for a few minutes until he arrived inside the guest room. It could be said that the guest room alone was a kind to a single courtyard. Its size was huge, and the atmosphere was peaceful. He thought this must be the highest quality guest room in this place.

"Do you need anything for your stay? I will immediately arrange the maids to serve you." Song Jiaoren asked.

"Nothing. I don't need anyone. I would rather have a peaceful time here alone." Alex rejected him.

"I understand." Song Jiaoren nodded and left him.

As soon as he left, Alex glanced toward the corner of the room and called, "Nicole."

"Young Master." Nicole emerged from the wall as she smiled seductively and knelt on one knee.

"Have you been well this whole time?"

"I am fine. Thank you for worrying about me."

"Then, do you know anything about the first elder and the third elder?"

"I think they will be taken care of today or tomorrow," Nicole said with confidence.

"Why do you say so?"

"Song Jiaoren has been investigating them after hearing that you have a Supreme VIP Card. Of course, he also has been trying to communicate with his Father and Grandfather. Although they don't believe him, they still take a precaution against the two elders. That's why if the moment they move, these two elders wouldn't have the time to react."

"I see." Alex thought for a moment and said, "Do they have other accomplices?"

"I have checked all the elders and other leaders in their ranks, but I haven't found a single clue. There is no weird behavior either. So, I think it's only them."

"Alright. Go to Song Jiaoren now and check their conversation. Song Jiaoren aside, I am still not sure whether the two old men will act or not."

"I understand. Even though it's considered taboo to put a scratch on the Supreme VIP Card holder, the human heart is really wondrous. I will make sure of their intention, and hopefully, they have no bad thought on you." Nicole nodded solemnly before vanishing into thin air.

"I finally finished all the matters. I only need to wait now." Alex sighed before the system appeared again.

[You still have one important matter.]

[Premium Ticket x5]

Alex was slightly startled. The system usually did not remind him about this and let him have his time. That was why the sudden aggressiveness was quite shocking.

"Fine. Use my Premium Tickets." Alex had no thought about this and used the tickets nonchalantly.

Suddenly, the system girl appeared, albeit today was a bit different. Instead of brown hair, it was purple hair. Instead of Lin Xingzhi, it was...

"Alicia!" Alex dropped his jaw and blinked his eyes a few times.

"It's been a while, Alex." Alicia smiled while she carried the white box to him.

"You... How can you be here?"

"What? You don't want me here?" Alicia pouted.

"No, no." Alex shook his head furiously.

"Haha... I am just joking." Alicia chuckled as she put down the white box. "Sister Xingzhi is not here for the time being, so I am replacing her. Though because you choose this option, I can only stay in this world for fifteen minutes."

"Ah... I should have come to the Gacha Palace." Alex fell down as he regretted his earlier choice.

Alicia only patted Alex's head and smiled gently. "It's fine. I will become the system for today, so we can chat later."

"Really?"

"Yeah. I am taking a break from my training." Alicia nodded.

"That's good then." Alex then rose from the ground and felt relieved.

"Still..." Alicia suddenly hugged him tightly. "Husband, I really miss you."

Alex closed his eyes and hugged her back. Without saying a single word, they knew how much each other missed them. They hugged for five minutes and released all their emotions before Alicia looked up and kissed him.

"I heard that Elder Sister Lea has a kid already..." Alicia said as she rested her head on Alex's chest.

"Yeah. I met her already."

"We can still meet them, right?"

"I am still practicing my Space Element. Sooner or later, I should be able to seal my strength along with you. After that, we and Firia can visit that world again." Alex nodded.

"I am looking forward to it. Besides, you need to reach God Stage first since I can't go to you right now."

"Don't worry. I will be visiting you soon, and it won't take too long, I promise... Though forgive me if the little girl has become a teenager."

"Well, I can't play her chubby cheeks." She chuckled.

"Don't worry. There is still a possibility of Elder Sister Mia to have a kid," Alex joked.

"Don't push yourself alright?"

"Yes."

Alicia thought for a moment and changed the topic. "Alright. I think I shouldn't talk about this any longer since I have a few things I want to talk about. Firstly, it's about Letizia."

"It's not like I am like her or love her..." Alex immediately explained his stance, so she wouldn't misunderstand. After all, giving her that Space Ring could easily be interpreted as giving it to a new lover.

Alicia chuckled upon the misunderstanding Alex had. "I'm not talking about that. What I want to say is... She seems to be loyal to you, so I think you should clear your relationship with her immediately. If she still wants to follow you when she reaches God Stage, I don't mind taking her and teaching her. She will be a powerful force in Eulja anyway."

"Oh, that... Who knows? She seems to have an attachment to her mother in this world, so I will think about it later. Though I believe giving her that message is probably fine... Or not. She must be practicing right now, so it's better to not distract her mind first." Alex nodded.

"I will leave the timing in your hand." Alicia nodded. "That's right. I have passed Firia right now because she is a bit too busy and reached Martial Saint before her."

"Ah. It seems I have—!" Alex felt guilty, but Alicia stopped him by closing his mouth with her hand.

"It's fine. I can be this fast because I don't have anything to do. Sooner or later, I will need to search for a planet to train myself alone as to gather experience. I don't want to have a high cultivation base but no prowess. Meanwhile, Firia gets so many experiences in this world while raising her strength. To think you have endured this type of process this whole time... I'm sorry."

"Don't be sorry. I chose to do this myself." Alex smiled gently as he put his right hand on her cheek. "You also have suffered so much because of me, so you should sit there and relax, I will come to meet you soon."

"Hehe... That's right. We haven't opened your Gacha. Let's open it first, and I will go back after that." Alicia felt that she only had two or three minutes left.

Alex thought for a moment and agreed. He opened the box on the ground and touched the first ball as a scroll emerged from within.

[Array Paper (SR) x1]

He continued with the other four in succession.

[Water Tank (R) x1]

[Rank 8 Monster Blood (SR) x1]

[Heaven Piercing Bow (UR) x1]

[Heaven Splitting Sword Technique (SR) x1]

"..." Alicia fell into silence before she apologized. "I'm sorry. I give you a water tank... That useless thing."

"It's fine. A certain woman gave dozens of them." Alex shrugged. "Though I can get three SR and one UR in a single five times draw... This is amazing. The Array Paper must come from rank 8 monster skin, so I should be able to create a rank 8 Array Plate with it. On the other hand, I don't think I need the Sword

Technique right now because all the techniques in my repertoire are strong enough until I reach Martial Saint or beyond."

"This bow must be for Rose then." She pointed at the purple bow.

"Yeah. I have put the rank 7 bow in Rose's Gacha, so this will be the next weapon I will give." Alex nodded and stroked his chin as if he fell into deep thought.

"That's good then. She is a good girl that always follows your words, you know."

"Yeah. She is a good girl. I hope she won't follow it blindly like a robot." Alex nodded.

"You shouldn't worry about that. What you are teaching is right, so the chance of it happening is very low." Alicia nodded before she realized that her body started to disappear. "I think it's time for me to go."

Alex looked at Alicia and sighed.

Alicia kissed him for one last time as she said, "We shall meet again soon. At that time, we can enjoy ourselves until we are bored... Just kidding, I won't be bored with you."

Alex closed his eyes and smiled. "Yeah. I also won't."

He grabbed Alicia and hugged her tightly. Even if her body disappeared, he wanted it to disappear in his embrace. Alicia also recognized his feelings and hugged him back with a smile.

After Alicia disappeared, Alex let out a long sigh, hoping it would last longer.

[What's with the sigh? Even though I don't have a body in front of you, we can still talk this way. You don't have anything to do anyway.]

Alex chuckled as he nodded. "Haha... You are right."

They then started talking about many things from the matter in the lower world, his current world, and so on. It was a refreshing feeling for Alex because it had been a while since they last talked. Alicia also relieved her stress from training and immediately went back as soon as Lin Xingzhi returned.

Chapter 714 - Song Jiaoren's Plan

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Blackwade Clan's mansion, three people were discussing a matter of importance in a quiet room.

"I have confirmed everything, and it's indeed his Supreme VIP Card." Song Jiaoren nodded with a solemn look. "What are we going to do now?"

"If it's truly a Supreme VIP Card, it will be troublesome." Song Ping, Song Jiaoren's father, nodded his head while stroking his chin.

"You two haven't realized the true terror of the Supreme VIP Card. My Grandfather or your great-great-grandfather was sent by the family to open the branch in this place. I often heard the stories when he was there. It was around five or six thousand years ago, I guess. There was a man that helped the Blackwade Clan to rise." Their grandfather, the grand elder, said in a pacifying tone.

"Why do you talk about this, Grandfather?"

"Because that person had destroyed many worlds. Take our world as an example, the moment he came to this type of world, billions of people would lose their lives. He didn't know many things about this person, except his name... Alexander Sirius."

"!!!" Song Jiaoren and Song Ping looked at each other, thinking the same thing. "Do you think they are the same person? But the person in your story should be a God Rank Expert... Not, a Martial Monarch."

"That's right. It might be a coincidence."

The two agreed... No, the two refused to believe such an existence was Alex.

"I am also not sure myself, but there is no assurance that someone can change their name for their card..." He sighed and looked at the two mysteriously.

"What should we do, Grandfather?" Song Jiaoren asked while sweating. Although his grandfather didn't explain everything, he could somehow understand the severances of this matter.

"It's to help him, of course. You want to go to the Main Clan, right? I know that you can do that after you reach God Stage, but you might not have a high position. It's better if he nominates you and goes to the main clan before reaching God Stage. You can grow more that way. In any case, no Supreme VIP Card holder would have a low status. After all, who can participate in the life and death of the main clan where there are so many experts? Even if the card is his wife's card, his status is still far more amazing. That's why if you really want to go, I won't have any qualms."

Song Jiaoren looked down and fell into deep thought. On the other hand, Song Ping patted his son's head. "I have seen the report about this Alexander Sirius. It's not like he is a fool or something, so I think it's a good idea to help him in this world and ask him to nominate you. Besides, his Spirit Nest is also strong. Rather than having such an opponent, it's better to have him as your friend. If it's not possible, then it's better to be his follower. You can live on your own after you reach the main clan anyway."

"But... How about the clan? I realized I was too excited about this and forgot about the clan. If I were gone, who will take my position?" Song Jiaoren asked with a worried expression.

"Don't worry. We will handle this situation well. There is still your younger sister. Although she is a woman, she is quite capable. As long as I pour my heart in teaching her, she will do just fine."

"Grandfather..." Song Jiaoren widened his eyes. "I understand. I will try to follow him in this world and talk about the nomination thing after our relationship has gotten better."

"Sure. You are a smart child, so I am sure you will be alright. Just make sure to learn his character first, so you don't unconsciously offend him."

"I understand." Song Jiaoren nodded before changing the topic. "There is another thing I want to discuss."

"Sure. Do tell us."

"Do you remember the matter about the Fourth Elder?" Song Jiaoren asked without any expression.

However, the two in front of him suddenly turned serious. "Do you mean the first elder and the third elder?"

"Yeah. They have known the existence of the Supreme VIP Card in his hand. I have been keeping close eyes on them, so they are laying low right now. However, I am sure they are trying to come up with a plan, so I want to eliminate them as soon as possible before they can do anything." Song Jiaoren nodded solemnly.

"Still, this is a tricky problem. On one hand, we can't justify how these two elders die if people know we kill them. On the other hand, there is a chance of them risking the entire family life by confronting that Alexander." Song Ping closed his eyes, pondering over the matter.

"That's why I want to talk it out. I am still wondering whether we should release the news about the Supreme VIP Card or not." Song Jiaoren asked.

"The problem is... We don't know whether the clan members will believe it or not. After all, we have been keeping it secret this whole time. If we suddenly announce it and kill the two elders, there will be many oppositions. Even if I can kill them with my 10-Star Martial Saint Strength, the clan will start to decline since there are only a few people left with strength 7-Star or above."

"I know, Grandfather. That's why I also have another trump card." Song Jiaoren smirked as he gave Alex's Space Ring to them. "I have estimated all the items inside the Space Ring, and it could reach two million Spirit Crystals. If we sell them over the years, I am sure we can get more than five million Spirit Crystals easily."

"!!!" Both of them widened their eyes as they checked the Space Ring and were utterly speechless. "This..."

"This transaction, how they plotted against the Fourth Elder, and the release information about the Supreme VIP Card. I am sure these three are enough to fabricate them. Besides, I have won the majority of the elders, so they will surely support me." Song Jiaoren nodded with confidence.

"If we are releasing these three pieces of information in a single meeting..." Song Ping closed his eyes for a second and explained. "Firstly, the transaction is really great. If we can get a few million Spirit Crystals, it can put the burden on the two elders and strip them of their positions. As for the loss of the Fourth Elder, we don't really have enough evidence for this, so most of the elders won't believe it.

"And we still need to deal with the Supreme VIP Card. Not only this might also get the attention of other influences, but the clan members might also become unsatisfied as to why we keep the information to ourselves." Song Ping revealed every disadvantage they would get.

Song Jiaoren smirked as he explained his plan. "That's when we are announcing his name as the representative as Spirit Nest. We will put all the blame about Fourth Elder on the First Elder and the Third Elder to fabricate them from allying themselves with the Fire God Clan. After all, it's easy to manipulate their thoughts as long as we ask them why only the third elder came back.

"At that time, the Spirit Nest decided to give us some face because of the Blackwade Clan from the Northern Continent. However, the third elder needed to kill the Fourth Elder as well to erase the evidence. There might still be some dissatisfaction with the other elders, but we can simply say we are

willing to use one million Spirit Crystals to raise our clan strength. We still get a few million anyway from this transaction, so I think one million is more than enough to gain Alexander Sirius's trust and solve the grievances he has in this clan."

"It seems you have thought everything..." Song Ping smirked. "It's really a shame that you can't be the Patriarch after me..."

"Don't worry, Father. If I become a God Rank Expert and gain status in the main clan, I won't forget about this place. I might even be able to get more and more people from this place to train inside the Main Clan. After that, I can send you resources and other things." Song Jiaoren assured him with a smile. "I, Song Jiaoren, will still fight for this clan even if I am not here in the future."

"Good son, good son." Song Ping laughed out loud as he patted his shoulders.

"I will handle them if they are trying to resist. In fact, the moment they resist, we can mobilize the other elders and kill them. Our reputation will get smeared a little bit, but we can restore it pretty soon."

"Yeah, Grandfather." Song Jiaoren nodded. "Besides, Ancient Ruin is going to open soon. With the addition of Alexander Sirius, I am sure the Fire God Clan won't dare to come. Suppose they are coming; they will die anyway."

"I see. Are you going with him inside the Ancient Battlefield?"

"I don't think so. Judging from his attitude and battle prowess, I doubt he will go along with someone else. Hence, I am thinking about forfeiting this chance to give my little sister a chance. After all, we need her to be a 10-Star Martial Saint in the future." Song Jiaoren smiled.

Song Ping was startled by his decision. "Are you sure? This is a chance that will only come every five hundred years, you know."

"I know. I will apologize to Alexander Sirius myself for this and make sure Ling'er not to be rude to him." Song Jiaoren nodded. "Of course, I will accompany him to the entrance of Ancient Ruin while explaining my own reason. Besides, I am sure everything I can get inside that Ancient Battlefield, I can get it better from the Main Clan."

"Ren..." Song Ping was filled with worry. "Aren't you putting too much risk on this matter?"

"I am ready to gamble my future in this matter, Father. Please let me do it." Song Jiaoren smiled. "In addition, we can also remove the Fire God Clan from this continent, so this is a big chance for us. That's right, I want to add another thing. I heard that after defeating the Joyful Union Sect, he decided to give a huge amount of wealth to the Blackwade Clan in the Northern Continent. I am sure I won't be treated badly."

"I understand. This is for the sake of confirmation. Are you sure he is a Supreme VIP Card holder?"

"I am sure, Grandfather. You can check the log itself after this." Song Jiaoren nodded. "Father should also see it. This way, you can be more confident in your son."

"It's not like we are not confident, we are just worried." Song Ping shook his head. "Anyway, I will talk with your mother about having your sister as the future patriarch."

"Thank you, Father." Song Jiaoren cupped his hand and bowed his head.

"What thank you? I am not your father for nothing."

"Since Song Ping already has a role for tonight, I will go to our clan treasury and grab some items to help us in the fight tomorrow. After all, it's better to do it in tomorrow's meeting to show our commitment to this."

"Thank you, Grandfather." Song Jiaoren cupped his hand again. "I will handle the talk with Alexander Sirius about this."

"Alright." The two nodded at the same time.

Song Jiaoren then rose and bowed his head. "Now, I will excuse myself. Good night, Father, Grandfather."

"Good night, (grand) son."

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Unbeknownst to them, there was a single woman that was listening to their conversation. She had hidden her presence this whole time to ensure their intention, and the result was quite satisfying, at least, for her.

Knowing that the conversation had finished, she decided to return to Alex's side.

Inside Alex's courtyard, he was talking with Alicia before Nicole suddenly appeared in front of him like a ninja.

"Master."

"Oh, Nicole... Wait a minute, Alicia." Alex paused for a moment and asked Nicole. "How is it?"

Chapter 715 - Speechless

"How is it?"

"The card seems to be effective. They won't attack you at all and will support you on every occasion. Song Jiaoren is betting on you to get you to nominate him to the Main Blackwade Clan."

"Is that so? I know there is a Blackwade Clan out there, but this is surprising. To see he wants to go there by my nomination... It means he wants to go there before reaching God Stage. But can I even nominate him or something like that?" Alex tilted his head in confusion.

"It's an easy task for a Supreme VIP Card holder. However, you need to contact the main clan first."

"If I want to do that, I need to reach God Stage first, right?"

"Indeed. However, Young Master has an extraordinary cultivating speed. I am sure you can get there in around five to ten years. For Song Jiaoren, he might only barely get another star within that time, so I believe you can fulfill the promise."

"I see." Alex looked down and crossed his arms, pondering the matter. "I want to see what he will do first. If he won't do anything, isn't that my loss?"

"Certainly. For the time being, they are planning to eliminate the first elder and the third elder. Not only will it protect you, but it also proves their stance to support you. Secondly, they will announce the Supreme VIP Card, but nothing about you being the holder, I think. I will need to check this one tomorrow. The last thing you need to know is about the Ancient Ruin. Well, since Young Master wants to go alone, I don't think this is very important." Nicole shrugged.

"What is it?"

"Song Jiaoren has given up his slot to his younger sister since she will be the next patriarch."

Alex narrowed his eyes, recognizing the meaning behind these words. "I see. Song Jiaoren has truly bet his life with this. If he wins, he will be the biggest winner. If he loses, it's over."

"Yeah. This also means that we can use the Blackwade Clan as long as we are in this world." Nicole nodded with a solemn face.

"I understand what you mean... But I only want to destroy the Fire God Clan and do some damage to Snow White Mountain. After that, I don't need Blackwade Clan's help anymore." Alex thought for a moment. "Well, an ally in this world doesn't sound too bad even if it's only as a business partner. Besides, I can also make Rose be protected by the Freedom Sect and Blackwade Clan after I leave."

"You shouldn't forget about the Drunken Pavilion, Young Master." Nicole reminded him with a smile.

"I don't know about the Drunken Pavilion. I only know that Evelyn will surely protect her." Alex said mysteriously. Seeing how Manness's act, he didn't know whether he would still take care of Rose. After all, Manness just used him to solve the internal problem of Drunken Pavilion.

"I understand. I will leave right now."

As soon as she said that, Nicole disappeared. Alex realized why she left in such a hurry and turned around, finding someone behind his door.

Knock Knock!

"Come in." Alex waved his hand and opened the door with Spiritual Energy.

Song Jiaoren cupped his hands first before entering the room.

"Sir... We have a problem in our family and will solve it soon. I am sorry to trouble you, but I would like to request you to not leave this courtyard tomorrow."

Alex glanced at him, fully knowing what they wanted to do. "I understand."

"We will handle your transaction after we finish this problem. However, Sir must know that the transaction is too big, so we also need time to calculate everything and prepare the money for you. If Sir doesn't mind, I would like you to wait for a few days."

"Don't worry. I don't have any plan for the time being." Alex nodded with a smile. "Though I might leave the Blackwade Clan and stroll around the city."

"If that is the case, I will be your guide." Song Jiaoren smiled calmly.

"Haha... I will take you up on that offer."

Song Jiaoren nodded and continued. "I would like to inform you about another matter."

"Do tell."

"I am going to pass my quota to fight inside the Ancient Ruin to my younger sister, so I can't help Sir inside the Ancient Battlefield."

"It's fine. I am planning to go alone in that place anyway."

"I understand. And one last thing that I want to ask is when will we attack the Fire God Clan?" Song Jiaoren's face turned serious when he entered this topic.

"Not too soon... In three to five years. It will be bad if we attack now anyway." Alex shook his head with a calm expression.

Song Jiaoren thought for a moment and realized Alex's attention. "I see. If we fight the Fire God Clan now and somehow eliminate them, they will become the symbol of martyrdom, and the disciples of that clan will fight to the death. Even if we attack them now, we won't escape unscathed."

"That's right. Even if we kill a thousand of them, we will suffer eight hundred." Alex paused for a moment. "I want to weaken the Fire God Clan first by making them decline like this for a few years. If we put more and more pressure on them, I think many disciples will leave their clan."

"Seeing the tension between us and the Fire God Clan, the disciples should know that they might lose their lives if they stay, so three to five years are ideal for me." Alex nodded before adding in his heart. 'Well, I am also going to reach 5-Star Martial Saint first before fighting them to make sure I am not useless there.'

"As expected of Sir." Song Jiaoren was admiring Alex's wisdom. He knew he wasn't the smartest person in warfare since there was Princess Elizabeth, but it seemed even she couldn't hold the candle against this Alexander Sirius.

"Still, there is a huge possibility of the Fire God Clan allying with other influences. Phantasm Sect never showed any interest in this area, but the Snow White Mountain, the Ancient Blue Family, and the Divine Kingdom might join them. Even if we get the support of Drunken Pavilion, it will be hard." Song Jiaoren furrowed his eyebrows.

"Don't worry. The Divine Kingdom won't interfere." Alex assured him.

Song Jiaoren widened his eyes and opened his mouth. He blinked a few times and got shocked once again.

"The current Divine Kingdom is indeed still ruled by their king. However, fifty percent of their forces have been under Princess Elizabeth. Meanwhile, the king and Prince Julius only have the rest fifty percent. I am sure Princess Elizabeth can handle this situation unless the king and Prince Julius bet it all and act recklessly." Alex nodded.

"I understand. Then the problem will be Ancient Blue Family and Snow White Mountain."

"I think Snow White Mountain will join their alliance."

"If that is the case, the Ancient Blue Family will certainly join their alliance. I am not sure whether the Drunken Pavilion will still fight together with us in this type of situation."

"I am aware. That's why I am preparing for another trump card. After I reach Martial Saint, I am planning to scare the Ancient Blue Family away." Alex smirked evilly.

"What do you mean, Sir? I am not sure whether we can scare them away. Even if I and the Drunken Pavilion come with you, I doubt we can convince them to back away."

"Are you thinking I am planning to have a three vs. three fight?" Alex smiled mysteriously.

Looking at this smile, Song Jiaoren thought for a moment and dropped his jaw to the ground. "Are you planning to involve the fourth influence to join us?"

"Correct. As for the fourth influence, I am sorry, I can't tell you just yet." Alex nodded and closed his eyes. He thought, 'How can I tell you about Freedom Sect this soon. They are basically my trump card.'

"I understand. If we have four influences, the Ancient Blue Family might back away. No, we might even be able to have them play along with us as long as we pay them high enough. If they can fake their alliance and back away right before the big war starts, the Fire God Clan and Snow White Mountain will be surrounded by the four influences.

"And with Sir's Fourth Influence, we can scare the enemy and weaken their prowess by showing our strength difference. With this physiological battle alone, our forces will be able to destroy the two influences easier because they are low in morale. This way, we can win the war while minimizing our loss..." Song Jiaoren fell into silence as he suddenly looked at Alex with his eyes and mouth wide open. "Don't tell me... This is your plan all along?"

Alex smirked. "I have been fighting this way this whole time. If I don't minimize my loss, I won't be able to fight the Southern Kingdom, Mount Hua Sect, Joyful Union Sect, or even Fire God Clan in the Northern Continent continuously. Besides, I am going only with a few elites capable of fighting thousands of people."

Song Jiaoren gasped. 'So, this is Alexander Sirius. No wonder so many influences have been razed to the ground while the Fire God Clan has this kind of problem. If Blackwade Clan actually becomes his enemy...'

He decided to shake that thought off because he already decided to be his ally, or even worse, follower. Even so, he didn't feel it was humiliating. From talent, strength, brain, connection, and composure, he had nothing that could beat Alex.

"I understand the grand plan." Song Jiaoren nodded and thought, 'With this, I won't need to be scared of them allying with Snow White Mountain or even Ancient Blue Family. It seems the Fire God Clan meets the opponent that they can't afford to offend... If I can get closer to the Spirit Nest or this Fourth Influence... I think I can set up a different type of measure to protect the Blackwade Clan in the future.'

"Anyway, is that all you want to talk about?"

"Yeah. I want to remind you that we can go to the Ancient Ruin next week. Since our Blackwade Clan is relatively closer than the other influences, we will arrive within a few days at most."

Alex thought for a moment, wondering whether he should go with Blackwade Clan or not. In the end, he accepted the invitation because he was already a guest in their place. "I will leave it to you."

"I understand." Song Jiaoren nodded, rose from the floor, and bowed to him politely. "I will excuse myself."

"Alright."

Song Jiaoren then left the room only to hear a woman's voice from his right.

"Big Brother?"

Song Jiaoren glanced to his right and found a blonde-haired woman walking toward him. Her hair was still wet as if she just had a bath. "I heard that you have a guest... Considering you discuss something with Father and Grandfather secretly, this guest should be someone very important."

"What are you doing here then, Ling'er?" He asked.

"I am just wondering who big brother's guest is..." Song Ling'er looked at the door behind him and realized she could find the guest inside there. She was intrigued to see a guest could make this sudden change in the family. "Father and Grandfather had a severe expression when they left earlier, so I am curious. He/she is staying in the most honored guest room in your courtyard to boot."

"You are curious?" Song Jiaoren noticed how his sister looked at the door behind him, so he walked toward her. He put his hand on her sister's shoulder and asked her to walk. "Let's go then."

Song Ling'er nodded with a smile and followed her big brother. However, she was surprised that he passed the door without opening it and continued walking down the hallway. "Big brother... That's the room, right?"

Song Jiaoren only smiled and forced her to continue walking. "Continue..."

"But that's the room..."

Song Jiaoren still forced her before she suddenly struggled. Song Ling'er wanted to leave his grasp but to no avail. "Brother..."

"Let this big brother educate you first before you could see my guest." Song Jiaoren smiled evilly.

"Eh? I.n.c.e.s.t is a big no, big brother!" Song Ling'er screamed with a pale face.

"Which big brother wants his own little sister? This is why I should educate you. Your mind is filled with those things!" Song Jiaoren continued dragging her somewhere, and the peace came again.

Chapter 716 - Killing the Pests

The next day, Song Jiaoren summoned every single elder in the clan to have a clan meeting.

No one dared to be absent because the one who invited them was Song Jiaoren's Grandfather, Song Hun. Although he had retired for long, many still knew his strength, and the elders feared this old person.

Song Ping sat on his seat as Song Jiaoren stood beside him.

"Thank you for coming in this short notice." Song Jiaoren opened the meeting as soon as he noticed no seat was empty anymore.

"Young Master. I don't mean to be rude, but can you please cut to the chase? The longer we are neglecting our job, the worse it is." One of the elders asked politely.

"I understand. I will keep it simple then." Song Jiaoren nodded, looked at Song Ping, who gave him a 'Go' sign. "I have only two things to announce. It's about our VIP Card.

"I assume... All elders must have known about our VIP Card, right?" Song Jiaoren paused for a moment. "All elders should have their own card to prove if the opposite party really has our VIP Card. However, there is another trick for this VIP Card."

"!!!" The elders opened their eyes wide, curious about what he wanted to say. Seeing that the Patriarch was calm, they knew it was the truth.

"There is actually another rank above our VIP Card, and I assume all elders have heard about it even from the rumor." Song Jiaoren nodded and continued.

"Don't tell me..."

"The rumor is true..."

The elders gasped as some of them rose from their seats.

Song Jiaoren raised his hand, stopping them from commenting. "That's right. The Supreme VIP Card actually exists. In fact, we are simply a branch clan."

"A branch clan?"

Song Jiaoren nodded without a change of expression. "Yes. Our Main Clan is outside this world, and the one who has the authority to produce the Supreme VIP Card is only them. Our Main Clan is filled with God Rank Experts, so I assume I shouldn't say many things about them, right?"

The moment they heard God Rank Experts, they were stupefied.

"If one holds a Supreme VIP Card, they can be treated like an elder in the Main Clan... In other words, our status is far below such an esteemed person. That's why! I want to say this to all of you. If the person, who has our Supreme VIP Card, calls our main clan, there is only one result." Song Jiaoren paused, creating tension before he released his aura and narrowed his eyes. "Clan Extermination."

"Young Master. Is that true?" One of the elders asked.

"With Heaven and Earth as my witness, I, Song Jiaoren, haven't told a single lie and will only tell the truth for this meeting." Song Jiaoren proved it with his action almost immediately.

The elders were stupefied by his decisiveness. But it also showed how serious this matter was. They gulped down and stayed quiet, listening to what Song Jiaoren had to say.

"There are two elders that are targeting the Supreme VIP Card holder, and thankfully, we realize it before it is too late. First Elder, Third Elder, what do you have to say?" Song Jiaoren glared at them.

"What? Do you doubt us, Young Master?" The first elder rose from his seat and slammed the table. He looked at Song Ping and cupped his hands. "Patriarch. Is this your meaning? If not, I implore you to stop Young Master from slandering me. I have been loyal to the Blackwade Clan, and I can't stand someone insulting me after so much effort."

Song Ping didn't say anything while Song Jiaoren continued his speech. "Then, I want to ask the Third Elder. Why would only you escape alive from the disaster in the Northern Continent? Can you please tell us the story again?"

Song Jing gulped down. He started telling the story again only to find Song Xu shaking his head. Unlike the first one, the elders could pick more flaws when they heard it for the second time.

Song Jiaoren smiled upon finding this and asked. "Then, I would like to ask why Elder Song Jing could return safely? How about Elder Song Yi, Our Fourth Elder? And how about the people of our Blackwade Clan from the Northern Continent?"

"According to my information, everyone is alive. How about Elder Song Jing explain this to us?" Song Jiaoren asked with a smile.

"I..." Song Jing started sweating as he tried to find a good explanation. "How could I know? I ran away as soon as possible."

"Is that so? I have investigated the Blackwade Clan there, only to find that Elder Song Yi also boarded the ship together with you."

After hearing Song Jiaoren's argument, the elders started whispering with each other, having their own unique thoughts. Song Jing glanced at the First Elder, who was looking away, abandoning him almost instantly.

Song Jiaoren noticed this slight movement and smirked. "One more thing. I also found out that you immediately came to the First Elder's courtyard before reporting your status to the family. According to the rule of the family, such an action is forbidden.

"I am sure that you, as an elder, should know it as well, right? However, why would you actually ignore the rule and head to the First Elder's courtyard first?"

Without even saying anything, the elders behind them realized Song Jing and Song Xu had a connection behind the scene. They stared at the two elders, waiting for their arguments.

However, Song Xu decided to abandon the ship and smiled. "Young Master, you jest. Song Jing wanted to kill me because I once had a.d.u.l.tery with his wife because she seduced me. I have no part in this matter."

Even if he needed to lose some face, he needed to prove himself innocent.

Song Jiaoren smiled even wider and stated. "Is that so? Then I would like to know why your relationship seems to be good. Besides, I know that you have killed the Fourth Elder's sister.

"If Elder Song Yi was Elder Song Xu's enemy, Elder Song Jing didn't need to kill him because they had the same grievances. Now you have conflicted yourself, Elder Song Xu." Song Jiaoren smirked. Although he didn't lie from the start, he didn't say he couldn't make things up. However, he still managed to make a solid argument, cornering both Song Xu and Song Jing.

The whispering behind them became even louder.

"There is also proof that Song Yu, the heir of the Blackwade Clan Family from the Northern Continent, died in the process. And considering the grudge between Fire God Clan and Alexander Sirius and the bond between him and Song Yu, I am wondering what is the relationship between the two elders and the Fire God Clan?"

"I don't have any relationship with the Fire God Clan." Song Xu slammed the table and denied it immediately. What he said was the truth, but it was already too late to deny it because he had been trapped inside Song Jiaoren's trap.

The rest of the elders could also see this situation. No matter how hard Song Xu and Song Jing defended themselves, they would still have a missing part that was convincing enough to shut them all.

As the two elders were about to shout, Song Jiaoren declared. "These two elders have a conspiracy inside the clan."

Song Ping then took out a Space Ring and declared. "I have seen everything inside this Space Ring. The owner of this ring is the current Supreme VIP Card holder. Inside this ring is more than five million worth of Spirit Crystal.

"The two elders not only want to grab the Supreme VIP Card to enjoy the status, but they also want to possess this Space Ring. However, their action has brought disaster to the Blackwade Clan. If not because of our esteemed guest's graciousness, our clan will have been exterminated by now. That's why I, Song Ping, the Patriarch of the Blackwade Clan, strip Song Xu and Song Jing from their status."

Hiss~!

The room fell into silence. Song Ping used this chance to create another uproar. "We also will use one million Spirit Crystals to increase our clan strength. I promise you as a Patriarch."

The elders were amazed. Song Ping's promise was certainly not light.

"Everything has been revealed. Song Xu and Song Jing have raised a conspiracy within the clan and have a connection with the Fire God Clan. Because this is the only reason why these two suggested the previous alliance with the Fire God Clan to hunt down a certain person long ago. Hence, the two shall be removed from their title and executed." Song Ping declared out loud.

Song Xu and Song Jing opened their eyes wide, never expecting the situation to turn out like this. The Patriarch and Song Jiaoren didn't let them to even defend themselves. And by spewing half 'lies' and half truth, they had declared to execute them.

Song Jing released his Spiritual Energy and shouted. "No, no! It was the First Elder. He only used me and gave me Vein Poison Powder to kill Song Yi and Song Yu."

Song Jing was in despair, and the fact that he revealed their secret, it also removed the chance for Song Xu to explain. No one would actually believe him after all this mess. There was still one escape route for this situation.

"Shut up, you idiot. If you don't want to die, fight!" Song Xu roared as he released his Spiritual Energy. Even after falling from grace, Song Xu was still a 9-Star Martial Monarch nonetheless. "I will take care of the Patriarch. You grab Song Jiaoren. We can escape—!"

"Ah!" Before he finished his words, Song Jing screamed out of pain before his body fell to the ground. There was a hole on his left chest as big as his heart.

It was at this moment, Song Xu realized another attack coming from behind. He turned around and saw a giant beam coming toward him. "Sh*t!"

Knowing that he couldn't avoid it, he sacrificed his right hand to dodge this attack.

"Song Hun!"

The figure of an old man appeared inside the room. He wielded a red spear that enhanced his Fire Element. This blazing spear was one of the treasures he took from the treasury last night. It could be considered as one of the strongest weapons in the world. That was why he could kill the third elder only with perfect timing.

Song Hun looked at Song Xu and snorted. "I have been treating you nicely this whole time, and this is how you repay my Blackwade Clan? Song Xu, you traitor!"

"What traitor? You are the one that has framed me?" Song Xu shouted out loud.

"You still dare to say something like this after all the proofs are out? Die, Song Xu!" Song Hun leaped toward him.

Song Xu took out his sword, striking Song Hun's spear, but he suddenly felt a sharp pain in his abdomen and noticed that he was stabbed from behind. "Song Ping..."

Song Xu slashed his sword again, blowing these two away with his last struggle.

Song Jiaoren also noticed this movement and instructed out loud. "Create a barrier to protect the building. Make sure this traitor doesn't escape."

"Yes, Young Master." Although some of them were still not convinced by Song Jiaoren and co. They had no choice other than helping others because they were in the minority.

The elders were positioning themselves around the room and erected a translucent white barrier. This was to make sure that their clash didn't affect the outside world.

"Sword Singularity." Song Xu's body became weaker after getting injured in two positions. Song Ping and Song Hun knew that Song Xu was no longer a threat.

They kept him inside the area and started wearing him out. Song Jiaoren and the other elders were waiting. It could be a shame to lose 8-Star Martial Saint and 9-Star Martial Saint within a single day, but the one million Spirit Crystals were enough to replace them and even made them stronger.

Finally, after five minutes, Song Xu fell to the ground, lifeless. Song Hun beheaded his head and sighed. "It's easier than I expected... Not that I complain."

Chapter 717 - Another Plan for the Ancient Ruin

Alex closed his eyes and deactivated his Spirit Eyes. He had seen enough and decided to go back by traveling through the Space Realm.

He didn't say anything and cultivated inside his courtyard. He even canceled his plan about strolling around the area, considering there was nothing to see in the city.

A few days later,

Song Jiaoren returned to the room and greeted Alex. "Sir Alexander, I apologize for making you wait for a few days."

Alex waved his hand with a smile before he sensed another presence and activated his Spirit Eyes. There was another energy standing outside his room as if it was waiting for something. The energy was coming with Song Jiaoren, so he must know. The question he wanted to ask was why this person was waiting outside of his room.

"Sir Alexander, we have counted everything, and we will buy them for 2.5 million Spirit Crystals." Song Jiaoren didn't realize his confusion and continued with the topic, taking out the Space Ring and handing it to Alex.

Alex nodded and grabbed the Space Ring with a smile. "Thank you."

"No, no. This is my job." Song Jiaoren smiled and waved his hand. "We have also eliminated the First Elder and the Third Elder because they are planning to kill you. On behalf of my family, I deeply apologize."

"It's fine. I know that you also have stopped them for a few years." Alex glanced at the door and asked. "I want to ask something. I wonder who is the person you bring today?"

"Ah!" Song Jiaoren glanced at the door and scratched his head, embarrassed. "It's not like I am hiding it for you. I have said that I won't participate in the Ancient Ruin since my sister will be the one who goes, right? That's why I am bringing her here first and introducing her to you, so there won't be any misunderstanding."

Alex finally remembered. A few days ago, he saw Song Jiaoren was approached by a person, and now that he looked at the energy, it was indeed the same person. "I see. Well, I certainly don't have the mood to deal with the misunderstanding, especially for those who think brawl first before talking."

"Haha... I am the same. Hence, I would like to introduce my sister first." Song Jiaoren glanced at the door and called her name. "Ling'er! Come in."

"Yes." A soft voice resounded across the room as the girl made her appearance. She smiled toward Alex and bowed to him. "I am honored to see your excellency."

Alex was uncomfortable when she called him that. He had gotten used to being called Young Master or Master, but he had yet to get accustomed to other formal things. Even so, he didn't show it in his face and kept showing his calm face.

"This is Song Ling'er. She is a 9-Star Martial Monarch, almost breakthrough to the last level of Martial Monarch. Our father is the same, but she is from my second mother." Song Jiaoren introduced her.

Alex nodded, fully knowing her identity due to the information that Nicole got from here. He stretched his hand and smiled. "Nice to meet you. I am Alexander Sirius. As you know, I am the current leader of Spirit Nest."

Song Ling'er observed Alex for a while and nodded her head. "The name of Alexander Sirius is like thunder reverberating in one's ear. I am honored to go to the Ancient Ruin with such a person."

"You jest. I am just a simple 8-Star Martial Monarch, no more, no less." Alex smiled.

"Anyway, I would like to apologize in advance for her character. I have taught her many things, but it is hard to change one's character." Song Jiaoren sighed.

"What do you mean, Brother? You didn't even let me sleep for a few days, and now I am tired like this." Ling'er pouted.

"This is her character..." Song Jiaoren sighed, embarrassed. In front of this serious Alex, he couldn't just act so casually, especially with Alexander's status. Even just to prove her sister's character already made him sweat inside. He glanced at Alex, wondering whether he would be angry or not.

To his surprise, Alex was smiling. Little did they know that Alex loved to see brother and sister had a nice relationship because he only experienced it for a few years before everything changed on Earth. Little did he know that his sister was far worse than Song Ling'er. If she was here, who knows what she would do.

Alex kept his smile and gentle expression while looking at these two. Song Jiaoren suddenly had a weird thought as he glanced at Alex and his sister back and forth.

Before his imagination went out of control, Alex added, "There's nothing like what you imagine in your mind."

"Ah!" Song Jiaoren became embarrassed and sad. He was embarrassed since Alex just saw through him. He was sad that it would seem Alex didn't find Song Ling'er charming, even though her beauty was on par with the likes of Evelyn or Elizabeth.

At the same time, the girl was somehow hurt by the lack of appreciation from Alex, albeit she didn't dare to show it on her face. Song Jiaoren had told her everything from Alex's status, Supreme VIP Card, his wife, the Main Blackwade Clan and so on. Although she had a hard time believing it, she had no choice other than to believe it.

It was already absurd for a mysterious man to appear and rise through ranks so quickly if he didn't have those qualities. She was wondering how to help her family and decided just to let her brother take control.

"Anyway, Song Ling'er will be the one who enters the Ancient Ruin. I will be accompanying you in your journey of course, but I will only watch from the outside."

"I understand." Alex nodded.

"Then, we will excuse ourselves and prepare for the Ancient Ruin. I will come here three days later." Song Jiaoren and Song Ling'er stood up and cupped their hands before leaving the room.

After they left, Alex took out Anya's card and asked. "Anya. Do you mind filling me about the Ancient Ruin?"

Hearing Alex's voice, Anya immediately replied. "Sure. What do you want to know? Or Shall I explain from the start?"

"From the start please."

"Alright. Ancient Ruin is known as a useless ruin by the people because the seven influences hid the fact about the Ancient Ruin. Inside there, you will meet a certain array that will teleport your consciousness to the Ancient Battlefield, where you fight many monsters from thousands of years ago."

"Wait!" Alex frowned after finding something was wrong. "Will teleport my consciousness to an Ancient Battlefield? Does this mean I will be going with my soul? It's not an illusion then. And what is the deal with monsters from thousands of years ago?"

"I will explain everything. First of all, you are going to fight with your soul. There is an array there that would help you to construct a real body with your soul. I think you know about the name of the array, right?" Anya asked.

"I know. It's Myriad Soul Body Array. The array will try to form an astral body with your soul... However, this array is classified as a Divine Array, or you can say Rank 9 Array." Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"Wait... The fact that this world was a Divine World with many God Rank Experts... Now, I understand the concept."

Anya smiled and added. "That's why there is something that you need to know. This fight is like all or nothing. If you grab many things with you and somehow get killed by the monsters there, then you will get nothing. Hence, people should know when to quit."

"I understand about that and the fact that this array is something like this... The Ancient Battlefield must be a real place." Alex frowned.

"That's right. After investigating the area, we have realized the Ancient Battlefield is a huge place underground. Only those arrays in the Ancient Ruin that could teleport people to that place."

Alex suddenly thought something ridiculous. "Can I bring Firia inside?"

"I don't know. You might want to check it for yourself. However, I do need to warn you that the place is surrounded by Divine Array, so you should be careful if you want to try. I know that you are planning to

have Firia inside... And if you really can go there with your real body, you will be able to summon us as we will fight alongside you.

"But there are several warnings that I need to address. First, if you enter the place normally, even if you die, you might only retain some internal injuries that can be healed over time. If you are coming with your real body, you might die there."

"I know." Alex nodded his head. "That's why I am thinking about going with my real body. Remember the fact there are settlements inside that place? I assume that place is holding more than what we actually know."

Anya fell into silence. "They are real humans... and the fact that they are there for thousands of years, they might also hold artifacts and other things from God Rank Experts..."

"Yeah. I think it's worth the shot. As long as I am careful, I will probably be fine. I have Space Element to help me after all." Alex smirked.

"That is still far too dangerous," Anya complained.

"I am just trying to maximize all the efforts. How about this? I am going to sneak inside the place while Firia will represent me as the Spirit Nest's representative. We will go together and check whether they are giving us EXPs and Gacha Tickets. In that case, I will summon all of you. If not, I can still escape inside that Blue Colored Realm. So, you won't need to worry about me." Alex smiled.

Anya thought for a moment. His proposal was indeed tempting. 'The Space World itself is different from the normal world... If you are hiding there, I am sure that no one will be able to endanger you. Considering they are unable to rupture the Space that leads to that world. However, you have said that there might be a chance for a Space Beast to appear there, so I am not sure whether to let you go like that.'

"How about this? I will leave that place as soon as I know I won't be able to fight any further? I can enter that place with my real body means I can also escape from there." Alex tried to convince her.

Anya closed her eyes and sighed. "I understand. Since you are very adamant about entering it, I will trust you in this matter. But I want you to do three things first."

"What is it?" Alex smiled after he succeeded in convincing Anya.

"Firstly, you need to check the Ancient Ruin yourself. We are not capable of discerning the arrays inside that place, so I want you to make sure you can go and leave that place whenever you want."

"I understand. There are a few days left, so I can go there to check. No, I will be checking that place after I end this conversation." Alex agreed without hesitation.

"Then, you need to go back here first and ask Firia about it. Knowing that you are going to risk your life while she is protected by the array... I am sure she will be a bit hurt to hear it. As long as you can convince them, I won't stop you anymore."

"Firia, huh... I want her to get anything we can get inside that place while adding experiences under her belt. It seems I really need to convince her first and can't wait until everything happens..." Alex sighed and nodded. "I understand. I will go there after this."

"The last thing I want you to do is to take Sherry, Kyle, and Stina with you. Even if you can't sneak inside the barrier, they will surely help you. And because of their connection with you, the array will consider you as one being."

"Alright. I will go to your place."

Chapter 718 - The Array

"Nicole, I am going out." Alex glanced at the corner of the room before using his Teleportation Array to go toward their base.

A few minutes later,

Alex already arrived in front of their base and met Anya and Firia. Firia was in the base for the past few days since she was refining some pills.

"Alex... I want to reject you since I need to think about your safety and the fact that my master is a God Rank Expert, but... I think there is no need for me to reject you, right? You are very adamant about it, so I will just respect your decision. However, if I deem the situation is not favorable, can you promise me to teleport back to the surface? Just like how I believe in your decision, can you also respect this wish of mine?" She smiled gently, looking at Alex with hope.

Alex was surprised to see Firia giving the 'go' sign just like that. He had prepared several arguments to persuade her, but it seemed none of them were useful. He closed his eyes for a second and thought. "I understand. I will go back as soon as you say so. But... Suppose I find a way out, I would like to refuse and try my best."

"Alright. We have a deal." Firia nodded. "Now what you need to do is to check the array inside the Ancient Ruin. I know it must be a Divine Array Level, but altering or bypassing it shouldn't be a problem even for you, right? Even though you are only a rank 8 Array Master at the moment, I am still confident that you can find a gap. I will be waiting for your good news here."

"Yeah. It shouldn't be that long to understand the reason. But I might need a bit more time if I need to alter it or something." Alex smiled before creating a rank 8 Teleportation Array. He waved his hand and disappeared.

He still had the map for the Ancient Ruin and set a Teleportation pretty accurately. Usually, he would need to fly one or two hours before arriving at the place, but it seemed he had almost arrived, only five or so minutes of flying.

In the middle of the forest stood a white building. The building itself was like a single-story house with that pointed roof. However, it was all white, whether it was the pillars, the walls, or the roof. Even after a few thousand years, the building didn't have any signs of aging. Instead, it looked like it was just built not long ago.

Alex activated his Spirit Eyes and checked his surroundings. "According to the information, there is no problem entering the building itself before five hundred years pass. Nelson has checked this place and found nothing suspicious other than a platform that had an Array to teleport them.

"There is also protection from a rank 9 barrier array to make sure no one ruined the portal to the world below." Alex thought for a moment and walked around the building, observing every single thing that caught his eyes. As soon as he lowered his vision, he found a trace of Spiritual Energy and realized there was an array, not too deep underground. However...

"The depth is not too deep, and the size is not that big. I think it is the main array that teleports people to the bottom. Meanwhile, the symbols that I have been observing from the start are a rank 9 Barrier Array that protects the teleportation array and the Myriad Soul Body Array. Still, it's really impressive to see these many symbols." Alex let out a breath of amazement.

He stroked his chin and stared at the symbols. "The symbols needed in rank 1 Array are ten symbols. It then leaps to fifty for rank 2 Array. Continuing these two, it becomes one hundred, one thousand, five thousand, ten thousand, and finally, my rank, one hundred thousand symbols. But the Divine Rank Array takes another step further and reaches millions. It needs around one to ten million symbols... To see it with my own eyes is indeed amazing."

Alex suddenly shook his head and sighed. "I need to study the array first and seek the gap before I can admire these rank 9 Arrays and probably study it for myself later."

Entering the building, Alex found the platform almost immediately. He took a look at it and checked whether he was missing or something. Nevertheless, the biggest clue was the array underneath this place, and he was planning to dig the ground after checking everything.

"Hmm...There is no abnormality inside the building. Except for the many symbols around and the fact that the altar is blocked by a barrier, I can't find a single thing. Beneath the ground under me, there is a huge array under me. However, the concealment array is also a Divine Rank Array. It's truly hard to see it even with my Spirit Eyes. I might need to focus all my attention on learning all the symbols there..." Alex thought for a moment and summoned Neon.

"Young Master." Neon cupped his hands politely.

"Go search around our area. Make sure no one is around, including monsters. What I am going to do is very taxing, so I won't be able to sense them." Alex commanded.

"Understood." Neon then vanished into thin air.

Alex then dropped on his knees and opened his eyes wide, trying to see the symbols underground. On one hand, the sight of the symbols was very vague, making it terrible for his eyes. On the other hand, he couldn't dig down without studying it in case the array would break or something, and he had no way to fix it.

He patiently crawled around. His head almost touched the ground as if he was trying to sniff the ground. It was a pitiful appearance, but Alex had no care about it. The wonder of the array and the symbols beneath the ground mesmerized him.

A few hours later,

Alex finally rose from the ground and looked up as he let out a long sigh. "That was very taxing. I am sweating all over right now..."

"Although the array itself is hard to see, I can somehow understand the meaning of each symbol due to my knowledge. This array contains around five million symbols divided into cl.u.s.ters. Each cl.u.s.ter contains one hundred to two hundred thousand symbols. I have located where I need to change, and it should be fine if I dig around that area and change those parts. This will allow me to enter and exit freely...

"The problem is there is a possibility of Space Monsters to come out through this gap. It will be catastrophic if that happens... I wonder if I should close the gate first after entering the realm or not. Still, the promise with Firia is hindering me from making that decision, not that I complain. I think I will just let it go. Even if the Space Monsters go out of this place, it will probably be in a small number.

"Although I will dive inside that place for a few months to a year, I can still check the gate from time to time. It is not like traveling would be an issue for me." Alex nodded, agreeing to his own plan. "Alright. I will leave it at that. Time to work."

He then started his job by digging the ground carefully, so he didn't break something. It turned out there was a small room inside the ground. There was no decoration or whatsoever, making it look like a dark cave. Luckily, he didn't need any light since he could see all the runes from their energy alone.

Almost a day later, Alex finally went back to the surface and leaned on the building. His body was covered with sweat as he was panting. "That was really hard. To ensure that I didn't break anything, I needed to speed up and focus all of my attention just to change a single symbol. And I needed to change around ten thousand symbols just so I could slip in."

"Anyway, I have finished my job. As long as I enter it with my Spatial Gate, there should be no problem. After that, I can leave my Space Mark there, so I know where to go back. In that case, I will need a token and give it to Firia, so I can find her later." Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "I will recover my Spiritual Energy first before going back."

After another two hours, Alex finally stood up and called Neon back as he teleported to their base. He gave a token to Firia and told the plan. Firia made sure to keep it, and in the worst case, they could talk with each other through the spirits.

He remembered that he couldn't exactly leave the flying ship later, so he decided to call Sherry, Kyle, and Stina, hiding them inside his body. Meanwhile, he also teleported Firia and Anya to the forest near the ruin.

Finishing his business, Alex finally returned to the Blackwade Clan and waited for another day.

The next day,

Song Jiaoren walked into his room and smiled. "Sir Alexander. We are ready to go."

Alex nodded and followed him. He actually didn't need to follow them since he wasn't going to enter in the first batch. However, it would be weird for Song Jiaoren if he didn't come together, so he needed to do it no matter the hassle.

The flying ship had been floating above the Blackwade Clan mansion, ready to set off any moment. Alex and Song Jiaoren flew to the sky and entered the ship. To his surprise, the Patriarch and the Grand Elder seemed to not want to meet him since they were nowhere to be seen.

Little did he know that the situation might become awkward if they met Alex, considering the star that wanted to get closer to him was Song Jiaoren. If they met him, he would be more conscious of them rather than Song Jiaoren. It might seem to be rude, but that was the best solution for them.

Song Ling'er greeted him as soon as he boarded the ship before they guided Alex to his room since they had nothing to say.

As soon as they arrived, Alex flew down along with Song Jiaoren and Song Ling'er and met all the geniuses of their generations. As he predicted, the Fire God Clan didn't send a single person to this ruin. Not many people knew about this anyway, so there wasn't any damage to their reputation.

Evelyn immediately ran toward him. "Big Brother!"

"Evelyn." Alex smiled and patted her head again before looking at Astennu and Elizabeth. The two only cupped their hands as a greeting gesture. He could also see Snow White Mountain's heiress and Ancient Blue Family's heir.

"Haha... It seems we are the last one to arrive." Song Jiaoren laughed to lessen the mood, albeit it wasn't taken well by the others. He then turned serious and announced. "I am not going to participate today. My sister will be replacing me for today's occasion."

The people widened their eyes as they were wondering whether this man was insane or not. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and to think that Song Jiaoren wanted to abandon it just like that. Or his sister's love already reached his head enough to make him crazy. There was also a possibility that their family didn't know this, so they thought this was the case.

However, Song Jiaoren also made a confirmation. "Don't worry. My family already knows about this decision. My sister is also a talented person, so I will just give this chance to her."

"Are you that confident?" One of them asked.

"Haha..." Song Jiaoren didn't answer the question and only shrugged.

Alex looked at him and added. "Well, I also won't go with this batch."

"What?!" They opened their mouths in surprise while Song Jiaoren shouted. "Is this because of me? I..."

Alex only looked at him with disgust. He shook his head while sighing. "Of course not. My wife will be attending this one."

"Your wife? Where is the honored person?" Song Jiaoren asked while Evelyn thought it was Anna or Anya.

He simply pointed to the right as a woman walked toward them. They glanced at the direction and were surprised.

Chapter 719 - Going Inside the Array

A woman slowly walked toward the crowd. She had long red hair tied into a ponytail. Contrary to her fierce blazing red eyes, she looked at the crowd gently. The gorgeous red dress complimented her body

well, and with a red translucent shawl circling around her body, she arrived beside Alex and threw a smile.

After training with God Stage Expert, Firia also built up some aura that was clearly different than those of mortals, giving her an aura of an otherworldly beauty or a goddess.

"I have come, Alex. Sorry for the wait." And the same goddess greeted Alex with her gentle and soothing voice.

"I have just come. You are the one who has been waiting for me." Alex smiled gently.

Although it was apparent that her strength was a peak 10-Star Martial Saint, they felt this woman hid more than they could imagine. Even so, her appearance really took their breath away. The guy like Song Jiaoren even gasped before he patted his sister's shoulder and chuckled, thinking it was no wonder there was no excitement from Alex when he met her.

"So, this is Evelyn... The one that you have been talking about." Firia glanced at Alex before walking toward Evelyn. "Nice to meet you. I'm Firia Merona... Wait, I should call myself Firia Sirius, shouldn't I?"

"It's just a name." Alex shrugged.

"Fufu... For you, it's just a name. But for me, it's a status and my pride." Firia chuckled.

"I... I..." Evelyn didn't know what to do when this beauty suddenly approached her. She thought it would be Anna or Anya, but never she expected it was a different one. "I am Evelyn... Big brother Alexander's... What am I again?"

"What a cute girl." Firia smiled gently before teasing her. "I heard you even proclaimed to be his woman when you misunderstood someone's intention."

"Ah!" Evelyn became red, embarrassed. It could be said that thought brought her joy, but when someone, especially Firia, said it, she was overwhelmed with guilt.

Noticing the situation, Alex tugged Song Jiaoren's hand and asked him to continue the meeting.

Song Jiaoren took a few deep breaths to calm his heart down before he started the event. "Ahem. Anyway, all of us have gathered here, so how about we enter the Ruin now? I think the barrier has been dispelled."

The others finally woke up from their trance and nodded. Elizabeth glanced at Alex mysteriously for a few seconds before sighing, while Astennu seemed to have overcome Firia's charm. It seemed he really fell in love with Song Yu, making Alex assured.

"That's right. Shall we go inside?"

Alex looked at Firia and sent a thought transmission. 'As expected, I should ask you to wear a veil or something?'

'It's fine. We are not as weak as we used to be. Besides, this can also scare away other women who have a thought on you. Meanwhile, do you think the guys here are qualified to pursue me? If they dare, I will

just torch their influence.' Firia chuckled inwardly. 'After hiding for so long, I think it's time to show ourselves to the world. Isn't that your intention before entering the Heavenly Continent?'

'True enough.' Alex walked inside the ruin right beside her and observed the change in the others. Firstly, he didn't need to worry about the Blackwade Clan, Drunken Pavilion, and Phantasm Sect. Fire God Clan wasn't here to begin with, so there was no way they would target Firia. Besides, they must realize Firia was a Sacrificial Element user once they saw Firia because they had known Alex's Pure Fire. Unfortunately, his presence alone already scared them, making things easier.

On the other hand, Snow White Mountain was filled with women. Unless they knew Firia's secret, they would certainly have no bad thought for the time being. The only problems were Rio and Julius. Rio could be easily solved by trading with the entire family. Even though he looked barbaric, he still acted according to benefits. In that case, the real threat would be Julius.

He had been glancing at Firia this whole time before Elizabeth went between them, blocking his vision. Alex was wondering if he tried to do anything funny. From his reputation alone, Julius shouldn't be that type of person... Albeit, L.u.s.t is still one of the deadly sins. Alex just kept a note and decided to observe Julius for the time being.

After arriving right in front of the platform, the group finally stepped on the platform. There were ten circles in the array as a symbol that only ten people could enter. Each representative went to their own circle before they activated the array.

'I will be waiting for you.' Firia sent a thought transmission before she disappeared.

The array was sending their body probably to the previous cave underground before recreating their body with the Myriad Soul Body array. This was also the reason why there was no point in waiting here.

Alex could kill them though, but they would probably be protected by the array, so it was useless. Even if he somehow altered the array and killed one of them, it would only raise a weird confusion and might ruin his entire plan. Hence, he decided to go according to the original plan.

As he thought about this, the barrier then erected again, barring any other entry. Only Song Jiaoren and Alex were left outside as they looked at each other.

"Since they will only come out far later, I think we should go back first?" Song Jiaoren asked.

Alex thought for a moment and nodded. "But I won't go back to the Blackwade Clan. I have another matter to do, so I think this is goodbye for now."

"I see. I would leave first then." Song Jiaoren cupped his hands and bowed politely before flying to his ship and returning to the Blackwade Clan.

Meanwhile, Alex's expression turned serious as he summoned Neon.

"Young Master. Do you want me to tail that Julius? I feel it will be a troublesome opponent, especially if he actually forgets about his dignity and tries to catch Mistress... After all, they only know there are only ten people there for this period of time. Even if he can't approach her inside, he might be planning something later? And possibly joining the war."

Alex shook his head. "I am going to tell Elizabeth about it. She is a smart woman, so I am sure such an action won't escape from her eyes. More so, that Prince Julius might lose the support of his own grandfather, the current king. There are only two possibilities if that really happens. First, the king will support Elizabeth to be the queen, and Julius can't do anything. We find the right time and assassinate him if he is still targeting Firia."

"And the second one?"

"The king simply retired and let the two fight. Julius can't be compared to Elizabeth. After telling the matter to Elizabeth, he will most likely get executed. I will also try pulling some strings later." Alex smirked evilly.

"As expected of the Young Master. I apologize for my lack of ability to discern your true intention."

"It's fine. Besides, I have another mission for you." Alex paused for a moment. "Go to the Fire God Clan right now."

"Fire God Clan?" Neon widened his eyes, never expecting to hear this name coming out of his mouth. There should be no problem with this Fire God Clan, especially in a time like this. They needed to control their situation first before thinking about this.

Alex noticed his expression and smiled. "I am afraid that the Fire God Clan will pull a trick on us."

Neon's expression turned serious as he looked down, falling into deep thought.

"The Fire God Clan, or at least, their higher up, knows about the Ancient Ruin, right? And the fact that we are here to replace them..." Alex released his killing intent. "This is the perfect time to ambush us. They can camp around the area and decide to ambush us as soon as we are out. Besides, we will go out at a different time, so there is a low chance from other influences to know they are ambushing us because most of them have gone home."

"!!!" Neon opened his mouth in surprise. "I understand. I will keep track of their movements."

"Yeah. If possible, you can call the other Spirits to destroy their plan and retreat." Alex nodded. "Ask Njomo or Natalie to summon you inside the Blackwade Clan. I am going inside now."

"I understand. May fortune be with you." Neon nodded and disappeared.

Alex then went outside and walked northeast of the building for a few meters before he stopped on particular plain ground. There was nothing special about the ground, and no one would be able to know the specialness of this ground. However, this was exactly where the hole he created previously.

Pointing his palm to the ground, he created a Spatial Gate beneath him, and he fell down the Space Hole.

Inside the ground, a huge place filled with sky, green scenery, and clouds created peaceful scenery before a hole suddenly appeared in the sky.

The ground itself had a height of a few hundred meters, so Alex could feel the fall as well. Because he didn't want to attract attention, he decided to descend to the ground before observing the situation.

"Hmm?" Alex looked around and stroked his chin. "Judging from the situation and the atmosphere, this looks like the one in Freedom Sect. It's like a huge underground cave with illusion arrays to cover this whole area with scenery like the one on the surface. This is indeed fascinating, but I need to know Firia's situation first."

Alex pulled out Leoz's card and asked. "Leoz. How are you doing? Is Firia alright?"

"Yes, Young Master." Leoz was tasked to immediately come out to protect Firia as well as become the contact person.

"What is the situation in your place?"

"We were teleported inside a village earlier... but when I checked around, I found a huge castle not far from here. Also, Mistress Firia asked whether she should activate the token or not?"

Alex thought for a moment. "On one hand, the castle seems to be a human settlement that holds power inside this place. On the other hand, we are short of information from geography to power rankings in this place. I want to go there immediately, but I don't think it will be a good choice to use the Teleportation Array. I might accidentally bump into a group of people, so I will fly, I guess."

"Where are you, Young Master?"

"In a forest or something... I have checked my surroundings, but there is no monster around me."

"Summon Nelson and have him check the castle... I am going there and searching for the information by asking the villagers after I arrive." Alex commanded.

"Understood."

Alex placed his hand on the ground and planted his Space Mark. However, he was unsure whether he would feel it again after a few months, so he decided to take up another measure.

He dug a one-meter deep hole and buried his token there. He didn't forget to make a Gathering Array to power up the token and left a few Spirit Crystals. The token will release weak energy continuously for a few months, so he could simply search this place again with his token.

"I have marked this position. All that left is to go toward Firia and regroup with the spirits. Sherry, Stina, and Kyle are also with me, so I should be fine even if I need to fight a Martial Saint monster in this area..."

"Of course, Master," Sherry replied eagerly. "I haven't fought for a long time, so I am going to destroy everything in your way."

"Yes, Master." On the other hand, Stina and Kyle were calm. Stina had reached Martial Saint, but Sherry and Kyle hadn't, like Firia. They were hoping to break through not long after entering this place, so there might be a few people that would undergo Lightning Tribulation this time.

Alex nodded and flew away.

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After finishing everything he needed to do, Alex opened his token and realized two forces were trying to pull his token as if there were magnets around it. The first one was right under him, the place he buried his token. And the other one was northwest from his position. This was Firia's token, so he flew toward this direction.

He didn't forget to activate his Spirit Eyes to ensure there was no one around. He didn't want to get spotted first before knowing what happened around the area, so this precaution was normal.

A few hours later, Alex finally felt the force in his token increasing, so he knew Firia was nearby. He flew for another few minutes and found two signs of energy. The first one had loving fire energy while the other one had rampaging lightning energy.

"Alex!" Firia shouted after noticing Alex's presence nearby.

"Yeah, I am here. Sorry for the wait... We are lucky not to be separated that far." Alex nodded.

"What are we going to do?" Firia asked.

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and checked his surroundings. They were in the middle of a plain. It seemed Firia chose this location specifically. Although it was easy to spot people in a grass plain like this, it was the same for Firia. She could easily spot strangers that might have some thoughts about a new person in this area. They could escape after that.

On the other hand, the jungle or something similar disturbed the vision because it had many obstacles. Although it was a good hiding spot, fighting in an unknown and complicated terrain would never be a good option.

"What do you know about the Village?" Alex asked.

"We don't know anything yet because I believe it's better to wait for you. I am going to put on my veil right now." Firia answered while taking out a white veil. It was better to not show her face first, lest they would get into trouble. Unlike the real world where Alex had his confidence, this place was still uncharted territory for him, so she didn't want to risk it.

"Alright. Let's go to the village... No, I will probably go to the village with someone else and pretend that I am injured. After that, I can get some information. If we are alright in the village, you can enter as my partner who wants to bring me home." Alex revealed his plan.

Firia nodded. "We shall wait here."

"No. Let's go to the forest. I will make sure it's safe first before going. And I will summon Anya later." Alex smiled and guided them into the forest.

After ensuring them with his Spirit Eyes, Alex summoned Anya to think about the plan.

"All of you wait for me... Since Leoz is the strongest, he will remain here... That's why I will bring... Fabio with me." Alex thought about his spirits and summoned Fabio. "Cut some of your sleeves and make it look like you are hurt. We have plenty of Monster Blood here, so use it as well."

"What is my job? Will I be the one who carries you, or will I be the injured one?" Fabio asked.

"I will be the injured one, so you need to carry me. Besides, I can ask them more questions with that type of condition, so try to make it more dramatic." Alex nodded.

Fabio looked away and said, "It's not like I want to act like this, alright? I am just following your order."

"Alright. Shut that tsundere moment for the time being, unless you want to get some punishments from me later." Alex twitched his eyebrows, annoyed.

Fabio shivered and nodded furiously. "I will try."

"Good." Alex nodded and jumped to Fabio's back. Before he flew away, he asked one last question. "Do you know their power level?"

"There is a Martial Lord among them. But I think he is the strongest."

"Good. I will seal my cultivation to Martial Grandmaster first. If I can seal Fabio's cultivation, that might be better, but he can still play the role of my bodyguard???" Alex nodded.

"I understand my role." Fabio's expression turned serious as he ran through the wood and arrived at the village a few minutes later.

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In the village, the situation was rather peaceful for them.

Even though it was a small village, the building was made compact with bricks as the main components. The people were talking with each other harmoniously before Alex and Fabio suddenly arrived in front of the village.

"Help! Please help!" Fabio shouted in the village entrance before he fell on his knees, spitting monster blood that he had stored in his mouth earlier.

The villagers were shocked and immediately surrounded them.

"We should help them first... Call the Village Chief." One of them shouted.

"That's right. Someone, go call the Village Chief, no, we should bring them first there."

One of them slipped away and brought the Village Chief with him.

"Bring them to my house. I will handle the rest." The Village Chief only spared a glance before he went back.

Fabio and Alex twitched their eyebrows, wondering whether this Village Chief knew something. From how they acted, he shouldn't know about this yet, but the way the Village Chief acted really intrigued them.

Fabio tried to carry Alex but almost dropped him before two villagers came to them. One of them carried Alex, who was closing his eyes, while the other helped Fabio walk toward the Village Chief.

After settling the crowd down, the Village Chief finally came to them while releasing his Spiritual Energy. He said with a cold tone. "No need for your pretense. Speak, why would the two of you come here? I

know that you are not hurt... And the fact that you are pretending to be hurt when the time has yet to come... Are you the challengers this time?"

Fabio furrowed his eyebrows, and Alex finally rose from his bed, acting completely normal. "How do you know?"

"It's simple. If you go to the castle near this village, it's my son's castle. My son is an earl of this territory, so he knows more than I could imagine. He has told me something about challengers... And the fact that you are arriving today, it only makes my prediction true." The Village Chief snorted.

"I see. I thought our act was pretty good, but it was not needed..." Alex sighed. "Well, we just want some information about this place."

"I will ask all of your questions, but you should leave this place as soon as possible."

Alex looked at the village chief for a few seconds before nodding his head. "I understand. My first question is, what do you know about the challengers thing? What do you mean that the time hasn't come yet?"

"I need to talk about this place first then..." The Village Chief nodded. "This place was built a few thousand years ago... You could say that we were the followers of Gods and Goddesses a few thousand years ago. When they sealed this place and other things, they made us protect this place from the invasion.

"I don't know the exact details, but they said every five hundred years there would be ten people chosen to come to this place. These ten people were the signs of the battle approaching... You coming here is aligned with the five hundred years mark, and before this, there won't be a single monster in this place because people must have exterminated them while the new one has yet to go through the portal.

"Those people outside are scared and believe you are hurt because they believe today is the day, and you are hurt because of the new monsters... Unfortunately, they don't know the truth yet. If you go to the main kingdom, you might find something you are searching for because you are the key to open the Gods and Goddesses inheritances.

"Suppose that you are going there and are recognized as the challenger; they might want to make a deal with you... Something like offering you their support in exchange for the chance to enter the inheritance palaces. Once again, I don't know the details, so you may want to go to the Main Kingdom."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and nodded. "I see. It seems we really need to know more information first before tricking someone."

"I can give you a recommendation letter to my son and have him give you another recommendation letter to the people in the capital city. This way, you can gain more access to information. However, I want you to not involve my son in any way possible."

"Why? Doesn't this world want—!"

Before Alex could finish his word, the Village Chief shook his head and sighed. "I am his father. If he is going to the front line, I don't know whether he will come back alive or not. I don't want him to die, so

this is a selfish wish of mine. Even if he begs you, please reject him. In exchange, I will also answer all your questions with all my knowledge."

Alex paused for a moment and looked at Fabio. "I understand."

"Thank you." The Village Chief bowed his head a little and asked. "What is your second question?"

"Why do monsters only appear every five hundred years?"

"I only know they are coming from the center of this entire place. If you want to know the details, I believe you should ask the people from the capital. However, I once heard from my son that these beasts could actually multiply itself, and after a certain number arrived, the protection would be undone and released. These monsters will be the nutrient for everything inside this place. Don't ask about the inheritances as well, I don't know the answer."

Alex furrowed his eyebrows. He just wanted to ask about the inheritances, considering it was their main objective here. "I am planning to fight those monsters alone. What do you think about it?"

"I don't want to be rude, but I need to say this." The Village Chief paused for a moment and raised his voice. "You are insane."

"You—!" Fabio clenched his fists while Alex raised his hand, stopping him. "Why do you say so?"

"There are millions of monsters that will be summoned during the span of one year. There are four major influences in this place, and each of them usually has around one hundred thousand soldiers... And they have already constructed forts around that area as well. So, I think it's better to go there instead of the capital city if you want to fight monsters."

"However, that place will be most likely to fall because they never managed to hold on for a few months before retreating back. If you are going to fight alone, you can go there immediately, but if you want to cooperate with the influences to grab the chance of inheritances, I suggest you go to the capital city."

"How about their power level? The monsters and our forces?"

"All are Martial Emperors or above."

Alex opened his mouth in surprise. "This might be bad..."

Even though he and his group were strong, they couldn't fight against millions of monsters, especially with Martial Emperor strength. And there must be many Monarchs and Saints monsters. Even if they used all of their strength, including the True Spirit Body, he doubted he could go past one hundred thousand monsters a day. After that, they needed to retreat and recovered their strength.

However, this would probably be a good place to search for EXPs and Gacha Tickets unless those monsters didn't give them anything. Suppose this was true; Alex might probably summon only Leoz and Nelson as his and Firia's assistants in this place. Alex thought for a moment and decided. "I will go to the capital first."

"I think that is a good idea." The Village Chief nodded. "However, I believe you shouldn't trust someone easily in this place. Although they might offer you benefits, there were some people that got tricked in the past and lost their lives. That is my piece of advice."

"Thank you." Alex nodded.